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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Partly cloudy with variable light winds and a slight chance of an afternoon or evening thundershower/Highs 80 to 85. Lows near 50.

Magic Valley

New superintendent
The Kimberly School Board has chosen a new superintendent for the district — John Gerner, of Aptos, Calif., will succeed Richard Bauscher.

Foot-dragging charged
The owner of a Stanley Basin ranch is accusing the Forest Service of breaking the law by delaying a project that could save dwindling salmon stocks.

Keeping watch
A Cassia County Sheriff's deputy who pricked his finger while recovering used hypodermic needles from a Burley field is doing fine and being monitored by a physician, according to his staff.

Sports

The climactic day
The Idaho State High School Rodeo offers its championship session beginning at 1 p.m. today at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

Off and pedaling
The 1991 Ore-Ida Women's Challenge bicycle race opened with a run from Emmet to Nampa today.

Nation

Dragon loses its head
The "head of the dragon" was sliced off an Asian drug ring with the arrest of four persons and the seizure of half a ton of pure heroin.

Bush urges cooperation
President Bush emphasizes cooperation between Boris Yeltsin and Mikhail Gorbachev in a telephone briefing of the Soviet leader.

World

Cocaine flowing north
More members of the Medellin cocaine cartel surrender, but rivals are expected to keep cocaine flowing north.

Idaho

Project held up
Safety concerns have halted work on the Fuel Processing Restoration project at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Coming Sunday

Kids and crime
The Idaho Youth Services Center in the all-American, solidly Mormon Idaho town of St. Anthony looks more like a college campus than a correctional facility, but it houses some of the most troubled adolescents in the state.

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S&L bailout may take \$80 billion more

Knight-Ridder News Service
WASHINGTON — Congress needs to give another \$80 billion to the savings and loan bailout and overhaul the Resolution Trust Corp. that directs it, RTC Chairman L. William Seidman told the Senate Banking Committee Friday.
Amidst rising congressional outrage at both the escalating cost and the widespread allegations of bureaucratic bungling that plague the bailout, Seidman raised his estimate of the total cost to \$155 billion — and conceded that too could prove too low.
In fact, by Seidman's admission, a full accounting of the bailout costs to date



Seidman and we don't seem to do anything about it. We just keep feeding it and feeding it."

could hit \$235 billion — not including interest on the bonds used to finance it. Over 40 years, according to the General Accounting Office, taxpayer costs could total \$500 billion.
"The RTC has become Congress's 800-pound gorilla — it does what it wants and we don't seem to do anything about it. We just keep feeding it and feeding it," complained Sen. Al D'Amato, R-N.Y.
"The gorilla is back, and it's still hungry. This time it wants another \$80 billion. Should we keep feeding this gorilla? What will happen when we have to say, 'We ain't got no bananas?'" D'Amato said.
Indeed, Seidman's \$155 billion bailout estimate omits major bailout-related costs. For instance, it assumes the RTC will get its price in selling off up to \$150 billion worth of assets seized from failed S&Ls — a prospect the GAO said last week is unlikely.
Seidman's estimate also does not include the \$65 billion spent on failed S&Ls in 1988, the year before the RTC was created.

Nor does it include up to \$15 billion needed to refinance the Savings Association Insurance Fund that backstops still-solvent S&Ls. Including those costs drives the total to \$235 billion, he acknowledged.
And even that total does not include the interest costs taxpayers must pay for the 40-year debt securities the Treasury issues to pay for the bailout, which drive the total cost to about \$500 billion, the GAO believes.
Seidman acknowledged all those dimensions, but said his \$155 billion bailout estimate represents his best guess of
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Dedication on Albion campus



Ellen Danner takes a symbolic first drink from the newly restored pioneer fountain at the old Albion Normal School on Friday as Vard Chatburn waits his turn.

Water focal point of Albion ceremony

By Terri McAfee
Times-News correspondent
ALBION — Water so historically important to southern Idaho's pioneer history was the focal point of a rededication ceremony of a drinking fountain at Albion Normal School's campus Friday.
Red and black crepe paper ribbons fluttered in the breeze under the shadow of a pine tree as alumni and their families and other friends of the school gathered to celebrate one of the campus' first steps toward a vital new future.
After a lot of digging, the old pipes and a drain were found and replaced, bringing clear mountain water back to

the drinking fountain, one of the campus' centerpiece.
The fountain originally was built with granite taken from Mount Independence and Mount Harrison by the '79ers Association of Southern Idaho, an organization for settlers who had arrived in the Albion area before 1880. It was designed by Twin Falls engineer John E. Hayes.
The effort to save the campus from deterioration and vandalism began in 1989 when the campus was unsuccessfully nominated to become the state's sole Centennial Park.
Albion Normal School came in fifth place out of 150 candidates, said Rep.



Rep. Jim Kempton has been a major force behind efforts to preserve the campus.

Kempton's dream takes one more step

The Times-News
ALBION — Jim Kempton has heard the echoes of the old buildings on the campus of Albion Normal School for a long time.
"You can't live here and not be a part of it," said Kempton Friday after the rededication of the pioneer fountain, something of a milestone for the preservation of the old campus. "My dad taught here and had some interest in the physical sciences, so I used to tag along and spend time in the labs."

More than anyone else, Kempton — a Republican state representative and a native of this Cassia County town of 305 — has been responsible for getting the restoration project to this stage.
"The campus had been closed for a long time, and it was a wreck," he said. "Everybody would drive by and say what a shame it was."
The Cassia County Centennial Commission proposed in 1989 that the state's Centennial Park.
The Idaho Centennial Commission

picked a different site, but the Albion effort generated widespread support for saving the nearly century-old structures on the campus. Former Gov. John Evans, now a Burley banker, got on board. So did members of the Idaho Parks and Recreation Board.
In 1990, the state allocated funds for the restoration of Bocoek Hall for use as a folk arts museum.
Last winter, the Legislature approved \$25,000 through the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation budget for studying
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Court rules communities can ban nude dancing

Los Angeles Times
WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave communities broad powers to ban nude dancing Friday.
The court ruled that the public's "moral disapproval" of nudity outweighs the First Amendment's protection of free expression.
The 5-4 decision stands as a significant Supreme Court pronouncement on the limits of free speech and expression. The conservative justices said that they were not willing to read the Constitution broadly to protect expressive conduct that offends

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the majority.
The court's position marks a reversal from two years ago, when a different 5-4 majority struck down all laws forbidding the burning of the American flag. Next year, the justices will consider the issue in another context: Can government punish the symbolic burning of a cross, or is that, too, a form of expressive conduct?
Friday's ruling also raises, without answering, the question of whether artists

and gallery directors have a constitutional right to exhibit works that are deemed offensive by city officials.
Government has the authority for "protecting societal order and morality," including the power to forbid "expressive activity" within the confines of a private establishment, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said for the court.
However, the immediate practical impact of Friday's ruling is limited.
Nineteen years ago, in a California case, the Supreme Court said that states can use their constitutional power to control alcohol sales as a basis for banning topless dancing

in bars and nightspots. In subsequent decisions, the court made clear cities or counties can forbid such performances anywhere alcohol is served.
In this case, Indiana officials used the state's public indecency law to prosecute not only nude dancers who worked in bars and clubs, but also those employed at establishments where no alcohol was served.
Last year, a federal court in Chicago ruled that Indiana prosecutors were violating the First Amendment. Nudity on public streets and beaches can be banned, but not dancing in private establishments.

Weather

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-Weather[®] forecast for noon, Saturday, June 22.

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

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IDAHO Weather

Accu-Weather[®] forecast for Idaho on Saturday, June 22.

Boise 81°
Twin Falls 103°
Pocatello 77°

Temperatures

Albuquerque	92	60
Atlanta	88	72
Boston	88	70
Chicago	93	65
Dallas	95	73
Denver	79	68
Des Moines	78	62
Detroit	91	68
Honolulu	88	72
Houston	93	73
Indianapolis	89	69
Kansas City	92	67
Las Vegas	86	70
Los Angeles	75	61
Memphis	91	75
Miami Beach	88	81
Milwaukee	73	63
Minneapolis	81	63
New Orleans	91	70
New York	93	70
Oklahoma City	92	72
Omaha	73	61
Phoenix	102	73
Pittsburgh	94	63
Portland, Me.	83	67
Portland, Ore.	89	61

Twin Falls

Max	103
Min	67
Yesterday	78
Last year	63
Normal	83

Sunset today 9:19 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:01 a.m.
Lunar phase: Waxing full
June 25; last quarter July 4; new July 11.

Idaho

Boise	81
Burley	79
Hagerman	84
Idaho Falls	79
Lewiston	66
McCall	67
Pocatello	80
Salmon	87

Pollen count

83

Weather summary

The National Weather Service says a low pressure system remained centered over Washington Friday. This will continue the cooler than normal temperatures and the threat of precipitation mainly over the western half of Idaho.

This system was moving little but should weaken over the next several days.

Some substantial amounts of precipitation fell in the northern part of the state. Lowell reported 1.04 inch of rain while nearly .50 inch fell at Mulbin, Kellogg, Sandpoint and Wallace. The thunderstorms in that area produced heavy hail in some areas.

Red River had about 3 inches of hail on the ground with some hailstones the size of a quarter.

A few high clouds persisted over the state in late morning with some fog reported around Grangeville.

The warmest temperature in the state Friday was 84 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the coldest at 24 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Friday, the highest temperature was 107 degrees at Presidio, Texas. The lowest was 23 degrees at Truckee, Calif.

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Regester and Gooding:
Today and Sunday partly cloudy. Variable winds near 10 mph today. Slight chance of afternoon or evening thundershowers. Highs from 80 to 85 today and from 75 to 80 Sunday. Lows tonight around 50.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today and Sunday partly cloudy. Slight chance of afternoon and evening showers or thundershowers. Highs in the 70s. Lows tonight in the 30s.

Extended forecast - Monday through Wednesday, cooler with highs 75 to 82. Lows 45 to 52. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers or thundershowers.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah - Today fair to partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid-80s. Breezy at times. Tonight fair to partly cloudy. Lows in the 50s. Sunday fair to partly cloudy. Highs in the low to mid-80s. Breezy at times.

Nevada - Fair to light to slight chance of afternoon thundershowers in the north, otherwise mostly sunny today and Sunday. Breezy afternoons. Highs from the upper 70s to the mid-80s. Overnight lows from upper 30s to 40s.

Summer brings thunderstorms to much of nation

At the same hour, rain also fell in parts of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan and Oregon.

Heavy rainfall during the 6 hours ending at 2 p.m. EDT included almost 1 inch near New Orleans, and at Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Campbell, Ky.

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Kempton

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The development of a state park, museum and field institute on the campus.

"It's a start, but Kempton realizes there's a long way to go."

"I was optimistic that our objective could be realized," he said. "But the place was a house of cards and could come down at any time. It still can."

His vision for the campus in the future is for slow, gradual restoration, taking advantage of Albion's proximity to Pomerelle Ski Area.

Kempton would also like to see some of the state's old Normal School-Fund, now a part of Idaho

State University's funding mix, made available by the state for the campus's restoration.

"I'm not proposing taking money away from Idaho State," he said. "But in principle, I don't see why Albion couldn't benefit from the money set aside for normal schools when Idaho became a state."

In 10 years, he doesn't expect to walk through the campus he remembers from his youth.

"This campus has been deteriorating for 40 years," he said. "It's not going to be restored overnight. But there's no reason that over 20 years we can't make progress."

Albion

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Jim Kempton, an Albion Republican who spearheaded the move to save the campus.

Kempton became involved with the revival of Albion Normal School partly through his wife, Susan, who was the Cassia County Centennial Committee chairwoman.

Plans for the campus include a Folk Art Museum to be housed in the campus' first building, known as the old rock building, which was constructed in 1893 from money raised locally and matched by Joseph E. Miller, a local state legislator. The museum will house Albion Normal School and Southern Idaho College of Education memorabilia.

A field institute, similar to the Teton Science School, may be in the campus' future as well. Classes for credit and non-credit would be offered as part of the institute.

"You do the things that you do in academia, but in the field," Kempton explained.

Courses could include art, poetry, photography, geology, archeology, and campus management among others, he said. Field institutes often operate from rustic settings, making extensive renovation of the campus unnecessary.

The remaining buildings on campus are architecturally sound but would require cosmetic improvement, Mary Amend, a member of the alumni association, said.

All of the buildings are on the National Register of Historic Places. Three of them were built between 1893 and 1910 and four between 1917 and 1928.

Those trying to preserve the campus hope it may become a destination park for southern Idaho. Its proximity to the interstate from two directions make it an ideal one-day loop drive.

An Albion approacher its 100th birthday, the near future will jell whether it will be maintained for posterity, Kempton said.

In eastern states, buildings 200-300 years old are part of history. They didn't get that way by tearing them down as they approach their 100th anniversary, Kempton said.

"I have to have state involvement to make this go," Kempton said.

But the campus will need more than just state help.

He said national monuments are protected because they receive national money. Local history is saved because local organizations preserve it, but state history is lost because the state has little money to preserve its past.

"It can't be just state," Kempton said, "because it can't pay for it if we transferred it to the state."

Volcano

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prepared to board the carrier. "This place is a mess."

The U.S. Embassy said all 20,000 military family members have now left Subic. The naval base's population swelled by nearly 15,000 when the Air Force evacuated after the nearby volcano began erupting for the first time in more than 600 years.

An Air Force spokesman, Maj. Wayne Chris, also announced that 4,500 airmen began boarding the carrier Midway late Friday. Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Kevin Mukri said the vessel would probably remain overnight in Subic and sail Saturday morning.

The 4,500 airmen represent more than 60 percent of the Air Force personnel in the Philippines, and their departure casts doubts on whether the Americans will try to keep Clark open.

"I'm smoking the base Friday as tumbled pyroclastic flows - hot rocks, gas and other volcanic debris - reached within

300 feet of Clark's Mactan housing area.

In Cebu, about 350 miles south of Subic Bay, Philippine Immigration said that as of midmorning Friday, 512 Americans had left aboard 52 flights for the United States.

"We were scared and we did not know what to expect," said Gloria Lucas of Greenville, Miss., as she prepared to board a flight in Cebu with her two children. "Maybe once we get on the plane everything will be fine."

Pinatubo appeared to be gearing up for more major eruptions, said Raymundo Punongbayan, director of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology. He said the volcano could continue erupting often and on for the next three years.

"There seem to be indications that the volcano is preparing for another eruption episode," he told reporters in Manila. "We're recognizing some long-tremor periods, and earthquakes and this means that some magma is again moving to the surface."

Bailout

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the total Congress must appropriate directly. Debt service on the bonds would be paid as part of the national debt.

However, he conceded that figure depends upon future economic developments that experts can only guess at - especially the rate of recovery in the real estate industry, because that's the source of the worst S&L problems.

"There certainly is the possibility that these estimates are too low," Seidman said.

He has made similar admissions about his separate request for Congress for authority to borrow up to \$70 billion to cope with the related crisis in the banking industry. Seidman oversees that crisis as chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Banks are expected to repay the \$70 billion in FDIC borrowings, but if they can't taxpayers will have to.

The FDIC is widely respected as a model of government efficiency, but the RTC is its mirror image. Last week the GAO - Congress's auditing agency - said RTC's internal disarray was so bad that GAO could not audit the RTC's books.

"I'm not prepared to come up with any additional money until we

have a restructuring (of the RTC)," Sen. Richard H. Bryan, D-Nev., told Seidman Friday, voicing a position espoused almost unanimously in Congress.

Conceding flaws, Seidman nonetheless stoutly defended the RTC's overall record while suggesting ways for Congress to overhaul RTC management.

Since the RTC's August 1989 creation, it has built a workforce of 7,000, taken over 617 S&Ls, closed or sold 396 of them, disposed of \$1.63 billion worth of seized assets and continues to manage assets totaling \$164 billion, Seidman said.

Although RTC computer operations are still not fully in place, Seidman contended that waiting for all systems to be operational before gearing up the RTC "would have been like delaying our response to Pearl Harbor until 1944." The Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Seidman's suggestions for restructuring the RTC would end FDIC management of the S&L bailout and create a new RTC chief executive officer to run it. The proposals differ essentially only in how to restructure the two RTC boards currently overseeing its operations.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - The winning numbers drawn Friday night in Idaho's "Fantastic Five" lottery are: 2-12-17-21-26 (two, twelve, seventeen, twenty-one, twenty-six).

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Four people arrested in the biggest heroin bust in U.S. history stand before Federal Magistrate William L. Garrett in San Francisco Friday. From left are Kelly Paokul Chen, Lucy Chen, Jim Julchang Chen, Lu Chin Seng.

Biggest U.S. bust nets 1,200 pounds of heroin

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The head of the "dragon" was sliced from an Asian drug ring with the arrest of four people and the seizure of more than half a ton of pure heroin, the largest such haul in U.S. history, federal agents said Friday.

The street value of the narcotics was estimated at about \$3 billion, said Bob Bender, special agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration's San Francisco office.

Agents called defendant Lu Chin Sheng a "heavyweight" in the scheme to distribute 1,200 pounds of "China White" heroin, the last of which was seized Thursday in a Hayward warehouse.

"If we had allowed this to be distributed... we could have arrested 300 to 400 people ultimately, but we've cut the head of the dragon off," said Bender. "Law enforcement has ripped the heart out of a very significant organization."

Customs Service spokesman Mike Fleming called the seizure the nation's largest heroin bust.

The four entered no plea at their arraignment Friday before Federal Magistrate William L. Garrett. They appeared in court in handcuffs, with solemn faces, and communicated with the judge through an interpreter. None had hired a lawyer, and Garrett said he would consider appointing a public defender.

The complaint identified the other defendants as Jim Julchang Chen; his wife, Lucy Chen; and Kelly Paokul Chen, who is married to Jim Chen's brother, Bender, who spelled the names somewhat differently, said the suspects were all in their 20s and 30s.

A fifth suspect, Mike Juiming Chen, Kelly Chen's husband, was at large, authorities said.

They each face one federal count of possession of heroin with intent to distribute and one count of conspiracy to distribute heroin. Each faces a maximum sentence of life in prison and a \$4 million fine on each count.

"We took off the upper echelon of this organization," Bender said.

The heroin was found in a shipment headed for a warehouse in Hayward, a suburb just east of San Francisco Bay. It came from somewhere in the Golden Triangle of Burma, Laos and Thailand and was shipped from Taiwan to Oakland, Bender said.

Bender said Lu Chin Sheng entered the United States using a fraudulent passport. Sheng is from Bangkok, Thailand, while the rest are Taiwanese who are resident aliens in the United States, Bender said.

The heroin was discovered by Customs inspectors aboard the vessel President Truman at the port of Oakland about the middle of May during a check of imports, Bender said. The inspectors had no advance knowledge that the package addressed to the Join Sun Corp. in Hayward contained contraband, he said.

"The DEA and Customs joined together and we removed about 1,180 pounds of heroin and we left about 10 pounds of heroin in the shipment, and we made a controlled delivery to the Join Sun Corporation," Bender said.

Then the two agencies, each devoting about 35 agents, plus officers from the Hayward and San Leandro police departments, began a round-the-clock surveillance of the warehouse.

Despite ruling, dancer prefers to stay nude

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Customers at JR's Kitty Kat Lounge won't be seeing anything they haven't seen before — the one-time nude dancers have been wearing G-strings and pasties for months.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Friday upheld an Indiana public indecency law challenged by the Kitty Kat. The law bans nude dancing in bars and other adults-only establishments.

The court ruled that the law doesn't violate First Amendment protection of speech and expression when applied to dancers in barroom-style dancing.

Dixie, a nude dancer at Tops 'N Tails in Atlanta, was unconvinced.

"We're going to go nude, I think that should be fine, I mean, it's our own bodies, and we should be able to display it how, who, when and how long we want to," she said.

"When they start telling you that you can't do something with your own body, that's just getting out of control. What happens to your own individuality?"

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael P. Barnes, who was a defendant in the lawsuit, said it was "inconceivable to think the framers of the Constitution would apply to the First Amendment would apply to nude dancing."

But Dixie said the attempts at regulation could have a larger effect.

"We're making a lot of good things happen—I mean, people come in here, they're depressed and what not, and we leave them happy. It's a type of therapy for some people," she said. "I mean if you take that away by throwing clothes on or trying to close us down, you're going to end up with a lot of suicidal tendencies out there."

The Kitty Kat Lounge was closed Friday afternoon and owner Arthur Ford's phone number is not listed. Earlier this year, Ford said he would comply with a state police order directing the dancers to wear pasties and G-strings.

"I can go home and watch TV and see more than I'm seeing here," he said.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist said the covers don't diminish expression: "The requirement that the dancers don pasties and G-strings does not deprive the dance of what ever erotic message it conveys; it simply makes the message slightly less graphic," he wrote in the main opinion.

Government posts record deficit in May

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government posted a record \$53.3 billion deficit in May, wiping out a surplus in April and surpassing the previous monthly high set 14 months ago, the Treasury said Friday.

The May imbalance boosted the gap for the first eight months of fiscal 1991 to \$175.0 billion, up from \$151.49 billion during the same period last year.

Revenues so far this year totaled \$68.6 billion, up 2.9 percent from the first eight months of fiscal 1990. Outlays totaled \$86.1 billion, 5.3 percent more than was spent during the same period in fiscal 1990.

The Bush administration projects the deficit will be less than \$300 billion in fiscal 1991, although it would break the previous yearly record of \$221.1 billion set in fiscal 1986. The deficit totaled \$20.4 billion in fiscal 1990.

Revenues in May totaled \$63.56 billion, down from \$69.21 billion in May 1990. Revenues totaled \$140.38 billion during April as the income tax filing deadline arrived.

Income taxes in May totaled \$20.0 billion, down from \$17.77 billion a month earlier.

Expenditures totaled \$116.91 billion in May, up from \$110.25 billion in April and \$111.76 billion in May 1990. The deficit is the difference between revenues and outlays.

The previous monthly red ink record was \$53.34 billion in March 1990.

Revenues included \$5.8 billion in contributions from allied nations to help pay for Operation Desert Storm. The May addition boosted overall contributions to the Defense Cooperation Account to \$38.13 billion.

On the other hand, the Resolution Trust Corp. spent \$1.43 billion to continue its bailout of the savings and loan industry. That brought the RTC's outlays for the year to \$19.92 billion.

As usual, the biggest spending categories were the military, Social Security and other programs of the Department of Health and Human Services and interest on the national debt.

Military spending totaled \$24.09 billion in May and \$169.70 billion so far this year. It is projected to total \$295.65 billion for the entire fiscal year.

Social Security payments amounted to \$22.54 billion for the month and \$174.32 billion for the year. They are projected to total \$263.84 billion for the year.

Other HHS payments, including Medicare and Medicaid, totaled \$20.50 billion in May and \$142.04 billion for fiscal 1991 so far. They are projected to total \$222.44 billion.

Interest on the national debt amounted to \$23.15 billion for the month and \$183.29 billion so far this year. It is projected to total \$286.29 billion for the entire year.

Many soldiers recruited for war flunked fitness test

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Army National Guard commanders in California have ordered tougher physical training for their troops because half those mobilized for war flunked fitness tests.

Finding that only 45 percent of recruits met the Army's standards, commanders said they would require more rigorous physical training for their troops because half those mobilized for war flunked fitness tests.

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One unit activated for the Persian Gulf War, 80 percent of troops initially failed the Army active-duty physical fitness test, Brennan said.

The overall success rate of 50 percent was improved after drilling and retesting. Commanders said most of the 2,000 soldiers in 12 units activated for Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm were brought up to Army standards.

The Army requires its youngest men, ages 17-21, to do a minimum of 42 pushups and 52 situps, and run 2 miles in 15 minutes, 54 seconds. Males 22 or older must do at least 16 pushups and 26 situps, and run 2 miles in 20 minutes.

Requirements for women are somewhat less stringent.

In Washington, National Guard spokesman John Hoffman said there are no national figures on the physical fitness of the 398 units mobilized for the war.

Military officials say environmental laws hamper sales of closed bases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmental laws that require the military to rid closed bases of hazardous waste must be changed if the land is to be sold, Defense Department officials said Friday.

"If we mandate clean up before disposal, we're going to have vacant communities," George Vest, an Air Force deputy assistant secretary, told a Senate Armed Services subcommittee.

Vest said the military is willing to clean up the facilities, but he said it would be "difficult, if not impossible" to convert bases to other uses under current law requiring the military to clean up an entire base before it is transferred.

The military wants to sell off parcels of land, one-by-one as they are cleared of environmental waste, Vest said.

The Air Force, he said, has a buyer for a piece of land at the defunct Pease Air Force Base in New Hampshire. But that parcel can't be sold for an aircraft hangar until the entire base is free of waste, he said.

But Sen. Alan Dixon, D-Ill., balked at the idea of selling any land before it is cleaned up.

"The government should expose the public to serious hazards," he said.

Thomas Baca, deputy assistant secretary of defense, told the panel it would cost about \$1 billion to clean up the 86 facilities already ordered closed.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney has recommended another 43 bases be closed in a cost-cutting measure, and a special commission will decide by July-1 which will be shut down.

"Enormous environmental problems confront the department," Baca told the subcommittee on readiness, sustainability and support.

For years, many military bases disposed of solvents, dead batteries, dirty oil and other waste by dumping it on an out-of-the-way corner. Baca said the cleanup would include getting rid of hazardous and toxic wastes.

One facility ordered shut down three years ago in the Army's Jefferson Proving Ground in Madison, Ind. — is in such bad shape environmentally that 50,000 acres will be turned into a wildlife sanctuary because the area is unfit for humans, officials said.

The Defense Department wants \$197 million to clean up the bases in fiscal 1992.

Officials said the military would shoulder responsibility for the entire cleanup of Pease and other bases if they were allowed to sell off land by the chunk.

Dixon said some bases would never be put in private hands, and that it was a "pipedream" to think the military will reap huge profits from their sale.

Chief hailed as creator of Desert Storm Army

FORT MYER, Va. (AP) — Army chief of staff Gen. Carl Vuono retired on Friday after 34 years of active service and a salute from President Bush for forging "an Army that is the finest in our long history."

"You have my gratitude, and that of all Americans, for your vision, your dedication, and your leadership in shaping the Army of today and tomorrow," Bush said in a letter read at the general's retirement ceremony. Vuono is succeeded by Gen. Gordon Sullivan. "In the midst of an era of great challenge and change, you have forged an Army that is the finest in our long history — the Army of Just Cause and Desert Storm — which now stands as a dauntless symbol of our nation's determination to defend the cause of liberty," Bush wrote.

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Woodpecker may delay widening of historic road in Georgia, Florida

THOMASVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Civic-minded landowners agreed to give up trees and land to widen a picturesque but deadly two-lane highway that winds among the historic plantations of south Georgia and northern Florida.

But an endangered woodpecker could delay the \$11.7 million project.

The 30-mile stretch of U.S. 319, known as the Plantation Parkway, is an important route for commuters who travel between Thomasville and Tallahassee, Fla. It's also popular among Georgians who visit a store just across the state line to buy liquor and Florida lottery tickets.

A 13-mile section between Thomasville and the state line is scheduled to be widened to four lanes, starting next month, according to Jerry Lindsey, an engineer with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Florida will begin widening its portion of the road in 1995.

But Lindsey said workers may have to skip a 6,000-foot stretch in Georgia unless wildlife experts can create new colonies for cockaded woodpeckers that live in the area. They are trying a technique that was used in South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo destroyed woodpecker habitat.

The small gray woodpeckers, with tiny

red plumes on their heads, are on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's list of endangered species.

The agency can block construction of the 6,000-foot section until its experts determine that the highway would not cause the loss of woodpecker colonies.

A colony consists of a male, a female and several young males. Female birds fly off in search of a mate as soon as they are mature, but the males stay and help their parents with the tedious work of pecking new holes, said Lane Green, executive director of Tall Timber Inc., a non-profit scientific research station near Tallahassee.

