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U.S. skater Bonnie Blair is on her way to a gold medal in the 1,000-meter race in the Winter Olympics Friday. It was her second gold in the games in Albertville, France. Details, Pages B1 and B4.

Bush digs in for fight after New Hampshire

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Even if President Bush trounces Patrick Buchanan in New Hampshire, another challenger lurks ahead — former Ku Klux Klansman David Duke who first appears on a primary ballot March 7 in South Carolina.

And a strong Buchanan showing would add a genuine note of urgency to Bush efforts in Maryland and Georgia, where the president again clashes with his major challenger in primaries on March 3.

In announcing his candidacy for reelection this week, Bush said he expected to be in for a "tough fight." Even among Republicans, that fight could stretch beyond the New Hampshire primary on Tuesday.

Bush supporters have not minimized the importance of the primary. They concede privately that substantial support for Buchanan could make it harder to recover lost momentum for the Bush presidency.

A weak showing by Buchanan of 20 percent or less would allow Bush to breathe easier, turning his attention to the Democrats, although he would still have Duke to contend with.

If Buchanan wins anything approaching 40 percent, though, it will help to bogged-down in an intense party struggle and make it tougher to focus on the Democrats.

"This campaign will expand geographically if we do well in New Hampshire," says Buchanan.

Buchanan has vowed to carry on his candidacy to the Republican convention in August and is making a commitment of resources and time at least through Super Tuesday on March 10.

Beyond New Hampshire, the March 3 primaries in Maryland and Georgia become essential to Buchanan, and his campaign has been busy organizing in both states.

But aides say they doubt Buchanan will do that well in Maryland, and are focusing chiefly on Georgia — where he plans to go right after the New Hampshire vote.

Jack Thrift, a former Georgia lieutenant governor who is Buchanan's state campaign chairman, said that since the Georgia primary was moved up to March 3 from Super Tuesday "it may be far more important than George Bush would like to have it."

Buchanan's showing in Georgia will indicate the kind of support he can expect from Republicans in the South.

California farmers face cut in

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — As rain-drenched southern California braced for a major new storm, federal and state officials in Sacramento warned farmers Friday that their water allocations may be cut to record lows this year because of the severe and continuing drought.

"We've joked about needing 40 days and 40 nights of rain," said Chet Bowling, chief of the water operations branch of the Central Valley Project (CVP). "So far, we've received only about six days' worth."

The CVP, operated by the federal Bureau of Reclamation, has told farmers in the inland Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys that they will receive only 2 million acre feet of water this year, less than ever. An acre foot is 325,881 gallons of water.

A bona fide farmer the CVP customers many of them owners of vast farms, will receive no water because the bureau has agreed to divert more to cities and to preservation of wild-run salmon in the Sacramento River.

The CVP, which usually delivers 7 million acre feet to customers, delivered 4 million acre feet last year.

Officials of the State Water Project have said they will supply users, most of whom are in southern California, with 20 percent of normal delivery. The state project is a series of large reservoirs that supply southern California with water through a giant aqueduct.

State water officials underscored the warning that the drought has not disappeared. Dick Wagner, a spokesman at the California Drought Center in Sacramento, said this week's storms made only "a tiny dent" in the six-year drought and that the Sierra Nevada snowpack stood at 58 percent of normal.

The irony of continuing drought amid flood warnings was not lost on these officials, who noted that most of the rain that has fallen on southern California has wound up in the Pacific. Rain has been relatively light over the major reservoirs in northern California, which are at only one-third of capacity and have only half the amount of water usually in them at this time of year.

"We want to say keep it coming, but it's regrettable that people will suffer when it does," Bowling said. Wagner observed that a six-year drought cannot be ended by a few large storms.

Such comments offered little comfort for southern Californians, who were sandbagging eroded muddy hillsides and beachfront houses Friday in anticipation of more rain. Sandbagging was particularly extensive in Woodland Hills, west of Los Angeles, which this week has received 15 inches of rain, more than twice the amount in any of the five previous drought years.

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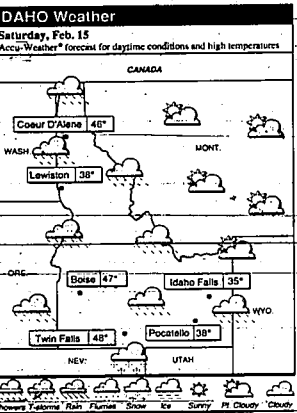
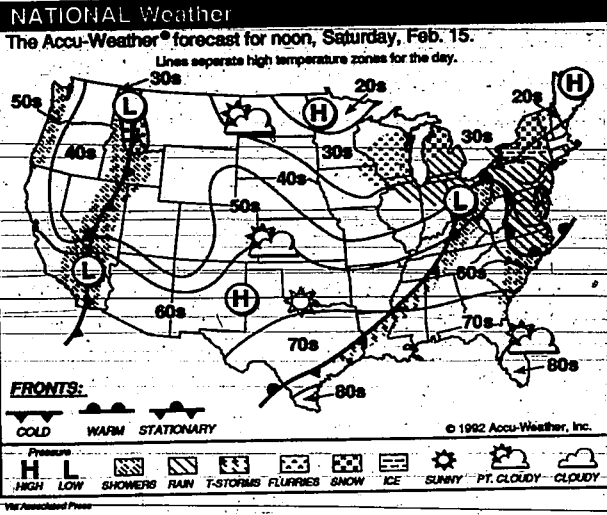
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Dallas	76	57	0.01
Denver	54	31	...
Des Moines	33	26	...
Detroit	36	31	...
Honolulu	82	73	7.74
Houston	75	67	0.03
Indianapolis	37	32	0.02
Kansas City	40	33	47
Las Vegas	58	39	...
Los Angeles	60	50	...
Miami	82	70	25
Miami Beach	75	65	...
Milwaukee	34	31	...
Minneapolis	32	26	...
New Orleans	73	60	0.04
New York	44	30	16
Oklahoma City	71	44	0.02
Omaha	36	32	28
Phoenix	68	50	...
Pittsburgh	36	33	0.07
Portland, Me.	42	27	0.02
Portland, Ore.	59	49	0.11
Reno	55	32	...
St. Louis	40	34	5.8
Salt Lake City	46	33	0.6
San Francisco	58	51	5.8
Seattle	61	41	...
Spokane	50	35	0.1
Washington	54	30	...

Weather summary

The National Weather Service says the Gem State is between storm systems.

The system that went through Thursday is now in the Great Plains and the next storm system is moving onto the Washington, Oregon and Northern California coast and will move into Idaho later today.

Lingering moisture from Thursday's storm produced some rain and snow in eastern Idaho this morning. Precipitation amounts have been very light. This moisture has produced areas of fog in eastern Idaho.

Skies were partly cloudy over the southwest while the rest of Idaho had mostly cloudy skies. Temperatures were in the 40s at the lower elevations with the upper 20s to mid-30s in the mountains.

The warmest temperature in the state Friday was 60 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the coldest at 8 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Friday, the highest temperature was 82 degrees at McAllen, Texas. The lowest was 8 degrees below zero at McAllister Falls, Minn.

Visible planets

Morning: Venus, Jupiter, Mars

New storm nears California; rain falls east of Rockies

The Associated Press

A new storm threatening to produce more heavy rain and snow began moving ashore on the West Coast on Friday, and rain and snow scattered from the Plains into the Southeast.

By midday, rain extended from southern Oregon across the northern half of California and was scattered eastward to the central Rockies, with rain changing to snow at higher elevations.

Showers and occasional thunderstorms Saturday were expected to bring more rain to southern California, which has been inundated by a series of storms since Sunday.

A winter storm warning was in effect through Saturday over the Sierra Nevada of California, and the eastern slopes of the central Sierra in Nevada including the Lake Tahoe and Truckee area. Wind was likely to gust to 60 mph or more, accompanied by 2 feet or more of snow and near-blizzard conditions, the National Weather Service said.

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. Highs 45 to 50. Southwest winds 15 mph. Tonight and Sunday cloudy with a good chance of rain. Lows in the mid-30s. Highs in the mid-40s.

CAMAS PRIME RIVER WOOD RIVER VALLEY: Today mostly cloudy with a good chance of snow. Highs in the upper 30s. Tonight and Sunday cloudy with snow likely. Lows in the mid-20s. Highs in the mid-30s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho Monday through Wednesday: Slight chance of rain or snow showers Monday and Tuesday. Increasing chance of rain and or snow showers Wednesday. Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 20s-30s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Today increasing clouds, with a chance of late afternoon rain showers. Southerly winds 15-30 mph developing. Highs in lower 50s. Tonight mostly cloudy with showers likely. Snow level below 8,000 feet late. South winds 25 mph. Lows near 40. Sunday colder with periods of snow possibly mixed with rain. Highs in the low 40s.

Elko County - Winter storm warning through today for the Lake Tahoe-Truckee area and east slopes of the central and central Sierra through today. Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers west and a chance of snow showers east tonight. Scattered snow showers north and snow likely central today into tonight. Southwest winds to 30 mph through today. Cooler Sunday with scattered snow showers. Highs today in the 40s and Sunday 30s east to low 40s west. Lows mostly 20 to 30 tonight.

Advisories for snow were in effect through Saturday for the remainder of the mountains of northern California, and for the Siskiyou and Cascade mountains of Oregon.

Winter storm watches were posted for Saturday over higher elevations of the mountains of southern California. Snow also was expected in the Washington Cascades.

Showers and occasional thunderstorms extended over the central Plains and the Mississippi Valley, changing to freezing rain over southern Iowa and northern Missouri into the eastern Dakotas.

Heavy rainfall during the six hours up to 1 p.m. EST included .89 inch at Joplin, Mo., and .073 of an inch at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Rain also extended from the western Tennessee Valley across Alabama and central Georgia.

Snow fell over southern Lower Michigan and northern central New York state.

A winter storm watch was in effect through Saturday night over southwestern Maine and southern New Hampshire.

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Education wins strong support in budget vote

BOISE (AP) - Legislative budget writers maintained their commitment to education Friday, approving more state support for higher education than the amount recommended by Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

The election-year decision by the majority on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee kept politically powerful education interests at bay.

But it also widened the gap between the less than \$1-billion total budget Republican leaders want and the actual cost of maintaining government services.

The House-Senate panel voted 13-11 for \$1.29 billion in state support for the three universities and Lewis & Clark State College. \$500,000 more than Andrus recommended.

The governor's proposed 1993 budget, while one of the tightest in decades, is based on an economic projection much more optimistic than the one lawmakers are using. Andrus has proposed spending \$16 million more than \$1 billion, while GOP leaders want to keep the budget \$2 billion below the \$1 billion mark.

A day earlier, budget writers attached the governor's \$504.9 million public school aid package. - "It's called breaking the bank two days in a row," House Speaker Tom Boyd, R-Genesee, said.

Jury deliberates fate of Milwaukee slayer

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Jeffrey Dahmer was an insane "steam-rolling killing machine" who had sex with the corpses and ate victims' flesh, his attorney told jurors Friday before they began deliberating his sanity.

"He couldn't stop killing because of a sickness he discovered, not choice," defense attorney Gerald Boyle said jurors. "He had to do what he did because he couldn't stop it. This isn't a matter of choice."

But prosecutor E. Michael McCann portrayed Dahmer as a sane, cowardly killer who sacrificed others for his sexual pleasure, drugged young males to make it easier to kill them and now merely "seeks to escape responsibility."

Boyle heard 28 witnesses testify in 12 days, got the case late in the afternoon. Later they

went back to their hotel and continued deliberations there. A court official said if they reached a verdict Friday night it wouldn't be announced until today.

The jury must decide Dahmer's sanity when he killed and dismembered 15 young males he lured to his home.

To be found insane, Dahmer must prove Dahmer suffered a "mental disease" making him either unable to know right from wrong or unable to stop killing.

If found sane, he would be sent to prison for life. An insanity verdict means he would go to a mental institution and eventually could petition for release.

If found sane on some counts, Dahmer likely would be sent to mental institution; if he were ever eligible for release, he would then be sent to prison.



Dahmer wrong or unable to stop killing.

Cards

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Retailers are responsible only for specifying tax on goods that are specifically excluded from the production exemption, such as hand tools valued at less than \$100.

Rep. Golden Linford, R-Rexburg, one of the new bill's sponsors, said the certificates would prevent tax evasion at least as well as the card system would have.

"Some people think that because they have a card, they get an exemption for everything they buy," Linford said. "We admit (this bill) probably is not perfect, but it will do the job of getting the sales tax collected equitably."

The money raised from selling the exemption cards will be refunded, he said.

Rep. Don Loveland, R-Boise, told the House that if the bill can be passed and signed into law by the end of the month, the Tax Commission will be able to notify retailers of the changes in its March newsletter. Otherwise, the commission will have to notify people via a special mailing.

Confession links suspect to Idaho holdup

NATCHEZ, Miss. (AP) - Adams County authorities created a new Orleans man Friday who admitted robbing 15 banks in at least eight states, including Idaho, officials said.

Michael Wayne Poole, 33, was apprehended after he allegedly tried to use a fake bomb to rob a Deposit Guaranty bank branch in Natchez. He was charged with bank robbery, said Chief Deputy Jerry McDaniel.

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Orburn, Sen. Brian Donestey of Boise, Rep. Leanna Lasuson of Mountain Home and Rep. Janet Jenkins of Coeur d'Alene - would establish a single state-run health insurance plan for all Idahoans.

The plan is estimated to cost more than \$1.5 billion, half again as much as the entire General Fund budget. Most of the money for the plan would come from a 6.5 percent payroll tax on employers and a 1 percent payroll tax on employees.

Those taxes would replace the premiums paid by employers and workers, Calabretta said, and make sure that everyone pays a fair share of health-care costs.

Dr. Bob Lebow, a physician at the Terry Reilly Health Services clinic in Nampa, said IdahoHealth did not constitute "socialized medicine," as in the British model, because health care providers would not become state employees and patients would be free to choose their providers.

In fact, he said, IdahoHealth would offer some patients more choice. "In this town, if you're a new Medicare patient, it's very hard to find a doctor," he said.

Lebow said several other lawmakers said IdahoHealth would reduce overall health care costs by giving everyone access to preventive care and early-detection services, such as prenatal care, and mammography.

"I see patients who should be coming in for preventive care screening - mammograms; Pap smears - who aren't because they see the preventive screening as an expense," said Dr. Diane Kaplan, who also works at Terry Reilly.

"I see people stretching their medications, especially among our Medicare patients," Kaplan said. "That means we're not adequately treating their chronic illnesses."

But Pete Skamser, Idaho director of the National Federation of Independent Business, said the payroll tax provision of IdahoHealth

Health

would have a "devastating" impact on small businesses and would not do what its backers say it would.

"You're going to create a bureaucracy that is absolutely unbelievable," Skamser told the Legislature. "We may not like our current system very much, but what I see coming out of this bill is worse."

And Don Taylor, a lobbyist for the Idaho Association of Life Underwriters, said the real problem is the rising cost of health care, not the cost of insurance.

Of all the money spent on health care in the United States, Taylor said, \$300 billion is spent on people during their last 60 days of life when expensive medical technology is most likely to be used.

Sen. Mike Blackbird, D-Kellogg, replied that if that statistic is true, it supports the IdahoHealth proposal, since the plan would guarantee access to preventive care early in life.

Republican senators on the committee raised several concerns about details of the IdahoHealth plan, though none came out against the entire concept.

Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, raised the possibility that people from other states with non-insurable illnesses - "the kind that really break the bank" - would move into Idaho to take advantage of IdahoHealth.

And Sen. Russell Newcomb, R-Twin Falls, said IdahoHealth would cause 5,000 workers in the health insurance and health care industries to lose their jobs.

"What provision will be made for them?" he asked.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Transportation Friday reported generally good driving conditions on major routes throughout the state.

U.S. 95 - Plummer-Canadian border; Riggs; Whitebird Hill, wet; rain; Whitebird Hill; wet; Grangeville; wet; Winchester-Moscow; dry; Weiser-New Meadows; icy spots; broken snow floor; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 - Fourth of July Canyon; dry; Lewiston-Pass; wet, low 40s.

U.S. 12 - Lookout-Lowell; dry; Lowell-Lolo Pass; icy spots.

Interstate 84 - Oregon line-Burley; dry; Burley-Utah line; wet.

Idaho 55 - Broken snow floor.

Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City; icy spots; Idaho City-Banner Summit; icy spots; broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Fairfield; icy spots; Fairfield-Ashton; dry; Ashton-Montana line; wet; broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 - Idaho Falls-Wyoming line; dry; wet; icy spots; Blackfoot-Arco; dry; Idaho 51 - Wet.

U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Arco; dry; Arco-Salmon; dry; icy spots; Lost Trail Pass; broken snow floor.

Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum; wet; Galena Summit; broken snow floor; snow floor.

Interstate 86 - Dry.

Interstate 15 - Utah line-Pocatello; wet; Malad Pass; wet; Pocatello-Dubois; dry; Montana Pass; icy spots.

U.S. 30 - McCammon-Montpelier; wet; Montpelier-Wyoming line; wet; snowing.

U.S. 91 - Wet, icy spots.

Idaho 28 - Wet, icy spots.

For more information for the latest road and travel information: Shoshone, 886-2266; Boise 376-8028; Pocatello 253-6724; northern Nevada, 702-738-8888; Utah, 801-964-6000; statewide Idaho, 208-336-6600.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - The winning numbers drawn Friday night in Idaho's Fantasy Five lottery are: 1-3-14-20-27. (One, three, fourteen, twenty, twenty-seven). Estimated jackpot: \$49,000.

Rivals blast Bush over tax break

SALEM, N.H. (AP) — President Bush came under fire from rivals of both parties Friday for omitting a key middle-class tax break from his economic plan. He refused to respond but accused congressional Democrats of trying to scuttle his plan to help home buyers.

As his rivals campaigned here on the last weekend before the New Hampshire primary, Bush tramped through a Maryland construction site in hard hat and cowboy boots, saying he is taking "shots from all sides" and his critics are "having a field day."

Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas and Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan both were critical of Bush for omitting a \$500 increase in the personal exemption from the tax bill he sent to Capitol Hill this week.

"The rich get the gold mine and the middle class gets the shaft," Clinton said. "It's wrong and it's going to ruin the country."

Bush proposed in his State of the Union Message to increase the personal income tax exemption. The



Clinton



Buchanan



Bush

administration says it plans to send the measure to lawmakers in a second installment of his economic recovery plan later.

Buchanan concentrated his fire on the issue as he campaigned here on the day before Bush's scheduled return to the state for the final weekend before Tuesday's voting.

"In retrospect, Mr. Bush's State of the Union address appears to have been a giant political scam to

blowwind New Hampshire voters into believing George Bush favors tax cuts for working people," Buchanan said.

Latest polls show Bush's support here at about 50 percent, and his New Hampshire supporters privately express concern that Buchanan could embarrass the president on Tuesday.

In Belcamp, Md., Bush told reporters he would not respond to Buchanan's criticism. "I vowed to try to get through this election without

responding to him and I think I'm a good chance because it's election Tuesday up there," Bush reporters. He said he would "keep sight focused on what's going to stimulate the housing industry."

Bush said he had been abused "these shots from all sides," "It's not just him—they're having a field day." Bush said what I am trying to do is go country moving, then I'll come with my dukes up and ready to battle.

"But this is too important to caught-up in charge-countercharge, it really is," he said. "And I am a competitor and I like — you know, being the catcher — but I really believe this."

Among Democrats, Sen. Kerrey, working his way through schedule crowded with plans declared that "Bush and Democratic rivals were guilty of 'unpardonable sin' for not of detailed plans to overhaul the n-

Implant panel may convene

BALTIMORE (AP) — A judge refused Friday to block a federal advisory panel's plans to consider the safety of silicone breast implants, rejecting claims that the panel was biased by a company that makes the implants.

U.S. District Judge John Hargrove said delaying a recommendation by the Food and Drug Administration advisory panel would hurt the public.

McGhan Medical Corp. of Santa Barbara, Calif., filed suit Thursday, saying the issue should be turned over to Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan.

Ty Cobb, an attorney representing the company, argued at a hearing that several panel members were biased against the implants and couldn't rule objectively.

Cobb also said FDA Commissioner David Kessler had prejudged the issue.

Last month, Kessler sought and obtained a voluntary national moratorium on the use of silicone gel breast implants.

"Our concern is he has imposed his own predetermination," Cobb said. "The commission should be disqualified and the decision given to the secretary."

Hargrove rejected that argument. "I can't stop them; meeting, because they have views," the judge said. "Because they have views doesn't mean they are going to rule a certain way."

After the ruling, Cobb said the company may file suit again if it feels the panel's recommendations on the implants are unfair.

Also Friday, a federal judge in Cincinnati granted class-action status to seven women and two of their husbands seeking damages for health problems blamed on silicone gel implants.

U.S. District Judge Carl Rubin said it would be easier to consolidate the claims than to handle them separately.



Kim Pestour and her son, Matthew, help trainer Kevin Walsh feed a Beluga whale and her calf at the New York Aquarium Friday. The Pestours named whale in a contest.

Name that whale: And the winner's from ... Meville!

NEW YORK (AP) — Drumroll, please: It's time for Name That Whale!

Two rare baby belugas received their names Friday and met the humans — picked from a litter 10,000 entries — who won the New York Aquarium's Moby-monster contest.

Are you ready? One winner's maiden name was Whalen and she's from Melville! (However, Melville and Ptolemy of Queens were the godmothers to the whales, said Ptolemy. The winners' prizes include scuba lessons (the not in the whale tank) and a whale tongue-pet session.)

The newly named whales are the longest-surviving belugas born in captivity. The name contest began Nov. 27. Entries included "Penny" short for persevere, and Raffi after the children's entertainer famous for "Baby Beluga."

"We had a lot of Burtzes, a lot of Conveys (as in Island, the aquarium's home), Nathan (of hot dog fame), Brighton (Beach), Brooklyn, a few Dodgers," said spokesman Rick Miller.

And the winning names are ... Like any contest worth its sea salt, you'll have wait.

The whales have different moms, but the same New York: Natasha's son, born Aug. 7, is about 5 long; Kathi's son, born Aug. 14, is around 6 feet. The beluga boys, accompanied by Mommy's Ptolemy and Ptolemy's Ptolemy, were the godmothers to the whales, said Ptolemy. The winners' prizes include scuba lessons (the not in the whale tank) and a whale tongue-pet session.

A what? "It's a very pleasant tactile sensation for them, a person getting their shoulders massaged," Miller. (And who discovered that whales liked Jonah?)

"It was so neat touching the baby in the mouth was so soft," said Pestour. "One time I got touching him, he spurted a little water to get attention. My fingers still smell like fish."

Reporter won't reveal sources for Keating story

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Washington Times reporter said Friday he refused to divulge his confidential sources on the Keating Five investigation to a special Senate counsel investigating new leaks.

"I had two answers: 'No' and 'On the advice of counsel,' I respectfully decline to answer that question," Paul M. Rodriguez said after 2 1/2 hours of closed-door questioning.

Rodriguez was the second reporter in as many days to be questioned by Peter E.J. Fleming, hired by the Senate

to investigate leaks to the news media.

Fleming is searching for the sources of stories on two subjects: sexual harassment allegations against Justice Clarence Thomas, when he was a Supreme Court nominee; and the ethics investigation of five senators who intervened with thrift regulators on behalf Charles H. Keating Jr., who headed the failed Lincoln Savings and Loan.

Rodriguez said he was asked about six stories he wrote on the Keating

Five probe between July 1990 and February 1991; Fleming also named about 30 people, asking Rodriguez whether he spoke with those individuals.

The journalist said the Senate was attempting "to use Fleming as the stick to intimidate reporters and sources."

Rodriguez released a statement, read to Fleming, which said:

"The First Amendment affords me, as a reporter and journalist, the right to protect the identity of

confidential or other unpublished sources and to disclose my news activities."

The reporter said Fleming indicated he would be recalcitrant, additional testimony, Rodriguez Times lawyers objected matter was left unsettled.

On Thursday, Timothy P. Long Island newspaper was questioned by Fleming stories, revealing Anita allegations against Thomas.

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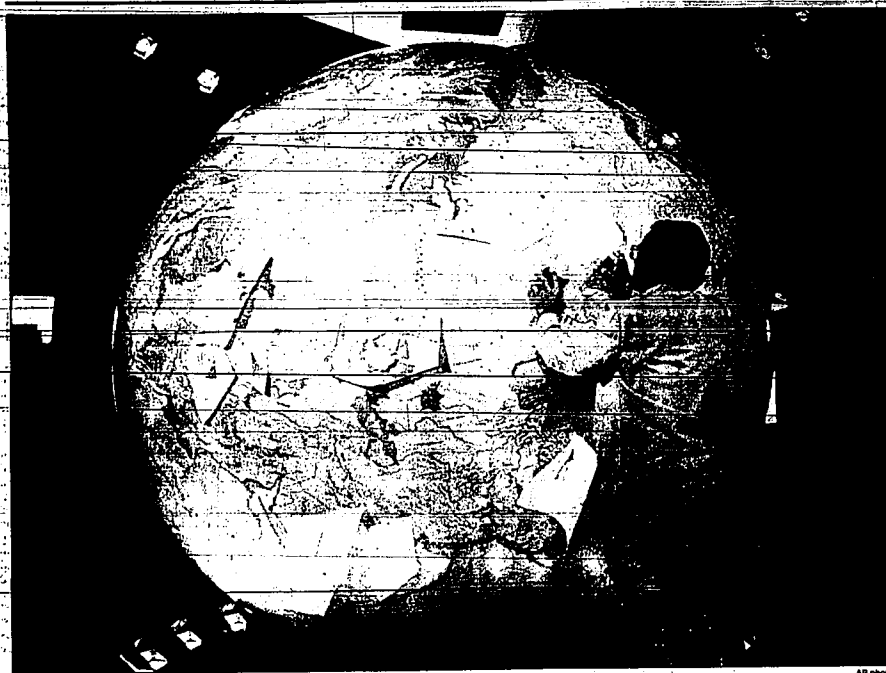
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Dick Rogers of National Geographic sands the Soviet Union off the face of the globe at the magazine's Washington headquarters.

National Geographic wipes out Soviets

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lone man, armed with 400-grit sandpaper, wiped the Soviet Union off the face of the globe Friday.

"Having been born in the generation of the Cold War, this is kind of fun," said cartographer Richard Rogers, reaching up from a perch on his ladder to change the National Geographic Society's giant world globe.

The globe in the society's headquarters displays the world to thousands of school children, tourists and other visitors annually. And it stands as a symbol of the intricate maps compiled and published by the Geographic.

"The Soviet Union won't be replaced by the Commonwealth of Independent States, the general term for the collection of new nations replacing the former Communist monolith.

Instead, the globe will simply show the independent nations that are rising from the breakup of the Soviet Union, said spokeswoman Barbara Hand-Fallon.

"I guess this is the first time in history, at least of

our lives, that we've seen 17 new nations born all at once," said Rogers. "It's kind of a momentous occasion."

In addition to the breakup of the Soviet Union he was also dividing Yugoslavia into three parts.

The 11-foot-diameter, 1,550-pound globe was completed in late 1988, replacing an earlier version that needed almost no changes in its years on the job.

Geographic officials also are updating their world atlas.

When it came out at the end of 1990, they were proud of the fact that they had managed to include the merger of East Germany and West Germany. Now more than 70 maps in the volume have to be updated just to remove the name Soviet Union, Ms. Fallon said.

Changing the massive globe is the first public step, and Rogers was hard at work Friday, sanding off old names and putting on new ones.

First the globe finish is sanded to roughen it a bit, using that fine 400-grit sandpaper. Then the

new borders go on, automobile striping tape following outlines that Rogers cuts from computer prints.

The new names are printed in reverse on paper, using sticky transfer ink. Rogers presses the paper against the globe and transfers the names of countries and cities by rubbing them with his thumbnail. Then come several coats of automobile clearcoat sealer.

Friday morning, Turkmenistan was the first new country on the globe, arriving at 10:07 a.m. EST. Uzbekistan followed just seven minutes later and Georgia had joined them by 10:30 a.m.

Rogers, who places names and capital cities by eye, was asked if he ever makes mistakes.

"We have our fair share of mistakes. Sometimes they're right and sometimes they're wrong."

Then it was time to start on the big name. His right hand reached up from the perch, the sandpaper scraped, the cameras whirred and clicked, and the SOVIET UNION became the

Arms sales top \$6 billion since call for restraint

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush called last May for restraint in weapons sales to the Middle East.

Since then the United States has transferred roughly \$6 billion in arms to the region, according to the Arms Control Association.

Figures compiled from Pentagon, congressional and other government sources show the United States sent \$19 billion in weapons to the Middle East in the 17 months since Iraq invaded Kuwait, the private research group said in a recent report.

Saudi Arabia was provided with \$14.8 billion worth of arms and Egypt with \$2.17 billion in weapons.

Asked if the sales since May were consistent with Bush's proposal, Richard Boucher, a State Department spokesman, replied, "Any transfers that we engaged in are fully consistent with the President's initiative."

Boucher said he could not verify the figures made public by the Arms Control Association.

The five countries that agreed to establish guidelines for arms sales to the Middle East were the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. They are scheduled to hold talks here next Thursday, with Russia taking the Soviet place.

Bush's initiative dealt with sale of non-nuclear weapons to Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

These armaments include main battle tanks, armored vehicles, heavy artillery, combat aircraft and attack helicopters.

The association said they belong to all five categories of arms identified in a 1990 agreement on

reducing weapons in Europe as used for "launching surprise attack and developing capabilities for offensive action."

Since 1989, U.S. arms exports to developing countries have increased by 138 percent, the report said. In 1990, increased U.S. exports and the disintegration of the Soviet Union combined to make the United States the world's largest exporter of weapons to the developing world for the first time since 1984.

In a separate report, the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said military spending around the world fell \$22.5 billion in 1989, the last year covered in its survey.

From 1985 through 1989, the agency said, the Soviet Union was the No. 1 arms supplier in the Middle East, providing roughly \$24 billion in weapons. The main recipients were Iraq, \$13 billion; Syria, \$6.1 billion; North Yemen, \$3.6 billion; South Yemen, \$1.4 billion; and Jordan, \$1.2 billion.

The United States exported \$1.2 billion in arms in 1989 and was the second largest arms exporter to the Middle East in 1985-89, providing \$15.4 billion in weapons. Israel received \$6.1 billion worth, Saudi Arabia \$5 billion, and Egypt, \$2.9 billion.

In 1989, the report said, world military expenditures rose in current dollars to slightly over \$1 trillion. The Middle East is the world's largest importer of weapons, taking in \$12.1 billion in 1989, or roughly 27 percent of the world's arms import market.

The Arms Control Association reported these U.S. arms transfers from August 1990 through December 1991:

- Bahrain, \$7 million, including 27 main battle tanks.
- Egypt, \$2.17 billion, including 46 fighter planes, 80 air-to-surface missiles and 240 antitank and anti-personnel cluster bombs.

Replica of Columbus ship begins U.S. journey

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Half a thousand years. That's how long ago Christopher Columbus set sail westward from Spain, connecting Europe to the New World and forever altering the course of human history.

On Saturday, Miami — a city less than a century old — welcomes replicas of Columbus' three ships as they launch their tour of U.S. ports.

