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## Good morning

### Today's forecast:

Partly cloudy with patchy morning fog and light winds. Highs in the 30s. Lows 5-10.

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## Magic Valley

### Winter's here

An early autumn storm Friday made Magic Valley residents winter-weary.

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### Swisher on hydro

Former Idaho Public Utilities Commissioner Perry Swisher, long a gadfly of utilities, made a pitch for a Snake River Canyon hydroelectric project on Friday.

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### Subject of recall

A Jerome School Board member is the subject of a recall attempt for his vote in favor of split sessions at the Jerome Middle School.

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## Sports

### Bruins go 9-0

Twin Falls completed its first undefeated football season in 64 years downing Nampa 28-7.

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### Tigers top Indians

Jerome clinched an A-2 football playoff spot by routing Buhl in the regular season finale.

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### NBA tipoff

The 1991-92 National Basketball Association season began Friday.

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## Idaho

### Court cuts sentence

By a 2-1 vote, the Idaho Court of Appeals has voted to cut in half the sentence of a convicted pedophile from north Idaho.

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### Heart news

After a heart attack, patients with dangerous high cholesterol are almost four times more likely to suffer another one, according to a study.

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### Major blow to B-2

House and Senate negotiators dealt a severe blow to the B-2 stealth bomber in a compromise defense bill that includes \$1 billion in humanitarian aid for the Soviet Union.

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### Who's in charge?

Rival governments have been appointed in Zaire by President Mobutu and the opposition. Meanwhile, evacuations of French and Belgian citizens is complete and troops from those nations are leaving.

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### Ice-cold rescue

Thirteen survivors of a military plane crash near the North Pole were being airlifted off Friday after enduring two days in a raging blizzard.

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# Judge stops shipments

By Brad Bowlin  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A federal judge in Boise on Friday blocked additional shipments of nuclear waste from coming into Idaho until the federal Department of Energy obtains a state air-quality permit.

State officials said that could take six months to a year, and the ruling gives Idaho a little breathing room in its battle against the shipments of high-level radioactive waste from the decommissioned Fort St. Vrain reactor in Colorado.

The injunction issued by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge demonstrates that Idaho does

have rights in its fight to keep the DOE from storing nuclear waste at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Gov. Cecil Andrus said.

Andrus said he won't try to stall the permit but added, "The process is going to be very thorough, and it's your call."

Although pleased with the decision, Attorney General Larry Echo Hawk warned that the injunction is not a permanent ban on imported waste. "This doesn't by any means signal an end to the war, but it's nice to have a victory in this particular battle," Echo Hawk said.

Three truckloads of nuclear waste from Colorado made it to INEL last month before Lodge ordered the shipments stopped.

Another 244 shipments are scheduled to enter Idaho under a contract between Public Service Co. of Colorado, the private operator of Fort St. Vrain, and the DOE.

The reprieve given by Judge will give Energy Secretary James Watkins time to get out of that contract, Andrus said.

And it will provide the state's congressional delegation with an opportunity "to assure that Idaho is in fact protected from becoming the nuclear garbage dump of America," he said.

U.S. Sens. Larry Craig and Steve Symms, both Republicans, have been critical of Andrus' recent efforts to keep the waste from Colorado

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## A rail wonder



A rail car stuck in the middle of Main Street in Buhl provides some unusual Friday afternoon entertainment for Steve Busby and his sons Matt, left, and Jake. The partially loaded grain car broke through an eastern bumper and roiled onto the street, according to a Union Pacific spokesman. He said four cars were being moved at a Rangen Inc. elevator when a slick substance on the track caused their wheels to spin. Workers on Friday built some additional track to the car to pull it off the street.

# Sides trade charges of terrorism

Knight-Ridder News Service

MADRID, Spain — Casting the first pall over the future of the Middle East peace conference, Israel and Syria traded vicious charges of terrorism Friday and dug in their heels on a dispute over the next round of talks.

## Bone of contention — A7

Secretary of State James Baker pronounced himself "disappointed" but not surprised, and sternly warned all sides to begin serious work toward peace. "Each of you needs to get off the sidelines and get off it quickly," he said.

Baker also acknowledged that he failed to win overall Arab-Israeli agreement on the location of the new peace talks. Israel, the Palestinians and Syria agreed to start Sunday in Madrid, but Baker on how to proceed from there.

It was a cautious closing for the first phase of the superpower-sponsored talks, a day in which an explosion of inventive nearly overshadowed assurances by all sides that they remained committed to the peace process.

The charges and counter-charges seemed to have little permanent effect on the conference, but underlined the heavy historical baggage that each side will bring when the negotiations break up into direct bilateral talks.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir opened Friday's session by saying he did not want to engage in recriminations, but then launched scolding attacks on Syria and the Palestinians.

"Syria is the home of a host of terrorist organizations that spread violence and death to all kinds of innocent targets," he said, adding that Damascus deserves the dubious honor as one of the most oppressive, tyrannical regimes in the world.

Syria's small Jewish community lives "in perpetual terror," and Lebanon "suffers under the yoke of Syrian occupation" by some 10,000 Syrian troops, the head-line Syrian minister charged as he read from a prepared text.

Turning his gaze to the Palestinians, Shamir ticked off their past pogroms against Jews, rejection of all previous peace efforts, collaboration with Nazis during World War II, and more recent animosity.

# U.S. economy may resist tinkering

By Martin Crutinger  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — This week's economic news could hardly have been worse. Unemployment was up and just about everything else was down.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said the U.S. economy was bucking "50-mile-an-hour headwinds" and President Bush openly worried about the strength of recovery from the recession.

However, Washington policymakers were short on answers to a central question: "What can the government do to make things better?"

The blunt answer may be: "Very little."

The government only has two levers it can pull to try to influence the economy — fiscal policy and monetary policy — and neither has been up to the challenge so far.

## Analysis More bad news — A3, B1

The Fed, which controls monetary policy through its power to influence interest rates and growth of the nation's money supply, has been cutting interest rates for over a year, including a 12th small reduction in a key rate earlier this week.

On Friday, Bush pushed the Fed to do more.

But rates controlled by the Federal Reserve are already down to levels not seen in almost two decades, and the economy has been slow to respond.

The problem may be that businesses and consumers are so debt-laden following the excesses of the 1980s that they can't be enticed to borrow more, no matter what the level of interest rates.

The constraints on fiscal policy, the government's spending and tax decisions, are even more severe. The deficit for the fiscal year ending in September was an all-time high of \$267.7 billion. The administration expects this year's deficit to be an even more astonishing \$348.3 billion.

That means the government can do little to boost spending or cut taxes to stimulate the economy since either action would worsen the deficits.

But giving the signal to do something, Democrats and Republicans in Congress have rushed forward with a parcel of tax cut schemes anyway. Supporters are offering to cut spending in an amount equal to those tax breaks as a way of keeping the deficit from getting worse.

But these proposals have left economists cold. "Analysis says that if the tax debate of

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# Thomas takes seat on high court

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court brought a dignified end Friday to the most raucous confirmation struggle in its history with a brief ceremony in which Justice Clarence Thomas took his seat with his eight black-robed colleagues.

The courtroom ceremony began with Acting Attorney General William Barr presenting a proclamation from President Bush appointing Clarence Thomas of Georgia to the Supreme Court. The new justice was then escorted up to the bench where, with Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist presiding, he took an oath to "faithfully and impartially discharge" his duties.

As Thomas took his seat on the far right of the nine-member court, Rehnquist wished him "a long and happy career in our common calling."

The five-minute ceremony briefly brought together the cast of characters who dominated the televised hearings into charges that Thomas had sexually harassed former aide Anita F. Hill. His wife, Virginia, and his prime sponsor, Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., sat in the vigorously defended Thomas during the Judiciary Committee hearings. Also



Justice Clarence Thomas signs a copy of the Oath of Office Friday. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and other justices took on.

Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., sat in the Judiciary Committee hearings. Also Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, who

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# Construct new grade school, survey shows

By Phil Sahn  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A survey shows that building a new elementary school and expanding both Robert Stuart Junior High School and Twin Falls High School is the most-favored option for solving overcrowding in the Twin Falls School District.

The district released results of the survey — conducted by its long-range planning committee, at a series of October public forums — on Friday.

Building a new middle school, expanding the high school and turning Smart into a day-care center was the second-most popular plan, according to the survey.

The poll was taken among those attending six meetings the district held at elementary schools to find out how the public wants the Twin Falls schools to handle growth. Twin Falls voters rejected a proposal to build a few high schools last spring.

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# More join roles of unemployed

## Briefly

### Judges orders pay to man with AIDS

DALLAS — A judge ordered Southwestern Bell to pay \$757,000 to a former employee who says he was fired because he has the AIDS virus. District Judge Gary Hall's ruling Thursday also ordered the phone company to reinstate Alan Kehrwinkel, 35, by Dec. 7, and to stop the criminalizing against him because of his medical condition. AIDS is classified as a handicap under the state's Human Rights Law. Southwestern Bell will appeal the ruling, company attorney William Brown indicated. He declined to comment further.

### Marine in AIDS controversy dies at 42

BOSTON — An AIDS-infected Marine who had battled the federal government over the AIDS deaths of his wife and son died early Friday, less than a month after he won \$3.8 million in damages, a spokesman said. Martin Gaffney died shortly before 3:30 a.m. at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he had been hospitalized since September, said Martin Bander, a hospital spokesman. Gaffney, 42, had charged in his suit that doctors at the Army Beach, Calif., Naval Hospital botched his wife's pregnancy in 1981 by failing to give her a Caesarean section. She was two weeks late delivering the baby, and required a blood transfusion that was tainted with the AIDS virus. The infant was stillborn. The couple had another son, who died of AIDS at 13 months. Gaffney's wife, Mutusko, died of AIDS in 1987. His 8-year-old daughter, Maureen, now lives with Gaffney's brother.



Gaffney

### Engineer with DC-3 to be honored

WASHINGTON — Arthur E. Raymond, chief engineer at Douglas Aircraft Company when it introduced the legendary DC-3 passenger and cargo plane in 1935, has been named to receive the National Air and Space Museum Trophy. The DC-3, which still is in service in some areas, was hailed as "the first airplane in the world that could make money just by hauling passengers." Raymond, 92, won the trophy for past contributions or service in aviation, space science and technology.

### Alaska oil dispute stalls energy plan

WASHINGTON — A proposed blueprint for America's energy policy fell victim Friday to a dispute in the Senate over whether to drill for oil in an Alaska wildlife refuge, making passage of an energy bill this year highly unlikely. After failing to get the required 60 votes to overcome parliamentary stallings, supporters of the bill conceded that it will have to be overhauled and probably not considered again this year. "I will try to work to pull together a (new) bill," Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., the architect of the rejected energy package said after a vote to advance the legislation fell 10 short, 50-44. The voluminous bill, which had been a high priority for President Bush, would have opened up the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, made it easier to drill for offshore oil, eased regulations for building clean-power plants and natural gas pipelines, and overhauled the way the electric industry is regulated.

### IRS broke law in seizing trashed paper

BOSTON — The Internal Revenue Service violated the privacy of a convicted tax evader by seizing shredded papers from his garbage and putting them together to support a tax-fraud charge, a federal judge ruled. U.S. District Judge Joseph L. Tauro ruled Thursday that Alan Scott, 39, reasonably expected that shredding his trash would protect his right to privacy. The U.S. Supreme Court in 1988 upheld the government's right to seize trash left on the curb, saying privacy couldn't be expected in that case since such trash is accessible to "snobs and scavengers." Compiled from wire reports

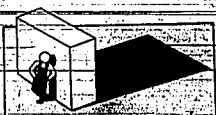
WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment worsened to 6.8 percent in October as mass layoffs hit factory and construction workers, the Labor Department said Friday.

A separate report showed the government's chief economic forecasting gauge declining for the first time in eight months.

The double dose of bleak news led analysts to suggest the midyear rebound had been a false start — "a blip on an underlying trend of a very sick economy," is the words of Allen Sinai of the Boston Co.

The spring pickup apparently was "Outfit War-related" — boosted by national euphoria after the victory over Iraq — "and not really an indication that the economy's fundamental problems had been licked," added Robert Dedeckert, chief economist at the Northern Trust Co.

So weak were the new numbers that analysts expected the Federal Reserve to provide a new round of interest rate cuts in an effort to revive the sputtering economy. But there was no immediate movement from the central bank, which apparently took a small step on Wednesday by cutting short-term rates that banks charge each other overnight. President Bush, on a fund-raising



campaign trip to Texas, indicated he would like to see the independent Federal Reserve do more.

"Lower interest rates always have been a good way of stimulating the economy," said his spokesman, Mar-

The job report from the Labor Department showed unemployment up one-tenth of a point from September's 6.7 percent, the first increase since it hit a five-year peak of 7.7 percent in June. The rate had inched down at the end of the summer, but that improvement was pinned more on statistical flukes than any hiring rally.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said its Index of Leading Economic Indicators, designed to project the economy six to nine months from now, slipped 0.1 percent in September.

Taken together, economists said the data revive questions of whether the recession ever really ended.

The Bush administration was decidedly more upbeat. Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said the numbers show "the recovery continues to move forward," although she conceded the turnaround is "frustratingly slow." Some 140,000 Americans were added to unemployment rolls, which rose to 6 million in October, the Labor Department said, using figures from its survey of households.

There are now 1.8 million more people without jobs than there were when the recession started in July 1980.

A payroll survey showed that hiring last month was virtually flat, with companies cutting 1,000 jobs overall. The service sector added jobs, but they were more than offset by wage and retail trade, the Labor Department said.

The unemployment total includes both job losers and people who enter the work force but can't find employment.

In recessions and recoveries of the past, the economy has churned out 200,000 jobs or more a month immediately following the bottom of a downturn.

Janet Norwood, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said the household and payroll surveys showed "continued weakness in the demand for workers."

Factories lost another 32,000 jobs in October, on top of a similarly severe 31,000 decline in September. Manufacturing had shown some resurgence this past summer, but the losses in the past two months have erased those gains, Mrs. Norwood said.

# Democrats ready with new help for jobless

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats prepared Friday to begin pushing a new jobless benefits bill through Congress, contending that the latest jump in unemployment is further proof that President Bush is mishandling the recession.

After three days of trying to work out a compromise with Republicans, Democrats said they would bring a measure to the House floor next week adding up to 20 weeks to the current 26 weeks of unemployment coverage. Democrats predicted that they would have GOP support, but chided Bush for spending three months fighting their efforts to expand benefits for the 300,000 people who use up the standard coverage every month.

"After ignoring every clear piece of

economic data for months, the administration has finally seen a number that concerns them — the president's collapsing rating in the polls," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. The Labor Department said Friday that October's unemployment rate had risen 0.1 percent to 6.8 percent in the wake of deep layoffs of construction and factory workers.

Democrats wasted little time in using the figure as a club to drive home their oft-made point that Bush "cares little for the country's 8.6 million jobless people."

Since August, Bush has killed two bills that would have extended the benefits, arguing that the proposals were unneeded and too expensive but in the process giving Democrats an

issue with which to weaken him. "For too many months, the Bush administration steadfastly embraced the economics of wishful thinking," said Rep. Thomas Downey, D-N.Y., and an author of the benefits measure. "As today's numbers confirm, the employment situation has not magically improved."

Most Republicans were initially noncommittal about the proposal, with House Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia saying, "It may be acceptable." But in recent days, Republicans have emphasized that their main concern about the legislation was not the extent of benefits but a desire that they be financed without boosting the budget deficit.

The bill Congress will consider is financed chiefly by a speed-up in tax collections from well-off people who

estimate the amounts they owe. This part of the plan would raise \$3.2 billion.

An additional \$1.7 billion would come from allowing the Internal Revenue Service to continue withholding refunds from people who owe student loan repayments and other debts to the government.

### Bush switches tack on economy

DALLAS (AP) — President Bush, who has been blaming the Democratic-controlled Congress for hindering the economic recovery Friday, swung to the Federal Reserve, calling for lower interest rates. Bush's appeal, made first in an interview station and repeated later by aides, came as the president was buffeted

by conflicting advice on how to steady the wobbly economy. On the second day of a campaign swing through Texas to raise funds for his 1992 re-election campaign, Bush found himself on the defensive — both on the economy and in responding to criticism that he spends too much time on foreign policy and not too much on domestic issues.

