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Good morning

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Idaho Secretary of State Pete Coeurraus, facing the threat of a lawsuit, announced Friday that he was adding the name of imprisoned felon Lyndon LaRouche to the May 26 Democratic primary ballot for president.
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Day-care trouble

As the demand for day-care increases in the Magic Valley, so do concerns over Idaho's weakest-in-the-nation day-care regulations. The Times-News begins a three-day look at the issue.

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School-funding bill closer to passage

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer



Idaho Legislature 1992

BOISE - The Legislature's battle over public-schools funding, which has occupied much of this year's session, may soon be over.
On Friday, the Republican-dominated House of Representatives passed a \$497 million school bill - slightly more than previous bills it has approved - and there were indications that the Senate would adopt it when the Legislature reconvenes Monday.

The three GOP senators who have opposed previous bills giving \$496.9 million to the schools because of what they said were inadequate provisions for school reform, refused to come out against the current bill late Friday afternoon.
One of them, Laird Noh of Kimberly,

said he probably would vote for the bill, citing the lateness of the session and the possibility that if this bill died, so would the reform effort.

The other two, John Hansen of Idaho Falls and Edward Osborne of Boise, refused to say how they would vote if the bill, as expected, comes up Monday.

Hansen indicated that he would be on the phone this weekend negotiating with other senators. Osborne has scheduled a news conference for Monday morning, but he said it would involve his re-election plans. The three men, all of whom serve on the

Senate Education Committee, have been able to kill two previous House-passed education budgets because the Senate is tied 21-21 between Democrats and Republicans.

Until this week, Democrats have insisted on the \$501.9 funding-level recommended by Gov. Cecil Andrus. Sen. Mary Lou Reed, D-Coeur d'Alene, sponsored a \$500.5 million budget bill this week, but it also failed to pass the Senate.

Should Noh, Hansen and Osborne decide to accept the GOP's \$497 million bill that Please see EDUCATION/A2

Game boy



Mike Ulrich takes his artwork seriously, but his audience finds the electronic drawings all fun and games.

Twin Falls native Mike Ulrich helps populate the world of Nintendo

By Suzanne Huxhold
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - At age 26, Mike Ulrich is into video games. Matter of fact, that's pretty much all he does all day, sometimes with the help of his 3-year-old daughter.
"I love what I do, it's a great job," Ulrich said with a twinkle in his eye. "But at my age, I'm starting to wonder about contributing to the delinquency of a minor."
The Twin Falls native is a free-lance illustrator who "draws," with the help of a high-tech computer and a tiny television-set, the fast-action graphics for wizard-kid games like Super Nintendo and GameBoy.

"It's true, Ulrich admits, that he only works a few hours a day and spends a lot of his ample spare time on the golf course. And it's also true that when he does work, it's more like, well, an afternoon at the arcade than a day in the trenches.

But getting the details right on Super Mario and his videland friends and foes is serious business.
Nintendo, the Japanese company that dominates the industry,

sells \$3 billion of its products a year in the United States alone.
"It's getting more and more precise every day," said Ulrich, who now lives in Salt Lake City. "It's going to be interesting to see what comes up in the next year or two."

Ulrich got started as an artist right after he graduated from Twin Falls High School. He worked for a time as an illustrator for The Times-News before going off to Utah State University as a fine-arts major with an emphasis on illustration.

When he got out of school, he went straight to Los Angeles, a Mecca for illustrators.
"But he found L.A. didn't offer what he wanted.
"I saw in L.A. everything that I didn't want," Ulrich said. "It was chaos."

So he returned to Utah with the intention of practicing the more classical points of his craft. There he discovered computer graphics while working on a Macintosh Japanese/English computer program.

"I kind of fumbled onto computer-generated illustration," Ulrich said. "In the computer game industry at that time they

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Dying baby girl's parents fight law preventing organ donation

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - The parents of an infant born without a fully formed brain lost an emergency appeal Friday that would have allowed them to donate the girl's vital organs to other children.

