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## Good morning

### Today's forecast:

Sunny this morning becoming partly cloudy during the afternoon. West winds 15 miles an hour. Highs in the middle 80s.

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### Farmers sign on

About half of the farmers affected by the 1988 Hawkins Co.-Ltd. warehouse failure have signed on to a multi-million-dollar class-action lawsuit filed by Twin Falls attorney Lloyd Walker.

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### Spud Festival in Gooding

The annual Spud Festival in Gooding today will celebrate the Idaho potato with food, games and live entertainment.

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### No deal in Gooding

Teachers and the Gooding School District still have not reached agreement on a 1990-1991 contract.

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## Sports

### Races taking shape

Week three of the high school football season saw some conference races begin to take shape.

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### Running means more

For some reason, running a football 100 yards in the NFL means a lot more than throwing a football—the same distance.

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### Slugger on market

Darrel Strawberry may or may not be a New York Met in 1991, but the best slugger available in the free-agent market this offseason will be able to write his own ticket.

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## Idaho

### Passage probable

Idaho's representatives in Congress are confident that a bill approving the Fort Hall water rights settlement will be passed this session.

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## Nation

### Crisis strikes economy

The Persian Gulf crisis hit the American economy hard in August, as oil prices sparked a sharp rise in wholesale prices and retail sales nosedived.

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### Leaks anger Republicans

Leaks of details of deficit reduction proposals made in closed-door talks have angered Republican leaders of Congress. The negotiations are stuck again but will resume on the weekend.

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## World

### All-out war fears rise

Fears of an all-out civil war rise in South Africa as deadly violence threatens efforts to end apartheid and government control. An analysis of events.

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## Gem congressmen unhappy with sugar changes

By Mark Kind

Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — President Bush changed the sugar program with a stroke of his pen Friday and left Idaho congressmen complaining bitterly.

"Bush signed an order allowing unlimited imports of sugar by foreign producers who are willing to pay a 16-cent per pound tariff for amounts exceeding their

quotas," he said.

Under the 1985 Farm Bill, domestic sugar farmers were protected by quotas restricting imports of low-cost foreign sugar. The quotas kept supplies tight enough to prop up domestic sugar prices at a minimum of 18 cents per pound.

"But," import quotas are prohibited under international trade rules unless certain rules are met," said a press release from the office of U.S. Trade Representative

Carla Hills

Under the new system, each sugar-producing nation that has historically sold sugar in the United States will again be allowed to sell a certain quota within the U.S. But now, rates over the quota will also be altered, subject to a 16-cent-per-pound tariff.

In June 1989, a General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs panel found the U.S. sugar program's quota system to be in violation of international trade rules.

Although three members of the Idaho congressional delegation criticized Bush's order, Idaho Sugar Beets Growers Association President Myron Huetig was optimistic.

"I think the real key was how high they set the tariff," he said. "The 16-cent tariff should effectively stop anyone from selling any more sugar into this country."

Please see SUGAR/A2

## Iraqis storm envoys' residences

The Associated Press

Iraq turned up the heat Friday on diplomats refusing to leave embassies in occupied Kuwait while Western nations promised more soldiers, tanks and ships for the military machine confronting Iraq.

In Kuwait, Iraqi troops stormed the French ambassador's residence, seizing four citizens, including a diplomat; the French Foreign Ministry said. Soldiers also burst into the Belgian compound and the Canadian ambassador's residence.

The consuls from the United States and four other nations were briefly detained.

The incidents were the most serious confrontations involving diplomats in the emirate since Iraq ordered the embassies closed Aug. 24.

President Bush said the raids and brief detention of the American consul, who represents U.S. interests in Kuwait City, were a "clear violation of international law."

Iraq denied its soldiers entered the foreign compounds, which it referred to as "former diplomatic missions." The official Iraqi News Agency said the troops were under strict orders not to enter the compounds.

At least 17 embassies in Kuwait have defied an Iraqi order to close, and Baghdad has tried to make life miserable for diplomats in several cases surrounding the missions-with-troops-and-cutting off power and water.

After the raid on the French compound, French President Francois Mitterrand called an emergency Cabinet meeting Saturday. He said the Iraqi move "is an aggression, and we will respond to it."

While Iraq bore down on defiant diplomats, military pressure built on Iraq.

Bush said Friday it would send an armored brigade of more than 120 tanks and 6,000 combat troops to the Persian Gulf. British Defense Secretary Tom King said another squad of Tornado ground attack aircraft and additional naval defense aircraft will be sent.

The British forces mark the first dispatch of tanks and significant ground troops by any Western country besides the United States since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion and subsequent annexation of oil-rich Kuwait.

Canada on Friday committed a dozen fighter jets and a total of 450 fliers and



U.S. Marine M-60 tanks fire at targets in the Saudi Arabian desert Friday during a live-fire exercise involving weapons of all sizes. Story, Page A-6

## U.S., Aussie ships fire warning shots, then board and search Iraqi tanker

The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — U.S. and Australian sailors fired warning shots Friday across the bow of an Iraqi tanker sailing toward the Persian Gulf and then boarded the vessel, American officials said.

In Washington, a Pentagon source said the sailors fired Friday from an American frigate in the Gulf of Oman and that an Australian frigate helped in the operation.

A U.S. Navy spokesman in the gulf said the Australian vessel had also fired a warning shot.

President Bush, speaking about the incident at an impromptu press conference in Washington, said he didn't believe it put the United States "closer to a war situation."

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It still hope that this matter can be peacefully resolved. And the way for that to happen is for Iraq to comply with the sanctions," he said.

It was the third time during the gulf crisis that U.S. officials announced American ships had fired warning shots in an effort to enforce the U.N.-ordered embargo on trade with Iraq. There have been no injuries reported in any of the incidents.

The Iraqi vessel boarded Friday, the Al-Fao, was first intercepted by the Japanese Burton, the Navy spokesman said on condition of anonymity. Its master said he was headed for the Iraqi port of Basra with no cargo but refused to allow the Americans to board.

After repeated requests to allow boarding, the Burton fired the first warning shots from one of its 30-caliber machine guns and requested that Al-Fao stop and permit a team to board, said the Navy spokesman.

The Australians fired the second set, also from a 30-caliber machine gun about 10 minutes later, he said.

Al-Fao then stopped and sailors from both frigates went on board, said the spokesman.

"The team discovered no prohibited cargo aboard and Al-Fao was allowed to proceed," he added.

Central Community Action Agency offering to administer the grant.

With a deadline of Sept. 21, the city will have little chance of applying for the grant that can be used for a variety of improvements on private rental homes. Landlords must provide one-half of the money for the improvements, but a specific project doesn't have to be identified before receiving the money.

This is the second year the city has been offered the grant. Twin Falls decided not to apply for the grant last year, and Courtney told The Times-News then that he hadn't seen the grant proposal.

The Housing Agency mailed a letter on Aug. 14 to Condile, announcing that Twin Falls was one of 10 Idaho cities eligible for the grant money. Even earlier, Community Action Executive Director Betty Wooten said she wrote Condile offering to administer the grant.

The deadline is probably too close for Community Action to start on a proposal now, Wooten said.

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Lost letter costs Twin Falls \$220,500 grant

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Scalpels fanned out from Georgia to New York on Friday to hawk tickets in Saturday night's \$100 million Lotto drawing. Other out-of-staters flocked to Florida with wallets bulging.

Most of the action for the nation's second-highest jackpot was from lotteries, though, and it was predictably brisk. Lines at lottery terminals grew longer and conversations about the nine-digit prize began taking on the quality of questions in a math quiz.

"I have got 10,000 \$1 tickets sold for \$2 apiece," boasted David Douglas, a salesman from New York City in Miami on business.

How much money is Douglas making? Ten-thousand dollars, minus any money he plunked down on the Lotto game. What are the odds of any one of his tickets winning? About 1 in 14 million, Lotto officials say.

It's a bit of a long shot, but plenty of people decided the gamble was worth it.

"Everybody who knew I was coming to Florida this week wanted me to buy them Lotto tickets," said Frank Green, a Washington-based Democratic campaign consultant.

critical vote to overturn the decision.

Abortion-rights groups have expressed fears that that might indeed happen, and Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights Action League announced their opposition Friday to Souter's nomination.

The day's most dramatic moment came when Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., pressed Souter to explain his role, as New Hampshire's attorney general, in defending the state's literacy requirement for voters.

After Kennedy recited a quote attributed to Souter that the votes of illiterates "dilute the votes of those people who can read," Souter responded, "That is kind of a statement of my confirmation hearings."

Suggesting that Souter's response "was callous," Kennedy said, "That's something that I find is troublesome."

