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Good morning

Today's forecast:
Cloudy with east winds 10 to 20 miles an hour and a slight chance of rain. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 20s.
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National Football Leagues continue to shuffle the head coaching deck with Cincinnati hiring Don Shula's son.
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NFL playoffs

This weekend offers the first round of the NFL playoffs with two games each today and Sunday.
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Last year at Subic Bay

The United States Navy will complete its abandonment of the Subic Bay base by the end of 1992, U.S. and Philippine officials said Friday. That will end a military presence in the island nation extending over almost a century.
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Presidential consolation

President Bush had words of consolation for Texans Friday after seeing from the air the devastation resulting from extensive flooding. He is on a three-day hunting vacation.
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Rally rolls to record

Wall Street's late-year rally carried the Dow Jones industrial average to its second straight record close on Friday. It closed at 3101.52, breaking the 3100 mark for the first time.
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Idaho's attorney general has drafted two bills for introduction to the Legislature designed to protect consumers against telephone fraud.
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Renaissance man

Retired Twin Falls banker David Mead is interested in, and knows a little about, almost everything.

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Air Force says it doesn't need Big Springs bombing range

By N.S. Nokkventved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Air Force admits it doesn't need a proposed bombing range for its new "composite wing" at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

But the 150,000-acre Big Springs Training Range, proposed by Gov. Cecil Andrus in an effort to keep the Air Force in Idaho, would greatly enhance training as the base gears for a new mission, said Gary Vest, deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force, in a telephone interview from the Pentagon on Friday.

While the military plans to cut forces by one-third, it is expanding in Idaho — up to \$60 million in base improvements — to accommodate a composite wing of several types of aircraft training as a unit.

The Air Force picked Mountain Home

because of its existing capability and future potential, Vest said.

The exploration of the primary military threat to the United States and an ever-growing budget deficit have led to a substantial reduction in military forces nationwide.

"There is no Soviet Union anymore," Vest said.

And so the Air Force is withdrawing from 28 overseas bases and closing 19 U.S. bases — reducing by about one-third its number of aircraft, personnel and bases, he said.

It also plans to cut its number of fighter wings to 26 from 36, a reduction of 720 fighter jets.

Already, at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona, 3,278 planes await the ax on a 30-mile "execution row." The surplus planes will be cannibalized for spare parts,

used as target drones or just junked, according to the Washington Post.

Proposed troop cuts of about half a million represent the greatest reduction in forces since the U.S. military went from 12 million to about 1 million after the close of World War II.

But rather than cut numbers across the board, the Pentagon wants to keep fewer units intact, to "preserve the quality" of those units and to keep them capable of fighting and winning a war against greater numbers.

The composite wing at Mountain Home would be one of those units — part of the "pointy end of the spear," Vest said.

During the Persian Gulf War the Pentagon learned the value of highly trained troops with modern, high-tech weapons. The idea of a composite wing —

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Buckley's remains sent home

The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The remains of slain CIA station chief William Buckley were handed over to the U.S. Embassy on Friday, ending the eight-year saga of American hostages in Lebanon.

However, the fate of two German hostages remained clouded. Their kidnapers demanded the release of two jailed Shiite terrorists in exchange for their freedom, but Germany rejected the demand.

In Washington, the CIA finally acknowledged that Buckley was one of its own. The agency said Buckley had been a senior CIA official when kidnapped, and that it would make a positive identification in the United States.

The State Department said the remains would be flown Saturday to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

Lebanese police, acting on an anonymous telephone tip, found the body early Friday near the airport highway. It was wrapped in cotton bandages, shrouded in a brown blanket tied with plastic rope.

At the morgue at American University Hospital, the remains were identified as those of Buckley, of Medford, Mass., kidnapped by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim radicals in March 1984.

After the two-hour autopsy, the remains were placed in a flag-draped casket and transported to the U.S. Embassy in the suburb of Aukar.

Islamic Jihad claimed to have killed 57-year-old Buckley on Oct. 4, 1983, to avenge an Israeli air raid on the headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Tunis.

However, American hostages later freed by the group said Buckley died of torture at least four months before the purported execution. Anderson said he believed Buckley had died in the same room with him, although he was blindfolded and did not know for certain.

U.S. demands freedom for 2 Germans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States still hasn't closed the book on the sad chapter of foreign kidnappings in Lebanon, despite Friday's return of remains believed to be those of former CIA operative William Buckley.

The administration, said State Department spokesman Joseph Snyder, is holding out for the remains of two former European hostages, the release of two German relief workers, and information about the whereabouts of several Israeli soldiers.

Only when all these demands are met, one U.S. official said privately, will the administration consider improving relations with Iran — which is believed to have sponsored most of the hostage-takers and is on a U.S. list of countries that support terrorism.

"So, I would not call it (the case) closed as far as we're concerned," said Snyder.

Whizzing wheels



MIKE BALSURBY/The Times-News

Making their way up a Twin Falls sidewalk, Josh Stuart, left, senses a speedy Josh Sayre approaching. A new Christmas present, Sayre's roller blades proved a little faster than the roller skates he was letting his friend borrow. The two were enjoying the sunny conditions Thursday afternoon.

Yeltsin grabs biggest Soviet carrier

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Consolidating his grip on power, Boris Yeltsin seized the most sophisticated Soviet aircraft carrier for his Russian federation, reduced the authority of his vice president and moved into Mikhail Gorbachev's office, news reports said Friday.

Underlining the struggle over the future of what was the mighty Soviet military, the aircraft carrier Admiral Kuznetsov docked Thursday in the northern Russian port of Murmansk, the Tass news agency reported.

The ship left Ukrainian waters in the Black Sea on Dec. 2, according to defense magazines. Flight International reported earlier in the month that the ship's departure was intended to assure it did not fall into Ukraine's hands.

Meanwhile, defense ministers of the new commonwealth signed four documents on a unified armed force, a commonwealth defense council, a military oath and the status of servicemen, the Interfax news agency reported. Few details were released, but the agreements will form the basis for a meeting Monday in Minsk, Belarus, of

leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Military rivalries were growing in advance of those talks. Ukraine Defense Minister Konstantin Morozov has issued decrees subordinating troops on its territory to Kiev's command rather than the central commonwealth commander.

Ukraine also has claimed jurisdiction over the main Black Sea naval base in Sevastopol and part of the fleet. The Black Sea has many modern missile warships and escort craft and has been responsible for training forces for the Mediterranean.

Fight over nuclear waste Idaho's top story in 1991

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho's long-standing objections to increased storage of radioactive waste and Gov. Cecil Andrus' yearlong battle to block new waste shipments dominated headlines and was voted the state's top news story of 1991.

It was the third year in the past four the fight over the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory's future role in the nation's nuclear policy has led the balloting by Idaho's Associated Press newspaper editors and broadcast news directors.

The other top stories of the year were:
2. The release of Jesse "Jon" Turner of Bojars after 37 months as a hostage in Lebanon.

3. The National Marine Fisheries Service declaration of the Snake River sockeye salmon as an endangered species.

4. The mobilization of hundreds of Idaho National Guard and military reservists to duty for the Persian Gulf War, which claimed the life of one Idahoan, Army Sgt. Andrew Miller of Pauli.

5. Legislative repeal of the last vestige of the 1978 property tax revolt, igniting a new campaign to slash property taxes.

6. The state Board of Education's unprecedented firing of Boise State University President John Keiser.

7. Republican Sen. Steve Symms' announcement that he will retire.

8. The Idaho economy's continued

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Gem legislative leaders set Jan. 31 remap deadline

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — If state lawmakers can't agree on new legislative district lines by Jan. 31, they will give up and ask the courts to draw a statewide reapportionment plan.

The first item on the agenda when the 1992 legislative session convenes Jan. 6 will be redistricting since a special 20-member committee dissolved in October after eight months of work without reaching consensus on a plan.

"We simply have to put people on record," Senate President Pro Tem Michael Crapo, R-Idaho Falls, said Friday.

"Generally speaking, things don't happen until it reaches close to a deadline," said Senate Democratic Leader Bruce Swenson of Lewiston.

Lawmakers were sent a memo from legislative leaders outlining a schedule, agreed to by both parties, for handling the redistricting issue during the session.

The hours between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. will be reserved for reapportionment meetings. No floor action will be taken on other issues until lawmakers reach consensus on new district lines or give up.

"We expect to reach a decision before that date, but, in any event, we must be

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Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 28.

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REGIONAL Weather

Saturday, Dec. 28

City	Temp	Conditions
Boise	50	Cloudy
Idaho Falls	51	Cloudy
Salt Lake City	37	Clear
Denver	52	Cloudy
Los Angeles	62	Clear
Albuquerque	47	Clear
El Paso	50	Clear

Weather summary

Skies were hazy to partly cloudy over the Magic Valley and much of Idaho on Friday.

Temperatures were slightly warmer than earlier in the week, but were tempered by easterly winds which produced a chilly bite. Overnight lows were in the single digits at many points across Idaho. There was no appreciable moisture reported from any of the state's stations.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 51 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the coldest at 9 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Fort Myers and Naples, Fla. The lowest was 19 degrees below zero at Alamogosa, Colo.

Visible planets

Morning: Mars, Venus, Jupiter
Evening: Saturn

Pacific storm kicks up dust, closes California freeway

The Associated Press

A strong storm system approaching the Pacific Coast kicked up dust that closed an interstate highway in California on Friday and spread rain across much of the area.

More than 100 miles of Interstate 5 was closed in California's San Joaquin Valley, south of the area where 17 people died in a pilot crash caused by a violent dust storm in late November, the National Weather Service said. Wind gusts reached 55 mph in the area, reducing visibility to near zero at times.

Showers were reported along the northern and central Pacific Coast. Clouds covered much of the nation west of the Rockies. Fog was reported in parts of Utah, western Colorado, western Wyoming and western Montana.

Showers were scattered from Kansas and Missouri through the central Gulf Coast states to the southern Atlantic Coast. Fog was reported in the upper half of the Mississippi Valley. Snow was reported in the Red River Valley of North Dakota and Minnesota.

A cold front produced strong wind in the Alaska Range, and snow fell in northern interior Alaska.

Temperatures were below freezing from upper Michigan into North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska and in northern New England.

The low for the Lower 48 states was 12 below zero at Yellowstone, Mont.

Algeria under Deadline

Muslims' rule

ALGIERS: Algeria (AP) — Muslim fundamentalists rode a wave of discontent over Algeria's soaring unemployment and government corruption to score a major victory Friday in the country's first free legislative elections.

Impact on life in Algeria from the stunning political turn was not immediately clear. The fundamentalists won support with a simple slogan: "No constitution-and-no-laws. The only rule is the Koran and the law of God."

But the Islamic Salvation Front leadership is more moderate than that of similar parties in other Arab nations. Some of its leaders urge broadening relations with the West to help Algeria solve economic problems.

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finished by the 31st. If we are not, we will ask the courts to intervene," the memo states.

Other committee meetings will be held between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. and between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Sweeney said while he agreed to the schedule, he would prefer to the shorter deadline with no other issues tackled until redistricting is complete.

"We should be able to do it in a week or 10 days," he said. "I was willing to compromise as long as we were going to have a deadline."

During the final reapportionment committee meetings, conflicts between urban and rural-interest Democrats and Republicans over incumbent lawmakers overshadowed attempts to draw district lines in three or four days of the state.

Using 1990 U.S. Census figures, legislators are required to redraw legislative districts every 10 years to account for population shifts. And under an amendment to the Idaho Constitution since the 1980 census they must eliminate at least 21 legislative positions.

But party leaders remain optimistic that lawmakers will pass a plan with bipartisan support. Any plan also must be accepted by Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy spots on a number of highways across the state Friday as training snow at higher elevations and fog in southeastern Idaho.

Road conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Lewisville, dry; icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry; icy spots.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Glenwood Ferry, dry; icy spots; Bliss-Utah line, dry; Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, dry; icy spots; broken snow floor; Donlay-New Meadows, icy spots.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry; icy spots; Idaho City-Banner Summit, dry; icy spots; broken snow floor.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry; icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, dry; icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, broken snow floor; saw floor.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry; icy spots; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
- Idaho 32 — Dry.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry; icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, dry; icy spots.
- U.S. 20 — Moonstone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
- Interstate 86 — Dry.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Pocatello, dry; Idaho Falls, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; fog; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry; Montida Falls, icy spots.
- U.S. 20 — McCall-Cannonville-Soda Springs, dry; fog; Soda Springs-Montpelier, dry; patchy fog; Montpelier-Wyoming line, dry; heavy fog.
- Idaho 28 — Dry, heavy fog.
- Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

Call these numbers for the latest road and travel information:

- Shoshone 386-2266; Boise 376-8028; Pocatello 253-6724; northern Nevada 702-738-8888; Utah, 801-964-6000; statewide Idaho, 208-336-6600.

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also known as an "intervention wing" — crystallized there. Vest said the new Air Force will be very mobile, with global power and global reach, he said. Redefined and reassigned missions will bring growth in some areas but with fewer bases overall.

But the Air Force has not assessed its training needs or available facilities at all bases nationwide. It continuously evaluates training requirements in terms of what's available. Vest said, but bases and facilities don't always match training needs.

The decision to put the composite wing at Mountain Home was made by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. But it was based on information supplied by the Air Force.

"We proposed it," Vest said.

Though not vital to the composite wing, the proposed Big Springs Owyhee County would provide flexibility as the wing evolves and as the Air Force adjusts to different threats in a changing world, he said.

"It's very attractive, but there's no money on the table," Vest said. No decision has been made, he said.

Other bases with similar or better training facilities, however, were closed by the commission, also based on information supplied by the Air Force.

In 1989, the commission recommended closing George Air Force Base in Victorville, Calif. The base has better flying weather than Idaho, and nearby military operating air space includes more extensive ranges, areas with no altitude restrictions on supersonic flight and five ammunition ranges.

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Briefly

Wallace hospitalized for infection

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Former Gov. George C. Wallace was hospitalized in fair condition Friday for treatment of a urinary tract infection.

Wallace, 72, was admitted Thursday to Jackson Hospital because of a problem that has recurred periodically since he was paralyzed by gunshot wounds during his 1972 presidential bid.

"This is something that is quite common in paraplegics and they expect him to be released in three or four days," hospital spokeswoman Mary Tolbert said.

Wallace was running a fever when admitted to the hospital and was placed on antibiotics to treat the condition, said Leigh Ann Stiff, an aide to Wallace's son, State Treasurer George Wallace Jr.

Job-seekers to split \$1 million refund

WASHINGTON — The nearly 42,000 job-seekers who responded to an allegedly deceptive telephone "jobs-line" offer will share \$1 million in refunds, the Federal Trade Commission said Friday.

The FTC said callers responding to classified advertisements placed around the country by Transworld Courier Services Inc. of Roswell, Ga., were told to call "900" numbers.

But the agency said the people looking for work were not told the calls would cost \$18 each.

Job seekers were told to leave a message or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to obtain job information, but many received no responses, the agency said.

FDA warns against Dungeness crab

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers Friday against eating the internal organs of Dungeness crab harvested off the coast of California, Oregon and Washington because they may contain a harmful toxin.

Though the crab meat itself is safe to eat, the viscera, or internal organs, may contain domoic acid, a naturally occurring toxin produced by marine plankton, said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

Most consumers eat only the crab meat, but some ethnic recipes call for use of the viscera of Dungeness crab, the FDA said.

Crab fisheries on the West Coast have been closed for several weeks because of concern about the toxin, and the states have issued consumer warnings about consumption of Dungeness crab viscera.

Bush urges export restriction extension

BEEVILLE, Texas — President Bush on Friday urged an extension of voluntary restrictions by Japan and Taiwan on exports to the United States of machine tools, citing "national security reasons" for protecting the U.S. industry.

The president's action occurred on the eve of a 12-day trip to Japan and other Pacific nations that Bush contends will focus on finding new markets for U.S. goods.

Bush has directed U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills to negotiate "a limited extension" of the import restrictions, due to expire Dec. 31, said presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater.

The president was in Beeville for a three-day hunting vacation.

Gorbachev invited to speak in U.S.

FULTON, Mo. — Westminster College, where Winston Churchill warned of Soviet domination in Eastern Europe, has invited Mikhail Gorbachev to be keynote speaker at a symposium about the end of the Cold War.

College officials said they haven't received a response from Gorbachev.

Westminster President J. Harvey Saunders said Thursday "nothing is definite. We should know something early in January."

The spring symposium, organized with the Center for Democracy in Washington, will focus on the end of the Cold War.

The meeting was planned to coincide with the 46th anniversary of Churchill's 1946 speech, in which he introduced the term "Iron Curtain," warning that one was descending on Eastern Europe.

Prudhoe Bay well plugged, abandoned

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Oil well DS 1-1, which 21 years ago became the first major well in Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, has been plugged and abandoned.

Arco Alaska Inc. said it recently closed the well because maintenance would be too costly.

Workers left a "Christmas tree" on it as a historic marker. That's oil field jargon for an assemblage of control valves, pressure gauges and chokes to control the flow of oil and gas.

The well went into production in December 1970. Initially, it produced crude oil, to a topping plant, which produced diesel fuel for North Slope operations.

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Subic base slated to be closed by end of '92

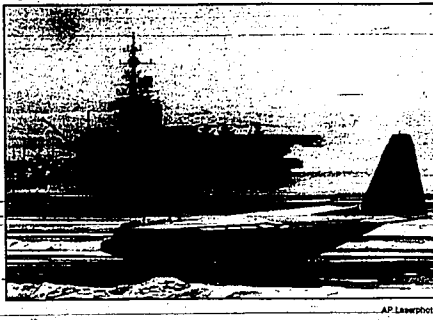
MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The United States will end nearly a century of military presence in this former colony when the Navy abandons the Subic Bay base by the end of 1992, officials of both countries said Friday.

The announcement of a pullout next year came after officials failed to come to terms on a lease extension.

A U.S. official said equipment already was being removed from the base, the largest American installation in East Asia, and that withdrawal would be "very, very soon."

He spoke on condition of anonymity. The closing of Subic will cost thousands of Filipinos their jobs. Most of the 300,000 residents of nearby Olongapo rely on the base for their livelihood.

The United States returned its five other installations in the Philippines earlier this year. In September, the Philippine Senate rejected a new 10-year lease for Subic in return for \$203 million in annual aid.



AP/Lawrence

A U.S. Navy C-130 is shown on an ash-covered runway with an unidentified aircraft carrier after Mt. Pinatubo's June eruption.

President Corason Aquino then but the talks broke down over severed-offered the Americans a three-year al issues, including Manila's refusal withdrawal subject to negotiations, to allow nuclear weapons aboard

ships calling at Subic. Subic, a 60,000-acre base 50 miles west of Manila, is "home" to about 5,000 troops and 4,500 dependents. Together with Clark Air Base, which closed last month, it constituted the United States' largest overseas military installation.

But Subic lost its strategic value with the decline of Soviet and Chinese military threats in the region, and because of damage caused by the eruption of the Mount Pinatubo volcano in June.

The base had been one of the most visible symbols of a U.S. military presence. Non-Communist Southeast Asian nations felt that presence was essential to regional defense and to discouraging Japan from playing a more active security role in an area with bitter memories of World War II.

Mrs. Aquino's chief aide, Franklin Drilon, announced the U.S. withdrawal at a news conference after he and U.S. Ambassador Frank Wisner failed to resolve differences blocking the lease extension.

Bush views damage, consoles victims of Texas floods

BEEVILLE, Texas (AP) — President Bush called the Texas floods a "particularly bitter calamity" after an aerial inspection tour of his adopted home state Friday at the start of a quail-hunting vacation.

Bush also encountered a graphic reminder of the hard economic times gripping much of the nation as he arrived in this small, southeastern Texas community, where he has been coming for decades for hol-

iday-season hunting. Beeville faces the loss of 2,100 jobs next year — 29 percent of its workforce — when the Chase Naval Air Station closes.

"I'm going to speak to that tonight," Bush said at the air station when a reporter shouted a question about the base closing. Bush was to be the guest at a town barbecue.

The president got a bird's eye view of some of the flood-ravaged areas around Austin, the state

capital, and San Antonio, on his way here in a small military jet.

"We had a chance to see some of the flood damage... And it is severe," Bush told a small welcoming crowd at the air station.

Flooding across Texas since last week has killed at least 15 people, swamped farmland, drowned livestock and caused millions of dollars in damage. He has approved federal flood aid.

Alzado to be lauded

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger, Emilio Estevez and Steven Seagal will be among the celebrities at a tribute next month for former football player Lyle Alzado.

Alzado, 42, was diagnosed last year with inoperable brain cancer that he attributes to steroid abuse. Proceeds from the Jan. 11 "Lyle, This One's For You" benefit will go to the Lyle Alzado National Steroid Education Program.

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Magic Valley

Grocery scanners add up injuries

By Karen Irwin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It seems like a small thing to pass a loaf of bread or half-gallon of milk across a computerized price scanner on a supermarket checkout counter.

But that task — repeated 1,000, maybe 2,000 times an hour — is injuring thousands of supermarket cashiers across the country, including some in the Magic Valley.

Dr. John Howar, a Twin Falls surgeon, said Friday he has seen about a half dozen grocery store checkers with repetitive-strain injuries resulting from daily repetitive hand and wrist movement.

RSI, as it is called, includes carpal tunnel syndrome and tendinitis. "I don't have a good solution," Howar said.

The federal government's tally of work-related RSI shows that such injuries grew from 18 percent of occupational illnesses in 1980 to 56 percent of last year's total of

332,000 illnesses, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Through the 1980s, the injury — technically defined as an illness because it occurs over time, not from a sudden traumatic accident — increased 550 percent, the agency said.

Among grocery workers, RSI increased more than 600 percent from 1984 to 1989, according to the bureau's statistics.

No comparable numbers are available for Idaho or the Magic Valley.

So far, the only study of RSI in grocery stores showed that 51 percent of the cashiers in four Shoppers' stores in New York and New Jersey had RSI, compared with less than 20 percent of the stores' other workers, according to *Newsday*, a New York City newspaper.

The study, released last January, was conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health at the

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Around the valley

Tanker rollover closes highway near Galena

KETCHUM — A tanker truck rolled over south of Galena Summit Friday afternoon, spilling up to 75 gallons of aviation fuel and closing Idaho Highway 75 for several hours.

Two people inside the truck were taken to the Blaine County Medical Center in Hailey, according to an Idaho State Police dispatcher.

The names of the victims and the extent of their injuries were not available Friday night as officers were still at the scene.

No other vehicles were involved in the accident, which happened at milepost 144 near Baker Creek shortly before 3:30 p.m., the dispatcher said.

Preliminary reports from the scene indicated that the spilled fuel did not get into the water as the nearest stream was 50 to 100 yards away, she said.

Police expect hot cigarettes will hit the streets sometime

TWIN FALLS — Whoever broke into Western Music on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day knew exactly what he wanted — cigarettes.

Twin Falls police Det. Lt. Jim Kistler said 90 cartons of cigarettes — different brands — were taken from the business' sometime during the holiday. Less than \$10 cash was taken, he said.

Police got a call on the burglary Thursday morning shortly after 8. Western Music, which leases juke boxes and electronic games and distributes candy and cigarettes to vending machines, is located at 259 Third Ave. E. Whoever stole the cigarettes likely will try to sell them, Kistler said.

So if someone approaches you with a hot deal on a cart of smokes, they might be stolen, he said.

"Let the buyer beware."

Survey crews set to work along Blue Lakes next week

TWIN FALLS — Heads up going to work Monday morning.

An Idaho Transportation Department survey crew will be at work on Blue Lakes Boulevard North between North Five Points and Heyburn Avenue, starting Monday and continuing through the rest of next week.

The survey work is in preparation for reconstruction of Blue Lakes to current standards. The three-block section ties into a portion of Blue Lakes already rebuilt.

During survey work, traffic in the area will be restricted to one lane.