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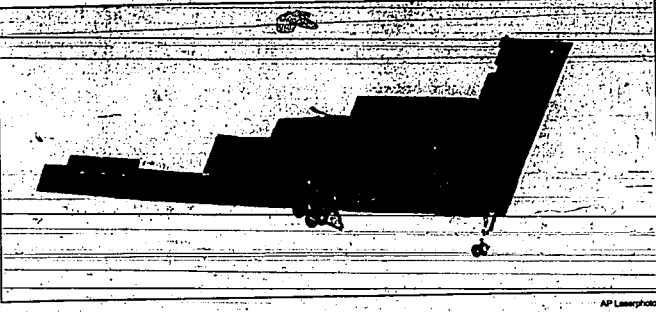
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Nation

Defense compromise is bad news for B-2, good news for Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators on Friday dealt a severe blow to the B-2 stealth bomber in a compromise defense bill that includes an extraordinary provision of \$1 billion in humanitarian aid for the Soviet Union.



The B-2 stealth bomber lines up for its first runway landing Monday at Edwards Air Force Base.

Improper use of American taxpayer money — it's just the wrong thing to do... at a time in our own country when we have people who need help... said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss.

High court addresses Guam abortion law

HONOLULU (AP) — Hearings are scheduled to begin Monday in a federal court appeal over Guam's anti-abortion law, ruled unconstitutional and sought as a contender to bring the right-to-choice issue before the Supreme Court.

That keeps the case on the fast track with appeals over similar laws in Pennsylvania and Louisiana toward an expected challenge of the high court's landmark Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion in 1973.

to ask or advise a woman to have one. Guam Gov. Joseph F. Ada... dropped all but the felony part in his appeal of the August 1990 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Alex Munsun, who said the law violated constitutional rights to privacy and free speech.

"There's no longer a (high court) majority that says the right to choose is fundamental in all circumstances," he said. Simon Heller, staff counsel at ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, disagrees. He is leading the court challenge with attorney Anita Arriola, herself fighting the law written by her mother, Guam Sen. Elizabeth Arriola.

Government called in to assist with auto war

WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigation of alleged misconduct by a U.S.-based Toyota affiliate is the latest salvo fired by members of Congress who blame the Japanese in part for the domestic automobile industry's mounting woes.

The company denied the accusations and said they were made by disgruntled former dealers and employees. Duggan's probe comes as the Big Three U.S. automakers, despite their ever-fierce rivalry, team up to enlist Washington's help in challenging Japanese trading practices and warding off more stringent safety and environmental regulations.

Herer nabbed before S. Carolina march WINNSBORO, S.C. (AP) — The featured speaker of a march to encourage the legalization of marijuana was arrested on the way to the rally.

CORRECTION St. Nicholas Church Annual Harvest Dinner & Bazaar Saturday, November 2, 1991. F & 9th Street, Rupert, Idaho. Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. Homemade pies. Dinner 5-8 P.M. Bazaar 2-8 P.M. Dinner Tickets Adults... \$5.00 Children 6-12 \$3.50 Children Under 6... \$1.00

Stamp Show & Collectibles advertisement for Blue Lakes Mall. Includes dates (November 1, 2 & 3), times, and contact information for the mall.

Advertisement for The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus Concert. Includes details about ticket availability, concert start time (7:30 p.m.), and door opening time (6:30).

Advertisement for Ernst Home & Nursery. Features a 'Cooler Cover & Heat Plug Sale' with a 20% off discount. Includes images of cooler covers and heat plugs, and contact information for American Excelsior Company.

# Moratorium may leave Nevada test site facing indefinite future

By Kelly Richmond  
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Anyplace that employs 8,000 people is going to be popular with nearby political leaders, and the Department of Energy's Nevada Test Site is no exception.

"It's made a very important contribution to Southern Nevada's economy — a lot of high-tech jobs, a lot of highly trained artisans, carpenters, plumbers, pipe fitters," said Nevada Democratic Sen. Harry Reid. "It's provided a lot of good work."

The test site is "a very, very important fa-

ca's nuclear weapons program for more than 40 years, with more than 700 explosions to its credit, and has been strongly backed by Nevada's congressional delegation. But the site's future has been called into question as America's reliance on nuclear weapons dwindles in the post-Cold War world.

This past week, 112 House members introduced legislation that would impose a one-year moratorium on nuclear tests. The bill doesn't mention what Nevada Test Site workers would do during that period, but its

sponsors say the employees would spend the year cleaning up previous tests and other contaminated DOE facilities.

Although such investigations have been proposed unsuccessfully for decades, world events, including a recently transformed Soviet Union, have made a test ban more likely than at any time in recent memory, said Daryl Kimball, policy director for Physicians for Social Responsibility, one of about two dozen environmental and peace groups that support the proposed test ban.

"It is true there has been negotiation (introduced in the past to limit nuclear testing, but this piece of legislation is unique be-

cause of the timing, because it comes after the Bush and Gorbachev (nuclear reduction proposals)," Kimball said.

"It's unique also because of who is (co-sponsoring) the bill," he said. "There are a number of key people signed onto this bill."

Among the measure's 112 sponsors, virtually all Democrats, are House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri, Majority Whip David Bonior of Michigan, and Interior Committee Chairman George Miller of California.

But Nevada's representatives in Washington aren't fazed.

"We feel confident that the test site will

be used to its maximum capacity for a number of years to come," Reid said. "I can't project how long that will be, but for the foreseeable future."

While the Nevada delegation has fought the Bush administration tooth and nail on such issues as the proposed Yucca Mountain nuclear waste repository, the administration is a key ally in keeping the test-site operating, Bryan said.

"I'm not concerned (by the moratorium proposal), but the president and this administration have taken the position that testing will continue," he said.

# Early hearing leaves faint chance for bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional maneuvering has created what one lawmaker calls a "faint chance" that legislation crucial to opening a radioactive waste dump in New Mexico can reach the White House before year's end.

Republican Congressman Joe Skeen of New Mexico has introduced a bill similar to one that has already cleared a Senate committee that would give the federal government control of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant to the Department of Energy and provide his state with financial compensation for accommodating the dump.

And a plan to delay a House subcommittee hearing on the WIPP legislation until Nov. 20 was scrapped on Thursday, and the hearing was scheduled for next Tuesday.

New Mexico Democratic Congressman Bill Richardson said the earlier hearing leaves a slim possibility a final vote can be taken on the bill before Congress adjourns for the year just before Thanksgiving.

"It's still uncertain whether we can finish, but it doesn't push us to the wire," Richardson said.

Operation of the WIPP facility has been at the core of the battle in Idaho over radioactive waste management since most of the initial material to be shipped to the dump would come from the millions of cubic feet currently in temporary storage at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The hearing originally set for next Tuesday was tentatively pushed back two weeks at the request of the Energy Department because its top waste management officer, Leo Duffy, was scheduled to attend an international conference in France next week.

But the department decided the congressional hearing was more important and Duffy, director of the office of environmental restoration

and waste management, would forego the trip so he could appear before the House Energy and Power Subcommittee.

Skeen's legislation, which has the backing of most of the New Mexico congressional delegation, also improves chances for final congressional action this year since it appears acceptable to the Senate.

It would supersede Energy Secretary James Watkins' Oct. 3 administrative action to take control of the southeastern New Mexico site without provisions for state compensation.

The bill calls for \$600 million in federal payments to the state as well as some health and safety concessions.

Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., sent letters Wednesday to 12 key chairmen and ranking House members urging their support.

"This legislation is crucial, not only to New Mexico, but to the country as a whole because it establishes a process, supported by the state, for the potential siting of a nuclear waste disposal facility," the letter said.

Richardson was the lone delegation, holdout against the Skeen proposal, but Skeen said the alternative offered by his colleague was unacceptable to the Bush administration and offered "no hope that WIPP could be opened soon."

"After working on this issue for more than a decade, I firmly believe we're not going to get a better bill than this," Skeen said.

Under the measure, about 4,500 barrels of waste, most from the INEL, would be put in the dump in a test phase with the possibility, that about double that amount if the Energy Department meets certain requirements.

# Flu-like symptoms fell 64 diners at Idaho resort

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Panhandle Health District is investigating reports that 64 people attending dinners at Tropin's Resort in Post Falls developed flu-like symptoms.

The 50 Avon representatives and 14 members of the Lutheran Brotherhood laboratory became ill last Friday, and some are still sick.

"With the attack rates we're seeing, there really isn't any question it is a food-borne outbreak," senior environmental health specialist Shireene Hale said.

Such outbreaks often occur when an ill person handles food, which probably is the reason in this case, she said. Food not cooked before it is served is highly susceptible.

Lab tests will determine whether a virus or bacteria are to blame. The State Laboratory, Coeur d'Alene and the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta should release their findings next week, Ms. Hale said.

At least 50 of the 110 northern Idaho and Spokane residents attending the Avon meeting developed flu-like symptoms, fever and diarrhea, Ms. Hale said.

While those symptoms persisted two or three days in most cases, some people are still sick. Ms. Hale knows of no one who was hospitalized.

The Avon group ate turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, steamed vegetables, a lettuce salad, cranberries, apple dessert and a kale and

crab apple garnish. They also munched on a cereal-type party mix, Hale said.

Meanwhile, on the menu for about 33 members of the Lutheran Brotherhood that same evening was steak, shrimp, salmon, rice, baked potatoes, broccoli, lettuce salad, lemon cake and both lemon garnishes and a kale and crab apple garnish, Hale said. Both groups drank coffee with cream, tea and ice water.

The health district has not contacted each member of that group. However, at least 14 of those reached reportedly experienced symptoms, Hale said.

Such large outbreaks are not uncommon, Ms. Hale said.

Perhaps the most highly publicized such case in northern Idaho in June 1986. A total of some 50 persons became ill after cruise meals and a banquet catered by the then-new Coeur d'Alene Resort.

State regulations prevent sick restaurant employees from handling food. However, employers typically rely on workers to report their own illnesses, Ms. Hale said. "Many of those people need their paychecks."

"It's really hard for us to get sick food handlers to stay home," she said.

Tropin's employees seem well-versed on handling and storing food, Ms. Hale said. In fact, the restaurant received a health district commendation on its meal operations.

# Police pooch pensions pass

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The City Council granted full pensions to a few of the Police Department's top dogs without taking a large bite out of the budget.

The council adopted a policy this week allowing the city to set retiring police dogs to the same pension and pay the dogs' veterinary and food expenses.

"It's a heck of a lot cheaper than the retirement of a two-legged officer," said Councilwoman Judy Mikels.

Police dogs usually retire at age 9

and have a life span of 10 to 13 years, officials said. At the head of the list is Atlas, a five-year department veteran who will retire later this year.

"He is an officer, at least in my mind," said Councilman Bill Davis, who proposed the retirement plan. "A lot of people laughed when I first brought this up a few months ago. But it just makes a lot of sense to me."

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**Sydney Omarr**

**Astrological Forecasts**

**IF NOVEMBER 2 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are emotional, sensitive, psychic, often are called upon to solve family problems, stubborn, aggressive on surface but "soft touch" inside. Cancer, Capricorn persons play meaningful roles in your life. You are impressionable, vulnerable where romance is concerned, and you are an afflicted major domestic adjustment - could include change of residence, marital status. November most memorable in 1991.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Gift received by 10 p.m. represents token of affection; esteem. Music-in-your-life tonight; repair work at home gets finished by 4 p.m. What had been mere illusion, mirage becomes definite.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Attention revolves around practical issues, responsibility, organization for unique gathering or variety, physical attraction. Cancer native involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Individual who claimed you could not finish with you gathered will be embarrassed, perhaps in point of going into seclusion. Emphasis on, universality, unique appeal, idealism. You did it.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Stress independence, originality and by "vulnerable" to love. Saturday night gathering includes relative, surprise visitors. Short trip necessary if mission is to be completed. Leo involved.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Unhappiness, procedure necessary if money is to be recovered. You'll encounter Cancer; Aquarius individuals tonight with these letters, initials in their names: B, K, T. Lost article is returned.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Plenty to celebrate tonight! Events transpire to favor you, circumstances elevate prestige, you'll attract bright, inspirational people, Popularity rising, zooms upward.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Individual who previously represented opposition, especially in connection with finances, could suddenly become staunch ally. Remember: "Don't look gift-horse in mouth" Scorpio reprimanded.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Communicate, read and write, have fun flirting but know when to draw line. You'll win friends and influence people tonight; this line "powers of persuasion" to get across special message.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Focus on domestic adjustment, challenge an object, standing in community elevated. Important person asks, "What took you so long to join us?"

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Make position crystal clear - denote terms, guard of superficial material. Emphasis on publishing, travel, search for "soul mate." You'll be asked to disseminate vital information. Compl.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Individual who should know better explains in convoluted manner how the money went astray. Check references, dig deep for information. Compl.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** What had been dormant is revived - includes career, unique project, love relationship. Focus on partnership, public image, legal agreement, marriage.

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The American divorce rate in this century has been four times as high as the British, three times as high as the French.

What people herabouts don't realize is there are a lot of lady knights in England.

Members of the nine British orders are designated as knights, and two of the orders are the Victorian and British Empire - are open to women.

Any physics student will tell you there has never been a palm either perfectly black or perfectly white.

**CROW**

"Crow" is defined as "a triumphal boast."

If a person moved something with an iron lever that couldn't be moved without it, that person might utter such a triumphal boast. From that came the name of the "crowbar."

To this lengthy list of items reported to be in short supply in the Soviet Republics are pigs and pencils.

The population center of the United States is not all that well populated, please note. Only 1,470 people were living in St. Louis, Mo., at last report.

Q: What's the largest cell in the human body?

A: The female egg cell. Smallest: the male sperm cell.

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## Briefly

**Base of burning wells to be put out**  
**RAVDATEH, Kuwait** — Just three plumes of black and white smoke rise from the base of Kuwait's northern oilfields where Canadian firefighters are expected to cap the world's last burning well on Saturday.

The Canadian firm Safety Star, which has capped more wells than the U.S. and Canadian teams called in since March, is also expected to cap the last one.

The last three burning wells are in the Ravdateh and Sabriyah oil fields, 20 miles north of Kuwait City.

**Yeltsin's reform bill wins approval**  
**MOSCOW** — Russian President Boris Yeltsin won overwhelming parliamentary approval Friday for his radical economic reforms, as parliament's sweeping political powers he said were needed to carry out the reforms.

The Russian Congress of People's Deputies or parliament passed the reform legislation on the same day the Russian government froze payments to its less than 70 national minorities to cut the costly and bloated welfare system.

The long and heated debate, parliament granted Yeltsin and the reformist leadership the right to suspend the constitution and to dissolve the Supreme Soviet, the right to suspend the constitution and to dissolve the Supreme Soviet, the right to suspend the constitution and to dissolve the Supreme Soviet.

**Burmese dissident learns of Nobel**  
**OSLO, Norway** — Burmese dissident Aung San Suu Kyi, who is under house arrest in Burma, has learned she won the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize and is expected to receive the award in Oslo, Norway, in December.

The Norwegian Nobel committee said Friday that Suu Kyi had been nominated for the award by 115 people from 36 countries.

**Greek students sentenced for rioting**  
**ATHENS, Greece** — A court on Friday sentenced 21 people, including eight teenagers, to prison for their role in the destruction of the parliament building during student riots last week.

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**Kilipino air force officer surrenders**  
**MANILA, Philippines** — A former air force officer who staged three coup attempts against President Corason Aquino surrendered Friday along with 14 other officers, the military said.

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## Mobutu, opposition appoint governments

**KINSHASA, Zaire (AP)** — Embattled President Mobutu Sese Seko and his main opponent, opposition leader Etienne Ilukembe, have each appointed a government Friday, escalating the struggle for political control of the violence-torn nation.

Mobutu's government, which rebel leaders fear a harsh crackdown, is expected to be installed in Kinshasa, the capital, by Saturday.

Ilukembe's government, which has been evacuated since the start of the September 22 riots that led to massive looting and the death of 34 million people, is expected to be installed in Lubumbashi, a city in the south.

The 150 French soldiers left Thursday and some of the 800 remaining Belgian troops are being withdrawn, Friday. A Belgian diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the final soldiers from his nation should depart by Tuesday.

More than 20,000 foreigners have been evacuated since the start of the September 22 riots that led to massive looting and the death of 34 million people.



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## 5 die, 13 survive in plane crash

**EDMONTON, Alberta (AP)** — Thirteen survivors of a military plane crash near the North Pole were being airlifted, but Friday after enduring two days in a raging blizzard before a search-and-rescue team could reach them.

Five other passengers on the C-130 Hercules were killed in the crash, Wednesday, said Lt. Cmdr. Wally West of the Canadian Forces Base in Edmonton, Alberta. He said four of the survivors were seriously injured and the others suffered minor injuries.

The weather turned rough late Thursday night, to permit six paratroopers to reach the snow-covered, rocky site with emergency supplies and medical aid, said Capt. Rod Gray, of the Edmonton base, where the Hercules is based.

A ground search party made three attempts to get to the wreck and eventually reached it two hours after the paratroopers.