A new colony is formed when a female bird joins a male and they nest, he said. Green said there are more than 100 red cockaded woodpecker colonies in the area.

Tall Timber is working with Jay Carter, a woodpecker specialist from North Carolina, to create new nests by boring cavities in pine trees. Carter developed the technique and used it successfully in the wake of Hurricane Hugo.

Red cockaded woodpeckers nest only in living pine trees at least 80 to 100 years old, Green said.

Workers have bored holes in five trees at three sites.

"We're seeing positive results. We have several male birds roosting in these artificial sites," Green said.

A major goal of the project has been to preserve as many trees as possible.

The highway is lined with tall pines and live oaks draped with Spanish moss. Some of the pines are 300 years old and most of the oaks are 200 to 300 years old, Green said.

To keep tree cutting to a minimum, the Transportation Department will build a parkway with a wide median for trees and other vegetation.

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Dispute centers on 'Finn' manuscript

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Five trunks stored in an attic where the missing half of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" manuscript was found have been dragged into a court battle over ownership of the manuscript.

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, which owns the second half of the manuscript and claims it should have the first half, wants a federal judge to open up the trunks to see what they contain.

Library chairman Roland R. Benzow said they could contain other valuable Twain mementos, or evidence to back up the library's claim to the manuscript.

"My speculation is that there was more than just the manuscript," Benzow said.

Widower files lawsuit in cigarette case

PHILADELPHIA — A widower claims in a lawsuit that his wife developed fatal lung cancer from asbestos in Kent cigarette filters.

In the lawsuit filed Thursday, Gabriel Cusani of Westport, Conn., named cigarette makers Lorillard Inc. and Hollingsworth & Vose Co., which made the asbestos filters in the 1950s.

The U.S. District Court lawsuit is one of a series involving the filters, said Dick Daynard, a spokesman for the Tobacco Products Liability Project, a Boston-based consumer watchdog group.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, says Claire Cusani died from mesothelioma, a cancer affecting the lung lining.

No Iraqi news session in Washington

WASHINGTON — The State Department said Friday it has turned down a request by Iraq's U.N. ambassador to hold a news conference in Washington.

Travel unrelated to official U.N. business is restricted to the five boroughs of New York City for members of the Iraqi mission to the United Nations, deputy spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Ambassador Abdul Amir al-Anbani had been invited to speak at the National Press Club in Washington but Boucher said that kind of activity is not considered necessary for the exercise of his U.N. duties.

He added that al-Anbani is free to speak to the press or anyone else in the five boroughs of New York.

Bush to select Philippine ambassador

WASHINGTON — President Bush will name Frank Wisner, ambassador to Egypt, to be the U.S. ambassador to the Philippines, the White House announced Friday.

He would replace Nicholas Platt, who returned to Washington recently.

Wisner has been ambassador to Egypt since 1986 and before that was deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs. He earlier served as ambassador to Zambia and in other State Department posts in Bangladesh, Tunisia and Vietnam.

Mortgage rates down from last week

WASHINGTON — Fixed-rate mortgages averaged 9.65 percent this week, down from 9.66 percent last week, according to a national survey released Friday by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp.

On one-year adjustable rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 7.24 percent, up from 7.22 percent last week.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points.

Space shuttle back at Kennedy Center

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Columbia returned to Kennedy Space Center atop a modified jumbo jet Friday, a week after landing in California at the end of a nine-day medical research mission.

Columbia touched down at Edwards Air Force Base in California on June 14. During the mission, four of the seven astronauts conducted medical tests to give scientists a better understanding of how humans adjust to space.

Spectators lined the beaches south of Kennedy to watch the jet and shuttle complete their cross-country flight. The sight is expected to become rarer — Kennedy will be a prime shuttle landing site starting with the flight of Atlantis next month, NASA said Thursday.

1 injury in passenger train derailment

MONON, Ind. — A luxury passenger train bound from New York to Chicago derailed Friday after hitting a flatbed semitrailer, causing one minor injury, police and railroad officials said.

The Greenbrier Limited, a passenger train owned by the American-European Express, hit the low-riding trailer at a CSX railroad crossing near this northwestern Indiana town, officials said.

Robert Neubert, senior vice president and director of operations at American-European, said one passenger suffered a broken tooth when seven cars derailed. A couple of cars were tipped at 45-degree angles, he said. The train was carrying 31 passengers from New York to Chicago via the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Neubert said.

Jury decides city neglected inspections

AUSTIN, Texas — A student who was seriously injured when an apartment balcony collapsed has been awarded \$2.35 million by a jury that said the city was grossly negligent in its inspection policy.

The city is responsible for \$1.195 million in damages because it failed to order repairs on the balcony and did not properly enforce its building codes, state district court jurors decided Wednesday after two days of deliberations. The building contractor must pay \$945,000 in damages and the building owner \$210,000.

City employees routinely gave failing notices on building inspections that were never performed, and then did not notify anyone at the building that it had failed inspection, said attorneys for Everett Charles Price Jr.

Prime suspect faces psychiatric testing

TAMPA, Fla. — The prime suspect in the slayings of five Gainesville college students will undergo psychiatric testing to determine his competency to face robbery and burglary charges, a judge ruled Friday.

Danny Harold Rolling, 37, made his initial court appearance in the Sept. 2 robbery of a Tampa grocery store and a subsequent shootout with deputies. He also faces charges here in three burglaries and the theft of two cars.

No one has been charged in the five serial killings, but the task force investigating in Gainesville has named Rolling as its prime suspect. Circuit Judge Harry Lee Coe appointed two psychiatrists to examine Rolling after his public defender questioned his competency to enter a plea.

Compiled from wire reports

Bush urges cooperation in Soviet Union

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, briefing Mikhail S. Gorbachev on his session with Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin, Friday emphasized how important it is for the two rivals to cooperate, the White House said.

The Soviet leader's late-morning 40-minute call to Bush returned a call Bush had placed the day before, said an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bush and Gorbachev also discussed the long-delayed superpower summit to be held in Moscow, presumably later this summer, "but no specific dates were discussed," said presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater in a statement.

Bush reiterated his desire that a strategic arms limitation treaty (START) be completed before the summit, the statement said.

The president refused to elaborate on the phone conversation as he left the White House Friday afternoon to spend the weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

"Too much news out there," he said, brushing off shouted questions.

Fitzwater's statement said Bush told Gorbachev he'd had a "good discussion" with Yeltsin "centered on the current political and economic reforms taking place in the Soviet Union."

"The president noted with pleasure the cooperative nature between Yeltsin and Gorbachev in



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moving the reform process forward and emphasized to President Gorbachev how important this is to the overall process," the statement said.

"President Bush reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to support these reforms since they not only help the Soviet Union but are of benefit to the wider international community," the statement added. Bush welcomed Yeltsin — Gorbachev's political rival — to the White House warmly as the newly elected president of the Soviet Union's largest republic.

But at the same time, Bush pointedly reminded Yeltsin of his continued friendship with Gorbachev.

Gorbachev also gave Bush an assessment of the situation in his debt-troubled country, Fitzwater's statement said.

Both leaders also talked about the July 15-17 economic summit in London of the seven largest industrialized democracies "and the economic issues that face the international community."

Gorbachev has been invited to deliver his appeal for economic aid from the West to the leaders of the so-called "Group of Seven," the United States, Japan, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Canada, on the final day of the economic summit.

Bush also talked to Gorbachev about his recent nomination of Texas Democrat Robert Strauss to be the new U.S. ambassador to Moscow.

"President Gorbachev expressed his great pleasure on the appointment and stated he is looking forward to working with Mr. Strauss," Fitzwater said. Bush and Gorbachev also talked about efforts to complete work on a START treaty, which Bush in the past has suggested is a prelude to a Moscow summit.

Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh failed to reach agreement on major outstanding differences at a negotiating session earlier this week in Berlin.

An administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Friday that Bush still wants at least a framework START agreement in place before going to Moscow.

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Police Sgt. Joe Haebe knocks on the door of a Santa Cruz, Calif., townhouse Friday after police arrested Ruby Pointer on suspicion of child endangerment. Police say three malnourished girls, ages 2, 4, and 6, were found terrified living in the filthy townhouse.

3 children, unable to speak, found in squalid apartment

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — Three malnourished girls who apparently have had little contact with the outside world were found living in a squalid apartment, unable to speak, police said.

The girls, ages 2, 4 and 6, made only grunting noises and hid under trash and moldy clothing when an officer arrived to arrest their mother on drug charges Wednesday, police said.

Social workers and police in this city of 50,000 said it was the worst case of neglect they've ever encountered.

"It appears that their whole world was in that house," said police Sgt. Joe Haebe. "The only behavior they've learned is what's gone on inside those four walls."

The children, undersized with their hair matted and dirty, were placed in emergency foster homes Thursday. The eldest child may be autistic, and there is no evidence any of the chil-

dren have ever been to school or come in contact with social service agencies, Haebe said.

Police arrested their mother, Ruby Pointer, 40, on suspicion of child endangerment and marijuana cultivation. She was being held in Santa Cruz County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Neighbors in the low-income apartment complex said Pointer almost never came but of her townhouse.

"They stayed in the apartment 24 hours a day," said Anselma Cisneros, 32. "Sometimes I could see the children in the windows. They were dirty and they never had any clothes on."

She said she called police and county child welfare workers in recent months, "but they never came out." Social workers declined to comment on the case, citing juvenile confidentiality laws.

Patrolman Randy Harris went to the apartment Wednesday evening af-

ter a neighbor called police. When one answered the door, he walked into the neighbor's back yard and spotted Pointer through the patio door. He also saw 33 marijuana plants growing in foam coffee cups, police said.

Inside the apartment, Harris found rooms stinking of mold and piled high with trash. He photographed kitchen counters and floors covered with rotting food and dirty dishes, police said.

"The children had to be physically carried out of the house, kicking and screaming," Harris said in his report. "It was as though they were terrified to go out in front of the apartment."

Police said they do not have enough evidence to obtain an arrest warrant for Pointer's common-law husband, Patrick Eggleston, 36. Neighbors said Eggleston often sleeps in one of his five run-down cars or in the bushes behind the townhouse.

Dusty Owens River Gorge springs back to life with opening gap in dam

BISHOP, Calif. (AP) — Water flowed into the Owens River Gorge on Friday for the first time in more than 40 years as the city of Los Angeles set free the Sierra Nevada water course it dried up in its quest for water and power.

A turn of a crank opened a 6-inch gap in a dam at a Los Angeles Department of Water and Power hydroelectric plant and water poured through a pipe and spilled into the 1,000-foot-deep gorge, a once-famous trout fishery.

The city, which has acquired water earnestly over the decades, agreed to re-water the gorge because of lawsuits and pressure by local authorities and wildlife interests.

"As life becomes more complex it becomes more apparent there are no clear choices. We must all work to find the right balance," said Bernie Kalp, the DWP's assistant chief engineer.

Much of the water will sink into the ground until the water table rises. It may take a month for the stream to reach a reservoir 10 miles away.

The flow was only about 16 cubic

feet per second, but re-watering the river was a symbolic change in Los Angeles water history.

Seventy-seven years ago, city water superintendent William Mulholland shouted: "There it is! Take it!" to 30,000 people who watched water carried 226 miles to Los Angeles via the Owens River Aqueduct.

Since then, the burgeoning metropolis has gained a reputation for thirsting after water from all parts of the state and gaining most of it amid charges of ruined fisheries and lost scenic beauty.

The city of Los Angeles' water grab even provided fodder for movies of graft and greed, such as 1974's "Chinatown," with Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway.

The diversion that dried up 10 miles of the gorge was done for hydroelectric power, not simply to get the water, which would have ended up in the reservoir anyway.

Water still could seep naturally from the dam and from springs but even that was gathered behind a dam at the uppermost power station and added to the 8-foot-diameter pipeline flow. That is the water that

was set free. The DWP cannot predict how long it will take to restore the trout fishery in the gorge. The utility will negotiate with the state Department of Fish and Game and Mono County to possibly increase flows, which would help promote the return of fish.

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Jury awards \$5 million to 'love surgery' victim

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A jury Friday awarded \$5 million to a woman who said a former gynecologist maimed her by performing his self-described "love surgery" on her without her permission.

Jurors reached the decision after 12 hours of deliberations in the lawsuit against James Burt and the hospital where he performed vaginal reconstructions. The Montgomery County Common Pleas Court jury awarded

the money to Janet Phillips, 45, of Centerville. Jurors also cleared St. Elizabeth Medical Center of fraud or negligence. Burt said he did the surgery on patients to enhance their sexual pleasure. He said he never performed the operation without their consent.

Ms. Phillips said she suffered vaginal and bladder infections, incontinence, and pain during sexual intercourse as a result of the 1981 operation. She said Burt performed a hysterectomy after he told her she had cancer. But she said she didn't know about the vaginal reconstruction until she was examined by another gynecologist in 1985.

Medal of honor winner sentenced

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest and a Medal of Honor winner were sentenced to prison Friday for dumping baby bottles of blood inside an Army school to protest U.S. policy in El Salvador.

The men were among three people convicted of trespassing and criminal destruction for dumping 15 pints of blood inside the School of the Americas headquarters at Fort Benning on Nov. 16.

U.S. District Judge Robert Elliott sentenced the Rev. Roy Bourgeois, 51, of Litcher, La., to 16 months in prison.

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Drug officials predict Escobar's rivals filling cocaine void

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) — More Medellin drug cartel members have followed leader Pablo Escobar in surrendering, but cocaine is still flowing north and officials say the cartel's rivals will likely continue to meet world demand.

Roberto Escobar, who authorities have called the chief aide to his younger brother Pablo, was among two cartel members who turned themselves in on Friday, a court official said.

On Thursday, the cartel's finance chief, Valentin de Jesus Taborda, 35, surrendered, accepting a government leniency offer. Three other alleged

Medellin traffickers also arrived at the Envisgado prison Thursday under heavy guard. Their identities were not immediately revealed.

Pablo Escobar, 41, gave up Wednesday just hours after a constitutional panel voted to ban extraditions. Escobar, who is wanted in the United States, and three other Medellin bosses were taken to a custom-designed-luxury prison that was originally built as a drug treatment center in Escobar's hometown, Envisgado, outside Medellin.

In a writer note sent Thursday to a television reporter, Escobar said 12 other cartel members would soon turn

themselves in, officials said.

While the Medellin cartel may have been hobbled by the surrenders, any unmet demand is likely to be met by the traffickers including the Cali-based cartel, the nation's No. 2 cocaine organization.

"I think the Cali organizations have become dominant in the cocaine trafficking, both production and distribution to the United States and Europe, said the Drug Enforcement Administration's chief Robert C. Bonner on Thursday.

"But there have been other organizations on the north coast and the Bogota area that have moved in, so they

also deserve some attention."

Bonner said the Cali cartel began to gain a larger share of the cocaine market during the crackdown on the Medellin operations, which began following the 1989 assassination of presidential candidate Sen. Luis Carlos Galan.

Meanwhile, some of the Cali cartel's processing has moved over the border into Bolivia, Bonner said. The Medellin cartel was believed responsible for about half of the estimated 600 to 800 tons of cocaine shipped annually from Colombia.

And others note that Escobar's multi-billion-dollar empire is far from finished.

"Someone will obviously take his place," said Raymond Kendall, Interpol's secretary general, who was attending a conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Escobar's surrender — which had been negotiated for weeks — ended Colombia's most intensive manhunt and was considered the crowning success for President Cesar Gaviria's policies to block traffickers' extradition to the United States.

Gaviria aims to halt a 2-year-old war between the cartel and the government that has left hundreds dead.

Escobar is wanted in the United States on murder and drug trafficking charges. In Colombia, he was charged in connection with the cartel's terrorist campaign, which included the Aug. 18, 1989, murder of Galan, who was running as a strong opponent of the drug cartel.

Already in custody since early this year are the Ochoa brothers — Jorge Luis Juan David and Fabio — who were among Escobar's inner circle. Another cartel leader, Jose Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, was killed in a shootout with Colombian authorities on Dec. 15, 1989.

Pablo Escobar

AT-A-GLANCE

The billionaire drug trafficker surrendered just hours after the Colombian Assembly voted to ban extradition of drug lords.

- Head of the Medellin cocaine cartel
- Born in Rio Negro, Colombia
- Age 41
- His mother was a teacher and his father a farmer

Accused of:

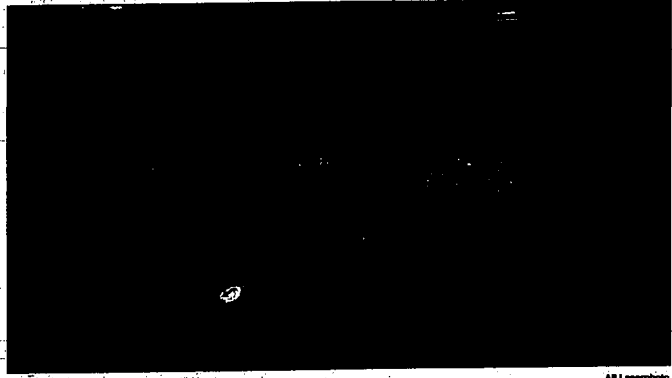
- Ordering hundreds of murders, including a justice minister, an attorney general and a presidential candidate
- Ordering about 300 bombings in the past two years, including bombing of the Colombian jetliner that killed all 107 passengers and crew in November 1989

Indictments in the U.S.

- Faces nine charges of either drug trafficking or murder



The Drugs
Colombia's major role is in the refining of the coca leaves from other countries like Peru and Bolivia. This is mostly done throughout the vast expanses of the remote Plains and Amazon regions in the southeast, areas accessible only by air or slow moving river transport.



People inside a vehicle in Envisgado, Colombia, which transported surrendering drug traffickers, cover their faces to avoid being photographed.

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Berlin begins readying for federal government

BERLIN (AP) — Berlin officials began planning in earnest Friday for the federal government's return to their city amid sobering reminders the move will take a decade and cost up to \$1 billion.

The euphoria of Thursday's vote returning Germany's seat of power to Berlin gave way to the reality of implementing the complicated move. Experts were instructed to come up with a plan by the end of the year for transferring federal offices from Bonn.

"It is clear to me that we have now assumed a big additional task, which cannot be solved overnight," said Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"Those who believe that these changes can occur in a short time will be disappointed. I am counting on a time span of 10 years," Kohl said on television.

Legislators debated for nine hours Thursday before voting on the issue. The official vote count was revised twice and finally set at 338-320 in favor of Berlin. The decision allows up to 12 years for relocation.

Further complicating matters for city fathers, Berlin plans to bid to host the Summer Olympics in 2000, meaning the government and the Games could arrive at the same time in this city of 3.4 million people.

City officials hope they will be able to take advantage of the lead time to come up with a careful plan.

"We have to look at the fact that the city has to become a real metropolis, without repeating the mistakes other metropolises have made before," said Cornelia Poczka, spokeswoman for the city development administration.

One priority is dealing with the already congested traffic. Berlin may finally get a downtown pedestrian zone, like all other major German cities.

Berlin has no real suburbs; just a few miles from the glittering bars and shops of the Kurfuirstendamm, the main shopping street, pigs and geese run freely.

City officials want it to stay that way.

"We don't want to have housing at the periphery."

Gorbachev against boosting prime minister's power

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev on Friday blocked a legislative attempt to give emergency powers to his prime minister, defeating hard-liners who want to stall radical economic reforms.

After Gorbachev lashed out at his critics in an emotional speech, the Supreme Soviet legislature voted 262 to 24 with 21 abstentions to drop the proposal to give special economic powers to Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov.

Hard-line lawmakers had sought to boost Pavlov's authority because they favor his proposals for cautious, slow-moving economic reforms.

Gorbachev's victory ended a week of parliamentary maneuvering that some lawmakers called an "attempted constitutional push."

While Gorbachev was easily, the attack on his authority demonstrated the political resilience of hard-liners who bitterly oppose Gorbachev's plans to seek Western investment and move toward a market economy.

The hard-line attack began Monday, when Pavlov asked the legislature for authority to issue emergency decrees without Gorbachev's approval. He said the president was too busy to handle day-to-day government affairs.

Pavlov's unexpected show of disloyalty to the man who nominated him six months ago drew sharp criticism this week from the government newspaper Izvestia. It said his request was an attempt "to go behind the president's back and acquire part of the presidential powers."

On Friday, a chastened Pavlov backed down. Some legislators said they believed Gorbachev had pressed him to recant.

"Why does the mass media say the Cabinet asked for extraordinary powers? That issue was not put forward," Pavlov told the legislature.

He added that there was no conflict

between him and Gorbachev, and that he agreed fully with Gorbachev's stance on the question of his powers.

Pavlov's backing off "means he's been knocked out, and he'll almost certainly be replaced," lawmaker Nikolai Evgeny told The Associated Press during a break in the session.

Other lawmakers said, however, that Pavlov had strong allies and might keep his post. His proposal for increased powers reportedly was endorsed in a closed session Tuesday by KGB Chairman Vladimir Kryuchkov, Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov and Interior Minister Boris Pugo.

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The NEWS

People

Costner treats dying teen to movie preview

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Kevin Costner invited a dying teen-ager to a sneak preview of "Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" when he heard the boy was eager to see his movie but didn't expect to live until opening night.

Sean Dunlap, 14, said he was looking forward to the movie "but it wasn't opening until June 14 and he wouldn't be here that long," said his mother, Kim.

The boy has muscle cancer for 11 years.

Costner, who was filming the movie "JFK" in New Orleans, heard of Sean's plight and invited him, his family and some friends to a preview June 14 at a cinema in suburban Metairie. Costner sat next to the boy.

A week later, Sean died at his home.



Kevin Costner
Sat next to the boy



Bill Cosby
You bet

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Singer will not jump ship

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Country music crooner Rodney Bond, a Vietnam-era Navy veteran, is singing his heart out to keep the

USS Lexington in Florida after the historic aircraft carrier is decommissioned.

Bond and his band, Country Connection, have recorded "The Ballad of the Lady Lex" and are offering half the proceeds from sales of their \$10 album to a Pensacola-based foundation bidding to turn the ship into a floating museum.

Bond also offered to give fundraising concerts for the project.

Pensacola, the Lexington's home port for 29 years, is in competition with Mobile, Ala., Corpus Christi, Texas, and Quincy, Mass., for the carrier after it is retired in November.

The Navy has said funding will be a key consideration. Corpus Christi has the edge with a \$1.9 million state appropriation.

Alabama lawmakers are considering a \$1 million allocation for Mobile.

In Pensacola, the USS Lexington Museum Foundation said it has raised about \$80,000 in cash contributions.

"I'm dedicating this song to the men and women who served and died on her," said Bond, 36, of Paris, Tenn.

Thousands have served aboard the carrier and scores have died in combat and training accidents since it was commissioned 48 years ago.

Nude beach expert takes show on the road

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A nude-beach expert who was fired for neglecting his duties as a university professor says he wants to hit the talk-show circuit.

"I hope to cash in on the notoriety that's come out of this," George R. Harker said. "I will be making public appearances and selling personal accounts of the situation."

Harker, who taught at Western Illinois University on the philosophy and conduct of leisure activity, said he would appeal his firing through the university's union grievance process.

For now, he said he will appear on talk shows, deliver lectures and work on a book and short stories.

The state Board of Governors, a higher education governing

body, fired Harker effective immediately after a closed meeting Thursday. The board did not discuss the action publicly. The vote for dismissal was 8-0.

University president Ralph Wagener said he recommended the firing because Harker, 47, would not change unprofessional behavior such as failing to administer final exams, skipping classes and meetings and discussing his job troubles in class.

Harker was the first tenured professor to be fired in the 92-year-history of the Macomb university, officials said. He had taught at the university 21 years.

Harker said his study of nude or "clothing-optional" beaches didn't cause the conflict with the university. But it added to the friction, he said.

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Cosby's show wraps up

NEW YORK (AP) — "The Cosby Show" is to be assigned to situation comedy archives next year and Bill Cosby says he'll star in a new version of Groucho Marx's "You Bet Your Life" game show.

"The Cosby Show" will start its eighth season next fall, and Cosby previously has said this will be his last year, NBC spokesman Curt Block said Friday.

Cosby reported his plans for his "You Bet Your Life" in interviews with the New York Daily News and New York Post.

In the series, which began on radio in 1947 and was on NBC-TV from 1950 to 1961, contestants won money by correctly answering questions on history and other topics, or by happening to say the daily "magic word."

Cosby said his show will lack two of Marx's trademarks. There will be no cigar because "times have changed. I smoke but I don't smoke on stage."

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Newest 'Law' defection: Star who played lesbian

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Michele Greene, who last season shared prime-time's first lesbian kiss, is leaving the cast of "L.A. Law."

Greene, who plays the lawyer Abby Perkins, is the third cast member this year to leave the NBC-TV series about a Los Angeles law firm.

Stars Harry Hamlin, Jimmy Smits and executive producer David Kelley earlier announced their departure from the 5-year-old series.

Susan Dey said she was quitting the show, but changed her mind.

The show caused an uproar when Abby Perkins kissed bisexual lawyer Cal Lamb, a newcomer to the firm played by Amanda Donohoe.

Some advertisers pulled their commercials from the episode, NBC spokeswoman Sue Binford said at the time. Of about 85 viewers calls to the network, more than half were negative, she said.

Greene's character also was finally made a firm partner after years of struggling to be taken seriously. She said she asked to be let out of her contract to pursue other roles.

"My five years on 'L.A. Law' were just terrific, but it's time I start thinking about the next step in my career," Greene said in a statement.

The possibility of bringing Greene back for a few episodes next season was under discussion, Smits said.

said he might return briefly to clear up his character's departure.

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Singer Simon offering free park concert

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Simon, who drew 500,000 people to Central Park a decade ago with his former partner, Art Garfunkel, will return with his own band in a free concert Aug. 15.

Simon and his record company, Time Warner, will pick up the tab for the extra police, sanitation and paramedics needed for such a show, said the singer's spokesman, Dan Klores. The city's financial problems might have otherwise blocked the show.

Simon, who is currently touring overseas with his 17-piece band, will throw in a "sizeable" donation to the parks commission for parks throughout the city, Klores said. Simon is touring and forming the jazz musicians from his current album, "The Rhythm of the Saints."

Parks Department spokesman Skip Garrett confirmed the Central Park performance will be for mid-August, with the concert on the bill.

In 1981, Simon and Garfunkel performed in a heralded reunion concert in the park.

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BLONDIE

BLONDIE: "WHAT MUST I DO TO GET THAT SUIT?"
DAG: "I'M SURE I CAN HELP YOU WITH THAT SUIT."
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"YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE LIKE ME, YOU'RE PROBABLY CURIOUS AS TO WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ALL THESE PLASTIC SURGEONS WHO'RE BEING SEEN IN THE NEWS? WELL, I'VE BEEN TO A PLASTIC SURGEON'S OFFICE."

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WAZARD

"YOU'VE BEEN PRESENTED A COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD FROM THE HAULST OF PORKVILLE."
"MUST BE A MISTAKE... I'VE NEVER BEEN NEAR THE PLACE."
"IT MENTIONS THAT HERE."

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BORN LOSER

"HEY, THORNY, CAN I BORROW YOUR HOBBE TRIMMERS?"
"I'M GOING TO BE USING 'EM ALL DAY."
"GOOD, THEN I WON'T NEED TO BUY MY OWN!"

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FRANK & ERNEST

"HER DIVORCE MUST HAVE COME THROUGH."
"UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT."

PEANUTS

"WHEN YOU GO OFF TO COLLEGE, DO YOU THINK YOU'LL TAKE THAT BLANKET WITH YOU?"

NO. I THINK I'LL LEAVE IT HERE WITH SOMEONE WHO WILL...

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GARFIELD

"DINNER, GARFIELD!"