Work on the project is scheduled to begin in the 1993 fiscal year, which starts next July 1.

Know of any quiet heroes? Contact The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is looking for a few everyday heroes.

The newspaper will publish a series of articles early next year on residents of the Magic Valley who contribute in their own, quiet ways to making the valley a better place to live.

We're interested in people who don't get much public recognition — youth group leaders, counselors, people who work with the disabled, the elderly, the homeless and the dying — with little compensation except the joy of caring.

If you know someone who fits that description, call Steve Crump at The Times-News at 733-0931, extension 234, or send a note to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303.

Government loosens jobless benefits for new veterans

BOISE — The new federal employment bill approved by Congress last month and signed by President Bush has removed the four-week federal waiting period and the 13-week maximum limit on unemployment insurance benefits for recently discharged veterans.

The law also reduces from 180 days to 90 days the number of continuous active-duty days required for use of military wages on an unemployment insurance claim.

Ex-service members who filed a claim for unemployment benefits before Nov. 17, and were denied reserve wages because of having fewer than 180 days of continuous active duty, could be affected by this change.

The law also extends unemployment insurance benefits for other eligible claimants up to 13 weeks.

Further information can be obtained by calling 1-800-368-5868. Job Service offices are located in the Magic Valley.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Pressing problem



Mounds of trash are smashed at the Twin Falls County landfill. Garbage disposal is among the environmental issues facing the 1992 Legislature.

State's trash tops environmental issues as session opening nears

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — From groundwater protection to garbage disposal, environmental issues will be high on the 1992 Legislature's agenda.

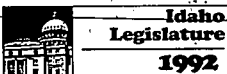
One of the most pressing issues, according to the Idaho Association of Counties, is the new set of federal regulations for landfills collectively referred to as Subtitle D.

Subtitle D sets siting and operating requirements for new landfills to keep hazardous materials from leaching out of them. Also, as of October 1993, existing landfills must either conform with the new requirements or be closed.

In Idaho, most landfills are operated by county governments, the counties are concerned about Subtitle D-related expenses and are looking to the state for help.

IAC Executive Director Dan Chadwick said his group has met with representatives of Gov. Cecil Andrus, the state Division of Environmental Quality and the regional health districts to come up with a comprehensive plan for complying with Subtitle D.

Andrus will probably submit a bill to the Legislature, Chadwick said, although nothing has been drafted yet.



Fourth in a series

But any proposed bill would give the state regulatory control over the siting of new landfills, he said. That would mean that siting decisions could take into account local geological and climatic conditions, he said.

If state primacy is not assured, Chadwick said, Idaho landfills will be regulated by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and have to meet more stringent regulations — what Rep. Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, called "regulations from some generic, landfill in Nowheresville, USA."

The Legislature will also consider at least one bill on groundwater quality protection, said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

An advisory council has been working for two years to develop proposals for combating groundwater pollution, Noh said. Its report, issued earlier this month,

calls for giving the state power to require farmers — and others — to follow "best management practices" to reduce groundwater pollution, in cases where voluntary efforts alone are not succeeding.

More controversial are proposed procedures for establishing who is responsible for groundwater pollution and for what to do if the responsible party cannot be identified or cannot afford to pay for the cleanup. Members of the council were deeply split on these areas, Noh said, but he plans to sponsor a bill incorporating the recommendations anyway.

"I don't think the Legislature will pass it," Noh said, "but at least we can keep the process moving and try to get the parties closer together."

The Legislature will also look carefully at the state Water Resource Board's five-year revision of the state water plan. There is a possibility, Noh said, that the board may seek to establish a minimum flow at Milner Dam for the first time, which could have far-reaching implications for Magic Valley water users.

Former Sen. Lynn Tominga of Rupert, now a policy analyst for the Idaho Water Resources Association, said the new water plan may also raise instream flows for the benefit of fish and wildlife in the

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Idaho Power seeks comment on whether to build dam on Snake River near Bliss

By N.S. Norkmatyev
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In a game of power pingpong with the city of Tacoma, Wash., Idaho Power Co. now holds the permit to develop a hydroelectric project on the Snake River near Bliss.

The utility has scheduled a hearing for Jan. 7 in Hagerman to hear what the public thinks its next step should be.

Idaho Power's first proposal to build the A.J. Wiley Dam, an 86-megawatt hydropower facility, was rejected by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Tacoma City Light stepped in and took over the plan.

The ball now is back in Idaho Power's court. The utility holds the preliminary permit that protects it from competing proposals while it evaluates the site and prepares its license application.

It should not be considered a foregone conclusion that Idaho Power will go ahead with the license application, said the company's attorney, Steve Hemdon.

"We want to take a good hard look at it,"



he said. "It's the last large site we see on the Snake River."

The proposed dam, which would be located just downstream from the Bliss Bridge, would turn an eight-mile stretch of free-flowing Snake River into a 625-acre reservoir. It would back up water from just upstream of the headwaters of the Bliss Dam reservoir to the foot of the Lower Salmon Falls Dam.

Its proposed earth embankment, rising 100 feet from the riverbed, would transform the 20-mile stretch from the Upper Salmon Falls reservoir to Bliss Dam into a series of slack-water pools.

It would inundate a popular stretch of white water, threaten white sturgeon and

several rare snails in the stretch and reduce water quality.

The plan has also raised some questions about the site's geology.

According to a 1982 environmental impact statement by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, seepage through permeable lava could result in internal erosion in the earth-fill embankment.

Internal erosion caused by seepage through abutment rock or by uneven settling resulted in the 1976 failure of the Teton Dam on the Teton River in eastern Idaho, killing 12 people and causing hundreds of millions of dollars in property damage.

Porous pillow-lava underlies part of the site of the Wiley dam and a portion of the reservoir it would create. Seepage through this lava could undermine the river bank or canyon wall downstream of the project.

Pillow lava is a porous crystalline lava formed when lava flows into water and cools rapidly.

"The pillow lava would form a conduit for water unless it can be effectively isolated from the earth-fill embankment and from

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Gooding zoning plan draws fire

By Val Cooper
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — Dairymen and fish farmers in Gooding County say they aren't happy with proposed zoning changes that seem to add distance between agriculture and residential areas.

Ten farmers presented Gooding County Commissioners with a petition recently, asking that they leave zoning rules as they are instead of going through with proposed changes in a land-use plan.

The comprehensive plan is still under review of the county's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The plan is a way for the county to avoid placement of dairies near residential areas. It also forbids about five dairy operators now located near residential areas from making their facilities any larger.

Commissioner Bob Muffley said told the protesting farmers that the county will go through with its plan because residential areas need to be better protected. "We want to avoid situations of residential subdivisions locating next to confinement feeding operations, and not understanding is operations locating next to residential subdivisions," Muffley said.

Gooding County set a lengthy moratorium on approving the final zoning plan, giving residents an opportunity to voice their opinion on the changes.

At the recent meeting, residents' displeasure with the plan and non-conforming land or property not in line with proposed zoning.

Non-conforming parcels are those that have been designated as residential by commissioners, even though they are being used for agriculture.

Speakers for the protestors said some were confused about the new uses of land spelled out in the plan. "The wording in the new ordinance is not clear about the expansion of established dairies and fish farms," said Don Campbell, executive director of the Aquaculture Association.

"Something you're not understanding is confinement feeding operations already in place can't be extended or enlarged, but a CFO can't be taken away either," Muffley said. "The only way a non-conforming use

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Idaho: Land of few cities, few doctors

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — How many adult Idahoans have completed high school? How many physicians practice in the state? How does Idaho compare with other states when it comes to unmarried mothers?

The answers to those questions, plus enough more to stock several games of Trivial Pursuit, can be found in the 1991 Statistical Abstract of the United States, recently published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

The abstract contains hundreds of pages of information drawn from the 1990 Census, as well as other statistical studies of recent vintage. It reveals, among other things, that Idaho is the least-urban and least-doctored state in the nation.

Detailed information about different cities and counties within Idaho won't be available until late January at the earliest. A Census Bureau spokesman said last week. But the abstract can tell the curious reader how Idaho stacks up with the rest of the nation on various subjects.

For example: Just 1,192 physicians practice in Idaho. Boise/Ada County averages 100-200 per capita. That's the lowest number of physicians per capita of all 50 states.

Idaho also ranks last in urbanization, at least as measured by Metropolitan Statistical Areas. Only 20.4 percent of Idahoans live in the state's 106 officially recognized MSA. Boise/Ada County averages 100-200 per capita. That's the lowest number of physicians per square mile.

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Religion

Church news

Missionaries called, return

TWIN FALLS - Three young people from Twin Falls have been called to serve missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints...



Hanson - Cheyney - Hayes - Sturgill - Egbert - Henry
Elder Richard Charles Hansen, son of Charles and Diane Hansen, will serve for two years in the Florida Jacksonville Mission...

Presbyterian pastor elected

BURLEY - The Rev. David Henry, pastor at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, was recently elected as 1992 presbytery moderator.

LDS holds New Year's dance

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is sponsoring the fifth annual Multi-State New Year's Eve Dance Tuesday...

'Single Saints' available soon

LYLE, Wash. - "Single Saints," a newsletter especially for single, divorced and widowed members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will be available in the Western United States soon.

The newsletter is being designed to provide a place for single Mormons to place ads for friendship and/or romance. Smith said that approximately 50 percent of the LDS Church's population is single...

The Times-News welcomes news of church events

Please send information to Ellen Thimmon, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Church services

- AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP
TWIN FALLS - Amazing Grace Fellowship, YFCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., 736-0727.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor...

Comics

THE FAR SIDE



"Egad! Willard's home early! Don't move — his vision's not very good, but his sense of smell and hearing are quite acute."

BLONDIE



"AT THIS STORE, EVERY ITEM IS CHEERFULLY REFUNDED. THEY SURE YOU CAN BET TAKE THE FUN OUT OF RETURNING THINGS."



"TAKE A LOOK AT THESE MISS SHOTS, DUKE — MY SECRET ARSENAL!"



"LET'S GO, BABY! YOU'RE A PIG KILLER! GO AWAY!"



"THIS DROUGHT IS GHOSTLY!"



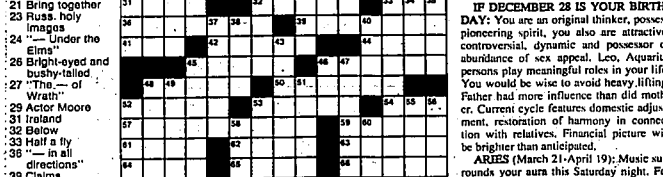
"WHEREVER I GO, WE NEED RAIN!"



"WHAT DOES IT SAY? 'GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO PICK UP THE CHECK'"



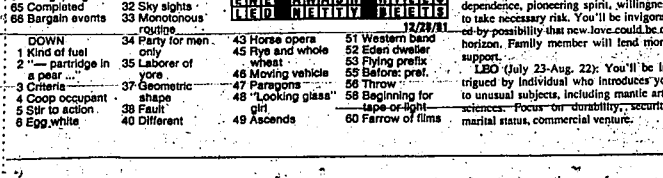
"GLADYS... IS THERE SOMEONE ELSE?"



"OF COURSE NOT, DEAR..."



"IF THERE WERE, WHAT ON EARTH WOULD I BE DOING HERE?"



"LET'S GO, BABY! YOU'RE A PIG KILLER! GO AWAY!"

PEANUTS



"WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BUY WITH THE MONEY YOU GOT FROM GRANDPA FOR CHRISTMAS?"

A WHAT?!



"I THOUGHT MAYBE I'D USE IT TO BUY A BOOK..."

GARFIELD



"GUESS WHAT, MOM? I THINK GARFIELD ACTUALLY LIKES THE SWEATER YOU MADE HIM."

THE SHOULDER PADS WON ME OVER



"WOULD THEY LIKE THE BACK?"

HAGAR



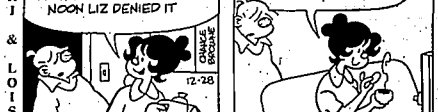
"JUST LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL PLATTER OF CHRISTMAS GOODIES THE JOHANSENS BROUGHT OVER!"

NO GO AHEAD AND EAT IT



"SLURP CHOMP! SMUNCH!"

HJ & LOIS



"THIS MORNING ELIZABETH TAYLOR'S MARRIAGE WAS ON THE ROCKS, THIS AFTERNOON LIZ DENIED IT."

CAN I COME OVER AND WATCH THE GAME? I'M GOT THE 'GOSSIP CHANNEL' ON AGAIN



CALVIN & HOBBES



"SORRY WE'RE LATE, ROSALIN DID YOU GET CALVIN TO BED?"

IF SHE'S STILL HERE, DON'T PAY HER



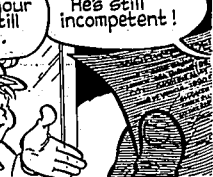
"MOM! DAD! IS THAT YOU? I'M NOT ASLEEP! DID YOU GET RID OF THE BABY SITTER? THANK GODDESS YOU'RE HOME!"

GARFIELD



"Guess you saw this article about Slim being the town hero, Mr. Jenkins?"

Yes! What of it?



"Well, he saved your life and he's still unemployed..."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"CMON JOEY!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Get one with a long summer."

ACROSS

- Turk, bigwig
- Round-ed mass
- Eve sounds
- 14 Face
- Singer Cantrell
- Jason's ship
- "A Bell for —"
- 18 Newest bigwigs
- 20 Light brown
- 21 Bring together
- 22 Russ, holy images
- 23 "Under the —"
- 24 "Ems"
- 25 Bright-eyed and bushy-tailed
- 26 "The — of Wrath"
- 27 Actor Moore
- 28 Irishland
- 29 Half a fly
- 30 "In all directions"
- 31 Claims
- 32 Andas o.g. abbr.
- 33 Hard tips
- 34 Slant
- 35 Jaded
- 36 Face
- 37 Foreign
- 38 Dug
- 39 40 Point
- 41 42 Make amends
- 43 Small rug
- 44 45 Has different
- 46 "Now"
- 47 acid
- 48 49 ill e good case
- 50 51 Fave
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- 54 55 Light tunes
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Astrological Forecasts

IF DECEMBER 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are an original thinker, possess pioneering spirit, you also are attractive, controversial, dynamic and possessor of abundance of sex appeal. Leo, Aquarius persons play meaningful roles in your life. You would be wise to avoid heavy lifting. Father had more influence than did mother. Current cycle features domestic adjustment, restoration of harmony in connection with relatives. Financial picture will be brighter than anticipated.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Music surrounds your aura this Saturday night. Focus also on flowers, design, luxury items, an object. "Mystery" guests" intrusive, delight. Those who urge you to "confess" must really be fools.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spotlight on power, authority, responsibility, pressure of deadline. Opportunity exists to take stock, check inventory, to gain second wind. Older individual will help obtain necessary funding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Wish will be fulfilled with help of one as distinguished as you. "Creative juices" activated. Status quo will be tossed aside. Focus on originality, daring, imagination. Aries involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 21): Stress independence, pioneering spirit, willingness to take necessary risk. You'll be invigorated-by-possibility that new love could be on horizon. Family member will lend moral support.

LEO (July 22-Aug. 22): You'll be intrigued by individual who introduces you to unusual subjects, including mature arts, sciences. Focus on "durability," security, marital status, commercial ventures.

WESTERN BIRTH DATES

- 43 Horse opera
- 44 Rye and whole wheat
- 45 Moving vehicle
- 46 Paragon
- 47 "Looking glass" girl
- 48 Ascends
- 49 Western band
- 50 Eden dweller
- 51 Flying prefix
- 52 Before, pref.
- 53 Throw
- 54 Beginning for
- 55 Tape or light
- 56 Farrow of films

L.M. Boyd

What's what?

THE COLOR OF BLOOD?

That color of red called "magenta" was named after a town in Italy, site of a battle where much blood flowed. Primitive tribes believed they acquired the qualities of the animals they ate. Those who wanted to be fast longed for deer or antelope. Those who admired strength hopped for bear or bull. Some ate birds, too, but that never worked. Some trees under assault by insects communicate with nearby trees. And they rub their levels of tannin.

CHINA DESERT

You don't get many reports out of China's 125,000-square-mile Taklimakan desert. The name explains why. Taklimakan translates as "once you go in, you can never come out."

That Little Red Riding Hood really was on her head; she wore a little Red Riding Hood, was a small red cap shaped like a cupcake.

A third of the people in nursing homes don't need to be there. That's what the researchers say.

In the street gang vernacular of New York City, a "Double-O-Seven" is a pocket knife with a folding 12-inch blade.

TRAVELERS' TALES

Dorothea Viehmann grew up in an inn kept by her mother and father near Kassel, Germany. She listened to talk of travelers. And eventually told what she'd heard to two men named Grimm.

According to the literary footnotes, it was from her narrations that those brothers got many if not most of their renowned fairy tales.

It was Agatha Christie who said, "An archeologist is the best husband any woman can have — the older she gets, the more he is interested in her."

Bread will get stale faster in a refrigerator than out of it, according to the household histologists. But not all kitchen mechanics agree.

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Business

Stock prices reach another high; year-end rally continues

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stock prices reached new highs for the second straight session Friday, capping off a week of record gains as the market's year-end rally continued.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 18.56 points to 3,101.52, topping 3,100 for the first time.

The average's 167.04-point climb for the week eclipsed the previous record point gain of 145.29, set last Jan. 14-18.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines

by about 9 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange.

A Big Board volume came to an estimated 155.95 million shares as of 4 p.m. EST, against 149.20 million at the same point in the previous session.

The market ran into a bit of resistance early in the day from sellers' insistence on cashing in some of their gains.

But stocks seemed to be benefitting from further declines in yields on money-market investments, where large pools of investment money have accumulated.

Yields on money-market mutual funds,

for instance, now stand at their lowest levels since the mid-1970s.

With two sessions left in 1991, the Dow Jones industrial average boasts a gain of 467.86 points, or 17.76 percent since New Year's.

Among actively traded blue chips, American Telephone & Telegraph rose 1/8 to 39; International Business Machines 1/4 to 89 1/2; Westinghouse Electric 1/4 to 16 1/2; Philip Morris 1/4 to 77, and American Express 1/4 to 21.

Merck, the highest priced of the Dow's component stocks, gained 1/4 to 165 1/2.

Banking added 1/4 to 2 1/2%, and First Virginia Banks gained 1/4 to 35 1/2%, while Citicorp was unchanged at 10 1/2% and J.P. Morgan held steady at 69 1/2%.

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Markets

Dow Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — Final Dow Jones averages for Friday, Dec. 27.

STOCKS

30 Ind	3088.20	3121.85	3063.74	3101.52	+28.56
Comp	1302.68	1312.64	1301.51	1310.50	+8.82
15 Ind	1508.20	1508.20	1508.20	1508.20	0.00
65 S&P	1125.14	1135.59	1102.23	1128.09	+25.86
NYSE	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	0.00
Trans	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	0.00
NYSE	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	1,290,500	0.00
65 S&P	1125.14	1135.59	1102.23	1128.09	+25.86

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The Times-News

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and follow the simple instructions.

Sugar

NEW YORK (AP) — Sugar futures trading on the New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange Friday.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	21.10	21.00	21.00	+0.10
Aug	20.85	20.75	20.75	+0.05
Sep	20.60	20.50	20.50	+0.05
Oct	20.35	20.25	20.25	+0.05
Nov	20.10	20.00	20.00	+0.05
Dec	19.85	19.75	19.75	+0.05
Jan	19.60	19.50	19.50	+0.05
Feb	19.35	19.25	19.25	+0.05
Mar	19.10	19.00	19.00	+0.05
Apr	18.85	18.75	18.75	+0.05
May	18.60	18.50	18.50	+0.05
Jun	18.35	18.25	18.25	+0.05

Metals

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the Comex.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	350.00	345.00	345.00	+5.00
Aug	345.00	340.00	340.00	+5.00
Sep	340.00	335.00	335.00	+5.00
Oct	335.00	330.00	330.00	+5.00
Nov	330.00	325.00	325.00	+5.00
Dec	325.00	320.00	320.00	+5.00
Jan	320.00	315.00	315.00	+5.00
Feb	315.00	310.00	310.00	+5.00
Mar	310.00	305.00	305.00	+5.00
Apr	305.00	300.00	300.00	+5.00
May	300.00	295.00	295.00	+5.00
Jun	295.00	290.00	290.00	+5.00

Fossil fuels

NEW YORK (AP) — Futures trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	18.50	18.30	18.30	+0.20
Aug	18.30	18.10	18.10	+0.20
Sep	18.10	17.90	17.90	+0.20
Oct	17.90	17.70	17.70	+0.20
Nov	17.70	17.50	17.50	+0.20
Dec	17.50	17.30	17.30	+0.20
Jan	17.30	17.10	17.10	+0.20
Feb	17.10	16.90	16.90	+0.20
Mar	16.90	16.70	16.70	+0.20
Apr	16.70	16.50	16.50	+0.20
May	16.50	16.30	16.30	+0.20
Jun	16.30	16.10	16.10	+0.20

Most actives

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales, closing price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading in volume of more than \$1 million.

Name	Volume	Close	Chg.
IBM	2,456,700	168 1/4	+1/4
Microsoft	1,571,000	27 1/2	+1/4
Amgen	1,410,000	48 1/2	+1/2
Amer TBT	1,414,000	39 1/4	+1/4
Genentech	1,371,000	27 1/2	+1/4
Amgen	1,371,000	48 1/2	+1/2
Glaxo	1,350,700	30 1/4	+1/4
Amgen	1,344,300	39 1/4	+1/4
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Beans

Valley Beans, Great northern

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Aug	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Sep	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Oct	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Nov	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Dec	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Jan	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Feb	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Mar	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Apr	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
May	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Jun	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04

Potatoes, onions

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Friday's potato prices for Idaho's upvalley. Top Falls-Burley districts.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Aug	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Sep	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Oct	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Nov	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Dec	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Jan	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Feb	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Mar	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Apr	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
May	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Jun	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01

Livestock

POCAHELLO (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	44.10	44.10	43.50	+4.57
Aug	43.00	43.00	42.70	+2.70
Sep	42.35	42.35	42.30	+4.42
Oct	42.00	42.00	42.00	+4.25
Nov	41.75	41.75	41.75	+4.85
Dec	41.50	41.50	41.50	+4.25
Jan	41.25	41.25	41.25	+4.25
Feb	41.00	41.00	41.00	+4.25
Mar	40.75	40.75	40.75	+4.25
Apr	40.50	40.50	40.50	+4.25
May	40.25	40.25	40.25	+4.25
Jun	40.00	40.00	40.00	+4.25

Grains

Valley Grains, In Mountain Home, quoted by Western Stockman's Inc. of Gooding, reported by Mountain Home Grain Dealers.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Aug	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Sep	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Oct	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Nov	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Dec	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Jan	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Feb	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Mar	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Apr	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
May	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04
Jun	3.92	3.85	3.88	+0.04

Closing futures

Month **Commodity** **High** **Low** **Close** **Change**

Feb.	live cattle	70.77	69.72	70.72	-1.05
Mar.	live cattle	71.22	70.12	71.22	-1.10
Jan.	feeder cattle	66.72	70.72	70.72	+0.00
Mar.	live hogs	40.77	39.57	40.77	+1.20
Apr.	live hogs	41.22	39.57	41.22	+1.65
May	live hogs	42.22	39.57	42.22	+2.65
Jun.	live hogs	43.22	39.57	43.22	+3.65
Jul.	live hogs	44.22	39.57	44.22	+4.65
Aug.	live hogs	45.22	39.57	45.22	+5.65
Sep.	live hogs	46.22	39.57	46.22	+6.65
Oct.	live hogs	47.22	39.57	47.22	+7.65
Nov.	live hogs	48.22	39.57	48.22	+8.65
Dec.	live hogs	49.22	39.57	49.22	+9.65

Cattle

Chicago (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Friday.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	70.77	69.72	70.72	-1.05
Aug	71.22	70.12	71.22	-1.10
Sep	72.22	71.12	72.22	-1.10
Oct	73.22	72.12	73.22	-1.10
Nov	74.22	73.12	74.22	-1.10
Dec	75.22	74.12	75.22	-1.10
Jan	76.22	75.12	76.22	-1.10
Feb	77.22	76.12	77.22	-1.10
Mar	78.22	77.12	78.22	-1.10
Apr	79.22	78.12	79.22	-1.10
May	80.22	79.12	80.22	-1.10
Jun	81.22	80.12	81.22	-1.10

Onions

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — Friday's onion prices for Idaho and Malheur County, Ore.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Aug	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Sep	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Oct	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Nov	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Dec	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
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Feb	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Mar	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Apr	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
May	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Jun	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01

Wheat

Chicago (AP) — Futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade Friday.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Aug	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Sep	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Oct	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
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Feb	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Mar	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Apr	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
May	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Jun	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01

Gasoline

NEW YORK (AP) — Spot market prices.