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Souter says he's undecided on reversing abortion ruling

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee David H. Souter said Friday he had not made up his mind about how he would vote as a justice if the court were asked to overturn its 1973 decision legalizing abortion.

While refusing repeatedly to give his own views on abortion, Souter told the Senate Judiciary Committee during the second day of his confirmation hearings.

"I have not got any agenda on what should be done with Roe v. Wade of 1973 ruling. I would listen to both sides of that case. I have not made up my mind and I would not go on the court saying I must go one way or I must go the other way."

Abortion rights have high hopes that President Bush's nominee to replace liberal Justice William J. Brennan will provide the

David Souter listens to a senator's question during Friday's hearing.

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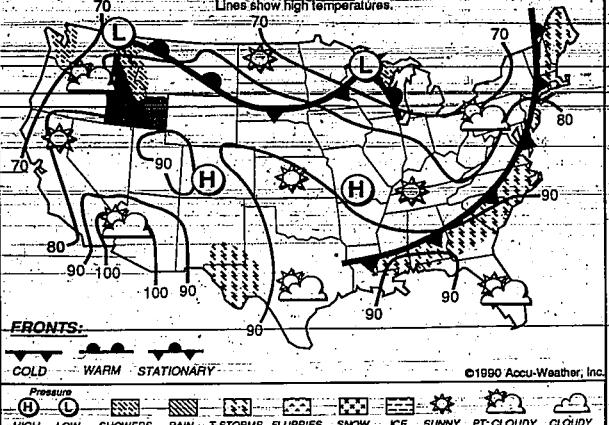
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# Weather

## NATIONAL WEATHER

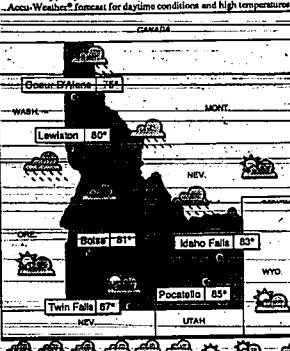
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### Temperatures

|             | Portland, Ore. | 79.57  |
|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Max Min Pcp | St. Louis      | 86-73  |
| Min Max Pcp | Seattle        | 66-61  |
| Min Max Pcp | San Francisco  | 73-58  |
| Min Max Pcp | Seattle        | 77-54  |
| Min Max Pcp | Spokane        | 56-48  |
| Min Max Pcp | Washington     | 79-68  |
| Min Max Pcp | Dallas         | 95-73  |
| Min Max Pcp | Denver         | 83-60  |
| Min Max Pcp | Des Moines     | 73-59  |
| Min Max Pcp | Detroit        | 75-54  |
| Min Max Pcp | Honda          | 99-77  |
| Min Max Pcp | Atlanta        | 92-71  |
| Min Max Pcp | Indianapolis   | 78-68  |
| Min Max Pcp | Kansas City    | 81-67  |
| Min Max Pcp | Las Vegas      | 103-75 |
| Min Max Pcp | Los Angeles    | 88-70  |
| Min Max Pcp | Memphis        | 89-71  |
| Min Max Pcp | Miami Beach    | 88-62  |
| Min Max Pcp | Milwaukee      | 74-62  |
| Min Max Pcp | Minneapolis    | 74-62  |
| Min Max Pcp | New Orleans    | 93-74  |
| Min Max Pcp | New York       | 81-68  |
| Min Max Pcp | Oklahoma City  | 95-68  |
| Min Max Pcp | Omaha          | 78-57  |
| Min Max Pcp | Phoenix        | 100-84 |
| Min Max Pcp | Pittsburgh     | 79-64  |
| Max Min Pcp | Boise          | 90-58  |
| Max Min Pcp | Burley         | 97-50  |
| Max Min Pcp | Hagerman       | 96-43  |
| Max Min Pcp | Idaho Falls    | 94-44  |
| Max Min Pcp | Lewiston       | 80-53  |
| Max Min Pcp | McCall         | 82-43  |
| Max Min Pcp | Salmon         | 97-43  |
| Max Min Pcp | Portland, Me.  | 85-59  |
| Max Min Pcp | Salmon         | 90-38  |

### Pollen count

Not available

slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Gusty winds

overnight, otherwise south winds 10-20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny today and Sunday. High temperatures in the upper 70s or 80s. Lows in the upper 30s to

lower 40s. Highs near 80.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:

Today and tonight sunny during the morning. Partly cloudy afternoon and nighttime hours with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Lows in the mid-40s. Sunday partly cloudy. Cooler with highs in the lower 70s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho — Monday through Wednesday: Highs in the mid-70s to mid-80s. Lows in the mid-40s to mid-50s.

Northern Utah and Nevada:

Utah — Today and tonight partly cloudy. N.W. has a slight chance of thunderstorms mainly near the mountains during the afternoon and evening. Highs in the low-90s. Lows 55-60. Sunday partly cloudy and a little cooler with a

few high clouds.

Elsewhere in the nation Friday, the highest temperature was 109 degrees at Bullhead City, Ariz. The lowest was 29

West Yellowstone, Mont., and Frisco, Calif.

### Violent storms hammer Great Lakes region

The Associated Press

Violent weather, heavy rains and hail peleted parts of Michigan and Indiana and a three-week heat wave in Nebraska broke Friday.

Tornadoes touched down in southern Michigan but there were no reports of injuries. A employee of a dry cleaner in the Detroit suburb of Beverly Hills said she was it when a tornado hit. "I immediately got off the telephone

through the building."

The wind did pick me up. My feet actually came off the ground. It was pretty scary," said Brenda Reeves. "God was looking out for me, however, if the dry cleaner hadn't come back and grabbed me, I would have gone out of the door."

There were reports of damage from thunderstorm winds near Chase, Beat City, Paw Paw, Flint, and north of Mishawaka, Ind. Gusts reached 60 mph west of Flint and 65 mph at Crawfordsville, Ind.

Hail hit Tuscola, Mich., and heavy rain from strong

storms caused flooding of streets, small streams and low lying areas along Three Rivers, Mich.

The sizzling heat wave that had gripped Nebraska since Aug. 23 broke Friday with temperatures dropping back into the seasonable 80s.

Showers and thunderstorms also extended from North Carolina across South Carolina, Georgia, northwest Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, southeast Arkansas, Louisiana, parts of Texas and southwest New Mexico.

Storms and showers also reached from the North Carolina coast across eastern Virginia, Delaware, eastern Maryland, southeast Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey.

There were scattered showers in central Maine, and northeast Florida and rain moved onto the northern coast of Oregon.

Heavy rainfall Friday included 2-7 inches at Oscoda, Mich., 1.5 inches at Grand Rapids, Mich., 1.25 inches at Dover, Del., 1.09 inches at Houghton Lake, Mich., and 1 inch at Millville, N.J.

# Budget leaks anger Republicans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Angry Republican budget negotiators accused Democrats on Friday of giving reporters details of privately offered GOP tax proposals and said the disclosures were threatening deficit-reduction talks.

"We are trying to do a difficult job in cooperation with our Democratic colleagues," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said on the Senate floor. "It is not going to work if this garbage keeps pulling up any further day."

Dole spoke as bargainers began

their second week of confidential talks at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, just outside Washington. They spent much of Friday's session complaining about the leaks, said one official who asked not to be identified.

"The mood was basically ill-will."

After a spurt of movement earlier in the week toward a package deal of \$50 billion next year and \$300 billion through 1992, progress has slowed.

Up and down like a roller coaster, was how President Bush de-

scribed the talks.

The Associated Press received the data from sources who demanded anonymity.

The studies — performed by Congress' nonpartisan Joint Tax Committee — showed that GOP proposals would raise taxes by \$41 billion on people who earn \$50,000 a year or less. They would cut taxes by \$1 billion on those with higher incomes.

of the sugar target price.

"President Bush could have satisfied the GATT by setting the import tariff at 18 cents," Syms said in a press release.

Sen. Jim McClure of Idaho said Bush's actions were premature.

"Our people can compete with sugar producers anywhere in the world as long as there are no trade-distorting practices," McClure's re-

lease said. "It might have been better to wait until we had some assurances from other countries on the table before we restructured our own sugar program."

Both the House and Senate ap-

proved an extension of the sugar program in summer in the 1990 Farm Bill, but the House sought to

give a slightly greater share of the U.S. sugar market to imports. Congress was preparing to recommend the two versions of the Farm Bill when Bush invoked executive authority and signed the order.

## Sugar

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Idaho Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, said the program change could be bad news for farmers.

He said the initial import quota of 1.75 million metric tons should have been set lower.

"The (agriculture) secretary has the authority to raise the levels at any time and, given the quality of this year's crop of beets and cane sugar, the initial import levels should have been set at a lower level," Stallings said in a press release.