NO. I THINK I'LL LEAVE IT HERE WITH SOMEONE WHO WILL...

HA! YOU MISSED YOUR DISH! THEN WHY AM I FULL?

HAGGR

"I'M THE CENSUS TAKER - ARE YOU THE HEAD OF THIS HOUSEHOLD?"

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"THE TROUBLE IS THE MITCHELLS DON'T WANT THEIR OWN CHILD!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Will somebody open up the light for me, please?"

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65	Waters down
66	Youngster: var.
67	Thought
68	Residue
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70	Lightly

DOWN

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2	Prance
3	Appreciated
4	Not caring about right and wrong
5	In the style of
6	Woop
7	Most uncouth
8	Stiff
9	Cut midlars
10	Dead as a
11	City light
12	Tendor
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Astrological Forecasts

IF JUNE 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

You are independent, controversial, creative, were on your own early, broke from family tradition, could have been separated from one or both parents while young. You'll make fresh start in new direction in July, could be madly in love. Cycle moves up, vigor returns, enthusiasm replaces ennui. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play significant roles in your life. You are destined to make and possibly lose a fortune.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): What appeared to be "sliding away" will be recaptured. Spotlight on secret mission, love relationship, possibility of cash reward. Focus on methodology, repair of household products.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emphasis on cooperative efforts, public image, credibility, marital status. Open lines of communications. Relative seems to feel you should change course. Ignore suggestion. Gemini involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Domestic adjustment restores harmony. Family member says, "It seems all of a sudden I am on your new light!" Attention revolves around style, residence, marital status. Taurus represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on personal magnetism, sensuality, variety, sex appeal. Maintain aura of glamour, mystery, intrigue. Key is to be discreet in face of "intense" questioning. Libra plays role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emphasis on responsibility, deadline, strong love relationship. Some rules, regulations appear confining. Eventually, however, they bow to your methodology. Cancer, Capricorn persons in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Project can be completed, you'll reach beyond previous limitations. Focus on travel, education, contacts that promote career, business. Many will want to be with you. Display humor and curiosity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Attention revolves around money, payments, ability to locate article lost, missing or stolen. You'll receive cooperation from individuals previously silent, distant, unavailable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cycle high, take initiative, wear shades of red and purple. Insist project. Make personal appearance. Promote vigorous campaigning. Intuition proves accurate. Aquarian plays role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Diversity, communicate with "close friend" currently embarked on adventurous journey. Keep resolutions concerning diet, exercise, nutrition. Secret meeting provides enlightenment, confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're off to running start! Competitors do about-face, will bid for your services. Emphasis on popularity, speculation, powers of persuasion. Major wish fulfilled. Scorpio represented.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Gain indicated via written word. Lunar position accents career, responsibility, promotion, restoration of prestige. Flirtation provides spice, challenge, inspiration. Sagittarian in picture.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What had been considered lost will be retrieved. Scenario involves music, art, luxury item. Emphasis also on travel, publishing, ability to disseminate information. Taurus figures prominently.

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Superior eyesight?
In Germany's Stuttgart is a dentist named Veronica Seider, and what's so different about her is her eyesight. Correspondents say she sees 20 times better than the norm. Claim is she can identify people more than a mile off. Remarkable, if true.

Greece is sinking.
The Russian philosopher Petr Chaadajev 150 years ago wrote this about his homeland: "We are one of those nations that...exist only for the sake of teaching the world some kind of terrible lesson."

Polluters now know that people west of the Mississippi are far more likely than people east of the Mississippi, statistically, to get punched in the nose.

TRIAL MARRIAGE
Mexico's Chamula Indians practice chaste six-month trial marriages. Or have done so, historically. Living together is what they tested, not their physical attractions.

If you could build a new house to your own specs, what different sort of room would you add?
An "appliance shop" maybe? Off the kitchen. Like the oldtime pantry. For a blender, food processor, meat slicer, so on. Tell your architect to toss in an extra sink.

Report is the green fat of a turtle — is just read about it — is delicious.

HAWAII
Q. Call me a Mainlander who doesn't know exactly what the name "Hawaii" means...
A. "New Homeland." Out of the Polynesian.

Can you confirm one researcher's dubious claim that of all the animals only humans use the right hand predominantly?
U.S. postal folk didn't start delivering mail to the countryside until 32 years after it delivered in the cities.

A dragonfly in fast flight can reverse itself within its own body length to zip off in the opposite direction.
Oldest known moon rocks are older than the oldest known earth rocks.

What that monkey sees as it fingers through its fur — how distasteful — is not a flea but salt.

World



Rescue workers enter an army barracks, the worst affected building in Friday's bomb explosion, in front of the Joint Operations Command.

Baker appeals to Yugoslavs to retain unity

BELGRADE (AP) — Secretary of State James Baker plunged into the morass of Yugoslav politics on Friday, pleading in a marathon series of meetings with the country's leaders to find a bloodless solution to the multi-ethnic conflicts threatening to erupt into civil war.

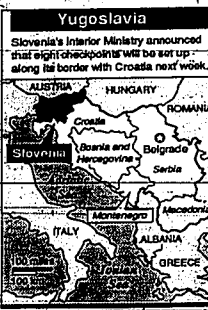
The administration fears that the scorching feuds among Yugoslavia's six republics will spill over into other central and east European countries, many of which, similarly, are patchworks of nationalities harboring long-held enmities.

"We made it very clear that the United States would like to help in whatever way it can to assist Yugoslavia to democratize, to maintain respect for human rights and to preserve the unity of the country," Baker said after meeting for 90 minutes with President Slobodan Milosevic.

Baker said he urged Yugoslav leaders to resolve their disputes with "an absence of violence, of bloodshed or force." Concern is mounting that the central government may send troops to prevent Slovenia, the richest and most Westernized of Yugoslavia's six republics, from declaring independence on June 26.

"I would counsel against unilateral actions," Baker said with Milosevic at his side in the Federation Palace, the seat of Yugoslavia's rotating presidency. He said the United States would not recognize Slovenia as an independent country unless that status was achieved through dialogue with the other republics and the central government.

Shortly after meeting Baker, Markovic told the Yugoslav parliament that the government would consider any "unilateral" decisions by its republics as "illegal." He warned that the government will "take measures which will secure necessary conditions for the settle-



Yugoslavia

Slovenia's Interior Ministry announced that eight checkpoints will be set up along its border with Croatia next week.

ment of problems democratically through negotiations." He did not specify those measures. Arriving here Friday morning from a conference in Berlin, Baker went into back-to-back meetings with the premier and the presidents of Yugoslavia's republics, each in a separate room at the Federation Palace.

Sitting beside Baker in an ornate reception room, Slovenia's president Milan Kucan said his republic wants to live "as an independent nation who, out of its own will has ties with other nations."

Emerging from the 45-minute meeting, Kucan said Baker hadn't exerted pressure on him not to secede.

"His visit was meant as an appeal to the Yugoslav nations to act so as not to threaten peace in Europe and the world," so that Yugoslavia may not become a source of crisis," he said.

But the president of Serbia, the largest of the republics and Slovenia's main opponent, said at the start of his meeting with Baker that the central government must retain some major roles for itself which could not be delegated.

While Slovenia and Croatia are pushing for the loosest of associations among the republics, Serbia and Montenegro want a strongly centralized federation. Macedonia

and Bosnia have offered a compromise that would provide for a common Yugoslav market, one currency and a centralized military that would also allow each republic to maintain its own army.

Serbia and Croatia, where the country's two largest ethnic groups live, have both imported weapons illegally and, in recent months, dozens of people have been killed in clashes with the central government.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, a communist whose appeal to nationalist sentiments landed him a landslide victory in the republic's elections last year, said he was willing to discuss a compromise but "not to liquidate (the) country."

At a minimum, he said, a central government must retain control of foreign affairs, defense, a central bank and foreign trade.

Baker urged all the leaders to discuss changes in the country's constitution that would meet some of each republic's goals.

Holding out a carrot, Baker said preservation of unity is the best way to ensure Yugoslavia receives "the kind of economic support it deserves from the international community."

Yugoslavia is heavily dependent on foreign loans and investments to spur growth that would help the country privatize its economy and stifle inflation, at over 100 percent annually.

As she spoke, women-in-wells and those who but suntered through the packed bazaar, clutching fat babies with silver bells around their ankles.

"America can't hurt Iraq," she said proudly. The sanctions imposed in August, were aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait. President Bush has said he will keep them in place until Saddam falls.

In Mosul, all the sanctions seem to have done is increase prices. The Iraqi government, through the pro-government press, appears to have succeeded in passing the blame for the trouble from the government onto merchants.

Residents in Mosul cited numerous cartoons in the highly censored press showing fat businessmen smoking cigars.

The city, for centuries a meeting ground for Arabs, Kurds, Christians and Jews, was not heavily damaged by the war.

Allied bombing raids missed the three bridges that cross the Tigris River; although residents said coalition air forces tried several times to hit them.

Sri Lanka suicide bomb kills 51

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Two suicide bombers detonated a van filled with explosives at the headquarters for government operations against Tamil rebels Friday, killing at least 51 people and wounding 120, military officials said.

The government, whose figures are often conservative, gave a preliminary toll of 20 people killed, most soldiers, and 50 injured.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but the government suspected Tamil rebels.

The blast devastated a military barracks and blew the roof off the command center's main office across the street. It left a crater in the street six feet deep and 20 feet in diameter. Hundreds of people ran screaming in panic through the streets of the residential neighborhood in the capital.

Walter Fernando, a deputy secretary in the Defense Ministry, said two men tried to drive into the command center's main office across the street. It left a crater in the street six feet deep and 20 feet in diameter. Hundreds of people ran screaming in panic through the streets of the residential neighborhood in the capital.

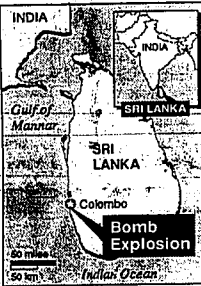
the command center and detonated the explosives when they were stopped by sentries at the gate. He said at least 155 pounds of plastic explosives were used. At least six sentries and the two men in the van were killed instantly, he said.

Fernando said the main suspects were the Tamil Tiger guerrillas.

Earlier government statements blamed the attack on "separatist terrorists," the term it uses for the T a m i l Tigers.

There are no other Tamil separatist terrorists operating in Sri Lanka at the moment except the Tamil Tigers," said Bradman Weerakoon, foreign affairs adviser to President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Sathasivam Krishnakumar, a spokesman for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, said he knew nothing about the bombing.



Ancient Iraqi city bustles despite economic sanctions

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Almost 11 months after U.S. economic sanctions were imposed on Iraq, one of the country's largest northern cities has become a shopper's paradise.

A two-day trip to the city revealed bazaars overflowing with silks from China, Indian cottons and gaudy sequins in a Italy and Spain.

"Boxes of Del Monte bananas vied with Moroccan oranges at the fruit market. Turkish wheat and other grain — apparently pilfered from aid organizations — stocked the staples markets, while Sony and Sanyo reigned supreme at electrical shops.

"Jordan and Turkey, they are our friends," said one liquor store owner when asked where all the goods came from. Behind the usual range of high-class whiskeys and Lebanese liquors, his store featured a strange brew, Southern Pils, origin unknown.

One shopkeeper was doing a fast business selling American-made tents. When asked if they were stolen from the aid operation to save the Kurds occurring 30 miles north of his city, he smiled.

"I got them from a Turkish truck driver," he said.

Her father's salary of 400 dinars a month, about \$80 on the increasingly official black market, was not enough for her family's seven mouths, she said.

"When the Kurds finish with it, when they move home, they sell this stuff," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's only natural."

"Prices are high, so high, but we can get everything," she said.

"When my family runs out of things, we ask our friends."

Fatma and others said that at least in Mosul and its surroundings, with a population of more than 1 million, reports of dire circumstances in her country blamed on the sanctions were highly exaggerated.

Waldheim says he will not run for a 2nd term

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — President Kurt Waldheim, who was elected five years ago despite an international controversy over his World War II past, announced Friday that he would not run for a second term.

Waldheim had faced growing pressure not to seek another six-year term next year due to concern that his re-election could hurt Austria's attempts to join the European Community.

"I have decided, after due consideration of the interests of the republic, the experiences of the past years, but also my personal ideas for the future, not to stand for a second term as president," he said.

The 72-year-old Waldheim, a former U.N. secretary-general, was shunned by Western leaders for rushing up his World War II service with a German army unit and his alleged implication in war crimes.

His isolation also secluded Austria during a period in its history when it has been forced to rethink its role as neutral bridge between East and West with the dissolution of the Iron Curtain.

Waldheim's decision not to run for president, a ceremonial post in Austria, was greeted with relief by many politicians who feared that Austria's continued isolation.

Prisoners request swap

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Two men identified as Shiite Muslims held by an Israeli-controlled militia urged their spiritual leader Friday to arrange a prisoner swap that could free eastern hostages.

The broadcast appeared to be an Israeli attempt to encourage Shiite leaders in Lebanon to arrange a prisoner exchange.

It was made on the eve of Eid al-Adha, the Muslim Feast of Sacrifice, a traditional time for the pardon and release of prisoners throughout the Muslim world.

Earlier this week, Israel announced that it planned to release 300 Palestinian prisoners on Saturday to mark the holiday. However, it denied the release was connected with a prisoner exchange. It said the release will apply to prisoners whose sentence expires before the end of July.

In Friday's broadcast on the South Lebanese Army radio, two men implored Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual leader of the Hezbollah, to arrange the exchange.

"We pleaded with the spiritual guide of Hezbollah and all those concerned who are active in the hostage issue to act swiftly on finalizing an operation to swap the prisoners and detainees at Khiam prison for the men and South Lebanese Army members held by the Lebanese groups," said a man identified as Samir Kassam.

Cuban family wants asylum

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The daughter of a Cuban colonel exiled for treason has requested political asylum in Spain and accused Havana's leadership of knowing about drug smuggling operations, a newspaper said Friday. Lucia de la Guardia Fernandez, and her husband, a Cuban intelligence agent, arrived in Spain in April after an 18-month battle for permission to leave the Communist nation, the leading Spanish daily El Pais said.

Spanish and Cuban officials were not immediately available to comment on the newspaper report. De la Guardia's father, Col. Antonio de la Guardia, was among four Cuban officers arrested in June 1989 on charges of corruption and drug trafficking.

Advertisement for 'THE GALLERY GALL' featuring a 'TODAY! GIGANTIC FURNITURE LIQUIDATION SALE ONE DAY ONLY 9:00 TO 7:00 P.M. DON'T MISS IT!!!' with contact information for 132 Main Avenue South, Twin Falls.

Large advertisement for LATHAM car dealership. Features 'FIRST TIME BUYERS SAVE \$2991 ON THE LOWEST PRICED AMERICAN CAR EQUIPPED WITH AN AIRBAG!' and lists models like 1991 Dodge Shadow and 1991 Plymouth Sundance. Includes financing options and contact info for 510 2nd Ave. S., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Magic Valley

Around the valley

Wounded Declo officer shows some progress

OGDEN, Utah — Wounded Idaho State Police Cpl. Steve Hobbs of Declo remained in serious condition Friday, but continued to show improvement.

A spokesman for McKay-Dee Medical Center said Hobbs was conscious and responsive.

He was shot last Saturday night during a routine traffic stop on Interstate 84 just north of the Idaho-Utah border.

Shawn Kerrigan of McEwenke was arrested near the scene Sunday and has been charged with 13 counts in connection with the incident. He remained in the Bingham County Jail in Blackfoot Friday night, pending a preliminary hearing in Oneida County, where the shooting took place.

Dierkes Lake Park will close Monday while crew pave lot

TWIN FALLS — Dierkes Lake Park will be closed Monday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. as Twin Falls City Parks and Recreation spokeswoman said.

The park will be closed while crews pave the parking lot, the spokeswoman said.

Symms' cable TV show will spotlight health administrator

TWIN FALLS — Republican U.S. Sen. Steve Symms' monthly cable television talk show will feature guest Dr. Gail Wilensky, administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.

"We have serious problems in adequate and affordable health care for Idahoans. This is a great opportunity for the people of Idaho to speak to the person at the top when it comes to Medicare and other health issues," Symms said in a press release.

"Video Town Meeting" will be broadcast on cable channel 10 in Twin Falls and channel 15 in Burley at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Viewers can call in and ask questions at 1-800-736-2255.

Junior champion takes 1st place in Fiddlers' contest

WEISER — A 1987 and 1988 state junior champion has taken another division by storm at the National Oldtime Fiddlers' Contest.

Amy Stukenholtz, 20, Twin Falls, took first place Thursday in the Young Adult Division, said Judge Parsons, secretary for the contest.

Second through fifth-place winners were: Sherry Hill, 25, Idaho Falls; Melissa Harley, 18, Ridgecrest, Calif.; Warren Adams, 20, Spokane; and Julie Barnes, 18, Cottonwood, Calif.

Jerome student will attend Leaders Conference in D.C.

JEROME — Cameron Pringle of Jerome has been selected to attend in the 1991 National Young Leaders Conference next month in Washington, D.C.

Pringle will be among 350 high school students from across the country to attend the conference, sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Mule Creek Road to Magic Hot Springs to close for race

JACKPOT — The Mule Creek Road Race to Magic Hot Springs via Black Cabin Spring will be closed July 6 for an off-road race.

The road will be closed from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The race is sponsored by the Bonneville Off-Road Racing Enthusiasts of Ogden, Utah.

Spectators invited to Clear Springs race, ice cream social

BUHL — Clear Springs Trout Co. has scheduled several activities for the public in conjunction with the Clear Springs Trout-Magic Valley Road Race, part of the Ore-Ida Women's Challenge.

The 93-mile race will begin in Burley at 10:30, travel down U.S. Highway 30 through Murtaugh, Hansen, Kimberly, Twin Falls and Filer to Buhl.

From Buhl the cyclists will continue to race for approximately 40 miles. The racers will turn north at Clear Lake Road, pass by Clear Springs Trout Co., continue on to the Hagerman-Wendell Blvd and then back to Highway 30, where they will proceed east to the finish line in front of Buhl City Hall.

The public is also invited to attend a free ice cream social sponsored by Clear Springs after the race. The event is scheduled for Eastman Park from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Stalled water project angers ranch owner

The Associated Press

BOISE — The owner of a Stanley Basin ranch is accusing the Forest Service of breaking the law by delaying a project that could save dwindling salmon stocks.

The \$1.5 million project, authorized by Congress last year, would increase water flows to Atitrus Lake-Creek and the Salmon River.

As part of the project, Lee Enright of Sun Valley would give up his rights to drain the creek in exchange for a ground water irrigation system on his Buserback Ranch near Stanley.

Forest Service officials deny they are stalling the pro-

ject, saying two citizens have filed an appeal.

The Bonneville Power Administration also has yet to approve it.

Enright said he cannot understand how the Forest Service allowed two people to appeal a project approved by Congress. Retired Sen. Jim McClure inserted it as a rider on an appropriations bill.

"The Forest Service is running straight in the face of Sen. McClure," Enright said. "They are breaking the law. If anyone else did that, they'd be in jail."

The Buserback project is one of some 120 measures considered by the Northwest Power Planning Council to

help the chinook and sockeye salmon that historically returned to the Stanley Basin.

If successful, the project could restore the sockeye run to Alturus Lake. Irrigation has dried up the stream for about 80 years in the fall.

Enright said he is willing to trade his water rights for a new irrigation system, but he is not willing to lose the ranch.

"We stand ready and eager to do what the appropriations bill calls on us to do" if the appeals are resolved, said Forest Service regional recreation chief George Olson.

If not, the Forest Service may try to condemn the ranch, he added.

Officer's injury adds urgency to mystery

The Times-News and The Associated Press

BURLEY — A Cassia County sheriff's deputy who pricked his finger while recovering used hypodermic needles from a Burley field is doing fine and being monitored by a physician, according to the sheriff.

Sheriff Billy Crystal said the deputy is taking the necessary precautions to prevent infections.

The incident added an element of urgency to the job of finding where the needles came from.

Sgt. Dave Tracy said the deputy was treated in the emergency room at Cassia Memorial Hospital, where Dr. Brent Payne said it was unlikely the accident would result in the officer being infected with the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

The possibility of contracting hepatitis was much more likely, Payne said, so the deputy was treated accordingly. He also was given a tetanus shot.

"With needle sticks, you don't know who the needle has been in," the physician said.

The injury occurred Tuesday while deputies were recovering 20 needles found by children.

Payne identified them as butterfly catheters and intravenous needles, some still in plastic sheaths. Amputees of medication found nearby appeared to be of a drug commonly used for nausea and as a sedative, he said.

Also found in the field was a red, 4-inch-square container used to hold medical waste.

The Times-News

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Police are still investigating the accident, Silver said.

Lofty pursuit



Jeffrey Bobbett, 4, keeps steady a Chinese dragon kite as he and his brother, Aaron, prepare to launch the colorful craft at Morningside Elementary School in Twin Falls. Despite the boys' best efforts, they couldn't keep the kite flying as the wind wasn't strong enough for the task.

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Shoshone School District finances back in the black

By Cathryn Stephens Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Board members got good news at their last School Board meeting — the district's budget will be well into the black after this year's fiscal year.

Superintendent Stef Palaniuk said the district will have at least \$75,000 saved up by the end of the budget year. And depending on last minute expenses, he said, the district could have as much as \$200,000 saved for a rainy day.

Palaniuk said the money will be used as an emergency cash fund. The district has money to cover at least two months of operating expenses in reserve in case of emergency needs or unexpected expenses.

"We're going to try to build up a fund balance," Palaniuk said.

He added that he and the board are very pleased to see SHOSHONE/B2

Kimberly superintendent appointed by School Board

By Cathryn Stephens Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — The School Board has chosen a new superintendent for the district — John Garner, of Aptos, Calif., will succeed Superintendent Richard Bauscher.

Garner currently serves as the assistant superintendent for the North Monterey County School District in California, a position he has held since 1984.

He received his credentials in school administration from California State University.

Garner, 45, will begin his duties as superintendent on July 1.

Bauscher's term will end on June 28. He will be moving to the Boise area where he will assume a new position as a university professor and educational specialist for an architectural firm.

In other business, the board:

- Sold the district's old school bus for \$1,150.
- Reviewed 90 percent attendance violations for the second semester. It voted that 59 of the violations shouldn't count against the students, withheld judgement on 10, and denied the requests for OK on 8 of them.
- Announced it will be soliciting bids for the 1991-92 school year for milk, gas, diesel, and coal. Awards will be made during the School Board meeting in July.
- Approved the 1991-92 district budget of \$3 million. The board scheduled the district's annual budget meeting for July 18 at 7:30 p.m.
- Appointed Jill Berry to succeed Zone 5 board member Weldon Shuman, who resigned.
- Approved the hiring of a secondary math teacher, a preschool special education teacher, a secondary industrial technology teacher, and a secondary home economics and language arts teacher.

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Religion

Humanists seek Christians irked by sex rules

NEW YORK (AP) — Convinced that churches aren't going to ease restrictions on sex, the American Humanist Association suggests that Christians shake off their sexual shackles by becoming humanists.

The unusual invitation by the organization of atheists, agnostics and other non-theists — which advocates sexual freedom among consenting adults — resulted from the recent refusal by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to relax its sexual rules.

Considering that a sign that churches generally will stick to their restrictions and anticipating a backlash among members, the association said in an open letter:

"Religion has for too long denied sexuality its legitimate proper place among all other natural human activities. Perhaps now significant numbers of Presbyterians and others in traditional faiths will understand that they have been humanists all along."

"We must therefore open our doors wide to them," said the letter, signed by the association's president, science writer Isaac Asimov. He said those rebuffed by the church's position on sex "have a home in humanism."

The organization's leaders contend that many church members will

be driven to switch to humanism but ironically, Presbyterian leaders claim just the opposite — that the rejection of loosened sex rules scotched massive departures from the church.

The Rev. James M. Efrard, a Presbyterian scholar at Duke University, agreed, saying that what actually would have touched off a mass exodus would have been if the vote had gone the other way.

The humanist association says it has 5,000 dues-paying members nationally and about another 5,000 in local chapters, with 18,000 subscribers to its magazine.

The group previously had not made any specific overtures nationally to two disfavored church members.

"In the past, we have sort of taken the position that we were always here for those who feel disenfranchised," but had not made that explicit, said Frederick Edwards, the association's executive director.

Noting that several Protestant denominations were reviewing their positions on sexuality, the association's executive board at a meeting in May reportedly decided to speak out if church change was not forthcoming.

Presbyterians, the first to act, on June 10 overwhelmingly rejected committee recommendations for

modifying sexual standards to approve mutually caring premarital, post-marital, homosexual and bisexual relations.

Calling it a "momentous decision," Edwards said, "Basically it was the beginning of a whole development in Christian denominations... The decision not to move forward, to hold the line of doctrine, is one that could affect them and us, and could be the cause of great many people becoming humanists."

Edwards said other denominations had been watching closely what the Presbyterians did at their governing assembly in Baltimore because it provided an indication of what other groups are likely to do.

"We anticipate growth in our movement as a result of mainline Protestant denominations turning their backs on modern sexual knowledge," Edwards said. The Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America also are considering revised sexual standards, although not so sweeping a basis as in the rejected Presbyterian report.

Azimov, in his letter, said the Presbyterians' "watershed decision" will affect not only them "but Protestants of every denomination, as well as perhaps adherents of other

faiths."

"It seems to me that the church is unwilling to decisively abandon the sexual mores of the Dark Ages," he wrote. "I predict an exodus from the church of many forward-looking Presbyterians who are now beginning to see the handwriting on the wall, who are finally realizing that Christian values may not be their values."

"Some people initially will not know where to turn. It therefore becomes our obligation to offer the humanist alternative, to demonstrate clearly the relevance of a sexually tolerant humanism to their personal lives."

Protestant churches, as well as Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy, condone sexual intercourse only in heterosexual marriage.

In contrast, the 1973 Humanist Manifesto II approves varied sexual behavior between consenting adults, and in 1976, humanists issued "A New Bill of Sexual Rights and Responsibilities," spelling out broad sexual latitude.

For many individuals should be able to choose their partners and the kinds of sexual expression suited to them, the declaration says, and for some, that includes extramarital relationships with consent of the partners.

Conservative Presbyterians condemn non-marital sex

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — A conservative Presbyterian denomination Tuesday declared that all non-marital sexual relations are sinful and contrary to the Bible.

"Sex is a gift from God which should be expressed only in marriage between a man and a woman," representatives of the Presbyterian Church in America said in a near-unanimous vote.

"Therefore all sexual intercourse outside marriage, including homosexuality and lesbianism, is contrary to God's word and is sin," the statement said.

The Presbyterian Church in America, representing 1,055 churches, plans to release a report on marriage, divorce and remarriage next year. A committee has been working on the report for three years.

But the group decided to issue its statement on extramarital sex to draw attention to its split with the far larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The 224,000-member Presbyterian Church in America broke away from the 2.9-million mem-

ber Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 1973.

A church spokesman, Robert G. Sweet of Atlanta, said the smaller group felt that a statement on morality was needed "because of the assault on the family that's going on."

The General Assembly of the larger Presbyterian body last week considered a report on human sexuality that would have given the church's blessing to premarital sex, homosexuality and bisexuality. The report was widely publicized, but the delegates rejected the recommendations in a 534-31 vote.

The final report of the Presbyterian Church in America will be considered at its 20th General Assembly next year after comments have been received from the presbyteries.

About 1,100 ministers and lay people attended this year's session in Birmingham.

A General Assembly, composed of delegations of pastors and ruling elders from each presbytery, meets yearly to decide issues of doctrine and discipline.

Controversial Seattle archbishop retiring

SEATTLE (AP) — Archbishop Raymond G. Hunthausen, the leader of Western Washington's 336,000 Roman Catholics, Monday announced plans to retire on his 70th birthday Aug. 21.