Month	High	Low	Settle	Chg.
Jul	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Aug	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Sep	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
Oct	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01
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Jun	1.40	1.35	1.38	+0.01

Stock listings

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Boise	12 870	11 1/4	Dow	100 1/2	100 1/2
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Bowling	11 718	45 1/4	Mar	100 1/2	100 1/2
Bowling	11 718	45 1/4	Nov	100 1/2	100 1/2
Bowling	11 718	45 1/4	Dec	100 1/2	100 1/2
Bowling	11 718	45 1/4	Jan	100 1/2	100 1/2
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Sports

No. 2 Meridian tests Twin Falls tonight

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Coach Ben Allen is in the middle of a week to decide which direction he should take his 4-3 Bruins into the 1992 portion of the schedule.

"And in the middle of that, he finds his team looking at a strong and talented bunch of Meridian Warriors in Bruin Gymnasium at 8 p.m. Saturday.

"They're good," says Allen of the second-ranked Warriors who at 5-0, "I'd say they were the best in the state. They have all their starters back from last year with good size and quickness."

Allen said Meridian does not have overpowering size in the usual sense but with one starter at 6-5 and the other four at 6-2, there aren't any short guys to pick on either. "And they bring in a 6-8 player off the bench who isn't bad," he added.

"They like an up tempo and they work at it. If you try to penetrate or go inside too much, they will send two guys toward the other end and use the baseball pass on the break," Allen said. "They figure they have the strength, size and quickness to out-rebound you with three. So you have to decide whether you want to keep a couple back at all times or crash and gamble on getting some offensive rebounds. If you get some putbacks, it's okay." But you might give up 12 points in a hurry, too.

"I think their main strength is that they play together very well and have two years of continuity to work with," he added.

Allen said the first seven games of the season bring the Bruins to a point where they have to answer some questions. The first is a lack of consistent outside scoring punch, a second is spotty rebounding and the third is whether a tighter rein is necessary.

"We have some ingredients to address all of those

problems although it could involve bringing up some players from the junior team," he said. "That in itself might be the total answer. Some moves in one direction might hurt in another."

"If our scoring is going to remain low, then we have to make each possession count and perhaps cut down on the opposition's possessions as well," Allen continued. "Right now that would mean we are looking at more structure but I kinda hate to get into that, too."

Allen said he still is satisfied with the effort he's getting on the floor.

"We just need some of the individuals to understand the game a little better and some of these things would clear up," he said.

The team appears to be fairly healthy with the exception of "some sniffles but we're going to have some of those the rest of the year," Allen said.

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2 p.m. — Channel 6, 35, NFL playoff, Atlanta at New Orleans
6:35 p.m. — Channel 6, NBA basketball, Minnesota at Atlanta
7 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball, Louisville at Kentucky
7 p.m. — Channel 12 Bowl, Blockbuster Bowl, Colorado vs. Alabama
7 p.m. — Channel 23, College basketball, Red Lobster Classic

Briefly
FBI investigates NHL; financial deals probed

BOSTON — The FBI is investigating the National Hockey League and the NHL Players Association concerning certain financial dealings, a bureau spokesman said Friday.

Special Agent William McMillin confirmed that the probe was launched by the FBI's Boston office after the agency reviewed several complaints.

He did not say what the complaints concerned, but the Lawrence (Mass.) Eagle-Tribune reported in September the possibility of conflicts of interest within pro hockey — including actions taken by the NHLPA's outgoing executive director, Alan Eagleson.

McMillin said federal subpoenas requesting league records and documents were being served Friday on NHL president John Ziegler at the league office in New York City, and that FBI agents were serving federal subpoenas on owners of the 15 NHL clubs based in the United States.

Buck replaced by Boston Red Sox announcer at CBS

ST. LOUIS — For CBS-TV, the Buck stops here.

CBS announced Friday that it had signed Boston Red Sox broadcaster Sean McDonough, 29, to a two-year contract as its baseball play-by-play announcer. McDonough replaces Jack Buck, 67, who held the job for the first two seasons the network had the major-league contract.

The network decided not to exercise a two-year option on Buck's contract in going to a much younger man. McDonough will be entering his fifth year with the Red Sox next spring and will be paired with analyst Tim Lincecum on CBS.

Buck said he believed he and McDonough were meshing after two seasons together and that he would have liked to have had more time.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

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Do teams still take us seriously? You mean since Monday night?

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— Jay Hilgenberg, center for the Chicago Bears, who were routed by the San Francisco 49ers, 52-14, last Monday night

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Coming ... and going

Knox steps down in Seattle

SEATTLE — Chuck Knox left as coach of the Seattle Seahawks on his own terms Friday, walking out the door with scarcely a word to make official what had been speculated for weeks.

Knox, head coach of the Seahawks for nine years and the only one to take the team to the playoffs, neither quit nor was fired, although the team said it would honor a buyout clause in his contract.

A statement issued from Seahawks headquarters said Knox's departure was agreed upon Friday in a meeting in Palm Springs, Calif., between the coach, club president Tom Flores and owner Ken Behring.

Club offices were closed Friday, and telephone numbers for Flores and Behring were not available. The Seahawks held no news conference, issuing only a one-page statement.

Knox commented briefly to KIRO Radio, which broadcasts Seahawks games. He placed a call to Seahawks' play-by-play announcer Pete Gross without giving a number where he could be reached, KIRO said.

"We mutually agreed that separation was the thing to do at this point," Knox said. "We just agreed that it had been a

fine relationship, and we should end it this way."

Knox also was reached by The Seattle Times. "I'm trying to locate my coaches," he told the newspaper. "I don't have anything to say at this time."

Knox told KIRO the agreement would allow him to remain with the Seahawks as a consultant unless he lands a job with another NFL team.

He said he had nothing arranged but was "going to take a look at other coaching options to see what the options are and proceed from there."

Knox, 59, ranks sixth on the all-time NFL coaching list in number of victories with a 171-114-1 record. His last, which left him 80-63 with the Seahawks, was a 23-9 triumph over the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, closing out a 7-9 season.

When asked why he was leaving, he replied, "No particular reason."

Knox was the ninth coach to resign, retire or be fired since the start of the 1991 season. Earlier Friday the Tampa Bay Buccaneers fired Richard Williamson and the Cincinnati Bengals named David Shula to replace Sam Wyche.

One subject of speculation as a replacement for Knox is University of



Chuck Knox stepped down Friday after nine seasons with the Seahawks.

Shula, that's David not Don, tabbed by Bengals

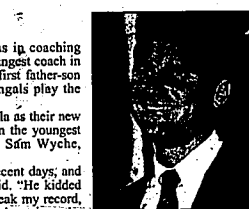
CINCINNATI — The name is Shula, as in coaching dean Don Shula. Now it also means the youngest coach in the NFL, and sets the stage for the NFL's first father-son matchup the next time the Cincinnati Bengals play the Miami Dolphins.

The Bengals on Friday named David Shula as their new coach, making Don Shula's 32-year-old son the youngest coach in league history. Shula succeeds Sam Wyche, whose eight-year tenure ended on Tuesday.

"I talked to my father several times in recent days, and he's very excited for me," David Shula said. "He kidded me, he said, 'You know you're going to break my record, don't you?' And I really hadn't thought about it at the time. He said, 'You're going to be the youngest head coach ever hired in the National Football League.'"

"But he said, 'I'm all for you. The next record I hope you break is 300 wins.' I said 'I want to get one win first, and then we'll think about 300.'"

That win probably won't come at his father's expense. The Bengals and Dolphins are not scheduled to play in 1992.



David Shula NFL's youngest coach

But first, David Shula has a tough job ahead of him. The Bengals just finished a 3-13 season — the worst in franchise history. And they also had the league's worst defense.

Shula, the Bengals' wide receivers coach last season, has a simple game plan. — "My goals are simple: to win the Central Division, and if we don't win the Central Division, to qualify for the playoffs. And once in the playoffs, to win the Super Bowl," he said.

"Boomer Esiason, critical of the Bengals forousting Wyche, said he was relieved that the Bengals basic offense will be retained.

"I can't tell you how happy I am that the same playbook is going to be there for the offense," Esiason said. "And I think that's really the key for us on offense."

Although he's only 32 years old, the former Dartmouth wide receiver has plenty of NFL experience.

"Some people are going to think that David is a little young to be an NFL head coach," Bengals general manager Mike Brown said. "But you should be in mind that he has been an NFL assistant for 10 years. Not only that, my first recollection of him is as a young boy on the sideline down at Miami next to his dad, taking down the plays during the game, keeping notes that way."

Shula's dues-paying included 1982-88 as an assistant to his father, then two years with the Dallas Cowboys before joining the Bengals in January. Brown said Shula has a three-year contract, but declined to discuss salary.

With the Shula name, there has always been added pressure on David to excel. Don Shula, with 306 victories, is the winningest active coach in the NFL.

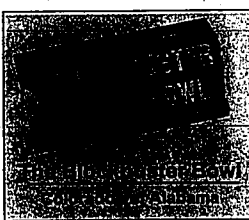
"There's certainly going to be pressure, with what's happening in the NFL in the coaching ranks," he said. "I don't know how you can get any more pressure than what you have now."

Planned bowl alliance could bust Blockbuster

MIAMI — Blockbuster Entertainment Co. likely will withdraw its sponsorship of the Blockbuster Bowl after next year if a planned alliance involving four other bowls becomes reality, company chairman H. Wayne Huizenga says.

Huizenga has offered a payout of \$4.3 million a team if the Big East and Atlantic Coast conferences send their champions to the Blockbuster Bowl each year. Such an agreement would sink the alliance.

Members of the proposed coalition, including Big East and ACC representatives, are to discuss Huizenga's offer at a meeting Jan. 5, two days before the NCAA convention in Anaheim, Calif.



"The reason for all this is we want to stay in the bowl business," Huizenga told The

Miami Herald. "And if the four-bowl alliance takes place, we're not going to be in the bowl business. If we're not in the alliance, then we'll be a lesser bowl, and that's not Blockbuster's style. If we're not in the top four, we'll probably go off and do something else."

Sponsorship of a golf or tennis tournament is a possible alternative, Huizenga said.

The inaugural Blockbuster Bowl a year ago at Joe Robbie Stadium matched Florida State against Penn State. Colorado and Alabama will receive less than \$2 million each for tonight's game.

Huizenga's original sponsorship agreement with Raycom, the Blockbuster Bowl organizer, ends in 1992, with an option to renew the agreement available then and every

five years thereafter. The proposed alliance would involve the Orange, Cotton, Sugar and Fiesta Bowls, as well as the ACC, Big East and Notre Dame.

An agreement has been in the works for nearly a year, but Huizenga's offer is just one of several remaining obstacles.

There has been debate among those involved about whether a highly-ranked runner-up in the Big East or ACC would fit in, and whether to include the Fiesta Bowl.

"Most of the problems we're having with the coalition have nothing to do with Blockbuster," Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said. "If we get to the convention without these problems resolved, I don't know if they'll ever get resolved."

Detmer goes after final milestone Monday night

MIAMI — One game and one goal remain for Ty Detmer. The Brigham Young quarterback, 1990 Heisman Trophy winner and holder of 59 NCAA records concludes his career Monday night against No. 7 Iowa (10-1) in the Holiday Bowl.

"You always want to go out a winner, and we were fortunate to do that in the regular season," Detmer said. "But we haven't won a Holiday Bowl — yet."

Detmer and his teammates lost to Penn State in the Holiday Bowl 50-39 in 1989. They returned to San Diego last December and lost 65-14 to Texas A&M.

This year, Detmer guided the Cougars to an 8-3-1 record and their third consecutive Western Athletic Conference championship. Detmer said he's better than ever.

"I'm more in control of what's going on out there, I'm

more of a leader, a coach on the field," he said.

Detmer posted career totals of 15,031 yards passing and 121 touchdowns, both NCAA records. He trimmed his interception total from 28 last season to 12 this year.

"I've been more patient," he said. "I realized this year I couldn't force the ball as much."

The bowl schedule includes three games Sunday: No. 24 Georgia (8-3) plays Arkansas in the Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.; Air Force (9-3) takes on Mississippi State (7-4) in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.; and No. 19 Virginia (8-2-1) faces No. 20 Oklahoma (8-3) in the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.

On Saturday night, No. 8 Alabama (10-1) plays No. 15 Colorado (8-2-1) in the Blockbuster Bowl at Miami.

Huskies getting ready - B2

Like BYU, Colorado will be led by a standout senior quarterback playing his final game. Darian Hagan has led the Buffaloes to 28 victories and one national championship.

"We'll be depending on Darian more than ever to come up with big plays," Colorado coach Bill McCartney said. "I think he's ready to do that. I've seen a little sparkle in his eye. I think he really wants to go out with a good performance."

Alabama's starting quarterback will be redshirt freshman Jay Barker, who moved into the lineup for the final three games of the regular season.

"He's used to the pressure," teammate Siran Stacy said. "He's not going to be tensed up; he's going to be pumped up."

Georgia and Arkansas are back on the bowl schedule one year after sub-.500 seasons. Last year ended a decade-long

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Huskies prepare for Michigan

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — At Washington, the defense-end-ranked Huskies have one of the best offenses in the country, but quarterback Billy Joe Hobert and Co. have been overshadowed by the team's dominating defense.

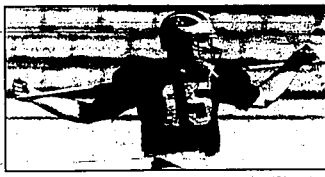
While the offense averages 42 points and 472 yards per game, All-American tackle Steve Emtman and his fellow defenders have grabbed most of the headlines with their sack-and-destroy tactics.

Washington is near the top in every major defensive category — No. 2 against the rush, No. 2 in points allowed, No. 3 against the pass and No. 2 in turnover margin. The Huskies are giving up only 9.2 points per 237 yards per game, including just 67 on the ground.

That's a major concern for No. 4 Michigan, which faces Washington in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1.

"It's the best defense we've seen all year," said Michigan coach Gary Moeller. "They've got great personnel; tremendous speed and they're very aggressive. It's almost a pro-style scheme. They remind me of the great Chicago Bears' defense from a few years ago."

The Huskies' front three — Emtman; Tyrone Rodgers and Andy Mason — made a total of 45 tackles in the



Michigan's Elvis Grbac stretches before practice Friday morning.

opponents' backfield this season, meaning more than one-third of their stops were for losses. They were especially effective on first down, stopping runners for no gain 51 percent of the time.

"They gamble a lot, and they're pretty successful at it," said Michigan tailback Ricky Powers, the team's leading rusher with 1,187 yards. "They like to force you into mistakes, so you've got to be very careful with the ball."

Emmett defense stymies Shoshone

Payette — Emmett used a height advantage and a trapping defense to upset the Shoshone and take a 57-50 decision in the first round of the Payette Tournament Friday.

Alex Ugaldé scored 24 for the Indians, who fell to 4-2. Rick Benn added 12 points and Jamie McCure 11 for Shoshone.

Emmett's starting lineup included four players between 6-2 and 6-5. "They hustled and kept us off balance," said Shoshone Coach Larry Messick.

The Indians trailed 20-10 in the first quarter, but tied the game at 40 at the end of the third period. Up 43-42, Emmett scored three unanswered baskets inside to put the game out of reach.

Shoshone plays the Payette-Vandals drop tourney game, 81-70

Golden State beats Minnesota, 106-102

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Chris Mullin made a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left in regulation and scored 36 points as Golden State beat Minnesota 106-102 in overtime Friday night despite Tim Hardaway's NBA-record 0-for-17 shooting.

Hardaway broke the record 0-for-15 shooting set on eight different occasions by seven players, most recently by Rodney McCray of Sacramento on Nov. 9, 1988.

But Hardaway — a 46-percent shooter who averages 23.0 points — did manage 13 assists in helping the Warriors improve to 9-4 on the road, the league's second-best away record. They won for the sixth time in seven games overall.

Nets 136, Hornets 120

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Drazen Petrovic scored 31 points and Derrick Coleman had 19 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists as New Jersey defeated

Knox

Continued from B1 Miami coach Dennis Erickson, a Bellingham native who grew up in Everett.

"Cluck Knox is a fine football coach," Behring said in the news release.

"We are very appreciative of all he has done for the Seahawks and the community, but we mutually agreed it was time to change. We wish Chuck all the best in whatever he chooses to do."

On Monday, at his last Seahawks news conference, Knox emphasized he intended to remain active. "I want to coach," he said.

Knox has been mentioned as a possible candidate to succeed John

Prop basketball

Grangeville loser in tonight's consolation game.

Emmett 20-34 40-57
Shoshone 12-30 40-56

Payette 20-34 40-57
Shoshone 12-30 40-56

Twin Falls 46, Meridian 39

MERIDIAN — The Bruins faced their record to 8-3 behind Myndee Larsen's season-high 21 points. Larsen added 18 rebounds and three three-pointers in the last minute to pad Twin Falls' lead.

The Bruins trailed 22-19 at halftime but outscored the Warriors 15-6 in the third period.

"We weren't very patient on our offensive points in the first half," said Twin Falls Coach Karen Kehring.

Five Aggies scored in double figures, Idaho, 6-5, also had five players in double figures and shot 54 percent from the field. But the Vandals made only seven of 19 free throw tries, five-of-12 in the first half.

Orlando Lightfoot led Idaho with 14 points, Marvin Ricks, a 5-11 guard playing his first game as a Vandal since becoming eligible at semester, scored 13 points, all in the second half.

The Vandals play Toledo in the consolation game at 4:30 p.m. MST today.

Mark Aguirre added 25 points for Detroit, which won its fifth straight game and raised its record above .500 (15-14) for the first time since Nov. 18.

Celtics 110, SuperSonics 87

SEATTLE (AP) — Larry Bird scored 15 of his 25 points in the third quarter and keyed a 14-4 run that carried the Boston Celtics to a 110-87 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics in front of 37,175 fans at the Kingdome Friday night.

The Celtics led 75-69 with 4:22 left in the third quarter before expanding the margin to 89-73, going into the final 12 minutes.

Rockets 107, Bulls 100

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon scored 26 points as Houston continued Washington's home won.

The Rockets' first victory at the Capital Centre since Jan. 2, 1988 gave the Bulls a league-worst 2-9 record at the time.

Washington scored 26 points in the first half, but the Rockets' defense held them to 11 points in the second half.

At the end of the Rams game, several Seattle players embraced their coach and some choked back tears.

He is the only coach in NFL history to win division titles with three different teams.

His departure from the Seahawks had been expected.

There were persistent reports that Behring was unhappy with Knox's reliance on his veterans, especially starting quarterback Dave Krieg, instead of younger players like quarterback Dan McGwire, the team's No. 1 draft choice this year.

The Seahawks had 16 players older than 30 on their roster at the close of the season.

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to try to contain a Virginia attack that led the Atlantic Coast Conference with an average of 5.5 points per game. Coach Syracuse Matt Blundin set an NCAA record by winning 224 games without an interception; tailbacks Terry Kirby and Nikki Fisher combined to rush for 1,545 yards.

In other bowl games, Tulsa plays San Diego State in the Freedom Bowl on Monday.

NBA standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing teams and their records.

NBA box scores

Golden State 106, Minnesota 102. Golden State 20-34 40-57, Minnesota 12-30 40-56.

College scores

Arizona 78, Brown 71. Arizona 37-13, Brown 12-18.

Transactions

Baseball: Cleveland Guardians named James M. ...

Football

Harris's odds: Reno, Nev. ...

Transactions

Baseball: Cleveland Guardians named James M. ...

Football

Harris's odds: Reno, Nev. ...

Golden Gophers go for TCU mentor

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Wacker hit Minnesota with his best running. And his mouth running even faster.

"My heart is pumping and my corpuses are jumping and it really is a wonderful time," said the hyper-enthusiastic Wacker, who on Friday became the football coach at Minnesota.

Minnesota used a five-year, \$1.25 million contract and the chance to work in the Big Ten to lure Wacker from Texas Christian, where he had coached for nine seasons.

"The main reason is because, over the long haul, I can get to the Rose Bowl from Minnesota more consistently than to the Cotton Bowl from TCU," the 54-year-old coach said. The Gophers last played in the Rose Bowl after the 1961 season, meaning Wacker



Wacker

without cheating. Graduating his athletes, recruit Minnesota and Texas especially hard, visit every community in the state, help the men's athletic department get back into the black, run a wide-open offense, and return excitement to the program.

faces a challenge similar to the one he faced at TCU — rebuilding a program.

"It's a chance to rally the troops, to get people fired up about the Golden Gophers. It can happen. It's our job to make sure it can happen," Wacker said.

After taking one of his infrequent breathers, Wacker promised that he would win without cheating. Graduating his athletes, recruit Minnesota and Texas especially hard, visit every community in the state, help the men's athletic department get back into the black, run a wide-open offense, and return excitement to the program.

Scores and stats

Basketball

Washington 71 vs Michigan 68. Washington 24 vs Michigan 20.

NHL standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference and Western Conference, listing NHL teams and their records.

Football

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With Williamson out, Buccaneers look for an in

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers took care of the easy part by firing coach Richard Williamson on Friday. Now comes the hard part — trying to lure Bill Parcells to coach their team.

Hugh Culverhouse, the Bucs' owner, reportedly offered Parcells a five-year deal worth \$6.5 million to leave the broadcast booth and return to the sidelines, where he led the New York Giants to two Super Bowl victories before resigning after the 1991 Super Bowl.

Before Williamson was fired, Parcells denied meeting with Culverhouse and that he was offered the job. Parcells was not immediately available for comment on Friday.

"A search for a new coach is under way," Culverhouse said in a statement announcing Williamson's dismissal. "Until that job is completed, I could not be very forthcoming in any interview session or press conference. I understand that there are questions and I will be glad to address them when I can provide answers."

Culverhouse said he doesn't have a timetable for naming a successor, but reportedly has given Parcells a deadline of this weekend to accept or reject the Bucs offer.

The 50-year-old Williamson replaced Ray Perkins in December 1990 and won only four of 19 games before Culverhouse gave up on him. The Bucs finished 3-13 for their ninth consecutive losing season.

Tampa Bay had the youngest roster in the league for the fourth straight year, and Culverhouse sug-



Richard Williamson is pursued by reporters and cameramen after he was fired as Tampa Bay's head football coach Friday morning.

gested the team's youth was one of the factors in Williamson's failure.

"He operated under adverse conditions this past season with the extreme handicap of 23 new players," said Culverhouse, who made an unsuccessful bid to hire Bill Walsh to replace Williamson last winter.

"However our win-loss record

was not satisfactory. So after a great deal of thought I have decided to go with a new head coach and staff in 1992."

While Parcells, a football analyst at NBC, is also a candidate for the coaching job at Green Bay, The Orlando Sentinel reported Friday that Culverhouse and Parcells have suc-

cessfully negotiated most of the key components on a five-year contract that would give Parcells control of football operations. The Sentinel quoted unidentified sources.