"I also have serious concerns about setting a fixed tariff rate of 16 cents per pound," he said. "Without a variable tariff, which could be adjusted as world currencies fluctuate, exporting countries could manipulate their currencies to avoid the tariffs."

Stallings also said that the new system could cause the sugar program to cost taxpayers money.

Under the 1985 sugar program, the Agriculture Department's Commodity Credit Corporation loans sugar processors 18 cents per pound for sugar deposited with the CCC. Sugar processors use that loan-money to pay sugar beet, cane, and corn farmers for their crops. Then sugar processors repay the loan, retrieve the sugar, and sell it, hoping for a profit.

Stallings said an increase in low-cost imports could flood the U.S. market, causing sugar buyers to ignore sugar produced here and forcing sugar processors to abandon sugar to the CCC because the 18-cent per pound loans would be too costly to repay. Abandoned sugar loans could cost taxpayers money.

But the trade office press release said the 16-cent tariff should keep domestic market prices high enough to prevent CCC loans from being forfeited.

Idaho Sen. Steve Syms says the tariff as an effective 2-cent reduction

## Storm

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ground crew. "This is not a conflict between Arabs and the West, nor is it a conflict between Iraq and the United States," said Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. "It is Saddam Hussein against the civilized world."

Several other nations, including West Germany, Italy, Belgium and South Korea, pledged either money or equipment Friday to support the multinational contingent in the gulf.

Japan, facing allegations it has been too lightfisted during the crisis, pledged \$3 billion on top of \$1 billion in non-military aid.

Meanwhile, the U.S. sanctions on trade with Iraq were taking their toll on the Iraqi economy. The ruling Baath Party newspaper Al-Tharwa said that starting Saturday, Iraqis will be limited to three pieces of bread a day.

The raids on the diplomatic compounds appeared designed to intimidate diplomats who have remained to symbolize their rejection of Iraq's annexation of Kuwait. The diplomats also are trying to provide some protection for their citizens trapped there.

## Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — The winning numbers drawn Friday night in "Idaho Fantastic Five" are: 11-12-18-20-21 (eleven, twelve, eighteen, twenty, twenty-one).

The estimated jackpot is \$35,100.

## Souter

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Earlier, Kennedy had asked Souter whether he believed abortion is moral. Souter refused to answer, but said his view on abortion "morality" will play a "very important role" in his deciding any abortion case that would come before him.

Souter appears willing to give his personal view after Kennedy noted that "Sen. Dan O'Connor responded that question, 'Judge,' during the confirmation hearings that preceded her joining the Supreme Court in 1981."

Committee Chairman Joseph Biden, D-Del., also expressed frustration over his inability to draw Souter out on abortion.

"No one here is seeking a commitment on anything," Biden said. "Also on abortion, Souter told the committee he had voted to let such operations be performed at a hospital where he served on the board of trustees. But he said his vote did not necessarily reflect his moral views on abortion."

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# Oil shock yields wholesale inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shock waves from the Persian Gulf crisis rippled through the economy in August as record increases in oil prices sent wholesale inflation surging and pushed retail sales into a nose dive.

The Labor Department said wholesale prices were up 1.3 percent last month, the steepest rise in seven months. Private economists were pessimistic about future reports.

"The worst is yet to come," said Allen Sinai, chief economist at the Boston Co.

The government blamed virtually all the increase on higher oil costs that followed Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

A 16.9 percent increase in the price of gasoline and the 62.5 percent rise in crude petroleum were the highest one-month increases recorded since the government began tracking those commodities in 1947.

Also setting a one-month record was fuel oil, which soared 38.8 percent. Kerosene, diesel fuel and residual fuels also hit new highs.

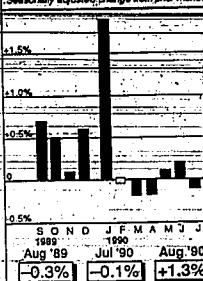
The fallout from the Middle East upheaval has heightened economists' fears that higher inflation pressures could push an already weak U.S. economy into recession.

In more weak economic news, the government said industrial production dropped 0.2 percent in August, that poor showing in factory activity — the manufacturing sector's worst monthly performance since April — was also linked to higher energy prices, analysts said.

Friday's report was the first hard evidence that the oil crisis has had its desired, staggering effect. While private analysts only expected infla-

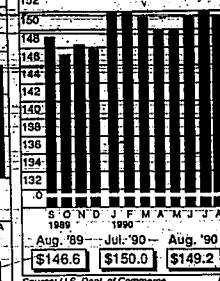
## Producer Price Index

For finished goods  
Seasonally adjusted, change from prior month



## Retail Sales

Seasonally adjusted, billions of dollars



tory pressures to worsen in coming months, the White House tried to sound a note of concern.

President Bush called "the big jump in wholesale inflation" a matter of concern given the state of the economy." But he insisted that energy prices had been pushed higher because of unfounded market fears about possible shortages of supplies.

"The speculative atmosphere belies the reality, which is that there are sufficient petroleum products," Bush said. "The market should not be going for higher prices."

Private economists were more discouraging.

"The economic consequences of the Iraqi event is going to be worse than we expected in terms of costs to the U.S. economy in lost growth and higher inflation," said the Co. Sinai.

"The initial round is so large, it implies that the ripple-through effect in coming months will be quite sizable," he said.

Robert Dederick of the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago said Friday's data on high wholesale inflation, coupled with weak growth, indicates the Iraqi conflict threatens to push a vulnerable U.S. economy into recession.

August's inflation outbreak is likely to become more entrenched, analysts said, filtering through the thousands of plastic, chemical and other products made with petroleum. Oil also figures into products that must be transported long distances and shows up in utility costs as well.

While wholesale inflation sped upward, a separate Commerce Department report showed that retail sales slumped 0.6 percent, with declines in nearly every category. That drop is worrisome, analysts said, because consumer spending — or the lack of it — represents two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

The August rise in wholesale prices was the largest since a cold snap caused a 1.9 percent spurt in January. If the price of finished goods rose as much as they did in August each month, it would translate into an annual increase of 16.4 percent.

So far this year, wholesale inflation has risen at an annual rate of 4.6 percent, the government said.

On Tuesday, the government will provide its first look at inflation at the consumer level since the turmoil began in the Middle East. That report is expected to be equally bad given the fact that pump prices of gasoline went up almost immediately.

While energy costs overall rose 9.5 percent in August, food costs were up as well, rising 3.8 percent.

Prices for goods excluding volatile food and energy items — often taken by economists as a better barometer of underlying inflationary pressures — rose 3.0 percent. In July, that so-called core rate had declined 0.1 percent for the first drop in a year.

## Fuel economy vote nears

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate cleared the way Friday for action on a bill that would require automakers to automatically increase fuel

4.8 million barrels of oil a day once they go fully into effect, but key opponents promised to continue fighting the measure on the Senate floor.

A similar bill has been introduced in the House, but it has yet to be taken up by the Energy and Commerce Committee, whose chairman, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., is staunchly opposed to the measure.

Rep. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., sponsor of the House bill, said she would try to push the legislation directly on the House floor.

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## Woman outwits her kidnapper

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The daughter of a McDonald's Corp. executive escaped from a 28-hour kidnapping ordeal and police said they arrested a friend of the family who had demanded \$400,000 ransom.

Sarah Zien, 26, outwitted her abductor by persuading him to take her to a drug store, where she managed to use a phone out of his presence long enough to call her parents. They in turn called police, Sgt. Bill Holmes said Thursday.

J.C. "Bob" Aler, 55, of Point Loma, was arrested Wednesday by San Diego police in the store parking lot while apparently looking for Zien, authorities said. He had partially disguised himself and had a pistol in his car, police said.

Some objects have been found, but officials said it will take lab work and analysis to determine if they are connected to the slayings.

Similar searches were going on in other areas.

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## Bush readies bill to trim Latin debts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent Congress a bill Friday to forgive some Latin American debt and to encourage more U.S. companies to invest there.

"Aides said he also was readying a bill to allow the lowering of trade barriers with Mexico,

The Mexican "free-trade" measure could be submitted as early as Monday, when administration trade officials testify before the House-Senate Joint Economic Committee, sources said.

Bush would like to have the authority to lower trade barriers with Mexico in hand when he meets with President Carlos Salinas de Gortari in Mexico City in November, said officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The Persian Gulf crisis, in focusing attention on world oil supplies, has added to the impetus for such an agreement with Mexico, the officials said.

Mexico has the world's eighth largest oil reserves. A free-trade pact with the United States could spur oil production.

The United States already has a free-trade pact with Canada and Bush has voiced the hope that some good and services may be traded from Argentina without trade barriers.