"It's my own decision," Hunthausen said in a statement. "No one was asking me to retire."

Hunthausen, archbishop since 1975, is retiring to allow his successor to chart the course of long-range archdiocese programs, the statement continued.

The archbishop has been controversial figure, and was disciplined by the Vatican over his liberal positions on homosexuality, divorce and the priesthood. He has also been an outspoken critic of America's military might, and has withheld a portion of his taxes in protest.

Hunthausen said he notified the papal nuncio, the Vatican's ambassador to the United States on Friday of his desire to retire. The nuncio told the archbishop Monday that his request had been accepted by Pope John Paul II.

Hunthausen will be replaced by

his coadjutor archbishop, Thomas Murphy, who was appointed in 1987 by the Vatican to share power in governing the Seattle archdiocese.

Murphy, 58, of Chicago, who will become the third archbishop of Seattle, received an endorsement from the Seattle Catholic community, who called him "my trusted co-worker and dearly-loved brother."

The power-sharing arrangement will expire with Hunthausen's retirement, and Murphy will assume full power in directing affairs of the archdiocese.

Hunthausen's decision to retire had nothing to do with any chafing at the co-adjutor arrangement imposed by the Vatican, according to Kay Lagreed, an archdiocese spokeswoman.

Hunthausen, who is in good health, said he decided to retire early because he felt it was simply time for a new leader, with a new vision, to head the local church. He said he became convinced he should step down when he realized he would not be in office to see the results of some of the long-range planning

now being done by the archdiocese.

"It didn't seem fair to me to facilitate or oversee such plans when I was not the one" who would have to live and work with them, Hunthausen said.

The archdiocese's long-range plans include a comprehensive evaluation of local Catholic schools, a major renovation of Seattle's St. James Cathedral, greater outreach to the University of Washington's Catholic community, and a project to keep all viable parishes open despite a priest shortage.

Murphy's appointment as co-adjutor bishop was the culmination of a prolonged controversy between the Vatican and U.S. bishops that started in 1983 when Rome began an investigation into Hunthausen's liberal views.

The investigation resulted in sanctions against Hunthausen and the appointment in 1985 of Seattle Auxiliary Bishop Donald Wuerl, a former Vatican official and just seven months a bishop.

In a move that stunned the Catholic community, Wuerl was

given complete authority in Seattle over five areas of administration: the liturgy, marriage, theological instruction for priests, moral issues in health care, and ministry to homosexuals. It was an extraordinary action usually reserved to when an archbishop is too sick to administer.

A commission of U.S. bishops and cardinals restored Hunthausen's power in 1987, reassigning Wuerl and appointed Murphy as co-adjutor.

Hunthausen, a grocer's son from Anaconda, Mont., first gained international attention in 1981 when he called the Bangor Trident submarine base "the Auschwitz of Puget Sound." Hunthausen joined several protests at the base.

Hunthausen's wages were garnished by the IRS after he attempted to withhold payment of half his income tax as a protest against the nuclear-arms race.

Advertisers can shout it from the steepletop

ARNHEM, Netherlands (AP) — Officials here have a new idea to raise money for the restoration of a 15th century church — put a billboard on its steeple.

The Arnhem Church Restoration Committee says it will give advertising space on the 315-foot steeple of St. Eusebius Church to any company willing to pay \$1.5 million to ward its restoration.

"We weren't thinking of condom advertisements in particular, but I don't see why not," committee member Jan Wessels said.

The steeple was damaged in 1944 during the World War II Battle of Arnhem, and is the subject of the movie "A Bridge Too Far."

The Dutch Reformed Church structure has been rarely used since for religious services. Fragments fall daily from the tower, and several

"We weren't thinking of condom advertisements..."

— Jan Wessels, restoration committee

years ago one pierced the roof of a passing car and injured its driver.

The stone steeple, the highest in the city, towers over the flat farmland of the eastern Netherlands and is visible 12 miles away.

The city wants the tower restored by 1994 for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the World War II battle, in which British and American airborne troops failed in their attempt to bridge the Rhine and invade Nazi Germany.

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Idaho/West

Briefly

Graduate returns to U of I as director
 MOSCOW — Linda Davidson is returning to her alma mater as the new executive director of development at the University of Idaho and its foundation.
 Davidson is the assistant vice chancellor for development at the University of Tennessee.
 "It is the perfect combination," said Harry Peterson, UI vice president for university relations and development. "It is somebody who knows the state of Idaho and the University of Idaho and is a real qualified professional in development."

Anti-abortion sign prompts meeting
 AHSANKA — Clearwater County officials and a local church disagree whether an upcoming public hearing over an anti-abortion sign is about abortion or zoning.
 A July 15 hearing has been set after a complaint was filed with the county about a sign erected last week along a county highway.
 The sign, which measures 5 feet high and 11 feet long, depicts an infant girl wearing a diaper with the message: "Kill her now ... it's murder. Kill her before birth ... it's abortion."
 Lou McGoldrick, county zoning administrator, said Wednesday the planning and zoning commission will review Rev. Ron Beeman's application for a zoning change and a conditional-user permit.

Boise girl dies in single-car rollover
 BOISE — A 13-year-old Boise girl has died in a single-car rollover south of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho State Police say.
 Holly Behrendt was pronounced dead at the scene Thursday afternoon on Skunk Creek Road off Idaho 55, police said.
 Driver Tasha Scoggins, 18, of Boise, was southbound on the gravel road at 3:50 p.m. when she lost control of her vehicle on a curve, police said. The car slid off the road and rolled onto its top, partially ejecting the driver.

Couple indicted on pornography charges
 BOISE — A Boise couple has been indicted by a grand jury on sex and child pornography charges involving a 17-year-old girl, the Ada County prosecutor's office says.
 Milt Dale Jenks, 33, and Mary K. Jenks, 26, were each charged Thursday with two counts of possession of child pornography, said Lamont Anderson, deputy prosecuting attorney.
 Mirt Jenks also was charged with one count of rape, while Mary Jenks was charged with one count of infamous crime against nature, he said.

City hopes to pave way for prison camp
 ST. ANTHONY — The St. Anthony City Council meets Monday on changes to its comprehensive plan that could clear the way for work to resume on a state prison work camp.
 The Department of Corrections wants to finish converting the old Fremont General Hospital building into a work camp for low-risk prisoners. In response to a citizen lawsuit to block the project, the City Council plans a hearing on its proposal to create a public service district which would allow the project, along with other changes.

Andrus appoints 2 to Youth Commission
 BOISE — The Idaho Commission for Children and Youth has two new members.
 Gov. Cecil Andrus announced Friday he has appointed Bill Heffner of Salmon and Bill Morrison of Boise to the commission. Both will serve until March, 1993 and represent young people on the commission.

Service pushes new 'adoption' program
 BOISE — The state of Idaho has been successful in its "adopt a highway" program, getting volunteers to keep a designated stretch of road clear of litter.
 Now the U.S. Forest Service has come up with "adopt a trail" looking for volunteers to maintain forest trails.
 The Boise National Forest said the number of people using forest trails has gone up, but funding for maintenance has decreased. Many trails have deteriorated, making them difficult or dangerous to travel.
 The Treasure Valley Trail Machine Association is one of the first groups to "adopt a trail."

Compiled from wire reports

Sho-Bans OK chinook harvest

POCATELLO (AP) — Members of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have been authorized to spear spring chinook salmon, in a season which will run from July 3-12 on all waters above the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, the tribal council says.
 Specific regulations will be announced soon, tribal biologist Keith Kutchins said Friday.
 Although the Snake River run has been proposed for endangered species status and no general salmon fishing will be permitted by the state this year, the tribe has treaty rights to make its own fishing decisions.
 Kutchins said the Sho-Bans usually harvest 1-2.5 percent of the run. This year, 6,617 fish passed over Lower Granite Dam, 34 percent of the 10-year average.
 "There will be no biological impact taking 25 fish out of the thousands which will be in the area," said Kutchins. "What nobody seems to understand is the number of fishers we have is a mere fraction of the (non-tribe) fishers. This fishery is self-regulating. If they go up there and there aren't any fish, they don't catch any."
 Dexter Pittman, anonymous fisheries manager for the Fish and Game Department, said the agency is concerned about the tribe's plan to take 25 fish.
 "We have real concerns about the area above the Sawtooth Fish Hatchery," Pittman said. "We depend on natural spawning to keep genetic productivity. We need them to get to the spawning grounds. We strongly suggest to the Sho-Bans that they not fish there."
 Trish Klahr of the Idaho Conservation League's Salmon Survival Watch said "our fears are that the tribal spear fishermen would take wild salmon."
 She said up to 40 percent of the run is composed of wild fish. Pittman said most of the fish in the upper Salmon "have some hatchery connotation and we don't view most areas where they would be fishing as wild fish areas."

Decision threatens landfill

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Bonneville County officials say a pending federal decision to designate the Snake River Aquifer the sole source of drinking water for many Idaho communities will force the county to abandon its first choice for a new landfill site.
 Pending state regulations ban new landfills from being placed over sole-source aquifers. County officials say because of that, they might have to consider locating the new dump in foothills east of Idaho Falls.
 "That's likely to draw fire from residents who don't want trash trucks passing through their communities."
 The 640-acre Kettle Butte site, about 16 miles west of Idaho Falls, is the county's first choice for a new landfill. Jefferson County also is considering a new landfill above the aquifer near Mary Lake.
 "Bill Manwill, Bonneville County engineer, said the county will have to abandon the Kettle Butte site and focus on four sites east of Idaho Falls."
 "You can't get to the foothills without going through some housing," said Manwill.

Safety concerns halt INEL project

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The 380 construction workers at the Fuel Process Restoration project at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory were idled Friday when work was suspended because of safety concerns.
 The Department of Energy sent a "tiger team" inspection crew to the site for an in-depth review this week, and it immediately turned up safety problems.
 MK-Ferguson of Idaho, INEL's construction manager, said work on the \$400 million FPR facility will remain shut down until the safety problems are fixed.
 The specific concerns included improper barricading of construction "pits" and scaffolds and ledgers that require upgrading to meet current standards. MK-Ferguson said the concerns do not pose a health or safety threat to the general public.
 "We don't know exactly why our people were laid off, but we've been told there apparently were some kind of safety violations at the project," said Ed Barbbery, business agent for the Ironworkers Union in Pocatello.
 Bob Lawrence, MK-Ferguson president and general manager, said the company has begun an investigation of the safety matters. Work until the investigation is complete and confirmed violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act have been corrected.
 INEL is not required to comply with OSHA standards, but the federal nuclear research center is working closely with the agency to meet job-safety regulations on a voluntary basis, said Department of Energy spokesman Brad Bugger.
 Lawrence said MK-Ferguson plans safety compliance inspections on all other ongoing construction projects at INEL. He said those in-

Pocatello agrees to state cleanup terms

POCATELLO (AP) — The city of Pocatello has agreed to state terms for cleaning up water contamination at the abandoned Pocatello Creek landfill.
 City officials plan to meet with Idaho Division of Environmental Quality representatives Tuesday to finalize the agreement.
 "If we agree to sign the order, the state has indicated it will not file suit against us, nor will the state try and impose a \$1,000-a-day fine because of the water contamination problems," city attorney Dean Tranner said Friday.
 The agreement calls for the city to provide municipal water to Pocatello Creek Road homeowners who can document their private wells were contaminated by material leaching through the landfill. The city also will study the extent of contamination and ways to remedy any problems it causes.
 In exchange, the state will determine which homeowners are eligible to receive city water, Tranner said.
 Pocatello has been getting "quite a few requests" from people for the water who don't even live close to the landfill, he said.
 "It has not been decided whether eligible homeowners will be connected to the city water system at all still pretty new and we're still working through a lot of the intricate details."

County wants to limit information in slaying

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Bonneville County authorities want district court to limit information about a 1989 double homicide they must reveal in a civil lawsuit filed by the children of one of the victims.
 Revealing too much information could jeopardize the prosecutor's ability to file criminal charges later, county attorney Scott Hall said Thursday.
 Hall asked 7th District Judge Ted Wood to restrict access to the criminal investigation, but acknowledged authorities are not close to filing charges.
 William Gray Jr., Jackson, Wyo., husband of one of the victims, is the defendant in a civil lawsuit filed by their children. It alleges that Gray killed Betty Lou Gray to get insurance proceeds.
 "Criminal charges have not been filed against Gray in the case."
 Attorneys for both Gray and his children say broad access is necessary to proceed with the civil case.
 "They should be restricted in their discovery so that the prosecution of the criminal case is not violated," said Hall.
 Wood said he will rule soon on that motion and others made at the hearing.
 Gray's wife, 47, of Jackson, and Récda Kboundy, 49, were found shot to death July 24, 1989, in Roundy's residence east of Idaho Falls.
 The Grays' children, Jeffrey Gray and Sara Hoffman, filed a wrongful death suit. It alleges Gray killed his wife and seeks unspecified damages from him and the proceeds of four insurance policies on the woman. Their father has denied the allegation and filed a counterclaim seeking the insurance money.
 Gray's attorney, Richard Mulligan, argued it's difficult to defend Gray without access to the information.

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Sports

Women's No. 1 seed pulls out of Wimbledon

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England - Top-seeded Monica Seles pulled out of the Wimbledon tennis championships Friday with an undisclosed injury, ending her chances of winning the Grand Slam this year.

Seles was forced to withdraw "due to an injury caused by a minor accident," her agent said in a statement issued through the All England Club.

No details on the nature of the injury or accident were given, but the statement said the world's top-ranked women's was expected back on the tour "in a few weeks."

"I am very disappointed to miss Wimbledon this year, but look forward to returning in 1992," the 17-year-old Yugoslav said in the statement.

The announcement of Seles' withdrawal,

just three days before the start of Wimbledon, caught tournament officials by surprise.

"This has all come as a complete mystery to me," said Alan Mills, the Wimbledon referee. "I received the news only this afternoon: It is very disappointing."

Alan Little, the honorary librarian at the Wimbledon museum, said Seles was the first top seed to drop out since the championships began in 1877.

Seles, who lives in Florida, was reported to be in the United States. She had complained of shin problems during the French Open earlier this month.

But players and officials said they had heard nothing recently to indicate Seles had been injured.

Wimbledon officials referred questions on Seles' injury to her agents in Cleveland, the International Management Group. But IMG



Seles officials said they had no details either.

Seles

television commentary this year.

"I am just very shocked after the way she played the French," Evert said. "I guess something happened in the interim that caused the injury and I think every one would be very curious what it is."

Seles won the first two legs of the Grand

Slam this year, the Australian and French Opens. Wimbledon and the U.S. Open are the other two Grand Slam events.

Steffi Graf, who replaced her as top seed, was the last woman to win the Grand Slam, achieving the feat in 1988.

"Just hope she'll be healthy in time for the Open," said Martina Navratilova, after learning of Seles' withdrawal. The nine-time Wimbledon champion was playing at the Eastbourne tournament. "She won the first two legs of the Grand Slam, so that is out. You don't get into that position very often. I'm sure there's nobody that's more disappointed than her."

Seles was seeded No. 1 at Wimbledon even though grass is not considered her best surface. In her two previous appearances at Wimbledon, she lost in the fourth round in 1989 and the quarterfinals in 1990.

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 - Detroit 9, California 2
 - Toronto 3, Cleveland 4
 - Boston 3, Oakland 2
 - Seattle 5, Milwaukee 2
 - Baltimore-Kansas City, post play
 - Seattle 7, Chicago 2

- National League**
- Pittsburgh 7, Montreal 3
 - Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0
 - Astoria 4, New York 2
 - St. Louis 4, San Diego 2

Sportslate

- Today**
- Bowling: Dry-Idle Challenge, 10 a.m., Boise to Idaho City
 - Rodeo: Idaho High School Finals, 1 p.m.; Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Fair
 - Swimming: Twin Falls Long Course, all day city pool

Sports on TV

- Noon - Channel 13, Bowling Hall of Fame Tournament
- 1 p.m. - Channel 12, Baseball, Pirates at Dodgers
- 2:30 p.m. - Channel 7, golf, Arhusse-Stueck Classic
- 2:30 p.m. - Channel 8, USA World of Sports (Hartem Gobiello and Mountain biking)
- 3 p.m. - Channel 13, golf, Pan Webber Senior Invitational
- 2:05 p.m. - Channel 8, baseball, New York at Atlanta

Briefly

Idaho golfer advances to Publinx semifinals

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. - Tracy Hanson of Rathdrum won her first two match play battles Friday and advance to the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Publinx Golf Tournament.

Hanson downed Jenny Hecht of Michigan 2 and 1 in the morning round and followed with a 4-3 decision over Tina Palermotto of Athens, Ga.

She will meet Lisa Smego of Olympia, Wash., in today's morning round.

Western Montana College signs 2 Magic Valley gridders

TWIN FALLS - Two Magic Valley football players have signed letters of intent with Western Montana College of Dillon.

They include 5-10, 185-pound defensive back Mike Bradley, Kimberly, who plans to major in history, and Matt Billings, a 6-1, 250-pound offensive lineman from Minico.

Summer Games of Idaho to include shooting categories

POCATELLO - Five ranges near Pocatello, Blackfoot and Idaho Falls will host the various shooting competitions for the 1991 First Security Summer Games of Idaho July 6-7 and 13-14.

Competition will take place in categories including black powder, trap, BB gun, air rifle, high power rifle, rifle silhouette, air rifle silhouette, three-position small bore rifle, combat pistol, air pistol, free pistol, standard pistol and rapid fire pistol. In many events there will be separate categories for men, women and youth as well as skill-level divisions.

Entry fees are \$10 per individual. For more information call the games office at 1-800-44-GAMES.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportsquote

"I think Monica is going to have to come up with, not a better reason, but a specific explanation, because Wimbledon just happens to be the biggest tournament in the world."

99 — Chris Evert on No. 1 seed withdrawing from tourney



Clark Christensen fights a losing battle against 'Fool's Gold' for a no time in the bareback riding contest during Friday night.

District 5 champ, Jerome cowboy vie for high school all around title

By Ron Gates
Times-News writer

FILER - Friday's performance in the 1991 Idaho High School Rodeo Championship Finals completed the third round of timed events and a second in rough-stock.

Today's rodeo, the wind up of a five-day event which qualifies the top four in each event for the National Finals Rodeo in Shawnee, Okla. in July, is scheduled to be-

gin promptly at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

Featured there will be the top 10 contestants, based on average in 10 events. Coronation of a new queen will precede that performance, a picnic for the competitors will follow.

Early leaders for all around cowboy include Ty Joslin with 40 points, Pat Page and Sam Gorrell, 38, District 5 all around champ Jake Gorrell, 36, and Jeff Rupert of Jerome with 32.

Leading the girls' race are Stefanie Doby

44.5, Shery Jo Roche and Lori Fox with 41, Shoshone's Tammy O'Malley 37, Charlis Lloyd of Jerome, 34, and Jennifer Sparks, 33. The latter two took similar honors in districts 5 and 6, respectively.

The cream of the rest of the state rose to the occasion on Friday with Lanny Burtenshaw registering 64 points on the final ride in bareback and Jace Davis clocking 4.783 in steer wrestling.

Tracy Burch and 1990 all around cowgirl Please see RODEO/BB

Baseball commissioner favors axing designated hitter

The American League overreacted its attendance problems, but Vincent said, "I think the game took care of itself. I doubt the DH had anything to do with it."

He added that he believes any move to abolish the DH rule would run into resistance from the Major League Players Association, since the DH opportunity can extend the careers of some players.

Three who have wrapped up their careers serving primarily in the DH role include Reggie Jackel, Don Baylor, Hal McRae, Dave Kingman and Orlando Cepeda.

Black, a 10-year major league veteran now with the San Francisco Giants, is batting .257 (9-for-35) in his first National League season. He never had an opportunity to bat as an American League.

The AL, which has had the DH rule since 1973, was suffering attendance problems at the time in comparison to the NL. The DH rule was adopted as a way to juice up the offensive show, and it has put several established hitters into batting orders who wouldn't have played regularly if they had to field a position.

Pitching carries Dodgers to top of NL West

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Poor Dodgers. Darryl Strawberry is sidelined by a nagging shoulder injury, and he was hitting just .224, anyway.

Kevin Gross, another expensive off-season acquisition, has a 5.03 earned run average and a 4-5 record. He's been banished to the bullpen.

Orel Hershiser, although he's pitched well since coming back from reconstructive shoulder surgery, has only one win to show for five starts.

Key reserves Stan Javier, Gary Carter and Mike Sharperson all are struggling down around the .200 mark.

Poor Dodgers: Leading the National League West by only six games as they headed into Friday night's game against the NL East-leading Pittsburgh Pirates.

While they've waited for everything to fall into place, the Dodgers have managed to post the major league's second-best record, 40-25.

Their pitching has been outstanding, both by the starters and the relievers. Los Angeles' team ERA is 2.98, lowest in the majors.

The bullpen already has 19 saves, including 11 by Jay Howell, compared to 29 for the club all last season. The well-traveled John Candelaria has a 1.69 ERA in 27 appearances.

Ramon Martinez, the ace of the starting staff since Hershiser hurt his shoulder early last season, has a 10-3 record and a 2.73 ERA.

"Our starting pitching has been great and our relief pitching has been even better," catcher Mike Scioscia said. "The bullpen guys are more of a key to us than our starting pitching."

"Geez, I've never been on a team with a pitching staff like this," said outfielder Brett Butler, who came to the Dodgers from the Giants over

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— Dodgers catcher Mike Scioscia

the winter as a free agent and, as the leadoff man, he scored 46 runs, among the most in the league.

While pitching has been their strength, the Dodgers also have benefited from solid hitting from some unexpected sources. Their team batting average is .254, led by Juan Samuel at .329 and Lenny Harris at .325.

Going into Friday night's game, the Dodgers had won five straight and 19 of their last 27. Their winning percentage of .615 was their best since late in the 1988 season, when they won the NL pennant and World Series.

"We're getting a tremendous amount of production from two guys who weren't necessarily counted on — Juan Samuel and Lenny Harris," Hershiser said. "And we've got those other guys, too. They've contributed and I'm sure they'll contribute more."

"The pitching has really hit its stride the last three weeks or so..."

"It's been a real team effort," manager Tom LaSorda said. "I'm not surprised, but I'm happy."

"We have come together over the past couple of weeks," added Fred Claire, the team's executive

vice president. "Each of the three basic phases of the game have come together. Our defense has really come together — (third baseman) Lenny Harris, (shortstop) Alfredo Griffin and (second baseman) Juan Samuel have all done an excellent job."

And Brett Butler has done a lot for our ball club. Our pitching has come together. Orel has had a lot to do with that and Bobby Ojeda has pitched very well recently. Offensively, you have Samuel. They have really generated the offense for us."

And, almost to a man, the Dodgers seem convinced there are even better things ahead.

"There's so much talent on this team. When we get going on all cylinders, it's really going to be fun," Ojeda said.

Presumably fun for the Dodgers, not for the Reds, Braves and the rest of the West. Frighteningly enough for them, the Dodgers do indeed look like a team that hasn't yet hit full stride.

Strawberry, on the 15-day disabled list, will be back and can reasonably be expected to regain his hitting touch. He's hit just .224. Hershiser, throwing well and growing stronger with each outing, seems poised to rack up some victories.

Los Angeles' success has prompted memories of 1988.

"We're getting contributions from everyone; it's like the team that won in '88," Scioscia said. "That's the way this team is going to have to win this year."

Hershiser, reflecting on a pair of dramatic comebacks by the Dodgers in consecutive victories over the Cubs this week, said, "These kind of wins remind me of 1988. There's a lot of talent in this locker room."

Commissioner to look into Rose appearance

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent says Pete Rose's appearance at a minor league banquet in Reading, Pa., raises some serious questions about whether Rose violated the order banning him from baseball.

Rose, banned for life in 1989 by then-commissioner Bart Giamatti for gambling on baseball, was a guest Thursday night when the Reading Phillies retired Mike Schmidt's jersey.

"I will look into it," Vincent said. "I didn't know about it. My understanding is that the agreement says he can not participate in any form of activity related to organized baseball."

The Reading Phillies, however, disagree, pointing out that their organization is covered by the National Association charter, not major league baseball.

"They do like to try to govern matters that they already do," said Chuck Domino, general manager of the Reading Phillies, Philadelphia's Class AA minor league affiliate. "To my knowledge, we did nothing wrong and no one has

ever specifically told anybody in minor league baseball or the Reading Phillies that we're not allowed to use anybody on a suspended list..."

"We were never told we were not permitted, so we went under the assumption it was OK."

Domino said Rose's appearance had been planned for six months but kept a secret. Domino said his Phillies didn't want to use it as a promotion and wanted to keep it as a surprise for Schmidt.

"We did it for Mike Schmidt's sake," Domino said. "Rose was unable to attend Mike Schmidt's Philadelphia jersey retirement last year, and we thought that since nothing prevents us from using Pete, it would be a good idea. It went fantastic. The fans loved it. Schmidt was thoroughly surprised, and it's a night none of them will forget."

Rose, who had a 27-year big league career as a player and manager, played with Schmidt and the Philadelphia Phillies for five years, leading the team to its only World Series championship in 1980.

NBA teams feel capped by salary restrictions

The Washington Post

Now we will see how cooperative everyone in the NBA is willing to be. With expansion money going and television money flattening out, more teams will feel the pinch of the league's salary cap.

That may limit free-agent movement more than ever. As the July 1 deadline for signing free agents before they are eligible to talk with other teams approaches, most teams are already hogged for next year.

Only a handful of clubs will have room to sign free agents. Most, like the Washington Bullets, won't have salary room to sign anyone unless they can trade one of their current players.

"Nobody's got money," Bullets General Manager John Nash said.

Right now the Bullets have no room. The acquisition of guard Michael Adams from the Denver Nuggets earlier this month added a \$1,225 million base salary to Washington's payroll for next season.

Denver would desperately like to unload his \$17 million contract.

Atlanta will also have some finances loosened when it renounces veteran Moses Malone and his \$2.5 million salary next month.

There are precious few unrestricted free agents of value. Unrestricted free agents can sign with any team without their former team receiving compensation. Restricted free agents can still be claimed by their original team if it matches the offer from another club.

The most prominent may be Atlanta Hawks guard John Battle and Utah Jazz forward Mike Brown.

Battle, who averaged 13.6 points in 79 games last season, is looking for an average of around \$1.7 million on his next deal.

Brown is mulling whether to take a \$2 million-per-year offer from IU Messaggero, the wealthy Italian team for which current NBA players Danny Ferry and Briant Shaw have competed.

"Talking generally, I don't think any of the fellows want to see me leave," Brown said. "But they all say I'm dumb for not taking the money that's already out there. They said, 'Take the money and we'll see you in the summer.'"

The newly crowned champion Chicago Bulls have to address the unrestricted status of center Bill Cartwright and guard John Paxson. But there's no indication that that is anything but a formality.

Among other unrestricted free agents are Philadelphia 76ers guards Rickey Green and Andre Turner, Orlando Magic center Greg Kite and Sacramento Kings center Bill Wennington, and veterans Brad Davis, Kelly Tripucka and Wayne "Tree" Rollins.

Among the restricted free agents, the most attractive is former Bullets guard Jeff Malone, who is locked in negotiations with Utah over the length and not the amount of a contract. Malone wants five years; the Jazz have offered three.

Heat center inks contract extension to rank him just below NBA's top 3

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Heat center Rony Seikaly has signed a multiyear, multimillion-dollar contract extension that would rank him a salary notch below the NBA's top three centers, his agent said Friday.

The "long-term contract" would place the fourth-year player right below New York's Patrick Ewing, Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon and San Antonio's David Robinson, said agent Steve Kaufman. Terms were not disclosed.

"The Heat, people around the league and I agree that there are only three centers better than Rony," Kaufman said at a team news conference announcing the agreement. "We placed him in the next echelon of centers."