The plane was on a routine supply run from Thule, Greenland, to a Canadian military station at Alert, the world's most northern city, when it crashed about 12 miles from the runway Wednesday afternoon.

The crash site, on the tip of Ellesmere Island, is a rocky, rugged area where there is twilight for only two hours a day at this time of year.

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# Idaho/West

## Briefly

### Crews work to clean up wheat elevator

**RIRIE** — Crews worked in the weekend to clean up the thousands of bushels of wheat spilled across the ground when a wheat elevator collapsed in eastern Idaho.

"Fortunately, we had enough sufficient warning... so that no one was hurt," said Jerry Kramer, manager at Ririe Grain and Feed Co.

The cause of the collapse Thursday afternoon was unknown although investigators were going to check for metal fatigue.

About 33,000 bushels of dark-northern spring wheat was stored in the 60-foot silo when it gave way. Kramer said it would cost about \$30,000 to replace the structure.

### Interest group head named to board

**BOISE** — Gertrude Hanson, chairman of a public interest group based in Coeur d'Alene, has been named to a public advisory board for a project to help people exposed to radiation from a Federal facility.

The seven-member board for the Hanford Health Information Network was set up to provide information to people affected by radiation from the Hanford nuclear site near Richland, Wash., from the late 1940s through the mid-1960s. Board members were appointed from Oregon, Washington and Idaho and include two physicians, a public health nurse and representatives of organizations of people who may have been affected by the radiation.

A seventh member is to be appointed by Indian tribes.

Hanson is chairman of Citizens Against Nuclear Weapons and Extermination at Coeur d'Alene. Her appointment was announced Friday.

### Student sues Emmett School District

**BOISE** — The Emmett School District is being sued for negligence over a former high school teacher's on-campus sex with a student.

The lawsuit, filed this week in 4th District Court, is based on former English teacher Donald Allen Zaph's convictions on two counts of statutory rape.

In July, Zaph admitted to having sex last year with a female student at Emmett High School during school hours. The student was then under 18.

Boise attorney Robert Huntley, representing the victim, claims the school district negligently supervised Zaph.

District officials reply they cooperated fully with police when the sexual-abuse allegations surfaced last spring. Zaph resigned April 22.

### Court charges mother of dead baby

**BOISE** — The mother of a dead baby found in a portable toilet at a private home has been charged with involuntary manslaughter in Gem County Juvenile Court, authorities say.

The unidentified newborn was discovered by a caretaker after a three-day International Pow Wow on July 22. Following an investigation of several months, police tracked down the Poacello-area mother of the infant.

The identity of the mother was not released because she is a juvenile, Gem County Prosecuting Attorney Dick Linville said.

## Governor calls tax conference

**BOISE (AP)** — Gov. Cecil Andrus has scheduled Idaho's first Tax Equity Summit next month to debate the worth of the current 1 Percent Initiative drive to contain property taxes.

Andrus, an early and vocal opponent of the 1 Percent, said the Dec. 12 summit will help Idahoans decide on the initiative in the next election.

"I want those people to say how they're going to... a certain amount of money to maintain education, fire stations, police stations, libraries, 911 and all of the other public services that we have," Andrus said.

"He warns the measure would raise income or sales taxes which would stifle the growth that we have enjoyed."

The 1 Percent would limit annual property taxes to 1 percent of market value.

Ron Rankin, president of the initiative's chief backer, The Idaho Property Owners' Association, commended Andrus for inviting his group to the table.

"It's to his credit that he's getting some divergent views in there," he said and it will be more to his credit if he listens."

Rankin said the 1 Percent will not stifle growth. "The bureaucrats are trying to protect their turf from the public. We're trying to protect the public from the bureaucrats."

The day-long summit will focus on the fairness of Idaho's tax structure, and its ability to meet future needs, and the impact of the 1 Percent on public services, and actions necessary to implement a long-term fiscal plan.

## Public defender to be appointed

**CADWELL (AP)** — A public defender will be appointed for a 21-year-old Nampa man facing a first-degree murder charge in the death of his 5-week-old son.

Richard Lewis Pedersen appeared in 3rd District Court on the charge Friday and bond was continued at \$500,000.

Bradley Alan Roberts died last week at a Boise hospital of massive head injuries. He was taken off life support systems and died shortly afterward.

Nampa Police Detective Tim Randall said paramedics and officers responded to a telephone call Oct. 24 that an infant was not breathing.

# Court divides over sentence reduction

**—BOISE (AP)** — The Idaho Court of Appeals has voted 2-1 to rein in half the prison sentence ordered for a Kootenai County sex offender.

Judge Cathy Silak dissented, saying personal evaluations indicate Paul Allen Alberts is a pedophile and with a high probability of new offenses. He is excluded from prison. Under those circumstances, she said, the need to protect society and children in particular outweighs the possibility Alberts can be rehabilitated.

Alberts was a 42-year-old insurance agent when he was charged in 1989 with sexual abuse of children under the age of 16. After his arrest, Alberts revealed that he had engaged in similar acts with other young children, primarily boys, over the previous 20 years, court records said.

District Judge James Luid sentenced him to two consecutive terms of five to 15 years in prison, for a total of 10 to 30 years, noting that he was a moderate to high risk to reoffend. The court said the sentences should be served concurrently, cutting the minimum from 10 to five years.

Chief Judge Jesse Walters wrote that a sentence of up to 30 years was excessive. In light of Alberts' expression of remorse for his conduct, his recognition of his problem, his willingness to accept treatment, we conclude that some leniency in his sentences is justified.

Silak said Alberts, personality evaluations indicated that although he was a good rehabilitation candidate among pedophiles, he still was a pedophile and unlikely to change his past behavior without close supervision.

In a Birmingham County case, the court issued a directive that judges must make a positive affirming declaration that a non-English speaking defendant and the interpreter. Such a transcript is not required and probably is impossible anyway, the court said, for a variety of reasons.

In an Ada County case, the Court of Appeals divided 2-1 over a decision to allow a previous conviction to be considered in a recent offense, even though the original charge was wiped off the records.

Bruce H. Deitz was charged with repeat drunken driving in 1988. He claimed in an appeal that a previous drunken driving conviction should not count, because it was expunged from the records when he satisfactorily completed probation.

## Timber legislation on hold until next year

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Environmentalists chastised congressional leaders Friday for delaying spotted owl legislation.

District Judge James Luid said the stall-the-timber industry and the delegation put the legislative process in is just outrageous," Frances Hunt said of the National Wildlife Federation.

"These are the same folks who swore up and down last year that they would pass something, and then came up to the brink and then pointed. They said they'd be back this year and do a bill, and here we are again," she said.

A spokesman for House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., confirmed there has been a general agreement to postpone action on timber legislation this year.

Press Secretary Jeff Biggs said one reason for the delay is that Foley and Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., have asked the Office of Technology Assessment to prepare a study on the impacts of the Endangered Species Act.

He said one of the things O.T.A. has been asked to address is whether the act should be modified to include economic considerations earlier in the mandated process.

A spokesman for the timber industry denied Friday that it was behind the delay, pointing the finger back at the environmentalists.

"They have no one to blame but themselves. I don't think the Pacific Northwest Congressional delegation is of the mind to destroy the region's No. 1 industry, and that is exactly what would happen if they moved a bill to satisfy the environmental groups," said Jim Geisinger of the Northwest Forestry Association in Eugene, Ore.

Geisinger said without legislation this year, logging will continue to be at a near-standstill because of a federal court injunction from U.S. District Court Judge William Dwyer in Seattle.

"Not having a bill is certainly not in the best interest of the forest products industry," he said.

Rep. Bruce Vento, D-Minn., chairman of the House Interior subcommittee on national parks and public lands, said he preferred to have forward with a bill this fall.

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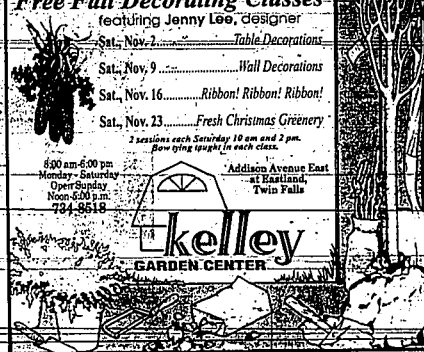
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## Former PUC commissioner backs hydro projects

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Perry Swisher, a man who "spent 12 years getting my protein from the hindquarters of utilities," made a pitch for one Friday.  
Swisher, an outspoken former Idaho Public Utilities commissioner who often clashed with Idaho Power Co., told a Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce committee that he supported a plan by a Boise-based LB Industries Inc. to build three hydroelectric "diversion" projects on the Snake River

between Twin Falls and Buhl.  
The projects, to be located at Boulder, Empire and Kamka rapids, would divert water from the river through short canals and power plants, then return it to the river further downstream.  
Swisher, who retired from the PUC earlier this year and now serves as a consultant to LB Industries, said such developments would preserve the river's quality and prevent construction of more dams on the Snake River.  
"The case law in the federal courts in combination with a change in the balance of

power of our congressional delegation will put Idaho at a disadvantage," Swisher told the chamber's environmental committee. "No longer do we have a Supreme Court that understands the character of water."  
Past court rulings and the presence of such powerful Idahoans as Frank Church and Jim McClure in the Senate have enabled the state to protect its water resources and limit impoundment of the Snake, Swisher said. But Idaho's influence is diminishing in Congress, he said, and the state can no longer depend on federal courts to protect its water rights.  
"If we're supposed to play Horatio at the

bridge with every development that comes along in my judgment we'll have no voice," he said.  
LB Industries has commissioned studies on Middle Snake River water quality, consulted with agencies that regulate the river and interests that use it, and hopes to submit its application for a license to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission soon, according to Mark Hill, the project's engineering consultant.  
FERC, the federal agency that licenses hydroelectric projects, could take a year or more to issue a license.  
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## Around the valley

### Utah rollover claims Declo man Thursday

**CEDAR CITY, Utah** — A Declo man was killed in a rollover Thursday night and the driver of the car in which he was a passenger was booked into jail for investigation of automobile homicide, according to the Utah Highway Patrol.  
Trooper Charles Young said Bradley Michael Matthews, 23, was thrown from the car after the driver apparently failed to negotiate a curve at speeds estimated at more than 100 mph. Young said it appeared alcohol.  
The accident occurred about midnight on State Road 56, about 5 miles west of Cedar City, he said.  
Young said the driver of the car, 23-year-old Michael John Middleton, was not injured. He was booked into the Iron County Correctional Facility for investigation of automobile homicide.  
A jail spokesman said Middleton bailed out early Friday.  
Iron County Attorney Scott Burns was in court Friday morning and could not be reached to be asked when formal charges would be filed.  
Matthews, a former senior class president at Declo High School, was an all-state basketball and football player. He played football at Southern Utah State College in Cedar City and later played professionally in Finland.

### IRS plans compliance check of Idaho businesses this month

**BOISE** — The Internal Revenue Service will conduct a compliance check of Idaho businesses beginning this month to find out if they report cash payments of more than \$10,000.  
"We have reason to believe that many businesses fail to file Form 8300," Report of Cash Payment of \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business, with the Internal Revenue Service," said Jack Chesky, Idaho's IRS District Director.  
"People who do not report cash payments to dealers and retailers of such big-ticket items as cars, trucks, boats, jewelry and furs are often affected by this reporting requirement."  
IRS agents will contact about 35 businesses in the Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, Boise, Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene areas part of a nationwide project aimed at identifying large cash receipts. Federal law requires that cash receipts of more than \$10,000 in any single transaction be reported.

### Area Chamber of Commerce offers maps of Twin Falls

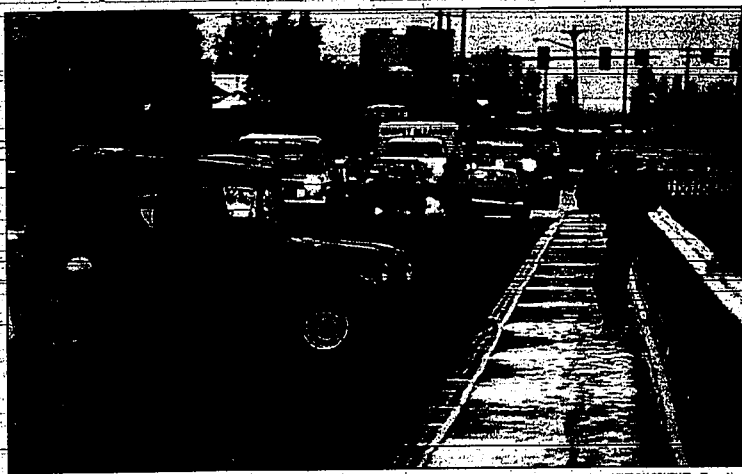
**TWIN FALLS** — Need a map of Twin Falls? Call the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce.  
The chamber is issuing new, updated maps. The first one is free, but any additional maps will cost 50 cents.  
The maps are available at the chamber office at 858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

### Farm managers, appraisers chapter will meet Monday

**TWIN FALLS** — The Magic Valley chapter of the Idaho Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers will meet 7:30 a.m. Monday at the Depot Grill.  
State Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer, will speak.

### Contractors awarded work to improve Sawtooth facilities

**KETCHUM** — Contracts totaling more than \$891,500 to improve recreation facilities in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area have been awarded to local contractors.  
"The work to be done ranges from the construction of 15 new toilet facilities to the recreation vehicle dumps and water systems," said Carl Pence of the Forest Service, area ranger for the SNRA.  
"Some work has been started on all of the projects, but due to the weather all of the projects have been shut down for the winter. We anticipate all of the projects will be completed next summer."  
The largest contract went to Brice Construction Co. of Meridian for construction of 15 toilet facilities.  
Other contracts went to Walton, Inc. of Heyburn for a new water line system at Alums Lake (\$180,000), Winn and Co. of Buhl for two new recreational vehicle dump stations (\$161,000), Maveric Construction of Buley for resurfacing areas and parking facilities and rebuilding signs (\$244,000) and Crist Construction of Twin Falls for painting the roofs of nine buildings (\$7,000).  
Compiled from staff and wire reports



Traffic is snarled on the Singing Bridge as slippery conditions cause a rush-hour accident Friday afternoon. Kori Davis, 18, of Twin Falls was driving the brown car when she lost control and hit the Jeep, driven by Martin Budden of Twin Falls. Nobody was injured in the accident.

## November storm gives valley early taste of winter weather

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Honest, says the Weather Service: It's still fall.  
Barely a month into autumn, the latest volley in a fusillade of winter weather slammed into the Magic Valley Friday, dumping snow and freezing rain, slickening highways and sending temperatures into the teens and below.  
"The worst of this storm is past," said Bill Galkin of the Kimberly office of the National Weather Service on Friday. "It's going to taper off and be partly cloudy over the weekend, with temperatures here down to the 15-degree range, or maybe colder, possibly down to 5 to 10 degrees."  
And beyond that?  
"We'll have moderating temperatures next week," Galkin said. "By the middle of next week, it may be close to normal."  
For the record, normal conditions for first week in November at the weather service office in Kimberly are highs in the mid-50s and lows in the high-20s.  
But it didn't come close on Nov. 1. The temperature climbed to just 40 degrees in Twin Falls, 29 in Burley, 30 in Ketchum, all with snow — and 42 in Hagerman, where it rained.  
But for all the wet, damp weather of the past 10 days, Twin Falls ended the month of October in the red. Precipitation was .28 inch, .04 below normal.  
The combination of near-freezing temperatures and precipitation Friday afternoon turned Magic Valley roads into skating rinks.  
Six cars piled up on Interstate 84 near Jerome after 5 p.m. The Jerome County Sheriff's Office and Idaho State Police reported no serious injuries.  
It was particularly treacherous on the bridges. Accidents were reported on the Perrine, Hanson and Singing bridges before dark Friday.  
Although most of the accidents were minor slide-offs and fender-benders, some Magic Valley residents ended up in the hospital.  
Just before 4 p.m., Vin Cappellico, 25, of Jerome lost control



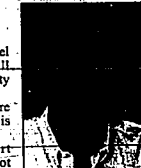
Sledding on Sun Valley's Bald Mountain proves enjoyable for Ketchum residents Spider Foahl, right, and Andrew Hebert as they look back at friend Walter Lea following a wreck in some of the early season snow.

of his vehicle and hit a rock wall on the north side of the Hansen Bridge, ISP Dispatcher Lorrie Oliver said.  
Cappellico and his wife, Lisa Marie, were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. He was treated and released; she underwent surgery and was reported in stable condition Friday evening.  
Vin Cappellico was cited for driving too fast for conditions.  
Near the Low Line canal on Blue-Lake Boulevard South, a Twin Falls man lost control of his car and rolled down an embankment, Oliver said.  
Thomas R. Chaput, 46, and his wife, Simonne were taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Oliver said. No report on their conditions was available Friday evening.  
In Minidoka County, the towns of Minidoka and Acequia lost electricity just after 5:30 p.m., but officials had not determined Friday evening if the power outage was weather-related.