He repeated that goal Friday at a White House ceremony as he announced he was sending Congress a proposed "Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act of 1990." Bush called the package "trade, not aid."

The legislation submitted would forgive about \$7 billion in loans owed to the government by Latin American and Caribbean countries. Latin nations owe U.S. banks an additional \$48.3 billion.

The bill also would set up a special fund within the Inter-American Development Bank to provide a variety of services to western companies wanting to invest in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The U.S. government would contribute \$500 million a year to the fund and would seek contributions from other countries.

## NASA gears up for 4th attempt

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA replaced a leaky temperature sensor in the Columbia and headed with renewed confidence Friday into a fourth countdown of the shuttle's astronomy mission.

The countdown was to begin at 1 a.m. EDT Saturday. Liftoff is scheduled for 1:28 a.m. EDT Tuesday.

NASA has only a few days in which to launch Columbia. After that, the space agency will turn its attention to Discovery, which must lift off with a sun probe by Oct. 23 or face a 13-month delay.

Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said they believe all of Columbia's hydrogen leaks have been plugged, but they won't know for sure until fueling begins Monday.

The temperature sensor, about the size of a spark plug, was replaced.

## Gainesville search continues; police trying to plug leaks

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)

Searchers waded through alligator-infested swamps and scoured dense woods in humid 90-degree heat Friday, looking for evidence in the grisly slayings of five college students.

Police and law enforcement agents had taken "body samples" from Stephen Bates, 30, a burglary suspect jailed in Bartow.

Near the Williamsburg Apartments, Gainesville police and Navy searchers combed dense woods 30 yards beyond the apartment where the bodies of the first two victims — Simon Larsen, 18, and Christina Powell, 17 — were found Aug. 26.

Similar searches were going on in other areas.

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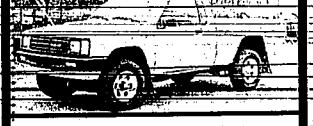
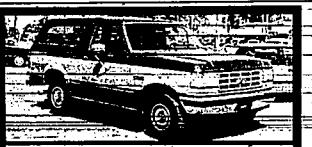
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A Marine from Camp Pendleton, Calif., fires an M-60 machine gun during exercises Friday.

## Marines shatter calm of desert as Saudis OK live ammunition

SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — The sounds of war rumbled across the Saudi Arabian desert Friday.

The target, a piece of white checuket 500 yards across, was set.

It was the third day the Saudi government allowed U.S. forces to use live ammunition to test tanks and their machine guns and the first time reporters were allowed to watch.

"On the way," bellowed the com-

mmander from the 1st Tank Battalion

before a shell was launched toward

the targets. The ear-splitting blast

from the 105mm gun shook the sand

underfoot.

Between blasts, the 50-caliber ma-

chine guns; from another battalion

thundered in the background.

The practice range in the northern

Saudi Arabian desert was about 10

miles inland from the coastal road.

Marine units are assigned to protect

Defense Department media rules pro-

hibiting exact locations or problems with the equipment and mention of specific numbers of tanks required adjustments, troops and weapons.

Marines said their older M-60 tanks lack thermal night-vision and some of the tank battalion's tanks lack fire-predictive laser-range finders that help build confidence and give great accuracy through darkness, dust or smoke.

"Any time they fire a gun, feel the recoil of the tank, smell the gunpowder, they are motivated," said the colonel from Brenton, Wash.

The tests were used to calibrate the gunsights of the tanks and machine guns, which have been in storage for up to two years aboard the Marines' Mobile Prepositioning ships stationing in the western Pacific.

The men, stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., have been in Saudi Arabia for about 10 days preparing the equipment.

"It's like hunting deer," said Staff Sgt. Scott Rice, 30, of Fallbrook, Calif.

Kephart said there had been no

problems.

Marines said their older M-60 tanks lack fire-predictive laser-range finders that help build confidence and give great accuracy through darkness, dust or smoke.

But some night-vision gear compensated for the shortcomings.

The Marines are formulating battle plans assuming they could face Iraq's most sophisticated Soviet-designed T-72 tanks.

"They can easily destroy us as we can destroy them at 2,400 meters," the best tactic is to flank him and get him from the side," said the tank commander from Toledo, Ohio.

Reflections from the intense desert sun makes targeting difficult. And the heat makes the guns droop slightly, which can cause up to six feet inaccuracy in shots at the maximum range of 2,000 yards.

## Memories fill letters as family, friends, soldiers cherish words from abroad

The Associated Press

"Mom, do you remember? When you and I used to ... stop over and play on the teeter-totter?" Sgt. Christopher Austin writes in his first letter home from Saudi Arabia. "We used to balance ourselves on the teeter-totter."

His mother, Paul Huffman, has read the words, scrunched close on sheets from a memo pad, a couple dozen times. Her sister, mother and teen-age daughters all heard excerpts before she tucked the letter away in a plastic ziplock bag.

"It's the most precious thing I've ever received," said Mrs. Huffman, whose only son is in the Army's 82nd Airborne.

Like thousands of others, Austin is prepared to battle Iran's Saddam Hussein. And yet all he really wants is to come home.

He's 22, tall, slim and blond. His blue eyes dance, his smile, which he does a lot. He loves New Castle, Ind., fresh laundry, football and Kirtland, his high school sweetheart and pride of three months.

"I remember when I was in the first grade, Mom, and I used to walk to school — I saw this bird every morning and it seemed to follow me all the way, every morning," writes Austin.

"I remember Uncle Terry, how he used to play his guitar and sing to me. I remember I used to ride my Big Wheel around the block and try to jump the humps and cracks in the sidewalk.

Memories of home have helped sustain the more than 100,000 U.S.

servicemen and women in Saudi Arabia since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2. They make the 120-degree desert days and September sandstorms easier to bear.

"Hello sweetheart," writes Army Pfc. Sean Walters to his wife in Crossville, Tenn. "It's not all that bad, yet. (But) it's hot and boring ... and the only thing you see are tents for as long as you can see."

Walters, who left Vietnam after Saigon fell in 1975, is lonely but stoic. In her young husband's absence, she waits and writes to him, then waits some more before finally receiving his first letters.

"Two in one day!" she yelped after swinging shut her cupboard mailbox. "It's 5 o'clock in the evening here. That would make it 9 o'clock in the morning there. I miss you very much," writes Walters, a 25-year-old Minnesota native. "I hate being away from you, but it's out of my control."

Soldiers stationed in the Middle East don't have much, if any, access to telephones. So they, and relatives back home, revert to that wonderful old dinosaur: the letter.

Even if written in chicken scratch on dog-eared paper, through the mail come bits and pieces of life sometimes lost in telephone calls.

"Mike, Tony and I have been spending as much time together as we can," says Sgt. Gary Bruce Goodwin of Fort Bragg, N.C.-based 82nd Airborne.

Currently, Mike is suffering from a severe case of diarrhea. Everybody was hoping it wouldn't.

There is getting it. I had mine last week for five days and it was awful," writes Goodwin, 27, of the Aug. 2 middle.

"Hello from Saudi Arabia," writes Jim Bell, a sober 23-year-old who works in Marine intelligence.

"It's really desolate. Nothing but miles and miles of sand dunes," says his father, architect Robert Bell, 54, after reading the letter again.

"I've been thinking over the last few weeks about what my position is on this," said the Oak Park, Ill., father of six. "My position is we should get out. I remember the Vietnamese thing."

His son, who was 8 years old when Saigon fell, is grave about his commitment to the military. But clearly, too, he is anxious about the risks of war.

"It is difficult to say when I'll get back to the states," writes Bell, 54, who planned to take accounting courses this fall at the University of Southern California. "I wish it were tomorrow ... (but) it looks pretty bleak."

Even Army Pfc. Wade Merritt, the Tennessee soldier whose letter President Bush held up before the nation as an emblem of patriotism, has his fears.

"As much as I love my job, I don't believe in war or the unnecessary acts of violence against fellow human beings, but it is my job," he wrote in a message the president did not include in his televised address.

"When I made a decision to make the Army my career, I knew that this day would come," he wrote. "But I was hoping it wouldn't."

## Saudi complaint ends morale-boosting show featuring dancers

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Some Iraqi soldiers defecting from occupied Kuwait are being sent back home with food and water and being told to convey a message that "things are pretty good over here," the U.S. commander in Saudi Arabia said.

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf said he had verified "from Americans who were there" some reports of defectors wandering across the border and being taken into custody by Saudi Arabian troops.

There were also reports of Iraqis found "dead in the desert in Kuwait after they ran out of water."

Saudi officers have told of hundreds of Iraqis defecting from the forces in Kuwait, sometimes arriving in armored personnel carriers or other vehicles.