Seikaly, 25, had two years remaining on his contract before Heat management approached him to renegotiate. He was to be paid \$753,000 this year and \$1 million in the 1992-93 season under the old contract.

"I don't know whether this is a dream or true," Seikaly said. "Maybe I'm still dreaming. I don't think it's

going to hit me until we're holding the trophy in this locker room and pouring champagne over each other."

Seikaly was Miami's first-ever draft pick, chosen ninth in the 1988 draft. The 6-foot-11-center has shown steady improvement since his playing days at Syracuse University.

He averaged 10.9 points and 7.0 rebounds in his rookie season and then earned the NBA's most improved player award for the 1989-90 season after averaging 16.6 points and 10.4 rebounds a game.

Seikaly played only 64 games last season because of a knee injury. His point production, dipped to 16.4 in 1989-90, but his rebounding improved to 11.1 a game. He had six games with more than 20 rebounds.

"We wanted to show Rony what he means to us," said Heat managing partner Lewis Schoffel. "And not just with a pat on the back or words. We feel Rony is one of the best centers in the league, and at his age and with his commitment to be the best he can, he will continue to improve."



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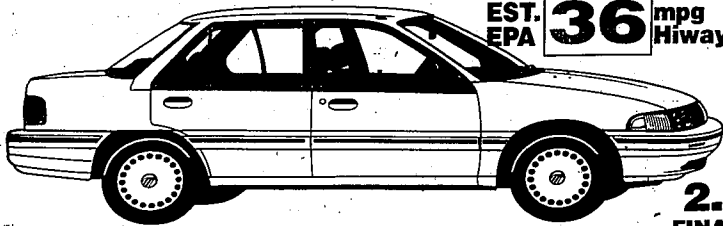
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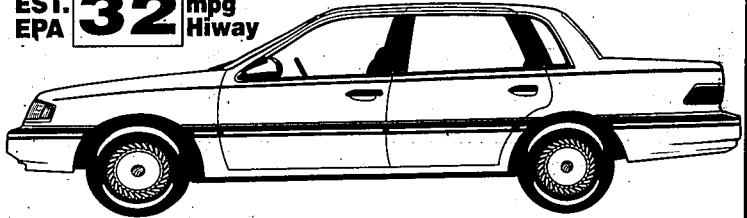
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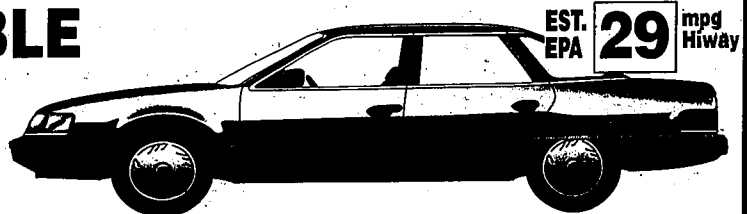
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Killer bees threaten Idaho's keepers

Possible quarantines would keep Gem hives at home, slash owners' income

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Killer bees might never reach southern Idaho, but that doesn't mean they won't sting beekeepers here.

They've already hit Texas and they are on their way to California. Public health officials are talking about quarantines to prevent them from spreading farther.

That would put local beekeepers in a sticky situation. A large part of their income comes from California orchardists who pay them to pollinate crops.

"I'm sure that if they quarantined it so that we couldn't go to California that would end our existence," said Bill Lemmons, a Buhl beekeeper. "A viable part of our income is almond pollination, and here in the Magic Valley that's true of a lot of us."

Fury

Killer bees — "Africanized bees" — experts — were released in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 1957. They protect their hives with fury, swarming over intruders and stinging them repeatedly.

They've killed hundreds of South Americans in countries that were ill prepared for the onslaught.

They have pressed slowly northward. Two weeks ago, a south Texas man survived an attack by a swarm that emerged from a drain pipe as he mowed a lawn.

The wild bands of bees are not expected to survive in the northern states.

But, "beekeeping is a highly mobile industry," Ellis said. "Idaho beekeepers go to seven states for pollination jobs."

Killer bees mingle and interbreed with domestic honeybees, making hives dangerous to beekeepers and nearby residents.

"Anyone with any brains at all will not over-winter their bees in Texas this year," said Chip Taylor, a University of Kansas bee expert.

Hoping to keep the stinging swarms away from population centers, Texas regulators have already quarantined eight coun-

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ties, a pattern that could spread across the South during the next three years.

Another group of bees is buzzing toward California through Sinaloa, a state in northwest Mexico.

Within three years, they could invade the Golden State's orchards and stir up a whole nest of trouble for southern Idaho beekeepers.

Troubles

California growers now use 600,000 bee colonies to pollinate their various crops. Only 350,000 of those hives stay in California year-round.

"If it weren't for the California almond pollination, we'd be out of business," said Lemmons, who sends his bees to the San Juanin Valley every winter.

The Idaho bee industry already has plenty of troubles. Hay growers are cutting alfalfa before it blooms. In good years, the spring bloom season is too short, but drought has worsened the problem in the past five years.

And a bee-killing mite epidemic has further cut beekeepers' income.

That leaves beekeepers dependent on pollination fees to make up for their sagging honey production.

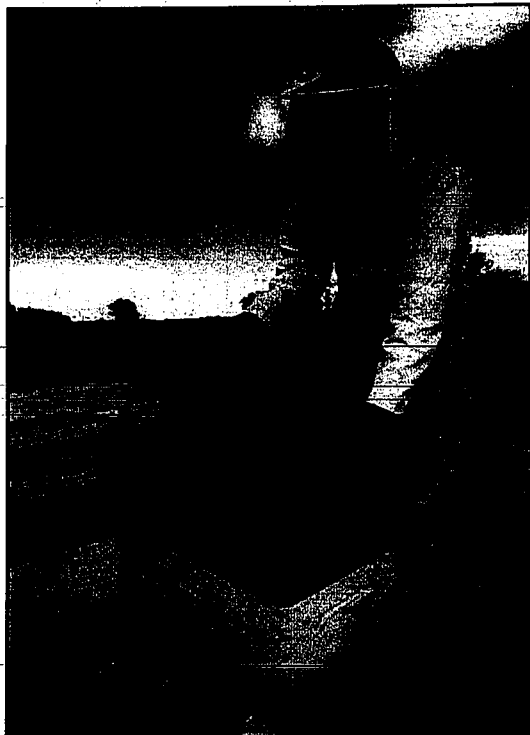
"We're getting kind of squeezed," Lemmons said.

But California may not follow Texas' lead, a state official said.

"Pollination is needed so badly, and makes so much money that we're going to have to work something out," said Dr. Iai Siddiqui, California director of plant industries.

The USDA has also promised to protect California agriculture from bee quarantines, but Taylor, the Kansas bee expert, scoffs.

"The health department won't let bees come back up north," said Taylor. "If they determine that this is a public health hazard, it doesn't matter what the USDA says, they will overrule them."



ERIC SALSBURY/The Times-Herald

A 'viable part' of Bill Lemmons' income comes from bees he takes to California every winter so they can pollinate almond crops there

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Idaho dairy farmers spoke out against low milk prices this week in Jerome and Washington. As part of a nationwide protest Friday sponsored by several farm groups, Becky Peterson, left, and her father, Vern Merritt, hung a banner atop gas tanks along side I-84 reading, "Save Family Farms 1-900-EO-FARM." Callers got information of the dairy crisis and the farm groups got \$2 per call. Other dairy farmers traveled to the U.S. Capitol to testify at hearings. See stories on page 3 and 10.

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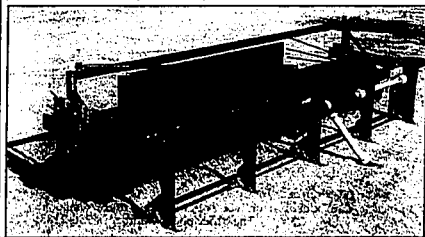
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Opinions vary on killer bees' effect on industry

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Will the killer bee sweeten Idaho agriculture or raise a welt on the state's beekeeping industry?

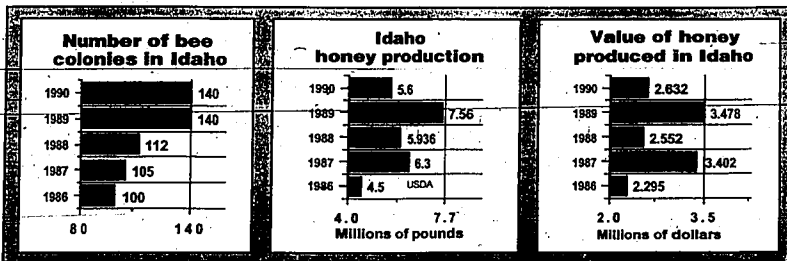
"If you get 18 experts in a room and listen to what each one of them has to say on that you will get 22 different opinions," said James Ellis, secretary of the Idaho Honey Industry Association.

"There's something about stinging, buzzing arthropods that causes people to panic," said Jera Curry, spokesman for the California Department of Plant Industries.

A few scenarios, good and bad:

- Idaho might become a very popular place to grow vegetable seeds if bees in southern states become too dangerous to use as pollinators. "As the south areas become less hospitable to beekeepers, you're going to see those beekeepers go out of business," Ellis said.

That could prove hard for California growers who depend on the bees. "Maybe seed producers would move up into the valley," said Bill Lemmons, a Buhl beekeeper.



- The bees could bankrupt Idaho's beekeepers.

Idaho beekeeper now replenish their hives with queens and "packaged bees" from southern states like California.

"If we pick up too many Africanized bees in the south, we may have to buy marked queens from Canada," Lemmons said. "The cost could be staggering."

- The killers could mate with bees from

Idaho hives and produce cold-resistant hybrids that might attack Idahoans.

Pure-bred killer bees aren't expected to survive much further north than San Francisco.

But, "If you get a hybrid, you'll have the viciousness of the Africanized bee and the ability to survive the cold of the European bee," said Meryl Cox, an Idaho Falls beekeeper.

- If the dangerous bees do get as far as Ida-

ho they won't prove the public health scourge they were in South America.

Vicious hybrid bees may panic Idahoans into banning beekeeping, but that would be a mistake, Cox said.

"The best defense against the Africanized bee is a healthy European bee," Cox said. "Scientists are changing their minds every week and they usually have to bow down and say beekeepers had the right idea to start with."

Local dairymen wage price fight in Washington

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Congress stands firmly behind a proposed two-tiered price support system for milk, a Rupert dairyman-turned-lobbyist said Wednesday.

But the free-trading mood at the White House could stymie a new milk subsidy program favored by the dairy industry, said Chad Bailey during a telephone interview from his Washington hotel.

"It looks like we're getting the support to have something done right away," Bailey said hours after testifying before the Senate Agriculture Committee. "We got a unanimous response on the House side and so far as I can tell the Senate side supports it too."

President Bush is gearing up for GATT and North American Free Trade Agreement talks and is likely to resist federal price-support programs, said Bailey.

Under a two-tier system, USDA would determine basic production requirements to satisfy domestic, export and reserve needs. Dairymen would be asked to produce their share of the total first-tier needs, based on their historic production levels.

A government-set first-tier support price would be based on production costs; under a plan advocated by the National Farmers Union.

Milk produced in excess of a dairy's quota would receive a lower price.

In addition to testifying before House and Senate committees, Bailey, accompanied by his son Brandon and a contingent of Magic Valley dairy farmers, has spent this week visiting congressmen, including Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, and Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho.

Their trip was a joint effort of the Idaho Rural Council and the National Farmers Union.

"It was pretty interesting," said Brandon Bailey, 16. "I talked to Stallings ... and a guy who was in a right hand man to Senator Symms."

Ted Sullivan, an aide to Rep. Stallings, said Brandon seemed to be enjoying his trip.

"He was pretty wide eyed," Sullivan said. "He seemed like a nice young man — he ran and got some more brochures for us. A lot of times people think Washington is this huge bureaucracy. But at least here it's just a bunch of people from Idaho trying to do a job."

The elder Bailey said the government has bumbled in its efforts to prop up dairies.

"The industry has suffered because there is no dairy policy," he said. "Reagan took away price supports in the early 1980s and the dairy industry continues to be destabilized."

Bailey said that during the last few weeks low milk prices have driven over 2,000 small dairies out of business, with mid-size dairies next in line.

"We're in far worse straits than people realize," he said. "Processors want cheap milk and they're enjoying this."

While dairy farmers sell off their cows to stay ahead of creditors, others are getting rich from their labor, he said.

"Often times the dairy case is the most profitable place in a grocery store — that came out during testimony," said Bailey.

After a week of speaking to committees and visiting with congressmen, what does Bailey think of government?

"... I feel good about the way the American system works," he said. "If a person is treated unfairly they should get due process of law. Dairies have not been treated fairly, and as a result we're going to the House and the Senate."

Cost-effective lawn mowers cause cemetery controversy

ORWELL, Vt. (AP) — There's no denying that two dozen sheep have been cost-effective lawn mowers at this town's two cemeteries, but many say letting animals graze over graves is too much.

"My Aunt Mabel is in there," said Tyson Allen, who along with 135 others signed a petition urging officials to eject the sheep. "If Aunt Mabel had wanted to be buried in a sheep pasture, she would have conveyed to us."

The town's three-member board of selectmen ordered the sheep out Tuesday.

favor of having those sheep in that cemetery," said Chairman Ron Huntley. "The problem is that people are threatening to turn the sheep loose or to shoot them."

Huntley said he voted against the sheep on the condition that petitioners abide by their promise to maintain the cemetery.

Jean Beck, who owns the sheep, was the low bidder last winter when the selectmen were looking for ways to maintain the lawns at Lakeview and North Orwell cemeteries.

Her \$250 bid was well ahead of competitors, whose bids ran up to \$3,000.

Briefly

Vo-ag teachers return to school

TWIN FALLS — Thirty high school agriculture teachers from around Idaho gathered at the College of Southern Idaho last week to "keep up with current trends in agriculture" said the University of Idaho's agriculture education director.

"Agriculture is bigger than plows, cows, dirt and soil," said John Mundt. "It's more than just production. It's money management, field representatives, agronomy — the world is wide open."

Wednesday the teachers watched a presentation by Errol Baxter of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

When they return to their classrooms about Idaho the teachers at last week's workshop won't necessarily use what they learned to train kids to be farmers.

"We're teaching people to be better citizens," said Mundt. "A few years ago vocational education was about to be swept away from high school education. But education is not just academic. There's something to be said for the vocational aspect. After all, don't we all plan to be vocationally employed someday?"

AG department to open new office

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Agriculture Department is opening a new office in southern Idaho.

Kathy Johnson, director of the department's Ag in the Classroom and Leadership Idaho Ag programs will staff the office.

No permanent site has been selected yet. Johnson will work out of her home temporarily. The office phone number is 736-2188.

Potato prices

Prices received by Idaho farmers
 Fresh pack quality French fry quality
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Prices were reported Tuesday by Federal-State Market News Service for 100 pounds of unwashed Idaho Russet Burbank. Prices may not reflect deductions for dirt, not or green damage. Prices also may not reflect incentives for bruise-free potatoes or bonuses for French fry color.

Prices received by Idaho packers

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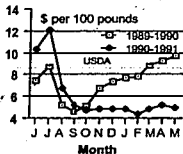
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Prices elsewhere

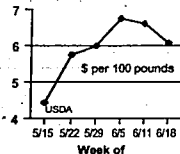
Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Washington	Russets, 70-80 count cartons	\$23-24
	Russets, 100 count cartons	\$18-20
Oregon	Russets, 70-80 count cartons	\$24
	Russets, 100 count cartons	\$18-20

Prices were reported Thursday afternoon by USDA. More timely reports available in *The Times-News*' daily business section.

Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months



Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past six weeks



UI computer model says acres may be up

By Matt Smith
 Ag Weekly writer

Battling beetles - 18

A University of Idaho computer model says 31,000 more acres of potatoes were likely planted this year than last, according to Potato Growers of Idaho director John Rooney.

A survey is in the works to gauge the accuracy of the model, Rooney said.

"The increase is to some extent because of the high prices of last year," he said. "But mostly growers don't have a good price on any other commodity - look at beans, wheat. There are no other good prices out there."

If true, the acres would be 7.8 percent greater than last year's and 20 percent more than 1989 plantings.

Prices received by Idaho growers for fresh pack potatoes dropped about 50 cents from last week, partly because the Kern County, Calif. harvest is beginning to gear up. But the Federal-State Market News Service found only one

farmer sale of Idaho fresh-pack spuds to processors, indicating that few potatoes remain with the farmers.

"For the last two weeks there has been no supply except for Idaho," said Rooney. "Kern County and Florida were having crop problems. When Kern County came on a week ago the pipeline started to fill up - Kern County is really pumping out smaller potatoes."

Prices aren't doomed for good, though, he said.

"Logic would dictate that the market will move back again after Kern County cleans up, but who knows?" said Rooney.

The Idaho potato crop is now about a week behind the normal growing term, thanks to the May's cold spell. For the last five years potato plants have been an average of 80 percent along - this year they are 63 percent, Rooney said.

"Growers are busy trying to get their crop cultivated and watered," he said.

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Wheat prices retreat

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - The price of wheat dropped about a nickel this week thanks to fickle foreign buyers, said the administrator of the Idaho Wheat Commission.

"There's been a lack of exports," said Mark Samson. "The Yemen shipment did not come through—they're still waiting for a credit from the USDA. The Japanese bought some yesterday, though, and the Philippines are in, too."

Winter wheat sold at \$3.43 per bushel this week in Portland.

Last week rumors were brewing that Yemen was ready to buy a shipment of the high-protein winter wheat abundant in the Magic Valley.

China bought 1 million tons of wheat from the U.S. last week. "Probably because they're playing politics," said Samson.

Senate Finance Committee members this week advocated unconditional favorable trade status for China if President George Bush pledges specific steps to force reforms in China's human rights, trade and military policies.

China's renewed status is good news for Idaho wheat farmers, even though they buy little Northwest wheat.

"In the 1970's we got into a (dispute) with them over textiles and they slapped zero tolerance on Northwest wheat," Samson said. Much wheat grown in the Northwest's cool climate carries a soil-borne smut disease and couldn't pass a zero-tolerance standard.

"China had imported wheat from the West since the 1930's," said Samson. "If that's true, I can't believe they don't have (the disease) already."

Winter growers are working with the USDA on getting signed up on the Export Enhancement Program, Samson said. "We're trying to get Pakistan, too."

Northern Idaho's wheat crop is running into trouble with late rains nourishing rust and fungal diseases. But Magic Valley and the rest of southern Idaho

is looking good, Samson said.

"Everybody looks real good, especially spring wheats," he said. "We're still looking at a bumper crop of 72 to 75 million bushels in Idaho."

Knight-Ridder Financial News reported that Australian officials favor the U.S. decision to grant the USSR an additional \$1.5 billion in export credit guarantees, saying the action will help bolster world wheat prices.

In a report dated June 13, the U.S. agricultural attaché in Canberra quoted Australian Wheat Board officials saying the credits will allow the Soviet Union to buy additional wheat, which will take more supplies to the world market and raise prices.

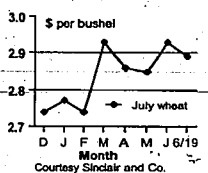
One board official, interviewed by The Australian Financial Review, said the Soviets can use the credits to buy 4 to 5 million tons of wheat and up to 7 million tons of corn during the second half of this year.

As a result, Australian wheat farmers should receive \$130 per ton in world markets, \$10 above last year but still below the cost of production for many producers, the report said.

The report also noted that one board official expressed concern that the United States will use the credit deal to "carve out a stronger position" in the Soviet market.

The attaché said yet another worry for Australians is the recent targeting of China for 2 million tons of wheat under the U.S. export bonus subsidy program. The high subsidies the U.S. pays under the program could disrupt world markets, board officials said.

Value of July wheat futures contract over past six months



Prices received by farmers Friday

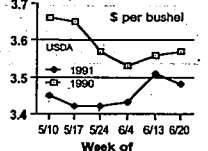
Amalgamated, Burley	\$2.75
Gurry Grain Storage, Filer	\$2.70
Evans Grain, Rupert	\$2.75
Haney Seed Bean, Twin Falls	\$2.72
Marshall Warehouses, Jerome	\$2.75
Rangen Grain, Buhl	\$2.70
Red Grain and Bean, Buhl	\$2.72
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$2.73
Western Stockmen, Mtn. Home	\$2.80

Prices elsewhere

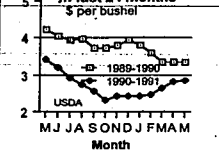
Portland (Thursday)	\$2.75
Pocatello	\$2.75
Ogden	\$3.49

Dollars per bushel for soft white wheat.

Portland soft wheat prices in past six weeks



Prices received by Idaho wheat farmers in last 24 months



Washington farmers hope hard white wheat experiment opens new markets

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - The Washington Wheat Commission is hoping experimental crops of hard white wheat will open the door to new markets for Eastern Washington farmers.

Washington growers produce primarily soft white wheat, but 20 farmers were asked this spring to plant 3,500 acres of hard white,

said Tom Mick, a commission administrator.

The soft white has suffered dramatic price fluctuations, and is susceptible to winter storms and quality concerns. The Spokane-based commission hopes the experiments can lead the way to less dependency on soft white.

Two flour mills in the Northwest as well as mills in Korea and

Malaysia have already agreed to test the grain for production of noodles and breads, Mick said.

If results prove successful, the commission hopes area farmers can also capitalize on the move by flour mills in the United States and the Pacific Rim to use hard white instead of Midwest-grown hard red, which leaves tiny red flecks in flour.

Wheat growers form coalition for research development

WASHINGTON - Grower-sponsored state wheat commissions have taken the first steps to coordinate future direction of research and education projects following a three-day meeting in Washington, D.C. and Wilmington, Del.

The 21 representatives, representing 14 wheat-producing states, met under the auspices of the National Association of Wheat Growers Foundation (NAWGF) and the Du Pont Agricultural Company to address national research and education priorities.

The group is forming coalition to address and support research on a national level that will benefit producers nationwide.

"Federal research dollars are becoming increasingly scarce and our industry must take the initiative to be efficient with our resources and support those projects and programs that will benefit our industry the most," said NAWGF Director Dr. Richard E. Stuckey.

State wheat commissions are funded by wheat growers through a checkoff system that operates in most of the major wheat-producing states. These commissions are a major source of funding in the development of export markets and for state-directed funding of research and education projects.

The coalition of state commissions will hold their first meeting in Seattle, Wash. on July 20.

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Prices fall following sale

By Mark Kind
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - Local prices for pinto beans, Great Northern beans and pink beans all dropped \$1 this week.

Recent higher prices prompted many farmers to sell, said Keith Padgett, USDA bean market reporter. Those sales reduced demand for pintos and pushed the price back down to \$18.

"There was more grower selling. A lot of them were clearing out what they had left," Padgett said. "Nineteen dollars (for pintos) was as high as they thought it would get."

In the Colorado-Nebraska region, one dealer dropped the grower price to \$17.

At the dealer level, pinto beans were weak to 50 cents lower under very light demand.

Small reds were steady at the dealer level, with sales in Idaho reaching \$34.

Pinks were steady at the dealer level in Idaho, despite their \$1 drop at the grower level.

The USDA announced another purchase of beans for Third World donations on Tuesday. Put out for bid were 30,000 sacks of light or dark kidney beans, 37,000 sacks of pinto beans, 2,000 sacks of black turtle beans and 5,000 sacks of small red beans.

Bids are due by July 1.

Dry beans in Idaho were 70 percent planted as of Monday, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

Padgett said most industry observers expect bean acres to decline by about 15 per-

cent from last year. The USDA will estimate planted acres on Thursday.

Bean remedies

Plenty of people are trying to get Americans to eat more beans, most notably the Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine.

But who has time to go through all that soaking and long, slow cooking? And what about the embarrassing after-effects of a big bean meal?

For the first problem, consumers can try Konrigo Quick-Cook 8-Bean Soup, according to Knight-Ridder Newspapers. In 20 minutes, it offers a protein and fiber fix.

The 4-ounce box goes for \$1.69 and is being sold in many supermarkets.

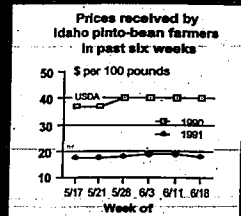
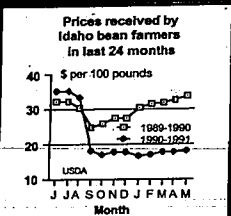
Also, Fantastic Foods is marketing a 5-minute bean meal called Instant Black Beans.

It combines precooked, dried and flaked black beans with dehydrated onions, spices, soybean oil and garlic in a 7-ounce package costing about \$1.55. Combine the mix with water and seasonings for an easy Caribbean black bean soup or use for a burrito filling.

Of course, once we solve the problem of lowering our cholesterol with more beans, we get another problem. And you know the refrain of that tune.

Beano, an enzyme made by Lactaid Inc. of Pleasantville, N.J., is designed to minimize flatulence by breaking down gas-producing sugars from beans as well as

Bean prices						
Prices received by farmers						
Idaho	Pinto	Great Northern	Reds	Pink	Small whites	
	\$18	\$17	\$25	\$17	\$19	
Prices received by bean dealers						
Idaho	Pinto	Great Northern	Reds	Pink	Small whites	
	\$22.50-23	\$22-23	\$32.50-33.50	\$22-23	\$26	
Bean prices elsewhere						
Pinto beans						
Northeastern Colorado, \$18; western Colorado, S.W. Kansas, \$18; Nebraska, Wyoming \$18; N. Dakota, Minnesota \$17						
Other beans						
Small reds: Washington, 25-20.25; Great Northern: Nebraska, Wyoming \$17						



broccoli, cabbage and many other foods. Just add three to eight drops of Beano to the first bite of the offending food.

The only catch is that Beano doesn't work at temperatures above 130 degrees. So

cooked foods have to be cooled first. Does it work? How does one measure such things?

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Swedish imports, bumper crop help prices slide

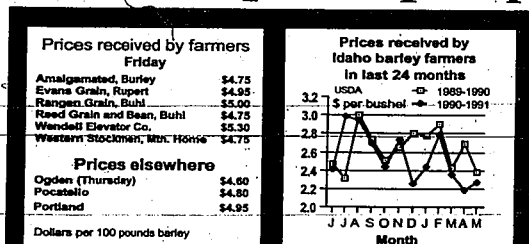
By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Barley prices continued to slide this week thanks to an anticipated 1991 bumper crop and continued Swedish shipments to Stockton, Calif.

Barley prices averaged \$106 per ton at Portland this week, down 50 cents from last week, continuing a three-week decline, according to the USDA.

"Continental Grain unloaded its third boatload in Stockton Sunday," said Tim McGreevy, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission. "It's a concern to us, we're getting people involved. We have a problem with companies that use the (USDA's) export enhancement program and then turn around and import highly subsidized grain."

Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, is drafting a letter to send to Continental Grain,



and Max Baucus, D-Montana, is sending a letter around the U.S. Senate protesting the Swedish imports, McGreevy said.

"We're up in arms. We are upset," said McGreevy. "This is a poor move. It is jeopardizing a lot of programs we have worked

hard on ... It hurts our California livestock market there."

Barley growers' representatives recently spoke with Swedish Ambassador Anders Thunborg, who said the last few week's shipments were a one-time event.

"They dumped this on the market to get rid of carry-over," McGreevy said. "The fact is they did it — it's somewhat encouraging that they won't do it again, but that doesn't help the situation now."

In the bright side, Saudi Arabia just ordered 250,000 metric tons of barley and Mexico is reportedly ready to buy a shipment, McGreevy said.

Two feed-buying teams from Japan will visit Idaho in July preparing to buy feed barley and the commission will host Chinese mall barley buyers in August.

"Japan is the largest feed grain importer in the world at 22 million metric tons per year," McGreevy said. "That is a whole bunch."