## Ketchum elections promise City Council shakeup

By Michael Hofferber  
Times-News correspondent

**KETCHUM** — A major political upheaval rocking Ketchum's city government will radically change the makeup of its next City Council.  
Out of four seats on the council, three are up for election Nov. 5. Of those three, none is being defended by an incumbent.  
Larry Young, mayor of the resort community for the past four years, is not seeking re-election. Instead, he is campaigning for a two-year council term vacated by Suzanne Orr, who moved out of the city in September.  
"I enjoy the legislative more than the administrative side of city government," Young explained. "As a councilman I can focus more on issues and not get consumed by the peripheral duties of being mayor."  
Tom Held, a 12-year veteran of the city council, is running for mayor. Sue Wolford, another 12-year incumbent, is not seeking re-election. And Pam Ritzen, appointed as Orr's replacement on the council for the remainder of 1991, is pursuing a four-year council term.



Only Guy Colles, slated to fill Ketchum City Council in 1989, will hold the same elected position in the city government in 1992.  
Four of the six candidates in the city council elections are running for office for the first time. They were members of the Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, which has been openly critical of council decisions during the past year.  
Their candidacies have made the city's zoning laws and its design review policies, a major issue in the campaign. What is the

future of downtown Ketchum? How much density is desirable? Can the design of buildings be objectively judged?  
These questions were asked of the following candidates for the Ketchum City Council.  
**David L. Barovetto**  
David L. Barovetto, 50, is seeking election to a two-year term. A resident of Ketchum since 1971, he works as an architect.  
"I perceive of this place as a modern-day Camelot," he said. "This place was environmentally unacceptable 30 years ago. You could live here, but how comfortably?"  
Advances in housing construction techniques, along with better transportation and communications, have made this Camelot more accessible, he said. And growth is inevitable.  
"It's going to become more dense, no doubt about it," Barovetto said, adding that the highest density belongs in Ketchum's downtown core.  
"The biggest problem with growth is not people, Barovetto said, but vehicles. Parking and traffic congestion need to be addressed.

Barovetto proposes housing incentives for residents who get by without vehicles, and he advocates expanding the Ketchum Area Rapid Transit bus service to include trips to Hailley and Bellevue.  
**Christina Potters**  
Christina Potters, 39, is seeking election to a two-year term. A resident of Ketchum since 1981, she is co-owner of a local business, Shades of Sun Valley.  
"People like to come to a place that's out of the way and has a healthy environment," Potters said, explaining why she adopted Ketchum as her home. "But this place is also cosmopolitan enough to be interesting."  
Sun Valley's attractions, both recreational and cultural, allow people to make a living and raise families in Ketchum, she pointed out. "We depend on the local economy to survive."  
After two years on Ketchum's Planning and Zoning Commission, Potters said that she is running for a City Council seat in response to frustrations with the current administration.  
Please see KETCHUM/B2

## 74 signatures force Jerome recall election

By H.R. Weixel  
Times-News correspondent

**JEROME** — A Jerome School Board trustee will be up for recall for voting in favor of split sessions in the Middle School.  
Petitions with 74 validated signatures were turned in to the school district office asking for the recall of Ben Neff. Only 47 signatures were required, according to Mike Glasgow, business manager of the Jerome School District.  
The petition cites "unnecessary expenditure of taxpayers' money for excessive busing, putting in jeopardy the children's physical safety by making it necessary for them to walk or be transported individually in the dark; and purposely scheduling school at irregular hours thus disrupting family interactions and normal, healthy, needful emotional development."  
Circulating the petitions were Robert G. Jackson, Helen Haycock and Jean Halverson Wright, all from Neff's area of Zone 3, east and south of Main Street.  
"The reason I signed the petition was because I don't like split sessions, and Neff was the only one we could vote on," Lillian Eldredge, who lives in Zone 3, said.  
"The biggest thing is they're not listening," Wright said. "We want Ben Neff recalled because he's the most antagonistic and he's not receptive. We gave them [the school board] every opportunity to work this out, and we waited as long as we could."  
Neff said the decision on split sessions was not his alone.  
"Nothing is going to change, recall or no recall," he said. "I didn't make those decisions on double sessions — those were made by the entire board and school administration."  
School records reveal that the board had voted unanimously on all issues pertaining to split sessions in the Middle School.  
Neff has served on the Jerome School Board for 10 1/2 years.  
A date for the recall election has not been set, but could be held the first week in December, Gibson said.  
Nancy Chiberman, chairman of the school board, said she had no comment.

## Employment rises again in Magic Valley

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** — Idaho in general and the Magic Valley in particular continued to defy the laws of economic gravity in October.  
As the nation's unemployment rate rose for the second time in four months in October, Idaho's fell by half a point and Magic Valley's slipped by three-tenths of a percent.  
"The employment demand here continues to be healthy, remarkably healthy considering what's happening all around us," said Lon McDonald, analyst with the Twin Falls office of the Idaho Department of Employment.  
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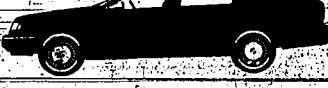
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Stocks in the overall tally on the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed on Friday at 2,728.00, down 12.25 points from its close on Thursday.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported that the index of leading economic indicators declined 0.1 percent in September.

Electric, down at \$58.87, and Aluminum Co. of America, down at \$63.87. Beneficial Corp. dropped 1.59%.

Other airline issues were unchanged to slightly lower. Abbott Laboratories climbed 1K to 60K. The company said its Blair, N. J., facility is now free of air-borne and respiratory tract infections, cleared Food and Drug Administration review.

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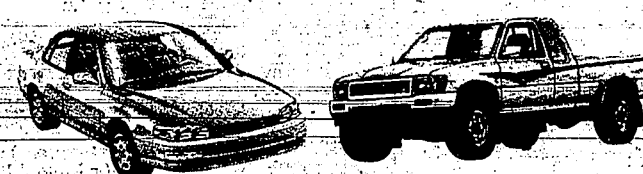
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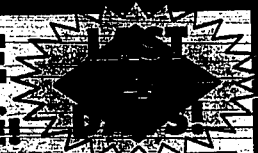
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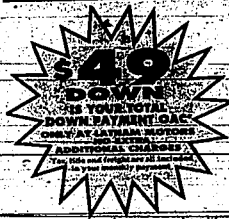
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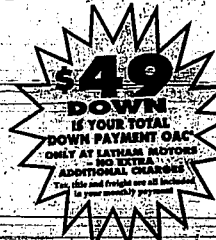
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# Fee hike fears abate with roundup

By Rick Patterson  
AG Weekly writer

CAREY — The border collie darts at the cattle's hooves, keeping the animals bunched. The roundup from range to pasture has taken two days. The calves look healthy. The cowboys look tired.

One of these cowboys is a cowgirl, wearing earrings and spurs. Lita West, 44, is boss of West Ranch near Carey, a responsibility she took on after her husband's death four years ago.

"It's a way of life," West said. "It's a wonderful way of life, producing such clean protein from clean water and grass, a renewable resource. It's a way of life which deserves to be protected for as long as there are people who want to do it."

Congress threatened that way of life this summer as it considered a four-fold increase in the grazing fee. That raised the question of who controls the range: the ranchers who built their herds and use the land or the public which wants a return on its investment.

Ranchers won a round in October when an amendment to raise the grazing fee to at least \$8.70 per animal unit month by 1996 was deleted from an Interior Department funding bill. The House has passed the same measure again as an amendment to the Bureau of Land Management reauthorization bill. That bill is awaiting Senate action.

The leading proponent of the grazing fee increase is Rep. Mike Synar, D-Okla., chairman of the House Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee. He apparently isn't banking on the BLM bill passing this year; he is planning on reintroducing legislation in 1992, said Steve Richardson, a member of Synar's legal staff.

The argument that increasing the grazing fee threatens a way of life falls on deaf ears in the Synar camp. "There are no haters (hat makers) left in Connecticut. Things do change. Lumberjacks too complain about losing a way of life. There are no steelworkers left in Johnstown, Pa.," Richardson said.

West, a one-time Californian, is an enthusiastic newcomer to a way of life she felt was threatened when Rep. Richard Stilling, D-Idaho, held hearings on the grazing fee at the College of Southern Idaho in August. "Into the world of neckties, bureaucrats and government experts, she wore denim and flannel and boots and spurs, coming directly from the ranch when she heard about the hearings.



ROCK PATTERSON/College Valley AD Weekly

Lita West herds cattle into pasture near Timmerman after roundup.

"With an increase in grazing fees, 'We're talking about fewer managers taking over greater numbers of acres,' she said. "Like the deregulation of the airlines and the savings and loans, fewer people will be controlling greater resources."

She said the range will close down; ranchers will pay more to graze on private lands. Small towns like Gooding, Shoshone, Carey, Buhl and Oakley will be threatened because of ranchers pulling off the range.

"Families are working 14 and 18 hour days. They can't give up. They are too proud and too used to working hard. But they can't give anymore," she said.

Richardson is sensitive to the criticism that increasing the grazing fee would concentrate use of the range and that economies of scale would wreak havoc among the 26,000 cattlemen now grazing livestock on public lands.

"We have looked at a minimum (grazing

fee) for certain small range users," Richardson said. Synar's staff also is studying how to make it easier for ranchers to swap grazing rights to put them into more workable configurations.

But Synar feels his committee is undertaking a fiscal quest, Richardson said.

"The government can't continue to pump money into enterprises where we're not getting a fair return," Richardson said. "The important point is this resource belongs to the public. Its present fee is below what it cost the government to provide it."

Sarah Silver, Synar's press secretary said the current AUM fee structure amounts to a \$150 million subsidy to the cattle industry.

West, and other ranchers, talk about the cost of using the land. She said she has installed \$80,000 in fences and spent \$3,000 for a new generator to power a water pump. But Richardson said the average investment amounts to just 16 cents per AUM.

Richardson said ranchers don't have a property right in their grazing rights, but a "license in real property," which would not be affected by any increase in the AUM, though it would make public grazing allotments less valuable — worthless, some ranchers claim.

Even without an increase in grazing fees, West insists her ranch isn't all that profitable.

"I'm not making any money this year and I don't owe very much on my ranch. There's such a small margin of error and we're not perfect," West said.

West has 630 range cows which graze some 40,000 acres of public land with their calves. The roundup "is the highlight of the year, your glory — or you die," she said.

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# Bean co-op bills farmers for \$1.5 million

By Mark Kind  
AG Weekly editor

KIMBERLY — A bean farmer cooperative is billing its members for \$1.5 million lost in bean deals during the 1990 marketing year, which just ended Aug. 31.

Farmers-members of Idaho Bean Growers Association are being billed for 11 percent of what the co-op paid them for beans in the 1990 marketing year.

But most of the farmers won't feel a "cash impact" from the bill until 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998 when money they ordinarily would receive back from the co-op will not be returned, said co-op President David Billings in a telephone interview from Ventura, Calif.

"The idea is that between now and five years from now, an adequate amount of profit would be made to retire the receivable," Billings said.

The co-op is part of a larger co-op — the 75-year-old California Bean Growers Association, which gross sales are also repaying 11 percent of their 1990 gross sales receipts from

the co-op. The co-op is owned by the farmers who market their beans through the co-op. Billings said the co-op lost about \$1.5 million on bean transactions during the year ending Aug. 31, 1991 because of "volatility" in the bean market.

"Last year was maddening for us," he said. "But the co-op's books will show a profit because of the restructuring, the co-op often receivable" owed to the co-op by farmer-members, Billings said.

As the "loss" developed during the spring, it prompted a "serious restructuring" of the co-op buys and sells beans, Billings said.

Before the restructuring, the co-op often sold beans for a given price, but was then unable to convince farmer-members to sell to the co-op at a low enough price to leave the co-op an adequate profit margin, Billings said.

In other years, the co-op bought beans at prices acceptable to farmers, then found no one willing to buy at prices profitable to the co-op, Billings said.

"We did not provide enough margin on our

transactions," he said. "To prevent this kind of thing from happening in the future, the board (of directors) has instructed staff and myself to define trading risks and arrive at a system of controls that were appropriate for our organization and were appropriate for the level of risk that we were willing to take."

Each farmer-member owns a "revolving" stake in Idaho Bean Growers Association. They pay up their ownership stake yearly with a 3 percent assessment against beans they sell through the co-op. Five years later, that 3 percent assessment is returned to the farmer.

But farmers who marketed beans through the co-op in the 1990 marketing year will not receive that refund in 1995. It will be applied toward the \$1.5 million lost in this year's trading, Billings said.

According to a letter Billings sent to co-op members, the organization's board of directors plans to ask the membership to vote on a proposal to "lock in" the members' interest in the co-op's Pleasant Valley, Calif., warehouse, valued at about \$1.5 million.

"This is mentioned in the letter as an example of one option of the board to make good on their intent to make the growers whole," Billings said.

Billings refuted the notion that the current depressed bean market would worsen the co-op's financial position. He said the co-op can control its profit margins by better "intelligence" — keeping closer tabs on market conditions and farmer intentions, as well as what bean dealers are up to.

"The bean growers' association has been active in Idaho for about four years."

"Four years ago we started with less than 50,000 sacks (in Idaho). This year we're expecting to handle more than 200,000," Billings said.

About 150 Idaho farmers and 400 Californians are members. The organization owns two Idaho warehouses, as well as canneries in Indiana and California.

It conducted about \$65 million worth of business in the 1990 marketing year, Billings said.

## Oops — Grange celebrated too soon

By Mark Kind  
AG Weekly editor

WASHINGTON — The National Grange has announced that its membership did not increase this year after all.

Earlier, the ailing farm organization had claimed that 1991 brought the first net increase in membership since 1950.

Magic Valley AG Weekly reported the incorrect membership figures twice.

But the North Carolina Grange last week discovered it had reported 10 times as many members as were on its roster, said National Grange spokeswoman Judy Massabny.

North Carolina Grange had inadvertently added a zero to its

report of membership numbers, which in effect added more than 5,000 members that do not exist.

Before also-correcting the mistake, National Grange pulled out all the stops, celebrating what appeared to be a reversal of bad fortune, which had seen membership decline by nearly 500,000 members since 1950.

"We had a big celebration here. You just wouldn't believe what we went through," Massabny said. After the error was discovered, "We were just absolutely devastated. We're just sick about it."

The corrected figures leave the National Grange with slightly fewer than the 325,000 members reported in 1990.

## House-passed bill has aid for Gem fire, farm losses

WASHINGTON (AP) — Idaho's Democratic congressmen are calling for some equity from President Bush in allocating federal cash for emergency aid to Americans hit by disasters.

"Earlier this year, at the president's request, we responded to emergencies in Iraq, Bangladesh and Turkey," Congressman Richard Stallings said. "Idaho farmers and ranchers wonder where they stand in the president's priorities."

But the fate of a \$7.5-billion emergency spending bill that the House approved late Tuesday must first be considered by the Senate. Aid-House Appropriations

Chairman Jamie Whitten, D-Miss., said he hoped adjustments in the House-passed measure could be made by the Senate to avert a threatened Bush veto.

In addition to the \$3.2 billion Bush wants to pay for last winter's Persian Gulf War and aid for victims of Hurricanes Hugo and Bob, the San Francisco earthquake and tornadoes in the southwest, the House bill includes \$250 million for victims of wildfires earlier this month in Idaho, Washington state, California and other states and \$1.8 billion for losses farmers across the nation suffered through drought, freezes, floods and torndados.

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# Some prices rebound

AG Weekly

**TWIN FALLS** - Some potato prices have rebounded with the end of harvest and fresh supply.

Ten-pound mesh bags are bringing \$6.50 a hundredweight up \$1 to \$1.50. Cartons of 70- and 80-count are up to \$13.50 a hundredweight, an increase of about \$1.50.

"The gains represent the boost once we get into the storage stage," said Thomas Cooper, USDA market reporter in Idaho

Falls. "They had been down through the end of the harvest, but they've returned here in the last week."

"Most of the increase is the cost associated with being in storage."

Thomas said there was little activity by the processors buying potatoes on the open market. "We've had slow open-market trading this last week."

He said the rebound indicates everything went well with the harvest. "Having every thing in storage, that helped also."

# Board chooses carefully where radio spud promotions will run

AG Weekly

**DENVER, Colo.** - This fall approximately 258 million adults will hear humorous potato advertisements while listening to Dr. Dean Edell's Medical Minutes and news talk Anchor Charles Osgood on their local radio station.