But an attorney for the parents of Theresa Ann Campo Pearson said he would take the matter of declaring the infant brain dead to the Florida Supreme Court if necessary.

Attorney Walter Campbell Jr. filed the emergency appeal with the 4th District Court of Appeals in West Palm Beach, asking the three-judge panel to overturn a lower court decision.

Late in the afternoon, the panel upheld Thursday's ruling by a lower court judge saying state law didn't permit declaring the baby brain dead while part of her brain still functioned.

"They said that it did not appear that the judge deviated from the law," Campbell said. "But he said the panel's order stated that attorneys could ask for further review, although it did not make it clear whether attorneys could take the issue back to them or take it elsewhere."



Five-day-old Theresa Ann Pearson, who was born without a brain or a skull, is not expected to live more than two weeks.

Parents Justin Pearson and Laura Theresa Ann, born March 21, remained in critical but stable condition at Broward General Medical Center, hospital officials said Friday. Doctors say she has only days to live.
"Miraculously, it's doing quite well." Please see BABY/A2

2 workers say they lost jobs because of safety complaints

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Two men said Friday they were forced out of their jobs after complaining about safety and environmental dangers at Energy Department sites in Washington and Idaho.

Geophysicist John Brodeur said he was fired after telling congressional investigators that the system used to monitor radiation leaks at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation is riddled with deficiencies.

And Jim Smith said he was forced from his engineering job at the Argonne National Laboratory within the DOE's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory after concluding that an experimental reactor may not live up to its claim of being "meltdown-proof."

Brodeur and Smith joined eight other DOE whistleblowers at a news conference.

"The system is ineffective for detecting all but the most massive leak," Brodeur, who worked for Westinghouse Hanford Co. in Richland, Wash., said about the reservation's monitoring system. "The managers whitewashed my concerns. They are only interested in covering up the serious dangers they discover at the most contaminated site in the United States."

Paul Grimm, a deputy assistant energy secretary, Please see COMPLAINTS/A2

Weather

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

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

Pressure: H L
High Low Showers Rain T-Storms Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

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IDAHO Weather
Saturday, March 28
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

Temperatures

Albuquerque	60 45-10
Atlanta	59 45
Boston	59 43-49
Chicago	41 27-49
Dallas	75 59
Denver	67 38
Des Moines	52 21
Detroit	48 34-39
Honolulu	83 68
Houston	79 62
Indianapolis	40 31
Kansas City	52 28
Las Vegas	56 52-26
Los Angeles	67 57-75
Miami Beach	78 60
Milwaukee	38 26-16
Minneapolis	45 20
New Orleans	80 53
New York	56 45-61
Oklahoma City	70 43-14
Omaha	54 24
Phoenix	67 57-51
Pittsburgh	39 34-20
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Salmon	58 40-05
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Forecast
Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Saturday mostly sunny. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Highs near 60; Saturday night mostly clear. Lows in the mid-40s until 30k. Sunday increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of rain showers or thundershowers. Highs in the lower to mid-60s.
Cama Prairie and Wood River Valley: Saturday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid-50s. Sunday night partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday increasing cloudiness with a slight chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s.
Extended Forecast: Southern Idaho - Monday through Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain showers each day. Highs upper 40s to around 60. Lows mid- to mid-30s.
Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Saturday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the low 60s. Lows near 40. Chance of measurable rain 30 percent.
Eliko County - Isolated showers and thundershowers Saturday Saturday and Sunday with widely scattered showers and thundershowers in the afternoon. Attention: Highs from near 60 to the lower 50s. Overnight lows in the upper 20s and 30s.

Weather summary

The National Weather Service in Boise says light rain continues across Idaho. The upper level impulse which moved into Idaho earlier this week continues to the northeast. Mostly cloudy conditions along with light amounts of precipitation were reported except for the northern half of the state which will continue to be cloudy with showers.