USDA allocates \$600 million of USSR credit deal

Knight-Ridder Financial News
and AG Weekly

billion credit package for the USSR.

WASHINGTON — USDA this week announced the commodity breakdown of the first \$600 million of a \$1.5 billion export credit package for the USSR, and, as expected, more than half of the U.S. loan guarantees are for animal feed.

"This first batch of credits are for use in fiscal 1991 and will be added to the \$44 million in credits its remaining under an earlier \$1

The Idaho Barley Commission is watching what the Soviets are buying.

The U.S. Feed Grains Council recently returned from a fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union, said commission Administrator Tim McGreevy and found the Soviets were terribly short of grain. They were slaughtering the animals that could be horrendous for us if they were liquidated."

In addition, USDA announced

that \$150 million or one-tenth of the entire \$1.5 billion package credit, will be available for coverage of freight. However, only \$75 million of that total will cover shipments made in fiscal 1991.

The announcement came after three days of talks between USDA and Soviet officials on the composition of the package. President Bush last week approved the additional guarantees in response to a request in April from USSR President Mikhail Gorbachev.

U.S. and Soviet officials have indicated in the past week that

most of the credits would likely go for animal feed. And of the \$525 million in commodities announced today, \$285 million is for feed grains, including corn, barley, sorghum and oats.

Another \$117 million is for protein meals, which are also used as animal feed, and will cover purchases of soybean, cottonseed, linseed and sunflower seed meals.

USDA also announced today that \$42.5 million in credits would be available for Soviet purchases of wheat or flour. Another \$70 million was designated for soy-

bean purchases, as well as \$8.5 million for poultry and 2 million for hops.

Under the \$1.5 billion package, an additional \$500 million in fiscal 1992 credits will be allocated to the USSR in October and \$400 million in February. However, USDA did not detail how those credits would be spent.

Because life in the Soviet Union is "so complicated" these days, a Soviet official said it was impossible to predict that nations need when the later credits become available.

Research shows fertilizer placement reduces need for chemical herbicides

MOSCOW — Research at the University of Idaho shows fertilizer placement and row spacing can increase barley yields, decrease the ability of wild oats to compete for nitrogen and reduce the need for chemical herbicides.

The research, conducted by Joan Lish under the direction of weed scientist Don Thill, is part of the STEEP project — Solutions To Environmental and Economic Problems.

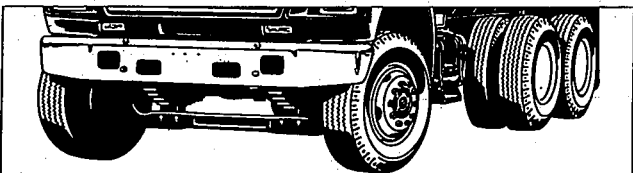
The two-year experiment compared factors such as barley yield and wild oat density under two different fertilizer placement methods: deep-banded, in which fertilizer is placed only between paired rows of barley, and broadcast placement, in which fertilizer is dispersed evenly over the entire field.

Based on the research, Lish and Thill believe that deep-banded nitrogen fertilizer and decreasing the amount of space between paired rows of barley could mean less need for chemical herbicides.

Conventional tillage has been viewed as a good way to control weeds, but STEEP and other research has shown that it is a major cause of soil erosion. No-till farming — in which seed is planted amid the stubble of the previous crop — is a good way to control soil erosion, but farmers who have tried it say it can be difficult to control weeds while using the system. Lish hopes the result of the experiment will help producers strike a balance between soil erosion, weed control and herbicide use.

"Rather than simply relying on chemicals, we're trying to enhance all agricultural practices used in farming to help crops compete with weeds," she said.

In the experiment, Steptoe spring barley was planted in the spring of 1988 and 1989 in 6-inch paired rows with either 6 or 15 inches between the paired rows. At the same time, wild oats were sowed among the barley in varying concentrations and locations.



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8/Cattle

Despite scarcity of calves, feedlots bulging

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Calf supplies are as tight as they've been for a generation, and that fact kept nationwide cattle prices steady this week, despite a cattle-on-feed report with the highest numbers in 15 years.

"This is the smallest calf crop we've had since 1960," said Steve Sands, manager of the Western Livestock Marketing Information Project. "It seems like we should be on the verge of seeing a (price) increase, but it really hasn't materialized yet."

Prices are up from 1990, and that is part of the reason for the calf shortage, Sands said.

"Ranchers are holding back more heifers—as they anticipate continued high steer prices in 1992," Sands said.

Sands said the shortage of calves reflects poor profits earned by cow-calf operations during the last few years. Summer is normally the slowest time of year for slaughterhouses, and this year is no exception, he added.

"Right supplies are with us again, though there has been a year-to-year increase in slaughter," Sands said. Prices for 600-pound steers are averaging between \$52

and \$53 per hundredweight, down from last year at this time.

"As cyclical expansion continues we're going to a downward trend," Sands predicted. But "there will be a 30-day window with a market that trades sideways to higher, peaking at \$56 to \$57 in July."

At that point many ranchers will send their cattle to slaughter, causing prices to plummet.

"Prices will get down to the mid-forties before all is said and done in the fall," Sands said.

The USDA's Agricultural Statistics Board estimated June 1 feedlot inventories at 8.53 million head, up 9 percent from a year ago and 10 percent more than two years ago.

Cattle feedlot inventories for several months have been reported at their highest level since the early 1970s.

The June 1 count was the largest for that date since 1973. Feedlot inventories were up from a year earlier in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Texas, but were down in Arizona and California.

Marketing of "fed" cattle in May totaled 1.7 million head, down 5 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago.

The placement of new cattle and calves in fattening pens last month was reported at 1.75 million head, up 8 percent from both a year ago and two years ago.

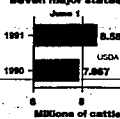
Magic Valley beef cattle prices last week

	Steers	600-800 lb.	\$44-50
		800-117	\$44-48.50
		900-128	\$44-49
		1300-127	\$44-49
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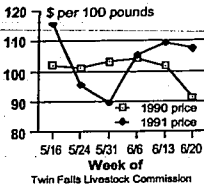
Other prices and slaughter numbers

National Stockyards, Ill	400-700 lb. board	\$95-98.25
National wholesale beef price		\$119.54
Weekly slaughter at federally inspected plants		476,000
All prices per 100 pounds. Sources: USDA and local sales yards.		

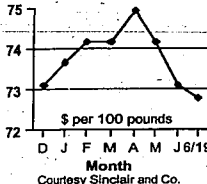
U.S. cattle on feed seven major states



Average price of 400-600 pound steer at Twin Falls sale yard



Value of August live-cattle futures contract - past six months



Cattlemen may budge on 'no new wilderness policy'

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Rogerson rancher Randall Brewer told the Idaho Cattle Association this week it should loosen its "no new wilderness" policy.

"It's damn nice to pound on the table and say absolutely no new wilderness," said Brewer, Cattle Association public lands committee chairman.

"But we have to be realistic. Do we want some congressman to decide this for us? There are some things we can concede to."

His comments came during the association's annual summer meetings, attended by about 100 ranchers.

Association member Jim Little said ranchers have "got to find a creative solution we can all live with."

Brewer said some Idaho livestock grazing allotments on public land can be designated as wilderness without hurting cattlemen.

"We have to be realistic that some allotments will be designated, and we as an industry need to be involved," he said. "We may as well be on the ground level."

While the Cattle Association may agree to expanding Idaho's 4 million-acre wilderness system with some of the 9 million acres of roadless land now in management limbo, ranchers said they probably would not meet a July 1 deadline set by environmentalists



Brewer

for state negotiators to agree on a compromise plan before going to Congress with a proposal of their own.

In discussions with wolf reintroduction, the association adopted a statement supporting only "experimental, nonessential" reintroduction, even though a House subcommittee recently agreed to conduct an environmental impact statement on wolf recovery.

"It is not what we have chosen, but it's the most reasonable solution," said Ted Hoffman, vice-chairman of the Cattle Association's wildlife committee.

If Congress ignores ranchers' recommendations and pursues an environmental impact statement for reintroducing wolves in Yellowstone National Park, Hoffman said lawmakers would hear about it.

"We're already in a compromise situation," he said. "If they make it worse, we will have a massive turnout like we did for wolf reintroduction meetings."

Anti-wolf sentiment was high among ranchers.

producers and state officials are allowed to protect herds when wolves leave federal land and endanger cattle.

The Cattle Association said it would support wolf reintroduction only if the status of all wolves was "experimental and nonessential."

Idaho retains the right to kill wolves that have "unacceptable impacts" on livestock and the plan has complete federal funding.

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Lambs languish while hogs prices flourish

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - Lamb trading was light this week as most farmers continued fattening their flocks for the winter holidays.

"Numbers decline rapidly past the March-April time frame" as growers let their flocks rest, the Eastern slaughterer, said Mike Sands, of the Western Livestock-Marketing-Information-Project.

"Normally in July and August you see a seasonal increase in supply, but June is tight. This year is no exception," he said.

Magic Valley lamb prices bounced back to their levels of two weeks ago after taking a sharp drop last week's very tight trading.

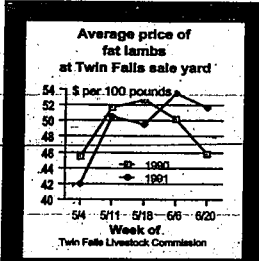
Meanwhile, slaughter lambs were steady to \$1 higher in the Midwest this week.

The Midwest increase was spurred by stepped-up carcass buying as prices finally fell low enough to interest buyers, said Keith Padgett, a USDA market reporter based in Greeley, Colo.

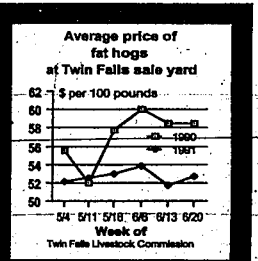
"Lower prices sparked the buyers," he said, "but that gave a little shot of life to the lamb market."

Lambs traded as high as \$60 per 100 pounds, he said.

Wool sales were quiet in Idaho as grow-



Item	Price	Item	Price
Twin Falls Fat lambs	\$51.50-\$2	Feeder pigs	\$22
Barley	\$35-\$1	Fat hogs	\$23-\$3.50
Jerome	\$	Stags	\$22-\$0
		Stags	\$27-\$7.00



bers used themselves making good on previous contracts, Padgett said.

Hog

Hogs are selling in the mid-\$50 per hundred pounds, \$10 - \$15 over the break-even point for growers, a Twin Falls swine specialist said.

"They're expected to stay that way until

mid-fall and then break downward," said Mark Boggett, a University of Idaho livestock specialist. High profits are now driving swine growers to build their herds but the current hog-farmer's heaven can't last, he said.

"Nine months down the road we'll see more hogs, the price will go down and people will sell hogs off," Boggett said. "In 1992 it's going to get back to good man-

agers and good producers making money and everybody else is going to struggle."

Prices will likely drop as low as \$39 by next year, Boggett said, and that will hurt. "When you get down to the \$40 range you're playing with fire," he said, adding that the market won't necessarily follow predictions.

"If everything goes as I said, I'm in the wrong business," he said.

New technology increases ram breeding capacity

Magic Valley AG Weekly

FORT WORTH, Texas - One ram can impregnate up to 50 times more ewes because of new technological developments, a Roseburg, Ore., veterinarian said recently.

The technology is artificial insemination using "laproscopy," a procedure that gives veterinarians a "spem"-eye view of a ewe's reproductive system.

"It really opens up a whole new world of possibilities," said Don E. Bailey, executive director of the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners.

Those possibilities include:

- Frozen ram semen may be transported - even overseas.

- A ram's semen may be used to inseminate ewes long after the ram's natural mating ability declines.

- The most valuable rams can now sire an unprecedented number of lambs, providing rapid genetic gains.

- The progeny of young rams may be tested to determine which carry the most favorable genetic traits.

Several obstacles had to be overcome to make artificial insemination viable for the sheep industry. There were no reliable methods to synchronize ewes' reproductive cycles, frozen ram semen was largely unavailable, and cervical artificial insemination of ewes met with the procedure is not commercially practical in herds of fewer than 1,000 ewes.

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greater than 90 percent have been documented.

In laproscopic artificial insemination, semen is introduced surgically through the ewe's abdominal wall and deposited directly into the uterus.

The laproscope allows the veterinarian to view the ewe's internal organs and guide semen placement.

It is estimated that 350,000 sheep were laproscopically artificially inseminated during the 1983-1989 breeding season in Australia.

In the U.S., the estimate is less than 5,000 ewes.

The equipment is expensive - approximately \$12,000.

Also, the procedure requires a high degree of finesse - extensive training is required.

"But the benefits of laproscopic artificial insemination are tremendous. We're bringing new blood into flocks to improve gains, increase lambing percentages, improve production," Bailey said.

"As the use of laproscopic artificial insemination increases, it will continue to grow less and less costly," he added.

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Ultrasound scanning

Ultrasound scanning of pregnant ewes is another technology providing economic gains for sheep producers, Kimberling said.

Producers can detect pregnancies earlier and determine which ewes are carrying multiple lambs. Ewes may be fed according to the number of fetuses they are carrying.

"Producers can save upwards of 30 percent on their feed costs," Bailey said. "Nutrition is critical, and we can more economically feed the ewes according to their needs and increase the survivability of lambs."

Incidence of pregnancy toxemia (an energy drain on the mother causing the ewe to draw on her own body tissues to produce tissue for fetal development) and dystocia (difficult births) may be decreased when ewes are fed according to need. In addition, lambing management improves when ewes are grouped by stage of pregnancy and the number of fetuses they are carrying.

"Within the last 10 years, many new management practices have been gaining acceptance in the

sheep industry," Dr. Kimberling said. "Using ultrasound to diagnose pregnancies allows us to make management decisions which are cost-effective."

Studies have shown 100 percent accuracy in detecting non-pregnant ewes and few errors occur in determining the number of multiple fetuses.

The procedure is also time efficient - 60 animals per hour for determining the number in multiple pregnancies and 100 ewes per hour for detecting non-pregnant ewes.

According to Dr. Spronk, today's reproductive technologies

may also allow producers to identify superior ewes.

Through the use of hormones, superior ewes can be induced to produce as many as five to eight lambs per breeding. The embryos may be transferred to recipient ewes and carried through the term of gestation.

"Many of the advances made in the beef and dairy industries have been achieved through genetics and technologies like artificial insemination," Dr. Spronk said.

"Today, we are beginning to make the same kinds of inroads with sheep."

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A tale of 2 surveys

Craig, Stallings produce different results on quota-based milk supply-management

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — The Republican says Idaho dairymen don't want a quota-based milk supply-management program and he has a poll to prove it.

The Democrat says Idaho dairymen do want a quota-based milk supply-management program and he, too, has a poll to prove it.

What gives?
"It was largely because of differences between questions I asked and what he asked," said Republican Sen. Larry Craig in a telephone interview Thursday.

Ted Stallings, an aide to Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, scoffed.

"First-of-all (Craig's) sample size isn't very large," he said. "It depends on which dairies you pick."
Craig said the results of his survey differed from Stallings' because Stallings' questionnaire assumed that the government would continue to control milk production.

Testifying before the Senate Agriculture Committee Wednesday, Craig said 73 percent of farmers he surveyed were against any quota system.

Craig had sent a mailer to the Idaho Dairyman's Association's 1,600 members asking them to "please sit down and write comments and return them to Senator Craig."

Seventy responded. And 32 percent supported a two-tier quota program but the only "quota" comments from farmers that Craig read during testimony repudiated quota, according to a transcript.

Under a two-tier quota program, milk produced in excess of a dairy's government-set quota would receive a lower price.

"My producers appear to be saying, and they are not unique, that 'We are hurting

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Stallings Craig

and need help. We have specific requests, but we are not certain what is needed," Craig testified.
Stallings sent a questionnaire to over 2,000 Idaho dairy farmers this spring and got more than 1,000 of them back. Fifty-one percent of the respondents said they prefer a "two- or three-tier quota-pricing program over the current system."
But time is running out for federally sponsored milk support programs, Craig said.

"Taxpayers are no longer going to fund the dairy industry like they have in the past and dairymen know that," Craig said during the interview. "It is important for the production side—the farm—to develop mechanisms by which they can determine their own destiny."

The answer to dairy farmers' problems lies in creating an industry board that would control supplies without using government money, he agreed.

Sullivan said that quotas fall short of ideal.

"If it were an ideal world, Mr. Craig's

Milk prices

Prices received by farmers from local milk processor
Aucoma's West, Richfield \$0.73
Base price per 100 pounds of milk with 3.5 percent butterfat and 3.2 percent protein, not including incentives or premiums. Price also does not reflect transportation from farm or other costs assessed by creamery or by industry.

Federal milk market orders

Class I	\$11.94	Great Basin	\$11.54
Class II	\$10.16	Southern Idaho-Eastern Oregon	\$10.16
Class III (May)	\$10.23		\$10.23
Wholesale processors	\$9.74		\$9.74

Base price per 100 pounds 3.5 percent butterfat.

Other prices

National Cheese Exchange, Green Bay, Wisc., Friday close
Cheddar barrels \$1.19 \$1.05
40 lb. blocks \$1.05

Price for barrels of cheese

National Cheese Exchange

In past six weeks

Prices to Idaho dairings for manufacturing grade milk

In past 24 months

USDA likes the status quo best

Knight-Ridder Financial News
and AG Weekly

WASHINGTON — USDA announced Monday it had delivered its long-awaited milk inventory-management study to Congress, along with the department's conclusion that none of the four options studied would work better than current law.

USDA was required by the 1990 farm act to conduct the study. In response to low dairy prices this winter, USDA Secretary Edward Madigan agreed to speed up work on the report so it could be released Aug. 1 deadline.

In the report, USDA concluded that each of the four types of inventory management programs studied had "a number of shortcomings. In light of that, the current milk support program measures up quite well."

In a recent survey of Idaho dairy farmers, only 6 percent favored continuing the current dairy program.

While current law does not guarantee farmers a profit, it does provide "a significant safety net...which protects the resources needed to meet the long-term demands for dairy products," the report said.

Madigan

USDA also credited itself with taking a number of actions that have helped recently to raise wholesale dairy prices.

In May, Madigan announced the department would make advance dairy purchases for fiscal 1992 school lunch and feeding programs. He also promised to ex-

pend the sales of dairy products under USDA export assistance programs.

Madigan said today that the administration was committed to working with Congress, farmers and the dairy industry to ensure that dairy prices do not fall again.

However, he urged Congress to wait for the release of two other USDA dairy studies before proceeding with legislation. One study looks at the Minnesota-Wisconsin price series which influences dairy prices nationwide. The other examines the marketing order system, which influences regional prices and movements of dairy products.

"It may be wise for Congress to examine all of these issues together upon completion of all three reports, rather than legislate another piecemeal approach," Madigan said.

Keep cows 'in the stall,' economist advises

St. PAUL, Minn. — A dairy cow "in the stall is better than no cow at all—even with \$10.50 milk."

So says Earl Fuller, farm management economist with the University of Minnesota's Extension Service. "It's a poor producer that doesn't contribute something to help pay overhead costs on the dairy farm."

Before you let a stall stand empty by culling a "tail ender," estimate the sale value of the feed she would not eat if she wasn't there, he says. Then add \$100 to \$150 of annual cash expenses you wouldn't have if you didn't keep her, plus 10 percent of her value for interest on the investment you have in her. Compare that with the value of the milk she would produce.

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— Earl Fuller, farm management economist

"If those costs exceed the benefits you receive from the milk, then consider keeping the stall empty. Otherwise, keeping the barn full is a better strategy," Fuller says.

Japanese obsession with golf helps grass seed sales

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

More Japanese are golfing in China and that is good news for the Idaho grass seed industry.

"It's a gateway for Japanese businessmen. With their shortage of land they're going outside Japan to China," said Don Jacklin, president of Jacklin Seed Co. "We've been having good sales in China for the last 3 or 4 years."

Jacklin Seed of Post Falls, Idaho is the world's largest producer of Kentucky Bluegrass seed - golfers' favorite. And as Japanese wealth expands to its industrializing neighbors, Idaho grass is get-

ting greener on the other side of the Pacific Rim.

"We're shipping grass seed into Korea for their re-greening and revegetation program," Jacklin said. "Korea is really hot economically."

In the Magic Valley area, Jacklin Seed now has 12,000 acres of grass seed planted.

"Six thousand of that is new seedling and that will take a year before it can be harvested," Jacklin said.

Jacklin is building a seed processing plant south of Jerome that will use seed from at least 13,000 acres of grass planted in the Magic Valley area.

"Five million dollars will be the cost of construction when she's all said and done," Jacklin said. "The site-prep work is all done, wells have been drilled for water - she's all pretty well set and ready to go."

As the U.S. economy revives, grass planting is on the upswing too, Jacklin said. For Jacklin Seed this year has gone "about average, overall," he said.

"We've had some areas doing super-duper, and some below average, but in all it's been average."

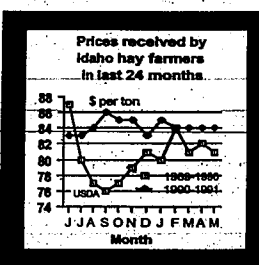
Hay

If hay prices advertised in *The Times-News* classifieds are any

indication, farmers are asking less money this year for their first cutting than last year.

Last year, five growers advertised hay at prices ranging from \$75 to \$93 per ton, with the average at \$82.50. In Wednesday, prices ranged from \$65 to \$75, with the average at \$70.

According to the USDA's weekly summary, the state's hay growers had cut 34 percent of their alfalfa as of Monday. The long-time average is 47 percent.



Organic farming gaining favor, advocate says

WASHINGTON (AP) - Attitudes toward organic farming are becoming more favorable as techniques for raising crops without chemicals are still in their infancy, a leader of the movement says.

Garth Youngberg of the Institute for Alternative Agriculture said organic farmers have been developing the techniques pretty much on their own and could use more help from the government.

He said the public is worried about dependence on chemicals,

declines in soil productivity, loss of organic matter in soil, erosion, chemical hazards to human and animal health and food safety.

"These concerns are not going to go away," Youngberg said, and many people see organic farming as a solution.

But he noted that barriers to more research exist in the form of what he called myths and misconceptions.

Youngberg said many people believe organic farming cannot be done on a large scale, that it's pro-

hibitively labor-intensive, offers low production and profits or is non-scientific.

Luciano Giannesi, a researcher of agricultural chemicals use, is one of those people. He debated Youngberg on Thursday at a conference sponsored by the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based consumer group.

Giannesi called organic farming less efficient, more costly and less able to control pests than traditional methods using chemicals.

He said new pesticide products being developed by the chemical industry require much lower doses than some organic pesticides, making them better for the environment. Extensive cultivation used by some organic farmers is worse for the soil than chemical additives, he contended.

Youngberg countered by saying one of the reasons more progress hasn't been made in developing organic products that work as efficiently as chemicals is lack of research dollars.

"We've only begun to scratch the surface," on the potential of organics, he said.

Giannesi welcomed Youngberg to the battle for research money, saying traditional approaches also have tremendous unresolved problems that need more study.

"We're trying to stay one step ahead of the pest," said Giannesi, who is a fellow at Resources for the Future, a Washington research group devoted to research about development, conservation and natural resources.

Washington state growers hope to tap apple market in Mexico

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) - Central Washington growers see an untapped apple market in Mexico and hope to capitalize on liberalized trade relations between the United States and its southern neighbor.

A restrictive licensing policy that kept all but a few small shipments out of Mexico has been allowed to expire, U.S. Rep. Sid Morrison, R-Wash., said. That change should provide a subtle but definite opening of the market, he said.

"This can be a very significant market for Washington apples," Morrison said Monday. "Breaking

down the barriers that have kept our apples out of the Mexican market has been a top priority."

Mexico could become the world's largest importer of Washington apples, outstripping sales to Taiwan and Canada combined, industry representatives said.

"This should make a significant impact on the industry," said Eric Strutzel, manager of Skookum, a Wenatchee-based fruit cooperative. "It has certainly come at the right time."

Apple growers put Mexico's sales potential at 4 million to 8 million boxes annually. Two years ago, a similar trade opportunity for

U.S. pears made Mexico the state's largest buyer within a single year.

Washington apple sales would be expected to outstrip pears in Mexico 10-to-1, industry representatives said.

Morrison and U.S. Rep. Kika de la Garza, D-Texas, met with Mexican trade officials three weeks ago to discuss upholding trade agreements between the two countries.

A small group of Mexican apple growers had worked to thwart U.S. imports, Morrison said. Some protest is expected when the news becomes widespread in Mexico that the licensing restrictions have expired, he said.

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Walla Walla sweet onion crop smaller

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) - This year's crop of Walla Walla sweet onions will be about half the size it was last season, packing representatives say.

Growers expect to harvest about 500,000 of the 50-pound boxes of onions, about half the traditional volume. Wes Colley, the Walla Walla Sweet Onion Commission president, said Tuesday.

"It's going to be a real short

crop this year," he said. "They'll harvest it in about four weeks."

The harvest is expected to begin next week.

Growers planted fewer acres this year because of weak prices for their crop last year. Colley said. Louis Bossini, a commission field inspector, said 650 to 700 acres were in production, compared to 1,200 acres harvested in 1989.

Some fields were damaged by a

killing cold snap in December, and heavy rains in May contributed to an increase in gray mold, an onion disease, Bossini said.

In the past, the onions have been harvested earlier in June to take advantage of better market prices. But because of competition with products from other sweet-onion areas in Georgia and Texas, some Walla Walla sweet growers are considering harvesting later in the season, Colley said.

Oldest farm organization seeks young members

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — These days, most people have never heard of the Grange, the nation's oldest farm organization and once its best known.

But the 124-year-old Grange, a farm-fraternity responsible in its heyday for landmark legislation regarding railroads, is still around, campaigning for new farm legislation, putting out cookbooks and clinging to its mission of improving life for what is now a dwindling and aging rural population.

"We're still here, still around," said Harry Massey, director of membership development for the National Grange, the Washington-based umbrella group for the thousands of small local granges. "But like a lot of organizations that are community-based, we face some big challenges."

The main one, for the Grange, is finding new, younger members. Back in the 1870s, when the organization — a sort of fraternal union for farmers — fought for favorable railroad and warehouse rates, membership topped 800,000.

Today, in the face of competi-

tion from other rural organizations such as the Farm Bureau, a decline in the number of small farms and a decline in the number of young people going into farming, membership has dropped to 230,000. Members, who average 54 years old, belong to thousands of local granges spread over 41 states, from New England to California.

Idaho's membership now stands at 6,124 — down from 12,000 in the 1950s.

A second problem, Massey said, is the rise of corporate agriculture, which has eliminated many of the small family farms and associated rural support jobs that once were the heart of the Grange. The name itself comes from an old English word for farm.

As a third problem is just the speeded-up pace of modern life. Most people have little time or inclination to join the local Grange, which once served as the social center of most rural communities, providing potluck suppers, dances, card-playing and a chance for young people of marriageable age to get to know each other.

"Too many young people have to work and their parents have to

work, and there are so many more organizations than there used to be," lamented Mary Fasse, head of the Richfield Grange in Crystal Lake, one of the few remaining granges in the Chicago area.

Her 31-member group, she said, has one member in his 90s, about nine in their 80s, eight in the 70s, three in their 60s and only a handful as young as 30.

"It's gotten to be very hard to get young people interested in the Grange in our neck of the woods," she said. "But it's a good organization. It's too bad it's kind of falling by the wayside here."

Her group, like all those in the country, meets at least once or twice a month to learn something new about rural issues or to share ideas.

Members also carry out an aggressive program of community service from volunteering in rural nursing homes to running clothes

depositories for the needy, and teaching English to new Hispanic residents.

And combining their efforts with those of other granges across the country, they lobby their local and state officials for various farm-oriented legislation.