But it took more than numbers for The Potato Board to choose these two programs for its advertising.

"Both Charles Osgood and Dr. Dean Edell have a loyal following of listeners that tune in specifically for these shows. The listeners respect the show's hosts, so by advertising with Charles Osgood and Dr. Dean Edell The Board obtains a large amount of that respect," said Edwin Camp, advertising chairman, said.

Another reason for choosing the pro-

grams was content. Medical Minutes with Dr. Dean Edell focuses on nutrition. While The Board is currently concentrating on a message of convenience, it does not want to overlook the important nutrition message.

"You wouldn't hear advertisements for ice cream bars in the middle of a show about nutrition, but with potatoes it almost seems part of the show," Camp said.

Charles Osgood offers a brief view of current issues which gives busy people a chance to stay current without spending too much time.

Being affiliated with him suggests that The Board is also interested in helping people save time.

"Since our target audience is busy women, the choice of Charles Osgood was obvious," Arnold Roach, Board Chairman, said.

## Potato prices

**Prices received by Idaho farmers**  
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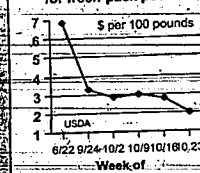
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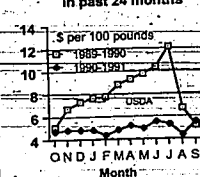
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## Prices received by Idaho farmers for fresh-pack potatoes



## Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months



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# Prices rise, more acres expected to be planted

By Rick Patterson  
AG Weekly writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Wheat prices are up an official with the Idaho Wheat Commission, looking at bean prices, confidently predicts up to 250,000 more Idaho acres will be planted in wheat next year.

Mark Samson, Idaho Wheat Commission in Boise, said wheat opened the week in Portland at \$4.07 a bushel and reached \$4.15 a bushel by mid-week.

The price was buoyed by two major USDA export approvals. The first was for purchase of 200,000 metric tons of soft white wheat through a bid approved under the Export-Enhancement Program.

A \$125 million credit was granted to Pakistan for wheat purchases. "We weren't expecting that much, and it will be interesting to see how much they buy," Samson said.

Runners continue to circulate about the Soviet Union. One snag to any deal is how will the Soviets pay for the wheat and distribute it to the various republics, Samson said.

"The U.S. is offering credit and EEP," Samson said.

## Sign-up dates set for farm programs

Knights-Ridder Financial News

**WASHINGTON**—USDA announced Thursday that enrollment in 1992 farm programs will be held Feb. 10-April 17, 1992.

But sign-up could be delayed depending on when Congress completes a package of "technical corrections" to the 1990 farm act.

Further details of 1992 farm programs are to be announced later. USDA has already announced that participants in the 1992 program will have to idle 5 percent of their barley, corn, sorghum and wheat land and 10 percent of upland cotton acres.

Out producers will not be required to idle any acreage.

"We'll be starting the year with very little in the pipeline," Samson said.

"Our last crop was \$4.15 a bushel. A year ago, when farmers were deciding what to plant, we were at \$2.82 a bushel."

"Northern Idaho had a problem with winter kill last year and lower test weights. Southern Idaho had an exceptional year," Samson said.

Don't feel that the annual exports will take anything off the West Coast (the Gulf Coast is favored for Soviet trade); but any deal will buy all prices," he said.

"I expect to see cash commercial sales reach 50 percent, in part due to the fact that Australia is off. The Japanese recently bought 200,000 metric tons from the U.S."

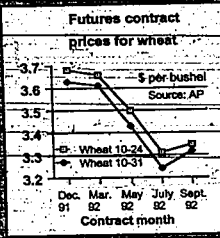
"The harvest this year will reach 13 million acres, and Samson expects that to increase next year. "Just talking Idaho, I think—the acreage will be up 200,000 to 250,000."

"We expect fairly substantial wheat plantings next year, not only due to bean prices but barley and potatoes," Samson said.

"Wheat carry over stocks should be down—considerably—this year with very little in the pipeline."

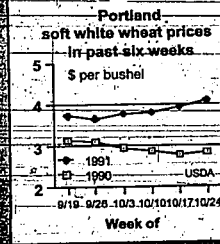
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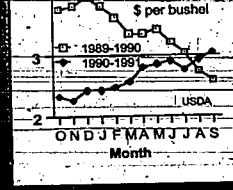


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Pocatello	\$3.49
Portland	\$4.29

Dollars per bushel for soft white wheat



## Prices received by Idaho wheat farmers in last 24 months



# Drought, complex world trade factors creating pricing risk

Kansas Extension Service

**MANHATTAN, Kan.**—Except for a brief break marking August's three-day crop in the Soviet Union, Kansas City wheat futures prices have maintained a strong, steady rally since July.

But that doesn't mean hard red winter wheat producers should rush out to forward price most of their '91-'92 crop, said Bill Tierney, grain marketing economist, Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service.

The wheat price rally started when summer drought threatened feedgrain production, he said. Now, however, close to 50 percent of the nation's winter wheat-producing land is suffering severely to extreme drought. Another 20 percent has moderate drought.

"It's too early for moisture snags to start what combined with world supply-demand factors, this weather should make producers extremely wary. The situation will bear watching for months."

"If producers do any forward pricing at all, they should keep it small. And they should cover their position by buying call options," Washington is aggressively ju-

ing export-subsidy programs now, the economist said. This has pushed wheat export commitments high enough that annual sales could exceed last year's by about 10 percent.

Still, many factors are making the world wheat market volatile. As the Soviet Union's harvest neared, the USDA slashed its estimate for Soviet wheat production by 2.9 million bushels—21 percent of their '91-'92 crop.

"That's dramatic," Tierney said. "But at an estimated 85.5 million metric tons, the crop actually is above average for them. Over the past 10 years, they've typically harvested 75.3 million metric tons."

"The real problem is their ongoing breakdown in infrastructure and inter-regional trade. Are they still able to draft military or commercial vehicles to help harvest? Are many people trying to hoard or barter? The longer such confusion lasts, the greater the amount of grain lost. That's why serious food shortages in some regions this winter are a very real possibility."

Beyond that, the regions are in economic chaos. And many banks are panicking at extending them,

the economist said.

After months of trying to maintain the fiction that the former Soviet Union is "credit worthy," USDA has thrown in the towel, he added. "It now will guarantee 100 percent of the principle on GSM-102 (guaranteed export credit) shipments and all interest up to the 7.5% bill rate (currently about 5.5 percent)."

USDA continues to raise its estimate for Canadian wheat production.

"We can assume Canada's got record supplies. And the Canadian Wheat Board will be hard pressed to achieve the record 24 million metric tons in exports projected for '91-'92," Tierney said. "Of course, there's also some evidence Canada will be competing with us in extending credit to the Soviet Union."

With the Soviet Union, China usually is the United States' No. 1 or No. 2 wheat customer. And it has experienced the worst flooding in more than a century. Washington recently subsidized some 110,000 wheat sales to China. Its price was almost 40 percent less than the prevailing U.S. cash price and 75 cents a bushel less than Gulf corn prices.

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# Dealers withdraw prices for small reds

## AG Weekly

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley dealers withdrew any price for small red beans this week, citing a lack of demand and an over-supply.

Carol Meinders, USDA market reporter in Greeley, Colo., said the remaining bean offerings were staying at the same levels as during recent weeks.

Pintos are bringing \$13 a hundredweight, Great Northern \$14 to \$15 a hundredweight, Pink \$15 a hundredweight, small whites \$18 a hundredweight. "Poor demand. There's not much going on anywhere right now," is the way Meinders summed up the situation.

"No one knows when the logjam will break as growers hold their beans off the market waiting for better prices," she said.

"There's a pretty good crop and not a whole lot of demand out there. Last year Mexico was in the market early. They're not doing that this year."

Mexico is considering the purchase of 55,000 metric tons of beans, about a third of what they purchased from the United States last year. "We need more export demand to help out," Meinders said.

USDA figures revealed the dry edible bean crop in Idaho fluctuated slightly downward in 1991, 2.9 million hundredweight compared with 3.6 million in 1990.

The crop was below 1989 levels as well at 3.4 million hundredweight.

Average planted decreased from 178,000 acres in 1990 to 143,000 acres.

Yield increased slightly from 2,000 pounds per acre to 2,050 pounds this year.

## Officials ease erosion restrictions

**SPOKANE (AP)** - The U.S. Soil Conservation Service said a conservation district have proposed easing erosion control restrictions in the hilly farm lands of Spokane and Whitman counties.

The SCS earlier in the year had said farmers would have to reduce their soil loss to as low as 5 tons per acre by 1995 or risk fines and a possible loss of federal farm subsidies. The rules were established as part of a farm program approved by Congress in 1985 and revised in 1990.

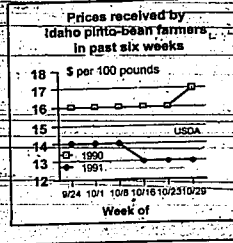
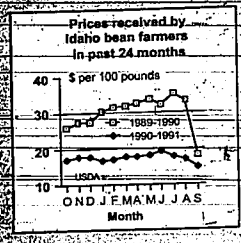
The new proposal would allow farmers

between 7 tons to 14 tons of soil loss per acre, said Dean White, SCS area conservationist for eight Eastern Washington counties. "We feel it will give us some erosion control protection without running farmers

out of business," White said.

Many farmers have complained the soil erosion restrictions are excessive, he said. Before the plan goes into effect, it must be approved by the five conservation districts in the two counties and by the state conservationist. White said he expected approval by the end of the month.

Bean prices					
Prices received by farmers					
	Pintos	Great Northern	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$13	\$14-14.50	\$0/2	\$15	\$18
Prices received by bean dealers					
	Pintos	Great Northern	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$0/2	\$22.50-23.50	\$20-21	\$24	\$24
Bean prices elsewhere					
Pinto beans					
Northeastern Colorado		\$12.50-13	Western Colorado, Wyo., Kansas: \$12-50		
Nebraska, Wyoming		\$12.50	N. Dakota, Minnesota: \$11-11.50		
Other beans					
Small reds: Washington, \$18		Great Northern: Nebraska, Wyoming: \$13-13.50			
Price per 100 pounds quoted by USDA Bean Market News Tuesday after survey of warehouses. Local bean dealers have more recent price information.					



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# China shows interest in barley for brewing beer

By Rick Peterson  
AG Weekly writer

**TWIN FALLS** — China has opened its doors to the possibility of importing 500,000 to 800,000 metric tons of Idaho malt barley.

The Idaho Barley Commission is sending 250 metric tons of malt barley along with a brewer and a maltist to a Quanzhou brewery to see if the barley will work in its process.

**The malt test will begin in late November. The Chinese will make up their minds in December or January.**

Tim McGreevy, Idaho Barley Commission, said the United States has never sold malted barley to China. A Chinese trade delegation came to Idaho in July to look at the state's two-row barley. It wasn't known then but Australia was developing drought conditions which have left its malt barley crop drastically short. Australia normally supplies all of China's malt barley.

Trade representatives from China will visit Seattle Nov. 9. China is also going to sample brew 250 metric tons of Midwest six-row barley.

Technical support will be supplied by the Great Western Brewing Co. The USDA's Marketing Development Program is also

helping out, said Tim McGreevy, administrator of the Idaho Barley Commission. "The Chinese spent four days in Idaho and they were very impressed with it," given the Australian drought," he said. "The malt test will begin in late November. The Chinese will make up their minds in December or January."

"They are one of the largest importers of malt barley in the world. We have zero of our own," McGreevy said. "This year it so happens Australia is short and we have excellent quality and excess supplies." Beer is in its infancy in development in China, yet demand is growing by 10 percent a year. "Two billion people, that is a huge market."

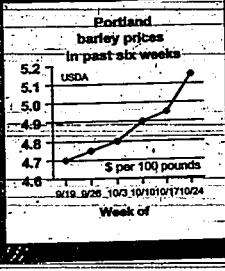
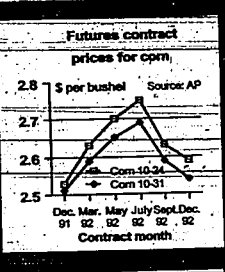
**Corn harvest**  
The cold is having little effect on the grain corn harvest.

Corn for grain harvest is 40 percent complete and not threatened by the weather, said Bob Vodka, Twin Falls-County Extension Agent.

"The cold dry temperature helps more than anything. It dries out the corn," Vodka said. "The only problems would be if they got enough snow to break the stalks. Then they'd have to pick the stalks up."

The corn for silage harvest across the state is 98 percent complete. There may be some loss of the silage which remains.

"If the moisture content gets down to 30 to 35 percent, you have trouble getting it into the silo, and you start getting spoilage," Vodka said. Most of the Magic Valley silage crop was in four or five weeks ago, he said.



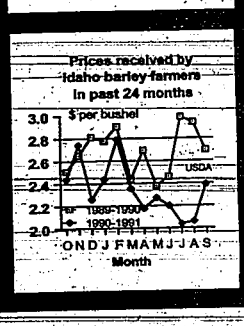
**Prices received by farmers Friday**

Evans Grain, Rupert	\$4.70
Evans Grain, Bliss	\$4.80
Road Grain, Buhl	\$4.50
Wardell Elevator Co.	\$4.75
Western Stockman, Magic Valley	\$4.50

**Prices elsewhere**

Ogden (Thursday)	\$4.70
Pocatello	\$4.75
Portland	\$5.20

Dollars per 100 pounds barley



## Grain prices don't rise, despite evidence of widespread drought

Kansas Extension Service

**MANHATTAN, Kan.** — "Whether you look at it from the standpoint of feed-grain yields or supply levels, we're in a national drought," economist Bill Tierney said today.

"We've had only four of those in the past 25 years."

"Yet, last summer's feed grain rally didn't last long enough or take prices high enough to be affected by a drought rally. It just fizzled out."

Low yields and tight stocks generally bring a "short-crop" price pattern, added Tierney, who's the grain marketing analyst for Kansas State University's Co-operative Extension Service.

In that pattern, prices peak prior to harvest and then decline for 18 to 24 months.

This year, however, tetragrain prices are likely to weaken slightly through harvest and rally 20 to 40 cents a bushel later on, he said.

"The reason is feed-grain export prospects are so uncertain," Tierney said.

"And the result is farmers' storage risk will be high."

Many producers store part of their crop at harvest and wait for higher prices, he explained.

Their average costs are 2.5 cents a bushel each month for on-farm storage and 4 cents per bushel monthly for commercial storage.

To break even on commercial storage, costs, average producers probably will need 10 cents a bushel for five months of storage.

But USDA has until Nov. 15 to make changes, Tierney said.

and 36 cents for nine months. "Producers may want to look at selling their crop and then buying a call option on March, May or July futures," the economist said.

The USDA has announced a 5 percent setback for 1992 feed-grain crops, down from this year's 7.5 percent.

But USDA has until Nov. 15 to make changes, Tierney said.



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# 8-Cattle Report

## USDA reporter sees too much of a good thing

By Rick Patterson  
AG Weekly writer

**TWIN FALLS** - A USDA market reporter sees a continuation to higher cattle prices by the start of the new year and lower prices after that due to a 2 percent increase in the size of the herd nationwide.

Jim Robb, USDA in Denver, said, "I think we'll have an over reaction to better prices the first of the year. After that it looks tougher the rest of the year."

"For the whole year, there will be an increase in total supply of meat-grade steers and heifers in poultry again and a big increase in hogs. It adds pressure to the cattle industry."

Slaughter cattle in Idaho are selling in the \$69 to \$70 a hundredweight range. Feeder cattle in the 550- to 600-pound steers are steady to lower in the \$89 to \$91 range. Steers weighing 700 pounds are bringing \$80 a hundredweight.

Robb attended an Industry Outlook Conference in Omaha, Neb., last week and learned the prognosis for the meat industry.

"An oversupply of beef will play havoc with the summer-feeder calf prices as confidence flags in the market."

Feeder prices are just now returning to higher prices based on the number of placements available at feed lots.

"We'll have slightly higher slaughter numbers through Jan. 31 when we will inventory a larger herd as compared to July based on reduced slaughter the last months of this year."

"The larger herd will have an impact, lowering feeder cattle prices," Robb said.

"The longer we're dragging net losses in slaughter cattle, the longer it takes to rebound on slaughter cattle and the bigger the pressure gets on feeder cattle."

Robb said, "Short term, things will hold as they're going."