The remainder of the gem state will see slowly improving conditions from the southwest. Some of the higher rain fall amounts reported this morning were 2.3 of an inch which fell as mostly snow at Stanley, 26 of an inch at Taylor ranch in the north central mountains and 25 of an inch along with thundershower at Idaho City. Elsewhere, amounts ranged from traces at Nations such as Moscow and Fairfield to .41 inches at Mountain Home.

Overnight low temperatures ranged from 24 degrees at Powell and Stanley to 47 degrees at Lowell and Lewiston.

The warmest temperature in the state Friday was 68 degrees at Hagerman. Ketchum reported the coldest at 18 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Friday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Lakeland, Fla. The lowest was 3 degrees at Ironwood, Mich.

Rain, snow, wind blast Northeast

The Associated Press
Rain snow and blustery wind pelled the Northeast on Friday, and rain and snow also fell during the Southwest. Low pressure centered over the New York produced rain from Pennsylvania to Maine, while snow extended from West Virginia and eastern Ohio to western and central New York state.

Heavy rain and high wind in Maine knocked out power in some areas, closed schools and washed out roads.

Wind gusted to 52 mph at Bangor, Maine, the National Weather Service said. Rainfall by early afternoon included

Pollen count
143; arborvitae, box elder, aspen

Ohio fighter loses practice bomb during training mission

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (AP) - A training bomb accidentally fell off an Ohio Air National Guard F-16 during a routine practice mission over central Indiana, a military spokesman said.

The 25-pound training round posed no danger to the public, said Capt. Joe Drury, a spokesman for the Indiana National Guard. "They're pretty confident that when it hit the ground it went off," Drury said.

He said the fighter from the 180th Tactical Fighter Group of Toledo was performing a training mission at Camp Atterbury, about 30 miles south of Indianapolis, when the pilot had trouble with one of the rounds.

"It wouldn't disintegrate from the wing, so the pilot decided to finish the mission, fly back to the base and let maintenance crews there check it out," Drury said.

But as the pilot was flying near Shelbyville, he noticed the bomb had fallen off.

The rounds contain a small charge that goes off when the bomb hits the ground, marking the pilot's accuracy.

Baby

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"from a purely physiological basis," said Campbell. "Physicians this morning said for some reason this baby, this body is just fighting. The thought is going to be around until this thing is decided ultimately."

Theresa Ann is a victim of anencephaly, a little-understood condition in which the brain fails to develop beyond the stem, which controls breathing and heartbeat.

She has no skull and wears a tiny surgical cap to protect the brain stem from infection and her eyes from the bright hospital lights.

When asked why the infant clutches at fingers and appears to have feeling, Campbell said, "That's only a spontaneous reaction that has nothing to do with any will, any power, any soul."

But because the bit of brain stem is functioning, a 1988 state law says the infant cannot be declared brain-dead and her vital organs cannot be taken from her before she dies.

"I can't authorize someone to take your baby's life, however short, however unsatisfactory, to save another child," Broward County Circuit Judge Estelle Moriarty ruled Thursday.

But she ruled that doctors could take organs not vital to Theresa Ann's life, as one of her kidneys may be removed.

Still, Les Olson, director of organ procurement for the University of Miami, said Friday no kidney recipient had been found.

"We ran ... the entire country's list, probably around 8 or 9,000 patients and looked for anybody who was small enough that would have an acceptable issue match," said Olson. "There was really nobody at the present time."

U.S. to buy formerly secret space technology

WASHINGTON (AP) - Cash in on the breakup and economic collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States said Friday it would start buying formerly supersecret technology from Russia at bargain basement prices.

The extraordinary arrangement with America's one-time arch-enemy will permit Washington to purchase technology not developed yet in the United States or to obtain products at a fraction of their cost here.

"These transactions clearly signal our desire to normalize trade with the new states," White House press secretary Martin Fitzwater said.

In the first deals, the United States will pay Russia \$8 million for an unperfected space nuclear reactor, up to \$300,000 for Hall thrusters that use electric current to turn space stations and \$6 million for plutonium-238 to make nuclear batteries for U.S. deep-space probes.