Convoyed by more than 100 official security vessels, the historically accurate reproductions of the Santa Maria will be flanked by a vast, colorful and joyously boisterous fleet of private boats.

Several thousand small craft are expected to join the boat parade through Government Cut to the Port of Miami, where the ships will make their final U.S. landfall for VIP welcoming ceremonies at Terminal 12.

Later, the wooden ships will move to the Bayside Marketplace docks for two weeks of public display, beginning Sunday.

The vessels should have little trouble providing floating history lessons in a modern setting, said

Some fear new law's effect on school loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of students may be ineligible for student loans under a law extending unemployment benefits for millions of jobless Americans.

The \$2.7 billion package, which President Bush signed into law in November and extended unemployment benefits for an extra 13 weeks, included a requirement that students over the age of 21 undergo credit checks when applying for federally guaranteed student loans.

Students will pay \$25 for the credit checks, designed to weed out borrowers considered likely to default on loans.

Critics, however, believe the credit reports will block many students from qualifying for loans because most have low incomes with poor or inadequate credit histories.

Educators and lawmakers say the provision, which drew little attention when the measure was passed, will prevent thousands of low-income students from going to college or trade schools.

"The greatest irony is that many unemployed workers who are helped by one part of the law will now be denied the education and training they need to get a job," said Stephen J. Blair, president of the Career College Association.

The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates the government can save \$15 million to \$25 million from the credit checks and from a separate requirement that older students with poor credit histories have cosigners on federally guaranteed student loans.

But David Carle, an aide to Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., said the Congressional Budget Office has estimated the savings will be negligible.

"To believe that we can save money to provide unemployment compensation by denying people the chance to go to college is the most shortsighted policy I can imagine," Simon told members of the Senate recently.

Simon and Rep. William Ford, D-Mich., are leading efforts to rescind the provision before the Education Department finalizes rules later this summer to begin the credit checks.

Simon plans to offer an amendment to repeal the measure when the Senate begins debate next week on reauthorizing the Higher Education Act.

He believes a more useful tool in dealing with student loan defaults is a provision of the law that authorizes guaranty agencies or the Education Department to garnish up to 10 percent of a student's wages if he or she defaults on a loan.

Rescuers in Utah find 2 avalanche victims

MOAB, Utah (AP) — Search and rescue teams returned from the rugged, snow-covered La Sal Mountains Friday night with two of the bodies of four expert skiers killed in an avalanche earlier this week.

Since Wednesday, they've had another slide and 18 inches of new snow at the (avalanche) site, so we had to go in and find them again," U.S. Forest Service district ranger Jerry Shaw said Friday night.

The remains of William V. Turk, 36, and Jeremy Hopkins, 26, were brought out of the mountains 25 miles southwest of Moab about 6:30 p.m. MST. The bodies were taken to Ditch Funeral Home.

Searchers planned to return Saturday morning to recover the

remaining victims — Mark Yates, 37, director of the La Sal Avalanche Forecast Center, and Maribel Loveridge, 31. All of the victims are from Moab.

Crews from the sheriff's departments in Grand and San Juan counties struck out at daylight Friday after hazardous weather conditions forced a delay in the search effort.

The victims — all experienced back-country skiers and part of a team formed to respond to avalanche emergencies — were among a party of six that headed into the La Sals to assess the avalanche hazard following a major storm. The group was at the 11,000-foot-level of Gold Basin, about 25 miles southwest of Moab, on Wednesday when the slope above them gave way.

Bush names envoy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has chosen Marc Allen Baas, a career foreign service official now in the U.S. Embassy in Ethiopia, to be the ambassador to that country.

Baas, a 43-year-old graduate of American University, will succeed Frederick L. Chapin if the nomination is confirmed by the Senate.

Police give up search for swallowed gem

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Police have given up a search for a \$4,100 diamond that a jewelry store, authorities said.

The store called police Feb. 6 after catching Robert W. Hicks trying to leave with the three-quarter carat diamond he attempted to switch with a fake, police spokesman Mark Hyde said.

A store camera showed Hicks, 25, apparently swallowing the fake and the real thing, said Kevin Charlson, sales manager at Smith & Bevell Jewelers.

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In setback to cooperation, republics r

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Three former Soviet republics, including Ukraine, refused Friday to preserve a unified conventional force, casting doubt on the commonwealth's future and handing a sharp rebuff to Russia's Boris Yeltsin.

The declarations by Moldova, Azerbaijan and Ukraine at the commonwealth's third summit meeting pointed to continuing disputes among the 11 states and raised the prospect that Russia may form its own military, as it has threatened to do.

Wrangling over military issues has preoccupied the commonwealth since its birth nine weeks ago out of the disintegrated

Soviet Union. Disputes between its biggest members, Russia and Ukraine, have overshadowed other pressing issues such as the coordination of economic reform.

Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to joint control over 27,000 nuclear warheads, most of which are based in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

The dispute involves the 3-7 million members of the former Soviet forces and conventional weapons.

"Conventional forces in Ukraine are independent. We do not want a unified command," Ukrainian delegate Dmitro Pavlychko told The Associated Press during

a break in the closed meeting in this dingy industrial city, the largely ceremonial capital of the new commonwealth.

Asked whether Ukraine would accept any unified control, Pavlychko answered with an emphatic "No, no, no."

Apparently in anticipation of the split, the crews of six Sukhoi fighter jets based in Ukraine flew their aircraft on Friday to Belarus and later were brought to Russia, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Ukraine-based pilots had warned last month that they were ready to defect with their planes to Russia if the commonwealth leaders failed to preserve a unified force.

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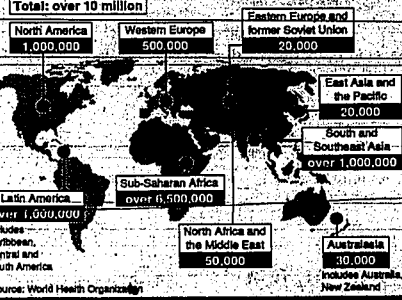
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Worldwide HIV infections in adults

Estimated distribution of adults infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, by world region, cumulative to January 1992.



Fundamentalists cancel

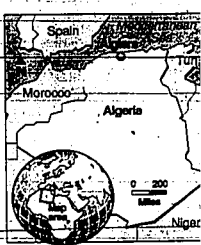
ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Muslim fundamentalists, averting what could have been a bloody showdown with the military-backed government, canceled a banned protest march on Friday.

Commando units fanned out to hunt guerrillas following attacks on a police station and a public square.

Authorities reported five people were killed before dawn Friday in a confrontation between an "armed group" and soldiers and police in the ancient Casbah. The neighborhood has been a flashpoint of violence over the past week in the confrontation between the military-backed government and the fundamentalists.

Many arrests were reported, and the few people in the streets ran for cover as gunfire rang out.

At least two people were injured in



confrontations in the capital Friday and five injured in clashes in Magnia, in the west, and in A Defla, south of Algiers, officials sa

Report links ozone loss to AIDS virus

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Depletion of the protective ozone layer encircling Earth could weaken peoples' resistance to the deadly AIDS virus, according to a U.N. report.

The report from the Nairobi-based U.N. Environment Program suggests increased ultraviolet radiation from ozone depletion could speed up progression to the full-blown AIDS disease in those already infected with HIV-1, the AIDS virus.

Other researchers believe that more ultraviolet rays can reduce the body's defenses against a variety of diseases, not just AIDS. There is no known cure for AIDS, the acronym for aquired immune deficiency syndrome. It is spread through sexual intercourse and blood.

The 45-page U.N. report, obtained by The Associated Press on Friday, is based on what it calls a conservative estimate of 5 percent to 10 percent ozone depletion by the year 2000. It also predicts:

- Up to 1.75 million additional eye cataracts annually worldwide and up to 150,000 more cases of cataract-induced blindness for every 1 percent of ozone loss.
- More than 300,000 additional skin-cancer cases per year worldwide.
- A significant loss of phytoplankton, the base of the marine food chain and an important absorber of carbon dioxide, the major global warming gas.
- Creation of new crop problems, leading to food shortages.

Ozone is a pale blue gas found nine to 31 miles above Earth. It absorbs

harmful rays from the sun and stops heat from escaping from the planet.

Scientists say depletion of ozone is exacerbated by the use of chlorofluorocarbons in refrigeration, air conditioning and many aerosol sprays.

"It is becoming clear that activation of HIV-1 by UV radiation is a cause for concern," said the report.

It said increased exposure to ultraviolet rays would not necessarily increase the rate of infection, but "would result in the increased severity of the disease, or a more rapid course of infection."

The United States last week announced that the ozone layer in the northern hemisphere was being depleted faster than expected.

In response, President Bush said he would order an end to the production of chlorofluorocarbons by the end of 1995, or five years earlier than planned. Environmentalists in particular are concerned about the 150 million air-conditioned U.S. cars and trucks. Each carries about 2 1/2 pounds of chlorofluorocarbons — five times as much as the typical home refrigerator.

The U.N. report was prepared earlier this month by experts in various fields who assessed the damage caused to the ozone worldwide. The assessment is required every four years by the Montreal Protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer. "The deleterious effects that we recognize are serious enough to plead for action by the nations of the world to protect the ozone layer," wrote panel chairman Jan van der Leun.

3 policemen die in Peru

LIMA, Peru — Three policemen were shot to death in Lima Friday during a rebel-called strike that left millions of Peruvians struggling to find transportation to get to work.

The strike was part of the Maoist Shining Path's strategy to shift most of its activity from the traditional highland strongholds to the capital. Friday's deaths brought the toll in the latest weeklong offensive to 15.

In past rebel-called strikes, the Shining Path has threatened to kill people who go to work.

Helicopters flew over this city of 7 million people, and armored personnel carriers patrolled the streets.

Soldiers and police searched cars for explosives and checked bus passengers' identification.

An interior Ministry spokesman said the government had ordered

30,000 members of the armed forces into the streets.

In Friday morning's violence, rebels dynamited a squad car in the working-class district of Comas after killing the three policemen inside, the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The rebels carried out 11 bombings by midday, officials said.

Prime Minister Alfonso de los Heros called on Peruvians to ignore the strike call and go to work as usual. "It's an act of real civic bravery that people leave their homes and walk or cram into a truck to get to work," he told reporters. "The people must give the political response to the Shining Path."

No official statistics on absenteeism were available, but radio reports said 90 percent of Lima's workers had managed to get to work.

Hong Kong governor honored

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong no longer just has a governor. Now it also has a lord.

A British colonial spokesman announced Friday that Gov. Sir David Wilson will now be known as Lord Wilson of Tillymou.

Actually, his full title is "Baron Wilson of Tillymou, of Finzean in the District of Kincardine and Deeside and of Fanling in Hong Kong."

A government statement said Lord Wilson, whose hooked nose and

ostrich-plumed pith hat has made him a favorite subject of cartoonists, chose his new title to reflect his links with his native Scotland and Hong Kong, where he has served as governor since April 1987.

The announcement coincided with his 57th birthday.

Lord Wilson, generally regarded as an amiable but aloof colonial official, is expected to return to Scotland later this year after British parliamentary elections.

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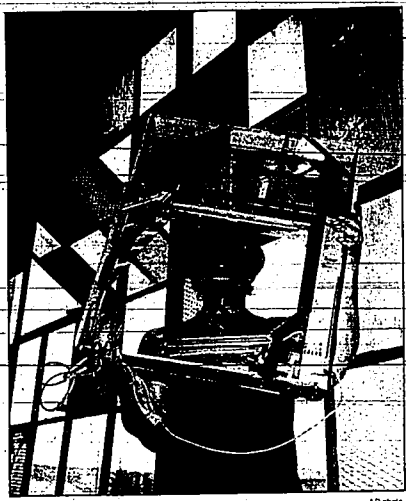
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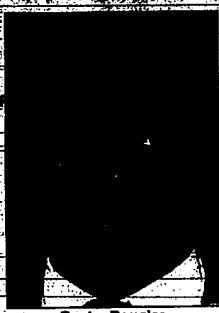
Rat and mouse trap inventor Allen Gross shows off his 'Ratapult.' The trap lures a rat or mouse onto a platform to be flung into a cage or bucket.

Inventor's ratapult sends rats flying

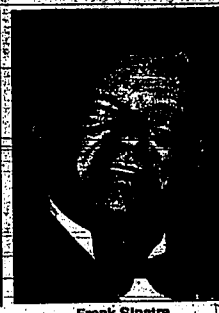
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The rat sniffs up to the narrow metal box, senses the foot and warmth and strolls through the narrow entrance. But before its mouth can water, the gnawing nuisance trips an infrared light. Snap! The rodent has just experienced the Ratapult, a trap that flings the critters up to 50 feet into a cage or bucket. For centuries rats have skittered over land and sea, spreading disease and gobbling crops. Allen Gross, the Ratapult inventor, wants to send them flying. "It's so fast you don't really see it, just a blur," said Ann Koenig, an Oakland businesswoman who helped Gross develop a manufacturing and marketing plan. The Ratapult sounds like a "Saturday Night Live" send-up, but backers say it's a seriously intended for use at farms, warehouses or on ships. The device, not yet available in stores, will retail for \$350 to \$400. Gross said the built his first trap two years ago and tested it in a friend's warehouse, where it launched 70 rats in two days. The vaulting vermin lands in a bucket or cage, dazed but otherwise unharmed, where he can be turned over to authorities or released in the wild, he said. "I didn't want the (rodents) squashed or turned into meat loaf," said Gross, 40. Anyone who has trouble visualizing — or believing — the scenario, might want to check out the promotional video. Although the trap sends rodents flying with a startling snap, Gross and Koenig insist the Ratapult is humane. Mice and rats launched during a series of test flights were a little shaken up but otherwise unharmed, they said. "Not surprisingly, animal rights activists are disturbed. "It sounds medieval and it just sounds cruel," said Lynn Spivak, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "It would certainly cause a certain amount of trauma to the animal to get flung through the air and flopped into a bucket." But Gross said the ratapult is a critical step in the trap. Unlike other rodent traps, the Ratapult resets itself, remaining free of human scent and the smell of death. It can be set to fling rodents anywhere from a foot to about 50 feet. Longer distances are useful when there is a large rodent population. The proprietor simply places several Ratapults, which fling the rodents into an industrial-sized bin. Koenig, an avowed rat hater, says the vermin deserve their rotten reputation. "It's points out that they thrive in sewers, carry disease and are responsible for an annual \$1 billion food loss in the United States.

Club taps Prince Charles for unpaid tab

HYDERABAD, India (AP) — Prince Charles was presented Friday with Winston Churchill's 92-year-old unpaid bar bill, and Princess Diana visited destitute Indian untouchables and abandoned women. "You have preserved your records well," Charles told the Bangalore Club president. But he didn't offer to pay the 13-ruppee bill run up by the army lieutenant who later was Britain's prime minister. The bill was written off as "irrecoverable" in 1899, said V.V.K. Mani, president of the club that still retains a remnant of the life from the British Raj, or colonial rule over India. Charles was in Bangalore to address Indian businessmen while his wife remained in Hyderabad, 300 miles to the north. At a home for the aged, men who had waited the sun for five hours bent to touch Diana's feet with their fingers or their foreheads as a sign of reverence. Some sobbed. The home also provides shelter for destitute harijans, the "untouchables" who are at the bottom of the religion-based social structure still commonly observed, especially in rural India. Charles was in Bangalore to address Indian businessmen while his wife remained in Hyderabad, 300 miles to the north.



Buster Douglas Ex-champ busted for DUI



Frank Sinatra Heart-felt valentine streams over their banks.

He was taken to the Franklin County jail, where he stayed until his arraignment. He pleaded innocent and was released on his recognizance. "No trial date was set." His license was suspended because of a 1989 drunken-driving conviction and his refusal to take a blood-alcohol test. Douglas became an overnight sensation when he won the heavyweight title by knocking out Mike Tyson two years ago. But he lost the title to Evander Holyfield in his next fight.

3,000 homeless send their best to donor Sinatra LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly 3,000 homeless people sent a giant Valentine's Day card to Frank Sinatra to thank the entertainer for contributing thousands of dollar bills handed out each Sunday on Skid Row. "One heart simply isn't enough to hold our feelings for you," the 3-foot card says. The signatures were collected during the past three weeks by the Rev. Maurice Chase, who hands out the \$1 bills, contributed the past five years by Sinatra and other celebrities. "A lot of Sundays he's helped me out, and a lot of other people, too, 41-year-old Lester Blankenship said as he signed his name. "We all look forward to the Dollar Man."

Africa, has been phoning home to check on whether powerful storm-bounding California have threatened his Santa Barbara area ranch and its menagerie of animals. So far, both have been unscathed, spokesman Lee Solters said. Jackson's spokesman quoted an unidentified neighbor as commenting that it was lucky the animals weren't threatened because "evacuating them all would have meant a 1992 version of Noah's Ark." Storms moving in off the Pacific Ocean have been drenching the state, sending rivers, creeks and

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Bush tabbed 1st vistor to 'Nancy' PHOENIX (AP) — President Bush is about to become the first real person to visit the "Nancy" comic strip, and the reaction of the spike-haired heroine is anything but reverent. It's a bit of a departure for the girl in the polka-dot dress, who's spent the last 50 years worrying more about homework and her sometimes-beau, Sluggo, than about affairs of state. The two-week series of strips, which begins Monday, takes a few digs at Bush, but it isn't intended to be political, cartoonist Jerry Scott said. One panel has Nancy trip Bush up with a question about his promise to the "education" committee, then point to herself, "Eat your heart out, Sam Donaldson."

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Scott said the Bush strips are the most topical ever for the girl who first appeared in 1933 as the niece of Fritzi Ritz. Nancy, who got her own strip in 1938, has always pretty much focused on the concerns of an impish little girl, and story lines seldom stretch beyond one day's strip. In the new series, Bush visits Nancy and Sluggo's school. Nancy at first was struck to be in the company of someone who knows Arnold Schwarzenegger, ends up giving the president a tour, complete with a warning about the cafeteria food. One panel repeats the real-life event that Scott says inspired him to create the presidential visit: When Bush first arrives, Nancy isn't convinced he's really the president and demands some ID.

Bottoms Up! Last Man's Club finds sole survivor

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — A 97-year-old man has become the sole survivor of a World War I Last Man's Club, making him the recipient of the group's bottle of vintage champagne. "I never expected to be the last one," V. Homer Wilson said before receiving the bottle Thursday. "I'm very proud of this." The club's next-to-last member, Angus Armstrong, died two weeks ago at his home in Waco, Texas. Wilson's Last Man's Club, one of a number of similar groups started by World War I veterans, was formed by American Legion 604-Billington Post 69 at the beginning of the war, in which Wilson did stevedore work for the Navy. The club originally had 781 members, according to post adjutant John Freeman. Wilson, a retired insurance agent, has missed just two past meetings in the past year, and continues to assist with dinners and ceremonies. He donated the champagne to the post's museum.



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Congratulations note arrives 28 years late

ST. PETER, Minn. (AP) — Mary Briggs received a letter last week from Minnesota's two U.S. senators offering congratulations on her high school graduation. She graduated in 1963. It was a nice letter, telling her they hoped she would continue her education and that she should call if she ever needed anything. "I don't know how it wound its way, but it's really weird," she said.

The letter, allegedly yellowed and inside a well-worn envelope, was from Sens. Hubert H. Humphrey, who died in 1978, and Eugene J. McCarthy. Even though she didn't get the senatorial advice about continuing her education until last week, the woman, known as Mary Means since her marriage more than 20 years ago, went to the Mankato Business College following her high school graduation.

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Mom takes on Pentagon — and wins

PUYALLUP, Wash. (AP) — Deborah Anderson was advised not to make a federal case over the \$432 she said the Defense Department owed her. But Anderson felt the years-long dispute went beyond the few hundred dollars the Defense Department's Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPUS) had denied her. CHAMPUS said it would pay for therapy only in cases where the patient is expected to eventually function normally. That will never happen for Anderson's disabled son, Brian, a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy. So she took on the Pentagon for him and for others in the same predicament, contending the denial of benefits discriminated against disabled military dependents. "By their theory, they wouldn't pay for therapy for a mentally retarded person after they broke their leg, because they might never become fully independent," she said. Anderson was warned that court costs could reach \$20,000, and that she would be liable for federal court costs as well as her own if she lost. Undaunted, she, her own attorney agent, acting as her own attorney filed papers, fended off legal challenges and pleaded her case in federal court in Seattle. And she won. U.S. District Judge John Coughenour recently found that CHAMPUS failed to deny Anderson's son medical benefits, and ordered the agency to pay up. CHAMPUS officials refused to comment on the case, referring questions to Assistant U.S. Attorney

Charles Pinnell in Seattle, who handled the case for the government. "I think CHAMPUS believes it can do what it wants because no one will have the tenacity to make it do what it is supposed to do," Anderson said of her court triumph. "I think they know now they can't just arbitrarily make those decisions." Making that clear took some doing. Anderson spent three years appealing the denial through internal channels before filing suit. The dispute centered on claims Anderson and her husband, retired Army sergeant Donald Anderson, had made for partial payment of Brian's 1987 physical therapy costs. Due to Anderson's military service, he and his family are entitled to medical coverage under CHAMPUS. According to his mother, a physician and therapist agreed that continuing physical therapy was necessary for Brian, now 14, to keep his condition from deteriorating. Therapy allows the teen-ager a small bit of controlled movement so he can chew his own foods and do a few things for himself, his mother said. It also prevents problems that could lead to a slow and painful death, medical experts said. The treatments now are covered by Donald Anderson's health insurance program at The Boeing Co. But before Anderson went to work for Boeing, his private health insurance paid the majority of the cost of Brian's therapy, and the family relied on CHAMPUS to pay the remainder. The government program picked up those costs in 1985 and 1986, but rejected them in 1987. According to documents filed in

the case, the government contends CHAMPUS benefits are intended to cover physical therapy "only if the patient can be expected to return to a level of functioning that will not require a protected environment." "What they were saying is that they would pay for therapy only if someone would become a normal, upright, walking, talking person," she said. Anderson contended the policy violated the agency's own guidelines. Coughenour agreed, saying CHAMPUS contradicted itself by listing cerebral palsy as a condition covered by the agency and then refusing to pay for Brian Anderson's therapy. The Department of Defense acted arbitrarily and capriciously in denying physical therapy benefits to such a son solely on the basis that such service would never render him able to function without more than minimal supervision," Coughenour wrote. He ordered CHAMPUS to re-evaluate the claim and pay up. Pinnell characterized the key question as whether therapy improved the boy's condition. "The court basically found that there was an improvement," the government attorney said. Anderson says her fight isn't over. Several weeks after Coughenour's decision, the claim still hasn't been paid and Anderson is headed back to court. "Obviously, it's going to be paid," Pinnell said, adding that he is working with CHAMPUS officials to determine the exact amount of the difference between \$200 and \$400 due Anderson.

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Idaho

Stallings begins run for Senate

The Associated Press

Democratic Congressman Richard Stallings wants to succeed Republican Steve Symms in the U.S. Senate, and started his campaign to do that Friday in Boise with a promise to protect the state's traditional values.

Stallings, 51, a Ricks College history professor before winning the first of four congressional terms in 1984 over Republican George Hansen, opened the campaign with a two-day, eight-city swing. It winds up Saturday night in Rexburg.

He was introduced by Gov. Cecil Andrus. "It's time we sent a solid citizen to the U.S. Senate," Andrus said. "He will be a great one."

As Andrus has in recent campaigns, Stallings stressed the need to protect the environment to pass on to future generations, with emphasis for programs for children.

"I want to restore Idaho principles and values to Congress, where it has been missing," he said.

Stallings is expected to face only token opposition in the Democratic primary. Boise Mayor Dirk Kempthorne started his campaign Feb. 3 and is running against stockbroker Milt Ertart and former state senator Rod Beck, also of Boise.

Stallings said he didn't care who

the Republicans pick as their opponent to me," he said. "If they did, I'd suggest they nominate a lot of Republicans have voted for me in the past and I think them."

He planned stops later Friday at state's traditional valleys of Moscow and Post Falls. Today, he will be at Twin Falls, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and Rexburg.

He stressed health insurance for more Idahoans, particularly children. "We've got to take care of our children's health for granted," he said, with 93,000 Idaho children not covered by health insurance.

"We court disaster by leaving the children unprotected. They are the promise of tomorrow, the leaders of the future."

"Insisting on affordable medical coverage for Idaho's kids is a wise investment in our state. The benefits we will reap will reward us a hundredfold," he said.

Elsewhere in Idaho politics, Renee Stucki, Rigby, president of the Idaho Federation of Republican Women, endorsed Glenn for the GOP nomination.

She called him "a constitutional conservative who won't compromise on his principles of limited government, lower taxes and less government spending."

Tom Boyd, House speaker, said he's rethinking his announced decision to retire from the Legislature after this year.

"I find someone that I think is a viable candidate, they've got 'er," he told the Idaho Press Club. But he said he's having a hard time finding someone to take over the seat.

other states who were promised profit of as much as 10 percent a month.

His original plan, offered last May, was to make quarterly payments over three years to the investors.

Hansen said he planned to repay the debt by selling a Pocatello business under the name of his wife, Constance, and by using proceeds from a multimillion-dollar consulting contract.

In November, however, Bankruptcy Court Trustee Jack Frankel raised questions about the arrangement.

Neither Biondi, Frankel, nor Hansen would be reached for comment Thursday.

Meanwhile, steps are being taken to foreclose on a Pocatello facility used to store supplies for The Copycat print shop. Mrs. Hansen failed to make \$2,382 in mortgage payments over the last four months and also owes \$1,178 in property taxes, court papers said.

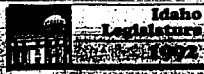
House rejects raise to commissioners

BOISE (AP) — Members of the Idaho House, faced with granting state employees and teachers little or no raises this year, won't go along with a bill granting members of the Public Utilities Commission 17 percent annual raises.

The House voted 48-34 Friday to kill the \$7,000-a-year pay raise after some members argued Idaho didn't need to "keep up with the Joneses" by trying to match salaries of utility commissioners in other states.

Floor sponsor Bill Deal, R-Nampa, called it a "compensation equalization" bill, one that would pay for the three PUC members at a level with other jobs with comparable responsibilities. He acknowledged that the vote isn't adequate reason for the House to approve the raises and later ask public employees to accept a salary freeze.

The commissioners now get \$55,000 per year. The bill would have raised them to \$62,000, the same given members of the Utah Public Service Commission.



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Roll call

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- Democrats (15) — Adams, Linford, Local, Mahoney, McEvoy, Mortensen, Parks, Richardson, Saltschaefer, Sessions, Steele, Steger, Stubbs, Taylor, Tiltman, Tippets, Wilde, Wood.
- Republicans (35) — Alexander, Beaudin, Chamberlain, Hansen, Horvath, Johnson, Johnson, Lasuen, Metzger, Neill, Stennett, Vandenberg, Vickers, White.
- Republicans against (19) — Ahrens, Barnes, Boyd, Crow, Danielson, Deal, Duncan, R. Hansen, Lance, Loveland, Lucas, Montgomery, Newcomb, Peter, Royhold, Simpson, Sorensen, Stone, Sutton.
- Democrats against (13) — P. Black, Cuddy, Flandro, Gannon, Hall, Hoffman, C. Judd, I. Judd, Larchenko, Robison, Stolechiff, Vincent, Wright.
- Absent — R. Loenscher, Pomeroy.

Hansen attorney says he wants off the case

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — The attorney for bankrupt former Idaho congressman George Hansen wants off the case, saying Hansen has not paid his legal bills and is not likely to soon.

George Biondi of McLean, Va., is asking the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for permission to step down as Hansen's attorney.

There is a likelihood, Biondi wrote, "that the debtor's legal bills will be unpaid as well."

The Idaho Republican was ordered in late January to pay Biondi for the 49 hours of work he had performed on Hansen's behalf.

That date is also the deadline for Hansen to unveil a legal plan for paying back \$19.5 million to nearly 200 investors in Idaho and a dozen

other states who were promised profit of as much as 10 percent a month.

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Lawyer charges county officials hamper case

WALLACE (AP) — Shoshone County Prosecutor Jack Rose contends county commissioners are jeopardizing a murder case by refusing to talk to him or provide enough money for his office.

Rose said this week that he asked commissioners for unspecified emergency funding on Jan. 31 to pay for investigative work in a pending murder trial.

But Commissioner David Dose called Rose's request "ludicrous," and said the prosecutor had more than \$10,000 available in his budget.

"It would be ridiculous for us to start giving him money before he's spent what he's got," Dose said.

He said the county's refusal to talk to him or provide enough money for his office is "highly stretched" budget would be "real significant" to the murder case.

In a related issue, Rose said he planned to contest the Shoshone County Commission's decision on Monday to pay almost \$8,000 in defense costs to a former sheriff's deputy who was charged by the prosecutor with grand theft.

The charge against John Maucolet was dismissed by a magistrate who ruled that Maucolet was acting within his rights as a whistleblower aiding in an FBI investigation of public correction when he allegedly stole records from the sheriff's office.

Rose complained that commissioners "tried to conspire with him to get him out of jail and pay exactly how much he needs to

Freight train kills Nampa woman

NAMPA (AP) — A Nampa woman was killed when she apparently tried to cross some railroad tracks near her home and was hit by a freight train, police said.

which was reported at 1:47 a.m. Thursday. "At night freight trains are put together," Nampa Police Detective Tim Randall said. "We saw under a railroad car when she was run over."

Crawforth said Catherine J. Bowen, 34, died at the scene of the accident.

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 Idaho at Boise State
 Idaho State at Northern Arizona

Sports on TV

10 a.m. — Channel 12, Auto Racing, Daytona Twin 120s
 11 a.m. — Channel 12, Winter Olympics
 12 p.m. — Channel 7, 36, College basketball, Arizona State at Boise State

Noon — Channel 10, College basketball, St. Peter's at Rutgers

1 p.m. — Channel 6, 36, Bowling, Tuba Valley Open
 2 p.m. — Channel 7, 36, College basketball, Notre Dame vs. Northern
 2:30 p.m. — Channel 13, Golf, Northern Telecom Open
 2:30 p.m. — Channels 6, 36, Boxing, IBF Junior-Featherweight fight
 4 p.m. — Channel 13, Senior golf, Suncoast Classic
 6 p.m. — Channel 12, Winter Olympics
 6:30 p.m. — Channel 13, Auto racing, NASCAR Grand National, Coors 300
 8 p.m. — Channel 13, Track and field, Bankat Invitational
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10:30 p.m. — Channel 12, Winter Olympics

Briefly

Spring bicycle preview set for store Thursday

KETCHUM — The elephant's trunk will present its annual Bike Preview from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the store. Factory representatives from Scott USA and Specialized will assist Perch staffers in showing and explaining the latest bike technology. Refreshments and door prizes will also be offered.

Recreation awards presented at West Minico Junior High

HEYBURN — The Heyburn and Paul city recreation awards ceremony will be at 2 p.m. today at West Minico Junior High School. First, second, third and sportsmanship awards will be made in each league, said Chad Van Tassell, recreation director.

Fly fishermen's group to meet Tuesday at Me-N-Ed's Pizza

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Fly-Fishermen Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Me-N-Ed's Pizza. A fly tying demonstration is set for 7 p.m. Dexter Pitman will speak on the sockeye salmon endangered recovery program. The public is invited.