The offer is said to be worth about \$1.3 million annually and include an unlimited budget to acquire players. Culverhouse had no comment on the

report. Parcells would not comment on the status of negotiations.

"This is what I want you to write: My situation has not changed since I left the New York Giants," Parcells said. "I am not going to comment on anything else to say there is a deadline would presume there has been an offer. You said there is a deadline. There is no deadline. You said there is an offer. There is no offer."

Williamson had one year left on a two-year contract that will pay him \$250,000 in 1992.

The fired coach said he isn't bitter about his dismissal.

"I think I was immune to what was happening for the simple reason that what was happening started way back when I got the job in February," Williamson said. "Every week or every two weeks there was some kind of speculation about me and this job. I didn't let those things interfere with me and what I had to do."

Williamson was 1-2 in the last three games of the 1990 season. More than a month passed before Culverhouse gave him the permanent position after Walsh rejected an offer to leave the broadcast booth and work for the Bucs.

He promised to open up the offensive when he was drafted and undrafted under Perkins, but this season Tampa Bay finished last in the league in passing and 26th in scoring and total yardage. The defense improved from 24th to 11th statistically but still gave up 365 points; the fourth highest total in the NFL.

Russell is top NFL offensive rookie

From the time they were tykes, Pat Harlow knew Leonard Russell could fly. But by the time he was in college, Russell felt he had flunked as a football player.

Now they are teammates on the New England Patriots and the rest of the NFL knows what Harlow knew.

Russell, much better than rating himself, was named the league's offensive rookie of the year Friday in balloting by 82 media members.

He received 34 votes, 20 ahead of Washington running back Ricky Ervins.

The 235-pound pilder from Arizona State restored power and productivity to a Patriots rushing game that was ranked 25th out of the 28 teams last season.

This season, the Patriots improved to 18th, and Russell finished fourth in the AFC with 959 yards despite missing nearly two full games. He also was a big part of their improvement from a 1-15 record to 6-10.

"It feels good to say you contributed to that," Russell said. "As a rookie coming in, you want to establish yourself and make yourself known around the NFL with the players and the coaches."

"So it means a lot to be recognized as being one of the top players to come into the league this year. I felt, if given the chance to play, I had a legitimate chance for rookie honors."

He got help from the blocking of Harlow, the 11th pick in the draft who was outstanding at right tackle. Russell was the 4th pick. Both grew up in California.

"I played with him since he was 8 years old, and he probably could have come out of high school and done this," Harlow said of Russell's rookie performance.

Rated by some as the nation's top prep prospect in 1987, Russell came out of high school and into the anonymity of Mount San Antonio Junior College.

That same year, Eric Blinnig went to Colorado and Erns went to Southern California, where he played with Harlow. Like Russell, both are running backs.

"I saw my buddies who I was playing with out of high school ... Russell said, 'So I felt down ... I felt like I had failed.'"

Bears face Cowboys after lackluster finish

CHICAGO (AP) — Jim Harbaugh says the Chicago Bears are going into the playoffs on anything-but-a-roll—but he doesn't think that hurts their chances against the Dallas Cowboys.

After a 52-14 loss at San Francisco in the final game of the regular season, the Bears try to regroup for Sunday's playoff game against the Cowboys.

"Now we're going into the playoffs the hard way," said Harbaugh, whose team blew a chance to clinch the NFC Central title and a first-round playoff bye with Monday-night's loss. "Sometimes the hard way is the way to go."

The week got a little rougher for Harbaugh on Friday. He came down with a "touch of flu" and was taken to a hospital for treatment. Team officials said Harbaugh was to be kept overnight, but was expected to be at Saturday's practice and start on Sunday.

Harbaugh thinks his teammates can put the humiliating loss to the 49ers behind them. "Besides people will look at the scoreboard — if you win, you advance. If you lose, you go home. That's all people care about at this point. Nobody looks for trends," said the Chicago quarterback.

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— Jim Harbaugh, Chicago quarterback

As far as trends go, the Cowboys (11-5) appear to have the late season momentum, while the Bears (11-5) have the playoff experience.

Chicago is in the postseason for the seventh time in the last eight years, while Dallas is making its first playoff appearance since 1985.

"I think playoff experience can be an advantage — just the experience of playing in big ball games helps," Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said. "Dallas has won its last five games, beating Washington, Pittsburgh, New Orleans, Philadelphia and Atlanta. The Bears have beaten only three playoff teams — Detroit, the New York Jets and New Orleans."

Johnson said his team is excited about the game.

"We got a very young team. Even the veterans we have haven't been in the playoffs for the last few years," he said.

Johnson is going with Steve Buerlein at quarterback. Buerlein stepped in when starter Troy Aikman was injured against Washington and is unbeaten in four starts.

"Steve is healthy and he's been playing well. Troy Aikman is not (100) and we've decided to go with Steve," Johnson said.

Aikman is going to get a knee injury on Nov. 24 at Washington. Buerlein has been at the helm down the stretch, completing 65 of 132 passes for 883 yards and five touchdowns since Aikman went down.

"Fortunately for me, Troy did not get injured early in the season, because I needed 12 or 13 weeks just to get used to the offensive system," Buerlein said.

Chicago coach Mike Ditka said the Bears may be down, but don't count them out.

"We didn't get to 11-5 with mirrors. We're a good football team," he said. "We just weren't a good football team Monday."

Arrowhead Stadium gets 1st playoff game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Twenty seasons after it opened, Arrowhead Stadium finally will host a playoff game.

Some were beginning to think it never would happen.

But shedding two decades of deepening frustration, fans rounded up every available ticket for Saturday's Los Angeles Raiders-Kansas City Chiefs playoff game just hours after they went on sale. Football fever in Kansas City hasn't been this high since Len Dawson, Willie Lanier and Co., upset Minnesota in the 1970 Super Bowl.

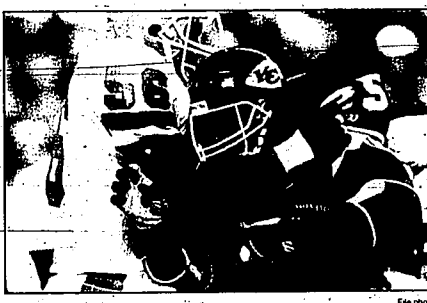
Even the players were curious about the kind of crowd that will greet them and the Raiders.

"When you walk into the stadium, you'll be able to feel the electricity," said offensive tackle David Luz.

"Our fans are really up for this game," said defensive end Neil Smith. "They're really up."

"I was here when we were 4-11," said cornerback Kevin Ross. "It makes me proud to think that I've been part of the team that finally brought a playoff game back to Kansas City. But I really won't be satisfied till we bring a Super Bowl parade back to town."

If parades are in their future, the Chiefs (10-6) will first have to post a fifth consecutive victory over the Raiders (9-7), who, in the words of



Kansas City's 'Nigerian Nightmare' Christian Okoye, right, will see little or no action today due to an injury.

coach Art Shell, felt "wounded pride" after Kansas City manhandled them 27-21 in Los Angeles last week.

Sweeping their two-game season series a second consecutive year, the Chiefs piled up a season-best 468 yards in offense and did not punt — a first in franchise history.

"Nobody likes to get beat like that. I don't care who you are," Shell said. "The Chiefs came in, they had

a plan. We knew what the plan was. They were going to try to run the ball down our throats, and it worked to perfection for them."

Steve Deberg, a 15-year pro-benched two weeks earlier in favor of untested Mark Vlasic, played what coach Marty Schottenheimer described as his best game as a Chief.

He connected on 14 of 20 passes for 277 yards and two touchdowns

while Berry Word, backup to injured Christian Okoye, rushed for 152 yards in the third-best day a Chiefs runner ever had.

Even more pleasantly surprising was the way Deberg went deep, something he hadn't done all year.

Utilizing J.J. Biner's breakout speed, Deberg hit the seldom-used little wide receiver eight times for 188 yards, including touchdown bombs of 53 and 57 yards.

"Deberg was phenomenal," Shell said. "It was probably the best game I've seen him play against us."

But from another perspective, it was a sad continuation of the frightful slump that gripped the Raiders' injury-weakened defense the last month of the regular season. In losing their last three games, the Raiders have allowed 1,352 yards and 84 points.

Last week, linemen Bob Golic and Howie Long both were slowed by injuries. But Shell said both are on the mend.

"Our injury situation is going to be much, much better. But we've got to do a better job of executing," Shell said. "We've got to tackle well. We can't let Word and those guys hit into the line of scrimmage and still gain five yards after a guy starts the tackle. And we've got to put a little more pressure on Mr. Deberg."

Atlanta's Tuggle: Overlooked, but 'great'

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — If it's any encouragement for Atlanta coach Jerry Glanville, New Orleans Saints offensive linemen agree with him that Jessie Tuggle is one of the finest inside linebackers in the NFL.

The Falcons (10-6) meet the Saints (11-5) Saturday in the Superdome in the first round of the NFL playoffs. The Saints are champions of the NFC West, and the Falcons are runners-up.

In the only two playoff appearances in franchise history, 1987 and 1990, the Saints were ousted in the first game. Atlanta won a playoff game in 1978, but went out in the first round of 1980 and 1982, the only other times the Falcons were in postseason play.

It's the third meeting this season between the Saints and Falcons. They split their regular-season meetings, each winning on the road.

Glanville complained that Tuggle is always overlooked when ballots for all-star honors are being tabulated.

"The Saints, however, voted for him as their Pro Bowl pick. Teams are forbidden to vote for their own players."

"He's a great linebacker, said Saints center Joel

Hilgenberg. "He has great instincts for the ball, he also is on the ball really well. He gets by blockers. He does a good job of avoiding being picked off by anybody coming out to get him."

"He's a solid linebacker. He can run well. He's aggressive, and if you get him in the open field, he can make blockers miss," said Saints guard Jim Dombrowski.

"I think he's a better all-round linebacker than most of the guys in the league. What you ask a linebacker to do, Tuggle does it well."

Dombrowski knows good linebackers. The Saints offensive line works daily against the best defensive corps in the NFL — Pat Swilling and Rickey Jackson outside, and Sam Mills and Vaughn Johnson inside.

Glanville said Tuggle is unique in this era of modern football where teams substitute on almost every change of down and distance.

"He does not come out of the game," Glanville said. "We're all playing different combinations. But whatever combinations we get into, he remains in the game," he said.

"He's a straight-line tough guy. He can play in

a phone booth, much like they could 15 years ago," he said. "But he can also play in space, which has changed pro football."

"He can go out and make a play one-on-one in the open field. In fact, the field was very, very wet in Dallas, and he missed a tackle, and all went into shock. He slipped on the turf in the open field. We all said, 'My god, He missed a tackle.'"

Glanville said he hoped his team has recovered from a disheartening loss to the Cowboys on Sunday, but nobody could tell for sure until they took the field on Saturday.

The Falcons and Saints went into the final weekend 10-5, and Atlanta had the tie-breaker edge for the NFC West championship.

Atlanta lost 31-27 to the Cowboys after racking up a 10-point deficit and driving the length of the field for what could have been the winning touchdown. A completion to Deion Sanders in the end zone was ruled invalid because Sanders had run out of bounds and re-entered the field for his catch.

A pass intended for Sanders fell incomplete on the final play of the game.

Oilers, Jets not flying

HOUSTON (AP) — The twists and turns that have fallen the New York Jets since they played the Houston Oilers on Oct. 13 are too numerous for coach Bruce Coslet to detail.

"We've had nine games since then and an up and down rocky road," Coslet said. "We've had some good games since then and some not so good. That's part of our problem. We're looking to be a little more consistent this week. We have to be."

The road leads to the Astro-trode Sunday for a rematch with the AFC Central champion Oilers (11-5), who have lost three of their final five regular season games.

Despite their rough ride through the season, the Jets (8-8) finally clinched their first playoff berth since 1976 last Sunday with a 23-20 overtime victory over the Miami Dolphins.

Coslet remembers the first meeting of the two teams well. Warren Moon completed 35 of 50 passes for 423 yards and Haywood "Ike" caught — 13 passes for 186 yards.

"We've got to do something about that," Coslet said. "Jeffries caught enough passes for a season."

Coslet hopes the Jets will be able to create more of a distraction for Moon in the playoffs.

"The way you stop a run and shoot team is to try to get in the quarterback's face and make him throw it when he doesn't want to," Coslet said. "That's tough to do because you've got a great offensive line there."

The Jets' rushing attack ranks fifth in the NFL and could be their biggest weapon against the Oilers. Johnny Hector gained 132 yards against the Dolphins and the Jets rushed for 231 yards.

"They'll be coming at us on the ground," Oilers defensive end William Fuller said. "They had great success at it against Miami. That's what they'll try to do against us."

Houston's defense ranks ninth in the league and sixth against the run but the Oilers likely will be without defensive tackle Roy Childress (broken knee) and tight end Tomp.

Blair Thomas led the Jets in rushing with 728 yards on 189 carries but he's slowed by an ankle injury.

Hector and Freeman McNeil also are available.

The Oilers' defense ranks 24th against the pass and the Oilers bring the top-ranked passing attack in the NFL.

Moon set NFL records for completions and attempts, hitting 404 of 655 passes this season. Jeffries caught 100 passes, becoming the fifth NFL player to catch 100 in a season. Drew Hill had 90 catches.

"As far as teams catching up to the run-and-shoot, obviously people haven't been able to stop them all season long," Jets defensive end Jeff Lageman said. "That's why they've been one of the best teams in the AFC."

Moon hopes for another big day from Jeffries. "A lot of the things they do are to put pressure on me and that's going to leave Hayward one-on-one sometimes so if they do the same things, regardless of who's on him 1-1, Hayward will have that mismatch," Moon said.

Lorenzo White is expected to get his first start of the season at running back for the Oilers. Allen Pinkett started all 16 regular season games.

Coslet isn't too concerned about playing in the Astro-trode.

"We play on the road every week," he said. "We play at the Meadowlands, which is a two-hour bus ride from here. So it's just another game. Instead of getting on a bus we get on a plane."

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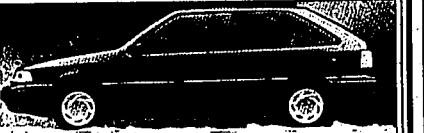
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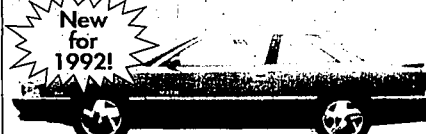
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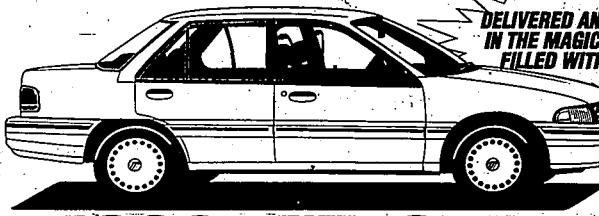
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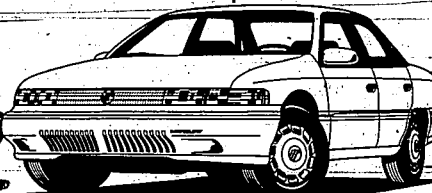
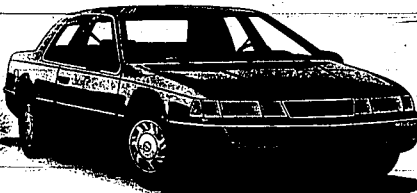
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Idaho sheep go south for the winter

By H.R. Weixel
Ag Weekly correspondent

GOODING — Who wants to stay in Idaho through a cold blustery winter? Not the pregnant ewes at Faulkner Land and Livestock Co. in Gooding. In fact, even the guard dogs want to flee to sunny Arizona.

It breaks the dogs' hearts to be left behind when the sheep go to Arizona, said rancher John Faulkner.

Each year, thousands of Magic Valley ewes spend the winter in Arizona and Southern California where they feed on green alfalfa pastures through the winter and to have their lambs in warm weather.

It's an arrangement that helps ranchers save money.

"We go down there and we don't have to feed them baled hay," Faulkner explained.

Colorado River

Just 15 years ago, up to 200,000 sheep wintered in southern Idaho each year, Faulkner said.

Most were feeder lambs and they came from Wyoming, Nevada and Oregon to eat sugar beet tops, he said.

But in the past 10 years, sugar farmers have changed equipment and the new beet diggers leave little behind for sheep to eat. Also, farming practices have changed and many farmers now plow under their beet tops, he said.

And although Faulkner still finds a few beet tops to feed the half of his herd that winters in Idaho, he said it is cheaper to pasture the other 4,000 of his ewes in the Southwest than to feed hay and grain through an Idaho winter.

Also, fewer lambs are lost when born in the warm weather. It costs just \$12.50 per ewe for the round trip.

The arrangement suits Arizonans and Californians as well. Faulkner and rancher Maurice Guerry of Castleford together lease the alfalfa fields from farmers who work ground owned by the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation near Parker, Ariz.

"We work together down there. Our workers use the same bunkhouses. I try to send down the same number of ewes as he does," Faulkner said.

Faulkner and Guerry have plenty of company down south. Among other south-



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Shepherd Manuel Baquerizo guides the animals so they can be loaded into trucks for shipment to Arizona. It costs \$12.50 per ewe for the round-trip.

ern Idaho ranchers who send ewes to winter alongside the southern Colorado River are Pete and Luis Cenarusa, John Peavey, and Jim and Guy Peterson, all of Carey and Cal Dredge of Rupert, Faulkner said.

Hay

Farmers there get eight to 11 cuttings of high-quality hay each year, but from December to February, the crop grows slower and wet weather hampers field work.

"They can't get in there and put it up for the dairies," Faulkner said.

So Magic Valley lambs graze it.

The lambs help clean weeds out of newly seeded alfalfa and provide the Southwest farmers with an income they would not otherwise have.

The land is irrigated from the Colorado River, using Indian water rights.

Four or five shepherds will accompany



the sheep from the Magic Valley. Most of the Faulkner shepherds are Peruvian and Chilean.

The shepherds who do not go south with

the sheep usually take a vacation in South America.

Herd dogs and guard dogs are trucked with the sheep.

The Faulknors assign one border collie per 1,000 sheep to herd the ewes. The guard dogs do not move among the sheep, but guard the perimeters against coyote, cougars and bears.

Before departure, an ultrasound exam determines how many lambs each ewe is carrying. Usually ewes with triplets are not taken to Arizona because of the additional care needed to adopt the third lamb out to another sheep.

The ultrasound also tells how far along the ewes are in their gestation periods. Ewes that are likely to lamb after March 1 are kept in Idaho, as are ewes that are likely to lamb real soon.

"We don't want them lambing in the trucks," Faulkner said.

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Charge: USDA not punishing erosion violations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Half a century after the Dust Bowl stirred concerns about massive erosion, the Soil Conservation Service says it's getting tough with farmers who fail to slow the loss of soil to wind and rain.

But environmentalists are skeptical. They point to the Agriculture Department's record in going after producers who fail to protect 135 million acres of highly erodible cropland across the country.

Under the 1985 and 1990 farm bills, farmers who receive federal subsidies must protect highly erodible land or face a loss of benefits.

But the Center for Resource Economics says its research shows few farmers are being denied subsidies. The non-profit environmental research organization, using USDA documents, says 282 farms were found in violation of the law in 1990 and just 62 were cited in the first nine months of 1991.

The center found that in 1990, 154 farms covering 54,029 acres had been denied benefits totaling \$1.1 million, while in 1991, 40

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farms covering 11,175 acres had lost \$308,924 in benefits.

Those figures do not include producers who were denied tobacco and peanut marketing eligibility or disaster and Federal Crop Insurance Corp. benefits, for which no dollar amount was available.

If those farms are counted, however, the list grows by 129 farms with 3,212 acres in 1990 and 22 farms with 1,711 acres in 1991. Kenneth A. Cook, vice president for policy at the Center for Resource Economics, said he is concerned that taxpayers are subsidizing farm practices that abuse natural resources and cause excessive erosion or wetlands loss. "It's been 50 years since the Dust

Bowl — we've had 50 years of education, technical assistance and money, and we still have massive erosion problems," he said. "How much lead time do you need to develop a land ethic?"

During the Dust Bowl years of the 1930s, a series of wind and dust storms raked the southern Great Plains and damaged about 50 million acres of land left vulnerable to erosion by drought, overgrazing and farming practices that did not protect against winds.

William Richards, chief of the Soil Conservation Service, said farmers had been getting mixed signals about conservation until last year, when Congress reaffirmed its support for requiring farmers to protect the land.

The Agriculture Department spent 1991 educating farmers about the law and will get tough on enforcement in 1992, said Richards, an Ohio farmer who has been on the job a year.

"We determined to spend this year doing the best we could of really laying the ground work, and changing the attitude that was in

the countryside, that compliance is for real," Richards said.

"We are going to carry out the intent of Congress; we are going to administer this program by the rules."

Under the 1985 and 1990 farm bills, producers with highly erodible cropland must fully implement conservation plans by Dec. 31, 1994, to remain eligible for USDA benefits.

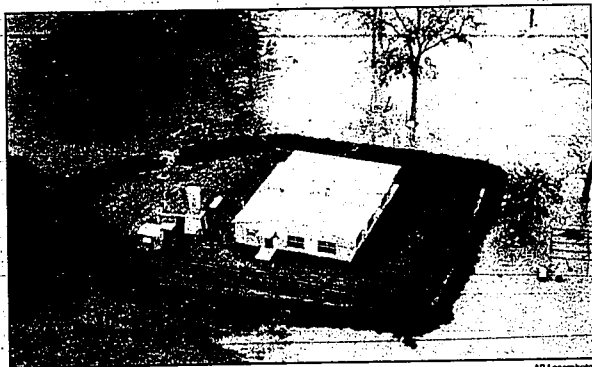
Each year, farmers and ranchers must certify to USDA that they are actively applying conservation plans on their highly erodible cropland.

Richards said conservation plans have been fully implemented on almost half of the highly erodible cropland.

Richards said he has sent word to his personnel in 3,000 field offices around the country to help farmers with their plans and compliance, but "to have the common sense to do something about those that will not cooperate or do not care about carrying out the compliance rules."

He said it is agriculture's benefit that it protect the land, and comply with the law.

Island refuge



AP Laserphoto

An earthen dam keeps back rising flood waters on rural property near Columbus, Texas, where rains have swollen rivers and killed at least 15 people. President Bush flew over the area Friday, a day after issuing disaster declarations, which made Texas eligible for federal aid in cleaning up the flood damage.

Plant bonuses workers for profitable year

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The 800 employees at Basic American Foods' potato processing plant are ending the year with sizeable bonuses as the company concludes a profitable year.

"It was definitely one of our better years," Keith Hinckley, the company's executive vice president, said Tuesday. "We appreciate our employees a lot."

Because Basic American is privately held, Hinckley declined to confirm reports that employees re-

ceived as much as \$500 each in bonuses. He would say only that amounts varied based on length of employment.

But Hinckley said the company's prospects for 1992 don't look as bright.

"It's not starting out quite as good," he said. "I think the economy is taking a bite out of us."

Basic American Foods is based in San Francisco but its main production site is in Blackfoot, where it has processed potatoes for about

34 years. It has six other plants, including one in Poland.

In addition to its Blackfoot work force, the company employs 250 people in Rexburg. Its corporate payroll worldwide totals 2,300 employees.

Basic American has expanded into Mexican foods in recent years, with research conducted in Blackfoot. Main processing of its refried beans, salsas and chili, however, is done at plants in New Mexico, Washington and Wisconsin.

Northwest farm values outpaced U.S. average

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exports, irrigation and diversification helped boost the value of Pacific Northwest farm products more than 40 percent the past decade, a growth rate twice the national average.

Oregon and Washington each staked claims among the nation's top five fruit and nut producers, the top 10 vegetable growers and the top 20 overall crop raisers in 1990, the U.S. Agriculture Department said in a new report.