But the Saudis have not provided any overall number of defectors and have refused reporters' requests to see the turncoats or equipment.

"They wandered around and three looking for water and saying they don't want to fight," he said. "It's my understanding that the

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf  
Many soaking water

So, Schwarzkopf said he had no solid numbers but was sure some had abandoned their posts in Kuwait.

"They wandered around and three looking for water and saying they don't want to fight," he said.

"It's my understanding that the

part of the Saudi government and we regret that."

The Saudis apparently found a burlesque-like dance routine in the first act of the show especially offensive.

They complained to U.S. military officials after monitoring the show on CBS, which aired a brief segment showing four women dancers.

"They objected to general but was pretty clear that it was the women that set them off," said a military source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Olsen said the military decided it would not send audiences to the shows because of the Saudi objections.

The episode is the latest in a series of incidents that have caused increasing cultural strains between the Americans and their Saudi hosts.

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### Gorbachev's market plan controversial

MOSCOW — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev presented to the national parliament an economic reform plan Friday that proposes market-oriented policies and other measures to halt the nation's slide toward bankruptcy.

But Gorbachev rejected the Russian parliament's conclusion that the solution to the economic crisis requires stripping the central government of much of its power. The Gorbachev plan refused to surrender the Kremlin's power to tax and give republics "laws superior over national ones."

Gorbachev's disagreement with the Russian parliament reduces hope of a national consensus by the Oct. 1 deadline set by the president.

### Walesa predicts victory if he does run

GDANSK, Poland — Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa says he will win if he decides to run for president of Poland.

Walesa said he will make up his mind shortly on whether to be a candidate in elections expected to be held by spring.

"My victory is rather certain," he said during his weekly news conference Thursday in Solidarity's home city of Gdansk.

"I am not worried about victory, but about its scale," Walesa said.

The situation is hard, and if the president is elected with only 50 percent of the vote, he will have to work 48 hours a day ... Thus he must win 80 percent."

### E. Germans strip official of police job

WEST BERLIN — An East German official in charge of disbanding the secret police was stripped of those duties Friday after lawmakers criticized him for keeping former agents on his payroll.

Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere relieved Interior Minister Peter-Michael Diestel of responsibility for a committee investigating the dreaded security arm of the old Communist regime, a spokeswoman said.

The change was the latest development in a chaotic government that will soon be out of business when West Germany assumes control of the economically reeling country on Oct. 3, the formal date of German reunification.

### Magazine says Waite swap discussed

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Britain's ambassador has held talks with Lebanon's leading Shiite Moslem cleric on a plan for swapping Anglican church envoy Terry Waite for a Shiite cleric held by Israel, a magazine reported Friday.

Al-Sharq magazine said the talks were held Wednesday between Ambassador David Hawthorn and Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah and focused on "details of releasing the British hostage Terry Waite in return for the release of Sheik Abdul Karim Obeid."

The story was not attributed to any source.

### Reagan says U.S. troops had key role

WEST BERLIN — Former President Ronald Reagan Friday said U.S. troops helped play an important role in the movements to democracy in Eastern Europe.

Reagan spoke about 1,000 American military people and dependents at Tempelhof Airport before flying to Poland, the second stop on his 10-day trip that also includes a visit to the Soviet Union.

"Nowhere have the events been more dramatic than here in Berlin," Reagan said to the largely military audience on the airport tarmac, in front of two old planes that flew food to West Berlin during the Soviet blockade more than four decades ago.

### Yugoslav gun battle kills 2, hurts 1

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A gun battle between police and ethnic Albanians left two people dead and an officer wounded in rising violence in the southern Kosovo province, the state Tanjug news agency reported Friday.

At least four ethnic Albanians died and three police officers have been injured since Thursday in the province, where the ethnic Albanian majority is struggling to regain autonomy from Serbia.

### Rail strike shuts down Belgian trains

BRUSSELS, Belgium — A rail strike by the major unions paralyzed train traffic throughout Belgium on Friday and turned rush-hour in major cities into a nightmare.

Members of the Christian Democratic and Socialist union are striking for more pay. Commuters left home early Friday, but as early as 6:30 a.m. many of the main highways leading into Brussels were backed up.

Train schedules will return to normal over the weekend, but more strikes are expected early next week.

Compiled from wire service reports

## Syria ups troop offer to Saudis

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syrian President Hafez Assad offered Friday to send thousands of additional troops to Saudi Arabia as part of the U.S.-led force guarding Saudi oil fields from possible Iraqi attacks.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III told reporters accompanying with Assad for nearly 45 hours that the Syrians had volunteered to send "substantial forces" to Saudi Arabia.

Western diplomatic sources said some 15,000 Syrian troops would join the 3,000 already there.

The session, which was suggested by President Bush and ran more than twice as long as scheduled, focused attention on Syria as an informal ally of the United States in the campaign against Iraq.

Baker said he and Assad "talked about the real problems that the U.S. has with Syria on this subject. We have had extensive discussions on that topic."

Syria is one of seven nations on a State Department list of countries accused of sponsoring terrorism.

A terrorist group with strong ties to Syria, the "Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine" — General Command, is suspected in the December 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland. The disaster took 280 lives.

Baker and Foreign Minister Faouk Al-Shara, meeting with reporters before the secretary left Damascus, disagreed sharply over the Pan Am bombing.

"Syria has condemned terrorism in all its forms," Shara said, adding:

"We have agreed that we have to follow up the Lockerbie incident and whenever it is found there is a genuine evidence against (Ahmed) Jibril (the front's leader) or any other Palestinian faction that is residing in Syria, the Syrian government will take the necessary action, and bring the persons involved to trial."

He said that the State Department lists Syria as a sponsor of terrorism "without any justification" and that the Western news media have exaggerated the Mideast terrorism issue.

### Committee overrules Gorbachev on rallies

MOSCOW (AP) — A constitutional committee overturned a decree issued by President Mikhail S. Gorbachev that gave the Soviet government greater authority in central Moscow, Tass reported Friday.

The Constitutional Compliance Committee ruled that Gorbachev's decree was unconstitutional because it "narrowed" the powers of the Russian Republic — of which Moscow is capital — and the Moscow City Council, it said.

Gorbachev's decree had empowered the Soviet government to decide whether rallies could be held within the Garden Ring Road, a wide boulevard that circles central Moscow. Previously, Soviet legislation gave final say over rallies to parliaments in the republics.



A newspaper truck was torched in Soweto, allegedly in protest over inaccurate news reports.

## South African violence threatens to derail hopes of peaceful change

By Barry Renfrew  
The Associated Press

### Analysis

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The violence claiming scores of lives every week in South Africa threatens efforts to end apartheid and is pushing the country into what some fear will be civil war.

Optism generated earlier this year by President F.W. de Klerk's steps to end white rule is fading. Black factions are feuding for power, while extremists vow to fight any effort to end apartheid, and the violence is creating mistrust on all sides, among numbers of whites and blacks fear the country is hurtling out of control. White and black leaders warn they won't be able to end apartheid if there is no peace or trust between ethnic groups.

De Klerk warned Friday that growing violence was undermining the government's efforts to share power between whites and blacks and find a way for the two groups to live together peacefully.

"The new South Africa, which is the goal of all sincere South Africans, is being threatened by people who are fueling the violence, prompting people to kill before they are killed."

Inkhatha — leader Mangasuthu Buthelezi has repeatedly offered to meet Nelson Mandela, the ANC's deputy chief, to negotiate an end to the violence. The ANC has refused, accusing Buthelezi of using the fighting to get a meeting with Mandela and enhance his stature as a national leader.

In any case, the ANC and Inkatha acknowledge they have many young followers they cannot control.

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### Iraqi embassy intrusions break international law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraq trampled on a basic tenet of international law: the inviolability of foreign diplomats and embassies when its troops forced their way into French, Canadian and Dutch diplomatic quarters in Kuwait, scholars and former diplomats said Friday.

Frequently in history, the relaxation for violating diplomatic immunity has been military action. Some times, it has been war.

"This is an extremely serious case," said Granit McClanahan, a retired diplomat and author of the 1989 book, "Diplomatic Immunity: Principles, Practices and Problems." "It's a very serious insult to the national dignity of the nations that suffer."

The principle of diplomatic immunity — under which diplomats have freedom of movement and are free from arrest or taxation — is formally enshrined in the Vienna Convention of 1961 and 1963.

Those conventions, to which Iraq is a signatory, specifically say that the residences of diplomats are inviolate and can be entered by local authorities only with permission from the embassy.

Iraq transgressed those provisions when its troops entered the residences of the French and other ambassadors in occupied Kuwait.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein had already ignored international law by arbitrarily demanding the closure of diplomatic missions in Kuwait and denying permission for some Western diplomats to leave.