Compiled from staff reports

Sportsquote

“We haven't been doing much to the boat. We just changed the sail plan, the keel, deck layout — almost everything.”

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— Gunnar Krantz, skipper of Sweden's Tre Kronor, on preparations for the second round of America's Cup challenger trials on his yacht that won only one first-round victory, a forfeit by Challenge Australia

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Burley's J.V. Evans races down court with Brady Trenkle of Twin Falls at his side.

Evans' 7 breaks

By Mike Mallor
 Times-News sports editor

TWIN FALLS — Burley's Kevin Moreton and Twin Falls' Rand Stover lit up the scoreboard at Bruin Gym for most of Friday night.

But Bobcats senior J.V. Evans decided the game by scoring all seven of his points in the last 48 seconds to secure a 52-45 win for Burley.

The visitors, ranked No. 1 in Class A2, led by as many as 13 points in the first half and held a 29-17 advantage at halftime.

Twin Falls erased the lead with 18 second-half points from Stover, the last two sending the teams into the final minutes tied at 43. The 6-4 junior hit all eight of his free throws in the fourth quarter and finished with 26 points.

“He's been hot the last two games, and we should have gotten him the ball in the first half,” said Twin Falls Coach Ben Allen. “That's the saddest thing. We just didn't do it.”

Evans calmly drilled a 3-point goal from the top of the key with 48 seconds to go. Coach Bill Cowell's play called for the

Austria not finished cleaning up with medals

The Associated Press

COURCHEVEL, France — For a nation humiliated by tiny Liechtenstein eight years ago, these Olympics are too good to be true. High in the Alps, Austria is on cloud nine.

In one of the biggest surprises of the Winter Games, Austria is tied atop the medal table in the first week of competition with 13 medals — four gold, five silver and four bronze.

The ski jump team, led by double medalist Ernst Vettori, won the fifth silver Friday.

“And we are not finished yet. No sir,” said Heinz Jungwirth, secretary general of the Austrian Olympic Committee.

On Friday, Austria surpassed its previous record of 12 medals, dating from the 1964 Winter Games at home in Innsbruck. There could be more to come.

Queen of the hills Petra Kronberger is going for three more golds. Patrick Ortlieb stunned the opposition — and quite a few teammates — by winning the men's downhill in the opening event of the Winter Games. He'll be back.

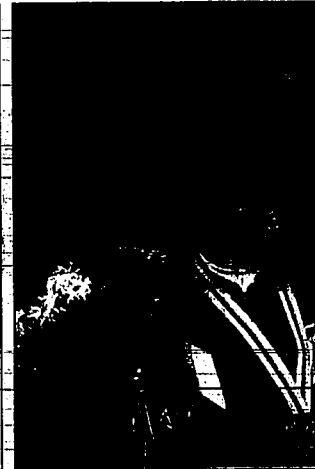
“Nobody expected gold from Ortlieb and now it's just one medal after the other,” said ORE Austrian television producer Mark Nanseek. “Out of a population of seven million, almost half are watching now when the Austrians are on.”

“When the train gets moving, you just have to jump on,” Jungwirth said of Ortlieb's inspirational win.

At Sarajevo in 1984, the train never left of the station. With only one bronze, the Austrians lagged behind even miniscule-neighbor Liechtenstein for its most embarrassing moment in its sports history.

Shunned sponsors left the Olympic team in droves, and the government questioned its commitment to sports.

“The sponsors didn't want to give us money anymore, and the government was asking lots of questions like, ‘What the hell are you doing?’” Jungwirth recalled.



U.S. speedskater Bonnie Blair, center, celebrates with Ye Qiaobo of China, left, and bronze medalist.

Blair adds 1

The Associated Press

ALBERTVILLE, France — Even Eric Heiden bowed to Bonnie Blair, mistress of speed on ice and one-woman terminator of America's winter woes.

Hockey, surprising Wyllie, team jumping, today's events, master of the mountain — B4

Two-hundredths of a second — faster than you can say her name — made the difference in the 1,000 meters Friday as Blair became the first American woman ever to win three golds in the cold and the first in 40 years to win two in one Winter Olympics.

Blair's tour de force made a big impression on Heiden, winner of a record

Please see BLAIR/B4

Rockets down Celtics to halt losing streak

HOUSTON (AP) — Vernon Maxwell scored 19 of his 28 points in the first half, leading Houston to a 105-99 victory over Boston on Friday night, snapping the Rockets' six-game losing streak against the Celtics.

The Rockets, who won their sixth straight home game and snapped a four-game losing streak, outscored the Celtics 16-1 in the first four minutes of the game en route to a 67-50 halftime lead.

The Celtics, who completed an 0-3 Texas road trip that also included losses at Dallas and San Antonio, made their best run in the closing minutes when they cut a 98-84 deficit with 5:35 left to 100-95 with 1:27 to go.



Pro basketball

Nets 107, 76ers 99

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Tate George's breakout layup gave New Jersey the lead with 1:41 to play, and Drazen Petrovic nailed two jumpers to keep the Nets ahead of Philadelphia.

The win was the Nets' second in three nights over the 76ers, and New Jersey posted this one by outscoring Philadelphia 14-4 in the final two minutes.

Nuggets 105, Mavericks 85

DENVER (AP) — Dikembe Mutombo had 18 points, 19 rebounds and five blocked shots Friday night, leading Denver Nuggets to a 105-85 victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Pacers 107, Bucks 100

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Reggie Miller scored nine of his 25 points in a decisive 18-4 third-quarter spurt for Indiana against Milwaukee.

The Pacers, who won their sixth straight home game and snapped a four-game losing streak, outscored the Bucks 16-1 in the first four minutes of the game en route to a 67-50 halftime lead.

Milwaukee's Alvin Robertson drives past Indiana's Reggie Miller during the Pacers' 107-100 victory over the Bucks.

The Bucks to four points in seven minutes to take a 73-62 lead with 3:11 left in the third quarter.

Hawks 112, Magic 107

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Rumeil Robinson scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half and had two key assists in the final minute, leading Atlanta over Orlando.

Kevin Willis led the Hawks with 28 points and 15 rebounds, including a clutch 15-foot jumper off a pass from Robinson to give Atlanta a 107-103 lead with 58 seconds to go.

FBI questioned well-known gambler about UNLV

LAS VEGAS (AP) — One of the best-known gambling figures in Las Vegas said Friday he was interviewed by the FBI about possible point-shaving by UNLV players during last year's Final Four.

Lem Banker said he told authorities that players on the Runnin' Rebels, unbeaten and ranked No. 1 at the time, wouldn't have dumped the Duke game in the national semifinals — The Rebels failed to repeat as national champion when the Blue Devils beat them 79-77 last March.

Athletic director says FBI isn't investigating DePaul

CHICAGO (AP) — DePaul basketball players are not being investigated by the FBI to see whether Chicago's largest bank-owned apartments and condominiums, athletic director Bill Bradshaw said Friday.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Friday that such an investigation was under way.

"They are not probing any ties between our players and the bank," Bradshaw said. "They are looking into impropriety at First Chicago."

Telephone calls by The Associated Press to FBI spokesman Robert Long were not returned Friday.

Bradshaw said the university is not aware of any players or recruits making use of First Chicago Corp. condominiums or apartments.

Bradshaw said investigators have talked to a number of people, including Jim Molinari, an assistant at DePaul until 1989, now head coach at Bradley. But Bradshaw said FBI agents haven't talked to him or any players.

favorites. They just had one bad game and Duke played a better game.

Banker said Friday the Rebels failed to make the post spread set by bookmakers around the county in 18 of 35 games in the 1990-91 season. He said the main reason was because the Rebels were one of the best teams in college history and bookmakers set lines in which they were favored by as many as 40 points.

Banker said FBI agents asked him specifically about the Duke game, in which the Rebels started as 9 1/2-point favorites; Banker said the spread dropped to six points because of a heavy influx of money on Duke.

"The bookmakers bet the game much too high," Banker said. "And the players (betters) bet it down to six points. A lot of money showed up at the end against UNLV because of the spread. They were a Neiman Marcus price. The spread was too high. The Rebels were overpriced."

Banker said UNLV has a tremendous following among bettors across the country.

UNLV officials said two weeks ago that federal authorities had subpoenaed university records relating to convicted sports fixer Richard Perry. The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported Thursday that authorities involved in the Perry probe were checking rumors that some UNLV players may have shaved points last year.

They would dump a championship game," Banker said. "I told them there was nothing to it. They were undefeated. Whoever's starting these rumors is just pouring more salt in the wounds. There is no way these kids would do anything wrong. It was the biggest game of their lives. If they played Duke again, they would still have been five-point

Ex-heavyweight champ may get shot at Holyfield

NEW YORK (AP) — Fourteen years after he became heavyweight champion, Larry Holmes appears headed for a title shot against Evander Holyfield.

Shelley Finkel, Holyfield's manager, and Dan Duva, his promoter, plan to meet with the champion Saturday to see if he will accept a May match against the 42-year-old Holmes.

Finkel would not pinpoint what the purses would be for the fight. But he said it would be approximately \$21 million for the champion and \$10 million for Holmes, who won his sixth straight comeback fight Feb. 7 with a 12-round decision over previously unbeaten Ray Mercer.

guarantee was \$12.5 million.

With Mike Tyson convicted of rape, it appeared Holyfield's next defense would be against Riddick Bowe, ranked second by the World Boxing Council, fourth by the International Boxing Federation and fifth by the World Boxing Association. Holmes is not in the top 10 of any of the three organizations.

Finkel said that he and Duva met with Rook Newman, Bowe's manager, and Milton Chwasky, Newman's lawyer, and Newman said he wanted more money.

The purse for Holyfield-Bowe would be \$28 million, with \$20 million for Holyfield. To increase Bowe's purse would be to decrease Holyfield's.

Chwasky called Finkel Wednesday evening and said, "Rock has come around," said Finkel, who

told Chwasky, "It might be too late." Negotiations already had begun with Holmes.

Newman said Holyfield's camp would "rather fight Holmes than Bowe."

"They made me an offer they did not think I'd accept," Newman said. "I told them I wanted to make some adjustments, but we never talked about a dollar (figure). For six months I've tried to get Bowe a title fight. There's no way in the world I'd turn down \$8 million."

After Holmes beat Mercer, there was talk about him fighting Foreman. Tyson was not convinced until three days later.

When it was pointed out that he might be able to make more fighting Foreman than fighting Holyfield, Holmes said, "I want to go straight to Holyfield."

Scores and stats

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Team	W-L	Team	W-L
New York	21-21	Los Angeles	21-21
Atlanta	20-22	San Antonio	20-22
Philadelphia	19-23	Phoenix	19-23
New Jersey	18-24	Portland	18-24
Charlotte	17-25	Utah	17-25
Washington	16-26	San Diego	16-26
Orlando	15-27	Golden State	15-27
Chicago	14-28	Seattle	14-28
Detroit	13-29	Phoenix	13-29
Indiana	12-30	Los Angeles	12-30
Charlotte	11-31	Portland	11-31
Washington	10-32	San Antonio	10-32
Atlanta	9-33	Phoenix	9-33
Philadelphia	8-34	Los Angeles	8-34
New York	7-35	San Diego	7-35
Orlando	6-36	Golden State	6-36
Chicago	5-37	Seattle	5-37
Detroit	4-38	Phoenix	4-38
Indiana	3-39	Los Angeles	3-39
Charlotte	2-40	Portland	2-40
Washington	1-41	San Antonio	1-41
Atlanta	0-42	Phoenix	0-42
Philadelphia	0-43	Los Angeles	0-43
New York	0-44	San Diego	0-44
Orlando	0-45	Golden State	0-45
Chicago	0-46	Seattle	0-46
Detroit	0-47	Phoenix	0-47
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College scores

Team	Score	Team	Score
North Carolina	78-57	Michigan	78-57
Georgia Tech	75-54	Illinois	75-54
Arizona	72-51	Wisconsin	72-51
Stanford	69-48	Ohio State	69-48
UCLA	66-45	Michigan State	66-45
Wake Forest	63-42	Indiana	63-42
Duke	60-39	Nebraska	60-39
Yale	57-36	Texas Tech	57-36
Harvard	54-33	Arizona State	54-33
Cornell	51-30	Colorado	51-30
Georgetown	48-27	Missouri	48-27
LSU	45-24	Kentucky	45-24
Florida	42-21	Oregon	42-21
Penn State	39-18	Washington State	39-18
BYU	36-15	Utah State	36-15
Idaho	33-12	Wyoming	33-12
Arizona State	30-9	Montana	30-9
Colorado State	27-6	North Dakota	27-6
South Carolina	24-3	South Dakota	24-3
Mississippi State	21-0	Nebraska-Kearney	21-0
Alabama	18-0	Missouri State	18-0
Arkansas	15-0	Illinois State	15-0
Georgia	12-0	Indiana State	12-0
Florida State	9-0	Ohio State	9-0
North Carolina	6-0	Michigan State	6-0
Wake Forest	3-0	Nebraska	3-0
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Unified Team clinches medal round berth

MERIBEL, France (AP) — Facing adversity for one of the few times in its Olympic hockey history, the Unified Team showed no mercy today against France, winning 8-0 to maintain its record of perfect attendance in the medal round.

The Unified Team (3-1) joins Canada (4-0), Czechoslovakia (3-1), the United States (3-0) and Sweden (3-0) in the playoffs.

Canada beat Czechoslovakia 5-1 today and can lock up the first seed in its group by beating the Unified Team on Sunday.

France (1-3) still has a chance to get its group's final medal-round berth; so does Switzerland (1-3), which beat winless Norway 6-3 this afternoon.

Switzerland can advance by upsetting Czechoslovakia in Sunday's finale if Norway beats France the same day. If France beats Norway, it advances regardless. If France, Switzerland and Norway finish in a three-way tie, the team with the greatest goal differential in games among the three clubs would qualify.

The games played Thursday involving the other group, the United States clinched its first medal-round berth since 1980 with a 4-1 victory over Finland (2-1), Sweden beat Germany, 3-1, and Italy (1-2) topped Poland, 7-1.

France had played well in the tournament, losing 3-2 to Canada and 6-4 to Czechoslovakia and beating Switzerland. Unfortunately for the French, they drew the Unified Team at the worst possible time — after a rare loss.

Playing under the flag of the Soviet Union, the Unified Team had gone 53-5-2 and won seven gold medals, one silver and one bronze in its nine Olympics from 1956-88. Its 4-3 loss to Czechoslovakia on Wednesday was its first in an Olympic game that mattered since 1980.

France was unable to match the Unified Team's intensity, talent, depth and speed and was outshot 51-11. Andrei Khomoutov scored twice for the Unified Team and Mikhail Shalaginov and Andrei Tretyakov combined for the tournament's third shutout.



French players, from left, Peter Almasy (2), Denis Perez and Michel Leblanc, right, try to help goalie Jean-Marc Dujan as he sprawls to make a save off the Unified Team's Andri Kovalevko, center.

Thursday, Finland was unable to shut down the United States' opportunistic offense.

"When you give them the little finger, they take the whole arm," Sweden assistant coach Curt Lundmark said of the Americans. "They make the most of their chances."

Lundmark is looking forward to Monday's preliminary-round finale between the United States and Sweden — a rematch of the U.S. team's 3-2 exhibition victory of Feb. 5 in Chamonix.

"We look forward to meeting the United States again," he said, "because we are a little bit shamed by the game in Chamonix."

But first, the teams must take care of Saturday's business.

The United States will be heavily favored over Poland, which is 0-3 and has been outscored 23-4. Sweden, however, may not have it so easy against Finland, which is on the verge of locking up a medal-round spot and is determined to stave off its play against the Americans.

"We had our moments, but we were too weak in front of U.S.A.'s net," Finland assistant coach Sakari Pietila said. "After that, we made two stupid mistakes (giving U.S. players breakaways). There's no room in this level of hockey for mistakes like that. We're looking forward to Sweden."

Mistakes marred America's play in the 1984 and 1988 Games, resulting in seventh-place finishes.

But the 1992 team has been more conservative. It has been dogged on defense, great "in goal" with Ray LeBlanc and opportunistic on offense.

All four U.S. goals Thursday came on transition plays — where the defense does something right and the offense takes the puck the other way.

"The Finnish team was not as opportunistic as we were," U.S. coach Dave Peterson said. "Our team stayed with the plan. They played with pretty good patience, and we were able to score a few goals on opportunistic turnovers."

Speedskater's 2nd chance highlights today's events

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Dan Jansen's long-awaited return to the Olympic speedskating oval and Paul Wylie's surprise bid for a men's figure skating medal highlight a day of speed and style as week one of the Winter Games ends Saturday.

The day is jammed with personal and team drama: from the women's downhill on controversial Roc de Fer, the challenging mountain at Meribel, to the heavy sink down the road from the slopes, to football star Herschel Walker's bobsled adventure.

CBS will show much of it Saturday night, with taped coverage of the men's figure skating long program, the women's downhill and the men's 500-meter speedskating race.

Earlier, the network has the unbeaten American hockey team's game against Poland live, along with taped coverage of the two-man bobsled, the men's 15-kilometer and women's 10-kilometer cross-country skiing and freestyle-skiing aerobics.

The Olympic hockey schedule Saturday also includes Italy vs. Germany and Finland against Sweden.

Jansen's personal tragedy — his sister died on the eve of his first race at Calgary four years ago — and his subsequent falls in both the 500- and 1,000-meter events were the exclamation points of the 1988 Games. Jansen became an American hero, pictured on cereal boxes, without benefit of a medal.

He gets a chance to rectify that in the 500, an event in which he set a world record of 36.43 seconds three weeks ago. The



Dan Jansen

Disappointments behind him main competition should come from an old foe, Germany's Uwe-Jens Mey, who capitalized on Jansen's troubles to take the gold in the 500 and silver in the 1,000 at Calgary.

Jansen says he has put the disappointments of 1988 behind him and is skating for now, not then. "When I'm out there skating, I won't be thinking of what happened before," he said.

Across the street from the speedskating oval at the Olympic village, Wylie gears his skates at a figure skating medal. He was third after the short program, trailing Viktor Petrenko of the Unified Team and Petr Barna of Czechoslovakia.

Wylie outskated his more experienced teammates, U.S. national champion Christopher Bowman and world bronze medalist Todd Eldredge, who were seventh and ninth in the standings after falling during their programs.

Olympic notebook

The Associated Press

ALBERTVILLE, France — Something to watch for at the closing Olympic ceremonies: where were those missing 30 dancers supposed to be?

The show's producer, Charles Gassot, announced Friday that the group had been trimmed from the Feb. 23 show. Although two of the dismissed dancers led a strike during rehearsals, Gassot denied the cuts were punitive.

"It's not a question of settling scores," said Gassot, adding that all the dancers will be paid anyway. They had walked out during rehearsals to protest their lodging and the cold-weather practice sessions, although the dispute was later resolved.

Yugoslav speedskater Bajro Cenanovic was a crowd-pleaser despite a last-place finish in the men's 5,000-meter speedskating. Cenanovic was an even 45 seconds behind Thierry Lambertson of France, the next-to-last finisher in Thursday's race. The Yugoslav's time was 8:20.30, more than 1 minute and 20 seconds behind gold medalist Geir Karstad of Norway.

Still, Cenanovic got big ovations from the Dutch and Norwegian fans at the Olympic oval. Some serenaded him, and one threw him a doll. The good-natured Cenanovic waved to the crowd.

Blair

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five speedskating goals in 1980. Heiden called Blair the sport's greatest female sprinter ever, marveling over her ability to maintain supremacy of the ice in the fastest races in the world.

"She won the 500 in '88, also by two-hundredths of a second, repeated on Monday by nearly two-tenths of a second against China's Ye Qiabao, then bettered her 1988 bronze in the 1,000 as Ye again sealed her victory."

Heiden, praising her without diminishing his own unique accomplishment of winning at short, medium and long distances, said, "Think of it. She's been competitive for four years. I only had to do it once."

The Winter Games never saw such a stripping from Finland who is as skinny as skis but soars like a sparrow.

Toni Nieminen revolutionized the ski jump with his V-style leap — skis pointed in a V-shape — that got off on a 400-foot, 2-inch flight that gave Finland the team jumping title and made him the youngest male gold medalist in Winter Olympic history.

He needed every bit of foot of it, too. It was the Finns' final jump, and Austria was leading. As it was, Finland's margin, combining distance and style points, was a scant 1.5 — 644.4 to 642.9.

"I just knew," said Nieminen, successor to legendary countryman Matti Nykanen. "I knew I needed a great jump if I was going to give my team the victory and I was under a lot of pressure."

Nieminen, 16 years, 259 days old, was one day younger than American Billy Fiske, who won a gold in the 1928 Games in four-man bobsled.

Norway's pure skier Gosta Henie of Norway was 15 when she won a gold medal in the 1928

Winter Games at St. Moritz, Switzerland. Germany was atop the medal standings with 14, including five goals, to lead Austria by one and the Unified Team by four.

France's world-champion ice dancers Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay wowed a packed crowd in the compulsory portion to finish a comfortable third behind two Russian couples — Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarevko, and Maia Usvova and Alexander Zhulin. U.S. champions April Sargent-Thomas and Russ Witherby were 10th.

"This was more like a hockey game," Sargent-Thomas said. "The crowds are really wild here."

The United States is mired in a seventh-place tie, with Italy with four medals each. So far, the women are carrying the burden for the U.S. team, with Blair and moguls skier Donna Weinbach winning the only three golds. Nelson Carmichael won a bronze in the men's moguls.

Blair bolted cleanly from the starting line in the third pairing, after a track record of 1:22.60 had been set in the first race by Christine Asfink of the Netherlands. The Blair Bunch of more than 50 friends and relatives from Champagne, Ill., urged her on with non-stop chants of "Go, Bonnie, Go," but Blair said she was so focused she heard only a roar.

Maintaining perfect form — head down, back arched, legs and arms swinging smoothly — Blair covered the distance in 1:21.90.

As the time flashed on the board, the Blair Bunch howled and whistled with the delight. Only one — Blair's 73-year-old mother, Eleanor — stayed quiet in those first delicious moments. She couldn't hold her breath the whole race as she did during the 500, she said, "But I'll tell you my heart was going pitter-patter, that's for sure."

No distractions start paying off for Wylie

ALBERTVILLE, France (AP) — Paul Wylie is the hottest Harvard man on ice.

Attending one of the most prestigious universities in the United States didn't exactly do wonders for his skating career, though. It seems the heavy academic workload and the rigors of weekend figure skating didn't always mix. So, after his graduation last summer, he began making his last push for greatness — with no school to get in the way.

"I felt it was time to devote myself to skating without distraction and see how I could reach my potential," he said.

At 27, life is good for Wylie. He has a political science degree, a girlfriend who came with him to the Olympics and a chance to win a medal.

"I think I'm at the top of my game," he said. "The programs are the best they've ever been and I think I'm the best I've ever been."

This is Wylie's second Olympics, but who remembers him from Calgary? For trivia buffs, he was 10th. He has been on three world teams but finished no higher than ninth.

Some people suggested that Wylie should forget about skating, but that didn't make sense to him.

"I make personal goals all the time, and one of them was to win a national championship," he said. "I was paying myself that is not worth getting on with the rest of the world."

The championing eluded Wylie, who finished second behind Bowman. After that disappointment, Wylie went to work.

His grace and lyrical style has always won him points with skating judges. It was competing under pressure that was often Wylie's downfall.



U.S. figure skater Paul Wylie takes a break Friday while preparing for tonight's free skate program.

At Calgary, he got a bad case of the nerves. "I was in the dressing room drying my hair and I started to sweat, visibly sweat, and I hadn't even gotten to the rink," he said. "Everyone was so high-strung there."

At the 1991 world championships, he fell three times in the original program and was the last skater to make the cut. A strong free skate lifted him to 11th place.

Young Finn flies into Olympic record book

COURCHEVEL, France (AP) — It came down to the last jump, and Toni Nieminen flew into Olympic history.

At the time, he wasn't even aware of the historic bid; he just needed a long jump. He nailed it — 400.16 feet — giving Finland their coveted gold medal in the team ski jumping event.

It also made Nieminen the youngest male champion in the history of Winter Olympics. Nieminen is 16 years, 259 days old, just one day younger than American Bill Fiske when he won a bobsled-gold medal at the 1928 Games in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Nieminen aware of his jump's historical potential? "No, I didn't know," said the smiling teen. "But it's great."

The powerful Austrian team had been leading the Finns from the first series and appeared headed for an easy victory. But then Nieminen took over. He would take the last jump for the Finns, Andreas Felder

of Austria would follow with the last jump of the contest.

Nieminen, an intense look of concentration on his boyish face, started down the 120-meter hill before finally taking off.

After breaking 400 feet, Nieminen immediately raised his arms in triumph and raised the No. 1 sign with his finger. Felder followed and jumped well, but his 359.16-foot leap was far behind Nieminen.

Finland's winning total was 644.4 points, while Austria finished with 642.9.

"I knew I needed a great jump if I was going to give my team the victory, and I was under a lot of pressure," a beaming Nieminen said. "I just flew."

Nieminen waited on the ramp after he was cleared to leap, composing himself.

"I was thinking how I have to concentrate and I felt just absolutely superb on my skis," Nieminen said. "This was my first great jump in a week on this hill."

Mountain meister keeps stretcher-bearers busy

MERIBEL, France (AP) —

the leading contenders. Roc de Fer, the women's course, has kept the stretcher-bearers busy.

As the sun set, he went over the jump, then climbed higher and tried it again. Then a little higher.

And again, even higher. And farther and every time I was afraid to go. Rossi, meister of the mountain at these Winter Olympics, recalled Friday. "Nobody pushed me. It was something from inside. Some people are made like this and some are not."

The attitude, said Rossi, took to the slope's edge at such a tender age that he remains in his work, designing tough ski courses. Siers, said the 1972 gold medalist in the downhill, are made "to try to find the limit."

"Or maybe to look over the limit," he said, during final practice runs for the women's downhill. Roc de Fer, the Iron Rock that has bruised the egos and broken the bones of some of the world's best women skiers.

That philosophy isn't winning Rossi any popularity contests at this year's Olympic Games. His design for La Face de Bellevue, the women's downhill at Val d'Isere, vanquished

the leading contenders. Roc de Fer, the women's course, has kept the stretcher-bearers busy.

Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg, a four-time World Cup champion, succumbed to Bellevue's treacherous twists and turns. It beat Olympic medalist Hubert Strobl and Guenther Mader of Austria.

Switzerland's Paul Accola, the world's top-ranked skier coming into the Games, was so frustrated after falling that he skied across the finish line backward and gave an obscene salute.

"It wasn't clear if the gesture was in a tender bid for the crowd or Russia's creation."

Roc de Fer had become a skier's nightmare and an orthopedist's dream, even before final women's competition. Sabine Gintler of Austria cracked a back bone skiing at the Iron Rock that has bruised the egos and broken the bones of some of the world's best women skiers.

The injuries trouble Rossi. "I don't like to see people fall," he said. "It's like if somebody hurts his knee, it really hurts."

Magic Valley

Around the valley

Weed-burning ignites propane tank fire

TWIN FALLS - A propane tank fueling a roadside weed burner southwest of Twin Falls caught fire Friday afternoon, but nobody was injured.

Burning weeds apparently ignited the 100-gallon propane tank at 5 p.m., Filer Fire Chief Bud Compher said.

The man who was burning weeds near a field one mile west and one and a half miles south of Twin Falls unhooked the tank's trailer and drove the tractor a safe distance away. Firefighters cooled down the blaze, but let it burn down until the propane was at a safe level before putting out the last flames, Compher said.

Meehl to handle molesting case against ex-ISP officer

RUPERT - Fifth District Judge Daniel Meehl of Twin Falls has been assigned to handle the child molestation case involving a former Idaho State Police officer from Rupert.

Patrolman Robert Connor, a 21-year-ISP veteran, was fired in September. The Idaho Attorney General's office was investigating Connor at that time in connection with an incident involving a 13-year-old girl.

The investigation by the attorney general's office into an incident at a church picnic in Cassia County turned into criminal charges, which were filed in 5th District Court.

Fifth District Judge George Granata, has since disqualified himself, and the case has been assigned to Meehl, according to Connor's attorney, Tim Williams of Twin Falls.

The former trooper is charged with fondling the girl's breasts during a church camp last summer. The girl has testified Connor was awake when he kissed her several times and put his hands under her shirt, but Connor said he was asleep during the incident and immediately removed his hand when he woke up.

2 Twin Falls men dispute kids' identity in battery case

TWIN FALLS - The identity of four children involved in an aggravated battery case Feb. 8 is being disputed by two Twin Falls men.

Prosecutors have charged Kim Crowley, 24, with four counts each of aggravated battery and injury to children after a police officer said he saw the woman pointing a gun and yelling at the children inside her home.

In his affidavit included in Crowley's court file, Twin Falls police officer Chuck Dudley said a girl outside the house said four of the children inside "had been left at the residence by their father, Stan Crowley."

Stan Crowley, who is Kim Crowley's brother, said his own children were at home during the incident.

Meanwhile, David Bailey of Twin Falls, says four of the six children at the house were his children. The charges filed by Twin Falls County Prosecutor Barbara Blalock gives the last name of one of the children as Bailey.

Blalock said Friday that she had received no additional information about the identity of the children from investigators.

Lt. Jim Kistler of the Twin Falls police also said that he had no further information regarding the parents of the children involved.

Minidoka County School District board meets Tuesday

RUPERT - Minidoka County School District will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pershing Elementary building in Rupert and will be open to the public.

A few items on the agenda include a presentation on the Magic Valley Arts Council, the design of Big Valley school, the alternative school, board travel proposal, request for out-of-state travel and the approval of student-teacher placements.

State auditor expected to announce candidacy Monday

TWIN FALLS - State Auditor J.D. Williams plans to announce his candidacy for Idaho's 2nd Congressional District during a district-wide campaign swing beginning Monday.

He will be in town at noon Monday to make his announcement at the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center's overlook at the I.B. Ferrine Memorial Bridge.

If it rains - or snows - Williams will make his announcement at the Weston Plaza Hotel on Blue Lakes Boulevard.

Williams plans to run for the congressional seat vacated by Rep. Richard Stallings, who has announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Sen. Steve Symms has decided not to run for his seat again.

Compiled from staff reports

Virus outbreak prompts

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An epidemic of a nasty respiratory virus is making "coughing" and "sneezing" at newborn babies a risky pastime.

In fact, to avoid exposing babies to the respiratory syncytial virus, "Julia Vera, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's pediatric neonatal care coordinator, advises parents of babies less than a year old to keep their infants away from churches, grocery

stores and other public places.

"This year has been extremely bad," Vera said.

The virus causes serious respiratory tract infections such as pneumonia. It has spread throughout the Magic Valley in epidemic proportions, she said.

Infants, whose immune systems are not strong enough to battle the virus, are most susceptible, she said.

Area doctors are seeing 50 to 60 cases linked to the virus every day, she said.

The pediatrician has been three 15 to 18 child Vera said.

The hospital's pediatric department has intensive care sometimes granting visiting nurses except by post.

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Lighting the way



MIKE SALSBURY/The Times-News

Lincoln Street resident George Detweiler hopes to see the 10 cast-iron lamp posts located near his home listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Resident lights the way to historic preservation

By N.S. Nokken
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For more than 70 years they've illuminated two blocks of Lincoln Street.