In earlier decades, the group was instrumental in starting rural mail delivery. It also fought for controls on railroad rates and ran a far-reaching deaf awareness program, because years on a tractor robbed many members of their hearing.

This year, the National Grange hopes to divert funds earlier earmarked for the nearly completed interstate highway system to improvement of rural roads and bridges.

Some bridges are so bad that children have to get off buses in order to keep from violating weight limits, Massey said.

"Basically we're trying to revitalize rural America," said Russell Stauffer of Springfield, the Illinois Grange. "Mostly, as leaders are called in the fraternal terminology. 'The Grange is a way for us to have a voice for rural America that's not connected with the agribusiness entity," which dominates most larger farm organizations," he said.

He said state recruitment efforts have focused on the fact that, while the Grange historically has been "very definitely the voice for the small farmer," it also has a lot to offer all sorts of rural dwellers, from non-rural estate owners to roadside vegetable sellers, who account for an increasing number of members in New England and the West Coast, Massey said.

The Grange is one of the few fraternal organizations that has accepted women members and leaders since its beginnings in the 1800s, Stauffer said.

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Nevada spared from crickets; Utah not so lucky

The Associated Press

Cool, wet weather in March apparently wiped out most of the leaf-chomping, juice-spitting Mormon crickets that had been expected to invade north central Nevada this summer.

But in Minersville, Utah, residents are gearing up for their annual battle against crop-ravaging Mormon crickets.

Each year, for the past decade, hordes of the pests have marched on Minersville, damaging crops and gardens and making life unpleasant for everyone.

Leon Thompson has been monitoring the movement of the crickets through northern Iron and southern Beaver counties for the past two years.

The insects, which hatched in April, show areas traveling across Beaver County's Land Management property, he said. Utah's Beaver County commissioners

They ran into a Magnot line outside Winnemucca (Nev.) where they met poison bait, cricket-dusting airplanes and residents who bashed them with shovels and brooms.

and residents have contacted BLM officials about spraying or baiting the Black Mountain area to eliminate the crickets before they reach Minersville, only to learn that environmental concerns have tied their hands.

Art Tait, acting area manager for the Beaver River Resource Area, said an earlier environmental assessment in the Black Mountain area could not prove the

crickets would do more than minimize damage to rangeland.

Last summer, about 700,000 acres of northern Nevada were plagued by crickets numbering as many as hundreds to the square yard.

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The crickets, actually wingless, chirping grasshoppers, were big news last year, appearing on several network newscasts and in Johnny Carson's monologue.

But this year will be different.

"Mother Nature's cooperated probably as well as we could ever wish," said Dick Rowe, deputy director of the division of plant industry in the Nevada agriculture department.

"When you talk about luck, we got our share. We should be out

gambling or something."

Rowe said the storm of March and a relatively cool April produced the exact conditions his department had hoped for to kill off the insects.

"March probably was the majority of it. The higher stuff hatched in April when it was pretty wet in the northeast section of the state. It's done a pretty good job on them," he said.

Rowe's concern this year was that the lack of wet weather before March let the crickets lay eggs over a much larger area, perhaps as much as 3 million acres.

"At present time, Mother Nature's taken care of probably 90 percent of them. We're still finding a pretty heavy band here and there, but nothing like the problem we had a year ago," he said.

The crickets, actually a cousin to a grasshopper, got their name last century when they attacked crops of an early group of Mor-

mon settlers only to be miraculously destroyed by a flock of hungry sea gulls.

The insects, which reach up to 3 inches in length, travel in large bands, eating anything growing—and frequently each other—as they advance.

"They're real nasty critters," Rowe said. "They bite, they spit tobacco at you, they climb all over your horse, even up your legs."

Rowe said, however, there are in the field, baiting infested areas with poison bran to keep the crickets away from populated areas, cropland and highways.

"They are so camouflaged that you will keep out on the insects and get run over, then three more will run out to eat him," Rowe said.

"Those three get run over and others come out to eat them. Eventually there's thousands of squashed crickets and it's slippery as ice."

Outside income becoming vital to farm's survival

WASHINGTON (AP) — It may be months before Agriculture Department analysts know what kind the recession has had on farm families and their standard of living.

One key will be information on off-farm income, which for many years has been the mainstay of most farm families. Between only two years — 1985 and 1987 — have farm earnings exceeded the income of jobs in town.

Although that still holds, there are a few signs that off-farm income might have worsened, possibly because of the recession's 1990-91 job crunch.

Government and private economists are quick to acknowledge the importance of off-farm income to the nation's 4.8 million farm people.

Although outside jobs account for most of the off-farm income, it also includes income from investments, Social Security, welfare payments and other sources.

In the 1989 calendar year, according to USDA, off-farm income was about \$57.5 billion, down only a bit from the record of \$57.7 billion in 1988.

Net farm income, which reflects adjustments for inventory values and other factors, was reported at a record \$49 billion in 1990, up from \$46.7 billion in 1989 and \$41.8 billion in 1988.

In the decade of the 1980s, not only did off-farm income exceed farm earnings in most years, it was more than double in two.

Net farm income was reported at \$16.1 billion in 1980, while off-farm earnings totaled \$37.6 billion. And in 1983, when farm income stood at \$15.3 billion, those jobs in town and other sources brought in \$35.4 billion.

Some farm operators work part-time off the farm because their farm operations are marginal. The broader the range of opportunities in the job market, the more likely that nearby farms will be operated part-time.

USDA report

More than raw figures are involved here. For many farm families, the difference between a few acres and the bare minimums are off-farm jobs.

Others simply need more money to survive.

Whatever the reason, plenty of farm families hold down outside jobs, particularly if they live near larger cities where there are more opportunities.

Felicia LeClere, a USDA sociologist, said about 75 percent of the nation's farm operators had off-farm income in 1989.

LeClere, whose study was outlined in a recent *Farmland* maga-

zine report, said jobs accounted for about 65 percent of the 1988 off-farm income.

"Some farm operators work part-time off the farm because their farm operations are marginal," the report said. "The broader the range of opportunities in the job market, the more likely that nearby farms will be operated part-time."

In 1989, about 27 percent of the nation's farm population, or 1.3 million people, lived in metropolitan areas.

According to LeClere's study, these "metro" farm families had an average total annual income

from all sources of \$44,204 in 1989. That was nearly 36 percent higher than the average of \$32,563 for non-metro farm families.

However, based on Census Bureau information, LeClere found that the non-metro families averaged about \$1,700 more annually in farm income than the metro families realized.

The advantages to farms being located near cities also could include more opportunities for direct marketing, including seasonal

roadside stands and pick-your-own produce operations, along with lower transportation costs to market for those families.

Expansion of cities has resulted in some conflicts over land use, concern over the loss of farmland, and an increased interest in farmland preservation, LeClere said.

In the end, she said, farmers living in the close proximity of cities may have to adapt to city and suburban sprawl and its effect on markets and business climate.

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Official says eastern mountains still full of snow

By Matt Smith
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Snowpack in the mountains that feed the Snake River "is slightly less than anticipated, but the outlook is still real good," a Bureau of Reclamation official said.

Bari-Corless and Mike-Beus of the Bureau's Minidoka Project office in Burley spent Wednesday in a helicopter surveying snow left in the mountains.

"The snowpack is on its way out," Corless said. "The computer was predicting 85,000 acre feet from now to July. Ours is a subjective estimate figured from the skies, but Mike and I both agreed that there is a bit less than that, though not enough to be significant."

Predictions earlier this year had reservoirs like Palisades virtually drying up toward the end of summer, but late rains changed that.

"The big news is that we filled Palisades this year," Corless said. "That was a non-existent reality in terms of what we thought would happen."

Corless said the Bureau has done airborne snowpack surveys since 1958, and just recently switched to using a helicopter.

"Up until 3 years ago we did it with a fixed-wing airplane," he said. "In a 180 mile-per-hour twin engine plane, things happen awfully fast. The helicopter goes about half that fast."

The aerial snow checks are designed to plan reservoir releases to prevent flooding in the Snake River Valley, said Denny Davis, of the Bureau's water operations branch.

"During the drought we haven't had a lot of that," Davis said. "Things are working out quite nicely this year — near perfect."

North Side

The water outlook for irrigators in Jerome and Gooding county "is still looking good," said Ted Diehl, manager of the North Side Canal Co.

"The reservoirs are being filled and that makes a difference," Diehl said. "We'll be at 100 percent for the rest of the season."

Nonetheless, the drought goes on.

"I would have thought last year we would have been out of it, reading what forecasters were saying," Diehl said. But "Wood River and Salmon River people, they need some real help — we need to get out of the drought."

After five years of drought Diehl has seen some changes in the ways farmers water.

"You see more sprinklers all the time," he said. "They're always out there working on it."

Oakley

South Hills irrigators are easing into a long, dry summer.

"We're still about the same as we were," said Clem Stanger, manager of the Oakley Canal Co. "We have about one third full water rights at Goose Creek."

Stanger said farmers in his tract are planting less water-intensive crops.

"You're seeing more grain, because with grain you're through irrigating," Stanger said. "Rather than spuds, where they have to irrigate up to September... With things like that they take less water."

Stanger said this spring's late rains were a godsend.

"It would have been pretty sad up here," he said. "Get a good snow this winter and some good rain at the right time and that could turn it around right quick."

Milner Low-Lift

Farmers southeast of Lake Murtaugh are also enjoying the benefits of May's rain.

"We're going to run 100 percent all summer," said Jim Bright, manager of the Milner Low-Lift Co. "Our storage rights have about filled in American Falls and Palisades."

Milner was sending 436 acre-feet per hour Wednesday, "normal for this time of year," Bright said, adding that his canals usually run fullest in July.

But is the drought over?

"If these reservoirs fill every year, that'd just about do it," said Bright.

Burley

The direct flow of the Snake River is quenching fields south of Burley, but soon the Burley Canal Co. will switch to storage.

"As far as I know we're still run-

ning on natural flow," said Randy Bingham, Burley Canal Co. manager. "But it's going to end any day now."

Burley's ditches are running at about capacity, Bingham said, and farmer-shareholders should have plenty of water.

Bingham said his canals have been perforated by more mouse holes than usual this year, but he's not ready to poison them yet.

"The cost of exterminating them has been more than the cost to cover the holes," he said. "We might use some type of poisoning — but I don't know what is legal any more."

Water will run through a mouse hole, gradually widening it until the canal bank can cave in.

"Now we just plug them up," Bingham said.

Crop weather summary

As of Monday, the USDA report-

ed soil moisture was 2 percent very short, 8 percent short, 87 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus in Idaho.

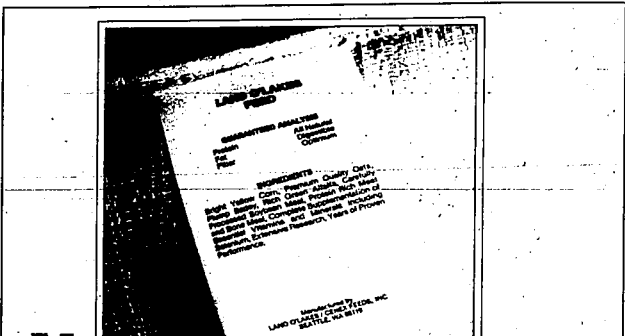
Potatoes were 100 percent planted, compared with 100 percent in 1990 and 99 percent average. Potatoes were 63 percent emerged, compared with 71 percent in 1990, and 80 percent on average.

Winter wheat was 4 percent not yet jointed, 44 percent jointed, 33 percent boot stage, and 19 percent headed.

Spring wheat was 34 percent not yet jointed, 44 percent jointed, 17 percent boot stage, and 19 percent headed.

Spring barley was 97 percent emerged, 100 percent 1990, 100 percent average, 41 percent not yet jointed, 41 percent jointed, 13 percent boot, and 5 percent headed.

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Dairies show their stuff

JEROME - Dairy owners will play host to visitors today during the second annual dairy tour.

A bus provided by the Northside Bus Co. will supply transportation, beginning at 10 a.m. at Producers' Livestock sale yard west of Jerome.

Ken and Leslie Vanderham will show their dairy barn to visitors and answer questions.

Their dairy is south of Jerome. Bill and Charlotte Stouder will escort visitors through their large calf-raising farm.

Their farm is south of Wendell. Cavazos Mexican Food in Wendell will provide free refreshments after the tour.

No reservations are required. Tour-goers need only show up at the saleyard by departure time.

2-day workshop next week at CSI focuses on food, fiber production

TWIN FALLS - Seventy southern Idaho elementary school teachers will gather Thursday and Friday at the College of Southern Idaho for an Ag in the Classroom workshop.

The program, operated by the Idaho Department of Agri-

culture, is designed to teach young people about food and fiber production, said Kathy Johnson, program director.

The program covers math, science, health, nutrition, geography, and social studies. Food safety and the environment are also discussed.

Walk-ins are welcome at this week's workshop.

More information is available from 736-2188.

The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce provided several scholarships for the workshop, Johnson said.

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JUNE

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2nd Annual Dairy Tour.
10:00 a.m. Producers Livestock, Jerome.
4-H rabbit clinic.

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10 a.m. Filer fairgrounds.
Manna Pro Horseman seminar.
Olive Brook Stables, Murtaugh.
734-9590.

25

Fieldmen's lunch.
Weed tour. Noon, Kimberly Research and Extension Center.

25

U.S. Labor Department public meeting. Topic: Federal labor laws.
7-10 p.m., Guadalupe Center, 630 Falls Ave., Twin Falls.

25

Chemigation Training.
7:30 p.m. Weston Plaza meeting room, Twin Falls. \$12 fee.

29

Double Point Horse Show.
Open show. 7:00 a.m. Jerome fairgrounds.
Karen Osborne 423-5217.

29

Tractor pull contest.
7:30 p.m., Cassia County fairgrounds.
River Grove Farm Jumper Show.
Kim Kantenwein, 788-9776. Hailey

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Fieldmen's lunch. Topic: micronutrients and foliar feeding. Noon, Mandarin House Restaurant, Twin Falls.

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Farmers don't need frivolous environmental lawsuits

The Idaho Farm Bureau is warning farmers - and other business interests - about a new gang of self-appointed guardians of the environment now organizing in Idaho.

Sure, just another bunch of tree huggers, right?

Wrong, these tree huggers carry subpoenas.

The worry is that this gang of lawyers, called the Land and Water Fund, will make life miserable for Magic Valley farmers by dragging them into court for petty violations of environmental rules and laws.

Hopefully, the LAW Fund will go after

Editorial

the big-time corporate polluters and leave alone the small family farms and ranches that are the mainstay of southern Idaho agriculture.

Farmers have enough to worry about with low crop prices, high gasoline prices, incomprehensible federal policies, dangerous chemicals, hazardous chores and property taxes. They can do without frivolous lawsuits.

Environmental regulations are very complex. Farmers still find themselves taking shortcuts and bending the rules on

their federally mandated conservation plans, trying to stay ahead of the weather and the next price change.

Perhaps the LAW Fund will actually "level the playing field" for smaller farms. A 100-cow dairy produces less waste than a 1,500-cow dairy. A 300-acre farm needs fewer chemicals than a 7,000-acre spread. If the LAW Fund is only trying to ensure that the wealthy farmer doesn't earn his wealth at the expense of the environment, then we're not sure they're the bad guys Farm Bureau sees them as.

Too bad there is no attorney group out there donating its services in defense of small family farmers. Such a group might

help farmers decipher the rules they must live by, and help them take advantage of the rules.

Perhaps there is a place in Idaho for the Land and Water Fund. Those giant dairies and feedlots that breed manure storms in your windy climate might be due a subpoena.

Plenty of non-agricultural polluters threaten our environment as well.

Let's hope this new gang of lawyers goes after the worst polluters and leaves alone those hard-working farmers, ranchers and dairymen who are trying to protect the environment and make a profit while they feed the world.

Tree-hugger lawyers will cause trouble here

By Mike Tracy

Idaho citizens, beware! There is a new group of attorneys in the state called the Land and Water Fund. Their mission is to provide fee aid for the environment. The fund, promoted by former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall, has its roots in Boulder, Colo.

This legal work might sound like a noble cause, but the LAW Fund amounts to free legal assistance to any private citizen or environmental group who wishes to sue any private citizen or company that is not following the agenda of the environmental community.

At their fund-raising, attorney-seeking, two-hour forum in Boise, Udall urged Idaho attorneys to work for free on behalf of the Fund. There was some mention of the attorneys' ability to maintain anonymity for their donated work.

The fund organizers say that their lawyers can help "level the playing field."

From an agricultural perspective and really by almost any measurements, the playing field is significantly lopsided to the benefit of environmental groups throughout the United States.

Over a half a billion dollars is collected annually by the top 10 environmental groups already. Much of it streams into Idaho through various chapters of these national groups. And many of those dollars are already spent suing Idaho citizens and Idaho businesses.

Idaho's agriculture organizations do not have the money to keep attorneys on staff. But many environmental groups in Idaho do. And now they want to supplement that effort with additional fee attorneys.

Farmers will pay for this LAW Fund. And so will average citizens who work, pay taxes, and do most of the living in Idaho.

This fund is set up to assist environmental groups, already heavily funded, eager to stop development and ready to litigate at the first sign of responsible natural resource use.

If you are about to hire an attorney for any reason, you might ask if they are donating their services to stop the very industry you work in every day.

Working, taxpaying, Idahoans shouldn't have to put up with a group of Colorado extremist lawyers led by a man from Arizona who with nothing better to do but come into Idaho and cause trouble.

Mike Tracy is spokesman for the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.



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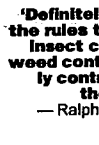
What do you think?

Are farmers good environmentalists?



"That depends on the farmer ... In the Buhl and Twin Falls area, the farmers by the highway aren't as clean as the ones out in the country."

— Barbara Eggleston, Twin Falls, student



"Definitely. They have the tools to go by with insect control and weed control. It's really controlled out there."

— Ralph Allert, Ritzville, Wash., retired



"Yes, the majority of them are. I think more of them are becoming more conscious of it all the time."

— Calvin Huff, Jerome feedlot operator



"I would hope they were. If they don't take care of the land it's not going to be any good to them."

— Jarrod Mills, Twin Falls high school student



"They don't intentionally go out to destroy their livelihood, but it happens. But I'm pretty proud of our farming heritage."

— Douglas Jones, Buhl water resource engineer

LAW supports farmers in healthy environment

It has been suggested that the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies looms as a threat to Idaho citizens and farmers.

Quite the opposite, the Land and Water Fund helps Idaho citizens - including farmers - preserve the environmental attributes that make Idaho a desirable place to live, raise a family and earn a living.

Richard Juengling

Idaho's environment is in danger.

Dams and pollutants threaten many streams. Mining and timber interests often proceed with little regard for long-term effects on our clean waters, our air quality, and our wildlife habitat.

The thirst for water, both from inside and outside Idaho, threatens our rivers.

Already the salmon is barely holding onto the flows that provide its return ticket to the Pacific; unchecked water development endangers the very survival of this magnificent fish.

The Pentagon would drop bombs on Idaho's desert, breaching the enduring silence and pockmarking the face of this unique environment.

The Land and Water Fund stands ready to help local citizen groups who need a voice in facing these and other threats to Idaho's environment.

Most citizens and grassroots organizations do not have access to the legal or technical resources necessary to participate effectively in government decision-making on environmental matters.

The Land and Water Fund aims to help cure this problem by providing volunteer lawyers or technical experts who can help "level the playing field" and foster effective citizen participation.

— Richard Juengling, Boise, is Idaho director of the Land and Water Fund

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It may be time to put a squeeze on milk processors

AMES, IOWA. — With milk nearing support prices and with more and more dairy farms listed for sale everyday, it appears that time is not on the dairyman's side. But time is on his side, providing he uses collective bargaining to put a time squeeze on the dairy processors.

We're told that milk is highly perishable. So what? The dairymen, factory workers, and even management are dealing with a much more perishable commodity — time.

Dairymen can hold onto milk for awhile. But the down time at a factory is not recoverable. Today will never happen again.

That is why when a factory is designed, it is subjected to analysis by an efficiency expert. If seconds can be saved in processing milk and cheese, those seconds are converted into money in the pocket of the manufacturer. Once a factory is

Pete Margolles

put on-line, this process continues by specialists and every thinking person involved in the plant.

Front-line supervision is often the best source of time-saving ideas because it's where the work is done and this is where time most easily can be saved.

Of course, it can be argued that the dairyman is dealing with time also. But here's the difference: The farmer is his own boss. His time is his own. He may have to skip dinner or be late for supper, but he doesn't punch a clock. His day is over when the chores are done, not when the whistle blows.

And, this time-ownership factor is the edge we have. It's the key to making things fair for the dairy farmer. Since the factory is dealing with something even more perish-

able than the farm milk, collectively farmers have the power to strike an equitable balance.

To some dairymen, it may seem a radical concept to give up a little bit of their independence to work for a collective solution. However, there is very little marketing power in the will of one dairyman. But the collective will is a mighty weapon that can be used to carve a real future for all dairymen.

It's going to take something as simple and radical as giving up a bit of independence for dairymen to dig themselves out of the economic hole they're in and make a living wage. Every month when I look at the milk check, I get just a little bit more upset at the situation as it exists. Not only has the price per hundredweight been dropping each month, but there's that hauling charge again.

We don't charge the milk pro-

cessors for the extra cost of keeping the milk cold when their driver is late. We don't charge them to keep the driveway plowed so they can get their rigs to the milk parlor.

The only reason processors charge the dairyman for hauling is the lack of checks and balances in the system. They simply can get away with it — and they do. They will argue that their hauling ex-

penses are a cost of doing business. But that doesn't make it the dairyman's expense. If it's a cost of doing business, figure it into the cost of the product and pass it along to the consumer. Don't take it out of the paycheck of the producer.

The author is a member of National Farmers Organization from Vinona, Wis.

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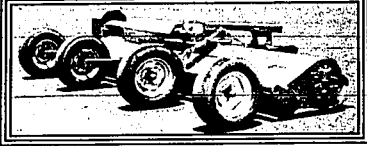
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18/Technology

Family's mine supplies minerals to dairies

By Suzanne Hanzhold
AG Weekly correspondent

DIETRICH - Nature provides for her creatures. An animal out on its own will generally find all the minerals it needs for a healthy diet.

Jon and Tony Clapier are using what nature has provided to build a dairy supplement business.

The Clapiers own Ranch Wagon Minerals, supplying a mineral-buffer feed supplement to more than 40 dairies in Idaho and Utah.

The supplement's main ingredient is a mineral called clinoptilolite, a form of aluminum silicate. Clinoptilolite is found in earth deposits, and animals in the wild can usually find enough of it, or something similar, on the ground surface to keep them healthy. But dairy cows need the help of the Clapiers.

"The cows wouldn't really go out and lick it off the hills," said Jon, "although occasionally they

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— Tony Clapier,
clinoptilolite miner

will, if they can find it."

The Clapier's uncle, Gene Clapier, discovered the clinoptilolite deposit in 1986, and sent soil samples to several universities for mineral content studies.

Clapier learned that the mine contained a large, pure vein of the

mineral, and the family began to investigate its uses.

"The reason we began this business," said Tony, "is because we were put off our family farm by the court. I like to call ourselves 'displaced farmers'. We started the business in an effort to employ the family in a family business."

Tony said aluminum silicate has many industrial and commercial uses, including gypsum board, as lining for ponds and pipes, as absorbent material for industrial spills, and as an ingredient in cat box filler.

But the Clapiers realized that their mine was better suited to the dairy supplement business because of the purity and rarity of the deposit.

"If you just walked out and picked up soil," said Jon, "it wouldn't be rare earth like this. It's really unusual."

Tony says the mineral comes out of the mine in huge chunks, "about the size of a Volkswagen,"

and of the consistency of sandstone.

The mine, which is operated independently from Ranch Wagon Minerals, uses loaders, rippers and often, dynamite, to remove the clinoptilolite.

It is then run through a crushing machine, turning the chunks into a fine powder.

The Clapiers, who also employ their father, Rip, in the family business, offer custom mix supplements for each dairy customer.

They generally add phosphorus, selenium, cobalt, iodine and vitamin E to the clinoptilolite powder. Tony said he also adds extra iodine in the winter months to avoid foot problems in the cattle.

The supplement is fed to the cows "free choice", meaning they can lick it whenever they like, or as an additive in their feed. A cow

will eat about four ounces of the mixture per day.

The mixture is also considered an excellent buffer, replacing sodium bicarbonate, which is most commonly used by dairies, and will absorb gases and help cows utilize feed more efficiently.

"In fact, Jon said that a bag of the clinoptilolite set next to an open gas can will absorb any fumes from the gas.

Tony said the family has considered branching out and selling the rare earth for other commercial uses, but they intend to grow slowly, and the cost of marketing studies and additional equipment raise a red flag for this frugal family.

"One thing we learned farming," said Tony, "we don't borrow any money. None. If we can't pay cash for it, we don't buy it."

Farm researchers test potato beetle's resistance to pesticides

PARMA (AP) — Colorado potato beetles are tough creatures. They also have a voracious appetite for potato vines.

That combination has led a farm research center near Denver to test 4,000 of the bugs for tests that could hold the key to long-term survival of the Idaho potato industry.

A variety of pesticides are used against Colorado potato beetles. But the beetles are developing resistance to most of them.

Entomologist Tom Mowry at the University of Idaho's Southwest Idaho Research and Extension Center said over the last decade, "complete and total resistance" to 12 different pesticides has been found in beetles in the East and Midwest.

"New York potato production is a skeleton of what it used to be because of the Colorado potato beetle, and resistance is the reason for that," Mowry said.

"And none of us knows why Idaho, which has had potatoes for so long and the beetle for so long, has not had significant resistance."

Mowry said research is under way as a precaution against the time Colorado potato beetles suddenly become immune to the chemicals used against them in Idaho.

Research in 1985-86 suggest that new levels of resistance are developing in some Idaho populations of Colorado potato beetles.

"We have some reports of insecticide failures, but that could

'New York potato production is a skeleton of what it used to be because of the Colorado potato beetle, and resistance is the reason for that.'

— Tom Mowry,
U of I entomologist

be due to a whole range of reasons, one of which might be resistance," Mowry said.

Researchers hope to develop a kit that farmers can use to evaluate the susceptibility of beetles to pesticides, and to decide what ac-

tion to take if it appears a planned treatment will not work.

Mowry said the research is particularly critical because, although the beetle is being sold in Idaho to control the insect. That's forcing farmers to use less effective treatment.

The more often a chemical is applied, the more likely it is that insects will develop resistance to it — especially if significant numbers survive the treatment.

"There are a certain number of genes that impart resistance," Mowry said. "When you spray a pesticide and knock the population down, if those individuals survive, then their young will inherit those resistance genes. The next generation will have an increased number of individuals with those genes."

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Firm unveils new container for herbicides

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. — Rhone-Poulenc Ag Company has introduced a new 15-gallon "micro-bulk" container system for its Buctril and Brocote brand herbicides.

The new returnable containers will allow more convenient handling, reduce operator exposure to the products, and eliminate container disposal problems. The system's largest component is a 15-gallon reinforced polyethylene tank. The tank is equipped with a newly designed "dry" stainless steel coupler and probe system that eliminates dripping and allows totally closed transfer of the products.

The tank and coupler are compatible with any pump, hand or electric, approved for use with herbicides.

"Customers who buy their product in these micro-bulk tanks will be making their herbicide handling, measuring and application chores a lot easier. At the same time, they'll eliminate the disposal problems caused by using plastic jugs," said Dave Downing, product manager for the herbicides.

Each of the reusable tanks replaces six standard 2.5 gallon jugs, the most widely used pesticide container. Since pouring is eliminated, the user's exposure to the product is greatly reduced.

"When equipped with a meter, the micro-bulk allows the user to have a completely closed product transfer system," said Downing. "He may never even see the product until it's actually sprayed."