Crops and livestock brought Washington \$3.8 billion in 1990 cash receipts, a 46 percent increase from 1980. Oregon totaled \$2.3 billion, a 43 percent increase over 10 years, the USDA said.

Commodity values nationwide grew 22 percent during the same period to \$170 billion in 1990.

Only California and Florida produced more fruits and nuts last year than Washington, which saw its receipts nearly double from \$476.6 million in 1985 to \$823 million last year — most of that apples.

Washington led the nation in apple value in 1990, was second in peaches and grapes, third in hay, fifth in wheat and barley, sixth in lettuce and ninth in dairy products, 16th in greenhouse and nursery, 17th in chicken eggs and 18th in cattle.

"We have an extremely diverse commodity mix in our products. Only California and Florida have a better mix," said Leroy Blackleslee, a professor of agricultural economics at Washington State University in Pullman.

"Wine grapes in particular is one area that has come on strong in the 1980s," he said. "The big upward

movement in irrigation came in the 1970s, but we have continued to have a certain amount of development."

Washington boasts 46.5 percent of the nation's apple market, a value of \$539 million in 1990. The next closest producer was New York with \$101 million and 8.7 percent of the market.

Thomas Worley, an agri-business extension specialist at WSU's Tri-Cities branch, said fruits and nuts showed a threefold increase over 10 years with apples leading the way.

"We are marketing a lot more apples than we were and the prices are higher," Worley said. "There are several more acres of orchards planted and our exports have been quite successful. About 30 percent of our market is now moving into exports."

Worley noted the wide diversity of crops.

"There are 100 different crops produced in Washington. A lot of these crops are unique — hops, mint, potatoes. The asparagus industry is roughly divided between Michigan, Washington and California," he said.

An even 66 percent of the nation's hops came from Washington state in 1990, 42 percent of the mint, 61 percent of the pears, 37 percent of the asparagus, 26 percent of the mint and 23 percent of the alfalfa.

The biggest money makers were dairy products, \$600 million, and cattle, \$597 million.

Corn, combined with apples, wheat and potatoes, they accounted for about two-thirds of Washington's \$3.8 billion total.

4/Potato report

Transportation shortage adds to potato problems

By William Prater
AG Weekly correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The depressed economy on the East Coast and the holiday season have combined to cut the amount of manufactured goods needing transportation out West, leaving potato producers scrambling for ways to move their product. Bob Keegan, of Keegan, Inc. said, "Transportation has been a real bear, and will continue to be so into January," Keegan said.

Keegan's was fortunate last week. Since they're "kind of an older firm and well established" they obtained the use of four customer rail cars to load out during what would have otherwise been a very slow time, he said. The cars went out to Huntington (WV), Atlanta, Chicago, and Birmingham. Some years they might not have loaded out four rail cars over the entire fall; as most of their product goes out by truck.

The prior week they had not been able to get in a full week's run, and this week with the Christmas holiday in, it will be very short. However, there are some newer local potato companies which have not run during the last 30 days due to the depressed market.

Keegan said that the 10s going to consumers were generally bringing \$5.50, but with some going at \$5.25.

"The market in big cartons," he said, "is really reflecting the smaller sizes of this year's Idaho crop. 100-packs are going for \$6-7.00, and 90-packs for \$9-\$10.00. The 70-80 packs are going for \$13-14.00."

"Other years there has only been about a \$2.00 gap between the 90-packs and the larger 70-80-packs. This year the shorter supply in the larger sizes has driven up that price," he said.

"There is yet an abundance of No. 2's," Keegan said. "The 6 oz. No. 2's have been going for \$4.00-\$4.50."

Keegan said further, "It is not unusual now for 750,000 sacks to be moved out of the state in three days. In years previous, shipments might total 500,000 sacks moving out of the state in a whole week."

"The significance of this, Keegan said, "is that it is hard now to get much play in the market. We can ship so rapidly that it is hard to get much upswing in price. All demand can be met extremely quickly."

He made the point that it wasn't only their company, which has increased efficiency in recent years, but that many potato houses have done so.

This all has an effect on the entire supply and demand scenario and is coupled with changes which have come with the Information Age now upon us.

Potato prices

Prices received by Idaho farmers

Fresh pack quality	French fry quality
\$2.00	\$3.00

Prices were reported Tuesday for 100 pounds of unwashed potatoes. Prices may not reflect deductions for dirt, rot or green damage. Prices also may not reflect incentives for bruise-free potatoes or bonuses for french-fry color.

Prices received by Idaho packers

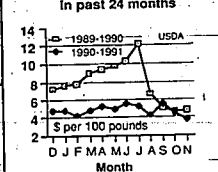
70-80 count cartons	10-pound mesh bags non-size A	Dehydration grade
\$13-15.00	\$5.50	\$15-16.00
Prices were reported Tuesday by Federal-State Market News Service per 100 pounds.		

Prices elsewhere

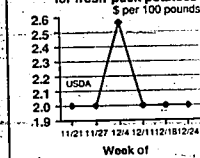
Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Colorado	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$9-11.00
Oregon	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$12-13.00
Washington	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$11.00
Wisconsin	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$9.50-10.00

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

Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months



Prices received by Idaho farmers for fresh-pack potatoes



Size is important for marketing

By William Prater
AG Weekly correspondent

RUPERT — Potatoes moving now are the 10-12-ounce size in 70-80 count cartons, said Dan Shockey, potato buyer for the Roland Jones Potato Co. in Rupert.

Yet this year's production, while high in volume, tends to yield more spuds in the 4-8 oz. range, Shockey said. "The movement in the smaller size range is practically nil."

Shockey said farmers will be figuring out reductions in potato acreage next year and want to take any measures practical to increase their yields in the larger sizes.

The annual holiday rush for spuds was lighter than usual, Shockey said. "I don't think the market

has been this low for many, many years," he said. "Usually there is a 10-day push around the holidays, but it hasn't happened this year."

Shockey said plenty of potatoes have not been brought in — some are under contract and some are still owned by the farmers.

"Buyers' knowledge of this is keeping the price depressed," he said. "It all comes down to the fact that too many acres were planted."

The Roland Jones Potato Company deals in fresh pack potatoes only — shipping basically to Midwest and East Coast markets. The company got its start in the 1960's and is now owned by Roger Jones.

"In talking about current marketing, Shockey said some of their shipments have been going to California, where they are marketed along with California produce.

of the "finest quality crops ever grown in the state."

The harvest produced a higher than average percentage of U.S. No. 1s, higher solids contents and good overall tuber size.

"What that means is a good supply of U.S. No. 1s that packers and retailers will be able to resell to consumers for premium prices," Mel Anderson, executive director of IPC, said.

Idaho potato growers will suffer the consequences of a bountiful harvest this year, however, warn officials from the state of Idaho Division of Financial Management.

Former Soviet republics could help Gem farmers

ABERDEEN (AP) — A conversation in an Aberdeen coffee shop may result in Idaho potato farmers exporting their spuds to a hungry Soviet Union.

Don Everingham, a retired vice president of Basic American Foods, got the ball rolling when he recently suggested Soviet officials consider potatoes when they spend the \$1.25 billion in agricultural credit guarantees recently authorized by President Bush.

Aberdeen potato farmer Tom Stroschein, who helped get the plan off the ground, said Soviets are quite interested in the proposition.

"We have a large supply of potatoes this year in the U.S. and if we can move some of Idaho's Agriculture and help out the Soviets who are facing food shortages this year, then we have solved two problems at once," Stroschein said.

Everingham, a representative from the state Department of Agriculture and help out the Soviets, Larry Craig's office on Dec. 2 met with Soviet officials in Washington D.C.

Stroschein said the group went to Washington to promote dehydrated and frozen potatoes, but the Soviets only wanted raw potatoes. Dehydrated potatoes cost less to ship than fresh spuds.

"It would take an educational program for their people to learn how to cook dehydrated spuds," he said.

They suggested ships transport Idaho's potatoes to a port on the Pacific Ocean side of the Soviet Union.

"This is very feasible," Stroschein said.

"The cost is not going to be cheap compared to shipping dehydrated potatoes, but it could be done for about 50 cents a pound."

Stroschein added that is actually nine cents cheaper than what New Yorkers pay for potatoes, so shipments to Russia are just as cheap as to the American East Coast.

Stroschein said the potato farmer probably will not see a loss or profit from exporting the crop, but it will deplete a spud surplus.

"We have about 400 million hundredweight more than we had last year," he said.

"We were able to get rid of all the potatoes last year, but there is some concern that at 400 million cwt., we can't sell all of it. But if we move that 400 million cwt. to the Soviet Union, we are right back where we were last year when we had \$5 spuds."

Potatoes are currently selling for around \$2.50 to \$3.00 hundredweight.

Year's crop estimate remains high

POCATELLO (AP) — It still appears that Idaho potato farmers harvested a record crop this year — which could be bad news for growers, because nationwide, the harvest also was very good.

The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reported recently that 12.22 billion pounds of potatoes were harvested from 393,000 Idaho acres this year. That's an increase of 5.4 percent over last year when the potato crop was 11.91 billion pounds.

The average statewide yield is 311 100-pound sacks per acre, up 16 sacks over last year and a state record.

Development of the 1991 potato crop got off to a slow start when cool, wet conditions during the spring affected early growth. Conditions improved, however, during the growing season and were generally good with adequate irrigation water in most areas.

Unseasonably warm temperatures in early October allowed for much needed additional development as harvest lagged behind previous years. However, harvest made up-ground quickly as temperatures cooled during late October.

The Idaho Potato Commission reports this year's harvest is one

Wheat reports Franklin farmers enjoy better prices

Co-op manager credits sale plan to republics

PRESTON (AP) — Wheat prices are up, and that has a lot of farmers in this area smiling.

Prices farmers are getting for last summer's crop are at recent record highs, and up at least 21 percent compared with a year ago.

The higher prices, coupled with an excellent overall yield on fall wheat this year, is good news all around, said Jean J. Smith, a dry farmer in the Riverdale area and chairman of the Franklin County Commission.

"At harvest time in late August, prices were around \$2.85 cents per bushel for hard red winter wheat, with an 11 percent protein content. I sold some wheat this past week for \$3.58 per bushel at the bin," said a smiling Smith.

"Last year at this time, I sold wheat at \$2.75 per bushel, and I had to deliver it. I figure it cost me 15 cents per bushel. So I really only netted \$2.60 per bushel." "This week, wheat brings between \$3.60 and \$3.70 per bushel for 13 percent protein wheat.

Wheat with a lower protein content is a little less, but not much, said LaMont Waldron, manager of Weston Grain Co.-Op, which buys, sells and delivers a large majority of the wheat harvested in Franklin County.

"At its lowest, prices for the 1990 grain crop in Franklin County were \$2.20 per bushel. The top price paid last year was about \$2.60 per bushel. So, you see, prices

have really strengthened. All the futures reports from Chicago and Kansas City say prices may go up another 5 cents per bushel in the near term."

In addition to the higher prices now, most county farmers harvested a bumper grain crop. Smith, for instance, got between 40 and 45 bushels per acre on the 800-acre dryland wheat he farms.

"I normally average between 40-45 bushels per acre. I can't complain too much the way things have turned out this fall and early winter," he said.

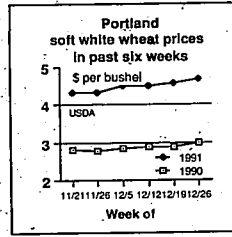
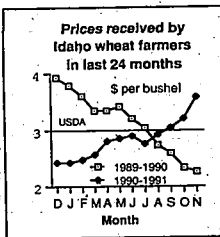
The reason for the bounteous harvest was spring rain, according to Smith.

"I made this year's crop."

Smith estimates between 4 and 5 inches of rain fell during a critical time in late spring and early summer. He also said insects caused only minimal problems this past growing season.

Waldron and Smith both believe the reason behind the price jump for wheat is twofold: "I think the main reason prices have strengthened dramatically is the announced sale of wheat to Russia and some of the break-away republics in Eastern Europe," said Waldron.

"Ever since that announcement, prices started to go up. As long as the announced sale goes through, I think prices will be strong. But if the deal falls through, with all the uncertainty over there, prices will plummet."



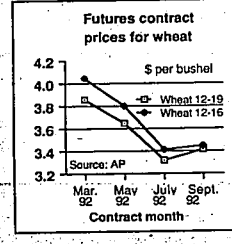
Prices received by farmers Friday

Curry Grain	\$3.80
Evans Grain, Rupert	\$3.85
Evans Grain, Bliss	\$4.00
Haney Seed, Twin Falls	\$3.86
Reed Grain, Buhl	\$3.86
Wendell Elevator Co.	\$3.90
Western Stockman, Min. Home	\$4.04

Prices elsewhere

Ogden (Thursday)	\$4.10
Pocatello	no quote
Portland	\$4.67

Dollars per bushel for soft white wheat.



Study: Plant spring crop early, not winter crop late

PARMA (AP) — Some Idaho farmers may be better off planting spring wheat in the dead of winter, a recent study suggests.

And agronomist Brad Brown said growers forced to delay harvest and park their planters until December and beyond should consider the radical break with tradition.

"We've received calls from growers in January and February and into March, and they generally ask, 'Is it too late to plant winter wheat?'" Brown said. "The more appropriate question is, 'Is it too early to plant spring wheat?'"

Many farmers put in winter wheat as a rotation crop after fall harvest. Lousy weather often causes planting delays and hurts yields.

"Many producers will plant winter wheat in late winter or early spring, thinking even with the late planting that it will be more productive than using a spring wheat for the same planting," Brown said.

But during a two-year study at the University of Idaho's Parma Research and Extension Center, Brown found spring wheat but yielded winter varieties, 2.5 bushels an acre to 40 bushels an

acre when planted on the same days from December through March.

The researcher attributed the surprising difference to the fast-maturing quality of spring wheat, which headed eight to 24 days earlier than winter wheat.

"There are some notions out there which can't be supported by research," Brown said. "The superior performance of winter over spring varieties in late fall or winter planting seems to be one of those times."

A similar study at the university's Aberdeen station also is under way to see whether the Parma results can be duplicated in eastern Idaho.

For early planting of spring wheat to succeed, soil conditions and timing are crucial, Brown said.

"If growers plant spring wheat early enough for it to germinate and emerge in the fall, there is considerable risk of winterkill," he said.

"Only when soil temperatures are near freezing and emergence is not expected until February or later should spring wheat be planted in late fall or winter in the Treasure Valley."

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Glavin Bean finds its market niche in splits

By William N. Prater
Ag Weekly Correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When Barney Glavin of Glavin Bean Processing Co. was asked about his company's niche in the bean picture this season, he replied, "We are an odd warehouse. I do not deal much in No. 1 beans. I deal in splits. We buy them, clean them and sell them to refry processors."

He said three or more different brands of refried beans are commonly carried on grocery shelves.

Considerable quantities also ultimately go to Mexican restaurants all across the country.

Some volumes are also routed to frozen burrito producers.

"Trucking has been pretty tough this season," he said. "But I have been pretty lucky. I have found enough companies that we deal with on a constant basis that have been able to keep us moving. My only real problem has been with southbound shipments."

Most of their current shipments go to markets in the Southwest, he said. But none of the Southwest fruits are ready to ship north yet, to make backhauls for the truckers.

"Buyers are pretty tough," he said. "They say they want the load in on a certain day and at a specific time — and we have to meet their schedule."

Glavin Bean mostly handles pintos and pinks now.

"However," he said, "up to this year we have been cleaning a lot of other types of beans, including a volume of whites destined for Japan."

The Japanese make a kind of sweet dessert paste from them, he said.

"The Chinese can offer No. 1's mixed with splits for the same price that we offer, and they are much closer — minimizing their transport expense. It was tough to lose this market to China," Glavin said.

He said that it is basically a domestic market that he serves this year. With Mexico having had a good bean crop, they are not importing at this time.

"We just have a huge surplus of beans as well as of other commodities," he said.

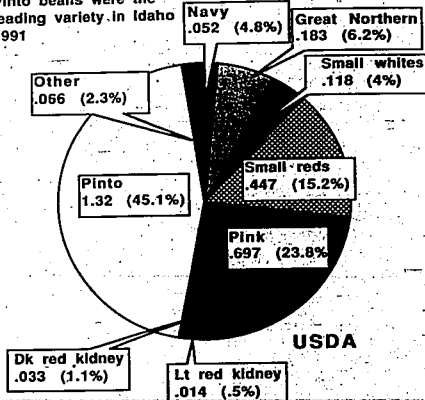
Glavin, speaking as president of the Idaho Bean Growers' Association, said, "What we would really like to do is to get more beans put on the federal PL-480 food give-away programs. However, on programs on which foodstuffs are given to needy foreign nations, the officials of the receiving nations are offered a choice of foods, and usually beans are not chosen."

Some of the split beans coming to Glavin Bean come in by rail, but the much greater volume moves by truck.

Glavin's sources are nationwide and he brings in the beans from wherever sources are most economical.

Currently many are coming in from North Dakota as well as Idaho.

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Establishing yield goals can help improve profits

Successful corn growers use yield goals as a part of their profit planning.

"Yield goals should be established for every field," says Rick Mason, regional agronomist for DEKALB Plant Genetics. "Set a target, realistic goal for each field and develop a set of sound management practices which will enable you to reach that goal at the lowest cost."

Mason suggests writing the goal down, perhaps on field-by-field notes, and comparing it with actual yield at harvest.

"When the season is over, you can compare the records to determine why you did or did not reach or exceed your goal," the agronomist says.

Mason warns, however, against setting rigid goals because growing conditions change during the season.

"For example, if seedling stands are good and soil moisture reserves are high, it is perfectly valid to raise the yield goal and side-dress a greater amount of nitrogen than originally planned," he explains. "If it is too dry at tasseling time, it may be prudent to lower the yield goal and forego a corn."

"The real key is whether the cost of producing a bushel of grain is reduced."

— Rick Mason, agronomist

borer control treatment that might otherwise be needed."

Mason says before setting a yield goal, verify profitability by calculating costs and returns. More yield, usually requires more expenditure per acre.

"The real key is whether the cost of producing a bushel of grain is reduced," he says.

When setting a yield goal, calculate a three-to-five year average yield for a field and add 25 bushels per acre. Then modify this figure up or down to reflect your best knowledge about soil type, stored moisture status, fertility status, previous crop, and each factor of your own management, Mason says.

Prices received by farmers Friday

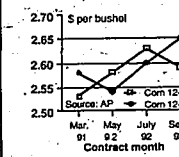
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Western Stockman, Magic Valley	\$4.80

Prices elsewhere

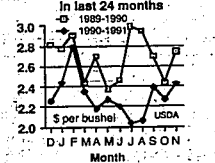
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Dollars per 100 pounds barley

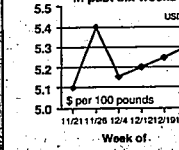
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Prices received by Idaho barley farmers in last 24 months



Portland barley prices in past six weeks



Know your enemy — a guide to common stored grain pests

Idaho Extension Service

TWIN FALLS — Although their frequency and number may vary by region, there are several insects that commonly infest stored grain. Knowing how to identify them is paramount to controlling these pests and halting costly damage — damage that averages almost \$5 billion each year in the United States.

Weevils Here are the clues indicating weevil presence:

- Sour odor.
- Heating or hot spots.
- Hollow kernels containing small, white grubs without legs.
- Small-snout beetles.

The granary weevil is a small, blackish chestnut brown beetle with a long, slender snout. It is distinguished from the closely related rice weevil by its well-marked thorax and the fact that the granary weevil has no wings and its wing covers.

Although the granary weevil is found worldwide, it prefers a temperate climate. In the United States it is usually found in northern production areas.

Both adult granary weevils and their larvae feed excessively on many grains. The adults live seven or eight months. During this time, each female lays 50 to 250 eggs in grain kernels.

The rice weevil is usually 3/32 inch in length. It ranges from reddish brown to black in

color with four light red or yellow spots. The rice weevil has fully developed wings, and its thorax is densely pitted.

Beetles

Here are the clues indicating beetle presence:

- Large accumulations of dead bodies, cast skins and fecal pellets and meal in the grain.
- Sweet, musty — sometimes nauseous — odor.

The confused flour beetle is a flat, oval beetle about 1/7 inch long. The reddish-brown insect's head and thorax are densely covered with minute punctures.

The confused flour beetle is abundant throughout the United States, especially in flour mills. It also frequents granaries and warehouses wherever grain or grain products are stored. Generally, any starch material is susceptible to the confused flour beetle.

Its average life span is one year, however, some have lived more than three years. The females lay approximately 450 eggs, which are covered with a sticky secretion. The eggs become covered with flour or meal, and adhere to the sides of sacks, boxes and other containers. This allows the confused flour beetle to quickly infest fresh grain placed in such containers.

The flat grain beetle is a minute, oblong beetle with antennae about two-thirds as long

as its body, which is usually about one-sixteenth of an inch. Found in most parts of the world and under various ecological conditions, the flat grain beetle scavenges on grain and meal in poor condition.

The sawtoothed grain beetle is a slender, brown insect with a thorax bearing six sawtooth-like projections on each side. In both the adult and larval stages, it attacks all food of vegetable origin, especially grain and grain products.

This unusually flat beetle hides in tiny cracks and crevices and can infiltrate poorly-sealed food packages.

The lesser grain borer is a small, cylindrical beetle featuring pitted wing covers. Its head is turned down along the thorax, and it is armed with powerful jaws capable of boring into wood.

The lesser grain borer is one of the most destructive and the most difficult grain pest to control. Originating in the Tropics, the lesser grain borer was introduced into the United States during World War I. The lesser grain borer, most prevalent in the Gulf States, is a primary pest in both the larval and adult stages, feeding on wheat, corn, rice and millet.

Grain kernels attacked by these pests are frequently reduced to a pile of dust and thin, brown grain shells.

Republics stress grains, not wheat

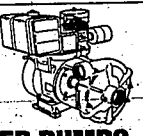
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DES MOINES — Two leading agricultural economists of the former Soviet Union said the 12 republics mainly need feed grains and protein supplements to keep livestock and dairy herds from being liquidated and fresh meat for food stores, the Des Moines Register reported recently.

"We don't need wheat," said Bolus Poskus, vice president of

the Academy of Agricultural Sciences, participating in a seminar in Washington on Wednesday.

USDA on Monday allocated a larger-than-expected \$275 million in U.S. export credit guarantees for wheat, as well as \$138 million for feed grains, \$67.5 million for protein meals, \$22.5 million for soybeans, \$22.5 million for vegetable oils and 70 million for freight as of the Soviet Union's initial \$600 million credit package.



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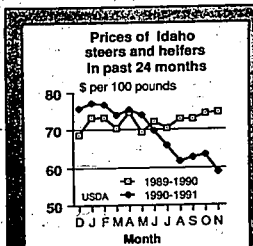
Justice officials say they're looking at pricing trends

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department says it is keeping a close eye on beef pricing trends after lawmakers sought an antitrust investigation of the retail markup on wholesale meat.

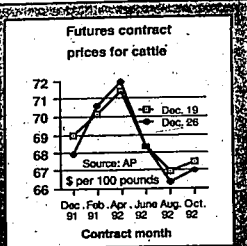
Sens. Bob Kerrey and James Exon, D-Neb., said the retail markup — or the wholesale-to-retail price spread — has begun to tumble since they asked the Justice Department to review the issue in August.

The senators cited Agriculture Department figures that indicate the markup peaked at a record level of \$1.132 per pound in August before falling to \$1.093 in September and \$1.027 in October.

"The recent movement is encouraging, but the August peak capped 10 months of record monthly retail margins," Kerrey said. "Even the lower margin, for October was still more than 20 cents per pound higher than the average margin reported by USDA for the period of 1988 through 1990."



Kerrey said he would have to see still narrower margins over the next several months before determining that retail markups on beef have returned to normal levels.



tail price spread began to shrink after our inquiry," Exon said.