Now Lincoln Street resident George Detweiler and the Twin Falls County Historical Commission have nominated the 10 cast-iron lamp posts to the state Historic Preservation Office for possible listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Longtime Twin Falls resident Fred Sanger agrees that the historic street lights ought to be preserved.

"My dad put them in," Sanger said. "The lamps were put in a new subdivision in 1915 east of Blue Lakes Boulevard to help attract buyers."

Sanger's father and uncle had bought 80 acres for the subdivision from Twin Falls pioneer I.B. Perrine.

The lamps were built by George Cutter Co. of South Bend, Ind. They were put in on the west side of Blue Lakes and on Lincoln and Buchanan streets.

Only the 10 lamps on Lincoln Street remain. The rest "have suffered the ravages of time and innovation," Detweiler said.

"People liked them and kept them up," Sanger said. The lights were in when he moved into the neighborhood in 1920. (He lives across town now.) Electricity arrived in 1939. But by 1978 the city no longer could afford the electric bill for the lights.

Now maintenance and electricity for the lamps are up to those on whose property they stand.

Some residents along the street have kept the lamps maintained and lit, but

not all can afford it, Detweiler said.

Detweiler said he was inspired by an advertisement for historic items by the commission and submitted the idea of preserving the lamps.

"I thought something needed to be done to preserve" the lamps, Detweiler said. "The interest on the street is there."

The next step will be by the Historic Sites Review Board. If it approves the nomination it will be submitted to the National Park Service for a final determination.

"I think they ought to have them some place," Sanger said.

Inclusion on the national register provides protection only if federal funds would adversely affect an eligible property.

The commission already has a list of 264 sites deemed historically significant.

It hopes to develop a local registry from which to turn it may develop a historical district. It is easier to have a historical district listed, said Russ Lively, Twin Falls architect and chairman of the Twin Falls County Historical Commission.

Jerome out Gold:

By Brad Bow
Times-News

JEROME - part of the Magic Valley Jerome County he pulled out handled drug Valley court on Feb. 6 be the benefits county re from its merger ship weren't the effort.

"I have tremendous respect everyone involved in the task force," Gold said. "The mission is different than mine."

The task force level enforcement handled by local agencies.

Gold said the larger-scale drug problem in Falls County, force for their part.

The task force County narrow Twin Falls Du Fresno de that Twin Falls take down narcotics case.

Sometime cooperation sometimes themselves, he said.

Gold said absence of the task force because convictions in All drug cases during the three task force be

Pork controversy

By Clark Miller
Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Producer Assoc. the state Legislature to conduct a establish of a pork

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Wash. charge

By Brad Bow
Times-News

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Church news

Lee to serve 2-year mission

KIMBERLY - Elder Mark David Lee, son of LaVere and Susan Lee of Kimberly, has been called to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Mission. He will speak in Sacramento Meeting at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 1st Ward Chapel, 14 miles north of Kimberly, and will enter the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, Feb. 26. Lee is an Eagle Scout and a 1991 graduate



Lee

of Kimberly High School. He attended the College of Southern Idaho for the fall 1991 semester and has been employed at Mrs. Powell's in the Magic Valley Mall for the past two years.

Pair to speak on self-esteem

HEYBURN - David and Sylvia Shasky will be the guest speakers at 11 a.m. today at the Heyburn Seventh-day Adventist Church, two miles east of J.B.'s Restaurant on Alfreco Road. The Shaskys will speak on "Self-Esteem: A Gift From God." The public is invited, especially those acquainted with the Shaskys or their ministry. David Shasky has pastored in Idaho and been a youth pastor for several years. Sylvia Shasky is a professional counselor and works with youth and adults in a college setting. They are currently pastors at

the Homedale Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Noland, family guest ministers

TWIN FALLS - The Rev. Robin Noland and his family will be the guests ministering at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Winepress Christian Fellowship. Services are held behind The Fish Bowl in the Campus Commons Shopping Center. A potluck lunch will follow the service. The public is invited. The Noland family came to Twin Falls in 1987 and pastored at the Salvation Army for four years. In 1991, they and the Ted Mangini family founded what is now called the Winepress Christian Fellowship. The Noland family are currently ministering at the Cascade Praise Cathedral in Bend, Ore., where they minister to singles and divorced people. For more information, call Ted Mangini

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Church services

AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP
TWIN FALLS - Amazing Grace Fellowship, YFCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., 735-0727.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Lynn Schaefer speaking on "Spiritual Warfare, Part 4." Nursery provided for infants through age 3. Children's church for ages 3 through third grade. Evening service at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Family activities with at 7 p.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
BUHL - First Assembly of God, 703 N. Locust, 543-5191.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 10:50 a.m. with the Rev. Rusty Huva. Evening worship at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Service at 6 p.m.
BUHL - Calvary Assembly of God, Poplar and Truck Ave., 543-6179.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 10:50 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m.
GOODING - Assembly of God, Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.

NANSEN - Assembly of God, 319 Second E., 423-6122.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth clubs at 7 p.m.
JEROME - Assembly of God, Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Dan Miller. Children's church at 11 a.m. Evening celebration at 8:30 p.m.
SHOSHONE - Shoshone Assembly of God, 118 W. Fourth, 886-2388.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Family night at 7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS - First Assembly of God, 189 N. Locust, 733-5349.
Sunday: Christian education for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship with the Rev. Ted Britain and super church for children with Pastor Marvin and Reeta Huyser at 10:50 a.m. Prayer in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m. Evening praise and worship at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Family night at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Faith Assembly of God, 178 Filer Ave., W. 734-2083.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 10:55 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.

BAPTIST
BUHL - First Baptist Church, 400 Ninth Ave. N., 343-4442.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 6 p.m. Hispanic worship at 6 p.m. with Pastor Marco Lopez. Nursery available for all services.
WEDGE - Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
FILER - First Baptist Church, Highway 30, 326-4916.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. James Amund speaking on "Pat on Your Power Suit." Youth fellowship at 6 p.m. Evening fellowship and Bible study at 7 p.m.
Tuesday: Prayer group at 7 a.m.
JACKPOT, Nev. - Baptist Church, Pleasant Street, 702-755-2226.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with the Rev. Oliver W. Bibby.
Tuesday: Special service at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Paul Rodriguez.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
JEROME - Bible Baptist, 132 Second Ave. E., 324-2804.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Awanans at 6 p.m. Service at 7 p.m.
JEROME - First Baptist, 308 First Ave. E., 324-5938.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Artis Keck speaking on "Thinking Big, Acting Small." Youth time at 3 p.m. Hispanic and evening worship both at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study and prayer at 6:45 p.m.
JEROME - Free Will Baptist, 820 E. Cleveland, 324-8143.
Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Gene Kissinger. Evening service at 6 p.m. Bible study at 7 p.m.
JEROME - Mid Valley Baptist, 501 Fourth Ave. E., 934-4178 (pastor's home).
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mike Heiler.
Wednesday: Prayer service at 7 p.m.

KIMBERLY - First Baptist, Adams and Birch, 425-6106 or 423-6439 (pastor's home).
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with Pastor Cliff McGuire.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
RUFERT - First Baptist Church, Fifth and H streets, 436-6325.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Children's church at 11 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor J. Roy Hales. Bible study at 6 p.m.
RUFERT - First Southern Baptist Church, 818 S. Oneida, 436-1243 (pastor's home).
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. with Pastor Mike McGuire.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Airport Road Free Will Baptist, 800 Washington St. S., 734-7149.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim O'Donnell. Evening worship at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study, prayer and teen time at 7:30 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. W., 733-5312.
Sunday: Sunday school for children and adult Bible study at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Scott Thomas. Caraway Street for children. Praise service at 6 p.m. Nursery provided at all services.
Wednesday: Ministry night at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Eastern Baptist, 204 Eastland Drive N., 734-7041.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Douglas Arendsee.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - First Baptist, 910 Shoshone St. E., 733-2936.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Kendrick Gould speaking on "Love as Jesus Loved."
Tuesday: Bible study and prayer at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Grace Baptist, 798 Eastland Drive N., 733-1452.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:40 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. M.L. Glaz speaking on "When the Roof Caves In." Evening worship at 6:30 p.m. with the topic, "The Emptiness of a Self-Centered Life." Sign interpretation for the deaf is offered at each service.
Wednesday: Bible study, prayer and youth group at 7:30 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Baptist Fellowship, 492 Washington St. N., 733-0723.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Fred Barton speaking on "Who Will be Jesus to Them?" Evening worship at 7 p.m. with the topic, "Spiritual Warfare."
Wednesday: Bible study and prayer at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Tyler Street Baptist, 288 Tyler St., 733-1919.
Sunday: Worship No. 1 with Steve Ryan speaking on "The Heart of David" and Sunday school for nursery through kindergarten and adults at 9 a.m. Worship No. 2 (same speaker and message), children's church and Sunday school for high school age at 10:30 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. with observance of the Lord's Supper.
WENDELL - Calvary Baptist, meeting at the Wendell Grange Hall, 164 W. Main, 536-6109.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9 a.m. Worship at 10 a.m.
Tuesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.

ministering. Evening worship at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible classes at 7 p.m.
EDEN - Church of Christ, 425 Ave. C.
Sunday: Bible study at 10 a.m. with Pastor Don Wainwright. Evening worship at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Worship at 7 p.m.
JEROME - Church of Christ, Buchanan, 324-4170.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Bronson ministering. Evening worship at 6 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E., 733-7805.
Sunday: Bible classes for all ages at 9:50 a.m. Worship assembly at 10 a.m. with Wayland McClellan. Evening worship at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible classes for all ages at 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC
BUHL - Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1701 Poplar, 543-5136.
Sunday: Masses at 8 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday through Saturday: Masses daily, call the church for times.
JEROME - St. Benedict's Hospital Chapel, 709 N. Lincoln, Sunday through Saturday: Mass at 8:30 a.m. daily.
JEROME - St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 317 N. Buchanan, 324-4141.
Sunday: Mass at 6 p.m.
Sunday: Mass at 8 and 10 a.m. Spanish mass at noon.
TWIN FALLS - Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave., 734-2327.
Today: Mass in English at 5 p.m. Sunday: Mass at 9 a.m. in English and 11 a.m. in Spanish. Mass at 6 p.m. in Jackpot, Nev. Monday through Friday: Mass in English at 7:30 a.m.
TWIN FALLS - St. Edwards, 161 Sixth Ave. E., 733-3907.
Today: Mass at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday: Mass at 9 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses daily, call the church for times.

CHRISTIAN
BUHL - First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar at Broadway, 543-4102.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Morning worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Art Frand. Bible study at 7 p.m.
GOODING - First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W., Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:55 a.m. with the Rev. Andrew L. Morris.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
JEROME - Christian Bible Church, 126 W. First Ave., 324-7523.
Sunday: Worship at 10:30 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
JEROME - First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 279 E. Ave. B., 324-5301.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Maurice Jones.
KIMBERLY - Kimberly Christian Church, 307 Madison E., 423-5334.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Bruce Marshall speaking on "Overcoming Habits with Divine Intervention." Youth group at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: KIX at 3:30 p.m. Bible study at 5:30 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Community Christian Church, Grandview Drive South, 733-2886.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:50 a.m. with the Rev. Joel Smith.

TWIN FALLS - First Christian, 601 Shoshone St. N., 733-2209.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:50 a.m. with Pastor Rick Bender speaking on "Good-Grin!" Reading is Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 and John 11:22-25. Radio broadcast at 1:10 p.m. on KJLX Radio 1310. Youth meetings at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Youth Bible study at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS - Valley Christian (Disciples of Christ), 1708 Heyburn Ave. E., 733-3222.
Sunday: Opening exercise at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Ed Pangborn speaking on "Our Skillful Heart Surgeon." Reading is Jeremiah 17:15-14.
Thursday: Men's prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Tommy's knacker.

CHRISTIAN CENTER
TWIN FALLS - Christian Center, 181 Morrison St., 733-6255.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:30 a.m. Prayer at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Intercessory prayer at 10:30 a.m. Youth group at 6:15 p.m. Fellowship at 7 p.m.
CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE
TWIN FALLS - Heritage Alliance Church, located three-fourths of a mile south of Kimberly Road on Blue-Lakes Boulevard South, 733-9330.
Sunday: Worship at 9 and 11:15 a.m. with Pastor Jim Evans speaking on "Dreamers and Schemers: The Dreamers' Test." Reading is Genesis 39. Sunday school at 10:15 a.m. Evening service at 6 p.m. with the series on "Spiritual Warfare." Call the church for Bible study information.

CHRISTIAN CENTER
BUHL - Church of Christ, 829 Broadway Ave. N., 543-5745.
Sunday: Bible classes at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Robert C. Lupp

BAPTIST
JEROME - Jerome Bible Fellowship, 125 First Ave., 324-4099.
Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Lance Meyers.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH
TWIN FALLS - Bible Missionary Church, 435 Monroe, 733-7071.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening worship at 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday: Prayer and praise at 6:30 p.m.
BRIERLEN
TWIN FALLS - Church of the Redeemer, 461 Filer Ave. W., 733-3789.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. James Hall.
TWIN FALLS - First United Brethren, 302 Third Ave. East, 734-7912.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Lytle Arnold. Evening service at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
CALVARY CHAPEL
TWIN FALLS - Calvary Chapel, 241 Main Ave. W., 733-3133.
Sunday: Sunday school for ages 2-13 and morning worship at 11 a.m. Nursery provided. Evening service at 7 p.m.
Sunday through Saturday: Audio program at 7:30 a.m. and 10 p.m. on KAWZ 89.5 FM.
Wednesday: Family Bible study at 7

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Religion

O'Hair's TV appearance rekindles controversy

NEW YORK (AP) — America's most prominent, albeit atheist, spokesman, Murray O'Hair, says many people who share his belief keep it secret to avoid the blasts. "She taunts them to come 'out of the closet.'"

"Assured governors, mayors, senators and entertainers 'have confidence in me,' he said. 'One day I'm going to sit down and name them. Their hair is just going to curl.'"

"Ms. O'Hair, who 30 years ago denounced the lawsuit that got Bible reading and group prayer banned in the public schools, said she hasn't toned down her battle against religion, adding: 'I attack the Old Testament. I attack the New Testament. I attack religious ideology. Religion has done more harm than any other idea in history. It's the major enemy of mankind.'"

"A lady, white-haired woman of 72, Ms. O'Hair, appeared on the Feb. 13 Donahue show last week. It was like a reunion of old-sparring partners — the 25th anniversary of her first appearance on his first show in 1957. "Rockets went off," he said. "Boy, oh boy, did you light up the switchboard." Donahue has had her a dozen times since then.

"When Donahue, a Roman Catholic, remarked that he respected her, and 'not just for 'atheistic' reasons,' but because 'I think what you've done really strengthens religion,' she said: 'Oh horrors... Religion is the enemy.'"

her son, Jon, now president of American Atheists, and her adopted daughter, Robin, editor of "The American Atheist Journal." She is the daughter of Ms. O'Hair's ex-husband, William, who turned Christian evangelist. "He joined the enemy," she said in an interview after the show. "I hear Bill is very rich. He got the money from the religion field and I'm proud of that."

Vatican denies helping Nazis at war's end

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican on Friday denied news reports that it helped Nazi war criminals escape from Europe at the end of World War II.

The reports alleging that the Holy See issued passports to Nazi officials and others who persecuted Jews have appeared in the Italian press and other European newspapers in recent days.

that the documents the notorious Josef Mengele used to flee to Argentina were provided by the secretary of an Italian cardinal. Mengele adopted a new identity and died in Brazil in 1985.

and then the refugees who, with the support of the Allied military authorities, were seeking refuge outside of Europe. "He said the Vatican commission was overseen by Allied authorities, who 'continued the search for Nazi leaders and war criminals.'"

Yarmulkes feature Waldo, Batman, Simpsons, Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — When 4-year-old Hart Levine gets ready for nursery school each morning, he faces a big decision. Should he wear the yarmulke with Batman on it or the one with Superman?

They are popular," said Sandy Greenberg, director of the Learning Center at the Solomon Schechter School, a Jewish school in suburban White Plains. "It's a positive way of encouraging the children to wear yarmulkes."

Some observant Jews wear knitted skullcaps, others wear leather or suede. Members of some ultra-Orthodox Hasidic sects favor fedoras. Yarmulkes embroidered with scenes of Jerusalem have been around for a long time, as have skullcaps imprinted with the names of wedding couples and children.

Yarmulkes in his Manhattan store, Levine Co. Books & Judaica. They're priced from \$11 to \$18 and he sells about 100 a month.

Services

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GOODING — Church of the Nazarene, 130 Sixth Ave. W., 934-4543.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Neil Castle. Bible study at 7 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
HAILEY — Wood River Nazarene Church, 403 N. Main, 788-2244.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m. The Rev. Eric Kellner will speak at all services.
JEROME — Church of the Nazarene, 149-2837.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Joe McMathan.
KIDDERLY — Church of the Nazarene, 206 Madison W., 423-5290.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Waldon Shuman speaking on "Faces About the Cross: Pilate, the Coward." Reading is John 19:8. Evening celebration at 6 p.m. with the topic, "God's Workmanship: How to Go On."
Wednesday: Sunday school at 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible study, prayer and teen Bible study at 7 p.m.
TWIN FALLS — Church of the Nazarene, 401 Sixth Ave. N., 733-5667.
Sunday: Bible class for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Mel Rayburn. Evening service at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Floyd Young. Nursery provided for all.
Wednesday: Bible study and activity night at 7 p.m.
PENTECOSTAL
TWIN FALLS — Bethel Temple, 3200 Ninth Ave. E., 733-4162.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. with Pastor Allen Picklesimer.
Tuesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
TWIN FALLS — Calvary United Pentecostal, 450 Third Ave. W., 733-7241 or 734-9115.
Sunday: Worship at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. with the Rev. Wayne H. Nigh.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m.
TWIN FALLS — The Pentecostals of Magic Valley, 267 Fifth Ave. E., 733-2472 or 324-2802.
Sunday: Christian education at 10 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Vernon Bishop. Body Life at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Family night at 7:30 p.m.
FRESHBERRY
Buhl — First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St., 543-2352.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John R. Krue.
Wednesday: Morning devotionals at 7:15 a.m.

BURLEY — First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., 678-5131.
Sunday: Adult class at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday school at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. David Henry.
HAZELTON Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park Ave., 829-5536.
Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m. with Dr. Weston Gray.
HOLLYER — Community Presbyterian Church, 655-4357, (702) 755-2825 (pastor's home).
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Peggy Boyce.
JEROME — First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A., 324-2072.
Sunday: Worship for all ages at 9:15 a.m.
Worship at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Bob Siebe. Activity class following Children's Time: Nursery provided.
Wednesday: Youth group at 6:15 p.m. with dinner for \$2.
TWIN FALLS — First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., 733-7023.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mike Bullard speaking on "Each Loving Life a Psalm of Gratitude."
WEINDELL — United Presbyterian Church, First Avenue East, 536-6270.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:40 a.m.
Worship service at 11 a.m. with Blake Walsh giving the sermon.
TRUCKER'S CHAPEL
BURLEY — Corner's Cafe at Exit 208.
Sunday: Morning service for truckers at 7:30 a.m. with David D. Donahue speaking. Coffee and breakfast available.
REFORMED
TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1831 Grandview Drive N., 733-6128.
Sunday: Worship and communion at 9 and 11 a.m. with the Rev. Brian Vriesman.
Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Evening service at 7 p.m.
WEINDELL — New Life Community Church, 180 E. Ave. B., 536-6223.
Pastor's home, 536-2500.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Corinne Kounen speaking on "Being Honest With Ourselves and With God."
Evening service at 7 p.m. with the topic "How to Find Peace With God: Know the Enemies of the Christian Life."
Wednesday: Ladies coffee-break Bible study with story hour for pre-schoolers at 9:45 a.m.
REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Buhl — Eighth and Locust, 420-1283.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.

10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Elder Kathy Bullhous.
Wednesday: Prayer service at 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Priesthood meeting at 7:30 p.m.
SALVATION ARMY
TWIN FALLS CORPS — 348 Fourth Ave. N., 733-7820.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:40 a.m.
Holiness meeting at 11 a.m.
Salvation meeting at 6 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer and Bible study at 7 p.m. at 213 Del-Mar Drive.
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
BUHL — Highway 30, 543-6113.
Today: Worship service at 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School at 11 a.m.
Tuesday: Bible Study at 7 p.m.
EDEN — North Idaho St., 825-5905 or 825-7228.
Today: Worship service at 10 a.m.
HEYBURN — Two miles east of the Burtley Mill on AlfreSCO Road, 678-3995.
Today: Bible classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor LaVerne Opp.
Guest speakers Feb. 16 are David and Sylvia Shasky.
TWIN FALLS — Corner of Grandview Drive and Addison Avenue West, 733-0799.
Sunday: Sabbath School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.
Worship service at 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.
SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER
TWIN FALLS — Spiritual Awareness Center, 653 Rose St. N., No. 10, 733-1270.
Wednesday: Meditation service at 7:30 p.m.
WESLEYAN HOLINESS
TWIN FALLS — Wesleyan Holiness, 203 Madison, 733-2840.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m.
Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John Sander.
Evening service at 6:30 p.m.

Winepress Ministries
TWIN FALLS — Winepress Christian Fellowship, meeting in Campus Commons, basement entrance of the alley, Filer Avenue, 733-7750.
Sunday: Worship and celebration at 10 a.m.
Children's and adult classes at 11 a.m.
Nursery available.
Weeknight home church, call for information.
Prayer meetings at noon Tuesday and Thursday at South Meadows Apartments.
New 20 Times News-Tribune, minister, and Terry Brown, pastor.
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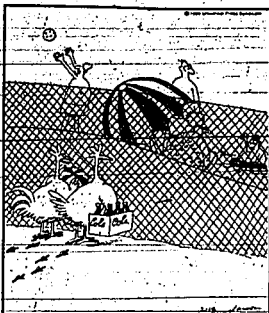
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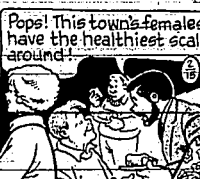
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on family celebration based on return of "rich uncle." Emphasis on entertainment, display, color, good money news. Gift received adds to apparel. Gemini, Sagittarius persons involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relative returns household product you had given up for lost. You're on more solid emotional-financial ground. You'll deal successfully with older individuals, especially Lou, Scorpio.

CANCER (May 21-June 20): By 10 p.m. message received confirming basic views, travel plans. Spotlight on romance, variety, adventure, discovery, gain via written word. Possibilities worth more than originally estimated.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around durable goods, mechanical appliances.

Q. Why do so many mothers in Finland give their kids names like:
 A. No place else around the steed is quite as sizzling.
 The Four D's of Marriage," according to that sardonic wit Fay Angus, "are Despair, Despair, Drink and Divorce."
 Q. Why was the old Model T Ford called a "Tin Lizzie"?
 A. Many a family had a "third girl" and many a hired girl was named Elizabeth. Of some variation.
 One such, "Lizzie," got to be generic for the errand runner who helped out around the house. "Tin Lizzie" spun off.
 If it's a double-yolk egg, it was laid within six weeks after the hen first started laying eggs.
 Tradition of the Itans Indians of Colombia holds that a man should marry a cousin, either

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EPA orders cleanup near smelter site

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — Private property, including more than 500 homes, near the Asarco smelter site is contaminated with dangerous levels of arsenic and lead and must be cleaned up, the Environmental Protection Agency says.

Cleanup of the 273-acre area of Ruston and North Tacoma could cost between \$3 million and \$19 million, depending on which cleanup procedure the EPA chooses. The federal agency has proposed five options.

"What this means is that EPA believes there is an unacceptable risk based on (residents') exposure to contaminated soil, and we will seek to implement one of these alternatives where they live," EPA project manager Mary Kay Voytilla said Thursday.

EPA issued the cleanup mandate after four years of studies and tests at the site.

Asarco, spokesman Tom Aldrich would not comment on cleanup of the site, but said the company will review the EPA findings and "live up to our responsibilities."

Asarco operated a copper smelter along the

Ruston waterfront for nearly 100 years. The smelter site has been named near the top of the national Superfund list of toxic hot spots.

Required to pick up costs of a cleanup, Asarco has claimed that public health risks are minimal and only the smelter-property itself needs to be improved.

"Based on their past actions, I think Asarco will fight it," said Tacoma City Councilman Paul Miller, who serves on a cleanup advisory committee. "Whether they will oppose doing any (cleanup) action is questionable, but they will certainly be maneuvering for a cost-effective compromise."

The site poses varying health risks to area residents depending on their exposure to arsenic and lead toxins, the EPA said. In general, residents face up to a 1 in 1,000 risk of developing cancer from accidentally swallowing tiny amounts of arsenic-laced dirt, the agency said.

"We've always believed there is a risk," Voytilla said, "but I wouldn't characterize it as an immediate health threat at all."

The risk estimates are based on a lifetime of exposure, she said.

But Asarco disagrees. It recently conducted its own study of health risks to Ruston and North Tacoma residents, concluding that a more realistic risk estimate is a skin cancer case per 100,000 residents.

"By this measure, the danger is so low that cleanup isn't necessary," Aldrich said.

The EPA said it will require cleanup in all areas where the soil concentration of arsenic is greater than 230 parts per million and the lead level exceeds 500 parts per million.

The least costly cleanup option would be a \$3 million campaign to educate residents on how to reduce exposure to the toxins. Other options, ranging from \$56 million to \$119 million in cost, would involve capping or excavating the contaminated site.

Public hearings will be held to discuss the options. The EPA plans to select a course of action by September and begin the cleanup sometime next year.

Panel defers recommendation on race-sports book

CARSON CITY, (AP) — After four hours of discussion, Gaming Control Board members deferred a vote on a license for a plush new race and sports book off the Las Vegas Strip.

All three members questioned Thursday whether they should recommend a license for the Sport of Kings before their agents complete a background probe of its British backers, brothers Stephen and Jamie Forsyth.

Board members decided to resume their hearing next Wednesday, the day before their parent

Nevada Gaming Commission meets. The commission has final say on the plan.

The \$9 million, 25,000-square-foot race and sports book is scheduled to open Feb. 24. Dennis Amrine, a former Control Board member, serves as president of the company.

Amrine described the Sport of Kings as a palace for horse and sports bettors, where the well-heeled gambler can join a turf club and get first-class treatment.

But Control-Board Chairman Bill Biele said an investigation into the backgrounds of the Forsyth

brothers may not be completed until May. He also questioned profit projections for the book.

Board member Steve DuCharme added that board agents were hindered in their investigation when they visited "Forsyth employees" in Cyprus and Gibraltar.

DuCharme also said he doubted whether his concerns could be alleviated enough for him to support the brothers. He and other panel members didn't elaborate on their concerns.

The Forsyths operate amusement arcades and other businesses in Britain.

Legislative log

State To Govern — Review of the sales-tax calculation on equipment temporarily in the state.

HB470 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides for a study to determine the effect of the proposed changes in the federal Internal Revenue Code into state tax law.

HB471 (Education) — Requires county bids to be published, unless they are special, during the 30 days prior to bid opening.

HB535 (Local Government) — Approves \$80,000 to satisfy requirements of Philmore Murphy's estate that was left to the state with a stipulation that the money be spent in Kootenai County.

HB538 (State Affairs) — Increases salary of the Public Utilities Commission members from \$55,000 to \$62,000.

Confirmed By Senate

Jo-Adcock, Nampa, to the Commission for the Blind.

Daniel Sharp, Boise to the Commission for Pardon and Parole.

Approved by House

SB1435 (Judiciary and Rules) — Requires notice and hearing for persons legally obligated to provide child support.

HR9 (Revenue and Taxation) — Requires a three-fifths (60 percent) majority approval before the legislature can increase the corporate tax rate.

HB633 (Health and Welfare) — Requires licensing of home health agencies.

HB634 (Health and Welfare) — Provides that certain workers' compensation records of the Industrial Commission are exempt from public disclosure.

HB635 (Revenue and Taxation) — Removes age limitations from the circuit breaker property tax relief under the circuit breaker program.

HB636 (Business) — Provides that state Board for Registration of Professional Geologists shall cap the registration fee at no more than \$100.

HB637 (Business) — Provides that medical insurance coverage for newborn dependents as naturally occurring.

HB638 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides for a study to determine the effect of the proposed changes in the federal Internal Revenue Code into state tax law.

HB639 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides additional criminal penalties for persons who violate the state's child support laws.

HB640 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides for a study to determine the effect of the proposed changes in the federal Internal Revenue Code into state tax law.

HB641 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Defines student rights of freedom of speech and freedom of expression in student activities.

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HB643 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Provides for a study to determine the effect of the proposed changes in the federal Internal Revenue Code into state tax law.

HB644 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides for year-round fox season in Fish and Game regions 1 and 2 for the preservation of pheasants. If Fish and Game Commission finds that year-round fox seasons are necessary in some areas of a game refuge, it may provide for a fox season in certain game management areas within the region.

HB645 (Resources and Conservation) — Requests changes to State Water Plan approved by Water Resource Board revised on Jan. 3, 1992.

HB646 (Resources and Conservation) — Requests changes to the State Pheasant Act.

HB647 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides that after Jan. 1, 1994, required to be approved by the board before a license is issued. If a license is issued, the licensee must provide proof of completion of education to the board for another state.

HB648 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides that factors director of Dept. of State Parks for another state.

HB649 (Revenue and Taxation) — Incentivizes changes to State "circuit breaker" property tax credit from maximum of \$400 to \$300, depending on income.

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414	Jeremy Higley	54	722	Brian Blirrell
415	Jeremy Higley	62	725	Ryan Geer
416	Clayton Sandy	25	728	Neal Jones
417	Huth Gedeberg	4	729	Cyndi Schneider
418	Boyr Gedeberg	31	733	Katie Birmingham
420	Deborah Roundy	2	732	Michael Gykora
422	Brandy Bunt	1	734	Erin VanPool
423	Brandy Bunt	2	736	William Arrington
424	Jeremy Ennis	8	737	Lee Quigley
425	James Welker	33	740	Glenda Barlow
426	Ila May Bunt	5	741	Mike Bolton
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428	Debrah Roundy	60	746	Karl Johnson
500	Ron Connally	10	749	Jared Olson
501	Eric Hansen	2	750	David Braughnburger
502	Teresa Carpenter	1	751	Jason Davidson
504	Dan Daggott	3	753	Date Fuller
505	Bryce Hutchison	4	755	Leslie Anisborth
506	Kory Child	2	756	Michael Franks
508	Kaylie Child	307	757	Darren Huber
509	Bryce Hutchison	4	758	Dale Fuller
510	Lenni Frell	2	759	Blake Moffitt
511	Ryan Vestal	4	762	Jerry Poulson
512	Nathan Wade	4	766	Scott Mabe
513	Michael Sites	6	764	Chris Taylor
514	Grace Baker	5	765	Robb Taylor
515	Michael Sites	1	767	Shon Conroy
516	Randy Thomas	3	768	Thayne Taylor
517	Michael Sites	2	769	Alicia Berry
519	Martin Baker	1	771	Revia Turner
520	Monte Weeks	2	776	Oletha Kosh
521	Paul Egbert	6	777	Nathan Call
523	Mike Haberman	7	778	Jamen May
524	Mark Perry	1	784	Glenda Barlow
526	Caleb Adams	1	785	Rose Hyatt
527	Lev Mitchell	8	786	Robert Moffitt
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536	Jenny Lundgren	1	793	Chad
537	Phillip Rosen	1	794	Robert Olf
538	Nicola Miller	1	795	Robert Olf
539	Joshua Doddroe	2	802	Brandon
541	Brandon Crane	3	804	Eric Dahl
542	Michael Kerr	1	806	Carla Welch
544	Branna Doddroe	2	807	Karen Welch
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Patience is the art of holding your temper.