Fitzwater said it is not anticipated that Russian scientists would come to the United States as part of the transaction.

In addition, to being a bargain for the United States, the deal was described as part of a package of aid being assembled by the United States for hard-pressed states of the former Soviet Union. The package reportedly will include \$1 billion for a fund to stabilize the ruble and a \$12 billion increase in the U.S. contribution to the International Monetary Fund.

Bush has been under intense criticism from Democrats and Republicans alike - including former President Nixon - for moving slowly to help the republics of the former Soviet Union make the transformation to free market economies.

The issue is likely to figure in election-year debate about Bush's mastery of foreign policy.

Officials in Russia's military technology purchases from Russia were the first in what is hoped will be a long list of deals. While the effort was portrayed as a two-way street, the Russians don't have money to pay for U.S. technology officials said.

"They're selling because they need the money," one senior administration official said. Many organizations in Russia's military-industrial complex badly need markets, "and we want to create an atmosphere so that they know they're welcome to try," said the official who commented only on condition he not be named.

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Illustrator

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needed more and more artists to fill the demand, so I fell into it pretty easily.

Ulrich started free-lancing, selling his graphics to Nintendo. He said the earlier games were harder to draw than the new Super games.

"In the older games, you could only use 12 colors," Ulrich said. "With Super Nintendo, and all the special graphics, you're not really restricted."

Ulrich said drawing with a computer is not all that different from drawing with a pencil, except that mistakes are easier to correct; just chop off whatever part offends thee, and zap something else onto the screen.

He uses a "mouse" to draw his graphics, although he said some illustrators use a light pen. And instead of colored pencils or paints, he uses something called a "pixel."

"Even though I use a computer, I still use all the principles of color design, anatomy, all that" Ulrich said. "I still use paint on paper and paints through, more than computers."

Computer illustration is not a tangible piece of artwork, he continued. "When you're finished, all you really have is a collection of electrical impulses. It's not like paint on a canvas that you can pick up and touch. You push the wrong button with computer illustration, and it's gone."

Ulrich said that may change soon, however. Lightning-lit technology has already produced a multi-color laser printer for illustrators, and Ulrich said he recently saw a new computer program that can imitate different-sized brushstrokes - even do calligraphy.

Ulrich has already designed graphics for many of the most popular sport-themed games, such as Roger Clemens Baseball, Techno Football for GameBoy and Jack Nicklaus Golf.

He's also designed graphics for The Empire Strikes Back Game and a Robin Hood Game.

"I never even had a Nintendo system until I started this job," Ulrich said. "It's pretty interesting. My daughter's only three, and she's picking it up pretty fast."

Education

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passed the House Friday, and the Democrats unite against it. Lt. Gov. C.J. "Buell" Otter, a Republican, could break the tie and send the bill to Gov. Andrus.

The question then would be whether Andrus would sign it, veto it, or let it become law without his signature. If he vetoed it after the Legislature adjourned for the session, he could call it back into special session.

The school budget is the last major issue standing between the Legislature and final adjournment.

In a televised speech earlier this month, Andrus threatened to make school funding a campaign issue if the Legislature failed to match his recommendation.

The bill that the House passed Friday sets aside \$2 million for grants for school reform projects, including shifting to performance-based education, incorporating computers, and other high technology into schools; and getting parents more involved in their local schools.

"It earmarks another \$2 million for school-improvement activities like reducing class size and dropout prevention."

Complaints

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said Broder's firing had nothing to do with his criticism of the radiation leaks. Grimm also denies there are deficiencies in the monitoring system.

Craig Kuhlman, a spokesman for Washington's Hanford site, said Broder was fired because he violated company rules by pulling a handgun on a person in an employee parking lot.

The Energy Department said last year that 66 of the 177 single-shell, high-level waste storage tanks at Hanford are known to leak. It estimated that more than 440 billion gallons of waste have leaked into the soil and groundwater at the site since the mid-1940s.