"While a scientific correlation may be difficult to prove, it reinforces our view that the wholesale-to-retail price spread warrants close scrutiny."

In a letter to the senators, Assistant Attorney General W. Lee Rawls said that except for 1991, constant-dollar wholesale-to-retail price spreads for beef have not generally increased during the past decade.

"Rather, while such price spreads have shown substantial year-to-year volatility, the trend until this year has generally been stable or declining during that period," Rawls wrote in a September letter to the senators, which they just released Monday.

"We will continue to monitor beef pricing trends to determine whether the recent increase in the wholesale-to-retail price spread represents a reversal of the historical pattern or merely an aberration," Rawls said.

Urban cowpokes help on cattle drive

SAFFORD (AP) — It was a mixed crew — 100 full-time cattle and a team of part-time cowpokes.

The cows' job was to move from summer to winter grazing areas without making the cowboys look very foolish.

The job of the cowboys was to look as if they knew what they were doing without getting in the way of the cows. In recent years, when it came time to move cattle, a rancher simply moseyed over to the bunkhouse and roused a bunch of his 'boys. If he didn't have enough hands, he'd call on his neighbors for help.

Today, with fewer ranches and a dwindling cowboy population, ranch operators have to find alternatives.

Many, like Dan Bates, whose family owns the Cobra Ranch, about 50 miles north and west of here, make it a point to invite city-dwelling friends to come out and join the pro for a day or two as working cowboys.

It was a mixed crew on the Cobra Ranch drive. There were two ranchers and John Cleator, the ranch manager, rubbing stirrups with a couple of real estate brokers, a property manager, an electronics sales representative, a mail-order Western wear business owner, and insurance agent, a sales manufacturer, a couple of students, a telephone operator, a Pepsi truck driver and a couple of newspapermen. Ages ranged from 9 to 70.

Maria Cleator stoked up the fire in the wear hours and by 5 a.m. had breakfast on the trail. By 7 a.m. all were in the saddle and ready to move out. For most of the years, collective beef sales in the winter grazing area...

peritise was limited to "Gimme a hamburger" or "Make that steak medium rare."

This shortcoming was noted by two of the participants who did know cattle — John Cleator and Kip Ripley, who has Longhorn cattle in several locations around Arizona. "What we've got here," confided Cleator, "is too much help."

Ripley was less diplomatic, instructing the crew to "get out there and be flanking, off to the sides of the road. I don't want to see any of you in the middle of the herd breaking them up. Stay off the road."

Ripley could be seen shaking his head in despair on more than one occasion as this cow or that calf wandered away unhealed. "Hell," he said in disgust at one point, "I've herded 100 head of cattle, by myself, and look at this."

The destination was nine miles north, as the cow files, and there was a trail, or semblance thereof, most of the way.

But early on it cut into a dense growth of mesquite that seemed to stretch out for a couple of miles.

Longhorns love mesquite, apparently, and feel no particular obligation to admire it in the company of their files.

That's where the "as the cow files" concept fell apart. Nine miles as the crow flies becomes about twice that distance — as the cow meanders.

Perseverance paid off, though, and seven hours after "mounting up" cows and cowboys — not nearly as festive as when they started out — managed to arrive at the winter grazing area.

Today's rustlers have white collars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Today's cattle rustlers no longer wait for new moons and inky night skies to rope an unsuspecting herd.

Instead, they have dropped their claps and lures to engage in a lucrative white-collar crime — with phony investment schemes, bad checks or illegal sales at livestock auctions.

They even use cattle sales to launder drug money, an investigator says.

Producers and investors may be losing millions of dollars, according to ranchers, law officers and a lawmaker who is investigating the apparent increase in modern-day cattle rustling and the government's response.

"We've still got the old rustling — that may be glorified in the West of the past — but in addition, we've got the white-collar crime and a certain amount of this new activity with laundering drug money by buying cattle," said Jack Sedgwick, administrator of the brand enforcement division at the Montana Department of Livestock.

"All of a sudden, we have more of this white-collar fraud," added

Jody Henderson, special assistant to the general manager of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

A case announced this week by the Agriculture Department's Packers and Stockyards Administration illustrates the kind of money at stake.

The agency's deputy administrator, Calvin W. Watkins, said taxpayers in a Texas company were charged with failing to pay for more than \$640,000 worth of livestock. They were accused in a federal administrative complaint of using bad checks.

Henderson said authorities in Texas and Oklahoma recovered \$1.8 million in stolen cattle last year and \$4 million in 1989.

The Packers and Stockyard Administration, which celebrated its 70th anniversary last month, is responsible for enforcing the Packers and Stockyards Act, an antitrust, fair trade practice and payment protection law. It is designed to assure free and open competition and to prevent unfair and deceptive practices in the marketing of livestock, meat and poultry.

Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-

Texas, chairman of the House Agriculture subcommittee on livestock, is investigating the agency's ability to protect producers and investors from today's swindlers.

He believes a cattle-rustling case now under investigation could show a "breakdown" in the regulatory process.

"I hope to be asking questions on what we think have gone by the protections we have in place were not adequate," Stenholm said.

Harold Davis, director of the livestock marketing division at the agency, confirmed an investigation is under way but refused additional comment.

Davis said, however, there are no indications that illegal cattle dealing is any more prevalent today than over the past 10 years.

Stenholm said he is concerned about whether the Packers and Stockyards Administration has the muscle and the authority to police illegal livestock sales, and he plans hearings on the issue.

"I want to see, in this new modern livestock world, what should be the responsibility of the federal government in the area of oversight regulation," he said.

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Grange recommends 2-tier industry plan

TWIN FALLS — In an effort to bring stability to the price and production of dairy products, delegates to the 125th annual convention of the National Grange meeting in Burlington, Vt. recently, called for a change in the current dairy program.

Grange is convinced that cuts in the price support price have not curtailed production and have only resulted in the reduction of dairy farmers.

The delegates endorsed a two-tier price support supply management program that recognized regional differences. They said the program should be mandatory and contain an increase in support prices to \$11.60 per hun-

dreweight starting Jan. 1, 1992. It should include a two tier pricing system for milk.

The first tier would be the market price or support price, whichever is higher, with the second tier carrying an assessment on milk produced over quota, sufficient to cover costs of dispensing of all dairy products produced over five billion pounds per year. The base should be determined on historic production.

The Grange said the program is to be administered by a National Dairy Inventory Management Board. The board members would be recommended by dairy and general farm organizations and appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Avonmore gets the fat out

TWIN FALLS — A Magic Valley company will soon be helping pizza lovers say "extra cheese" without the concern of "extra fat". Avonmore foods, with corporate office in Twin Falls, in conjunction with the Nutrasweet company have developed a mozzarella cheese with two-thirds less fat content yet all the great taste of its full fat counterpart.

Jim Cooney, corporate vice president, of

Avonmore said Avonmore Cheese, Inc., of Monroe, Wisconsin has already begun production of fat/lo-lites reduced fat mozzarella for the New York and Chicago Markets. National distribution is expected in Mid 92.

Avonmore will probably not produce the cheese for pizzas here in the Magic Valley, but the concept will eventually reach us. Cooney said.

Dairy farmers look elsewhere

The Washington Post

WEST GLOVER, Vt. — It has been a long, slow haul for Harvey Dunbar's "cow-sitting" service, and the telephone calls from farmers wanting his help with milking when they take a day off, or even a vacation, are rare. "With things so bad this year and so

many farmers struggling, they aren't going to take outside help, and they certainly aren't taking holidays," Dunbar said. Harvey Dunbar, 34, was once a dairy farmer. He and his wife, Bethany, had built up their herd of Jersey cows over 11 years. But they were driven out of business last spring by the plummeting price of milk. In April, the Dunbars were forced to auction off their herd.

The Dunbars and other small dairy farmers are casualties of a volatile milk market that swung sharply

to oversupply. They are, as well, casualties of a failed national dairy policy, which despite 50 years of trying, has yet to cure this problem, if it is indeed curable. Even now, the Senate is debating another scheme to prevent more dairy farmers from going under by raising price supports and encouraging a decrease in production.

Milk prices

Prices received by farmers from local milk processor

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Base price per 100 pounds of milk with 3.5 percent butterfat and 3.2 percent protein, not including incentives or premiums. Price also does not reflect transportation from farm or other costs assessed by creamery or by industry.

Federal milk market orders

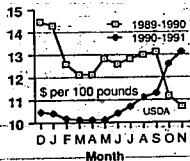
	Great Basin	Southwest Idaho-Eastern Oregon
Class I	\$14.40	\$14.00
Class II	\$13.41	\$13.41
Class III (November)	\$12.48	\$12.48
Weighted average (Nov.)	\$13.26	\$12.71

Base price per 100 pounds 3.5 percent butterfat.

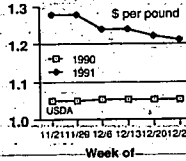
Other prices

National Cheese Exchange, Green Bay, Wisc., Friday close	
Cheddar barrels	40 lb. blocks
\$1.2125	\$1.2475

Prices to Idaho dairies for all milk in past 24 months



Price for barrels of cheese National Cheese Exchange in past six weeks



New plant heralds growth of industry in Washington

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — Darigold Inc. unveiled its new \$22 million milk processing facility here Friday, heralding the rising dairy industry in the Yakima Valley.

Milk producers from Western Washington and California continue to move into the Yakima Valley, seeking cheaper land and a more favorable climate for cows.

"I'm utterly tickled to be here," said emcee Charles Dawsey, manager of the Benton Rural Electric Association, which helped fund the plant.

The facility will provide 40 direct jobs, but its economic impact is far greater, officials said.

Additional dairies will relocate to the area to take advantage of the plant, said Dave Fonfara of Sunnyside Inc., the local development agency. He estimated the plant will be responsible for 200 total jobs in the area, in dairies, cattle feed production, veterinary services, transportation and other support.

Darigold is among the largest companies in the state. The Seattle-based cooperative has 1,100 members and \$700 million a year in sales.

The cooperative has 10 plants and 14 distribution centers in the West, president Wesley Eckert said.

"We're six weeks ahead of schedule and quite a bit under budget," Eckert said of the year-long construction of the towering plant along Interstate 82. "This plant has the capability to expand and do other things." The 62,000-square-foot plant is capable of

taking 22 million pounds of milk each day and reducing it to 180,000 pounds of powdered milk, Darigold said.

Previously, much of the valley's milk production had to be trucked over the Cascade Range to Chehalis to be processed.

The plant can also produce cream, and could be expanded to make cheese.

There are currently about 35,000 milk cows in 75 herds in Yakima County, up 10 percent from last year, according to the Co-operative Extension Service.

A 1,600-head herd from California began milk production two months ago and two additional dairies of 1,000 cows each are to start production in early 1992.

Fonfara said the nearby availability of grain and other feed, a dry, warm climate, low and stable and fewer environmental dangers than in wet climates are all factors in the growth of the dairy industry.

Also a factor was expansion of the Port of Sunnyside's wastewater treatment plant, and nearby access to Union Pacific and Burlington Northern railroad tracks.

Milk production in Yakima County has grown from 18.9 million pounds in 1980 to 49.7 million pounds in 1990, second largest in the state after Whatcom County.

Officials say there are also personal reasons for the growth. Many of the people in the milk industry are of Dutch descent, and have relatives in the Swisvatie area. U.S. Rep. Sid Morrison, R-Wash., who is running for governor, joked about that.

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Australia seeks wool that repels pesky insects

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — Australian government scientists, who already have developed self-shearing sheep, are working on breeding sheep with moth-proof wool.

The genetic-engineering research is aimed at producing sheep with special wool follicles that secrete insect deterrents. It was unveiled by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization's Division of Animal Production.

"If successful, we will have developed the world's first sheep to grow moth-proof wool," division chief Oliver Mayo said Friday.

The project has considerable potential for controlling the blow-fly, which costs Australian farmers about \$155 million a year.

The project is still in the research stages — unlike the self-shearing sheep which is very much reality. To self-shear, sheep are injected with a natural protein that weakens their wool fibers so they can be removed by hand after about six weeks.

Rancher finds something fishy in price variance

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Richard Cross's family raised sheep for some 50 years in Converse County before prices got so bad in the mid-1980s they switched to cattle to survive.

They now fear the cattle industry could face the same crisis.

Cross showed up at the National Lamb Forum here on Dec. 6 with hopes of exposing ConAgra and other huge meatpacking companies as monopolies — an allegation denied by packers.

ConAgra alone has 26 percent of the country's lamb market. Along with ConAgra, a total of three packing companies control 70 percent of the lamb market.

Cross and other ranchers attending the forum say they're something fishy when they receive only 55 cents per pound for their lamb, while consumers are paying \$7 for lamb chops at the supermarket.

"Someone is making money and no one is willing to come forward and say I'm talking an unfair share," Cross said.

"The packer said, 'Jan', 'Retailers didn't say. But somebody is. Somebody's lying.'"

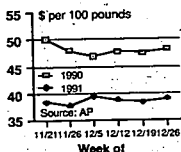
A federal investigation is under way to determine whether illegal antitrust activities are taking place in the industry.

Cross, 46, claims monopolistic tendencies of the packing industry are virtually eliminating competition and driving down prices for producers.

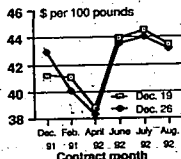
"I see the same thing happening with beef," Cross said. "The sheep business is the cattle business to come."

Cross's grandfather settled into Converse County from Canada in 1876 and the family has been running cattle and sheep ever since. Cross and his brothers, Rory and Robert, have their own ranches in the area. Rory Cross is the Wyoming speaker of the house.

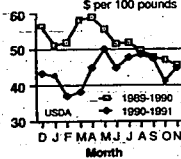
Price of 230-260 lb hogs at Nat'l Stockyard Illinois in past six weeks



Futures contract prices for hogs



Prices of Idaho sheep and lambs in past 24 months



Technology can help swine producers

MANHATTAN, Kans. — Speakers at Kansas State University's recent Swine Industry Day focused on three ways to help Kansas swine producers remain competitive with other swine production states.

Maintaining a good computerized record program to spot strengths and weaknesses on individual production units was the major short term remedy mentioned.

The other two objectives were more futuristic. The first honed in on selecting pigs with a high biological potential to put on lean muscle, using technology that is now available. The second emphasized minimizing health problems through a modified, medicated early-weaning production system that also isolated the growing and finishing units.

Keynoter Dr. Joe Connor, Illinois veterinarian, examined biogenetics, vaccines, therapeutics, depopulation, multiple-site production and modified, medicated early weaning as tools to reduce disease problems and to improve average daily gain and feed-to-gain ratios in the growing and finishing phases.

While Connor said depopulation/repopulation is an excellent method of improving health of growing-finishing pigs, the length of site effect and commitment to repeated depopulations need to be weighed against cost and genetics in the herd.

The poultry industry routinely uses multiple, isolated site production in establishing new units and reducing health risks, according to Connor.

"In the near future, multiple sites will mean growing-finishing buildings with only one week's production of one sex of animals in the unit," he predicted.

Some producers are already using the modified, medicated early-weaning system in conjunction with the multiple-site program to upgrade health status in the nursery, growing and finishing units. Connor de-

scribed this as a nonsurgical method for procuring minimal disease pigs free of many of the infectious agents that now plague swine. Its aim is to interrupt exposure of groups of pigs to pathogens.

Cambridge University originated the medicated early weaning concept in 1979. Researchers removed pregnant sows from the source herd in late gestation and placed them in isolated farrowing accommodations. They weaned the piglets at 5 days, removed them from the farrowing house and placed them in an isolated nursery unit separate from the source herd. At 60 to 85 pounds, they moved the pigs to another isolated grow-out unit.

Connor said he had been involved with several herds that have used the MMEW system. Among 10,000 pigs weaned between 10 and 21 days of age, the death loss was less than 1/2 percent.

Robert Goodband, K-State Extension swine specialist, used the KSU Swine Enterprise Records Program's group summary to demonstrate how producers might employ a simple, computerized records system to identify strengths and weaknesses in their production units and to reduce profit-killing practices. He noted wide ranges in the production summaries, death losses, labor and feed costs, marketing and purchasing costs and consumption and return to investment.

"There was a 34.5 percent difference between total feed costs per cwt. of pork produced," observed Goodband.

"But look into things before you act on them. Those cheaper costs may not mean lower feed costs. They may instead signal an inadequate diet or reflect the need for the producer to look for more competitively priced ingredients.

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Winter stoker budget

Idaho Extension Service

TWIN FALLS — This budget represents the average costs and returns per head for a typical 200-head cattle stoker operation. The forage sources are doeded spring range and summer pasture.

Steers are purchased in mid-January at about 500 pounds and fed a mixture of barley and alfalfa hay through the end of March. They are fed approximately 6.5 pounds of barley and 15 pounds of alfalfa hay daily.

On about April 1, the cattle are trucked to doeded spring range where they stay through May 15. On May 15, the cattle are trucked to summer pasture where they will remain until the end of September. They are usually marketed direct in late September. Average daily weight gain for the period January 15 through September 30 is about 1.5 pounds.

Hauling costs are included in the budget to cover the expenses of trucking cattle to spring range and summer pasture. A miscellaneous cost of \$5 per head was added to cover any additional handling or vaccinations that might occur. Marketing cost was estimated at 3 percent of gross value to cover "penicil shrink." Veterinary expenses include implants and parasite control.

What your cattle will cost to produce:

	Variable Costs		
	Amount per cow	Cost per unit	Cost per cow
Stocker steers			
Alfalfa hay	5 cwt	\$87/cwt	\$435.00
Barley	4.698 tons	\$75/ton	\$352.23
Yardage charge	4.125 cwt	\$4.80/cwt	\$19.80
Misc.	2.50 head	\$6.60/head	\$16.50
Doeded spring range	1.50 head	\$5.00/head	\$7.50
Pasture	4.50 head	\$6.00/head	\$27.00
Salt	6 lb	\$0.05/lb	\$0.30
Hauling		\$4.50/head	\$4.50
Vet Medicine		\$4.30/head	\$4.30
Marketing & shrink		\$18.15/head	\$18.15
Interest on Oper. Cap.	\$344.61 dol.	\$11	\$37.91
Total variable costs			\$613.76
Total costs			\$613.76

What you'll get for your cattle:

	Gross Receipts		
	Amount per cow	Value per unit	Value per cow
Steers	.89 cwt	\$80/cwt	\$691.42
Total			\$691.42

What you'll have left over after expenses:

Income above variable costs	\$77.66
Depr. on other equip.	\$0
Total costs	\$613.76
Returns to Risk and Management	\$7.66
Break-even prices if 8.64 cwt of Yearling Steers are produced:	
To cover variable inputs:	\$71.01
To cover all costs except risk and management:	\$71.01
*Minimum operating capital is based on 1/12 of total annual capital borrowed (one month).	

Farm Credit reports income rise

NEW YORK — The Farm Credit System reported a net income of \$201 million and \$624 million for the third quarter and the first nine months of 1991, respectively, compared with a net income of \$93 million and \$455 million for the same periods a year ago.

Net income for the third quarter and first nine months of 1990 included a loss of \$100 million related

to the repurchase of certain higher-cost debt by one system bank.

Pre-tax operating income increased 53 percent to \$225 million the third quarter of 1991, compared with \$147 million for the year-earlier period. Pre-tax operating income increased 45 percent to \$697 million for the first nine months of 1991, compared with \$480 million for the same period in 1990.

Economist: food bills, farm prices will travel in opposite directions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers can expect slightly higher food bills next year as plentiful supplies of meat help hold down retail prices, a top Agriculture Department economist predicted recently.

But farmers could see their incomes slip a bit as the costs of energy, fertilizer, pesticides and labor rise in 1992, said James R. Donald, chairman of USDA's World Agricultural Outlook Board, at the opening of the department's annual outlook conference earlier this month.

Although crop and livestock receipts should hold steady next year, Donald said modest increases in production costs could leave farmers with net cash income of \$52 billion to \$57 billion, compared with \$58 billion estimated for 1991. Farmers earned a record \$62 billion in 1990.

"The farm sector balance sheet points to economic stability in 1992, with both assets and debts showing very small increases," he said.

A farm activist and North Dakota lawmaker, however, disagreed with USDA's assessment and said the situation in farm country was far from stable for many producers.

"I get the feeling that if these people were doctors, they'd be guilty of malpractice with that kind of diagnosis," said Rep. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

"USDA always uses the outlook conference as a way to try white-

'The farm sector balance sheet points to economic stability in 1992, with both assets and debts showing very small increases.'

— James R. Donald, USDA economist

wash any farm problems that might exist and to put their own spin on the policies and the farm economy, and this year's no different," added David Center, national director for the American Agriculture Movement.

"They have turned their back on rural America and any problems that we have."

According to USDA's predictions Tuesday, the world agricultural outlook calls for smaller crop production but rising livestock output.

Commodity demand will be supported by continued economic recovery and population growth. Grain, milk and cattle prices will increase as supplies tighten in relation to demand, while cotton, soybeans and hog prices will be under pressure from increased supplies, Donald said.

Donald also said the value of U.S. agricultural exports was expected to reach \$39 billion in fiscal 1992, up about 4 percent from 1991, while imports of farm products are expected to ease.

As a result, the U.S. agricultural trade surplus could rise to around \$17 billion, up 14 percent from 1991.

Donald predicted higher grain prices and an increased volume of wheat, soybean and horticultural product exports will contribute to the increase in the value.

"This commodity and export outlook suggests cash receipts to U.S. farmers in 1992 close to the year-earlier level," he said.

For consumers, the 1992 outlook calls for larger supplies of many foods, particularly meats, dampened inflation and a continued slow rise in food prices, he said.

Retail food prices are forecast to increase 2 percent to 4 percent in 1992, compared with this year's estimate of slightly over 3 percent.

The crop outlook calls for an expansion in acreage and production in 1992 as producers respond to higher prices and smaller acreage reduction requirements for grains.

Dorgan, however, said USDA's "soothing reports" predicting stability in the farm sector don't square with the situation in rural America.

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Right name proves key to success

Knight-Ridder News Service

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Bill Bricker was way over his head in, well, insect dug before he got bold and decided to call CC-84 what it really was.

Kricket Krap.
Now his fertilizer sales have more than quadrupled and people all over the country have called asking just how he managed to gather the dirty work of so many jumbling bugs.

It seems that most gardeners hadn't given much thought before to whether crickets, to put it plainly, poop. And after considering the idea, some had simply refused to believe it.

"Hey, I didn't fall off a turnip truck yesterday," man snarled when Bricker tried to sell him a sack of Kricket Krap.

Other folks in these eastern reaches of the Bible Belt have taken offense at Bricker's choice of words. Krap? Harumph! The telephone company even refused to list his product in the Augusta phone book two years in a row.

Instead, Bell South dubbed it Kricket #57.

At times, it's been hard to get the word out, but all told, this chapter in Georgia farm history has reaped more profits than the problems.

Last year, Bricker and his partner, Ed Hensley, sold Kricket Krap by the bulging bagfuls — more

'After you get through laughing about it and convince somebody to use it, the results are tremendous.'

— Bill Bambrick, garden center manager, on Kricket Krap

than 50 tons of it, both by mail order and in stores in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and California. "If you wanted to be specific, we sold off the work of 2 billion crickets this past year," Bricker says proudly.

"Which is more pounds of do than they used to sell.

When Bricker and Hensley first produced their fertilizer, which they called it CC-84, the CC stood for cricket crap, and 1984, the year the farmers began selling it. But to the uninitiated, CC-84 probably sounded more like a chemical than an organic fertilizer.

Almost no one bought it. "It was a bomb," said Bricker's wife, Lou Ellen.

Determined, the farmers changed the name from CC-84 to Gotta Grow — clever, they thought.

Still no luck.

Then one night, Bricker was sit-

ting in a bar with a friend who works as an advertising salesman, fretting over his dilemma. Why not call the fertilizer what it is? "the friend asked.