Today's West lost his shot at making the game because he was impatient. His best chance was to hope that East had a timely entry, but he eliminated that possibility by pointing on South's heart king.

Dummy's spade queen was a heart was led to South's king and West's ace. West led his spade king, which South refused, and a third spade went to South's ace.

South passed his heart nine to East's jack, but all was safe. Had East held a fourth spade, South would still have won nine tricks. As it was, when dummy's fourth heart was cashed, East had to unguard one of the minors and South made an overtrick.

Had West smoothly ducked South's heart king, South would have had good reason to lose the game. (Playing for diamonds to be 3-3 would win, but that would be an inferior line.) Going with the odds, South would have finessed a heart to East's jack (West ducking smoothly once again), and then a spade return by East would have beaten the game. West's heart ace would remain as an entry to his spades and South could take only eight winners.

Setting up your suit pays little reward unless you have an entry.

WEST
 ♠ A 7 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ 9 5
 ♣ 7 5

EAST
 ♠ 10 6 2
 ♥ 3 4
 ♦ Q J 5
 ♣ J 10 6 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A 5 3
 ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ K 6 3
 ♣ A K 7 8

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South
 The Bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 2♦ Pass 3 NT All pass
 Opening lead: Spade eight

BID WITH THE ACES
 South holds: 24-8

♠ K J 8 5
 ♥ A 7 3
 ♦ 9 8 4
 ♣ 9 3

North South
 1♦ 1♦
 2♦

ANSWER: Pass. Opener should have a maximum of 14-15 points, not enough to justify game.

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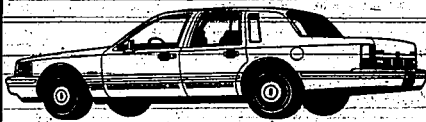
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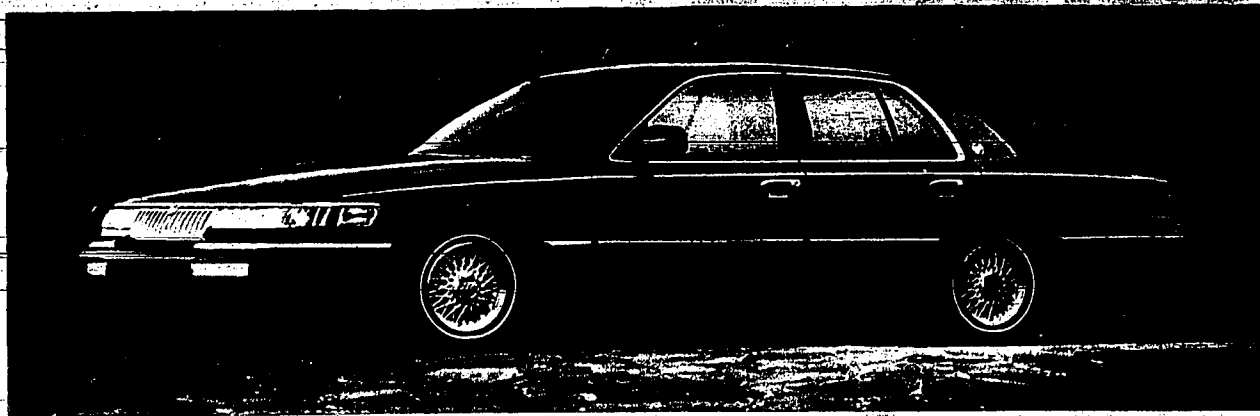
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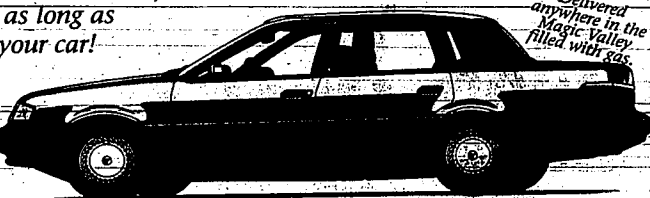
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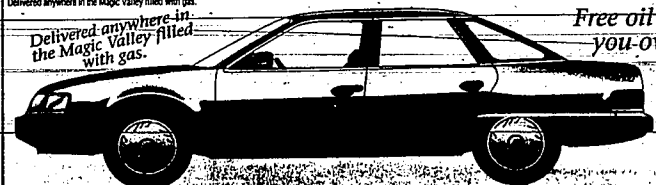
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Industrial production takes dive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's industrial output plunged 0.9 percent in January, the biggest decline in nearly a year, as virtually every industry from autos to chemicals sustained cutbacks in production, the government said Friday.

On the plus side, the weak economy and falling energy prices continued to keep inflation well in check with wholesale prices declining 0.3 percent in January, their biggest drop in 10 months.

The worse-than-expected industrial production report was particularly disappointing because it came only a day after reports showing a big jump in auto sales in early February and rising retail sales last month had stirred hopes that the economy was finally beginning to mount a sustained recovery.

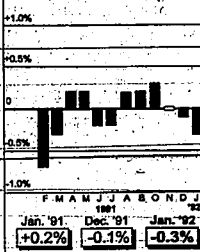
The drop in industrial production was the third straight, following declines of 0.4 percent in December and 0.3 percent in November. January's drop was led by an 8 percent cutback in production of autos and auto parts but also reflected declines in many industries, including chemicals, business equipment and textiles.

"We are all looking anxiously for any signs of life in the economy," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "But the industrial production report shows the manufacturing side of the economy started the year deep in recession." Lawrence Chimier, a consultant at DRI-McGraw-Hill, said it was "much too premature to conclude that the recovery has started." He said that until the economy starts producing more jobs than layoffs, consumer sentiment will not rebound and any potential pickup in economic activity could well be short-circuited.

Other economists argued that January's drop in industrial production represented the recession's last gasp.

Producer Price Index

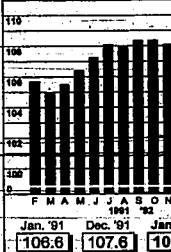
For finished goods
Seasonally adjusted change from prior month



Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor AP

Industrial Production

Seasonally adjusted index, 1987 = 100



Source: Federal Reserve Board AP

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— Economist Allen Sinai

They noted another report Friday showing that business inventories jumped sharply in December.

These economists said January's cutbacks in production reflected efforts by companies to work off a backlog of unsold goods. Rising demand should help deplete inventories and set the stage for rising production and overall economic growth by the spring, according to these analysts.

"If consumer demand can be sustained, then we should see a recovery developing in the spring," said

Bruce Steinberg, senior economist at Merrill Lynch. He said he was forecasting essentially a flat economy from January through March followed by gradual strengthening the rest of the year.

All analysts agreed that the weak economy and further declines in energy prices were combining to keep inflation well under control.

The 0.3 percent decline in wholesale prices followed a 0.1 percent December decline. It marked the first back-to-back declines in wholesale prices since last June and

July. It was the biggest drop since similar 0.3 percent decrease in March.

The January decline in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index was led by a steep 7 percent plunge in gasoline prices and an even larger 16.9 percent falloff in home heating oil costs. Prices for natural gas and electricity were down by smaller amounts.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries named a proposal to export Friday on a proposal to remove more than 1.5 million barrels of oil a day from the market in an effort to boost crude oil prices. But analysts said given the current economic weakness around the world, it doubted the cut in production would have much impact in boosting prices.

Also helping to keep a lid on wholesale prices in January was third consecutive monthly decline that reflected a huge 22.9 percent drop in egg prices and smaller declines in the costs of coffee, fruit and pork. These offsets a 17.9 percent jump in vegetable prices.

Outside of the volatile food energy sectors, prices rose a modest 0.3 percent in January. A 1.5 percent jump in car prices and rising costs for women's clothing, newspapers and luggage contributed to this gain.

For all of 1991, the weak economy and plunging energy prices combined to produce a 0.1 percent in wholesale prices and a 3.1 percent increase in consumer prices, both best showings in five years.

Jittery investors have already long-term rates higher in recent weeks with the result that mortgage rates have risen as well. The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said national average for 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages rose to 8.73 percent this week, up from 8.67 percent last week.

OSHA issues new rules on safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers in the petrochemical industry will be required to analyze job hazards and develop ways to guard against explosions and other catastrophes under government safety rules issued Friday.

The regulations, written by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, are designed to prevent the type of fatal explosions that have hit the petrochemical industry in recent years.

More than 3 million workers at nearly 25,000 job sites in the United States will fall under the new OSHA standard, the Labor Department estimated.

The new regulations could prevent some 250 job-related deaths a year and another 1,500 injuries and illnesses, the agency estimated.

Under the rules, companies will have to undertake a "process hazard analysis," or a systematic review of what could go wrong and what safeguards should be implemented to prevent release of hazardous chemicals.

The standard also requires employee participation in safety programs, written operating procedures, employee training; maintenance of critical equipment; emergency action plans; and compliance audits at least every three years.

Many of the procedures are standard safety precautions that companies already take, making them OSHA regulations puts the teeth of federal law behind them.

Mainly, the standard covers workers in manufacturing industries where chemicals, transportation equipment, and fabricated metal products are made.

Other industries affected include natural gas liquids; farm product warehousing; electric, gas and sanitary services; and wholesale trade, the Labor Department said.

OSHA estimates that the rules will cost companies about \$889 million a year for each of the first five years, and that the compliance cost would drop during the second five years to \$406 million a year.

The costs would largely be offset by projected annual savings from accident prevention and increases in productivity, OSHA said. Companies could save \$720 million in each of the first five years and then \$1.4 billion in later years, the agency said.

Recession's true cost escapes economists

NEW YORK — Among the peculiarities of this recession are factors that economists fail to pick up, although "everyone else" is talking about them.

There is, for instance, the phenomenon of "stepping down," or downward mobility, characterized by laid-off workers, former business owners and professionals accepting jobs they never would have considered before.

There is "survivor anxiety," which describes the feelings of employed people who have witnessed and read about others losing their jobs and worry that "it could happen to me too."

Such concerns as these do not find their way into econometric models, but they are as real as the numbers that do. They affect the way people use their money and live their lives. They have a real economic impact.

Almost everyone, you might say, knows this to be so because they talk to neighbors, attend cocktail parties, read newspapers, listen to the radio and watch television. Some people attend focus groups.

Focus groups, which some of America's biggest organizations use to measure attitudes and discover trends, are often comprised of 10 or fewer people, interviewed by professional "They listen. They offer opinions.

Langer Associates, Inc., a market research firm, conducts scores of focus groups for clients throughout the year, and from them emerge spontaneous responses not only to specific products but to general economic conditions.

A year ago, said Judith Langer, the focus groups seemed to share an opinion and anger that recession fears were overblown, and they sometimes blamed the media. Now, "they are really scared; the tone has changed," she said.

John Cuniff
Business

She finds "the word depression is used inordinately to describe current environment; the word 'bleak' and 'scary' to describe sumers' moods."

She finds people are insecure, having seen so many people laid off and so many businesses ruined. "Whatever they may tell themselves about the economy being at fault, they find it hard not to blame question themselves," she says.

She finds young people questioned about their futures and questioning the value of college education.

Even those who have not been financially damaged, who still jobs, are insecure. She finds that steady job or career-hopping find more money, advancement fulfillment, workers are staying avoiding risk.

Underlying their fears, she says the fact that many people did save during the 1980s. You baby-boomers in particular, age 35, admit they spent every penny. As a result, she says, they have no financial cushion.

An analysis of the focus sees reveals people are anxious to health care and its costs. Langer they also are angry about what she considers the unfairness of income distribution. She calls it "inequidignation."

Commentary about the perceived inequity, she says, "is striking forcefulness," and she traces it to its executive pay.

John Cuniff is business writer for The Associated Press.

Gottschalks makes offer to Seattle firm

SEATTLE (AP) — Gottschalks Inc., a Fresno-Calif.-based department store chain, has faxed to Seattle an offer to buy six store buildings from selling Frederick & Nelson's, Gottschalks' chairman Joe Levy said.

The value of the offer is "not for publication at this time," Levy said in a telephone interview.

Officials of selling F&N, which is preparing for a liquidation sale next week, have said the properties are not for sale at this time.

Levy said he anticipated it would take the company some time to respond to the offer. Some of the F&N stores in the Puget Sound and Spokane areas are leased while others are owned by the retailer, he noted. And all such bids must be considered by F&N, its secured and unsecured creditors and U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

Gottschalks is not interested in Frederick's flagship store in downtown Seattle, he reiterated, though he said a smaller downtown Seattle site could be considered later.

"We'd like by the end of the year to have most of the six units open," he said.

Levy's interest drew indignant sniffs from officials of the Bellevue Square shopping mall in Bellevue, east of Seattle.

"Our lease ... requires an open, full-line department store. ... No-body has called Gottschalks upscale," said Kemper Froehman Jr. of the Bellevue mall.

"They bid Frederick & Nelson's, which was very upscale and, you know, where they're upscale," Levy retorted.

He said Gottschalks is opening a store in Tacoma's Lakewood Mall on March 2.

"I'm very excited about the market and I think we can do a great job for the customer," he said.

F&N officials and employees are still hoping for an eleven-hour rescue.

Resolution Trust levels suit against S&L leader

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Resolution Trust Corp. has filed suit against some former directors of the defunct American Savings and Loan Association, hoping to recover \$80 million for depositors, creditors and shareholders.

The suit names Frank C. Hess, William Hinckman, James Needham and executors of the estate of Salt Lake attorney Edward W. Clyde, who died in July.

The Salt Lake City-based savings and loan folded on Feb. 17, 1989. Documents filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court charted a history dating back to the late 1970s, when the Utah Department of Financial Institutions first "warned of systemic problems" within the bank.

The filing maintains that, despite repeated warnings of "unsafe and unsound lending practices," the continued to expand its construction lending portfolio.

In an example of the bank's financial condition in 1984, the said assets at year-end totaled \$1 billion, while loans receivable

increased to \$2.1 billion. The RTC charges that the defendants failed to properly manage bank's assets and allowed American Savings to enter into unsound actions in violation of federal state statutes.

Among transactions cited was \$162 million in loans to G. Bagley, developer of Jeremy R. \$10.2 million in loans to the Inn development, and \$3.7 million for Holiday Financial Plaza.

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Prices climb for used tractors, combines

By Clark M. Ivers
As Weekly writer

Three decades ago, a brand-new John Deere 4020 tractor or an International 0850 could be brought back to the farm for \$6,500 to \$7,200.

Today, a farmer would gladly pay much more to buy those tractors used, said Doug Wood of E&W Equipment in Gooding.

"Now you could sell it for \$11,000 or \$12,000, if it's in good shape," he said. "You price a new 100-horsepower tractor, it's \$35,000 to \$60,000."

As prices for new machinery continue rising, farmers are scrambling to find good used equipment.

Meanwhile, new equipment is becoming scarce too, as manufacturers force many dealers to cut inventories of slow-selling implements.

"The price of the new stuff is so ridiculous that even the high-rolling potato farmers are not buying them," said Wood, who sells new and used equipment.

"No one in the industry has sold any amount of new equipment in 10 years."

Used equipment

Farmers with tractors or combines in good condition aren't trading them off for new equipment and that means less used equipment is on the market.

"The quality of used equipment is not what it was five years ago," said Tom Brown of Green Line Sales Inc. in Burley.

Farmers are utilizing equipment to their full advantage.

About a year ago Lambert Laude, who farms south of Buhl, had a broker look around for a used tractor. He finally located the right tractor in December, and Laude bought it.

"I talked to a salesman from Twin Falls who said used equipment is hard to find," Laude said.

"The prices for the used stuff are also holding up well."

Kimberly, custom farmer Kip Wooten said he might add a combine to his operation. Two years ago he bought a new one for \$36,000. The same machine now costs about \$42,000, he said.

"I'm not looking at buying one for a year or so, but the price is coming up so fast that I'm not sure I can get away from the price some of the time."

Advance orders

Because of the lagging demand for new



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Buhl farmer Lambert Laude waited about a year for this used tractor.

machinery, dealers are cutting inventories and farmers may soon be asked to order machinery months in advance to assure delivery.

"Dealers will not be carrying the vast amount of inventory they have in the past," said Doug Burks of Burks Tractor Co. in Twin Falls.

"There's no shortage, but we won't have the selection," said Rod Burks, a partner in the Case International dealership with his brother.

"We'll have tractors, but maybe not the configuration a buyer wants. We may not have the exact horsepower he wants."

"In the past, manufacturers such as Case International, John Deere and Ford-New

Holland produced more equipment than farmers bought.

"The manufacturers were willing to work with dealers, offering them sales incentives to get equipment into the hands of farmers."

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But the manufacturers have begun cutting production and taking away the dealers' incentive packages.

"The companies are being a lot more rigid and inflexible when dealing with dealers," Doug Burks said. Burks Tractor Co. has responded by reducing inventory by \$4 million over the past year and a half, he said.

Brown of Green Line Sales Inc. said he has mostly reduced his inventory, but he's probably one of the few who hasn't. With

strong prices for wheat, contract barley and contract beans, Brown said he's optimistic he'll sell equipment in 1992.

He agrees manufacturers have stopped overproduction and things have changed.

But Wood doubts that farmers will go along with the advance ordering scheme.

"This won't work and never will in the farming operation," Wood predicts.

"Poor weather or adverse government policy make planning equipment purchases that far in advance impractical, he said.

Wooten said farmers who can set aside \$20,000 or \$30,000 each year might be able to plan equipment purchases a year in advance.

"But I can't do it," he said. "If I got a good year, then I'll go get something."



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How do you make a hog packer happy?

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - For the people who raise market hogs, the most important consumer is the packer who buys their product, said Pat Florence, president of Independent Meat Co. in Twin Falls.

Florence spoke to members of the Idaho Pork Producers Association Friday in Twin Falls during the group's annual meeting.

"Get me a hog that weighs 235 to 245 (pounds) and that has an eighth to 1 inch of back fat," Florence said.

"If you could do those two things I'd be happy as a clam."

While producers have to satisfy the end consumer, the person who eats pork, Florence said they get paid by the meat packing plants. The packers have to satisfy the food manufacturers and retailers, and the retailers have to meet consumer demand.

"Always remember the consumer is the ultimate customer, but if you don't please the packer, they will buy elsewhere," he said.

Florence, whose plant slaughters about 1,600 hogs per week, said his business runs more smoothly with certain types of animals.

"I want a predictable supply of consistently sized, lean, high-quality meat," he said. The 234- to 245-pound hog with back fat measurements of an one-eighth inch to 1 inch will provide the highest margins for his business, Florence said.

Independent Meat also manufactures meat - both retail-ready cuts and processed products - for sale to retail, restaurant and institutional outlets. Those customers

order the products in advance and have specific requirements, he said.

"So I need to know what I'm going to get and when I'm going to get it," he said.

Leanness is important in the hog industry, he said.

Independent Meat pays a premium for lean hogs because the carcasses of these hogs have a higher percentage of lean meat and better profits for the packer.

Comparing the carcasses of three hogs slaughtered at his plant of about the same weight but varying degrees of back fat, the

leanest hog had the highest percentage of lean cuts and provided the biggest gross margin for the company, he said.

The hog with 1.5 inches of back fat had 77.19 percent lean cuts and a margin of only 4.6 percent. At 1.1 inches of back fat, those numbers improved to 82.34

percent lean cuts and 11.58 percent margin.

The hog with 0.8 inches of back fat had a carcass with 83.75 percent lean cuts and a gross margin of 13.3 percent.

"I don't like fat and I keep track of it," Florence said. "A lean hog makes me more money."

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Bill aims at food slander

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BOISE - A bill approved by the House Agricultural Affairs Committee Wednesday would allow commodity producers who are damaged by another person's disparagement of their product to sue that person up to three years after the comments are made.

"Disparagement" is defined in the bill as spreading "any false information which is not based on reliable scientific facts and scientific data, which the disseminator knows or should have known to be false, and which casts doubt on the safety of any perishable agricultural food product to the consuming public."

Sen. Herb Carlson, R-Eagle, the bill's sponsor, said it was intended to combat any future food-safety scares such as the Alar-in-apples controversy of a few years ago.

With little debate, the committee unanimously sent the bill to the full House and recommended

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Officials will monitor Little Wood

By Michael Hofferber
AG Weekly correspondent

SHOSHONE—Water quality along a 15-mile stretch of the Little Wood River upstream of Richfield will be monitored beginning this spring under a plan approved by the Bureau of Land Management and the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality.

One of 200 waterways designated a "stream segment of concern" under Idaho's 1988 Anti-Degradation Policy, the Little Wood will be one of the first in southern Idaho to receive periodic monitoring to determine the impacts of livestock grazing and other activities on water quality.

"In theory, all the stream segments of concern are supposed to receive monitoring," said William Clark, senior water quality analyst for the DEQ.

Lack of funding and the complexities of setting up monitoring programs all across the state has delayed implementation of the field testing on many streams.

The Twin Falls office of the DEQ has been doing water quality monitoring on Billingsley Creek, another stream segment of concern, since early last year, Clark pointed out.

A monitoring plan for Collins Creek, in conjunction with the Soil Conservation Service in Gooding, has also been approved.

The monitoring is supposed to establish baseline data against which changes in a stream's water quality can be judged. Existing instream water uses — fisheries, irrigation, recreation — and the level of water quality necessary to protect those uses "shall be maintained and protected," the Idaho Anti-degradation Policy reads.

The monitoring, which begins in April, will include annual inventories of the instream habitat — fish spawning beds, mollusks, insects, etc. — and the condition of streambanks and their vegetation.

Three water gaps on the Pagari allotment became an issue late last year when the Committee for Idaho's High Desert appealed a BLM decision to allow construction of a pipeline for livestock watering. The environmental group argued that the water gaps should be closed once the pipeline was constructed.

Committees plan clean-up of Snake River

By Clark Miller
AG Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — The state's Division of Environmental Quality will begin forming committees soon to design a cleanup plan for the polluted Snake River.

A nearly complete University of Idaho water-quality study of the middle Snake from Miller Dam to Point of View will be used as a basis for a pollutant management plan for the river, said Tim Litke of the Twin Falls DEQ office.

"We're looking at putting together committees over the next couple weeks to participate in a nutrient management plan for the river," Litke said.

DEQ is required by state law to develop a management plan to address water quality in the river. Litke said regulators, fish farms, processing plants, well sites, and local government agencies will

be involved in the management plan.

Ul agricultural engineer Charles Brockway, author of the year-long study of the middle Snake commissioned by DEQ, said his information is a starting point in determining where harmful pollutants, or nutrients, and sediments are entering the river. "I don't want to point fingers, that's not the purpose of this study," Brockway said.

However, fish hatcheries and irrigation return flows are contributing to a buildup of sediment and nutrients that detract from the river's health, he said.

From June 1991 to July 1991, Brockway said samples were taken from 55 different sites along the 90-mile reach of river: 13 from the main stem of the river; 10 from direct water quality in the river; 13 from irrigators' fish farms; processing plants; well sites; and local government agencies will

"Over the 12 months of the

study, we were able to measure about 83,000 tons of sediment coming into the reach from all sources. That's only what we measured," he said. "But only about 70,000 tons was being carried by the river past King Hill. So at least 13,000 tons for this 12-month period are somewhere within the reach."

Sediment forms "bars" that attract weed growth, which competes with fish for oxygen. Sediment also carries phosphorus nutrients, which further speed weed growth.

Tributary streams were the biggest contributors of sediment, mostly from irrigation return flows, natural erosion and runoff from agricultural land, he said.


In addition to sediment, plant nutrients from agricultural runoff are also a problem. Phosphorus, nitrate and ammonia all promote algae bloom and weed growth in the river.

Brockway said his study shows there are problems and also indicates everybody who uses water that flows into the river is contributing to the problem, including agriculture, industry and municipalities.

One area that will need more study is water entering the river from fish hatcheries, he said. While significant nitrate levels are coming into the river from fish hatcheries, Brockway said there are nutrients in the spring water used by the hatcheries before the hatcheries get it. "What we measured was what's in the water when it leaves the hatcheries, not when it comes in," he said.

Canal companies and fish hatcheries have already taken action on their own to reduce sediment and nutrients released into the river, Litke said.

"But the river is telling us we need to do better," he said.





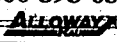

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Angus' bull prices remain high at recent sale

Association official points partly to product interest of Japanese

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TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Angus Association held its annual meeting and range bull sale Feb. 8, attracting 60 buyers from seven states.

Seventy-five bulls sold for an average of \$2,443 each, compared with 55 bulls at \$2,421 in 1991, said association Secretary Eeva Wann.

"We had a much bigger sale this year," Wann said.

Wann attributed the continued strength in Angus bull prices to strong end markets for black-hided cattle in the Certified Angus Beef program, as well as in the Japanese export markets.

Hersford herd owners are increasingly cross-breeding their cows with Angus bulls to produce white-faced black cattle, which sell into both local and international markets for black-hided cattle.

"The demand for Angus bulls is extremely high," she said. "I see demand for Angus bulls staying up throughout the season."

Nonetheless, the top-selling bull at this year's Idaho Angus Association sale commanded \$1,300 less than the \$6,400 paid for last year's top seller.

Here are the highlights of the 1992 sale report:

- Twenty-two older bulls averaged \$3,059.
- Twelve pen bulls averaged \$2,220.

- Eleven "calving-ease" bulls averaged \$2,732.

- Thirty-yearling bulls averaged \$1,970, compared with 28 yearling bulls at \$1,954 in 1991.

- Highest-selling was the reserve grand champion bull at \$5,100. Bull was consigned by Richardson Cattle Co., Douglas, Wyo., and purchased by Jim Kast, 101 Angus Ranch, King Hill.

- Second-highest selling was the grand champion bull for \$4,610. Bull was consigned by Richardson Cattle Co. and purchased by Bryngelson Angus Ranch, Acquia, which Wann shares with her parents.

- Thirty-two total females averaged \$1,817.

- Eleven bred heifers averaged \$2,336.

- Twenty-one open heifers averaged \$1,545.

- The highest-selling female calf sold for \$4,500. It was consigned by Urquhart Angus, Hamilton, Mont. and purchased by Toby Bolsen, Lovington, Ill.

- Highest-selling bred heifer sold for \$3,700. It was consigned by Deep

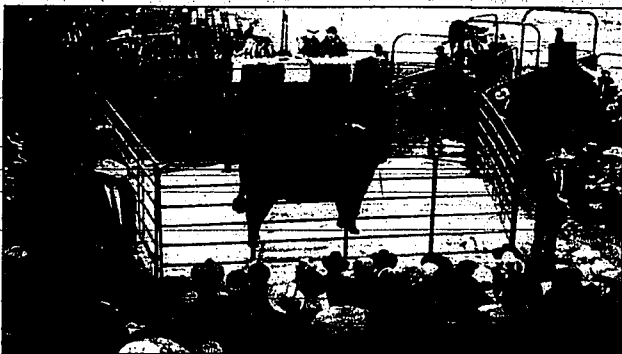
Creek Angus, Pottlatch, and purchased by Kelly Angus Ranch, Blackfoot.

Officers, directors

The association elected Darwin Schweitzer of Wilder president and Art Butler of Bliss vice president. Wann was re-elected secretary.

Elected to the board of directors was Kenneth Jensen of Blackfoot—E.G. Foote of Melba, Mark Malson of Nampa and Art Kelley of Blackfoot—were all re-elected.

The Idaho Angus Association will hold its junior Angus field day June 6 at the Bryngelson Angus Ranch near Rupert.



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Bull buyers bid only slightly more than last year for Angus bulls at the 1992 Idaho Angus Association sale at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center.



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Touting Hereford beef: Tastes great, is less filling

By Mark Kind
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS — With Angus cattle seeing dramatic growth in popularity among ranchers and feedlot operators, because of their name-recognition among beef eaters, advocates for Hereford cattle are scrambling to promote their beef to the public too.

The American Hereford Association is touting a half-completed study it says may prove that Hereford cattle produce lean but tasty beef for those health-conscious Americans who have spent the past decade pigging out on poultry and fish.

Based on results from yearling straight-Hereford steers, there is potential for a niche-market Hereford product, said "Hop" Dickenson, president of the association, in a recent speech in Colorado.

Colorado State University and Monfort-CorAgra are trying to ascertain the feasibility of such a "niche" product.

If the study reveals that Hereford cattle can produce lean and palatable beef, Hereford producers

Colyers win big in Bozeman

BOZEMAN, Mont. — At the Montana Winter Fair in Bozeman, Colyer Herefords, Brant joined forces with Montana breeder Brill Ranch Co., Musselshell, on the grand champion bull, C-Mr-Update 0019 1ET. Sired by UPS Update 7181, the bull earned the championship honors after topping the junior yearling class and yearling division.

Colyer Herefords returned to the winners' circle at the halter of the reserve grand champion female, C Ms Stand 1186 4ET. The BP Red Standard 137W

daughter claimed the honors after winning the blue ribbon in the spring calf class and champion on calf honors.

The first-place senior bull calf, C 137W Std 0250 4ET, won the reserve champion-calf-honors-BP Red Standard 137W sired the winner shown by Colyer Herefords.

In the get-of-sire and best six-head classes, Colyer Herefords claimed the blue ribbons. BP Red Standard 137W sired the winning get. Colyers also captured the premier exhibitor award.

could pursue a marketing program competitive with the Certified Angus Beef program, which emphasizes the taste of Angus beef.

Before a cut-of-beef can be called "certified" Angus it must pass a "nit-picking" test that demands, among other things, that it come from an animal with a black hide, and that the meat have a pro-

scribed amount of fat or "marbling."

The result is tasty beef much in demand at white-table-cloth restaurants across the United States, said Chuck Lambert of the National Cattle Association. Certified Angus slaughterhouses — such as Independent Meat Co. in Twin Falls — have sprung up across the country, pro-

viding a ready market for Angus steers.

Certified Angus Beef is the largest branded beef program in the world, and accounts for 1.7 percent of all fed cattle sold in the United States.

But the "marbling" that gives certified Angus beef its preferred taste disqualifies it as lean beef. Dickenson said the Hereford industry may eventually be able to create its own niche market, touting Hereford meat as lower in artery-clogging fat than other types of beef.

Eighty-two percent of Herefords in Phase I of the CSU study met established standards for "lean and palatable," Dickenson said.

Lean — According to the American Meat Association, less than 30 percent of caloric intake from a single serving can be derived from the fat content of that serving. This 30 percent figure translates to less than 4.2 percent fat for a given product.

Palatable "Choice" remains the most-favored classification of beef among consumers, so a panel of professional taste testers compared lean Hereford steaks with a

group of "mine-run" choice steaks.

"Meat scientists at Colorado State University concluded there was little or no statistical difference in panel ratings of Hereford 'lean and palatable' vs. the mine-run," Dickenson said. "Lean and choice" meets the dietary guidelines for caloric intake while mine-run choice exceeds fat level parameters.