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**Idaho****Briefly****Evaluation ordered for nude swimmer**

COPPER D'ALENE — A skinny-dipping Wyoming transient who fought police officers must undergo mental and medical evaluations, a judge has ruled.

Fifth-District Magistrate Quentin Harden on Thursday ordered William A. Rose, 37, held in lieu of \$500 bail to answer charges of being a public nuisance and resisting arrest.

The judge ordered Rose to undergo a series of medical and mental evaluations.

Rose was arrested Wednesday evening after police found him nude near a public dock where a man had earlier tried to board an occupied boat. Occupants of the boat used paddles to thwart the man's attempt to board, police said.

**Law officer heads lottery security**

BOISE — Mark Klingler, a veteran of years with the Idaho Department of Law Enforcement, is the Idaho Lottery's new security director.

Klingler, 44, has been serving in the position in an acting capacity since February, when security director Michael Best resigned. Lottery Director Wally Hedrick announced Friday Klingler has been named deputy director-in-charge of security, from a field of 22 applicants.

Klingler, a native of Rexburg, joined the lottery in April of 1989 as a senior criminal investigator.

He was an Idaho State Police trooper for eight years, served with the Idaho Bureau of Investigation for 3½ years and provided executive protection for Gov. John Evans from 1983-86.

**Airline ending service in western Idaho**

LEWISTON — United Express has announced it will end its commuter airline service to the Lewiston-Nez Perce County and Pullman-Moscow airports Sept. 30.

The airline's parent company, Fresno, Calif.-based WestAir Holding Inc., announced plans Thursday to concentrate marketing efforts more on the East Coast and California, and to pull out of several inland Northwest airports.

Warren Wilkinson, United Express sales and marketing director in Pasco, Wash., said realignment of the company's route structure would include increased service in some markets and reduced or suspended service in others.

Wilkinson said WestAir has no plans to return to Lewiston or Pullman, but that could change.

**Delay sought for Sho-Ban tax plan**

POCATELLO — Eastern Idaho officials want more time to build their case for modifications to a plan by the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to tax nontribal members on the land they lease on the Portneuf Indian Reservation and the money they make from it.

Power County Commissioner Ralph Wheeler said his county along with Bingham and Bonneville counties are asking tribal leaders to extend the period for comments and suggestions to the tax code that would affect businesses like FMC Corp. and Idaho Power Co.

The proposed code imposes a 5 percent possessory-interest tax on both fee land leased to nontribal members and nontribal members who own and make a profit from fee land.

The possessory tax also applies to benefits derived by utility companies passing through the reservation.

In addition the code would levy a severance tax that would raise about \$100,000 per year on FMC's phosphate mining operation.

Compiled from wire service reports.

**Aid possible for fuel tanks underground**

BOISE (AP) — Owners of underground fuel tanks may be able to tap into a new state insurance fund as early as November which could help gas station owners secure financing for new fuel tanks and leak-detection devices to meet more stringent federal requirements.

"There's a ray of hope we're optimistic," Rolla Briggs, owner of Larry's Garden Valley store, said Thursday. "I haven't found anyone in the private sector who will insure me."

Gas stations, cities, counties, schools and farmers face a number of new federal standards for certifying that their underground fuel tanks don't leak.

The requirements are designed to prevent groundwater contamination.

State officials estimate more than 250 of the 12,000-plus underground fuel tanks in Idaho have been leaking since 1980, and at least 40 have contaminated groundwater.

Some tank owners may have to spend \$35,000 or more to install new tanks and leak-detection devices to meet the requirements. Owners with one full 12-link tank also must have insurance coverage by October 1991; commercial petroleum marketers with 13 to 99 tanks must have insurance by next April.

Merv Parsley, manager of the state Petroleum Storage Fund, said he hoped the fund could help keep service station dealers in business.

That's the whole point of the program, Parsley said. "If we can't make this baby work, we won't have a service station every 200 to 300 miles."

If approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, the fund will provide each policy holder \$1 million worth of insurance. To be eligible, owners will have to prove their tanks do not leak and that the tanks have not contaminated soil or groundwater.

"My job is to keep people in business, not to find ways to drive them out of business," Parsley said. "But we can't insure a contaminated site."

Most fuel tanks will have some minimal level of contamination from overfilling and spills, he said.

**Lawmakers like chances for water bill**

By Caryn Shetterly  
States News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Idaho's House members are confident a bill approving the Fort Hall Indian Water Rights Settlement will pass this session, despite a recent amendment proposed by the Department of the Interior.

The bill, sponsored by Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, was discussed this week in the Senate and House committees that deal with environmental legislation.

The Interior Department has proposed what it calls a "clarification" amendment to the bill, but representatives of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes are worried the language would weaken the tribe's rights to certain water claims in the future.

The change, tribe officials said, would allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to lay claim to water supplies from Grays Lake, where there is a national wildlife refuge, and lands around it.

The amendment would specify the amount of acreage the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs could buy for \$5 million to enhance management of the Fort Hall Indian Irrigation Project.

The agency also would purchase grazing rights with the money.

The existing language mentions no acreage figure, while the amendment proposes "acquisition of up to 9,800 acres of lands, grazing rights and related improvements" to manage the project.

"We don't believe the amendments are necessary," said Caryn Jones, special assistant to Stallings. "But we don't think it's a major issue that would hold up passage of the bill."

Jones said there also is some concern about the government's initial payment to the tribe because of inflation rates.

During a hearing Friday before members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, economist Charles Pace said the tribe could lose about \$3 million under a 5 percent inflation rate.

The Fort Hall agreement — negotiated by the state, the tribes, water users and the federal agency for the past five years — provides for the federal government to commit about 100,000 acre-feet of storage space for water and \$22 million during a 20-year period.

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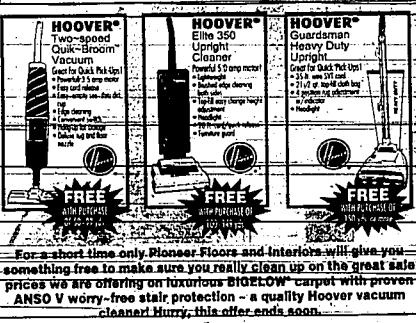
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Wade Morris' mother and sister, Ann and Sheryl, at their home in Knoxville, Tenn.

## Soldier Bush noted uneasy about gulf

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The letter from a soldier cited by President Bush as a symbol of patriotism included some notes the president didn't mention in his nationally televised address.

"As much as I love my job," wrote Army Pfc. Wade Merritt, "I don't believe in war or the unnecessary acts of violence against fellow human beings, but it is my job."

The 26-year-old soldier, now in Saudi Arabia, told his parents in the Aug. 5 letter that, "When I made a decision to make the Army my career, I knew this day would come, but I was hoping it wouldn't."

"It is not inconsistent with the president's message," Alice Glen, a White House spokeswoman, said Wednesday of the letter.

Merritt's mother, Ann, 50, of Knoxville, sent the letter to the White House at the prompting of a neighbor.

Bush quoted part of it in his speech to Congress and the nation Tuesday night on the Persian Gulf crisis.

"My mom, I talked to her several weeks ago before I came over here and she said some of her friends had read it," Merritt said in a television interview Wednesday from the Middle East. "They got her to send it to the president," he quipped.

In his speech, Bush cited Merritt as a symbol of patriotism. "In the face of danger, they are brave, well trained and dedicated," Bush said.

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# Sonny Bono, Palm Springs mayor, talking of possible run for senator

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Mayor Sonny Bono says he's thinking of taking his political act on the road — to Washington.

"If I made a move, I would decide for the Senate," said the former restaurateur, singer, television star and husband of Oscar-winning actress Cher.

"At this point," he said Thursday, "I have to really question whether for another four years I want to just continue being mayor of Palm Springs."

Bono said he had talked with Sen. Alan煨is about going beyond this point in politics.

If Wilson, a Republican, wins his bid for governor, he would be in a position to choose his own Senate replacement.

Bono, also a Republican, returned Wednesday from a promotional trip for his new line of chocolate chip cookies.

**Spanky's wants nightclub to pay-for using his name**

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — George "Spanky" McFarland, the former co-star of "Our Gang" and "Little Rascals," says he deserves about \$100,000 from a bar that had used a logo depicting a chubby boy in a beanie.

Federal Judge James Rosenbaum on Thursday ordered the saloon, now called Checker's Nightclub and formerly Spanky's Saloon, not to use the "visage or name" of Spanky. It's not enough for McFarland.

Drawings of a round-faced kid wearing the beanie came down from the front of the building and from interior walls. Patrons no longer can buy jackets, T-shirts and hats imprinted with the Spanky's Saloon logo.