"Thus it became Kricket Krap and — by jiminy! — people noticed. Before long, a Nevada columnist wrote that Kricket Krap "is nothing to poo-poo." The fertilizer was the talk of a California radio station, where a host raved that the Georgia farmers must employ "wee little people who go out in wee hours of the morning with wee little shovels to pick up wee bits of cricket do."

Kricket Krap started selling.

It was another boost when folks discovered it worked.

"After you get through laughing about it and convince somebody to use it, the results are tremendous," says Bill Bambrick, manager of Green Thumb Nursery and Garden Center West in Martinez, Ga.

The results bloom and sprout all over the 10-acre farm Bricker and Hensley tend 3½ miles outside Augusta. Here, cucumber plants are leafy, and roses are brilliant in white, coral and yellow. "The peppers hang ripe from sturdy branches. As the next year's tree that was only a seed four years ago stands tall near one garden, towering more than 25 feet.

Crickets jumped into the picture during the early 1980s, when the farmers discovered several nearby cricket farms.

Robert W. Whaley owns one of those farms, a squat few buildings of large rooms where crickets are raised from tiny specks to full-grown bugs in screened wooden boxes of 10,000 bugs each.

For many years, Whaley used some of the cricket leftovers on his grass — until it grew so fast that he had to stop — but most cricket dug is tossed into landfills.

Now so much is delivered to Bricker and Hensley that they once collected a pile so daunting that they invited the Guinness Book of World Records to check it out.

Guinness never arrived, and the farmers got to packaging their fertilizer — and now "it's definitely the largest pile of 1-ton bags of Kricket Krap in the world," Bricker says, laughing.

Even so, Kricket Krap hasn't made wealthy men of Bricker and Hensley. Simple topsoil remains their biggest seller.

"It ain't no rags-to-riches story," Bricker says.

But it is a story that continues to get attention, from all quarters.

Recently, the telephone company said it'll publish Kricket Krap in the next phone book.

Not long ago, a loyal customer who doesn't like saying the name of her favorite fertilizer, approached a shopkeeper.

"Do you think," she whispered hopefully, "that they'll ever change the name?"



The new lacer has spring-loaded jaws.

Company has new Vice Lacer

Repairing belt splices on your agriculture equipment, such as round hay balers, has been made easier.

Clipper Belt Lacer Co. has recently redesigned the Vice Lacer to include benefits such as spring loaded jaws to avoid slipping out of the vise; and a built-in pressure plate, to insure proper hook clinch.

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The Vice Lacer can accommodate belts with a thickness of 1/8" to 3/32" and hook sizes of 2-7.

The Vice Lacer is available in three sizes: R-4", R-7", and R-10".

Utah farmers plant land with grasses to help animals grow

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Nearly 1,000 Utah farmers are finding it profitable to sit back and watch the grass grow.

Utah's Conservation Reserve Program is paying them to plant grass instead of crops on nearly 250,000 acres of erosion-prone land.

By agreeing to take the land out of production, and plant it with specific grasses to benefit wildlife, farmers like Ralph Holt of Clarkston are making more money "resting their land than farming it."

Holt has agreed to convert all 360 acres of his dry farmland into grass and exclude livestock grazing on it for 10 years.

In exchange, the government is willing to pay him \$45 an acre per year for his cooperation. "I couldn't make that much farming it," he said. "And the land's pretty much maintenance-free."

The CRP is trying to entice farmers into taking marginal farmlands out of production to reduce erosion, increase water quality and improve wildlife habitat, said Bill McMullin, a soil conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service.

The program is designed to be beneficial not just to the farmer and land, but also to area wildlife. In

'It makes me feel good to see the rolling hills of grass. It's giving the land a different look and a much-needed rest.'

— Ralph Holt, Clarkston farmer

Cache Valley, for instance, wildlife officials hope new grasslands will aid in the reintegrate a fading pheasant population.

On Holt's farm, for example, wind and water erosion once prevalent on hills of rolling wheat have been eliminated and a herd of deer have made the grasslands their home.

Additionally, the land is frequented by pheasants, chukar partridge, hawks, mice and coyotes, Holt said.

After more than a century of farming, he said, the land is being rejuvenated. "It makes me feel good to see the rolling hills of grass," he said. "It's giving the land a different look and a much-needed rest."

Only farmers with land endangered by erosion can qualify for the program.

Acres under conservation is restricted to 25 percent of the any county, McMullin said.

Eligible farmers must agree to a plan with the Agricultural Soil and Conservation Services and comply with all technical requirements, McMullin said.

The program also pays for 50 percent of the farmer's costs of establishing permanent cover.

While the Conservation Reserve Program has met many of its objectives, it has also encountered snarls and critics, McMullin said.

"We've had big complaints that farmers are just growing weeds with federal dollars," he said.

In most cases, however, planting of perennial grasses crowds out annual weeds.

Others are taken care of with herbicides and old-fashioned digging.

One goal of the program is to reestablish pheasant populations in the Cache Valley. McMullin had hoped that 20,000 acres of improved habitat provided by conservation efforts would have improved game bird chances, but the population remains small.

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Drought cuts western surface water supplies

Many western states are in the throes of one of the worst droughts on record, and State and Federal authorities are pondering what measures to take.

"Water policies have great influence in Western States, which depend heavily on publicly financed water supplies for their agricultural, industrial, and municipal needs," explain economists Noel Gollehon and Marcel Aillery of USDA's Economic Research Service. "In many parts of the West, crop production depends on irrigation from ground and surface water supplies."

In 1989, for example, the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation provided the 17 Western States with 40.1 million acre-feet of contracted water. (An acre-foot is about 326,000 gallons — enough to cover a 1-acre field with water 1 foot deep.) Roughly 25.7 million acre-feet went to farms, 3.5 million went for municipal and industrial uses, and the remainder went for other uses or escaped from the delivery system.

Surface water includes direct diversions from streams and releases of water stored in reservoirs. Of the approximately 37 million irrigated acres in the West in 1988, roughly 18.5 million, 50 percent, were partly or fully supplied by surface water.

The Palmer Drought Severity Index, which measures long-term moisture conditions, indicates that the Nation's drought-stricken area has actually decreased since 1990. Nevertheless, drought conditions remain critical in certain areas. The most seriously affected areas include Nevada; California, eastern Oregon and Washington; and parts of Idaho; Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah. Moderate drought conditions prevail in North Dakota and the southern High Plains of Texas and New Mexico.

Areas of California and Nevada are struggling through their fifth consecutive year of drought, and portions of North Dakota, the Pacific Northwest, and the Central Mountain region are in their fourth consecutive year. A new drought developing on the southern High Plains is also causing concern.

The summer streamflow is expected to have been poor for most parts of the West that rely on surface water irrigation. The National Weather Service and USDA's Soil Conservation Service estimated streamflow at less than 70 percent of normal for much of the Colorado, Snake, and California Basins, based on spring flows, observed snowpack, and the anticipation of normal summer rainfall. Only the Upper Missouri River, Columbia, and Rio Grande Basins are expected to have had near-or-above-normal streamflow this past summer.

"Water storage levels in reservoirs supplying irrigation were less than 90 percent of normal in 7 of 11 Western States going into the 1991 irrigation season," Gollehon and Aillery state. Nevada experienced the most acute shortages — several successive

years of declining stocks have depleted this State's reservoirs to very low levels.

California's reservoir levels plummeted to 64 percent of normal, down from 72 percent in early 1990. Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah also reported further declines from the below-normal reserves of last year.

On a brighter note, Arizona reported a substantial increase in stored water from the 50 percent of normal it had in 1990. Water storage levels in Colorado, New Mexico, and Washington have remained well above normal.

The drought is having serious effects on agriculture and the environment. In contrast to dryland acreage, irrigated cropland — which relies more on stored water than on recent precipitation — is sometimes shielded from the true severity of a drought. However, prolonged dry spells affect irrigated production through reduced water storage levels.

Study finds chemicals foul Mississippi River

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farm runoff contaminated the Mississippi River and its tributaries with weed killing chemicals last spring, often exceeding federal drinking water standards, the government said Wednesday.

The U.S. Geological Survey said all of 146 water samples collected at eight Midwest locations contained atrazine, used by farmers to control weeds in corn fields. The chemical causes kidney and liver problems and may cause cancer in adults.

In 27 percent of the samples, levels of atrazine exceeded levels allowed by the Environmental Protection Agency in drinking water, officials said.

Three-fourths of the samples, taken from the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio Rivers as well as three smaller tributaries, also contained the herbicides alachlor, cyanazine and metolachlor.

Don Golsby, a senior author of the report, said that it was significant that atrazine concentrations were found to exceed maximum levels continuously for several weeks in rivers as large as the Missouri and Mississippi.

The rivers drain areas of more than a half million square miles, he said.

The report said samples taken from April through June "indicate a sharp increase in concentrations of the herbicides following their application to croplands in April and May." Heavy rain in the Midwest "flushed the chemicals into streams."

Studies in 1989 and 1991 showed that the contamination levels decreased in the fall.

"Actual drinking water may have

considerably lower levels, however, if treated through a carbon filter or mixed with noncontaminated water, officials said.

But the Natural Resources Defense Council responds by calling for tougher federal controls on agricultural runoff as Congress debates changes in the Clean Water Act.

"These findings have troubling implications for drinking water supplies in the nation's heartland," said attorney Erik Olson, who represents the council, a privately funded environmentalist group.

He said most cities do not treat water to remove pesticides before it reaches household taps.

The council has called on the EPA and Agriculture Departments to require significant reductions in the use of pesticides and herbicides in agriculture whenever possible to prevent groundwater and surface water contamination.

The samples were taken from three locations on the Mississippi River (at Clinton, Iowa, Thebes, Ill., and Baton Rouge, La.) and at single locations on the Ohio River (Grand Chain, Ill.), Missouri River (Hermans, Mo.), White River (Hazelton, Ind.), Platte River (Louisville, Neb.), and Illinois River (Valley City, Ill.).

It said atrazine concentrations were above the maximum levels of 3 parts per billion allowed by the EPA in drinking water for about a month at the sampling locations on the lower Missouri River, the White River, the Platte River and the Illinois River. The contamination levels also were above federal standards for shorter periods of time in some samples found at two of the Mississippi River locations.

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Editorial

Sides agree: GATT plan has big problems

It would seem that American agriculture is in general agreement on the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs; it stinks.

And it appears that the aggressive efforts of farm organizations have paid off for the moment as GATT talks between the United States and Europe have broken off because neither side was willing to offer its farmers in sacrifice to "free trade."

But already there's a new proposal on the table that attempts to bridge the gap between the two sides.

Before the collapse last week, several conservative farm organizations, including American Farm Bureau Federation, began saying what National Farmers Union and Idaho Sugar Beet Growers have been saying for 18 months or longer — this round of GATT negotiations appeared to be aimed straight at American agriculture.

But can agriculture fight off this threat? It did last week, but how long will the victory last?

Many groups feared from the beginning that U.S. agriculture would be sold out by the Bush Administration on GATT. Now many other groups are realizing that Chicken Little may have been right.

Among those objecting last week were American Meat Institute, National Cattlemen's Association, National Corn Growers Association, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, National Milk Producers Federation, National Pork Producers Council, Northwest Horticultural Council, U.S. Sugar Industry and Western Growers Association.

The hang-up last week was a proposed flat-rate reduction in export subsidies of agricultural commodities. Under the plan then in circulation, all GATT signers would reduce their subsidies by 35 percent over a six-year period.

But our biggest agricultural competitors subsidize agricultural exports far more heavily than we do. According to the National Farmers Union, if the reduction is based on expenditures alone, the Europeans will be able to maintain higher subsidy levels, and therefore have an advantage over the United States.

Now GATT director-general Arthur Dunkel is proposing export subsidy reductions of 36 percent, and the actual tonnage reductions of subsidized farm produce of 24 percent. The base used to calculate the cuts would be the average subsidies over the period 1986-1990.

Domestic farm support levels may be sliced by a similar amount. But U.S. farmers have already taken big cuts in the past five years while many of our trading partners' farmers have not.

But the biggest fear is for the safety of the food supply. The United States has a well-educated consumer population that continuously demands clean, safe food. But under proposed GATT rules, importers could bring products treated with DDT into the United States.

Our senators have already gotten the message — Sen. Larry Craig and Sen. Steve Symms have both voiced their opposition to the earlier GATT proposals.

When those two Republicans are on the same side as National Farmers Union, you know the issue at hand must be bad news.

Voters should keep the pressure on lawmakers to demand that Bush negotiate a fair deal for farmers.

And if no fair deal comes out of GATT, we can only hope that farmers and ranchers can muster enough opposition in the Congress to defeat it.

There's more to the U.S. grain deal for republics than money

The Department of Agriculture has again sharply reduced its estimate of this year's grain harvest in the former Soviet Union, to an ominously low 175 million metric tons.

Contrast that with last year's near-record output of 235 million tons — which itself wasn't enough to prevent localized food shortages — and you have some idea of how bad things have become. Agricultural output is regularly undercut by shortages of harvesting equipment and labor, poor transportation facilities, inadequate storage capacity and widespread theft.

As a result, much of what is grown never reaches consumers. The increasing fear, as winter closes in, is that food shortages could ignite widespread unrest, threatening nascent democratic institutions.

It is this concern that underlies the Bush administration's approval of a \$1.4 billion food aid package for the republics.

Most of that aid — \$1.25 billion worth — consists of government guarantees for commercial loans to buy American grain. In a unique arrangement, most of the 12 remaining republics have agreed to be responsible for repayment.

The package also provides a \$165 million grant to buy American food, the first free food sent to the republics since Herbert Hoover oversaw a \$20 million famine relief effort 70 years ago that was credited with saving hundreds of thousands of Russian lives.

The new package follows earlier provision of \$2.5 billion in food credits to the republics, nearly all of which has now been used up. A half-billion in credit guarantees are to be made immediately available, with the rest spread out over three months early next year.

Under the latest agreement each of the republics that pledges to make good on the loan will receive specified amounts of food. This is not just a reward for underwriting debt repayment, but a deliberate move to avoid giving what remained of Soviet central authority control over the distribution process.

The administration is characterizing the food-aid package as an instance of domestic rather than foreign aid, good for American farmers and thus good for the U.S. economy. So of course it will be. But this has not silenced complaints that the United States shouldn't concern itself with feeding the hungry abroad when there are plenty of hungry at home.

That there are hungry and homeless in the United States remains a national embarrassment, demanding a practical and compassionate response of a scope no one has yet offered.

And the American foreign policy establishment to support and protect

Trying to help feed the hungry in the former Soviet Union ... seeks to head off the kind of civil chaos that could ... easily produce a revival of authoritarianism ... threatening hostility toward the outside world.

national interests — cannot be put on hold pending the perfection of domestic policy.

Trying to help feed the hungry in the former Soviet Union is not just

humane but, in a wholly legitimate way, nationally self-serving. It seeks to head off the kind of civil chaos that could — especially in a country that has known little but despotic rule — easily produce a revival of authoritarianism and a return to a stance of threatening hostility toward the outside world.

There's no certainty that U.S. food and technical aid will assure stability in the Soviet republics. But there's a good chance that without it, civil unrest will grow and political repression will return.

... There's no need to apologize for an action that serves the American national interest, as the food effort so clearly does.

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January workshop offers credits for pesticide applicators

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JEROME - Pesticide applicators and conservationists will have an opportunity to update their expertise at a farming workshop being sponsored by the North Side Soil Conservation District.

Two pesticide applicator credits will be offered to those attending the workshop set for 9-11 a.m. Jan. 15 in the Jerome

County courthouse basement meeting room.

Commercial and private applicators need these credits to stay licensed, Jim Jurgens, agricultural analyst with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, said.

Commercial applicators need 40 credits every five years, but are allowed to acquire no more than 15 credits per year. Private applicators, or growers, need 15

credits in five years with no more than six credits earned per year.

The restriction on the number of credits per year is maintained so applicators will be required to obtain updated education on a continual basis, Jurgens said.

Those applicators who do not obtain adequate credits are required to take a very difficult re-certification test before they can be re-licensed, he said.

Guest speaker at the workshop will be Dr. Dave Carter from the Agriculture Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The program will also include a panel discussion by local farmers Calvin Jones, Greg Juchau, Dewitt Marshall, and Bill Rogers.

A video on pest management and conservation will be viewed by attendees.

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Plant protection seminar, Quality Inn, Pocatello.

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Idaho Water Users Association, Annual Convention, Red Lion Riverside Inn, Boise.

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Idaho Irrigation Equipment Show, 9-5, Nampa convention center. No charge.

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American Farm Bureau, Kansas City

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TF Canal Company Stockholders Meeting, 10 a.m., Room 108, Aspen Votch Bldg, at CSI.

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Improving Swine Production Efficiency 1 Videoconference, Telstar 301, Transponder 10V, Channel 19 or on G-STAR 4, Transponder 12. Check with extension county offices for site locations.

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Idaho Horse Council Legislative Reception, IB&T Center, Boise.

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Idaho Fertilizer and Chemical Conference, Boise Convention Center.

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FarmFest
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Idaho Feed & Grain Assn. annual meeting, Red Lion, Riverside, Boise.

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Food Producers of Idaho annual meeting, Holiday Inn, Boise.

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Human Rights Day

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Wagon rides with draft horses will make you sing

By Terrell Williams
AG Weekly correspondent

FAIRFIELD — "The girls." They have given names — Belle and Daisy — but everyone just calls them "the girls" and they are the main attraction at Hidden Paradise Ranch.

The girls are draft horses, full sisters of a Percheron and Belgian cross. They weigh a ton apiece and their main job is pulling a wagon load of ranch guests through the hills.

"There's nothing better than to go riding in the snow in the moonlight," ranch manager Lois VanHoover said.

"Everyone gets a wonderful singing voice, sort of like getting in the shower."

Nine miles northwest of Fairfield, Hidden Paradise Ranch sprawls across 4,000 acres of farmland and sage covered hills. In addition to being a cattle ranch, it is a guest ranch with an elegant lodge, 19 guest homes, nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, fishing ponds, a swimming pool and a hot tub.

Wintertime guests skate on frozen ponds, ski cross-country, slide on inner tubes and ride snowmobiles. After a day of downhill skiing on Soldier Mountain, they can ski down the backside of Soldier and be home at the ranch in time for dinner.

"Almost every day of the year — weather permitting — driver Don Meyer hitches the girls to a flatbed wagon with straw bale benches and they go for a work-out at a brisk trot around the ranch."

"We use the girls quite a bit," Meyer said. "Some weekends, we use them continually."

"There's something about riding on a wagon that everybody loves," he said.

In warmer months, dudes ride saddle horses and the girls pull the ranch chuckwagon into the hills for a dutch oven supper.

"They go uphill just like an old tractor," Meyer said. "You ain't going to break no speed records, but they can haul a pretty good load."

VanHoover said the wagon holds about 26 people, plus 11 bales of straw.

"There's probably close to three ton on the wagon," she figured. "That's a pretty good load for the girls."

The team also pulls a feed wagon to spread hay in the pastures, takes groups of school children for wagon rides and, come spring, might get to make a trip into town

if they've been good.

Meyer said he feeds each of the girls about 50 pounds of hay and a gallon of grain per day, plus extra rations when they work all day or temperatures drop extremely low.

For shelter, each horse has a stall in a huge barn built of massive logs. Tongue-and-groove knotty pine and plate glass windows high above a front entrance wide enough to house a helicopter.

As he put the harnesses on slowly and methodically, Meyer talked to Daisy, age 5, and Belle, age 7, as if they were human, saying, "Please move over... Thank you... Stand still, please."

"They understand me," he explained. "They know when they're in trouble."

After the girls are hitched to the wagon and Meyer has warmed them up circling a field, passengers are taken on for a sunny afternoon ride.

"I just like to show off my girls," Meyer said as he drove the eager team with a tight rein up a snowy road. "To me, this is kind of like a lost art. You just don't see people driving a wagon, unless go to a rodeo or something."

For an hour on a peaceful, motorless trip, hooves crunched through the snow in a steady beat as the wagon creaked softly. Meyer kept a lookout for the deer, antelope, eagles and coyotes that live here, but this day they stayed out of sight.

These horses always are held to a trot or walk, the driver explained, because running the horses tends to make them too wild for pulling passengers.

After a scenic circle through the hills, around fields and then back on an icy road, Meyer tied the steaming girls to their hitching post at the barn.

He lets them stand an hour to rest and cool, then unhitches them, and washes their coats. "I give them a bath every time I'm done working them," Meyer said. "If you don't get the dirt off, they'll start losing their hair."

"It's mighty cold some nights, but I stay out here and wash them off," he continued. "I get the dirt and sweat off their hair and put them in the barn if it's cold of if the wind is blowing."

On warm days, the girls like to stand in the sun to dry, Meyer said. "They just love their baths, especially in the summer," he added. "I'm always babying them. They're just big spoiled girls."

Don Meyer drives a hay wagon, driven by 'the girls,' on daily rounds at Hidden Paradise Ranch northwest of Fairfield.



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Rural resident considers owning lifeline

I ran out of gas the other day, five miles from home in the middle of nowhere with my 3-year-old son and a trunk full of groceries.

You probably heard me yelling. I decided, while I was walking home with a carton of milk in one hand and my kid slung across my back, that I definitely need a carphone.

Then I thought, who would I have called? Scott was out delivering stray cows to a neighbor, and cab companies don't come to my neck of the woods. Actually, cab companies probably couldn't find my neck of the woods without a sextant and a map of the solar system.

I have a cartoon drawing by Gary Larson taped to my refrigerator. It shows a cowboy standing in a field next to a cow, talking on a phone that's been installed in the cow's hip. It's captioned, "The modern cowboy and his cowphone."

We need one of these. I can never get a hold of Scott when I need him. I believe he



**Suzanne Huxthold
Clover Creek**

likes it that way, but I think we should be in constant contact. Reach out and nag someone, that's my motto.

We need a carphone and a cowphone. We also need a tractorophone, a horsephone and a line that runs right to the Bliss Country Store, where the guys stop for sunflower seeds and the latest gossip. It sounds excessive, I know, but I come from a long line of yuppie carphone enthusiasts, and they assure me I'm not going overboard here.

Sometimes Scott is out of earshot for days at a time. He and the boys will go up to Soldier Mountain to fix fences or so-called nonsense and I can't get in touch with him about ANYTHING. Even important stuff, like nuclear war (if it ever came up,

just say) and messages from his mother, and me, in the cold, running out of gas.

Can you imagine what it must have been like for the pioneers? Can you imagine sending Pa up to the store for supplies and not being able to call him to remind him to pick up that wagon wheel you were having fixed at O.K. Wagon Wheels?

Those people were out of contact in a major way. They didn't have phones or telex machines or computer modems. They wrote letters, for God's sake, and in those days letters were delivered by guys on PONIES.

Babies were grown by the time birth announcements made it to grandma and grandpa. And can you imagine how early you'd have to send Christmas cards?

I knew an old lady whose husband left her in Yugoslavia for SEVEN years while he came to the United States to look for work. Seven years with no word. No phone call, no fax, nothing. How in heaven's name did he expect her to tell him what to

wear and when to shave and how to act in front of company when he didn't even call her?

She told me she understood that it was important for the family that he go to America to look for a better life. Sure. My guess is she probably spent the rest of their lives together saying things like, "What, there are no phones in America?" and "You were so busy you couldn't pick up a phone once in a while?" and, "For all I knew, you could have been lying in a ditch somewhere."

If my man didn't call me for seven years I'd have him declared legally dead and sell all his possessions and move to Hawaii.

Anyway, I'm campaigning for a carphone. I need one. After all, for all Scott knew today, I could've been lying in a ditch somewhere.

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

Ranch to be preserved for cattle, trails, wildlife

SEATTLE (AP) — The largest unincorporated property in the Methow Valley was purchased Monday by the state Department of Wildlife for \$5.6 million.