Dickenson conceded that other breeds also could qualify lower if they're not overfed in the feedlot.

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Pristine kipuka boasts tall native plants

By Susan Noh
Special to Ag Weekly

CAREY - Fourteen miles east of Carey at the south end of the Craters of the Moon National Monument, three-quarters of a mile across jagged lava rock and rattlesnakes, stands a hill covered with sagebrush and other vegetation.

Livestock have never grazed here. This 180-acre island, or "kipuka," is surrounded by a sea of lava and there is little water in the area.

The vegetation, said Dr. Gerald Wright of the University of Idaho, is a grass and shrub community with some "good native grass stands" consisting of Western wheat grass and Idaho fescue.

The surprise, said Wright, who studied the area in 1988, is that there are more exotic species on the kipuka now than when it was first examined in 1950. He said he found more foreign invaders, such as cleargrass and thistles, which are commonly associated with overgrazed and burned areas.

In 1990, Ray Brown of

Ricks College compared the Carey Kipuka and Laidlaw Park. Laidlaw Park is the largest kipuka, 78,000 acres, but it has been grazed by domestic animals for many years. Brown noted several obvious differences between the two areas.

The grazed land, Brown said, did not appear as lush as the ungrazed land. The range grasses were not as tall. He also found sagebrush was much taller inside the Carey Kipuka than in Laidlaw Park.

But he said he found no appreciable difference in plant species between the two areas.

The Carey Kipuka is one of several varying in size from a few acres to many thousand acres. It is the largest undisturbed kipuka. Its soil is composed primarily of wind-deposited silt, in addition to a small amount of broken-down lava rock. The soil is underlain by basalt at about 27 to 35 inches.

Wildlife includes field mice, cottontails, marmots, jack rabbits, deer, antelope and rattlesnakes.



Flowering shrubs, sage brush and native grass dominate Carey Kipuka, a lava-encrusted island never grazed by livestock.

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Rancher trades with BLM for spud acres

By Matt Smith
Ag Weekly correspondent

GOODING - Sheep rancher John Faulkner just finished a trade with the Bureau of Land Management that netted him 480 acres of prime grazing land and 200 acres that he'll plow into potatoes next spring.

But he said he would discourage all but the most patient land owners from haggling with the BLM. Faulkner's trade - in which he gave up 680 acres in Camas County for equal acre in Gooding County - took 12 years to complete, counter-proposals and public comment periods to complete.

"Just figure on bringing your lunch," Faulkner said.

By trading land with other government agencies and private owners, the BLM seeks to consolidate its land holdings and make it easier to manage. It also seeks land valuable as wildlife habitat or as a public recreation area.

So a farmer with a barely accessible stream on his land with his eye on a nearby BLM plot, or a rancher who owns a tract surrounded by government sagebrush hoping to consolidate his acreage, may be in luck.

BLM office in Shoshone. But he had better bring his best deal to the table, Faulkner advised. "Don't expect to pick up any streams or forest land," he said. "You've got to come up with something with pretty nice values."

Harold Brown, the BLM realty specialist at the Bureau's Shoshone office, is a tough trader and isn't afraid to wait for the right deal. He rejects all but the most attractive land trade offers and, those, he does entertain sometimes take years to complete.

'Most of the proposals we get are slanted in favor of the private landowner. We tell them this is totally out of line.'

— Harold Brown, BLM realty specialist

'Just figure on bringing your lunch.'

— Rancher John Faulkner, on the tenor of his negotiations

"Most of the proposals we get are slanted in favor of the private landowner," Brown said. "Some of them are obvious right on the face of it. We tell them this is totally out of line."

The Bureau gets about 15 such offers a year. Last year, the Shoshone BLM office completed 4 trades, and during a given 15-year period, the Bureau will do from 10 to 12 trades, Brown said.

Both Brown and Faulkner said they are happy with their 680-acre exchange, which was completed in December. Chicken Springs, the tract four miles south of Magic Reservoir that Faulkner gave up, was totally surrounded by public land, said Brown. The parcel will become part of a surrounding wilderness study area.

"There's a lot of wildlife habitat and it's a great riparian area," Brown said, adding that the land is home to antelope, deer, elk and sage

grouse, the chicken-like bird that gave the area its name.

But just owning a piece of wilderness is no guarantee of a successful trade. Sometimes doing business with the BLM involves bluffing.

On one of Faulkner's earlier trades with the BLM, the bureau offered to trade him 100 acres for land he owned with a stream. For five years the deal languished, until Faulkner prodded the bureau. "I went and filed on the water for a fish hatchery," he said. "That really got them moving."

Nonetheless, for a land owner to cut a deal, he's got to know what the BLM wants. If the bureau gets a proposal that looks attractive, the first thing workers do is check if there are likely to be mineral claims on the land. The bureau won't buy any land with mineral or oil values because a surprise mine or oil well could quickly ruin the wilderness or recreational potential of a parcel, Brown said.

"Say you live in Nevada where there's silver. We wouldn't be too interested in picking-up land there," Brown said. "A mine could destroy everything."

Next, if the exchange looks amenable, the BLM will send an appraiser. Then comes the haggling.

"We try to come up with a good solid proposal that satisfies both parties," Brown said. The lands to be traded must be within 25 percent of equal value, with the difference to be made up by the owner of the less valuable land.

If the BLM and the land owner come to an agreement, the proposed trade is published in the Federal Register. Then the government allows a period for citizens to file complaints. "Nobody complained about this at all," said Faulkner. "If they had, we'd still be at it."

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Farm credit rates promise better harvest

By George Gurnea
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO—Like a summer rain falling on growing crops, declining interest rates are bringing relief to farmers looking to improve their bottom line from crop production this year.

But, so long as their wheat brethren, farmers, are in a mood to go on a spending spree, particularly for new equipment, and they are seeking to refinance mortgages to take advantage of lower rates.

"For farmers with significant amounts of debt, lower rates are good news," said David Lins, professor of agricultural finance at the University of Illinois. "But for farmers depending on some income from certificates of deposit and money-market funds, they will have to look elsewhere for higher returns."

The low rates are the best news, farmers have had in some time, said Paul Layden, who farms near Hoopston, 110 miles north of Danville in Vermilion County.

Particularly, he was referring to operating loans that farmers take out in the winter and spring to finance spring planting.

The money is used to buy seed, fertilizers, pesticides and fuel to get the crops in the ground and is typically repaid when the farmer sells his crop after the fall harvest.

Midwest

Layden said that operating loan rates in his area have fallen to 7½ percent from 11½ percent a year ago.

"A farmer who borrows \$100,000 will have to pay back \$4,000 less than last year," he said.

The latest credit survey of Midwest banks by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago showed that, as of Oct. 1, average operating loan rates were 10.9 percent, down from 11 percent a year earlier. Gary Benjamin, the Fed. Bank's agricultural economist, said rates have come down substantially since then.

The reduced cost of money should have a significant effect on short-term credit, even for farmers who aren't highly leveraged, said Neil Harl, agricultural economist at Iowa State University.

"Credit is more affordable, and more inputs, like fertilizer, can be used to produce higher yields and more income," he said.

"Like any other business that operates on a narrow profit margin, lower interest rates can be an important factor in operating expenses," said Michael Sheets, vice president of National Bank of Canton, in Fulton County, southwest of Peoria.

"For farmers who have to borrow, it pays to check around for the lowest rate possible," he said.

He thinks that operating loan rates, which were 9½ to 10½ percent a year ago, probably will be 1 percentage point lower this year.

\$1 billion

Farmers have about \$65 billion in outstanding short-term debt, according to Terry Franc, economist with the American Farm Bureau Federation. Thus, he said, a 1.5 percent drop in rates lowers interest outlays on that debt by \$1 billion.

In addition to reducing farmer interest outlays by \$1 billion to \$2 billion in 1992, the economist said, lower long-term rates will make it more difficult and will likely boost farmland values.

"Assuming the long-term interest rate drops by 1 percent and that an acre of land will generate \$100 in income that can be used for

mortgage payments, the amount of money that can be extended for a 25-year farm mortgage loan is increased by about 8 percent," Franc said.

Farm borrowers were hurt last year by reductions in government farm payments, severely eroded cattle and pork prices and pockets of natural disasters such as the drought in eastern and northeastern Illinois, which left some producers in worse financial shape than after the 1988 drought.

Net farm income last year fell to \$44 billion from a record \$50.8 billion in 1990. The Agriculture De-

partment is forecasting more slips this year, predicting a range of \$40 billion to \$46 billion.

Trouble ahead

In a recent national survey of economic conditions, the Federal Reserve also noted that farm bankers in the Kansas City district expect an increase in the number of problem loans in the coming year.

A separate survey of agricultural credit conditions in the Kansas City district found growth demand for farm loans slowed further in the third quarter of 1991, and farm loan repayments were dropped as loan prospects faded with the decline in livestock prices.

Carl Heinisch, senior vice president of First of America Bank-De Kalb, said debt in his area has been reduced and liquidity is down because crops were fairly good.

But, he noted, drought areas such as Ottawa and Kankakee in Illinois are not as good. "In a disaster, there is no bright spot in lower interest rates," he said. Rates have come down substantially, Heinisch noted, from 11 percent to 9½ percent and even lower.

"This is the time farmers have completed tax planning, which makes it a good time to look at their overall business," he said.

Hog farmers in particular are hurting after some good years, he said. Prices are below the cost of

production, so they are having to tighten their belts.

"Low rates aren't stimulating loan demand," he said. "Where farmers are able, they are operating on their own cash. There's a shortage of funds, but there is a shortage of qualified borrowers who can demonstrate the ability to pay back."

Refinance

Iowa State's Harl said lower interest rates have led to a fair amount of farm mortgage refinancing.

"One strategy some are using is to threaten to prepay if the rate isn't reduced," he said.

"This puts the seller in a tough position. For fixed-rate mortgages, rates have dropped from 9 or 10 percent to 8 percent."

"Just like the homeowner rush, we've been swamped with farm mortgage refinancing requests as fixed rates have come down to 7½ percent from 10½ percent,"

Heinisch said.

Sheets said cash-flush farmers and long-time farmland investors look at low short-term rates on CDs and, uncertain when they may rise, think about more land as an investment.

The banker said that the Farm Credit System, which has a different mode of operation and capital requirements than banks, has been refinancing for the last year or two because it typically can offer loans at rates ¼ to 1 percent less than bank rates.

Banks, not wanting to lock up funds for more than six months on operating loans, he said. "Some banks, like ours, will make farm real estate loans," Sheets said. "About 20 percent of our commercial loans are for agriculture."

He said area farmers have two major concerns: With production stable but costs up, they must figure ways to cut costs, such as using conservation tillage and saving on fuel. And because crop prices have not gone up a lot, farmers must be better in timing their selling decisions.

While lower rates might have a modest impact on farmer decisions to buy equipment, the big factor since the mid-1980s is risk aversion on the part of both farmers and lenders," Harl said.

"It may take a generation for attitudes to change on capital investment."



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USDA finds herd growth smaller than expected

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — USDA's Feb. 7 cattle inventory report offered yet another stanza in a recurring theme of recent years: U.S. ranchers are not responding to profits with the same enthusiasm to rebuild herds as they did in the past.

The report showed the U.S. cattle herd was 1.5 million head smaller than traders expected. USDA also revised last year's herd downward 540,000 head, the third consecutive year the agency has trimmed cattle numbers. Market psychology heading into the report was teetering between the bullish aspect of current feedlot supplies and the bearish implication of larger supplies down the road.

The number of yearling cattle outside feedlots rose 10 percent from last year and the calf crop is equal to last year, which suggests the premium structure of feeders to live cattle is fragile, Levitt said.

However, feeders are substantially discounted to the cash index value, which could outweigh concern over the larger yearling numbers in the short-term, traders said.

The calf crop—figure of 100 percent of year-age levels seen in the report could add \$2 to \$3 per 100 pounds this year to feeder cattle weighing 700 to 800 pounds, said Mike Sands, leader of the Western Livestock Information Project.

The smaller-than-expected expansion reflected in the report underscores the fact that U.S. cattle producers are less willing to take on risk and maintain large debt loads.

Some of that trepidation is due to the advancing age of U.S. ranchers, who are not being replaced by younger family members. The lack of a new generation to run the ranch has prompted producers to invest capital in retirement funds instead of herd expansion, analysts said.

The long-term implication of the report may spur further consolidation in the beef packing industry, said John Nalivka, executive vice president of Sterling Marketing Inc.

The U.S. packing industry is operating with an excess capacity of 20 to 25 percent, and this report may force some packers to reduce operations to fit the size of the total herd, Nalivka said.

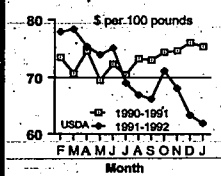
Magic Valley beef steer prices last week

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	60-110	60-110	75-83	75-83	
Jerome	Under 400	400-500	500-600	600-700	700-800
Twin	88-108	92-105	87-95	79.75-89.50	77-81.75

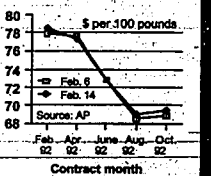
Other prices and slaughter numbers

National Stockyards, Ill.	400-600 lb.	82-90.00
National Wholesale Beef Price (60x60) \$/117.42		
Weekly slaughter at gov. inspected plants		444,000
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Prices of Idaho steers and heifers in past 24 months



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Idaho cattle on feed report mixed

BOISE — Cattle on feed for slaughter market in Idaho Jan. 1 totaled 280,000 head, down 3 percent from a year ago. The inventory was 24 percent more than the Oct. 1, 1991 inventory of 225,000 head.

Placements of cattle into state feedlots during the October-December 1991 quarter totaled 215,000 head, down 5 percent from the same quarter last year. Marketing of fed cattle during the quarter equaled 130,000 head, 16 percent less than the fourth quarter of 1990, and 26 percent less than last quarter's 175,000 head.

Idaho cattle feeders anticipated marketing 150,000 head in the upcoming January-March 1992 quarter — 1 percent more than 148,000 marketed during the first quarter of 1991. Cattle and calves on feed January 1 for slaughter market in the 13 "quarterly states" totaled 10.1 million head, down 6 percent from last year but 2 percent above Jan. 1, 1990.

Placements of cattle and calves into feedlots during the October-December quarter equaled 7.09 million, down 4 percent from the same quarter a year ago and 3 percent below October-December 1989.

February is membership month

BOISE — The president of the Idaho Cattle Association has announced that February is membership month for the association. Any producer that joins ICA automatically becomes a member of the NCA as well. Any producer that joins ICA during February will receive two 250-milliliter bottles of Ivomox Fort-On as a bonus membership drive. For more information about membership, contact the ICA office at 208-343-1615 or write ICA, PO Box 15397, Boise, ID 83715.

Idaho enters 2nd year free of disease

BOISE — The Idaho cattle industry is into its second year as a brucellosis-free state.

That certification is an important one for the state's cattle industry, said Bob Hillman, animal industries administrator for the Idaho Department of Agriculture. "Our cattle are now more attractive to buyers, and interstate movement is becoming easier," Hillman said.

In addition, "entiremen" in the state may soon see a reduction in their costs of production. Since we have not had infection in any herd for 2 1/2 years, we are looking at reducing the amount of testing required of producers," Hillman said.

That adds up to a substantial amount of money, Hillman said. "Over the last eight years, we have tested an average of 11,502 head per month, excluding slaughter tests at a cost between \$300-\$400 thousand dollars annually," Hillman said. "Having the 'brucellosis-free' status was a fairly long process, which would not have been possible without the co-

operation of the cattle industry. "We've had outstanding cooperation from the industry." The need to control brucellosis in cattle was recognized in 1934 because the disease was being transmitted from cattle to humans in the form of undulant fever.

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Deadline looms to 'grandfather' dairies, feedlots

By Phil Sahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—Only one dairy operator has picked up an application to be exempted under the "grandfather" clause of Twin Falls County's dairy law.

If owners of existing operations aren't exempted by Oct. 22, they might have to seek licensing as new livestock "confinement" operations (LCOs) said Helen Phipps, of the county zoning administration. That would put more limits on their operations.

"They need to get started with the paperwork," Phipps said. "If there's a rush in early October, it won't be quick and easy."

Owners of existing operations must submit a complete site plan plus a full written description of the operation and facilities, Phipps said. She urged owners to be specific in their descriptions.

The Twin Falls County Commission passed the law, called the Live-

stock Confinement Operation ordinance, in October. The law set rules for building and waste lagoon setbacks, waste lagoon design, distances from major drainages and other restrictions for new LCOs.

The law exempted existing LCOs and gave them one year to apply under the grandfather clause.

Only two people have asked for permits to start new LCOs since the

county passed the law, Phipps said. One is for a dairy "south of Highway 74 near Highway 93." The other is for a feedlot. Phipps said she did not know where that was proposed to be located.

Other counties seem to have more people interested in setting up dairies and other operations, Phipps said. But she wasn't sure if Twin Falls County's law was dissuading

people from starting operations.

The county worked two years to draft the LCO law, but the end product left some dairy owners unhappy. While existing operations are exempt under the grandfather clause, they must follow the new rules if they wish to expand.

Dairy owners said that the law strangled their ability to expand. County officials said they passed

the law to prevent the kinds of conflicts between livestock operations and their neighbors that have arisen in other parts of the country.

Twin Falls County's law also contains a nuisance waiver to protect LCOs from people who move next to an existing operation and complain about noise, odor, flies and other parts of a normal farming operation.

Rain showers bring on scours

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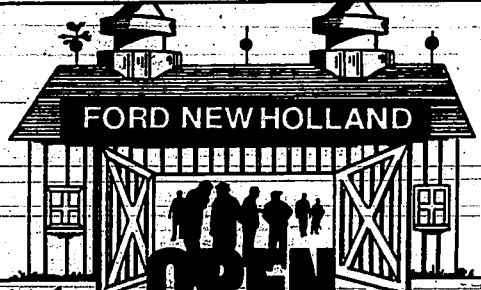
You come into the world and one of your first experiences is snow, sleet, cold, biting rain and blustery winds.

For a newborn calf it's exactly the kind of weather that can lead to an infection of scours. The loss of essential body fluids causes an imbalance in the calf's electrolytes which can lead to death in a relatively short time.

Electrolytes are minerals in the blood that are required for normal fluid balance and movement," said Vic Correse, senior technical services veterinarian—SmithKline Beecham Animal Health. These include sodium, potassium and chloride.

As the first sign of scours, no matter how slight, start rehydration therapy with oral electrolytes, followed by administration of a systemic antibiotic, Correse said.

"If a calf has stopped nursing or if it has been subjected to cold temperatures, it's also critically important that the calf regain its energy," he said.



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Officials make case for pseudorabies check-off

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

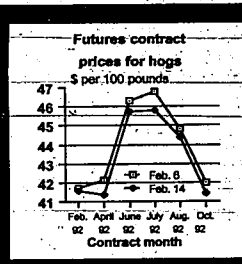
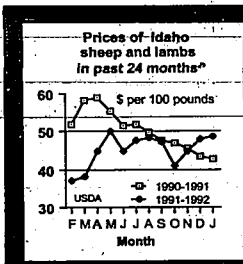
TWIN FALLS - Idaho hog producers were debating Friday afternoon whether they want to take the next step in creating a "checkoff" program to pay for pseudorabies testing in the state.

Thursday, a panel of state, federal and pork industry representatives supporting the proposal met with Idaho Pork Producers Association members during the group's annual meeting in Twin Falls.

Veterinarian Bob Hillman, administrator of the Idaho Department of Agriculture's division of animal industries, said it's time the pork industry started to pay for the program. "Quite frankly folks, I'm frustrated," Hillman said.

Some producers don't want to create a checkoff that will charge them for a disease that has never been found in Idaho. The request for establishing a checkoff is also coming at a time when hog prices are below the cost of production.

"I know you're in tough times, but we are also," Hillman said. The state will run out of money to continue its pseudorabies testing program June 30, he said, unless producers step forward and put up the money themselves.



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ducer who has had three pseudorabies outbreaks on his farm. "It's a very dramatic disease," said Don Bridgewater, a USDA pseudorabies specialist. "We're pretty sure you don't have pseudorabies and we'd like to keep it that way. "If we let the disease go unchecked, it will show up in this part of the United States." Pseudorabies is a virus that kills piglets and causes stillbirths and abortions. It is also fatal to dogs, cats

'I know you're in tough times, but we're also.'
— State vet Bob Hillman, suggesting farmers pay for testing

The nationwide pseudorabies control program is headed by the USDA and has set a goal of eradicating the disease by the year 2000. Idaho received one-time funding of \$15,000 for the state Legislature last year to pay for testing, or surveillance, of slaughtered breeding stock.

Friday the pork producers were asked to vote on forwarding legislation that would

create a referendum for a state pork commission. Rick Waitley, IPPA executive director, said a referendum could be conducted sometime in April if producers approve the legislation. If the referendum is supported, the commission would then charge 20 cents per head on all hogs sold in the state.

About \$15,000 a year would be raised for the pseudorabies control program. Don Gingerich, pseudorabies eradication coordinator for the Nation Pork Producers Council, said despite the cost, the program is worth supporting.

"Why should Idaho spend money on surveillance when you don't have pseudorabies? One of the reasons is obvious — you don't want it," said Gingerich, an Iowa pro-

ducer and "air kill" cattle. Bridgewater said a multi-pig can live with the virus, but it could cause slowed weight gain.

If Idaho producers decide not to fund continued participation in the nationwide control program, Bridgewater said the consequences aren't known. But Idaho producers could face restrictions on selling pigs out of state, he said. All states are now participating, with the exception of Nevada, he said. But Nevada will be entering the program this year, he said.

If an infected hog did enter the state and a testing program was not in place, Bridgewater said pseudorabies could spread to several herds without being detected.

"We can't continue to fund the program if you don't help us," Hillman said.

Idahoan plans to milk ewes

GENEVA (AP) — Joel Teuscher plans to begin milking sheep within a month, which he says marks the start of the first sheep dairy in the Rocky Mountains.

Teuscher, who has remodeled his cow dairy barn into a sheep dairy barn, will begin milking Suffolk ewes a month after their lambs have been weaned.

During the first year of operation, Teuscher plans to milk about 100 sheep and hopes to milk up to 200 sheep within three years.

Each ewe is expected to produce about a quart of milk a day, with about one pint to each milking. He expects production to increase the second year, as the ewes mature.

Ewes lactate about four months and a ewe will give milk up to seven years.

Teuscher expects his ewes to milk for an average of three to four years.

The milk is to be processed into specialty cheese. About 1,000 sheep are being milked in the U.S., compared to millions in Europe, Teuscher said.

The United States imports \$6 million a year in sheep milk cheese from European countries and U.S. sheep milk operators have little difficulty marketing their products.

Teuscher plans to sell the milk to a Minnesota plant and seeks markets for the wool and lambs.

Gooding, Kimberly youths win awards

MOSCOW — 1991 Idaho 4-H Wool Contest winner of a \$200 scholarship for first place in District 3 was Jennifer Cheney, daughter of Kline and Kaylynn

Cheney of Gooding. Second place and a \$50 savings bond went to Melanie Glenn, daughter of David and Lois Glenn of Kimberly.

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Fast-food market takes interest in lamb

Ag Weekly

ORLANDO, Fla. — "Make mine a lamburger and fries to go please." This might not be a common order at fast food drive-up windows today, but it soon could be if lamb makes its way into the fast food world.

Attendees of the American Sheep Industry Association's convention in January learned about lamb's potential in the fast-food lane. Marketing experts told convention goers lamb has great chances of being a major item on fast food menus.

"We are just getting started," said ASI's Director of Foodservice Marketing Tom Bashaw. "We think there is tremendous potential in this niche."

New lamb items being considered for fast food menus are a lamb sausage pizza topping, lamb kebabs, a lamburger seasoned with ranch dressing and lamb gyro combinations. Bashaw explained to convention goers that most of the fast-food carcass comes from the shoulder section of a lamb carcass.

"Just imagine the positive impact this would have on the industry," he said.

Bashaw told the group that lamb would draw new consumers to fast food restaurants. The major fast food chains he explained, work toward broadening their base. He said they want new products that will draw new customers, not new products that would compete with existing items. "Lamb has an upscale image," he said, "so it should draw an upscale crowd."

There are still some major factors to be reckoned with before lamb hits the big time. Bashaw said consistent supply is very important. Fast food restaurants depend on and make their money on consistency, he told the crowd.

Another factor is a consistently lean product. Bashaw said these factors were just two more reasons why growers should push for the implementation of a quality and yield grading program in the industry.

Lawmakers ponder moratorium on production drug

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — The Maine Legislature will decide whether to impose a moratorium on a drug that increases milk production in cows, as questions remain unanswered over its effects on humans and animals.

Rep. John M. Nutting, a dairy farmer who worries that the drug BST may produce genetic mutations in cows and calves, has won the Agriculture Committee's support for the moratorium.

The committee, responding to pleas from Nutting for more time to study the effects of the drug, has endorsed by a 9-4 vote a bill to bar the use of BST in Maine until Jan. 1, 1993.

Supporting his efforts as the bill moves to the House and Senate is the Consumers Union, a national group that publishes Consumer Reports magazine.

Consumers Union research associate Michael K. Hansen warned Feb. 6 that there also are questions about the effects of BST, or bovine somatotropin, on humans.

Hansen said much of the technical information about the drug is kept secret by the federal Food and Drug Administration and chemical companies that produce it. The FDA is expected to approve the use of the drug later this year.

"Until all this data is made public, we don't know" its potential effects, Hansen told the Agriculture Committee. But members of a state advisory panel that has taken a formal stand against the moratorium told the committee Thursday that they have full

confidence in the federal safety-review process.

"I am very satisfied" with the FDA review, said Kathleen Gensheimer of the state Commission on Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering.

Gensheimer, who is also state epidemiologist, said the FDA has concluded there is "absolutely no effect whatsoever" on humans.

Another member, Bill Mook, noted that the General Accounting Office is overseeing the FDA's review to make sure there are no lapses. He said the state commission had "grilled" manufacturers during its own inquiry.

Nutting, D-Leeds, said some prominent researchers remain puzzled as to whether the synthetic growth hormone, which increases milk production by 12 percent, causes mutations in calves.

He referred to a Virginia Polytechnic Institute study which linked BST with a nine-legged calf in Vermont. That state is now milking from BST-treated cows.

Hansen said questions about the human health implications of BST are also compelling. A compound in BST known as IGF-1 remains a mystery to researchers, who remain particularly puzzled about its effect on the upper digestive tract of infants, he said. Hansen also cited a letter from the FDA to one of the manufacturers which raises questions about reproductive problems and increases in cow mastitis resulting from BST.

Federal milk market orders

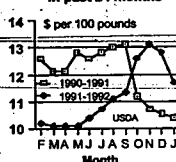
	Great Basin	Southwest Idaho-Eastern Oregon
Class I (Feb.)	\$14.00	\$13.60
Class II (Feb.)	\$11.90	\$11.90
Class III (Jan.)	\$11.71	\$11.71
Weighted average (Jan.)	\$12.98	\$12.24

Other prices

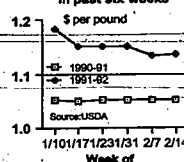
National Cheese Exchange, Green Bay, Wis., Friday close.

Cheedar barrels	40 lb. blocks
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Prices to Idaho dairies for all milk in past 24 months



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



Support prices change

WASHINGTON — The USDA has announced changes in the support prices for milk, butter and cheese.

The USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for nonfat dry milk, butter and cheese.

Keith Bjerk, CCC executive vice president, said the changes would better reflect the market value of milk and cheese.

The changes will encourage milk producers to produce milk with a higher proportion of nonfat solids and

promote greater commercial use of milkfat. The support purchase price for nonfat dry milk was increased by 6.20 cents per pound to 91.20 cents.

The butter price was reduced by 11 cents per pound to 67.25 cents.

These are offsetting adjustments of 50 cents per 100 pounds of milk. Because of the change in milk fat value, the CCC purchase prices for block cheddar cheese was increased from \$1.11 to \$1.11375.

Hormone report withheld

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — It may take a subpoena to get the University of Vermont and the Monsanto Co. to release a study on a controversial bovine growth hormone, said U.S. Rep. Bernard Sanders, D-Vt.

Both the university and Monsanto have refused requests from the General Accounting Office, which is investigating the "UVN tests" on bovine somatotropin, or BST.

"The public wants to know is what are they hiding," said Sanders. He said he may ask the congressional committee that oversees the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to subpoena the report if UVN and Monsanto continue to block its release.

UVN researchers have conducted four rounds of experiments with BST, which can boost milk production.

The Vermont study was paid for

by Monsanto, a St. Louis-based chemical company that makes BST, which is still being reviewed by the FDA.

Bovine growth hormone is a genetically engineered version of the hormone that occurs naturally in cattle. When injected into cows, it can increase milk production up to 25 percent.

Results from one of the experiments were published in a scientific journal.

Data from the other three trials have not been made public.

The university is bound by contract with Monsanto to keep the information secret, according to a Feb. 3 letter to the GAO from Catherine Donnelly, associate dean of agriculture.

In Donnelly's letter, she cited principles of academic freedom and scientific responsibility, refusing to release the BST report.

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Tax hike idea hearing set

By Terri McAffee
Ag Weekly correspondent

RUPERT - With dry bean prices low, asking for a tax hike on the commodity would seem to be harder than swimming upstream during flood stage.

"The farmers are not really enthusiastic. But they have to promote their product," said Harold-West, Idaho Bean Commission consultant. "The worse the conditions, the more you need to promote."

West spoke at the University of Idaho's bean school in Rupert Tuesday.

The commission has asked the Idaho Legislature to double the tax.

The tax hike passed the Idaho House Tuesday, but its progress has been slowed in the Senate Agriculture Committee, where Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, has persuaded other lawmakers to hold a public hearing on the matter.

The hearing is planned for 3 p.m. Feb. 27 before the Senate Agriculture Committee in the state capital in Boise, Noh said.

The proposed 4-cent increase per 100 pounds of beans from the farmer would raise the farmer's tax to 8 cents and a 2-cent increase for bean dealers would raise their tax to 4 cents.

The 12-cent tax will generate \$180,000, West told bean school participants. That amount still falls short of enough to launch a major media campaign.

The cheese industry spends \$3.5 million and the potato industry spends \$5 million on their national advertising campaigns, West

said. "We have steered away from major media," West said. "We do it in a soft sell."

U.S. bean consumption per capita has risen from 6 to 8 pounds over the last few years.

If 250 million American people would eat just one more pound of beans per year, that would increase the demand by 250 million pounds of beans, West said.

It is easier to increase domestic consumption than to look for export markets. "Export sales are unpredictable," West said. "Some years we have it and some years we don't."

The commission has asked that beans be placed on the export list of commodities eligible for U.S. credits.

They have applied to the Idaho congressional delegation and to the USDA with limited success - red beans will be added to the export list, West said.

Lacking the \$1 million needed to launch a full media campaign, the commission has tried to provide nutritional information, as well as cooking and recipe information, to the American public. "We've tried to show that beans are not just a poor man's food," West said. Beans are paired with shrimp and lobster at food fairs to encourage food industry people to take a new look at an old commodity.

Alternative uses for beans look dim - beans yield less ethanol than wheat or corn, West said.