### Magic-Valley-beef cattle prices last week

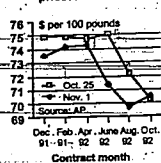
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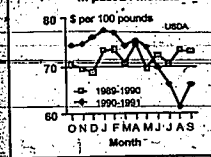
### Other prices and slaughter numbers

National Stockyards, Ill	400-500-10	\$75-84
National Wholesale Beef price	board	\$103.49
Weekly slaughter at federally inspected plants		463,000
All prices per 100 pounds. Source: USDA and local sources.		

Futures contract prices for cattle



Prices of Idaho steers and heifers in past 24 months



# Cassia rancher makes Total Beef program work

By Richard M. Gerned  
Extension agricultural agent

**BURLEY** - Cassia County's segment of Magic-Valley's Total Beef Program continues to show results. With the support of local ranchers, county agents, county commissioners, and even a forest supervisor, information was gathered at the Wild Rose Association's Big Piney Roundup.

In cooperation with Ray C. Bedke Ranches, this local project has demonstrated that management aimed at a steady cow development can show a tremendous return in a cow herd.

This project and other research has demonstrated that calving difficulty is a function of calf birth weight and the size of the pelvic opening, and both are somewhat independent of cow size or hip height. There have been large variations in pelvic size of heifers of essentially the same size and hip measurement.

The goal of this project was to develop heifers able to have a live, healthy calf without limiting calving problems by her second calving year. This goal was accomplished by:

## Recommendations, findings

Here are recommendations from the Idaho Total Beef Program, reprinted from the ITB newsletter, Fall 1990.

• Heifers should be bred early in the breeding season.

• An individualized heifer-management program should be developed for each ranch.

• Calving difficulty is a function of calf birth weight and heifer's pelvic area.

• Heifer selection based solely on weight and/or hip height will not ensure fewer calving problems.

• Nutrition

• The growth must be managed to achieve a minimum target breeding weight.

• Heifers must be managed for optimum nutrition just prior to and during the breeding season.

• Bulls with adequate breeding soundness were used.

• Pelvic measurement is an excellent tool to improve the selection process.

• Size selection can improve birth weight, and wise sire selection can reduce the potential for calving problems.

• Sufficient heifer numbers should be kept to allow selection for birth early in the calving season, measurements that improve their opportunity to calve larger birthweight calves with fewer calving problems, and mating to sires with the potential to allow the heifers to calve within their predicted birthweight range.

• Heifers were selected by growth, physical traits, and by the size of the pelvic opening.

• Bulls were selected using the same criteria along with birth weight.

Part of the experiment involved using two different types of implants, Ralvgo and Synovex-C. These implants were inserted into the ear of the calf at branding time. Ap-

proximately 6 months later at weaning time the implanted calves weighed 12 to 14 pounds heavier than the non-implanted control group of heifers.

These heifers are then placed in a feedlot and fed a balanced ration to achieve the target breeding weight. Around May 1, they are taken out of the feedlot, weighed, and the pelvic area is measured. Selection is then made for heifers that are to go into the breeding herd.

Heifers with implants have been found to have expanded pelvic areas that allow them to have a 6-pound heavier calf without difficulty than the control group could produce. After implementing the program for three years, the Bedkes were able to calve their herd of heifers in 1991 without having to assist any of them during the calving process.

The full impact of this study demonstrates that the use of known technologies to develop first- and second-calf heifers into productive cows does work.

Further implementation of this program will show further improvement in cow herd productivity and the near elimination of calving losses.

## Gem meat packing down 16 percent from year ago

**BOISE (AP)** - The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reported commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants fell 16 percent in September from the previous month.

And the 34.3 million pounds produced in September was down 2 percent from a year earlier, according to the agency.

Since January, production has run 4 percent less than for the first nine months of 1990, the agency

production totaled 3.31 billion pounds in September, 7 percent above a year earlier, the Agriculture Department reports.

Red meat production for January through September totaled 29.1 billion pounds, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Last month's production included 1.94 billion pounds of beef, up 7 percent; 24 million pounds of veal, down 7 percent; 1.32 billion pounds of pork, up 7 percent; and 29 million pounds of lamb and mutton, up 6 percent.

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Tues.	Calf Born	11:00 a.m.	Producers-Jerome/324-4345	Dan Schiffler/324-4345
Wed.	Dairy	11:00 a.m.	Producers-Jerome/324-4345	Ike Muir/324-4345
Wed.	Beef	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 Holstead/678-2802
Fri.	Beef/Dairy	12:00 Noon	Gooding Livestock/934-4479	Mark Lee/934-4479
Sat.	Beef, Hogs, Sheep	1:30 a.m.	Twin Falls Livestock/733-7474	Bruce Billington/733-4337



# Avonmore buys Grade A

By Rick Patterson  
AG Weekly writer

**GOODING** - Avonmore cheese has been purchasing Grade A milk to mix with Grade B milk to gain enough milk for its Gooding processing plant... to operate around the clock, seven days a week.

There isn't enough supply of Grade B milk and an overabundance of Grade A milk," said Jeff Williams, vice president at Avonmore.

Meanwhile, milk prices are rising more slowly and the projection for October's Minnesota-Wisconsin is not nearly as rosy as the 51-cent increase.

The MW for September stands at \$12.01. Jim Daugherty, USDA assistant milk market administrator in Seattle, said the increase now looks more like 15 cents.

"We're seeing a flattening out of prices which looks like it will continue through November," Daugherty said. "Everything is where it should be, supply and demand, the prices just aren't there," Daugherty said.

"Maybe everything is just catching up. Powder had reached a high demand. The survey (that determines MW prices) is influenced not just by prices but by what people think they will have to pay, what the competition will do."

There is a lot of pessimism out there, where it will be in the next month," Candy manufacturers use a lot of powder milk, which had been one source of optimism for the rise in the October MW price.

Tim's cents, but things have changed," Daugherty said.

## Avonmore

Avonmore began its Grade A purchasing program about six weeks ago.

"A lot of our people have converted over from Grade B production to Grade A," said Williams. "We've always been Grade A in most of our facilities monitor. They have upgraded their facilities and are producing Grade A milk now," Williams said.

"But we're attracting some new Grade A milk, too," he said.

Avonmore is paying \$11.88 a hundredweight for Grade A milk, 50 cents a hundredweight more than for Grade B milk. The price is based on an equation that factors in cheese prices, on the National Cheese Exchange in Green Bay, Wis.

Williams said only 16 to 18 percent of the Grade A milk in Idaho goes into fluid milk. "There is an overabundance of Grade A milk,"

The Gooding plant produces 150,000 pounds of cheese a day, running two 10-hour shifts and a four-hour clean-up shift.

"All are American style cheeses, cheddar, Colby, Monterey Jack. The plant is trying to reach 170,000 pounds of production per day.

## Milk prices

Prices received by farmers from local-milk processor  
Avonmore West, Richfield

Grade A \$11.88  
Grade B \$11.38

Base price per 100 pounds of milk with 3.5 percent butterfat and 0.2 percent protein, not by fluid milk. Prices do not reflect transportation to farm or other costs assessed by creamery or by industry.

### Federal milk market orders

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Class I	\$13.40	\$12.40
Class II	\$12.26	\$11.74
Class III (August)	\$12.02	\$12.02
Weighted average	\$12.50	\$12.08

Base price per 100 pounds 3.5 percent butterfat.

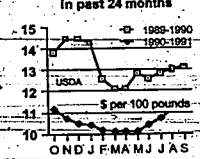
### Other prices

National Cheese Exchange, Green Bay, Wis., Friday close  
Cheddar barrels \$1.3375  
40 lb. blocks \$1.3425

### Prices to Idaho dairies

for all milk

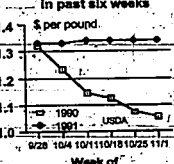
In past 24 months



### Price for barrels of cheese

National Cheese Exchange

In past six weeks



# Bush, farm groups square off over Senate dairy bill

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The Bush administration is telling Congress that consumers will pay more at the grocery store if Congress boosts dairy prices at the farm and requires milk to be fortified with calcium and protein.

Farm groups, however, contend that the dairy bill is essential to help farmers whose livelihoods have been jeopardized by wild swings in milk prices.

In the Senate, the fight is brewing over dairy relief legislation which also authorizes, but does not fund, a disaster relief package. The distributor and the milk processing industry are opposed to both raising the minimum support price from \$10.10 to \$11.10 per hundred pounds of milk, as well as a plan to fortify fluid milk with non-fat milk solids.

Proponents argue the milk will

taste better, especially low-fat milk, and that it will be more nutritious. And as a result, consumers will drink more and sales will rise.

But opponents say consumers don't want "thicker" milk that will be both more expensive and higher in calories and sodium, and that the dietary benefits are minimal.

The Milk Industry Foundation, the trade association for processors, contends that increase in costs

under the non-fat milk solids standards would add 16 cents to the retail price of a gallon of whole milk, 35 cents to a gallon of 2 percent milk, 48 cents to a gallon for 1 percent milk and 20 cents to a gallon of skim.

The trade group also said there will be significant equipment and processing plant costs.

The Agriculture Department said the higher non-fat milk solids would raise consumer costs by \$500 million a year, while the higher milk support prices would boost consumer spending on milk products by \$2 billion a year.

USDA also said data indicates that consumers do not prefer fortified milk.

# Wisconsin lawmakers give early OK to ban on synthetic hormone

**MADISON, Wis. (AP)** - A re-nounced state ban on a synthetic hormone that makes cows give more milk won't be a preliminary vote in the Assembly Tuesday, after lawmakers reconsidered an amendment they mistakenly adopted last week.

The bill, to prohibit the distribution, sale or use of synthetic bovine growth hormone in Wisconsin until June 1, 1993, won't go into effect until a two-vote vote.

Lawmakers voted to remove an amendment that would have exempted from the ban farmers who milk fewer than 50 cows. Then they added an amendment to exempt grocers from the ban on selling the hormone.

Lawmakers that sell milk from cows in other states that had been injected with the hormone could have been prosecuted under the original bill. Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Midland, Senate Bill 143's chief sponsor, said he saw no problems winning approval of the amendment in the Senate, where the original bill passed last spring.

The amended bill comes up again in the Assembly Thursday and is likely to be passed then. Jeffrey Rensick, a Milwaukee-based lobbyist for the Animal Health Institute, a coalition of drug companies that opposed the bill, said dairy farmers would be the losers if the bill becomes law. Farmers in Illinois, Iowa, Texas, California and other dairy states will be free to use the drug once

the Food and Drug Administration approves it, but Wisconsin farmers would be denied the technology, he said.

"That puts our farmers at a competitive disadvantage," he said.

"I don't know any farmers in my district who care at all for this product," said Rep. Barbara Gronemus, D-Whitehall, the bill's chief Assembly backer.

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# Economist not surprised in pig price drop

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — A pork industry analyst says the drop in hog prices has been expected, but happened earlier than economists thought it would. Butcher hog prices fell below \$40 a hundredweight at major Iowa markets Tuesday, dropping to their lowest level since the spring of 1989.

Glenn Grimes, a University of Missouri economist and longtime pork industry analyst, says the main reason for the slaughter price slump is a bigger supply of slaughter hogs.

"The number of hogs going to slaughter has been running about 7 percent more than a year ago.

Grimes also expects to see larger number of hogs headed to market all of next year. It's going to be the lip side of 1990," which was a good year for pork producers, he said.

Typically, hog prices hit yearly lows in November or early December, Grimes said.

**'It's going to be the flip side of 1990.'**

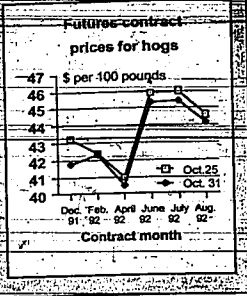
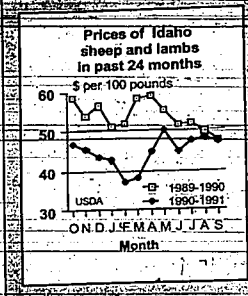
— Glenn Grimes.

However, in some years the low comes in April. Consequently, a \$40-hog market next spring may occur as well, Grimes said.

In the Iowa State University monthly summary, university economist John Lawrence notes a per-hog profit of \$9.81 in September for the farrow-to-finish pork operation.

That, however, was the smallest return for any month this year.

All other major livestock enterprises lost money, Lawrence reported, including feeder pig finishing operations, which were estimated to have lost \$11.13 a head — the biggest loss this year.



## Gem sheep market lags behind

AG Weekly

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho sheep market is lagging behind Ft. Collins, Colo., and San Angelo, Tex., where slaughter lambs are bringing \$49 to \$50 a hundredweight.

Slaughter lambs in Idaho are bringing \$45 a hundredweight; feeder lambs are also bringing \$45 a hundredweight.

Yearling white face ewes are bringing \$80 a head, according to Jim Robb, USDA market reporter in Denver.

"It looks like there's still a little bit of weakness in Idaho," more so than in the less than break-even prices in sheep everywhere else, Robb said. "We're losing some demand. Culling ewes and

lighter weight slaughter (resulting in more lambs being slaughtered) will reduce our numbers next year.

"Big movements at the Holidays will bring better prices than last year. We'll still see a higher slaughter in the last quarter," than last year, Robb said.

"Feeder lambs are being overly discounted because of poor slaughter prices. People hurt by slaughter prices are staying out of the market. Profitability of feeder lambs looks better than a couple of years ago."

"It's still difficult to make a profit, but it is better than this time last year," Robb said.

"I'm one of the few optimists out here in terms of lamb prices," he said.

## Taiwan farmers exaggerate for funds

Knight-Ridder Financial News

TAIPEI — Taiwanese pig farmers are exaggerating the number of pigs they have to get extra government money, the Council of Agriculture said recently.

This has created the impression Taiwan's massive pig population is rising despite overproduction and government efforts to discourage pig-raising.

The government will give a subsidy of 300 or 600 New Taiwan dollars per pig to farmers who own less than 1,000, said council official Hsu Kuei-shen. The subsidy is meant to combat water pollution,

and is to help small farmers install pollution control equipment. The \$600 rate is for farms located close to streams or rivers.

The council found in a July survey that the pig population was rising. A March survey found 8.52 million pigs, down 0.43 percent. The July results are not available, but show an increase, said Hsu.

Farmers think thought could get extra cash by overstating pig numbers in the July survey. But Taiwan's massive subsidy will be based on the November 1990 figure, Hsu said.

## Pork campaign goes national

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — The benefits of pork may soon be touted on a TV set near you.

Pork producers said they will bring the "Other-White-Meat" ad campaign to national television on a year-round basis next year, placing less reliance on magazines.

The move comes at a time when farmer contributions for pork promotion are rising 40 percent. It also comes as a glut of pork moving to market has halted two years of profitable operations and sent hog prices falling below the break-even point for producers.

The stepped-up advertising will be accompanied by promotions with growers to make sales stores display the cuts seen on TV in the "Pork: The Other White Meat" ads.

The campaign, which began in 1987, touts pork as a light, nutritious and trendy alternative to chicken.

The new USDA-approved information verifies that fresh pork (cooked and trimmed) is 31 percent lower in fat, 29 percent lower in saturated fat, 14 percent lower in calories and 10 percent lower in cholesterol.



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# Group forms to fight for continued chemical use

**YAKIMA, Wash. (AP)** — Fruit and vegetable industry groups have organized a campaign to halt the withdrawal of chemicals used in production of apples, cherries, hops and other crops.

Many of the crops at stake are not large on a national scale but are very important to Washington and other states. Farm economists said leaders of the Minor Crop Farmer Alliance.

The coalition was formed last week and has begun a two-year effort to retain pesticides, weed killers, growth enhancers and other chemicals for which manufacturers

say they can't afford the costs of federal re-registration.

Under legislation adopted by Congress in 1988, manufacturers must conduct extensive scientific tests to continue to sell agricultural chemical products.

Manufacturers have chosen not to perform the Environmental Protection Agency-mandated tests on many products that are applied only to "minor" crops, saying sales would not cover the expense.

Wheat and feed grains covered by federal farm programs are considered major crops.

Losing "minor" crop products for economic reasons rather than safety concerns is wrong, said Chris Schlect, president of the Northwest Horticultural Council.

Joining the coalition, which works on regulatory and trade issues for fruit growers in Washington and Oregon, are the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Produce Marketing Association, California Grape and Tree Fruit League, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and Western Growers Association, which represents California and Arizona producers.

"A chemical company can afford to spend millions of dollars for soybeans, but when we try to get them to register a product for peaches or pears they won't be cause of economics," Schlect said.

The goal is not to undermine food safety but to ensure that chemicals for "minor" aren't dropped because of cost and red tape while similar products are allowed for major crops, he explained.

He said the group would urge EPA officials to be flexible in keeping products on the market, seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, try to increase funding for federal research on chemical alternatives, strengthen existing programs for minor crop registration and push for changes in chemical re-registration laws.

and global, that they are able to search out the cheapest products to use in their food processing sector.