Pioneer offers enhanced accounting software

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., has released Version 2.0 of the Pioneer DollarWise Farm Accounting Program.

The single-entry accounting program has been designed to help farmers become familiar with computerized recordkeeping while providing detailed reports of their current financial situation.

"With Version 2.0 of the DollarWise Farm Accounting Program, producers can quickly and easily track such important information as production costs per head or acre, general and enterprise income, cash flow, net worth, Schedule F, C and A tax requirements, and listings of vendors, transactions and account," said Willona Goers, Pioneer agriculture software services manager.

Enhancements made to the software include the ability to print transaction listings by Schedule F tax lines, to copy recurring transactions from month to month, and to print notes about individual transactions with their transaction listings.

Version 2.0 of the DollarWise Farm Accounting Program also generates financial reports that can be imported into spreadsheet programs such as Lotus for



The new containers are designed to be more convenient.

creating budgets or analyzing "What-if..." situations.

A new "pop-up" calculator not only assists with arithmetic functions, but provides the ability to "paste" results directly into data-entry fields.

For more information about Version 2.0 of the DollarWise Farm Accounting Program, call Pioneer toll-free at 1-800-338-5878, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time.

Naxel OK'd for treating BRD in lactating cows

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved Naxcel Steril Powder for treating bovine respiratory disease, or BRD/pneumonia, in lactating dairy cattle.

The product was initially introduced by The Upjohn Co. in early 1989 for treating BRD in beef and non-lactating dairy cattle.

According to Doug Rieke, Upjohn product manager for Naxcel, the dosage recommendations apply for all ages of dairy cattle.

When used according to label directions, Naxcel requires no pre-slaughter withdrawal, or in lactating dairy cattle does not require a milk discard period.

Careful management and the prescribed use of Naxcel can now help producers minimize milk losses associated with respiratory disease.

More than 100,000 dairy cows are affected with pneumonia annually and of these cows, some 6,000 die. Each year more than 81,000 dairy replacement heifers between the age of six months to two years are affected by respiratory disease, accounting for about 6,000 deaths annually.

In addition, nearly 400,000 dairy calves between birth and six months of age annually contract pneumonia, resulting in some 62,000 deaths per year.

More information on Naxcel is available from Naxcel in Dairy Cattle, The Upjohn, P. O. Box 3087, Kalamazoo, MI 49003-3087.

Plastic goosenecks, drops can reduce downtime

TWIN FALLS — Down time and replacement costs can be cut with the new Vannar 725 plastic goosenecks and drops, made of Schedule 80 polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC). The product was developed by Marion Miller & Associates for Vannar Plastics. Miller developed the first gooseneck for the industry, using galvanized steel, in 1976.

The new drops and fittings weigh about one-fourth as much as galvanized steel. They are rust free. They have very low friction and

are extremely strong and rigid. A steel insert in the male end of the fittings reinforces the threaded connections, making them stronger than standard steel goosenecks.

Under 100-mph test winds, three-quarter inch Schedule 40 galvanized drops failed after 1,640 flexes. The new 3/4-inch Schedule 80 PVC modified drops with the metal inserts failed only after 64,795 flexes. The new Vannar 725 Plastic Goosenecks and Drops flexed only about 40 percent as much as polyethylene pipe drops when the two were compared.

Computer program aims at battling pesky aphids

May 17, 1991 — A free computer program is an effective tool in the "war" against the Russian wheat aphid according to University of Wyoming entomologists. It helps users find the best solution

for their operation said David Legg, UW entomologist.

Before farmers endure the expense of spraying wheat crops, they should first determine aphid infestation levels and whether chemical treatment is cost effective.

Legg developed a simple computer program to support economic management decisions in controlling wheat aphid infestations.

"The program's first task is to determine current yield losses given a certain level of Russian wheat aphid infestation," he says. "Its other task is to calculate the crop's economic injury level and economic threshold."

Legg says his computer program allows lead time before producers decide on chemical treatment.

For more information call David Legg at (307) 766-3269 or Mike Brewer at (307) 766-4261.



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Dairy budget

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It's no secret that milk prices are below the break-even point for many dairies.

This enterprise budget from the Districts III Extension office in Twin Falls shows just how much it costs to produce milk with a 210-cow herd.

In this example, the 365-day 3.5 fat-corrected milk production is 17,500 pounds. The herd is milked in a double-six herringbone parlor. Cows are grouped in three production strings, barn-fed 10 pounds of concentrate, and top-dressed the balance outside. No outside housing is provided for the milking cows. Loose housing is provided for dry cows.

The owner contributes to the daily labor requirement. The \$797 per cow facility investment is based on the best estimate of current cost.

The herd consists of 180 milking cows and 30 dry cows. The herd replacement rate is 33 percent annually with ready-to-calve springers used as replacements.

What you'll spend on each cow to produce milk:

Variable Costs			
	Amount per cow	Cost per unit per	Cost per cow
Feeds-roughages	97.61 cwt.	\$4,508/cwt	\$440.09
Feeds-concentrates	55.38 cwt.	\$8,380/cwt	\$464.07
Hired labor	1 hr	\$209.01/hr	\$209.01
Herd Health:			
Breeding		\$27.00/head	\$27.00
Veterinary		\$18.00/head	\$18.00
Drugs		\$15.00/head	\$15.00
Marketing		\$143.21/head	\$143.21
Supplies and other expenses:			
Barn supplies		\$30.97/head	\$30.97
Utilities		\$30.00/head	\$30.00
Recorder		\$18.00/head	\$18.00
Bedding		\$36.05/head	\$36.05
Repairs-all		\$37.03/head	\$37.03
Professional service		\$3.81/head	\$3.81
Custom hire		\$20.00/head	\$20.00
Fuel		\$16.18/head	\$16.18
Replacement cost	0.33 head	\$1200./head	\$396.00
Interest on cattle	\$950	\$0.105/dol	\$95.25
Interest operating cap.	\$1365	\$0.105/dol.	\$119.95
Total variable costs			\$2916.19
Fixed Costs			
Interest	\$797	\$0.105/dol.	\$83.73
Depreciation on all		\$74.61/head	\$74.61
Property tax		\$9.97/head	\$9.97
Insurance		\$4.20/head	\$42.00
Total Fixed Cost			\$2018.19
Total Cost			\$2188.71

What you'll get for milk and animals:

Gross Receipts			
	Amount per cow	Cost per unit	Cost per cow
Milk	169.75 cwt	\$11.90/cwt	\$2020.03
Bull calves	0.523 head	\$120.00/head	\$62.74
Heifer calves	0.523 head	\$130.00/head	\$68.97
Cull cows	0.300 head	\$700.00/head	\$210.00
Manure credit	1 head	\$42.00/head	\$42.00
Total Receipts			\$2402.74

What you'll have left over after expenses:

Income above variable costs	\$386.55
Returns to operator labor, management and risk	\$214.04
Break-even prices per 100 pounds of milk if 17,000 pounds of milk is produced:	
To cover variable inputs:	\$9.62
To cover all costs (except risk, labor, and management):	\$10.64.

Taking shots from all directions, FmHA rolls with the punches

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Farmers Home Administration has always taken a bashing from someone.

But given the nature of the agency and its Depression roots, that shouldn't be surprising.

Some critics say the FmHA is "too tough," that it tries to run itself like a commercial bank and isn't helping enough to keep poor families on the farm.

Others complain FmHA constantly loses huge amounts of money, throwing losses at people who never stood a chance of staying on the farm and never will.

In the midst of all these punches and pulls, the FmHA is almost always under pressure from someone in Congress who wants the agency to change or improve its services.

For example, a bill was introduced last month to require the FmHA — an Agriculture Department agency — to make down-payment loans so beginners can buy land. It's called the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Credit Act.

The General Accounting Office, USDA's own Office of Inspector General, and various committees of the House and Senate are mentioning public interest and advocacy groups, all take shots at FmHA from time to time.

It's also appropriate occasionally to look at FmHA's structure and financial situation. And the GAO provides a new window in a financial audit report for the 1989 and 1988 fiscal years.

The audit findings were sent to Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan on May 6. The GAO report made a number of recommendations to improve financial management within the agency. Mostly inside stuff, computers, bookkeeping and such.

But the auditors also found that FmHA had "compiled in all material respects with those provisions of laws and regulations" in which the agency was tested. Nothing terribly illegal.

Meanwhile, the report described FmHA as "a lender of last resort" for rural Americans who "are unable to obtain credit from other sources at reasonable rates and terms."

In 1978, FmHA held 7 percent of the outstanding farm debt in the United States. By Sept. 30, 1989, it increased to 15.6 percent.

"When the agency began in 1935, its original function was to make loans and grants to depression-stricken families that would help them regain self-sufficiency on family farms," the report said. "In more recent years, the Congress has created additional programs to benefit families and communities in rural areas."

A brief history published in 1985 noted that the agency began as the Resettlement Administration 50

years earlier, developed into the Farm Security Administration before finally becoming the Farmers Home Administration in 1946.

From the beginning, FmHA has been a costly operation. The GAO report said the agency "will consistently operate at a loss" because of its character.

"First, as a lender of last resort, FmHA makes many loans which are not repaid," it said. "Second, FmHA lends money to farmers and rural residents and enterprises at a lower rate than its cost of funds from the Treasury, resulting in a net interest expense to FmHA."

Thus, even if FmHA borrowers made their loan payments on time, the agency would still lose money. For example, in fiscal 1989, FmHA interest expenses exceeded interest income by about \$5.8 billion.

But 1989 saw some overall improvement over fiscal 1988, when the agency's total net losses declined to \$6.9 billion from \$13.8 billion. In fiscal 1987, the report showed, total net losses were \$22.1 billion, fed by loan writeoffs and other credit losses.

In all, FmHA losses since its inception stood at \$40.6 billion by the end of the 1989 fiscal year. Last February, agency administrator La Verne Ausman told the House subcommittee on conservation, agriculture and rural development that agricultural credit generally was in better shape and available to borrowers.

Ausman said the improved conditions applied to agricultural banks and to most of the institutions in the cooperatively owned Farm Credit System.

It's time, he told the panel, for the FmHA to concentrate on its traditional role.

"By this, I mean FmHA as a source of temporary, supervised credit in modest amounts for a limited time for the farmer who does not qualify for commercial credit but who has a reasonable chance for success," Ausman said.

Today, the FmHA's scope is far beyond the programs to help small, family farmers stay on the land.

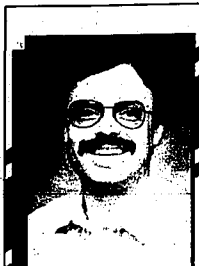
In 1989, the GAO report showed that the agency's total loan portfolio was \$54.5 billion, down from \$58.2 billion in 1988 and \$60.9 billion in 1987. Less than half — \$22.5 billion in 1989 — was in farm loans, with the larger portion in rural housing and rural development.

Pressures continue to grow in Congress to help rural communities develop, for more rural housing and other facilities.

In more recent years, the Congress has created additional programs to benefit families and communities in rural areas. And supporters have reason to say they are just as valid as those of the mid-1930s.

"If something isn't done now to stem the tide towards older and fewer farmers, in the next 10 years we'll see a massive and unwanted change in the structure of American agriculture," says Nancy Thompson of the Center for Rural Affairs in Watshall, Neb.

The 1987 census of agriculture showed that since 1982 the number of farmers younger than 25 dropped by 43 percent, while those 25 to 34 declined by 17 percent, she said. The average age of farmers increased 3 percent, to 52 years, between 1982 and 1987.



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Idaho sunshine dazzles at this time of year

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That's a darn good homily. I always knew what my Grandma meant when she said it. Get it done while you can.

The farm is in full swing now. We're making hay while the sun shines. (We're also making hay in the middle of the night, but that doesn't fit into this particular mus-ing, so I'll leave that part out).

We're getting it done while we can, 'cause Mother Nature isn't willing or us- 'cause you can't make hay while it's raining. Or snowing. Or in the fall when the hunters are tramping through your fields. See, somebody really thought about that little gem before they said it.

Yesterday was the longest day of the year. The sun stayed up all day and most of



Suzanne Huxhold
Country living

the night, and so did we. People in Japan were in bed before we were.

Something happens to farmers around this time of year. They figure if the sun is working overtime, so should they.

For a week now, the men have been rolling out at first light, climbing into their machines, taking for nourishment a saddle-bag full of pop and a pouch full of sunflower seeds. The caffeine and the salt keep them going, they say.

But I know better. It's the sunshine.

It's the same force that propels me into the orchard at six a.m. to weed the wells. The same force that leads me to prop my child in front of Sesame Street with a bowl of Cheerios so I can spend an hour transplanting blackberries, or sit in the backhoe, pushing manure around the feedlot.

I've never known a sun like this. It comes at me from everywhere, invading my house through curtained windows, enticing me from my bed, persuading me to happily do the kind of work I used to dread, or ignore.

You would think that people who've lived all their lives with these endless days and limitless sunny skies would be used to them by now — not quite so driven by them.

But it isn't so.

Everywhere I go, people are making hay in the sunshine. Or changing water, harvesting peas, cultivating around their spud rows.

Making hay while the sun shines isn't just an expression anymore. Not to me.

If I live to be a hundred, I will never take this powerful Idaho sunshine for granted. I'll be sitting toothless and arthritic on the porch with my great-granddaughter, the Governor, and I'll say to her, "Lacretia, honey, fire up that ol' backhoe. Granny needs to clear out the feedlot."

Suzanne Huxhold writes her weekly column from her ranch home on Clover Creek in western Gooding County.



KATHY VITEK WAGGONER/AG Weekly

Scott Schroeder, left, shows his barley to 4-H judges Ivan Hopkins, Bob Ohlensahlen and Blaine Linford.

Project teaches science, economics

By Kathy Vitek Waggoner
AG Weekly correspondent

FILER — Seven members of the Barley King 4-H Club are growing malt barley, a new 4-H project in Twin Falls County.

"It is fun when I don't have anything to do, to come out here and piddle around with the project, watch it grow," said Scott Schroeder, 16, during a field tour.

The program is the only one of its kind in Idaho.

The malt barley project allows 4-Hers to work with Adolph Coors Co. and Anheuser Busch on both the scientific and economic aspects of crop production.

Both companies accept contracts for small quantities of crop to encourage young growers, said Gerald Ortel, 4-H leader. Between five and 10 acres are required for the project.

Malt barley requires considerable time to produce because of its irrigation needs. Also, youngsters spend extra hours at-

tempting to produce grain that meets company requirements for plumpness, color, moisture content and protein content.

Coors fieldmen help the youths, said Twin Falls County Extension Agent Bob Vodraska.

The boys rented fields southwest of Filer, either from their fathers or their neighbors. Most of them split the work and profits with their dads. They irrigate with the gated pipe or siphon tubes.

Fields were chosen by size and crop rotation schedule; most fields grew beans the previous year. If malt barley followed corn or alfalfa, the result would be an undesirable high nitrogen content, said Kirby Kulik, 13.

The boys tested their soil before planting. Bryan Ortel, 13, said his field was fertilized with manure previously and required no chemical fertilizer this year.

The youths watch their crops all season for weeds and Russian wheat aphids and spray them if necessary.

"When we checked about two weeks ago for weeds, I could walk a long ways without weeds and then find a lambquarter," Schroeder said. He decided not to spray the whole field.

Harvest is expected at the end of July — watering and spraying will continue until then. The club will take record books and a crop display to the Twin Falls County Fair. Members will be judged on the field fair, and the quality of their barley at the time of sale.

Bryan Ortel estimates his profit at \$113.75 per acre after splitting half with his Dad and deducting expenses of the seed, chemicals, and machinery use.

Brian Lierman, 16, said he plans to save his profits. Schroeder said he plans to go to college and "come back and hopefully farm ... try to make a living at it."

Also involved in the club are: Jon Kimball, 16, Kenny Larsen, 12, and John Kolbatorf.

Jerome sends pair to global 4-H seminar

MOSCOW — Kathy Smith and her daughter, Lisa Smith, both of Jerome, will be among five Idaho 4-H representatives traveling to the Global Connections Conference July 19-23 at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md.

They'll be learning the basics of the new Global Connections program. The purpose of the program is to develop programs that will make young people from the United States more knowledgeable of global interdependence by increasing their awareness of problems faced by youth in developing countries and by allowing them to become personally involved with those youth.

Idaho's pilot Global Connections project is slated to begin in September at 4-H clubs in Elmore, Bannock, Jerome and Latah counties, said Bill Shane, Extension 4-H youth specialist. The program will be expanded to other clubs as interest grows, he said.

Idaho's state 4-H program was among 12 state programs that received grants from the U.S. Agency for International Development for the Global Connections Development Education Project.

The \$5,000 Idaho award must be matched with a development education grant.

Initially, members will increase their knowledge of the world through research, pen-pal relationships and other international projects and activities contained in the "And My World" leaders' guide. Later they will begin communicating with residents of 11 foreign countries by way of the "World Classroom" computer network. By early next year, participating clubs could be using the University of Idaho's statewide satellite system to communicate with 4-H international clubs in other Idaho communities.

4-H is the largest voluntary youth education program in the country, with more than 5.4 million members and an estimated 4 million more around the world.

At conferences, delegates will exchange ideas, refine their individual state programs, learn more about developing countries and development education from specialists in the field and make contact with other nonprofit organizations and government agencies.

22/Horses

Competition grows for cutting horses

By Terrell Williams
AG Weekly correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Cow cutting is a hot business these days.

In the last three or four years, the sport has grown about 500 percent in quality and quantity of horses, riders and trainers, Gordon Glasmann of Twin Falls said.

Glasmann and his wife, Joyce, own four cutting horses and they travel a summer circuit to compete in several western states. They recently were at cutting competition at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

It was a family affair.

Joyce Glasmann rode. Her daughter Jo rode. And her daughter's husband, cutting horse trainer Leo Woodbury, rode.

They competed with more than 150 other riders to win a share of the nearly \$20,000 purse.

Prize money is growing, with some national shows offering purses of at least a million dollars, Gordon Glasmann said.

And the value of a good cutting horse is growing, too, he said.

"There are some horses here people have paid over \$75,000 to \$80,000 for," Glasmann said. "They're not cheap."

He said good cutting horses have to have a natural interest in hearing cows. To find out if a horse has potential, he said, ride it into a pen and follow a calf.

"See if that horse pays attention to the calf," Glasmann said. "If he's not cowing, get another horse."

The best cutters are small, agile quarter horses, rather than tall racehorse types, he noted.

In a competition, Glasmann explained, the rider enlively selects an alert calf - one that hopefully will give the horse a good challenge - and cuts it away from the herd. The rider then grips the saddle horn and lets the horse go to work on its own to keep the cow away from the herd.

Starting with 70 points, the rider loses points for reining. The horse loses points for letting the calf get by back to the herd, for not keeping up with the calf or for letting

the calf get too close to the herd. Usually, the rider has 24 minutes to work two calves.

Joyce Glasmann watched as her horse, Doc's Smokin' Queen, ridden by Woodbury, won a \$200 second prize at CSI.

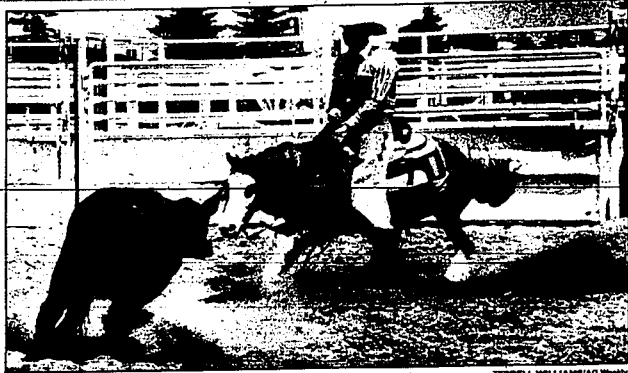
Riding a cutting horse is a great thrill, she said. "It's a really neat feeling because you're on the horse and the horse is in control ... You have to trust the horse."

Although she wears a silver trophy buckle for being 1987's "Most Improved Rider" in the American Cutting Horse Association, Joyce Glasmann said she is still in the learning stages after four years in the cutting business.

"You're supposed to sit on your back pockets and sit out of your horse's way so the horse can stay in control of the calf," she explained. "You have to stay relaxed from the waist down."

The horse cannot stop well unless the rider is sitting back, she said, and instinctive gripping with your legs will drive the horse too far forward away from the herd, a fault called "leaking."

She said the rider needs to watch the calf, learn how to "read it," and then be prepared for the sudden stops, quick pivots and powerful jump-starts the cutting horse will make to stay with the calf.



Gordon Glasman faces off with a calf at the College of Southern Idaho.

Classes based on ability

Cutting horse classes are divided according to the previous success of both horse and rider.

The \$200 rider is open to any rider in the state.

Classes are held at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.

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A few tips can prevent farm accidents

TWIN FALLS — Now that school is out farm safety for children becomes a major concern.

"According to the National Safety Council, more than 300 children ages 1 to 16 die each year in the United States as a result of farm-related accidents," said Judy Worman, University of Wyoming Extension farm safety coordinator.

"A farm or ranch is a wonderful place to live, and many children view it as a giant playground," Worman says. "But they don't realize the dangers and hazards of these interesting places."

She offers the following safety tips:

- Small children should be supervised at all times, preferably in a fenced yard away from agricultural activity.
- Allow no riders. A large percentage of child deaths occur in falls from farm equipment.
- Warn children not to play in or around grain bins, silos, corn cribs grain wagons. Keep access doors locked and ladders out of reach.
- Remove ignition keys to pre-

vent accidental starting by children. Shut off power to all equipment.

• Never leave small children un-supervised in or near tubs, cisterns, ponds, swimming pools, stock tanks and water buckets.

• Keep farm and household chemicals and poisons locked up out of reach.

• Be sure that any one who operates farm machinery is properly trained, understands safe use of equipment, and has the physical size and strength to handle the controls.

• Provide first-aid kits and basic first-aid training for all members of the family and all employees.

• Make sure all family members know who and how to call for help.

The National Safety Council suggests teaching children the acronym: L.I.F.E.S. — Location of emergency, Injury or illness, First aid being given, Equipment needed and Stay on the line.

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Wed.	Dairy	11:30 a.m.	Twin Falls Livestock/733-7474	Bruce Billington/733-4337
Thurs.	Hogs, Sheep, Beef	10:00 a.m.	Burley Livestock/678-9411	Ed Halstead/678-2802
Fri.	Beef/Dairy	12:00 Noon	Gooding Livestock/934-4479	Mark Lee/934-4479
Fri.	Special Horse	6:00 p.m.	Twin Falls Livestock/733-7474	Bruce Billington/733-4337
Sat.	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	11:30 a.m.	Twin Falls Livestock/733-7474	Bruce Billington/733-4337



AUCTION CALENDAR through June 24, 1991

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 1991
Me & Mrs Doug Kerney - Household & Farm

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MESESSIEUTH AUCTION

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1991
Robert Eugene Eagle - Collectibles - Household - Vehicles - Farm Equip.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 1991
Ward Miller - Antiques - Children's - Furniture

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MATTHEW AUCTION SERVICE

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1991
Jerome Farm Commission - Farm Equipment - Jerome

Advertisement - June 22
MESESSIEUTH AUCTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 1991
Mildred Paces Eaton - Household & Antiques

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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1991
Graybill's of Twin Falls - Farm & Industrial - Pets & Beasts - Twin Falls

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| 703 Dairy Equipment | 710 Horses |
| 704 Custom Farm Services | 711 Horse Equipment |
| 705 Farm Machinery | 712 Irrigation |
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| 707 Farm Seed | 714 Sheep & Goats |
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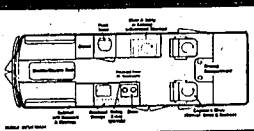
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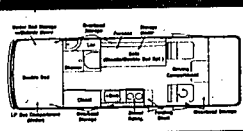


XPLORER 197 VAN CAMPER

Dimensions:	Standard	Maxi Van
Exterior:	127.6"	187"
Wheelbase:	67"	127.6"
Exterior Width:	67"	67"
Exterior Height:	6'10 1/2"	6'10 1/2"
Interior Height:	6'	6'
G.V.W.R.:	6400 lbs.	6400 lbs.

- Features:**
- Automatic transmission
 - 4 speed O/D
 - Steel belted radial tires
 - Chrome bumpers
 - Exterior Laser Stripes
 - Floorlaid & plywood, foam pad & carpet
 - Insulated sidewalls & roof
 - Rust proofing
 - Safety glass windows w/screens
 - Air lase mirrors
 - Air conditioning
 - Deluxe high back recliner seats w/umber support
 - Tinted glass windshield & front doors
 - Tilt steering column
 - Power Steering
 - Power anti-lock brakes
 - Cruise control
 - AM/FM stereo
 - Cassette, 4 speakers, clock
 - Deck interior
 - Fabric blinds & draperies
 - Flush Carpeting
 - Deluxe wood drawers
 - 2 burner gas stove
 - 40 lb., L.P. gas tank

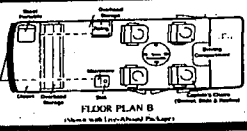
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Dimensions:	Standard	Maxi Van
Exterior:	19' 3"	187"
Wheelbase:	127.6"	127.6"
Exterior Width:	67"	67"
Exterior Height:	8' 11"	6'10 1/2"
Interior Height:	6' 11"	6'
G.V.W.R.:	7500 lbs.	6400 lbs.

- Features:**
- Automatic transmission
 - 30 gallon fuel capacity
 - Chrome bumpers
 - Halogen head lamps
 - Steel belted radial tires
 - Unibody construction, steel reinforcement
 - 32 x 6 plywood floor with foam pad & carpet
 - Insulated sidewalls & roof
 - Rust proofed metal conversion parts
 - Safety glass windows w/screens
 - 2 large mirrors
 - Deluxe high back seats
 - Recliner driver & 4 passenger seats
 - Tinted windshield & front door windows
 - Power windows
 - Power locks
 - Air conditioning
 - Tilt wheel
 - Power steering
 - Power brakes
 - Cruise control
 - Heater
 - Deluxe interior - 4 color
 - Vinyl paneling & fabric wall
 - Ceiling vent
 - Fabric blinds & draperies
 - Flush Carpeting
 - Deluxe drawers
 - Overhead storage cabinets
 - Full length closet
 - 2 burner gas stove
 - Stainless steel sink



XPLORER DELUXE - B250 MAXI VAN

Dimensions:	Standard	Maxi Van
Exterior:	18' 7"	187"
Wheelbase:	127.6"	127.6"
Exterior Width:	67"	67"
Exterior Height:	7' 10"	6'10 1/2"
Interior Height:	5' 6"	6'
G.V.W.R.:	6400 lbs.	6400 lbs.

- Features:**
- Automatic 4 speed O/D transmission
 - 36 gallon fuel capacity
 - Chrome bumpers
 - Halogen head lamps
 - Steel belted radial tires
 - Aluminum wheels
 - Vista Bay tinted windows w/screens
 - 4 captain's swivel chairs
 - Lumber support
 - Convertible wide sofa converts to double bed
 - Removable center table
 - Pleated chairs & sofa
 - Varmed oak trimmed interior trim
 - Overhead oak trimmed storage cabinets w/s openings
 - Complete insulation package
 - Raked roof w/vents & reading spot lights
 - 6 oak spoilings over sofa
 - Color coordinated carpet & drapes
 - Deluxe door panels - indirect lighting
 - 3 tone exterior accent trim
 - Air conditioning
 - Dropped floor, 6' starting room
 - OPTION PACKAGE
 - Live-aboard package
 - 12/110v electric refrigerator
 - Microwave oven w/oak trimmed sink cabinet & hand pump
 - 12v auxiliary battery w/solarator
 - 110v 30 amp electric service w/power cord
 - Part-a-potti w/privacy curtain
 - Windowsided privacy curtain

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