One bright spot for the bean industry for the 1992 growing season is that with grain prices up, many farmers will return acreage to cereal production rather than using beans as an alternative crop.

Bean prices Prices received by farmers

	Pintos	Great Northems	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$13	\$15	\$15	\$13-14	\$15

Prices received by dealers

	Pintos	Great Northems	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$17.50-18.00	\$19-19.50	\$23.50-24	\$19.50-20.50	\$22.50

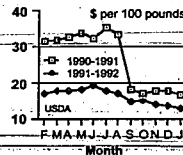
Prices elsewhere

Pinto Beans
NE Colorado, \$13; Western Colorado, not est.; Kansas, \$13
Nebraska-Wyoming, \$13; N. Dakota-Minnesota, \$11-12

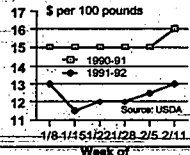
Other Beans
Small reds, Washington, not est.;
Great Northems, Nebraska-Wyoming, \$13

Prices per 100 pounds quoted by USDA Bean Market News, Tuesday after survey of warehouses. Local dealers have more recent information.

Prices received by Idaho bean farmers in past 24 months



Prices received by Idaho pinto-bean farmers in past six weeks



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Gatt called 'critical' to sugar farmers

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS - International trade negotiations continue, but Idaho beet growers can expect lower-farm-program loan rates and more sugar imports in the near future, said Luther Markwart, executive director of the American Sugar Beet Association.

Markwart, of Washington, D.C., was in Twin Falls this week meeting with Idaho beet producers. "Although sugar appears one of the losers in the ongoing General

Agreement of Tariffs and Trade talks between the United States and the European Community, Markwart said there is still hope for a favorable outcome.

"GATT is the most critical item we can look at in the sugar industry," Markwart said. "That will determine how each of you will farm in the years to come."

Current proposals would see sugar imports rise from 1.25 million pounds to about 1.6 million pounds, Markwart estimated. He also expects that loan rates to guaranteed producers in the 1990 Farm

Bill will fall 3 cents per pound.

"These aren't specific answers, but they are good guesses," he said. The favorable news, Markwart said, is other industries facing clouded futures based on current GATT negotiations are banding together and calling for changes.

Idaho sugar beet farmers are finding themselves allied with labor unions, textile manufacturers, steel industries and pharmaceutical firms as they battle for changes in GATT proposals.

"We have beaten the odds before and we can do it again," Markwart

said. "But we need to keep getting out there and spreading the word."

Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, said growers need to be vocal because they will likely be outnumbered. "The GATT treaty deals with thousands of different topics — everything produced internationally," he said. "There are only a couple million people in agriculture. If it's good enough for enough of the economy, they may put it in regardless of agriculture."

"You need to be very aware of what's going on because your future is at stake," Stallings said.

USDA to look at standards

WASHINGTON - The USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service is seeking public comments on and suggested changes to the U.S. standards for beans, whole dry peas, split peas, and lentils.

According to FGIS Administrator John C. Foltz, the agency is evaluating the standards in accordance with requirements for periodic review of existing regulations.

FGIS is assessing the need to revise various sections of the standards to improve their effectiveness and clarity of language.

Comments must be submitted to George Wollam, FGIS, Room 0619-South, P.O. Box 96454, Washington, D.C. 20090-6454 on or before April 18.

Bean common mosaic virus threatens crop

By Teri McAffee
Ag Weekly correspondent

RUPERT - The bean common mosaic virus threatens to become a major problem for bean growers in Idaho, said Robert L. Forster, an extension plant pathologist with the University of Idaho at Kimberly Tuesday.

The last epidemic in Idaho was in 1977. Bean fields in Treasure Valley were diagnosed with the virus last summer and there is some evidence that it was to be found in the Magic Valley as well.

BCMV is a seed-borne disease. "That is how it moves in," Forster explained. Once the disease is brought into the state through the seed, aphids spread it in the fields.

Forster spoke at the UI bean school in Rupert.

"Aphids spread the virus in what is called a 'non-persistent' manner. If an aphid pierces one plant that is infected and flies to another and pierces it, the second plant is infected too."

Forster said text book symptoms of BCMV are patches of light and dark tissue on the leaves of the plant, vein banding, darkened vein system on the leaves, and root mapping known as venal necrosis.

A little recognized symptom even among bean fieldmen, is black root, which causes total collapse of the plant, Forster said.

The collapse of the plant can occur at any time during the growing season.

"We will see more of it because of the nature of the virus strains, a hyper-sensitivity or susceptibility to the virus," Forster said.

Problems with spreading the virus increase after the aphid population begins to rise in mid-July.

"Aphids move off maturing cereals," Forster said. "They are looking for something green."

They inoculate one plant after another once they have chewed on an infected bean plant. The irony of the situation is that aphids do not like beans but are looking for something green.

Forster recommended not using any pesticide for aphid control.

The chemical won't kill the aphid before it spreads it," he said. "Insecticides makes aphids more restless." A restless aphid

moves more, increasing the potential for spreading the disease.

The answer to controlling the virus, Forster said, is to use certified seed and resistant varieties. A relatively expensive test can detect the presence of the virus in the seed.

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Extension agent suggests watching weather closely

University of Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Here's some advice for grain marketers: Be ready with a plan to take advantage of "weather" markets when they occur, advises Earl Fuller, economist with the University of Minnesota's Extension Service.

"Don't discount the potential for a fairly normal year. But expect some price volatility and be prepared with a plan to take advantage of weather markets when they occur," Fuller says.

The Pacific El Nino and lower grain stocks suggest a careful examination of 1992 grain marketing plans, Fuller says.

"The potential for different price and yield scenarios has increased. There is a greater likelihood that 1992 will be a short crop

pricing year, and that drought will occur in the Northern American production area," he says.

"This means a change from last year's planting, pricing, storage and insurance strategies is in order. Most folks need assurance of an adequate cash flow to survive," Fuller says. He offers these ideas:

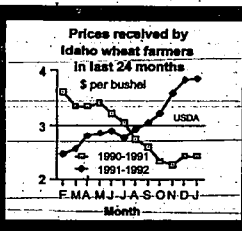
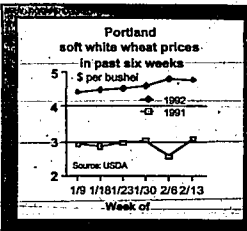
- Develop pricing and production plans to assure adequate yields and prices for at least "survival level" cash flow.

- Continue participating in the government crop program, but "do the numbers" at various prices and yields.

- Consider carrying all crop insurance, even if your creditor doesn't insist on it.

short crop years.

"This is potentially a short crop year. Now is the time to study up on the historical impacts of El Ninos," Fuller says. "When did the Bermuda high park over the southeastern states? Was there a drought in the Great Plains? This is the time to monitor stocks reports carefully," Fuller says.



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Ranney, Suhl	\$4.05
Reed Grain, Suhl	\$4.03
Wendell Elevator	\$4.15
WSI, Min. home	\$4.18
Prices Elsewhere	
Ogden	\$4.05
Pocatello	\$4.00
Portland	\$4.78
Dollars per bushel of white wheat	

Also consider options transactions to minimize the impact of prices received.

"This may also be a year to speculate on the rest (of your crop) by not pricing it too quickly," Fuller says.

"There may be some real money to be made if world market conditions and drought elsewhere in the world cause prices to drastically

USDA allocates \$400 million in February, March CIS credits

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — USDA Tuesday released details of \$400 million in export credits that has been earmarked for the Commonwealth of Independent States, for February and March.

The credits announced Tuesday are part of a \$650 million credit package the Bush administration extended to the former Soviet Union last December.

CIS officials, who met with USDA officials last week, had wanted all of the \$650 million released at once. However, USDA Tuesday said it is releasing \$200 million this month, \$200 million in March, and the remaining \$250 million in April.

Of the \$200 million released Tuesday, USDA said \$95 million is allocated for wheat, \$55 million for feed grains, including corn, sorghum and oats; and \$50 million for protein meals, including soybean, cottonseed, sunflowerseed and linseed meal.

In addition, USDA said up to \$35 million can be added to the commodity lines to cover freight costs.

USDA said the credits to be released in March will include \$80 million for wheat, \$51 million for feed grains, \$15 million for vegetable oils, \$14 million for protein meals, \$10.5 million for soybeans, \$4 million for rice, and \$500,000 for hops.

Up to \$25 million of the March credit lines can be used to cover freight charges to the CIS.

USDA did not provide details on when allocations for the last \$250 million in credits would be released, only saying \$250 million is scheduled for April.

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The release also did not say whether USDA is considering providing additional export credits under the GSM-102 program to the Russian republic.

Russian officials had requested an additional \$600 million in credits.

The credits announced Tuesday permit sales to any of the 11 republics of the former Soviet Union, including Russia.

USDA Secretary Edward Madigan, in a prepared statement, said the credits "have become a lifeline to the people of the former Soviet Union in their struggle for free markets."

Administration officials have pressed for the assistance to help stave food shortages across the region and prevent economic and political unrest.

Madigan said the CIS has now been pledged \$3.75 billion in export credit guarantees under the GSM-102 program since Jan. 1, 1991.



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EPA clears fungicide for use on food crops

BOISE (AP) — Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, said he was pleased with the Environmental Protection Agency's decision that so-called EBDG fungicides pose no health risks to consumers.

EPA Administrator William Reilly announced Thursday that they can continue to be used on food crops.

The EPA had proposed canceling 45 food-crop uses of the pesticides in 1989 over concern about their safety. "This is good news for potato farmers in Idaho, as well as fruit and vegetable consumers across the country," Stallings said in a statement.

Ethylene bisdiithiocarbamate pesticides are most commonly used in Idaho on potatoes and barley.

"These are the most cost-effective fungicides known," Stallings said.

"Without EBDG's, potato and barley farmers would experience severe crop losses, costs would go up, and you would be left with more expensive products and reduced quality for consumers."

The EPA decision was based on a nationwide survey of the residue levels in marketed potato products.

It is feared that EBDG residues in foods and grocery shelves are much lower than had been estimated. "As a consequence, the agency is satisfied that those EBDG food-crop uses that will continue do not pose a health risk to consumers," Reilly said in a statement.

Donations will help send spuds for relief

The Times-News

Agriculture and sent to them in care of Box 790, Boise, Idaho 83701.

BOISE — Contribution checks for charitable shipments of Idaho spuds abroad should be made out to the Idaho Department of

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Potato prices

Prices received by Idaho farmers

Fresh pack quality	French fry quality
\$2	\$1.75

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

Prices received by Idaho farmers

70-80 count cartons	10-pound mesh bag non-size A	Dehydration grade
14-15.00	\$3.25-\$3.50	\$1.00

Prices elsewhere

Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Colorado	Russets, 70-80's count carton	\$9-\$11.00
Oregon	Russets, 70-80's count carton	\$11-\$12.00
Washington	Russets, 70-8's count carton	\$10-\$10.50
Wisconsin	Russets, 70-80's count carton	\$9.50-\$10.00

Prices were reported Thursday afternoon by USDA.

Pest management sprouts wings

University of Idaho

POGATELLO — Integrated pest management is no longer just a gleam in an entomologist's eye.

The concept — combining beneficial insects, resistant crop varieties, well-timed farming practices and judicious use of agricultural chemicals — is being tested with disensiters and with dieldrins since the early 1970s. Now it's finding its place in the sun again.

"What has brought it to the forefront is public concern about possible residues on foodstuffs as well as water-quality issues," says Ed Bechinski, Extension IPM specialist for the University of Idaho College of Agriculture. "So the pendulum is swinging the other way."

Bechinski says when he first discussed IPM with Idaho potato growers 10 years ago, "how I sold it to them was economics to

the individual grower: You can reduce the cost of your inputs. Are you using more pesticide than you really need? Even though IPM was created with this sense of urgency about environmental issues, I rarely mentioned that to growers. Now I always do," he says. And his audience is glad to hear it.

"I've had potato growers tell me they absolutely hate to use certain types of pesticides for green peach aphid control because, as an applicator on a tractor, they know how toxic these materials are.

"From the applicator's standpoint, the safety concerns have always been there."

"What hasn't and still isn't are extensive, solid guidelines advising growers on when they can afford to ride out an insect infestation. When they can risk using longer-acting, less toxic means to attack insect populations, and when agricultural

chemicals are their only way out.

Some "economic threshold" data are available for such common potato pests as green aphids, Colorado potato beetles and wireworms, but Bechinski says they need to be updated and adapted for Idaho.

Many of those potato growers are among about 1,500 Idaho agricultural producers receiving surveys from the university shortly. The surveys, funded in part by the Idaho Potato Commission, will measure their attitudes toward and use of IPM practices.

Mike Lewis, ag services manager at Ore-Ida Foods in Ontario, thinks IPM is gaining acceptance by growers both because a new farming generation is coming to the fore and because IMP "has proven itself, over the past 20 years. "It has a good track record — and the need is there."

U.S. eats more rice

USDA news service

WASHINGTON — Americans are eating more rice than ever. Both total domestic and per capita consumption have risen steadily over the past decade.

Moreover, Americans are eating a wider variety of rice dishes. "But even though consumption of rice has increased, it remains much lower than that of most other popular staple dishes," said economist Nathan Childs of USDA's Economic Research Service.

In 1989, per capita consumption of rice (excluding that used

in producing beer) was 16 pounds, fresh potatoes 48, and frozen potatoes 23.

Pasta consumption was 13 pounds.

Most of the increase in direct food use of rice since the late 1970's occurred in heavily urbanized states along the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, where per capita consumption already exceeded the national average.

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New York kids learn from Idaho Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — The Idaho Potato Commission has brought a little bit of the farm to some young students in New York City, kicking off a national education program entitled "From Farm to Fork with Idaho Jones."

The campaign is aimed at kindergarten through third-grade students. It was designed by education experts to help teach kids about the farm-to-dinner plate process of the foods they eat — using the Idaho potato as an example.

"Improvements in food technology have caused our children to grow up with little or no concept of where their food comes from," said Mel Anderson, executive director

of the Idaho Potato Commission, said Thursday.

"This program was designed to help correct our children's belief that the food chain begins at the supermarket or the food restaurant."

The Idaho Potato Commission picked the second-grade classes at P.S. 220 in Forest Hills, Queens, and P.S. 219 in Brooklyn to launch the program.

The character of Idaho Jones, wearing modern-day farm clothing of blue jeans and a flannel shirt, led the discussion with classroom presentation and potato color graphics showing the route

the Idaho potato takes from the farm to dinner tables. The teaching kit also includes three pre-planned lessons on nourishment and the different types of foods that come from plants and animals.

"This program provides an interactive lesson that can't be found in the textbooks," said Louise Barkin, principal at P.S. 219.

"It's especially important because we're talking to children who are growing up in the city. Most of them have never seen real cows or potato fields."

"From Farm to Fork with Idaho Jones" is being distributed to 5,000 schools nationwide.

New spud group sees hope in republics' need for food

By Tom McAfee
Ag Weekly correspondent

RUPERT — Can two different needs in two different countries assisted by an ocean be brought together to help them both?

Idaho and the U.S. spud farmers face depression-level crop prices due to a massive surplus. The former Soviet Union's people face starvation and hunger.

growers get together and say we want to take our destiny into our own hands.

"We know we have to get them out of the marketing system," Carlson said. Potato Farmers United's goal is to lock-up by contract 10 percent of Idaho's open potato inventory.

The potatoes will be given to the U.S. government for humanitarian purposes in Russia if amongst the business and majority of this nation, "they (the potatoes) will not be back into competition to hurt you," Harris assured the farmers who attended the meeting in Rupert this week.

"We farmers will contribute 4 to 6 million hundredweight of potatoes," Carlson said. That equals 50-75 million pounds of processed dehydrated potatoes or a \$20 million donation at a break-even cost of production.

Potato Farmers United will purchase 10 percent of 4 farmers open inventory for a flat rate of \$1 not per hundredweight.

"It's a conditional contract that says if we don't achieve our goal that we give them back to you," Carlson said.

For the individual farmer, the donation would be covered if the potato market were to rise just 16.64 cents per hundred. "We are at such a disastereous level that all I need is a 16.64 cent raise in price to pay this risk," Carlson said.

According to Jay Stolding, board member and farmer from Shelly, the financial future of potato farming is already bleak.

"As many as 30 percent of us farmers may not be farming next year," Stolding said. Bankers want margins of 30 percent on \$3 potatoes in the Shelly area.

Other states like Washington and Oregon are already showing distress signals with filled auctioneer calendars, Carlson said.

"The association's goal is to reach 80 percent of the farmers who hold uncontracted potatoes. Once we have this amount, we want the government to say yes we will accept them and do something with them," Carlson said. "We aren't going to let this slide by. If they don't take it, we are going to ask why."

The group has sent out 57 letters to members of Congress and other officials who may be interested in the project.

Carlson said the group will take it

to the national media to ask why the government refuses if they do.

The Idaho Potato Commission's "Share Idaho's Harvest" program will help to open the door to dehydrated potatoes in Russia and make Potato Farmers United donation usable.

The Russian people know nothing about dehydrated potatoes and, therefore, have not asked for them. Dehydrated potatoes cannot be placed on the humanitarian aid list until they are requested, Idaho Potato Commission member Mike Cranney said. Once potatoes are put out on the list, there is market potential through the charitable industry.

"Care has been taken to verify the contacts in Russia who will receive the potato donation because of the rampant black market activity.

"We want to walk it to the door," Simons said. The Russian contacts have guaranteed media coverage in Moscow and St. Petersburg and introductions to people who make the decisions on what products are requested.

"Our people have been cleared as reliable sources," said Lola Walker, demonstrator for the project. "You have to travel every step of the way or it won't get to the people."

"Share Idaho's Potato Harvest" will target orphanages, hospitals and the elderly.

The recipes have been translated into Russian and changed to the metric system. "The three demonstrators, Walker, Simons and Thelma Morrison," will show how the dehydrated potatoes can be incorporated into the Russian culture and used in food relief services.

The possibility of opening new markets for the potatoes but is not the primary concern for Potato Farmers United. Removing the over supply out of the system by mid-processing season allows time for the price of potatoes to move back up to cover production costs. "We can make a donation out of it," Carlson said. "We're not concerned with whether others (states and processors) join."

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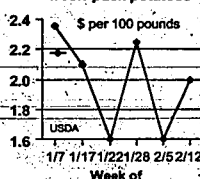
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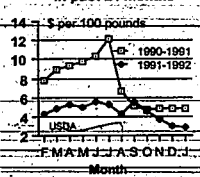
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Prices received by Idaho farmers for fresh-pack potatoes



Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months



Potato Farmers United is working toward solving both problems. The newly formed group met Wednesday night to discuss its goals with Magic Valley farmers.

"Maybe it's not an accident that we have an abundance," said Luarna Simons, an upper Snake River housewife who will be traveling to Russia to demonstrate dehydrated potatoes for the Idaho Potato Commission's "Share the Harvest of Idaho Potatoes" program, said.

"Prices between \$1 and \$2 per 100 pounds of potatoes caused the creation of Potato Farmers United three weeks ago," said Robert Carlson, board director.

"There are too many potatoes and as a result the price is down," said Alva Harris, legal council to Potato Farmers United. "What we can do is try to raise the price."

"The price is disastrous," Carlson said. "We're trying to remove the surplus. Friends, neighbors and



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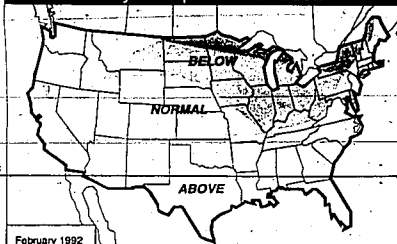


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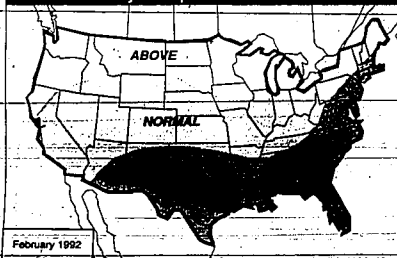
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Drought returns to Big Wood

Ag Weekly

HAILEY — The Big Wood drought weakened a little last fall, but returned with a vengeance in January.

"The snowfall during the month of January was one of the lowest on record," said Gale Roberts of the Soil Conservation Service in Hailey. "As a result, the Big Wood watershed is only 62 percent of the long-term average."

The January snowfall over the Big and Little Wood River watershed were only 16 percent of normal. The Vienna Mine course, for example, normally receives 8.6 inches of water in the form of snow during January. During January 1992, the course only received .8 inches of water or 9 percent of normal.

"What this means," stated Roberts, "is that we need about double the normal snowfall for the next three months to end up with an average snowmelt in the spring."

California still suffers drought

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — Fierce winter rain drenched southern California this week, but officials said the heavy storms are doing little to ease the impact of the state's *damaging six-year drought*.
That is because arid southern California, home to more than half of the state's 31 million residents, imports two-thirds of its water. Storms now sweeping over the region have triggered floods and forced closure of

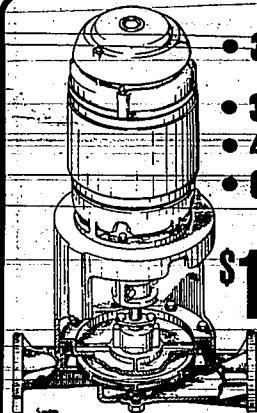
streets and freeways over a wide area but dumped relatively little snow in the northern Sierra Nevada mountains that feed the state's gigantic reservoirs.

Federal and state weather forecasters held out a slim possibility that the situation could change if a massive storm were to hit the state Tuesday night veers north.

But Bill Mork, the state climatologist, said twice the normal rain and snow must fall for two months to dent the long-term dry spell.

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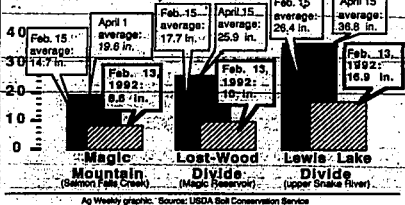
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Snowpack

On Magic Mountain, moisture in this year's snowpack is even less than in 1991, when it reached 10.5 inches by mid-February. Lost-Wood Divide has collected about twice as much moisture as in 1991, and Lewis Lake Divide is dead even with last year.



By Weekly graphic. Source: USDA Soil Conservation Service

Snake lakes about normal

Ag Weekly

BURLEY—The Upper Snake Reservoir System is at about normal for this time of year.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, capacity as of Thursday was:

Henry's Lake, 91 percent
Island Park Dam, 72 percent
Grassy Lake, 79 percent
Jackson Lake, 75 percent

Pallasades Lake, 59 percent
Bria Dam, 52 percent
American Falls Dam, 68 percent
Lake Walcott, 39 percent
Millier Dam, 38 percent
Total system capacity, 67 percent

Other reservoir levels were:
Magic Reservoir (Feb. 1), 10 percent
Millier Falls Dam (Feb. 1), 8 percent

Port says drawdown opposition grows

LEWISTON (AP)—Lewiston port officials say they've been flooded with calls of support for their proposed legal challenge of a planned drawdown of two Snake River reservoirs next month.

"You can't believe the support," port manager Ron McMurray said Wednesday.

"The Idaho people are saying they are fed up with it."

The month-long drawdown would begin March 1 at Little Goose and Lower Granite reservoirs in eastern Washington to help endangered salmon runs in their migration to the ocean.

Salmon Tract plans acres cut

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS—Water shortages on the "Salmon Tract" are common, but this year worse than normal and farmers will likely leave acres unplanted because of scant water supplies.

"The way it looks now, it will be the driest year on record," said Bill Kevan. "The driest we've had is 1934, and this is as bad."

Farmer Karl Joslin said it's too early to call 1992 a total loss, but there is no denying Salmon Tract farmers will likely face one of their driest years ever. "As it stands now, there will definitely be no beans planted," Joslin said.

The Salmon River Canal Co., which supplies irrigated water to 25,000 acres in the Salmon Tract, won't have enough water to provide shareholders their normal al-

lotment. Manager Larry Ragain said Thursday the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir is storing enough water to supply about 7 percent per share. "The way it looks now is bleak," Ragain said.

As of Feb. 1, snowpack in the mountains upstream from the reservoir contained just 78 percent of the average amount of moisture for that time of year, according to Soil Conservation Service snow surveys. And little, if any snow has fallen since then.

Kevan, a board member for the canal company, said there will likely be enough water to run the canal 30 days this growing season. Normal years, water would run 60 to 90 days during the season.

Because of the lack of water, Joslin said farmers will consider planting fewer acres so they get water on at least a partial crop.

Spring planting will be devoted to grains, peas and hay, Joslin said. Those crops go into the ground earliest and are harvested earliest. Water dotted in the Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir won't last long enough to support late crops such as beans, he said.

Kevan and Joslin have both planted winter wheat in recent weeks because of the water outlook.

Kevan said he planted winter wheat on some rented ground the last week in January. The owner offered him the land in December after winter wheat is usually seeded. He's hoping a freeze will hit sometime before spring that will allow the winter wheat to head out this spring.

If the expected freeze hits, Kevan said the winter wheat should provide higher yields than spring grains.

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Farm union president fears for family farm

By Michael Hofferber
Ag Weekly correspondent

BURLEY — The president of the newly formed Northwest Farmers Union fears that American farmers are being reduced to a "peasant citizenry" that works for a ruling class of bankers.

"Farmers have a lot of problems," said Dallin Reese, former chairman of the Idaho Wheat Commission. "All across Idaho you can see what's happening to rural America. The small towns are drying up."

In December, Reese became a leading spokesman for those farmers with his election to the presidency of the Northwest Farmers Union after spending eight years opening up markets for Idaho wheat with the commission.

"The decline of the family farm in America is similar to what he has witnessed in Third World countries around the world as he promoted Idaho wheat, and it disturbs him to see it at home."

Family farms are still the backbone of American society, Reese said, and the lifeblood of its rural communities.

"It's time that we as Americans stood up and told the world that we won't have our farmers be second-class citizens," he said.

Combining former unions of farmers in Idaho, Oregon and Washington, the Northwest Farmers Union is a newly organized regional member of the National Farmers Union.

"I've always been a member of the farmers' union, at least for my adult life," said Reese, born and raised on a dairy farm in Bensonward, Utah, he first joined the union in 1952 when he started dryland wheat farming near Downey.

"The farmer's union is one of the few organizations that repre-

sents totally farmers; all of our members are farmers," he said. "We talk the farmer's language because we're farmers."

"I believe in commodity groups, obviously. But they have a tenden-

cy to be single-minded in their own commission," he said.

The farmer's union, on the other hand, supports all types of farming and seeks to preserve and improve the profitability and way of life of the independent, self-employed family farmer, Reese said.

"We support all the programs so that each one does well," he said.

The union encourages cooperative efforts among individual, independent farmers, such as the Genex cooperative, which began as the Farmer's Union Central Exchange.

Reese said the union supports locally owned, private enterprises and tries to resist monopolies.

"I don't think one guy should have a corner on the whole thing," he said.

Most important, Reese said, is the fact that the farmer's union is a grassroots organization. Its policies and initiatives come from the membership and not its leaders.

Policy platforms are developed and approved by the union, but it makes no official endorsements of political candidates.

"We endorse policies and philosophies and leave it up to the individual farmers to vote their

own consciences," Reese explained.

"Our goal is to get the candidates to endorse our philosophies rather than us endorsing them."

After a brief retirement from farming in the 1960s, Reese bought another wheat farm in the Raft River area in 1969.

That led to his involvement with the Idaho State Wheat Growers Association.

Elected to the association's board of directors in 1979, he became board president in 1981 and was then appointed by Gov. John

Evans to serve on the Idaho Wheat Commission. After two consecutive five-year terms, he retired from the commission last summer and received the group's Distinguished Service Award in November.

One of Reese's most important roles during his decade of service to the wheat commission was his work with the Wheat Growers Association, the international marketing arm of the Idaho Wheat Commission. He traveled extensively to promote U.S. wheat in world markets and was actively involved in Federal trade issues.

"It was a once in a lifetime kind of deal," said Reese, who made two complete tours around the Earth in his visits to foreign governments and marketing offices overseas.

"In the first 150 days of 1990, for instance, I was away from home 100 days," he said.

Those travels and his involvement with world trade issues has given the Burley farmer a unique perspective on Northwest agriculture.

"The number of poor people in the world is exploding," he said. "And there are a lot of them right

here in our own country that we ought to be taking care of."

"But as hard as we try to provide food to hungry people, we have to recognize that there are

limits to what we can do. We cannot feed the whole world. I think

we have to be Good Samaritans, but we also have to be Good Samaritans at home."



Dallin Reese, Burley, heads a new union.

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Editorial

There's no such thing as farm animal rights

The shrill politics of "animal-rights" activists are patently ridiculous to most Americans.

But farmers and ranchers need not validate those activists by labeling themselves "the original animal-rights people," as a Nebraska professor did last week at a beef quality-assurance seminar in Twin Falls.

The good professor means well, but he's wrong; farm animals don't have rights.

Saturday was the Angus bull sale at the College of Southern Idaho. A young lady brought her bull into the sale ring and smacked him once or twice with a whip, trying to make him walk in a circle so bidders could get a good look at him. Twice the bull wheeled on the young lady and butted her into the steel rails surrounding the ring.

Presumably, if animals have rights, the bull could have instead sued the young lady for public humiliation. The young lady could have then countersued, of course.

Certainly, animal owners have ethical responsibilities. Fortunately, one of them is not "thou shalt not humiliate thine bull."

That bull's buyer hopefully will not simply trust the bull nor to escape, because no bull is responsible for staying in its barnyard.

Instead, the bull's owner has a responsibility to build and maintain a fence. Also, the bull's owner has a responsibility to treat the animal humanely—that's a responsibility that farmers and ranchers generally believe accompanies the right to own livestock.

This is an important message.

We gain nothing as a society if we allow "animal-rights" activists to set the agenda on animal welfare. We cannot let them stretch our ethical responsibilities toward animals into inalienable "rights" for livestock.

Fishermen aren't farmer foes

For eight years, Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited has worked hard to restore our state's salmon fisheries. Since we began, ISSU has always had a solid membership base in the Magic Valley.

Lately, some of those members have called ISSU with a problem. With salmon and the Endangered Species Act on the front pages of some of their papers and neighbors are saying that ISSU is trying to take water away from Idaho farmers to give it to the salmon.

The exact opposite is true. I know the truth because the Endangered Species Act could override water rights, and I know the drought makes those fears more urgent. But it is vital Idaho farmers know that ISSU and Idaho fishermen are with them, not against them, when it comes to salmon and Idaho water.

By far the biggest problem for our salmon is what's going through the eight dams and reservoirs outside Idaho's borders on the lower Snake and Columbia rivers. We have a few habitat problems in state and some serious harvest problems downstream. But dams in Oregon and Washington are the single biggest reason Idaho has no salmon fishing.

Starting with Oregon Sen. Mark Hatfield's Salmon Summit last year, there have been two competing solutions to the dam problem. The first is called "drought mitigation" by the feds. ISSU calls it the "Drain Idaho Plan." It would use Idaho water—lots of it—to speed salmon through the reservoirs. Its supporters are the Bonneville Power Administration, the Army Corps of Engineers, all Northwest electrical utilities except

Tim Crist

Idaho Power, various downstream industries and the state of Washington.