"The major grain and livestock companies in this country already have a stranglehold over producers because they are so few and so big. Governmental agreements aimed at expanding trade only let those companies take advantage of producers in more and more nations."

The consolidation of the food sector has gotten a lot of attention in recent years, Excel and two other firms control over seventy percent of the beef slaughter industry in the U.S. Cargill dominates both the grain merchandising and soy-

bean crushing businesses.

# Packers steer clear of hearing on lambs

By Jennifer Dizon AP farm writer

**WASHINGTON** — Sheep raisers are getting a raw deal, "as their incomes drop while retail prices for lamb climb, says a congressman from a major sheep-producing state.

Producers are getting \$33 a head this year, compared with \$65 in 1987, Rep. Ron Marlenee, R-Mont., said Thursday.

Yet consumers continue to see increasing retail prices that in August averaged \$3.39, a pound, compared with \$3.30 a year earlier, he said at a hearing by the House Agriculture Subcommittee on livestock, dairy and poultry.

"Why is it that sheep producers in this country are getting a raw deal? They break their backs and what do they get in return? Not even enough income to put food on the table," Marlenee said.

"What can producers do? Do they have to linger with pitance and then go out of business for Congress to open up its eyes and do something about this travesty," he said. "This is wrong. In fact, it's an outrage."

Assistant Agriculture Secretary Bruce Gardner said sheep producers in the late 1980s, when prices were good. But the 16 percent increase in production between 1987-1990 was not matched by a like increase in consumer demand and production prices fell.

Lawmakers said they also are concerned about the potential impact of competition in the packer industry on the lamb prices. But Gardner said he cannot find a correlation between price patterns and concentration. In fact, there was more concentration in the mid-1980s when prices were up, and there is less now, when prices are down.

Gardner said USDA continues to investigate the economics of

the lamb market, including the role of packer concentration.

"Normally, competition takes care of the middleman, but lamb is unique because of that lack of competition," said Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, the subcommittee chairman.

Packers and retailers declined to appear at the hearing to give their side of the story. The Justice Department is conducting an antitrust investigation of the lamb industry, and Stenholm said they cited possible legal action.

However, Safeway Inc.'s vice president for meat, Thomas J. DeMott, wrote Stenholm to say the national grocery chain is "very sensitive to the concerns of the lamb producers."

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**DENVER, Colo.** — The American meat packer Excel is planning to purchase a meat fabrication plant in Saltillo, Mexico, is what National Farmers Union officials call "an illustration of what free trade will do to our country."

Excel, an affiliate of the behemoth Cargill Corporation, reportedly bought the 3-year-old facility to further process beef carcasses slaughtered in the company's U.S. plants. Excel is said to have made the purchase in anticipation of the NAFTA expansion of the North American Free Trade Agreement to include Canada, the United States and Mexico.

"This is exactly what will happen under free trade," said NFU President Leland Swenson. "American companies will go south of the border to take advantage of cheap wages. That will displace

increasingly uncompetitive meat processing sector."

Cargill set up a similar plant in Alberta following passage of the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement. Although Cargill was given public financial incentives to start that plant, Swenson says Canadian are now complain that the company may be undercutting independent meat packers in an effort to drive them out of business.

"It drives out competition, when countries offer subsidies to the companies — that's trade distorting."

Swenson said major agricultural corporations are growing so large



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# Ag Tips

- Some highlights of the 1990 Farm Bill — The bill includes provisions designed to help farmers meet the ever changing conservation and environmental goals.
- A new Agricultural Resources Conservation Program has been created to serve as an umbrella for the existing CRP and three new programs.
- Water Quality Incentives Program — Its purpose is to help farmers prevent contamination of ground and surface water. Enrollment can be between 1981 and 1995. Incentive payments vary depending upon type of program participation.
- Wetlands Reserve Program — and
- Environmental Easement Program
- Voluntary producers may enroll up to 1 million of wetlands into paid easement for 30 years or more.
- The Bill introduces a voluntary Integrated Farm Management Program to encourage planting conservation crops such as grass, legumes and trees. Participating farmers retain both program payments and crop base.
- More information next week!

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# 12/91 Calendar

## Business class set

TWIN FALLS — The Farm Business Management Program at the College of Southern Idaho will get underway Nov. 12 and continue through March 13.

The program teaches record keeping skills and record analysis in conjunction with sound business management principles. Through computer use, participants will learn to calculate actual operation costs, keep accurate business records of finances and production, learn to be good debt managers and to plan ahead.

The class will meet together one day a week. For more information call 733-9554, ext. 119.

## Dairymen plan annual meeting end of next week

BOISE — The United Dairymen of Idaho will have their annual meeting in Boise at the Red Lion Riverside Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Dairymen from all over the state are urged to attend.

Resolutions will be introduced and voted upon on Thursday evening. They are many issues facing the dairy industry and agriculture and this is the forum in which the individual can make his or her views known. Each dairy in the state is entitled to one delegate and one vote.

Speakers at this year's meeting will include Tom Cameron, president of National Milk Producers Federation. Cameron will be reporting on the dairy situation in Congress.

An outing of the Florida Milk Producers will discuss the "Price of Polluted Water." Donald Jonovic of Family Business Management Services, of Cleveland, Ohio will conduct a seminar on "Managing Success On The Family Farm."

Wilson Gray of Twin Falls will discuss "Economics of Dairy Farming in Idaho." Bob Murphy of Nacogdoches County, Texas will entertain the group at the closing lunch and entertainment at dinner on Thursday evening will be provided by some of Idaho's best in a musical revue.

The winners of the Idaho Dairy Hall of Fame, Milk Quality Award, Dairy Wife of the Year, Pioneer Dairy Wife and the Ed Fiez Award will be announced.

"Expo 91" will take place at the same time with displays from all over the West.

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### NOVEMBER

- Today — Desert Gold Cattle Women's fall luncheon, meeting, 10 a.m., Turf Club, Twin Falls. RSVP 432-6653.
- Today — National Farmers Organization, Idaho convention, Weston Plaza, Twin Falls. Registration — 9:30 a.m.; Evening banquet with national President Devon Woodland — 6 p.m. Cost — \$15. Information — 423-5882.
- 6-8 — Idaho Dairymen's Association, Boise, Red Lion Riverside.
- 7-9 — American Agri-Women convention, Boise Centre, Boise. 406-583-8462.
- 10-13 — Idaho Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts; Annual meeting, Red Lion Riverside, Boise. \$25 Preregistration by Oct. 21.
- 12 — Farm Business Management Program; CSI, begins, continues weekly through March 13. For more information: 733-9554, ext. 119.
- 12-13 — Idaho Farm Bureau State Board meeting, Boise.
- 13 — U of I potato storage opening/ribbon cutting, 5 miles east of Twin Falls on Kimberly Road. 885-5999.
- 14 — Twin Falls County Farm Bureau annual meeting, 2732 Kimberly Rd. 733-7212.
- 14 — Idaho and Eastern Oregon Potato Committee meeting, 1 p.m., Stardust Restaurant, 680 Lindsay Blvd. Idaho Falls.
- 14 — Wood River Multi-county Crops Advisory Committee Meeting, Gooding.
- 15-16 — First Annual Organic Growers Conference, C.S.I. Information: Tim Sommer, 585-6140, Laura Hobbs, 334-2227.
- 15-17 — Idaho Wool Growers 99th annual convention, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls.
- 17 — Sheep Commission luncheon/business meeting, Noon, Shilo Inn, Idaho Falls. In conjunction with convention.
- 17-20 — Idaho Grain Producers Association 35th annual convention and trade show, Red Lion/Downtown, Boise.
- 18 — Twin Falls County Farm Bureau annual banquet, Speaker: Lt. Gov. Butch Otter. 733-7212.
- 18-20 — Idaho Grain Producers Association, Red Lion/Downtown, Boise.



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# Water and weather

## Weather slows beet harvest

By Rick Patterson  
AG Weekly writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Below freezing temperatures are putting pressure on sugar beet harvesters, forcing them to work longer hours and as late as 11 a.m. to dig. In the last week, the sugar beet harvest has grown from 46 percent complete to 75 percent complete. None of the crop has been lost to freezing yet. Amalgamated Sugar Co. has not been forced to change its processing schedule.

Temperatures have dropped to as low as 20 degrees, well below the 28-degree level where the sugar beet crown freezes. Frozen beets can't be stored on the company's 10 sugar beet pits in the Twin Falls district. They must be processed right away.

Leonard Kerbs, agriculture manager at Amalgamated, is confident, despite the forecast for continued

cold temperatures, that the harvest can be finished without having to change the processing schedule.

"We have nine more days," he said Wednesday. "After Nov. 9, I doubt if we'll have very many acres left to harvest." Saturday the receiving stations didn't open until noon because of 20-degree overnight lows. The stations were open Sunday, but did not open until 11 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday, holding farmers out of the fields until the ground warmed, so frozen dirt clods wouldn't mix with the sugar beets. Dirt interferes with sugar processing.

"The growers have been very obliging," Kerbs said. Amalgamated has asked farmers not to dig beets that have been left overnight after being defoliated. "We're asking they dig only freshly topped beets. If there's no canopy of leaves, we'll blanket the crown freezes. That frost is quite deep in the roots."

"Once there is frost in the top part of the root, the sugar beet will not store. There is an urgency in getting the crop in."

Across the state the sugar beet harvest is 64 percent in and running at full speed everywhere, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

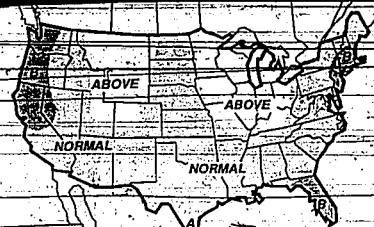
The valley received a half inch of snow, officially recorded at the National Weather Service at Kimberly.

Bill Galkin, meteorologist, said it is hard to predict how long the cold weather will stay. "We're under a massive low pressure system, spinning like a top and moving very slowly."

"It looks like there will be little change in the weather pattern with very light moisture. But no one in their right mind would try to forecast when it's going to change."

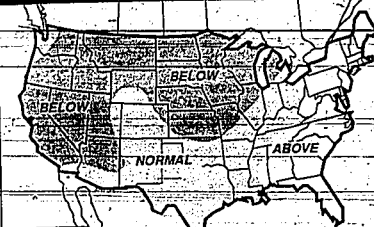
The precipitation brought the total for the month to 28 of an inch, 38 of an inch below normal.

### 30-Day Precipitation Outlook



November 1991

### 30-Day Temperature Outlook



November 1991

Source: National Weather Service, NOAA

## Sprinkled acreage up

AG Weekly

**TWIN FALLS** — In the past year, 10,121 acres in the valley have been converted to sprinkler systems from ditch or flood irrigation.

The increase was part of the 1.4 percent increase in cropland irrigated by electric pump rather than siphon pipe in the Idaho Power Co. service area.

The addition of 736 electric pumps was the largest increase in any single year since 1976, the utility reported.

Total Idaho acreage converted in the Idaho Power system was 29,673 acres compared with 47,718 acres last year, the largest increase since 1981. Some 11,193 acres of the 1991-Idaho total were converted from dryland farming.

Area sprinkler suppliers said the conversion to sprinklers means water savings and less pollution for the Snake River. "The water to irrigate 80 acres in the ditch system will alkali," said Larry Cabe, manager of Tri-Matic in Burley.

Max Ajkar, manager of Silver Creek in Jerome, said, "Sprinklers give you better control of your runoff and leachate of nutrients and fertilizer. Plus you can fertilize through the sprinkler system and get better coverage, better than with spray rigs or an airplane. You only cover what's going to be planted."

Most of the acreage converted from flood irrigation was in the Magic Valley. Pump irrigation was added to 4,000 acres of dryland farms around American Falls.




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## Editorial

# Political considerations mess up grazing fees

After two years and \$9,000, the Idaho Land Board has decided to ignore a study of grazing fees it commissioned by the University of Idaho and keep in place a grazing fee that the Idaho Cattle Association calls "arbitrary."

That is unfortunate. It's too bad that the Land Board, led by Gov. Cecil Andrus, apparently doesn't take seriously Idaho's best range scientists.

Last fall, U of I range economist Neil Rimbey created a grazing fee formula that lacked only one factor—the value of the grass on the state's lands.

He suggested a few "range values" on the Land Board, but they were rejected. Andrus refused to accept a fee of less than \$4.39 per animal unit month. Facing an existing fee of more than \$5, livestock advocates on the Land Board in 1990 agreed to work Rimbey's formula backwards to give Andrus the fee he desired.

The result: the formula contained an arbitrary grass value of \$2.20 per animal unit month that had no basis in any existing grazing fee or lease. Then the Land Board asked Rimbey to spend 1991 studying private grazing leases in Idaho to find a better value for Idaho grass.

He did and he returned to the Land Board in October with four possible numbers—two of them derived from a special 1991 survey of private Idaho leases and two of them from USDA estimates of Idaho private range forage values. A Land Board subcommittee accepted the highest of those four range forage values and plugged it into Rimbey's year-old formula. The result was \$4.11 per animal unit month fee with a discount for struggling lamb producers.

But Andrus won't let go of his \$4.99 fee. At a full Land Board meeting, one of his lieutenants on the Land Board, Auditor J.D. Williams (who voted for the \$4.11 fee in subcommittee) proposed the grazing fee be frozen at \$4.99.

By freezing the fee, the Land Board in essence abandoned all of Rimbey's work on both the formula and the correct value of Idaho forage grass.

Rimbey said this week that if the board had instead used the formula with the arbitrary \$2.20 grass value it chose last year, then other factors in the formula would have pushed the Idaho grazing fee to a whopping \$5.87 for 1992.

The most disturbing part of this debate is the lack of independence shown by Williams, who is eyeing the 2nd District Congressional seat that Richard Stallings is vacating. Williams voted for the \$4.11 when Andrus wasn't in the room, then switched his vote as soon as he again found himself sharing a table with Andrus.

The other upsetting development is Andrus' refusal to endorse the hard work of university experts who are trying to find a fair fee that serves both the livestock industry as well as the Idaho Education Department, which receives money from state grazing fees.

The facts are in, governor. State grazing land is worth \$4.11 per animal unit month in 1992. Idaho gains little by charging more than that.

# Farmers and ranchers have chance to buy meat packer

Robert Van Doren

Occidental Petroleum's recent announcement that they wish to sell the controlling interest, 24 million shares, of Iowa Beef Packers (IBP) for \$15 per share does not seem important when compared to drought-endangered species and mortgage payments, but the long-term implications could be tremendous.

The red meat industry has an unprecedented opportunity before it. That opportunity lies in producers purchasing the controlling interest of IBP from Occidental Petroleum.

A producer-controlled IBP should solve the problem of packer concentration and allow producers to participate in the very lucrative area of marketing beef as a product instead of a commodity.

From what I have read, Tyson Chicken and possibly a Japanese company are currently the only ones thought to be interested in IBP.

If Tyson controlled IBP, the company would be a major processor of beef, pork and poultry. This fact alone could be enough to prevent Tyson's purchase of IBP on antitrust grounds. Antitrust concerns should also keep the other two major meat packers, Conagra and Cargill, from purchasing IBP.

An unnamed Japanese company might not be stopped on antitrust grounds, but if we could match their price, Occidental would probably prefer the publicity generated by keeping IBP in American hands.

The only way to solve packer

concentration is to do it ourselves. If producers get together we could purchase Occidental's 51 percent interest in IBP and control one of the Big Three packers.

To accomplish this, we need to form a producer-controlled holding company of a cooperative with the intention of purchasing the controlling interest in IBP. IBP and the controlling company would be operated on a for-profit basis, with increases in share values and/or dividends accruing to the shareholders.

There would be two types of shares in the controlling corporation—voting and non-voting. The shares would be treated exactly the same except for the voting privilege. Anyone could hold as many non-voting shares in the cooperative as they wanted, but the voting privilege would only belong to the shares held by producers actually owning cows.

Other meat producers should also be allocated voting shares on an equal basis with cattle producers.

To be successful, we should be able to supply the grocery with everything needed to fill the meat counter. This would deny our competitors the opportunity to squeeze into a void in our meat counters and then attempt to expel us at a later date.

We need to vigorously pursue the beef, pork, poultry and lamb

markets and enter large scale sales of fish and seafood produced by aquaculture.

Last spring, I figured out that if the producers controlling half of the cow numbers would invest \$25 per head in a producer-owned cooperative, the resulting \$500 million would be enough to purchase the controlling interest in IBP from Occidental, and have a sizable reserve fund that would be available for pursuing future opportunities as they arise.