Smith said, fuel-melting experiments on Argonne's Integral Fast Reactor were seriously misrepresented and that his supervisor told him to find another job after he reported additional errors in safety calculations.

"Argonne refused to address concerns and tried to force me to use unchangeable safety data," he said at the news conference.

"He is wrong on all counts," said Dave Baurac, spokesman for the Argonne National Laboratory, which is run by the University of Chicago.

Baurac said a panel of independent scientists recently reviewed the data and found no issues that could lead to safety problems. He said Smith was suspended and subsequently fired "by mutual consent" because of his "failure to perform assigned duties."

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - The winning number drawn Friday night in Idaho's "Fantastic Five" lottery are: 2-4-7-12-20 (Two, four, seven, twelve, twenty).

Estimated jackpot: \$85,006.

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Nation

Reports show more economic good news

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal incomes shot up 1.1 percent in February, the biggest leap in three years, the government said Friday. The gain helped support a 0.9 percent increase in the consumer spending that will be crucial to any economic recovery.

"The consumer will be the main engine" for the rebound, said economist David Wyss of DRI-McGraw-Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting service.

"This was largely a consumer recession," he said. "It will have to be a consumer-led recovery, and that is what we have been seeing since Christmas."

February's strong figures "may overstate the underlying strength of the economy ... but there is an

indication that the recovery process is under way," said economist Lynn Reaser of First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwats said the spending increase in February and a similar one a month earlier meant "real consumption" is rising at a solid 5 percent to 6 percent rate in the first quarter.

Noting that consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity, he said the gains "represented a significant positive contribution" to overall growth.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady, in remarks prepared for a New York Savings Bond luncheon, also said there are signs "the economy is

returning to a pattern of growth."

But he also said if the Federal Reserve fails to provide enough money to sustain the recovery, the economy would falter again as it did last fall.

It was the latest call for monetary easing by an official of the Bush administration, which is hoping for interest rates to remain low and for the recovery to be solidly in place by the time President Bush goes head-to-head with the Democratic nominee in presidential campaigning this summer and fall.

In a separate report Friday, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. said 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages declined this week for the first time in nearly two months. Rates averaged 8.98 percent, down from 9.03 percent last week.

Consumer spending rose 0.9 percent in both February and January, the sharpest gains since back-to-back advances at the same pace in February and March last year, the Commerce Department said.

Spending totaled \$4.03 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate last month, up from \$3.99 trillion in January.

The department had reported on Thursday that personal consumption had remained flat through the final quarter of last year.

"The increase in spending is critical because there had been a buildup of inventories last year," Reaser said. "That had caused a reduction in orders from factories and a cut in production. That seems to be reversing now."



Margaret Gresser, left, demonstrates an electronic keyboard to communicate with instructor Gayle Boschert.

'Silent' woman gains limited vocabulary

GODFREY, Ill. (AP) — Polio silenced Margaret Gresser when she was 4 and left her mentally retarded. Fifty-two years later, she uttered her name.

"Her eyes just sparkled," said Gresser's speech pathologist, Lynda Krueger. "The smile on her face — she just beamed. She was so proud of herself."

That was three weeks ago at Beverly Farm, a residential training center, home to Gresser and about 350 other patients in southern Illinois. Now, Gresser has learned to ask for her brown purse and a stuffed rabbit, Krueger said Friday.

Gresser, 56, spoke normally as a toddler, but stopped speaking after she became afflicted with polio, Krueger said.

"I think part of the reason

Margaret didn't talk was the retardation," she said. "I think the muscles were also affected from the polio."

Gayle Boschert, Gresser's teacher, had asked her what her name is. She responded: "Margaret."

"I got goose bumps," Boschert said. "I haven't been so excited about something since the day I married my husband."

"When Gayle said, 'Say that again' to Margaret, my heart kind of flipped over," Krueger recalled.