The second is the "Idaho Plan" which Gov. Andrus proposed. It would fix Snake River dams in Oregon and Washington to operate at lower reservoir levels, then draw these reservoirs down every spring during salmon migration. Instead of speeding up currents by draining Idaho, the Idaho Plan speeds them up by restoring something like a river below Lewiston for two months each year.

At the Salmon Summit, ISSU supported the Idaho Plan because it is the only one that will restore salmon. Idaho Power Co. supported it because it will not turn their hydro system upside down. The Idaho Water-Users Association supported it because it will not drain Idaho. Incidentally, the Idaho Plan is also cheaper.

I think we were surprised to find ourselves in agreement but we were and we still are.

I know many farmers are worried because the Bureau of Reclamation has filed to change some of its water rights from irrigation to salmon flows. Neither ISSU nor any Idaho fishing group I know of proposed or supported it. The Bureau of Reclamation is doing it because, so far, the "Drain Idaho" plan is winning the political game. In December, the Northwest Power Planning Council called for over 2.5 million acre feet of Idaho water for salmon by 1995. The Bureau of Reclamation filed because they are trying to comply with that call and

with Idaho law. The Bureau of Reclamation is not trying to take anyone's water and neither is ISSU.

ISSU's bottom line is restoring Idaho salmon. We know that draining Idaho will not do it—there just isn't enough water. Idaho farmers, we are on your side for our own selfish reason: We will stay on your side. But you need to be on our side, too. There are an awful lot of folks, dollars and power on the other side—the "Drain Idaho" side. That includes many Oregon and Washington farmers who are supporting "flow augmentation."

The Endangered Species Act is a powerful law. It could be used to take Idaho water. It is crucial that Idaho farmers realize two things:

First, Idaho fishermen are not using and will not use that law to try to take your water for salmon.

But second, unless you support ISSU and Gov. Andrus in our fight to fix the real problem on the downstream dams—you are putting yourselves on the line as well as the salmon. The "Drain Idaho" forces don't have the facts going for them, but they have money, power and time. We in Idaho have the facts but beyond that, about all we have is unity: We must hang together or we will hang separately!

The propaganda mills of the BPA and the big boys downstream are churning full blast. Please do not be fooled. What's good for Idaho salmon is good for Idaho farmers. That might take some getting used to, but it is true!

Tim Crist of Twin Falls is the Magic Valley editor of Idaho Steelhead and Salmon Unlimited.

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Another scheme that rips off the U.S. taxpayer

Only in the Bermuda Triangle or inside the Washington Beltway does it make sense for the American taxpayers to shell out money to McDonald's, Campbell Soup Co., Jockey, E. Seaman and Sons and other corporate giants. Yet it happens.

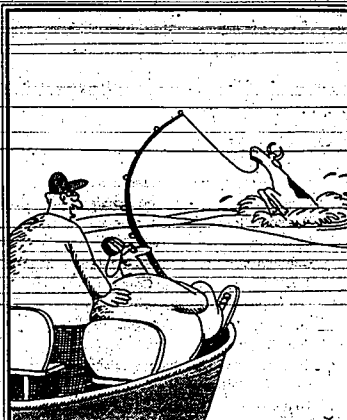
According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, millions of federal dollars are going to dozens of big companies for the promotion of their products in overseas markets: McDonald's, which had sales of \$20 billion last year, got \$465,000 to promote Chicken McNuggets; Campbell's got \$450,000 to plug V-8 juice; and Seagram's spent \$146,000 boosting Four Roses.

Taxpayers have enough problems supporting legitimate government functions without being called upon to pay for ad campaigns for big companies wealthy enough to pay their own marketing costs.

Why can't the people in Congress see what a ripoff this is and put a stop to it?

This editorial appeared in The (Biloxi, Miss.) Sun Herald.

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Water quality workshop set

BOISE — Land and water resource users, conservationists, water quality activists and resource management technicians are invited to a workshop March 2-4 in McCall on applying coordinated resource management to water quality projects.

Entitled "Consensus Goals for Water Quality Improvement," the meeting is funded in part by the Environmental Protection Agency. Other sponsors include the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Idaho Rangeland Committee, National Association of Conservation Districts, Society for Range Management and State Executive Group for Coordinated Resource Management.

Neil Rimbey, University of Idaho Extension range economist, describes CRM as the resolution of resource issues by local land users and managers on a watershed basis. Registration is \$25 before Feb. 21 and \$35 after that date. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. March 3 and concludes at 2:30 p.m. March 4.

For more information, contact Rimbey at 459-6365 in Caldwell.

Onion seminar set

JEROME — A seminar for onion growers will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 28 at the China Village restaurant in Jerome.

Lunch will be provided by the Onion Growers Association. Those planning to attend should call David Barton, Jerome County extension agent, at 324-7578.

Subjects include an onion crop management, weed control and the consequences of this year's weather on onion crops.

Weed control group to meet

BOISE — The Idaho Weed Control Association will hold its annual conference Wednesday through Friday at the Owyhee Plaza in Boise.

Major emphases of this year's meeting will be herbicide intercropping, life without herbicides, aquatic weed management, chemical awareness, noxious weeds, and controlling weeds in wheat, sugar beets, potatoes and sweet corn. Registration is \$60 at the door. The meeting will begin at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

For more information, contact Don Morishita, UI Extension weeds specialist at 734-3600 in Twin Falls.

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- 15 Lincoln County 4-H Beef Weigh-In, 9 a.m., Shoshone Stockyards.
- 18 Agr-business seminar, Ben Grant, 10 a.m., Rm. 108, Aspen Bldg., College of Southern Idaho.
- 19-21 Idaho Weed Control Assn. annual meeting, Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. Info. Don Morishita, 734-3600.
- 20-21 FFA Round-up, College of Southern Idaho.
- 20-21 Agr-Action, CSI Expo Center.
- 25 Agr-chemical workshop, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Canyon Springs Inn, Twin Falls. \$15/\$20. Register 334-0220.
- 27 Senate Ag Committee Hearing, Bear Commission tax hike, 3 p.m., Boise state capital.
- 28 4-H Mid-management workshop, Twin Falls.
- 29 Jerome Co. Beef Weigh-In, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Jerome sale ring.

MARCH

- 2 Winter Dairy Forum, Jerome County Courthouse conference room; Buhl Sr. Citizen Center.
- 3 Winter Dairy Forum, Cassia County Law Enforcement meeting room, Burley.
- 3-4 Land & water resource users Workshop, 9 a.m. McCall. Registration required. Info. Neil Rimbey, 459-6365.
- 4 Backcountry Horsemen, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Forest Service office, 2647 Kimberly Rd. E., Twin Falls.
- 5 Carnas Gooding Counties Meat Identification & Cookery, 4:00-8:00 p.m., Gooding County Extension Office.
- 6 Community Auction, Sponsored by Twin Falls County Fair.
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Ozone hole may tip crop-weed contest

By Paul Raeburn
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Ultraviolet radiation streaming through holes in the atmosphere's ozone layer could alter crop yields by tipping the balance of competition between crops and weeds, a researcher said Tuesday.

Last week, scientists at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announced that the ozone layer over the United States is being depleted far faster than scientists had anticipated.

The ozone layer absorbs much of the sun's ultraviolet radiation, particularly the so-called ultraviolet-B radiation, or UV-B, that is especially dangerous to plants and animals.

UV-B radiation is known to damage plants in a variety of ways, often acting directly on plant genetic material. And it causes skin cancer in humans.

New studies suggest that UV-B also can tip the fragile ecosystem—balances, causing indirect damage to plants in ways hard to predict, said Paul W. Barnes of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

"One may only see the effect of UV-B radiation when we have a crop growing in competition with weeds," Barnes said at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Barnes found that increases in UV-B radiation allowed wheat to do a better job of outgrowing a weed called wild oats. The weed is a chronic pest in wheat fields and grows more slowly under increased UV-B radiation.

In that case, an increase in radiation helps the crop at the expense of the weeds.

In other cases, though, weeds may be able to compete better against crops, Barnes said.

Scientists have so far been unable to predict which crops are likely to compete better against weeds under increased UV-B radiation and which are likely to do worse, Barnes said.

Each crop and weed combination will have to be studied to determine what will happen as UV-B levels increase, he said.

And researchers also have much to learn about the direct effect of ozone on crops, he said.

"Are plants at their tolerance limit? Is the extra UV-B going to push them over?" he said.

Eckard Weltmann, of a biological research institute at Freiburg, Germany, said at the meeting he has found that UV-B radiation can alter plants' genetic material in a way that makes them unable to produce pigments that help shield them from the radiation.

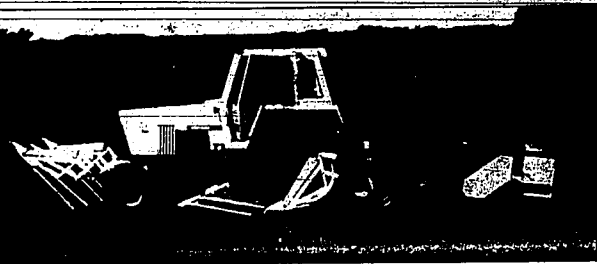
The enemy of my enemy is a French bug

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists who wage war on insects and weeds that attack U.S. crops are moving into a new staging area — southern France. Thirteen USDA scientists and

support personnel have moved to the European Biological Control Laboratory, known as Agropolis, where they will carry out their mission of searching for natural enemies of crop pests.

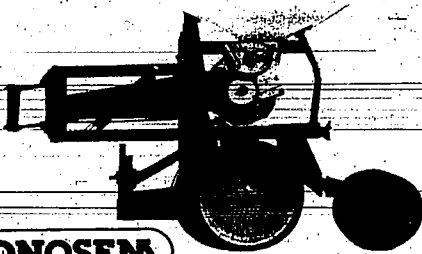
Agropolis, in Montpellier, France, will offer many new opportunities for closer cooperation among researchers, said Richard S. Soper, USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

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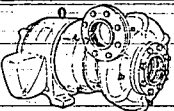
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Du Pont herbicide offers special packaging

In an ongoing effort to help growers deal with container disposal issues, Du Pont has introduced new canisters with fiberboard bodies for its cereal herbicide product line.

The canister bodies are made from a heavy fiberboard that degrades in landfills faster than plastic, or that can be incinerated, where permitted.

The tops and bottoms are made from polypropylene for durability in storage and handling. They can be separated from the bodies for disposal or recycling.

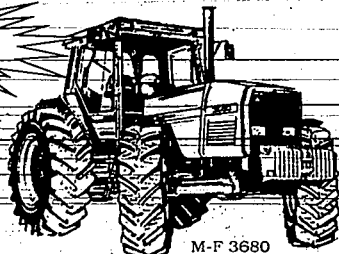
"This is one step in the evolutionary process of creating an entirely degradable herbicide package," says Stephanie Peters, a Du Pont cereal product manager.

"The landfill and disposal issues are serious, and we're continually looking at new packaging that will be better for the environment besides being convenient to use and handle."

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26/Agri-Action

Businesses expected to top 100 in Expo

Ag Weekly

TWIN FALLS — More than 105 agricultural businesses will crowd into the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center Friday and Saturday for "television station" KMYT's Agri-Action show.

That's an increase of about five over last year's show, but KMYT advertising manager Bob Thomas said they can't fit too many more into the exhibit hall. "Our problem is the expo center will only handle so many exhibitors," he said.

Bank officer tapped for talk

TWIN FALLS — Boise banking executive Benjamin Gisin will be the featured speaker beginning at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho farm business management seminar, held in conjunction with Agri-Action 92.

"How will environmental issues affect your farm in the future?" is one question Gisin will address in his day-long presentation.

Gisin has worked in the banking industry for more than 16 years with two of the nation's top 10 banks.

During the decade ahead, farm units will continue to decline at a rate of approximately 2 percent about 40,000 farmers — per year, Gisin said in a press release. Gisin's talks will examine what farm businesses must do to succeed.

"How can you make the ag banking machine work for you?" will be another question Gisin examines, as well as "How does the banking system work?"

Seating is limited for the seminar. Reserve a seat by calling 733-9554 or 678-2834, extension 119. Cost is \$20 per couple or \$15 per person.

Hazelton man heads west

Ag Weekly

HAZELTON — A Hazelton man has been appointed to the position of county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration in Gem, Valley and Boise counties.

Terry Stigile will begin his new job March 9. Stigile has lived in Hazelton for 20 years and was assistant superintendent in Minidoka and Cassia counties for four years. FmHA has changed during Stigile's tenure, he said. "The most significant change has been new regulations that make the federal government the guarantor of loans farmers get from banks. That way we're not using congressional money to make loans."

It's the biggest show of its kind in the Magic Valley.

This year, the usual tractor and implement dealers will be joined by a host of smaller exhibitors.

Virtually all will be eager to demonstrate how their products can make farmers more efficient. Thomas said, "It's really a good cross section of firms that are involved with agribusiness," he said.

High-tech products such as cellular telephones and computers will also be a big part of the show, he said.

East-Enders recognized

Ag Weekly

JEROME — Farmers from Eden and Hazelton were given awards by the North Side Soil Conservation District for good farming practices in 1991.

Designated as Conservation Farmers of the Year, at an awards banquet held Feb. 8 were Herman and Lenore Huettig, of Hazelton.

"Herman Huettig was chosen for many reasons. His philosophy about his farm and land and willingness to improve his soil conservation practices over the years were considered in choosing Huettig for the award," said Rob Hogerson, director of the conservation district.

Huettig started farming near Eden in 1937. He was the first farmer in the area to use a sprinkler system.

Pete Paul of Eden received the Vinyard Creek water quality farmer of the year award. Paul was recognized for implementing new soil conservation practices that have improved water quality in the Vinyard Creek watershed. "The assistance and advice I got from the North Side Soil Conservation Service have really improved things around my farm," Paul said.

Farmer Albert Lockwood received his award from Paul in 1991 — and planted potatoes where they hadn't grown in 45 years. He got 625.3 sacks per acre. "We never heard of that kind of yield," Paul said. The average Magic Valley yield is about 275 to 300 sacks per acre, he said.

Also recognized for assistance in the soil conservation program were Sally Stigile, information and education specialist, and Shiela Robison for work accomplished in developing the 5-year soil conservation plan for the district.

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Goats are more than just garbage eaters

By Kathy Vitex Waggoner
Ag Weekly correspondent

TWIN FALLS — 2T Goat Keepers 4-H Club members contend that goats are fussy about what they eat.

Studying goat nutrition helps 4-Hers improve their products — milk and cheese.

And there is a growing demand for goat's milk.

"Some babies can drink goat milk when they are allergic to cow milk," said Marie Eacker, 4-H leader. "It breaks down differently in the stomach."

In the eastern United States, farmers tend goat dairies because there are large nearby markets for milk and cheese, she said. But in the rural West, most goatkeepers just raise calves off goat's milk.

Goat's milk contains 30 percent more cream than cow milk, and dairy goats give between 8 and 16 pounds a day. Other products are goat's milk soap, yogurt, and meat, which is usually barbecued whole (chevon). Marie Eacker expects Angola and Cashmere goats to be introduced here within the next few years, so goat hair can be harvested for area weavers.

"Their hides can be made into blankets and coats," says Ormond Buhler, 11, second-year goat club member. "(With the milk) I make cheese and feed my baby goat."

"They can also be used for pack animals," said Angela Eacker, 15, a four-year member. Goats can carry up to 40 percent of their weight, Angela said. She is a teen leader for the club this year. She became interested in goats with her father's encouragement.



KATHY VITEX WAGGONER/Magic Valley Ag Weekly

Ormond Buhler learns how useful goats can be.

"My dad knew some people who had four kids, and he figured I could raise money for college by feeding (goat's milk) to calves," she said.

She has upgraded her registered herd of four by striving for the best quality we can get... keeping the lines as pure as possible. Her efforts earned her grand champion in fitting and showing and in quality at the Twin Falls County Fair last year.

Blair Dane, 10, second-year member, has enjoyed "showing them — teaching them to lead (by holding onto their collar) and

putting their feet where they go." Ben Aldritt, 11, second-year member, has enjoyed learning "how to take care of him."

He will show his goat as a yearling this year. The club plans to enter two parades this year with their goats. At last year's fair, they raised money for the club by allowing fairgoers to milk their goats at 50 cents a turn.

Interest in goats is growing in the Magic Valley. At the fair last year, there were over 200 entries in the open show, sponsored by the Snake River Dairy Goat Association. This fall even more are ex-

pected, as well as the addition of a pygmy goat show.

The Magic Valley Dairy Goat Association will hold a show the end of March and two seminars at the College of Southern Idaho on goat nutrition this spring. During the summer, goat shows within driving distance over a weekend will be held throughout the northwest.

Leta Evans, Filer, and Marie Eacker, Kimberly, have the only two goats-only 4-H clubs within Twin Falls County, but other clubs with a variety of projects have some goat projects also. The clubs encourage membership because "these kids will be the future ... we hope they will be future dairy owners," Marie Eacker said. There were 14 4-H goats at the fair last year.

The 2T Goat Keepers 4-H Club meets year around because the goats require care all year. Most of the seven members have dairy goats that are milked twice a day. And kidding starts within the next few weeks.

"For me the best time of the year is kidding ... they're so cute," says Angela. Multiple births are common and can require some assistance.

"The goats are easy care for, requiring a relatively small amount of feed. A herd animal, the usually will stay penned if there is more than one, Eacker said.

U of I adds sociologist to staff

MOSCOW — Aaron Harp has joined the University of Idaho College of Agriculture as a rural sociologist.

Harp earned a Ph.D. in rural sociology and a master's degree in agricultural economics from Pennsylvania State University and a bachelor's degree in economics from the California State University-Sacramento. For his doctoral thesis, Harp conducted Pennsylvania's first study of the adoption of integrated pest management practices by apple and field farmers.

He has research interests in public policy as well as the interrelationships between communities and such industries as agriculture, mining and timber.

"I'm not only interested from an economic standpoint, but from the standpoint of demographics and quality of life."

He also would like to pursue research in the public's understanding of agriculture. "I've become aware that a lot of the public does not have a good understanding of agriculture production. I think a good number of conflicts that will occur will be a result of that lack of understanding."

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Take a scooper, don't tie to trees

By Terrell Williams
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME — Jeanne Bottinger rides through the mountains south of Hansen and north of Ketchum because she loves the scenery.

She loves to listen to birds and enjoy nature.

She rides to remote areas with clear springwater creeks, delicate mountain grass and stately pine trees.

She leaves no trash along the trails and when she has gone, her overnight campgrounds show no sign that anyone was there.

The mountains should be left clean in a natural state for everyone to enjoy, Bottinger said.

With the increasing population in Southern Idaho, more people are heading for the hills on foot, on mountain bikes and on motor-bikes, as well as on horses.

"The demand has really increased by all the users in the last 11 years that I've been here," Fairfield District Ranger Dale Lamb said.

"A lot of the trails aren't designed for the heavy use they're starting to receive," he said. "They were put in by early miners and cattlemen and shepherds just as routes to travel. They're not designed for the kind of use they're starting to get, and so they're hard to keep up."

Bottinger, along with fellow riders Kathy Kerley and Louisa Smith, are members of the newly formed Backcountry Horsemen, a local

group — part of a national group — that is working to improve trails and also to educate stock users on how to take care of the mountain areas they use. Here, along with comments from Lamb, are their suggestions for good backcountry etiquette.

• Do not tie horses to trees.

"They become nervous when they're away from home and it's natural for them to paw when they're nervous," Kerley said.

Trees with exposed roots are stressed and can die more readily from bugs or other problems, Lamb said.

The best way to tie stock, they all agreed, is to a high line between trees. The line should be at least 200 feet from streams and from the outside. A rocky spot is good because the horses cannot hurt the ground by pawing.

Tying to a trailer for extended periods of time is dangerous to both the pawing horse and to the trailer.

• Scatter manure piles.

Spreading the piles allows them to dry out and disintegrate faster, Bottinger said. On popular hiking trails, Smith said she and other riders use a "scooper scooper" to collect and carry the mess away.

• Do not litter.

Even way back in primitive country, trails are often littered with empty pop and beer cans, Smith said. "It's really discouraging."

Riders, as well as everyone else who uses "this beautiful country,



TERRELL WILLIAMS/Magic Valley Ag Weekly

Jeanne Bottinger of Jerome leaves Idaho's wilds as beautiful as she found it.

should carry all their trash home, she said.

Lamb said organized riding, hiking and biking groups are disciplining themselves to collect their own trash, as well as trash left by others before them. "We've really made strides on this litter business."

• Feed pellets.

"You're not supposed to take in hay," Bottinger said, explaining that hay can have noxious weed seed that will grow and spread in the mountains.

• Yield to others if possible.

"If it's easy for me to get off the trail, I will get off and let them by," Kerley said. "They usually move for us, but we should move for them, too."

Motorcycle riders are always very courteous," Smith said.

Lamb said this area's horse riders have been helpful volunteers, doing

trail maintenance and rebuilding projects.

Two years ago, he said, a group from the Gooding area helped to put in new facilities at Canyon Transfer Site on Big Smokey. "They did a good job for us," Lamb said.

Kerley said the Backcountry Horsemen national organization has 7,000 members in seven states, all

working to preserve the natural beauty of the land.

Those who want more information on the 45-member local chapter can write to Box 634, Jerome, ID, 83338.

The group's next meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. March 4 at the Twin Falls District Forest Service Office, 2647 Kimberly Road East.



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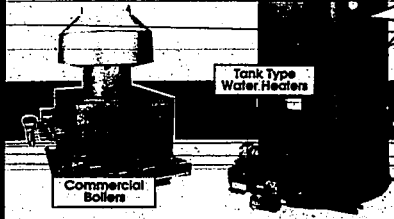
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If you've never been to the symphony here, you're missing something wonderful and rare. A chance to experience the dichotomy of life in a small community, where a day of shooting jackrabbits in the sagebrush can be followed by an evening of classical music.

The Magic Valley symphony provides for the soul one of the few things Magic Valley nature does not. Culture. I don't know if the people who started the symphony here years ago knew that or not, but it seems obvious to me.

Going to the symphony doesn't just provide me with an opportunity to wear clothes without manure stains; it gives me the chance to commune with higher passions, the enlightenment of civilization - stuff you don't usually get living on a cattle ranch 11 miles north of Bliss.

I find my life on this dusty range is rife with cultural opposites, like cows and classical music, cowboys and culture.

I know a cowboy who swears like a longhornman and carries Kiehlman and his master as far as I can tell, spoken a grammatically correct sentence in his life. This man, if he walked into any tea room in the

country, would be dismissed as a rube and a boor.

But the cowboy sings like Gabriel himself, his face lifted to the sky in beatific wonderment, his voice as clear - and sweet - as a Sawtooth stream.

He sings Red River Valley and Cole Porter and old plantation spirituals - whatever strikes his fancy as he rides along behind a herd.

If you close your eyes you can forget the choking dust and the smell of a hundred hot cows and imagine you're in the company of an angel.

I know a man who wears a bushy grey beard and worked for the railroad for 30 years and still lives in the same truckstop town where he was born. This man, in his rough wool shirts, can recite Robert Service poetry with all the fervor, imagery and style of a Broadway showman. He spins stories so lively and bold that you don't realize you haven't been breathing until the tale ends.

I know a woman who tells dirty jokes and laughs too loud in public and who wears red plastic earrings and old maid jumpuits to church on Sunday. Not the type, to be sure, you'd see on your way to Ascot or The Albert Hall.

But this woman has an English

garden you'd have to see to believe, carried out of the scrub, lush and green even in the hot summer wind, with neatly bordered lawns and wildflowers in all colors and patterns as big as your head.

The symphony is my cultural idiom. In my real life, I am a ranch wife in the truest sense of the word. I am married to this place, and I wear the clothes and speak the language of my wedlock. To see me to

day, in my jeans and paint-splattered chamiso shirt, my socks sliding somewhere in the soles of my rubber boots, my hair combed but flying into my eyes, I am as far from being a country girl as I try to be.

But I guess that there's a Divan Opera or a Mozart, molto allegro running through my head.

You see, I can't sing, and the only poetry I know comes from Robert Service

books and by July my garden is neglected and shriveled and choked by weeds. So I listen to classical music. It smooths the rough texture of my everyday life. Like an English country garden or Cole Porter or poetry recited aloud by a man with a bushy grey beard.

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Try baking Herman

By H.R. Weixel
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME - North Dakota readers want a part in the Ag Weekly recipe column and have sent a recipe for Herman - a yeast-starter that grows and can be used in a wide variety of ways, including making new friends.

The recipe for Herman comes from Tiny Exner of Ypsilanti, North Dakota.

HERMAN STARTER

Soften 1 package, active dry yeast in 1/2 cup warm water.
Stir in 2 cups warm water.

3 tablespoons sugar.

Place in loosely covered 8-cup glass or ceramic bowl and place in refrigerator.

Stir once a day for five days.

On the fifth day, feed Herman with:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 2 cups flour

Stir well. This is the first feeding for Herman and what you must feed him every five days from now on. Count this day as day one. Stir daily, cover and refrigerate.

On day five, feed Herman again. Stir daily and keep in refrigerator.

On day 10, Herman is ready to

use. Always keep 1 cup of Herman for future use and remember to feed him every five days.

If you don't need Herman, and he has outgrown his bowl, give a cup to a friend, enclosing the following instructions:

"This is Herman! On the day you get Herman, you must feed him 1 cup flour, 1 cup milk and 1/2 cup sugar. Stir thoroughly with a fork and store in refrigerator in large bowl, covered loosely with plastic wrap. Be sure to stir Herman every day, because he grows and will run over the top. Feed again every fifth day. Bake something with Herman on the tenth day."

HERMAN DOUGHNUTS

Dissolve 1 package dry yeast in 1/2 cup warm water.

Add: 1 cup Herman

1/2 cup warm water

1 egg

1 cup sugar

dust of salt

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

3 cups flour

Mix well, and let rise 20 to 30 minutes.

Roll out and cut doughnuts.

Let rise until double in size.

Deep fry at 375 degrees until golden brown.

Gladze with 2 cups powdered sugar.

ar, 1/2 cup milk and 1 teaspoon

vanilla. Makes 10 doughnuts.

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Columbus changed menu on high seas

By Michael Hofferber
Ag Weekly correspondent

Historians make too much of politics and warfare.

They lavish their attentions on old battlefields and parchment records while neglecting the seeds of revolution in family gardens or the soup-kitchen in the kitchen cabinet.

Here, in the oven, the conquistador's roast is basting. Here, in the fridge, explorers have planted their flags in cheese-and-lettuce.

I've been contemplating the history of food while preparing a beef stew. The observations of author Raymond Sokolow have been simmering in my mind. His book, "Why We Eat What We Eat," has stirred my curiosity.

Columbus' "discovery" of the New World did much more than open up the Americas to European exploration and colonization, according to Sokolow. More importantly, it changed the way almost everyone on this planet eats.

Today the world feeds itself on a post-Columbian cuisine," he claims. "Italians eat post-Columbian pizza. Irish have post-Columbian shepherd's pie; the French wax poetic about post-Columbian haricots verts (green beans)."

For my post-Columbian stew, I peel and dice potatoes and potatoes; their roots reach deep into the Andes Mountains of South America. Before Columbus, there were no potatoes in Ireland or Germany or anywhere outside the Americas. French fries are only about 120 years old.

Spanish conquistadors first encountered spuds in 1537. But it wasn't until the 1800s that Europeans took them seriously as a food staple.

And now, 455 years later, potatoes are one of the four chief staples of the human-diet-worldwide (wheat, rice and maize are the other three).

I was surprised, as well, to learn that tomatoes like the ones laid out on my cutting board are new to Italy.

The key ingredient for sauces on pizza and spaghetti was unknown to Naples chefs until Spaniards brought it back from Mexico in the 16th century. And it "finally" reached the last 200 years that "love apples" have been considered an essential feature of Italian cuisine.

Looking over the rest of the stew fixings on the kitchen counter, I reflect on their genealogies:

- Beef: Unknown to the Americas before Columbus, beef was introduced along with pork, lamb and dairy products. This transformed Mexican cuisine, making beef burritos and carnitas possible.
- Corn: Maize was one of the four most important plants "discovered" by Columbus; according



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We eat what we eat because of Columbus.

to Sokolow. The others were sweet potatoes, muntio, and chili peppers. All were unknown to Europeans before 1492.

• Pepper. The common garden pepper, or bell pepper, is native to the Caribbean. It, too, first came to Europe on Columbian vessels.

Settlers from Europe, Asia and Africa brought wheat, oats, turnips, rice, citrus fruits, apples and most farm animals to the Americas.

The Native Americans, in turn, contributed squash, pumpkins, peanuts; strawberries; blueberries, cranberries, coffee, maple syrup, artichokes, wild rice, avocados, vanilla, and chocolate to the world's diet.

The Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, in its special "Seeds of Change" exhibition commemorating the quinqucentenary of Columbus' voyages, examines how the changes set in motion 500

years ago are still reverberating today.

Potato vines and maize stalks continue to expand outward from the New World as researchers develop varieties tolerant to heat and drought.

And Old World attitudes toward land use and indigenous peoples remain rooted in our physical and social environments.

"The acceptance of food crops and medicinal plants from the New World by the Old was a significant part of the post-Columbian exchange of resources," notes Steven King and Lilianna Campos-Dudley in the Smithsonian exhibition's companion volume.

But the Native American's knowledge of land management, fuels and shelter in the New World were often ignored. And their role in shaping what America has become is largely forgotten.

Anthropologist Jack Weatherford, in his recent book, "Native Roots," documents these contributions of Native Americans to the contemporary U.S. culture and economy. "In the four hundred years since the European settlers began coming to North America, they have not found a single American plant suitable for domestication that the Indians had not already cultivated," he observes.

If Native Americans had patented their produce, they could have bought back Manhattan Island and much of the rest of the continent. If potatoes had property rights, most of Europe and America would now

Review "Why We Eat What We Eat"

By Raymond Sokolow
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pay allegiance to Peru. Never mind who won the wars for territory and political prominence in the Americas over the past five centuries. From a gastronomic viewpoint, neither the Native Americans nor the European settlers survived.

The conquered tribes have far more than humble pie to feast upon and the conquerors now eat from the plate of their former enemies. The Spanish, English, French and Italian immigrants may have won the war, but in doing so they surrendered their palates.

The author is an agricultural free-lance writer living in Bellevue.

Bill targets falling dung on ferries

OLYMPIA (AP) — A state senator is coming to the aid of ranchers who can't keep their cows contained while riding on ferry boats.

Sen. Scott Barr, R-Colville, has proposed a bill to make it legal for animal waste to fall off a vehicle traveling on a ferry boat with 25 cars or less.

The bill addresses the problem of cattle ranchers who use the Keller Ferry to cross Lake Roosevelt near the town of Wilbur in north-central Washington.

A year ago, the ranchers were threatened with a state law prohibiting trucks from dropping or leaking waste while "traveling" on public ways.

Ferry owners were tired of cleaning up waste that slopped out of trucks.

Barr said the law asks too much of cattle ranchers.

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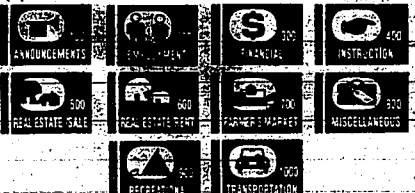
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