The cost of purchasing controlling interest in IBP is comparable to the cost of the Beef Check-Off Program.

It is important to raise an adequate amount of money now, to cover legal fees, start up and operating costs. Many new businesses fail simply because they are undercapitalized at their start up and are not able to tough it out until the cash flow becomes positive.

We need to raise this money through the sale of shares in the producer-controlled company. If we rely on banks or government assistance, bankers or bureaucrats will control IBP.

It is not going to be cheap or easy to purchase IBP, but can we afford to let Tyson, foreign investors or the government be in control?

The author owns and operates a ranch near Dillon, Mont. He encourages farmers and ranchers to discuss a possible IBP buy-out in their local farm organizations.

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## Lamb budget - drylot/onions available

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Livestock investment includes 100 ewes and 3 rams. Ewes have a useful life of 7 years, including a 2 percent death loss and a 12 percent cull rate. Ewe replacements are raised on the farm and have a 6 percent death loss and a 6 percent cull rate. A weaned lamb crop of 140 percent is assumed along with a 1 percent lamb death loss in drylot.

Lambing begins in late January and continues through February. Lambs are weaned in March and moved into drylot where they are fattened and then marketed in June. The animals are fed for 120 days averaging 1.5 pounds of hay and 2 pounds of grain per day. Lambs are creep fed before starting on the hay and grain ration in March.

More information is available from the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service District III office, 734-3600.

## What your lambs and ewes on drylot will cost to produce

### Variable costs

Item	Cost	Amount per unit	Cost per ewe
Alfalfa hay-ewe	\$75/ton	4,570 ton	\$34.27
Alfalfa hay-lamb	\$75/ton	1,098 ton	\$8.23
Alfalfa hay-other	\$75/ton	1,074 ton	\$8.06
Barley-ewe	\$4.80/cwt	2,730 cwt	\$13.12
Barley-replacement	\$4.80/cwt	1,088 cwt	\$4.47
Barley-lamb	\$4.80/cwt	1,639 cwt	\$7.93
Corn-lamb	\$5.00/cwt	1,348 cwt	\$6.74
Selenium salt	\$ 12/lb.	15.03 lb	\$1.80
Vet medicine	\$3.21/head		\$3.21
Shearing-ewe	\$2.00/head		\$2.00
Shearing-ram	\$4.00/head	.03 head	\$1.12
Marketing-lamb	\$3.77/head	1.22 head	\$4.60
Marketing-ewe	\$3.33/head		\$3.33
Dues and assessments	\$1.95/head		\$1.95
Hauling	\$7.55/head	.03 head	\$7.75
Tractors-fuel, lube, repairs			\$3.39
Machinery-fuel, lube, repairs			\$7.79
Equipment-fuel, lube, repairs			\$5.50
Labor, tractor/machinery	\$5.80/hours	1,081.5 hrs.	\$8.06
Labor, livestock	\$5.60/hours	6.30 hrs.	\$35.28
Interest on Oper. Cap.	\$ .11/dol.	\$36.68	\$4.03
Total variable costs			\$149.68
	Fixed costs		
Interest, livestock cap.	\$ .12/dol.	\$120.44	\$14.45
Interest on other equip.	\$ .12/dol.	\$66.10	\$7.93
Depreciation on ram			\$1.98
Depreciation-other equip			\$1.84
Other fixed costs, machines & equipment			\$8.85
Overhead			\$3.50
Total fixed costs			\$194.23
Total costs			\$343.91

## What you'll get for your lambs and ewes:

### Gross receipts

Fat lambs	\$62/lb.	1.22 head	\$90.7
Cull ewes	\$17/lb.	.12 head	\$2.86
Cull rams	\$15/lb.	1.015 head	\$3.35
Cull repl.ewe	\$38/lb.	.02 head	\$1.46
Wool-ewe	\$ .85/lb.		\$6.50
Wool-ram	\$65/lb.	.03 head	\$2.1
Wool Incentive	\$98/lb.		\$10.12
Unshorn lamb	\$ .04		\$5.86
Total			\$118.12

## What you'll leave over after expenses:

Returns to risk and management	\$76.11
Total variable costs	\$149.68
Income above variable costs	\$31.55

Break-even prices if 146.4 pounds of fat lambs are produced per ewe:  
To cover variable inputs \$83  
To cover all costs except risk & management \$114

# FmHA upgrade draws fire

By Jennifer Dixon  
AP-Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — The Farmers Home Administration's efforts to modernize and improve services to farmers and rural communities are coming under fire on Capitol Hill. "I don't believe Farmers Home has a good handle on exactly what they're trying to do," said Rep. Glenn English, D-Okla., chairman of the House Agriculture subcommittee on conservation, credit and rural development.

"The Congress is criticized by the administration for micromanaging programs, and unfortunately, this appears to be one of those areas in which Congress will have to get involved," simply because it appears Farmers Home is either unwilling or incapable of doing it for themselves," English said.

The General Accounting Office and Agriculture Department's office of inspector general also have identified several concerns about FmHA's \$520 million automation program and have suggested ways to improve planning and oversight.

"We generally have agreed with these concerns and have put a hold on major purchases of equipment relating to the automation program," FmHA Administrator Lawrence Austrian said in written testimony to English's committee Tuesday.

He said oversight of the automation program has been elevated to the highest levels of the agency, but Austrian said in written testimony that FmHA has run into some problems moving into a modern, technological environment.

According to the GAO, the investigative arm of Congress,

FmHA plans to modernize the automated systems used to make and collect loans. The effort started in 1987 and is intended to put the agency in a position to minimize loan losses.

It is the third modernization attempt since the mid-1970s, the GAO said. Inadequate planning, combined with ineffective management and oversight, contributed to the failure of the first two efforts, it said.

As it attempts its third modernization, the GAO said, FmHA has not resolved its longstanding planning and oversight problems.

"This casts serious doubt on FmHA's ability to achieve its goal of dramatically improving its information systems by 1995, so that these systems can better support the agency's loan programs," the report said.

# WIFE fears effects of trade talks

SPOKANE (AP) — A Women's farm group in Washington is asking the parent organization to join in seeking a congressional investigation into federal farm programs and international trade talks.

Patricia Zimmerman, state president of Women Involved in Farm Economics, said negotiations on renewal of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade could hurt

prices and phasing out federal subsidies. The talks are aimed at reducing trade barriers.

"It just doesn't seem right that our farm programs should put farmers out of business," Zimmerman said Monday.

She said a proposal to join in demands for a congressional investigation would be presented next month at the national WIFE convention in North Dakota. The goal

is to get Congress involved before GATT talks resume in December, she added.

Zimmerman, an Altna farmer, criticized a congressional decision in May that gave President Bush authority to negotiate GATT agreements that would not be immune from congressional amendments for two years. Congress retained the power to kill the agreement altogether.



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The six-page brochure — "A Legitimate Beef? Questions, Concerns and Facts About Beef" — provides "straight-forward information about the safety and benefits of implant use in modern beef production," the company said.

"The controversy surrounding the European Economic Community's ban on the sale of beef from implanted cattle has generated concern among U.S. consumers about the safety of the beef they eat," explains Eddie Bradley, product manager for Pitman-Moore.

"Even though the EEC's decision was based on politics and economics rather than health issues, the misconceptions about the use of implants

"Consumers should have their questions answered. At the same time, the beef industry must put the concerns into perspective," Bradley adds.

"This new brochure provides research-based information about implants and their benefits to producers and consumers. The bottom line



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is that beef from implanted cattle is every bit as safe as other beef, and implants help make beef affordable.

For free copies of the brochure, write to: Dave Morris, Communications Services, Pitman-Moore, Inc., P.O. Box 207, Terre Haute, IN 47808. Request brochure no. R-0172 and provide a return address.

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Phosphate Institute has prepared several agronomic information items available to the public.

The items include pamphlets to photographic slides.

The items include information on the environment, sustainable agriculture, fertilizers, nutrient deficiencies and best management practices.

Some of the information is for farmers, while some is geared to non-farm audiences.

More information is available from PPI, 2801 Buford Highway N.E., Suite 401, Atlanta, Ga. 30328.

## Better programs for predicting erosion expected in a few years

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Water and wind erosion have been observed for thousands of years.

Today, agricultural engineer George Foster is helping develop the second generation of computer programs that will be used to predict their impact.

Foster, a scientist with the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, is also head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering at the University of Minnesota.

"The programs are based on mathematical equations that consider complex flow patterns within fields, erosional and depositional portions of landscapes and gullies within fields," he explains. "Also considered is the variation of erosion over complex fields that vary in topography, soil, cropping and management."

It was only 50 years ago that the first equation was developed to predict and calculate the amount of soil lost by water erosion. In 1965, a wind erosion equation was published.

"The universal soil loss equation (USLE) and the wind erosion equation have been used since the mid-1960s to identify highly erodible land and to guide selection of conservation measures that

**"... the (current method) does not work well for ridge tillage systems, contouring and practices, such as strip cropping, that deposit sediment on the landscape."**

— George Foster, ag engineer.

will reduce soil loss," Foster says.

Foster and others on a USDA Agricultural Research Service team are developing new technology for predicting erosion by water.

"Because of its structure, the USLE does not work well for ridge tillage systems, contouring and practices, such as strip cropping, that deposit sediment on the landscape," Foster says.

With increased attention on conservation and the environment, a new generation erosion prediction computer program is in the wings. The USDA began the Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) in 1985, and Foster was on the team from the beginning. "Wide use of

the technology likely will begin by the mid-1990s," Foster says.

The program has international significance. The existing universal soil loss equation is used throughout the world, and several foreign organizations are cooperating on the current effort to replace

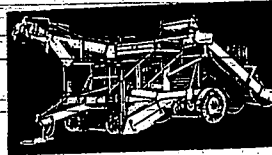
Foster says changing over to the new prediction equations is about a 20-year process; from theory and research, computer program development, hardware purchases, user agency training, to farmers applying the results on their land.

He says, "Development of the analytical relationships is the smaller part of the research effort needed to develop an applied model. Many experiments are needed to determine parameter values for infiltration, runoff and erosion to ensure that the model can be applied practically to every soil type, climate and cropping-management situation encountered by soil conservationists."

"The storehouse of erosion knowledge has been filling for the last 20 years, but we're using up that storehouse now. The significance is that replacement of WEPP in another two decades will be based on today's research."

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Because people are now traveling almost 8 miles out of town to drive through a mud puddle. I kid you not. That last big rain we had in September, created a slew of sords, about 15 feet long and 6 feet wide, in a borrow pit a few miles from our ranch. Not a pond, mind you, a puddle. And it's a big draw round these parts. Yup, young folks coming from miles around to drive their trucks through our little bit of porcine paradise.

We need to do something about this. There is cultural crisis when people will drive 10 minutes on not-too-good roads to get their pickups dirty in a damp borrow pit.



**Suzanne Huxford**  
Country living

At first, I thought maybe people were casually driving through it as they came down the road on some other business. Cause mud is so enticing for anyone with a four-wheel-drive and all.

It's like children with bugs; gotta pull the wings off 'em, that's why they're there.

But no, these folks are packing picnic supplies. They're lining up. I saw one guy out there at about midnight, just running through and backing up and running through and backing up. It was hypnotic.

It was too dark to see him and I couldn't hear what were certainly his squeals of de-

light, so the whole scene took on this eerie aspect, like the truck was powered by some evil, unseen force that had taken over the driver, pushing him over the brink into the muddy depths of madness. But I digress.

My point is, this is not Madame Butterfly here. This isn't even a rerun of Bewitched. This is guys in pickups driving back and forth through a mud puddle that's smaller than my dining room table. For fun. This is cultural hell.

I don't even get it. Is it to see if they'll get stuck? Is it to see who has to spend more time at the Pump and Wash? Is it sheer boredom? A troubled childhood? A sign from God that I'm somehow missing?

Whatever it is, it must stop. The mud puddle will dry up eventually, yes, like the skin of an old woman who's been out in the wind too long. But what we must do as a community, nay, as a species, is

stanch the flow of whatever evil it is that's making our kids drive 8 miles to run through a mud puddle like a bunch of fools.

I feel education is probably the key, although aversion therapy is a pretty strong option.

Start filling your yards with water early on in your child's life and force him to drive through it on his Big Wheel, pinching him hard every time he shows any sign that he's enjoying it.

Child abuse? There isn't a jury in the world that'd convict you.

I don't know if this will work — it's just a suggestion. What we really need in Bliss is some monster-truck racing for a good Arnold Schwarzenegger film revival.

That oughta keep any potential mud drivers busy.

The author writes her column from her ranch home in western Gooding County.

## Coffee cake always a big hit at potlucks

By H.R. Weixel  
AG Weekly correspondent

**JEROME** — It has been said that people will attend a community potluck meal or even a funeral just to get a piece of Edith Raugust's German coffee cake.

There are some bakers who add a little of this and a little of that and the end result is a most delicious dish never to be duplicated by the best of chefs.

Such may be the case with Raugust's cake. She has stirred up the dough and served up the coffee cake at countless community- and family meals throughout the Magic Valley. "You just gotta watch me to make it and to know how to do it," she said.

She bakes in large quantities, usually 12 or 14 coffee cakes at a time, so it took some pondering to establish quantities to be used for a smaller batch of cakes. She decided an ordinary family should make about seven coffee cakes at a time, then she provided the following recipe. "They can freeze them if they can't eat them right away," she advised.

### EDITH RAUGUST'S GERMAN COFFEE CAKE

Custard Topping:  
4 beaten eggs  
1/2 cup flour  
1 teaspoon salt  
3 cups milk

Prepared cream  
1/2 cup sugar  
Cook in double boiler, stirring until it starts to thicken. "Some people cook it in a microwave so they don't have to stand and stir and watch it, but it just tastes better if you tend it yourself."

When thickened, add 1 tablespoon vanilla and let cool while

making the dough.  
Dough:  
Heat 2 cups raw cream and cool to lukewarm.

When cream is lukewarm, add:  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup sugar

Dissolve 1 heaping tablespoon dry yeast in 1 cup lukewarm water. When completely dissolved (takes about 10 minutes) add the cream, eggs, salt and sugar mixture. Add enough flour to make soft dough—about 7 or 8 cups. "Punch down real good." Let rise about 1 1/2 hours and punch down again.

Let rise again and divide into 7 balls. Cover the balls with a towel while rolling them out.

Roll out each ball of dough to the size of a round cake or pie pan (Raugust uses a round cake or pie pan).

Roll dough from middle of the ball. One inch from the edge of the circle should be rolled thinner than the middle. "so you won't have a thick circle on the edges."

Fold circle over and lift to put in greased pan. Press dough around pan at edges.

Slice apples, not too thin, on top "if you like apples." Spread custard on top and sprinkle with cinnamon. Bake at 350 degrees.

Raugust's parents moved to Idaho from Kullin, N.D., bringing the German coffee cake recipe. Edith was born in 1914 in a snowstorm in Aberdeen. Her father delivered the baby girl in their home. Her family moved to Jerome in 1924.

Commenting about the coffee cake, her father often said, "If I wanted to eat bread I'd put my own jelly on it. This isn't supposed to be coffee cake, it's a pie."



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# Gooding Fair brings honors to girl

By Kathy Vitek Weggoer  
AG Weekly correspondent

**GOODING**—The Gooding County Fair in August had at least one big winner. Cindy Hooper won grand champion of fitting and showing market beef, showed the FFA grand champion bull, and won grand champion round robin.

Hooper said she and her younger sister have built up a herd of 26 head registered Angus from their years in 4-H and FFA.

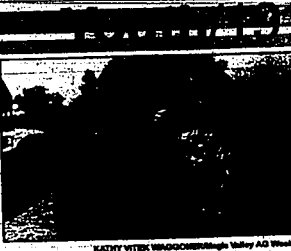
"We sell our calf crop, keep the heifers, and sell bulls for breeding stock."

This year they tried flushed embryo breeding by transferring good eggs from a good cow to other cows. "We got twelve eggs and I got two live calves." Her sister got five calves using this new technique of artificial insemination.

Cindy said she likes beef projects because she lives on a farm and that's what she loves. Her parents raise Black Baldies. "I like watching my goal be accom-

plished," she added, referring to the awards this year, and "showing the animals and getting to know them." For her, the hardest part is selling them at the end of the fair.

Cindy took a market goat project this year also and won grand champion fitting and showing competition with her Togginburg/Miniature goat cross, Coco. She has taken swine projects in previous years, and chose the goat "because it's different."



KATHY VITEK WEGGOER/Magic Valley AG Weekly  
Cindy Hooper won big at the August fair.

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**104 MEET YOUR MATCH**  
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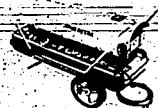


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