"By then, we were all crying and laughing and just ecstatic," said Krueger. "We all were crazy. We just felt we'd seen a miracle."

Gresser now has a vocabulary of about 20 words, Boschert said.

Rules target implants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Makers of dozens of medical devices, including silicone gel implants, heart valves and respirators, would have to keep track of the people who get them under proposed federal rules to speed notification when problems develop.

The Food and Drug Administration, which published the rules Friday in the Federal Register, has found it difficult to let people know there may be something wrong with the devices upon which their lives depend.

Earlier this month, for example, the FDA warned that people with a defectively designed heart valve might want to have it replaced because of the danger that it could break and kill them. But individually notifying all 23,000 people in this

country with the valve proved impossible.

The manufacturer has been able to locate only about 61 percent of them.

"Our registry was voluntary and it was retrospective," said Rick Hony, a spokesman for Pfizer Inc., parent company of the manufacturer of the Bjork-Shiley mitral heart valve.

The company had asked hospitals to mail back a registration card when the devices were implanted, but the FDA said that happened less than half the time.

Even then, the cards weren't that helpful. They didn't have the patient's address, Hony said. "The company in the meantime has spent more than \$2 million trying to find patients with the valve."

Fear returns to Gainesville

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The slaying of a college student has brought back bad memories in this free-lying college town. Students have seen it many times in the last two years — the missing student, the anxious search, then the grisly discovery.

Police searched for clues Friday in the death of 21-year-old Elizabeth Foster, whose body was found Thursday in a shallow grave, renewing students' fears. She became the eighth student slain here in the past two years.

"This town has seen so much tragedy," said Katie O'Donnell, a teacher at Santa Fe Community

College, where Miss Foster was a student. "These kids are so young and alive, and when something like this happens, it makes it more unfair."

Santa Fe students expressed fear that a new killer is roaming the north-central Florida city of 200,000.

"I'm more than a little concerned. I'm scared to go anywhere," said Becky Hanson of Gainesville. "I'm scared because there are more crazies out there."

Day-care case nears jury

FARMVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A prosecutor tearfully urged jurors Friday to convict a man on charges he sexually abused children at a day care center he operated, and a judge prepared the jury for deliberations.

Robert F. Kelly Jr. "has taken away the innocence of each of these children," District Attorney H.P. Williams Jr. told jurors.

Defense attorneys argued earlier

that Kelly was a victim of small-town hysteria and rumors.

But Williams urged jurors to believe the children.

He referred to one child who "said it hurt. How did he know it hurt? Because he lived it. He experienced it."

Superior Court Judge D. Marsh McLelland charged the jurors Friday, then sent them home until Monday.

NASA nominee flies through Senate hearing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Daniel S. Goldin breezed through a Senate hearing Friday on his nomination to head NASA after pledging to divest all financial interest in TRW Inc., one of the space agency's largest contractors.

Goldin, 51, vice president and general manager of TRW's Space and Technology Group, also told the Senate Commerce Committee he would recuse himself for a year from any decisions that might involve the company's contracts with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Goldin encountered no opposition during the two-hour confirmation hearing. But he did get advice on dealing with the White House Office of Management and Budget, the National Space Council and its head, Vice President Dan Quayle.

"The triangular dialogue among NASA, Congress and OMB has become dysfunctional," Sen. Albert Gore, D-Tenn., told Goldin. "Each party communicates with the others in messages that are mixed and deprived of candor."

President Bush nominated Goldin two weeks ago to become director of NASA after forcing former astronaut Richard Truly to resign a month earlier. Quayle and the National Space Council had complained of the agency's direction under Truly.

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Clinton moves to shore up New York base

NEW YORK (AP) — Bill Clinton apologized publicly and privately Friday for golfing at an all-white club as he sought to quell voter concerns and take the offensive in a rough-and-tumble New York showdown with challenger Jerry Brown.



Presidential hopeful Gov. Bill Clinton meets with Afro-American leaders Friday, including New York City Councilwoman Una Clark, in preparation for Tuesday's primary in that state.