The land purchased was the Big Valley Ranch, owned by Harold and Tina Heath, and located between Mazama and Winthrop along the North Cascades Highway. It is 10 miles from the area where the proposed Early Winters destination ski resort has been planned.

The area is an important migratory corridor for mule and whitetail deer moving from upper elevations to lower elevations in the winter.

The hearty Methow River is also a steelhead spawning ground and the area also contains grouse and waterfowl.

The 845-acre parcel will continue to operate as a cattle ranch, and as a home and migratory corridor for big game, rather than be developed for residential and resort use.

Money for the purchase came from the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, which is headed by former Gov. Dan Evans and former U.S. Rep. Bill Lowry. Evans called the purchase a landmark "of a remarkable coalition in the history of the state."

The group is made up of environmental, hunting, fishing, business and labor groups who are working together to buy open space and wildlife habitat. "We're not going to let growth manage us," Lowry said. "We're going to manage growth."

Wildlife director Curt Smith said the state is losing 30,000 acres in wildlife habitat each year. "This is another indication that we don't want to be like California."

The coalition, a non-profit organization, received \$113 million from the Legislature to acquire land for parks, wildlife, trails and water access.

The property will remain a cattle ranch, alfalfa field and woodland on the edge of the Methow River, but will offer public access to national forest trails for hiking and cross-country skiing.

"One prospective buyer for the ranch had envisioned developing a

plush destination resort, with condominiums, a golf course, hotel, spa, and possibly a polo club.

The area is also home to moose, black bears, cougars, bald and golden eagles, great horned owls, barred owls, ospreys, blue herons and kingfishers.

Jerome baker does it all from scratch

By H.R. Weisel
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME — Baking everything from scratch is still being done by a local farmer's wife.

Farming southwest of Jerome, the Carl Bean family and neighbors have enjoyed Susie Bean's "made from scratch" warm bread, apple cake and all kinds of pies, for more than 50 years.

"I had to learn to use what I had and it worked," Susie said as she told of learning to bake bread as a teenager.

The local chef is well-known throughout the area for her gifts of goodies made in her kitchen. She recently spent two days baking 200 rolls for a community Thanksgiving dinner in Jerome.

She shares two of her favorite bread rolls:

OKLAHOMA YEAST DOUGH
Sauté 1 1/4 cup instant potatoes (the real fine kind) and 3/4 cup shortening in 2 cups hot water. Set aside until lukewarm.

Sprinkle 3 packages dry yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar into 1 cup lukewarm water. Set aside for 10 minutes or more until yeast starts to "work."

Mix in large bowl:
2 cups flour
3/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup powdered milk
1 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons baking powder
Add skimming hot water and instant potato mix and stir until smooth.
Add 2 slightly beaten eggs and blend well.
Add yeast mixture. Beat until smooth.

Mix in small amounts of flour until you have a soft dough (6-8 cups flour). Turn out on floured counter and knead until smooth. Put in greased bowl and let rise until double in size. Punch down and shape into small rolls. Put in greased pans and let rise. Bake at 325 degrees about 20 minutes or until brown.

Roonack Rolls
Scald 1 cup milk
Add: 1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon margarine
Cool to lukewarm.
In separate large bowl:

Sprinkle 2 packages Fleischmann's yeast into 1 cup very warm water until dissolved.

Beat until smooth.
Add: Lukewarm milk mixture
3 beaten eggs
4 1/2 cups sifted flour
Mix in about 4 1/2 cups sifted flour until dough cleans sides of bowl.

Turn out on lightly floured board. Knead until smooth and elastic-about 10 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease all sides. Cover and let rise until double in bulk-about 1 hour.

Roll out 1/2 dough about 3/8 inch thick. Cut into 2 1/2 inch circles, grease heavily through center with dull edge of knife, brush lightly with melted margarine. Fold over so edges meet, seal. Place close together with rolls touching in greased pans. Cover. Let rise in warm place until doubled in bulk about 1 hour.

Bake at 350 degrees, about 20 to 25 minutes. Brush golden brown buns with melted margarine.

Susie and Carl Bean live in a house they built from a barracks formerly located at the Hunt Japanese Internment Camp near Eden after their first home burned to the ground.

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Wheat ornaments grace Smithsonian Christmas tree

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — Shirley Beaudet left a touch of the Tri-Cities at the Smithsonian Institution for Christmas.

The Kennewick wheat weaver is one of eight people — and the only Northwest representative — from the National Wheat Weavers Association who traveled to Washington, D.C., to decorate the Smithsonian's 12-foot Christmas tree.

Beaudet's contributions to the tree were two handcrafted swans and several friendship rings. Smithsonian representatives asked the wheat weavers to decorate a tree in 1981. It has since become an annual event with new and different wheat ornaments added each year, Beaudet said.

"I'll never get a chance to do this again. I can't wait to go," she said before the trip.

Wheat weaving has been Beaudet's forte for nine years.

Her home houses a bounty of wheat "fashioned" into hearts, swans, fans, dolls and other unusual designs.

But, she said, her creations are not unique although she adds her own touch, with ribbons or dried flowers.

"Everything I do is a re-creation of something I've seen," she said.

Wheat is plentiful in the Mid-Columbia region, but she does not use local grain.

"Around here the stalks are too short and the spikes too long," Beaudet said.

Fertilizer used for growing the grain makes the plant grow the mealer spike with a stunted stalk and weaving is done with stalks, she said, so most of her supply is purchased from the Midwest, Arizona or Canada. A large box of durum wheat costs her \$4 a pound.

She has a studio for her craft but she prefers to putter at the dining-room table, she said. A sheaf of wheat becomes more pliable as it soaks in a long, rec-



AP Laserphoto

Shirley Beaudet twists and twirls stalks of wheat in her Kennewick, Wash., home. Beaudet is the only Northwest representative of the National Wheat Weavers Association to decorate the Smithsonian's 12-foot tree.

angular tub on the kitchen counter.

Water splatters the table — or anyone standing nearby — as she twirls the stalks into a seven-plait weave.

She has the ability to talk and work at the same time without watching what she's doing, or missing a stroke.

Wheat is scattered across the table and floor as she spins and interlaces the gold strands of grain.

Beaudet said she weaves for fun, not profit, though she tries to break even.

"My husband says he has to work so I can keep weaving," she said.

Food specialist welcomes changes in food labeling

Idaho Extension Service

MOSCOW — Recently proposed changes in food labeling requirements could provide an opportunity for food manufacturers to take a leading role in educating consumers about good eating practices. A University of Idaho food safety specialist says.

"It's really an exciting time," said Marilyn Swanson, a professor in the University's Margaret Ritchie School of Home Economics. "This could make a big difference in the health of Americans."

The proposed changes aim to make nutritional labels "clear and useful, so that Americans can make informed choices to improve their health and well being." Health and Human Services secretary Louis Sullivan said.

"We must restore the credibility of the food label."

The changes are required by the Nutrition Labeling and Education Act of 1990. The law makes labeling mandatory for all processed foods and calls for voluntary label-

ing of all seafood and commonly consumed fruits and vegetables. It also requires "the Food and Drug Administration to define nutritional terms such as "light," "low fat" and "reduced calories."

"They are not going to allow people to claim things like 'no cholesterol peanut butter, because no peanut butter has cholesterol,'" Swanson said. "It's going to really force food manufacturers to clean up their act. It's going to force the industry to be more responsible."

According to Swanson, the federal government reviewed "10 health claims" and gave its blessing to four: the relationship between calcium and osteoporosis, the relationship between sodium and high blood pressure, the relationship between lipids and cancer, and the relationship between lipids and coronary heart disease. Two other health claims — the relationship between fiber and cancer, and the relationship between fiber and coronary heart disease — are still under review, she said.

Former migrant now helps workers with legal problems

By Dave Moritz
Knight-Ridder News Service

Mauveur Pierre beat the odds.

The 30-year-old once labored anonymously in fields across the Southeast, now helps migrant workers with legal problems.

Pierre, who works for the Florida Rural Legal Services in Belle Glade, Fla., came to the United States in 1980 in a tiny boat full of people from impoverished Haiti. For the past three years, Pierre has worked as a go-between for the state of Florida and the thousands of Haitian immigrants who toil there as migrant workers.

Because of his diligence and skill in helping the people he works with, Pierre has been nominated for the prestigious Reebok Human Rights Award. The award, established in 1988, honors young human rights activists around the world. An annual \$100,000 award is divided among national and international recipients.

Very few people, Pierre admits, rise above the hardships of migrant life to pursue other careers. "I feel very fortunate," he said. "I knew no English when I came here."

After arriving in Miami, Pierre did what most of his shipmates did. He found work cutting sugar cane and picking tomatoes, oranges and cucumbers, often for pay below minimum wage. He worked in Florida, the Carolinas and Virginia. He said long bus rides, filthy dwellings, poor food and bad

bosses led him to dream of another kind of work. He began buying English grammar books and little by little learned to communicate in a new language.

Through a program sponsored by the state of Florida, he enrolled in school. He also was helped by some men at the Haitian Catholic Center in Belle Glade. Pierre left migrant work in 1986 to work for the Washington-based Farmworker Justice Fund. He also worked as a valet for the Palm-Beach Polo Club and assisted the Catholic Center in helping farm workers who had disputes with sugar companies.

His skills impressed Mary Ellen Beaver, a paralegal who now works with him, and he was hired by Florida Rural Legal Services in 1988 to assist migrant laborers.

Washington pears again head south

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Mexico is once again allowing the unrestricted entry of Washington pears.

An agreement reached Wednesday will permit sales to Mexico, which buys a third of Washington's fresh crop of winter pears, until March 30 while negotiations on import standards continue.

Mexico decided to stop issuing new import licenses for pears and most stone fruits early this month, claiming fear of the Asian fruit moth.

Mexico has become Washing-

ton's largest market for winter pears, with 950,000 cartons sold there during the 1990-91 marketing year. Sweden is second with 500,000 cartons, according to the Yakima Fruit Growers-Shippers Association.

Manager Keith Mathews said the total crop this year is 2.7 million cartons.

Bill Bryant, vice president of the Northwest Horticultural Council, a Yakima group that works to keep international markets open for regional fruit and vegetable

will begin in January. "This has provided us a little breathing room," Bryant said after hearing the results of a conference call between U.S. quarantine officials and their counterparts in Mexico.

The controversy began when Mexican inspectors found an insect in a box of California pears in October.

The moth lays its eggs on the fruit and leaves and the larva feeds on the woody tips or burrs of the developing fruit to feed

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Amish fight Illinois plan to put bike path through farmland

By Hugh Dellos
 Chicago Tribune

ARTHUR, Ill. — The merchants and outdoorsmen who want a bicycle trail built through the flat farmland of eastern Illinois are finding they have a wider chasm to bridge than the Kaskaskia River valley that winds through the area.

Their plan to attract bicyclists, some of whom would arrive in skintight Lycra outfits riding sleek, high-tech machines, is not sitting well with the humble, plain-clothed Amish farmers who ply the roads in horse-drawn buggies.

But it's not the visitors who keep on riding that worry the Amish, nor those who stop to buy some of their wares, but the curious ones who will stop, stare and interfere with their lives.

Some members of the Old Order Amish sect, which limits contact with fast-peddling modern society and many of its innovations, are fighting the state's plans to convert an abandoned 30-mile stretch of railroad bed into a public path through the heart of Illinois Amish country about 150 miles south of Chicago.

In so doing, the Amish have written a new subplot into the 20-year-old script of state officials wrangling with farmers and other landowners to put bicycles and nature paths where locomotives formerly crisscrossed the state.

The state has been fighting Farm Bureau officials over bike paths since the 1970s, with opponents raising concerns about vandalism, liability for pesticide use and the threat of government land grabbing. But this time, the state also faces formidable religious and cultural hurdles.

Although Amish tradesmen ad-

'We're scared of this. We've got too much publicity as it is. We don't need more tourism whatsoever.'

— Henry Shrock,
 Amish farmer

vertise in tourism brochures, some say they already have enough visitors, more than 105,000 a year, gawking at them. They think their people, laboring in the fields behind draft horses or hitching up their surreys in front of a town shop, could be the bike trail's main attraction.

Following Christian teachings of simplicity and humility that hark back to the Reformation of the 1500s, the Amish don't like to draw attention to themselves and never pose for photos. Nor do they ride bicycles for pleasure.

In a highly unusual move for the traditionally passive Amish, the community's 18 bishops signed a petition against the bike path earlier this year. One of the 18, Eli Schlabbach, has joined with area Farm Bureau officials and Amish farmers in venting angry opposition.

"We're scared of this," said Henry Shrock, an Amish farmer leading against the doorway of his home last week, looking out to where he bought and leveled a piece of the old railroad berm so he could plant corn on it. "We've got too much publicity as it is. We don't need more tourism whatsoever."

The dilemma has put state officials in a bind. On one hand, they

would be foolhardy not to follow up on plans to develop the trail after spending \$325,000 this year to buy the bulk of the former Penn Central Corp. right of way between Lovington and Oakland.

But if they cannot calm the Amish fears, they may appear insensitive to the community if they push ahead. For that reason, state officials, some of whom concede that they have been a little overzealous about the trail, have "landbanked" the project and are moving slowly on plans to develop it.

Last month, the Conservation Department sent letters to the farmers, promising to address their many concerns and not promote the trail as an Amish sightseeing path. "Insensitive? I don't think we are. We certainly respect their beliefs," said Greg Fleischn, an executive assistant to Gov. Jim Edgar who has taken a lead role on the issue.

Illinois' Amish community, now numbering about 3,000, has worked hard to isolate itself from the corrupting pressures of the outside world since the end of the Civil War, when several families arrived from Pennsylvania, looking for good land to farm.

But high birthrates and a shortage of available land for their sons have forced them to adopt tastes, such as cabinetmaking and technology, such as telephones, that increase interaction and lead to a constant battle between a life devoted to faith and worship and "worldly" distractions.

According to Schlabbach, they fear that the bike trail will be another step toward the commercialism that has disrupted larger Amish communities in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Farmers consider pungent garlic

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Garlic — renowned for its effect on food and renowned for its effect on food breath — may soon be sweetening the wallets of Eastern Washington farmers.

Rising national demand for garlic prompted Haas Foods, Inc. to build a garlic dehydration plant in the small town of Ontario, California.

The plant will open in a few weeks, and Washington farmers are studying whether to plant the pungent plant.

Area extension agents recently held a workshop in Yakima to educate growers on the potential for turning garlic into dollars.

"We had more inquiries about garlic than about corn, beans, cucumbers or any other crop in Oregon," said Bill Massey, a specialist with Oregon State University

who led the discussion in a room packed with more than 50 people.

"There is a potential for garlic that we didn't even think about," Mansour said.

He noted that garlic has been around for centuries and is mentioned in the Bible.

"Moses ate the stuff. Maybe that's why they kicked him out of Egypt," Mansour said.

In addition to scaring away vampires and unwanted suitors, garlic has some 109 medicinal uses, Mansour said. It is said to help everything from low blood sugar to excessive blood clotting to snakebites. "There is a market for this whether we think it is holy or not," Mansour said.

Haas Foods is looking at a slightly different market. It wants to produce dehydrated garlic for the industrial food pro-

cessing industry, to be used as an additive in soups, sauces, potato chips and other foods.

People in the United States are changing their eating habits, demanding more ethnic foods and also spicier foods, said Fraser Hawley, president of Haas Foods in Lake Oswego, Ore.

"The American palate is getting away from being as bland as it used to be," Hawley said. "There is a 98 percent growth in the use of onion and garlic by industry in the last decade. The trend is continuing."

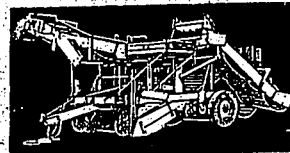
Dehydrated onion and garlic are also becoming more popular as a substitute for salt, Hawley said.

The company is seeking about 20 growers to contract for large acreages of garlic, he said.

The dehydrated garlic market is currently served by four companies in California.

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Family struggles to maintain legacy

ABERDEEN (AP) — Stepping over the makeshift gate, Tom Stroschein entered the corral that once held his livestock. As he walked through the tall grass once tamed by hundreds of sheep but now allowed to grow wild, he recalled how his grandfather began the Aberdeen homestead so many years ago.

But—times are difficult. The family farms are disappearing and Stroschein believes the only way to keep them going is for producers to unite in farming organizations.

"I guess that is why I am a member of the National Farmers Union," he said. "We really try to hang on to that family farm."

His grandfather was pretty successful, Stroschein said. He helped put in the canal system here and operated his own alfalfa seed house.

He used to clean his own seed and shipped it all over the United States.

Stroschein followed in his footsteps, at one time, operating one of the biggest sheep ranches in southeastern Idaho.

After graduating from college, Stroschein returned to his roots and talked his father into adding to his 300 head of sheep and 400 acres of prime farm land.

The two incorporated, and, over a 15-year period, Stroschein more than doubled his dad's operation, increasing the original flock to 6,500 breeding ewes and his father's farm to 900 acres.

However, like so many other farmers across the country during the early 80s, hard times hit the Stroscheins.

The bottom fell out of the lamb market

'I don't know what the figure is, but you look in this area and I'll bet two-thirds of the farmers in this area, the wives are either teaching school or doing something outside the home and if they aren't, the husbands are working at a second job during the winter.'

— Tom Stroschein, Aberdeen area farmer

and, with no other choice, Stroschein sold what was left of his herd in 1984.

"It was my first love, but it just wasn't making any money," he said. But, somehow, Stroschein found a way to survive those turbulent 80s. He did it by taking the 400 acres of pasture and 500 acres of alfalfa feed and transformed the land into pay dirt, growing wheat, potatoes, barley, sugar beets and seed peas.

But hard times have hit again and, this time, Stroschein is not sure if he will recover. Although he received a slight profit from his wheat crop this year, the price of potatoes has devastated his farm.

"I had a buyer here and he was offering \$2.30 a hundredweight for my potatoes. It cost me about \$4.50 to grow them. I can't live on that and if it doesn't get any better, I won't be doing this any more after next year," he said.

The same story is being repeated throughout America's heartland as farmers and ranchers hang up their overalls and call it quits. But, with the chaotic times, Stroschein said he has no idea what a family farm is any more.

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you look in this area and I'll bet two-thirds of the farmers in this area, the wives are either teaching school or doing something outside the home and if they aren't, the husbands are working at a second job during the winter," he said.

Also, Stroschein said because of the economic pressures he has seen an increase in divorces and broken homes in farming families. "I've seen three suicides around here since 1985 out of desperation that the world had come to an end for them."

He faults a federal government that no longer listens to the cry of the farmer. But he also places blame on the farmers themselves.

"I guess, we as farmers have to share part of the problem," he said. "We don't have any one farm organization as a whole for the farmers. We are scattered in all kinds of groups from the cattlemen's group to the wool growers, the grain producers to the Farm Bureau to the Farmers Union to the NFO to the Grange."

"If we could speak in one voice, maybe our government would be more responsive," he said.

Stroschein believes, eventually, the NFLU, NFO, the American Agriculture Movement and the Grange will consolidate. But, he stressed, a farming organization cannot work if it does not attract young farmers.

"I certainly believe some of us old timers stay too long. We need new ideas, with some of the guidance of the older ones," he said.

However, currently, the average age of the farmer is 55 and, Stroschein fears there will be no one to take over the family farm.

"Even my own son, who loved the sheep business when he was growing up, said he would not take over the business," he said. "The economic stress he has watched us go through the last several years with higher input costs and lower commodity prices has caused him to look elsewhere."

Who will be tomorrow's farmer?

"I don't know, but I don't believe corporations can feed this country," Stroschein said. They are not that efficient, he said, but if left to take over, the price of food is going to soar.

However, even with the hardships Stroschein has seen, he still believes farming is best way of life.

"You can watch the sun go up and the sun go down. I guess that is why I'm hanging in here. But even if things don't improve I still plan on watching that sunset and sunrise. I found out 7 years ago there was life after sheep and I guess there will still be a life after farming."

Blacks switch crops in fights to keep farms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black farmers are turning to alternative crops, catfish and dairy goats as they struggle to hold on to small patches of land across the South — to generations of tradition, as well.

The effort to reverse the black exodus from farming is fragile; some officials fear it may not withstand light government budgets and what they perceive as indifference in Congress and federal agencies.

"Right now, we are scratching real hard to maintain level funding. We could make a tremendous impact in terms of blacks not only maintaining their land, but making it more productive for them, the state and the nation," says Hoover Carden of Prairie View A&M University in Texas.

Prairie View, one of the predominantly black land grant universities created in 1890, is helping black farmers diversify into dairy, poultry, turkey, sheep, and water buffalo for watering livestock and raising catfish, and to lessen the need for herbicides or fertilizers.

"Someone has to help us do a better job selling people on how good this program is, so that's the biggest problem, a lack of understanding on the part of government officials

'Black farmers are in dire need of assistance, and unless something is done pretty rapidly, they're going to be an endangered species.'

— Obie Patterson, USDA

Carden, administrator for agricultural extension programs for small farmers in Texas.

In Oklahoma, Langston University, another land grant school created in 1890, is helping farmers raise catfish and goats.

While most farmers who benefit are white, some of the state's approximately 650 black farmers are also being helped, said C. Simpson, dean for agricultural research and extension.

The two universities are among a handful of 1890 schools that have received grants from the Farmers Home Administration to help minority farmers grow alternative crops and find new markets. The program received \$1.8 million

in 1990 and \$2 million in 1990. Another \$2 million is being sought for 1992.

FHIA also has been targeting farm ownership loans to minority farmers—since 1988—Nearly \$52 million has been loaned.

But officials fear those programs may not be enough to bring more blacks into agriculture. "Keep others on their land, with its painful reminders of poverty, slavery and sharecropping."

"There is no absolutely no hope of stabilizing the number of black farmers in this country without a major increase in the number of young blacks who enter the business or who enter it soon," said Calvin Beale, a demographer for the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service.

Beale said current efforts appear to be "too little too late. This is closing the barn door after the horse is gone. The time when they might have been effective was a generation ago, two generations ago."

Beale also said alternative farming is difficult to translate into success for large numbers of operators.

"None of it is sure fire," he said. "You can maximize a small acreage, with high value crops such

as vegetables, but you have to have markets lined up... and markets are very volatile and fragile."

The last census of agriculture, in 1987, counted 23,000 black farmers; down from a historic high of 926,000 farmers in 1920.

For white farmers, who had more education, money, and access to credit, the decline was not nearly as steep — from 5.96 million farmers at their peak in 1935 to 2.04 million in 1987.

Beale said he believes the number of black operators has continued to decline since 1987.

"Black farmers are in dire need of assistance, and unless something is done pretty rapidly they're going to be an endangered species," said Obie Patterson, president of the Forum on Blacks in Agriculture, an employee-association at USDA.

"It's the responsibility of USDA to get out and provide the training, the self-awareness, whatever it takes to enhance the black farmer and I'm not aware that it's taking place," he said.

Rep. Mike Espy, the only black member of the House Agriculture Committee, said efforts to help black farmers also have faltered in Congress and are being resisted at

the local level by some federal bureaucrats.

Espy, D-Miss., said some USDA employees in the South "think they're invulnerable to dictates from the federal level" and have paid lip service to programs designed to help minority farmers.

Espy also noted that Congress failed this year to fund a program it authorized in 1990 that would have provided \$10 million in outreach, education and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers.

Black farmers are older than the U.S. average, earn far less and tend to farm fewer acres; Beale said. The average black farm was 115 acres in 1987, compared with a national average of 462 acres. Black operators sold \$332 million of farm products out of total U.S. farmers of \$136 billion.

Years ago, the severe losses of minority farms were blamed on an outmoded sharecropping system. But in the 1960s, the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights found systematic racial discrimination in USDA programs.

Black farmers also have been displaced by a shift in the cotton crop to irrigated areas in Texas and California, and by mechanization in tobacco growing.

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