Sonny Bono  
Also promoting cookies

Other businesses pay McFarland, 62, who lives in Port Worth, Texas, for the right to use his name and childhood face. McFarland wants similar retroactive payments from the owner and former co-owner of the St. Paul bar.

"He's after 15 percent of their gross profits for 13 years and that's an exorbitant amount of money, even if they did something wrong," said Dennis Johnson, a lawyer for the bar's former owner, Michael Kullis.

Kullis' gold's his interest in the bar to his partner, Walter Engelhardt, in 1982.

Johnson and Engelhardt, who represented himself in court, contend the bar's name had little to do with its business and that the connection with McFarland was unintentional.

"If every kid with a beanie on his head is him, this country is in trouble," Engelhardt said last year. "If there were actual pictures of him here, I could understand, but not

when it's just some far-fetched kid."

Rosenbaum urged attorneys to work out an agreement regarding the merchandise and took McFarland's other claims under advisement.

### Leukemia patient resting after marrow transplant

SEATTLE (AP) — A leukemia victim whose search for a perfect bone marrow match inspired 50,000 people to donate theirs was recovering Friday after leaving the hospital.

Atlas, 20, was discharged from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's bone marrow transplant floor Thursday, about a month after receiving marrow from her mother.

She went to an apartment near the center that her family has rented since they came to the area for her treatment this summer.

"She's at day 36 (after the transplant) today and she will not be going home until she's at day 100," or Susan Edmunds.

It will be six months to a year before it is known if her immune system has returned to normal.

The bone marrow graft is well established and functioning "appropriately," said Dr. David Peace, one of Miss Atlas' physicians. At this

time, there is no evidence of recurrent disease.

The transplant was conducted after her diseased marrow was destroyed by chemotherapy and radiation. A nationwide search for a perfectly matched marrow donor brought \$10,000 would be contributors, but none were suitable for her.

### Paul Anka says attorney gave bad financial advice

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer-songwriter Paul Anka and his wife are suing their former attorney for allegedly giving bad tax and financial advice, court documents show.

The lawsuit filed Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court alleges that Albert A. Retting cost Paul and Anne Anka hundreds of thousands of dollars in back taxes and fines and "threatens to cause the Ankas more than \$100,000 in additional damages."

Anka's writing and recording career has spanned four decades and includes hits such as "Lonely Boy," "Puppy Love," "She's a Lady," and "My Way," made famous by Frank Sinatra.

Retting, the Anka's attorney and accountant for 30 years, was fired in June. Retting's law and accounting associates also are named in the suit.

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# Sports

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### Friday's scores

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Minnesota 6, Boston 0  
Chicago 4, Boston 0  
Texas 2, Minnesota 0  
Seattle 1, Kansas City 4  
Seattle at California, late  
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##### National League

Los Angeles 10, Cincinnati 4  
Milwaukee 3, Atlanta 2  
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San Francisco 3, San Francisco 1  
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11:30 a.m. — Channel 5, 12, college football, Pittsburgh at Oklahoma  
Noon — Channel 23, basketball, College of St. Rose at Albany  
1 p.m. — Channel 13, baseball, Atlanta at Washington  
2 p.m. — Channel 13, PGA golf, Canadian Open  
4 p.m. — Channel 13, horse racing, Woodward Stakes  
5 p.m. — Channel 13, college football, Michigan State at Syracuse  
6 p.m. — Channel 5, 12, college football, Michigan at Notre Dame

#### Briefly

### Minico Wall-of-Fame to honor high achievers

**RUPERT** — Minico High School has initiated a "Wall-of-Fame" to recognize outstanding athletic and academic achievement. Any present or former student of Minico, Rupert, Paul, Heyburn or Aqueca high schools who have been named All-State or placed in a state competition in either athletics or academics are asked to contact Asst. Principal Randy Durr at 436-9645. Examples would be All-State choir or band; All-State football, basketball, etc.; or placing in a state competition such as track or wrestling.

Students or former students who qualify for this program are asked to provide an 8" X 10" photo (recent or past) along with justification of the honor.

All pictures received will be put on display in the Wall-of-Fame display case. In the main hall at Minico High School. All students are encouraged to participate in this program to receive the recognition they worked so hard to achieve.

### Golden Eagles try fall classic, scrimmage Ricks baseballers

**TWIN FALLS** — The College of Southern Idaho will host Ricks College for a baseball scrimmage, at Frontier Field at noon today. The squads plan to play 16 innings.

### Barr's decision to putt may cost him title at Canadian

**OAKVILLE, Ontario** — A questionable decision by Dave Barr helped take him from a chance to tie for the lead to two strokes back at the halfway point of the Canadian Open Golf Championship. "It was a bad decision on my part. Maybe it will cost me, but it's a decision I'll have to live with," said Barr, who is attempting to become the first Canadian in 36 years to win this national championship.

The sun had sounded, halting second-round play late Friday, and Barr — as is his right — decided to putt out on the par-5 18th hole at the Glen Abbey Golf Club.

He faced a 20-footer for a birdie that would give him a share of the lead.

"I guess I could make it," he said. "But I guess it was so dark I couldn't see all the subtle breaks."

He missed it. Then he missed a 3-foot putt in a ensuing min. and took the bogey that dropped him two strokes back of halfway-leader Wayne Levi.

"You're looking at a good chance for birdie and you walk off with a three-putt bogey. That hurts," he said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

#### Sportsquote

**A five-run inning does tend to take the pressure off a little bit.**

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**Atlanta Braves pitcher Tom Glavine after beating San Diego 7-3**

## 2 plays make 2-TD difference for Patriots

By Larry Hovey  
Times-News sportswriter

**TWIN FALLS** — The difference of two plays turned a tight ball game into a 21-7 victory for the Centennial Patriots over the Twin Falls Bruins Friday night.

Two minutes into the fourth quarter, the Bruins saw a holding call nullify a 16-yard touchdown pass. Two plays later, Randy Amorebieta picked off a flat pass and returned it 76 yards for the touchdown that nailed down the victory.

A livid Twin Falls coach Jon Jund was unprepared to accept the sudden turnaround.

"The guy (official) makes one call all night and, of course, like always, it's against us inside the 20-yard line. We aren't talking possibilities; we put the ball in the end zone. We have a chance to tie it with the kick-and-maybe-have the momentum going into the final 10 minutes of the game," Jund said.

"It's a crime one call like that can ruin a good game like this. I thought we played very well for as young as we are. I thought we played Centennial pretty well," the coach said.

The victory was the third straight for Centennial while Twin Falls absorbed its first loss in three outings. This one also counts in the playoff positioning.

Twin Falls used three Centennial turnovers to control the scoreboard through much of the first half. But Centennial unleashed a scoring drive to end the first half and opened the second with a 12-play drive



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Please see BRUINS/B8

Twin Falls' Chad Holder breaks through the Patriot defense to score the Bruins' only touchdown.

## Camas County ruins Richfield Homecoming, 22-16

By Brad Bowlin  
Times-News writer

**RICHFIELD** — The San Francisco 49ers have Joe Montana and Jerry Rice. The Camas County Muskers have Tyler Ballard and Eddie Harness, who spoilt the Tigers' homecoming game Friday afternoon, 22-16.

Richfield's defense had not been scored upon in two games against Sawtooth Conference's struggling Dietrich and Clark County, but it didn't take the Muskers' dynamic duo long to change that.

On Camas' first play from scrimmage, Ballard lofted a perfect pass to the speedy Harness who outran the Tiger secondary

for a 52-yard touchdown.

The play was typical of the Camas defense, which was unable to sustain a drive throughout the game but scored on quick strikes.

"We were just so much better than they

were physically," Richfield coach Clint Straatman said after his team fell to 2-1. "If field."

Ballard, constantly harassed by the Tiger blitz, remained cool and completed several passes with red jerseys in his face.

"Tyler did a real good job on his passes,"

said Camas coach Galen Colter, whose

team is also 2-1. "The offensive line play

improved in the second half ... and he had a

little more time to throw."

The Muskers looked to blow the game open in the first quarter when Richfield fullback Dale Anderson coughed up the ball on his own 19 yard line with his team just before halftime.

The defense held, however, and Richfield's offense took over on downs at 8-0.

Anderson made up for his earlier fumble,

carrying eight times for 44 yards, including

the 1-yard score.

"It looked as though the teams would go into the locker rooms tied, but a bizarre turn of events found Camas in the end zone just before halftime."

Starting at their own 32, Richfield went Anderson on a slant over the right side.

Once through the line, he bounced to the outside and would have scored if not for a shoestring tackle by Harness at the Camas 25 yard line.

On the next play, Anderson missed the pitch from Appell, and Camas linebacker Rob Tupper came up with the ball at the 42.

After an incomplete pass, it was deja vu

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San Diego Padres batter Tony Gwynn agonizes Friday after bunting the baseball off his ankle.

## Cardinals trouble Cubs, 4-2

The Associated Press

**ST. LOUIS** — Bryan Smith pitched six shutout innings for his first victory in almost two months and Pedro Guerrero had two RBI doubles. Smith (3-8) gave up four hits and all walks — in his second start since coming off the disabled list and won for the first time since July 17.

The Cubs scored their runs off Ernie Camacho to seventh when Mike Perez came on and earned his first career save.

Cameroers' 6-forces with three RBIs. In his last two games, his double in the first inning drove in the first run after Ray Lankford doubled and he had another run-scoring double in a three-run third against Mitch Williams (1-

#### National League

##### Astros 2, Giants 1

**HOUSTON** — Mark Portugal held San Francisco to three hits in six innings and rookie Karl Rhodes hit two doubles and scored twice. The setback snapped San Francisco's winning streak at five games and left the Giants 6½ games behind Cincinnati in the NL West and one game behind Los Angeles.

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#### Northside Conference clash.

**Mecham** was 11-16 for 228 yards and threw for six touchdowns to five different receivers for Carey in its first victory of the season.

The Panthers' Darin Parke caught two passes for touchdowns and grabbed two more for extra points.

Carey improved to 1-2 overall and 1-1 in conference.

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## Tigers pound Beavers, 55-27; Carey pounds Dietrich

**JEROME** — The Jerome Tigers played everybody in rolling to a 55-27 non-conference victory over the American Falls Beavers Friday night.

The Tigers scored two touchdowns in every quarter and both sides took turns rolling up big gains and marches against reserve defenses in the fourth quarter.

It was Jerome's second win after a season-opening tie while American Falls absorbed its third straight loss.

#### Prep football

**J.Williams 4 pass from Walker (Whitney kick)**  
**J.Shaw 3 run (Whitney kick)**  
**J.Williams 1 run (Whitney kick)**  
**J.Shaw 6 run (Whitney kick)**  
**J.Shaw 2 run (Whitney kick)**  
**A.F.Davis 1 run (Walker in Koldkote)**  
**D.Bishop 2 Aced return (Whitney kick)**

##### Carey 52, Dietrich 12

**CAREY** — Shannon Mecham had a season-passing against Dietrich Friday night.

The junior signal-caller threw for more yards than he did all of last season as the

Panthers crushed Dietrich 52-12 in a

Northside Conference clash.

**Mecham** was 11-16 for 228 yards and

**G.O.Parks 11 pass from Mecham (D.Roberts from Mecham)**

**D.O.Sorenson 18 pass from Shaver (Ken Sorenson)**

**C.Peterson 6 KC return (O.Parks from L.Gruend)**

**Valley 34, Kimberly 0**

**KIMBERLY** — For the third week in a row, Valley hasn't played a fourth quarter. Also, the Vikings have held their opponents scoreless, running up a 34-0 shortened game against the Bulldogs Friday night in a Canyon Conference contest.

Brian Hardy scored twice, including an 87-yard KO return to start the third quarter. Valley signal-caller Chuck Springer threw for two touchdowns and ran one in-to-pit

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**American Falls 19-14-12-27**  
**J.Williams 44 pass from Walker (Whitney kick)**  
**A.F.Morris 60 pass from Davis (run failed)**  
**A.F.Morris 20 pass from Davis (pass failed)**

**Dietrich 0-0-6-12**  
**18-20-8-52**  
**M.Parks 20 pass from Mecham (D.Roberts from Mecham)**  
**C.D.Bishop 10 pass from Mecham (pass failed)**  
**C.D.Bishop 35 pass from Mecham (pass failed)**  
**C.D.Bishop 30 pass from Mecham (pass failed)**  
**C.Korun 69 pass from Shaver (pass failed)**

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# Strawberry sitting in the driver's seat, and the numbers prove it

NEW YORK — The story continues to unfold as it was written by Darryl Strawberry's agent, from Smithers' to September, the pieces have dropped perfectly into place.

Strawberry charges a base hit in the fourth inning Thursday night with the New York Mets down a couple of runs, and from medium right field makes this prime-time throw, which Harry Bonds immediately can't outrun. Bottom of the inning, the first two runners are suddenly on, and Strawberry is at the plate and Doug Drabek is quickly in a 2-0 hole and the entire ball park seems to be sitting on the fence.

"Out in right field, Piazza's," Bobby Bonilla is telling himself. "2-0. Damn, this is terrible." He can feel what's coming. He feels himself moving closer to the fence.

In the Mets' dugout, Keith Miller looks at Howard Johnson, who smiles and says, "If he hits one here, the house is coming down."

Strawberry is wearing an orange T-shirt under his jersey which on the back says, "Only Hit Ropes." Unlike, for the 2-0 fast ball becomes a long, lazy fly into the loge, not even hit all that well, but who at Shea Stadium is going to quibble? Who at Shea is not going to stand? Who at Shea at that moment would dare say, "He's not worth the money?"

The consensus around the Mets has been that Strawberry is playing his last days at Shea. It is an opinion based on tidbits of gossip and innuendo he slips to reporters, just enough to make general manager Frank Cashen squirm. Strawberry says the Mets have driven him to the border separating New York and free agency, and he

isn't holding his breath for a ride back. He's going ... he's going ... he's going to be a very wealthy man, one way or another, something.

And yes, Cashen has to be uncomfortable wherever he sits these days, and he deserves to be. But the only conclusion anyone should draw when it comes to Strawberry, like him or not, is that he's set himself up for the big hurt. Purin isaster next to his name as a \$4 million player, at least. He's clinched. His numbers are there. And if you still don't think he's worth it, your gripe is with the system, not him. Players don't create the demand, they just put themselves in the position of taking advantage of it.

Make no mistake about it, the demand for Strawberry is going to be tremendous this winter. He has made himself a must-bid for several teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees among them. Of course, he is worth more to the Mets, as the centerpiece to their lineup and the franchise's marquee name.

Before he carried the Mets to a 6-5 win and within 1½ games of the Pirates, dressing in a near-empty clubhouse, Strawberry wasn't interested in anything other than the cold, hard stats. He said he would let them speak, and they are talking tough.

He said, "How many other guys are going to be out there who put up the same type of power numbers?" He tossed out one free-agent-in-waiting, "George Bell?" he asked.

**Harvey Araton**



AP Wirephoto

Darryl Strawberry takes kudos from teammate Dave Magadan for home run.

Bell has 20 home runs, 77 RBI.

"Do you realize," he was asked, "that you're already in the driver's seat?" Three weeks left and you've got 33 homers, 93 RBI ...

"Ninety-seven RBI," he politely corrected his visitor. And since he's counting the revised numbers now read: 34 and 100. And counting.

Let's right now strike the P word forever from any conversation regarding Strawberry. Forget what he potentially should or shouldn't be. The point is what he usually

gets. Based on three of the last four seasons, it usually is between 35 and 40 homers and the neighborhood of 100 RBI. This was the season he had to prove that, and he has.

"All I know is that he kills us," Bonilla would say. "And that he scares the hell out of everyone."

Bonds, negotiating for Strawberry, not to mention himself, chimed in from the cubicle next door. "Give him all the money he wants."

This has been the rap on Strawberry

1990. He had a hot six weeks, and what else did he do?

First of all, if he doesn't tear apart June, Buddy Harrelson is a very good bet. The Mets are nowhere, and Cashen isn't selling out his ballpark these last couple of nights.

Second, Strawberry may have a while back topped out at 100 home runs. What do his critics think, that Kevin Mitchell, with the same number of home runs and 12 fewer RBI, makes that much better use of them?

"I know people call in to the radio shows and say, 'He's not worth it.' That's OK," Strawberry said. "I just wonder what they're going to say next year when there's nobody here to do what I do."

There, another ominous reference to the likelihood of Strawberry as a former Met. He's said many similar things the last couple of years regarding future employment, changing direction in the time it took him to turn around Drabek's heater.

He's stuck to this one since the Mets low-balled him in July, and Cashen graciously said he isn't a \$5 million player, which followed Al Hanuzik saying, "Jose Canseco is not the market." As if the Mets will be in any position to determine the Strawberry market this winter.

"The market," Strawberry said before going out-to-add-another-half-million-or-so per to it, "is whatever someone out there will pay me."

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| 408 | Daniel Young       | 13     | 729 | Mark Morris            | 1      |
| 410 | Joseph Frazier     | 6      | 734 | Lorraine VanPool       | 16     |
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| 420 | Judaean Welker     | 6      | 746 | Jack Gay               | 1      |
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