Clinton, the Democratic presidential front-runner, held a private breakfast with black members of the New York media and toured an exhibit about discrimination against blacks and Jews. The Arkansas governor apologized at both events for golfing last week at a Little Rock club that has no black members.

Friday for the golfing incident with an appeal to end racial divisions. He said his civil rights record was "unparalleled by any public official in America" and criticized the Reagan and Bush administrations for deliberate racial policies.

Brown's momentum, Clinton is attacking the former California governor's proposal for a 13 percent flat income tax and a 13 percent national sales tax, saying it would worsen the deficit and pummel the middle class and poor.

Buchanan: Clinton no match for Bush

HIGHLAND BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan, who claims Bush as a candidate, said Friday that Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton would be easy prey for Bush.

"I think George Bush is in trouble because he walked away from the principles of the Republican Party. The very fact that I could get 33 percent of the vote showed how weak he was," Buchanan said.

"I think George Bush's campaign team, which is very seasoned and experienced ... will take Bill Clinton apart, just like him apart," Buchanan said in an interview after a "Talking With David Frost" taping to be shown on public television Friday night.

"He is a sharper candidate now in March than he is floundering in January in New Hampshire," he said. "His organization is sharper now, he is more aware of his weaknesses now. I think for George Bush and the Republicans this has been like spring training or ... the preseason football game."

"Mr. Bush's greatest strength this fall is what I perceive as the tremendous weakness of the potential Democratic nominee, and if the economy starts moving back up as it appears to be, I just don't think Clinton will be a strong candidate," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said the Arkansas governor and the Democratic controlled Congress offer Republicans a chance for sweeping victory in November.

"I think what George Bush ought to do also is to run against the Congress, dump that institution over, clean it out and he has been given a golden opportunity by the check-kiting scandal and the sense of revulsion that is existing among the American people," he said.

Buchanan repeated that he will support the president as the Republican nominee and help as much as the Bush campaign asks.

In lively exchanges in which Frost challenged Buchanan about his outspoken commentaries on such topics as the Gulf War, Israel and Nazi war criminals, Buchanan said he has many Jewish friends and supporters and he denied that he uses anti-semitic code words.

Buchanan said he is vilified by the "Israeli lobby" because he doesn't accept its policy on the Palestinians and some other issues. "Let me give you a definition of this term anti-semitic. It is a term used by a very powerful special interest in America to demonize and destroy the reputation of men who stand up and disagree provocatively and openly with their agenda," Buchanan said.

Priest alleges killing of Brazilian activists

NEW YORK (AP) — Pictures nearly taped to the wall showed scenes that were anything but tidy: corpses. Mutilated, burned, hacked, all murdered-in-land-and-labor disputes in Brazil, said the priest who showed the photos.

Rural violence claims hundreds of lives annually. Rezendes described the violence Tuesday to a packed hall at Hunter College, part of the City University of New York. His lecture was part of the third annual Amazon Week.

The event is sponsored by numerous businesses and foundations from nations sharing the 2-million-square-mile Amazon basin. The environment, pollution, Amazonian Indian conditions and other topics are among the topics.

Man with AIDS may have had sex with hundreds, official says

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police have arrested a man with AIDS who may have had sexual relations with hundreds of teen-age boys, the district attorney said Friday.

intercourse, sexual abuse of children, indecent assault and corrupting the morals of a minor, she said.

The man, whose name wasn't released, may have had oral and anal sex "for several years" with boys ranging in age from 15 to 19, District Attorney Lynne Abraham said.

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Prosecution rests in Gotti case

NEW YORK (AP) — The government wrapped up its case against John Gotti on Friday, telling the jurors that he is the "heart and soul" of the Gambino organized-crime family.

Gotti, 51, and co-defendant Frank "Frankie Loco" Locascio, 59, are also accused of other murders, loan sharking, labor corruption and tax violations.

"We caught six hours and it's absolute mayhem — who they murdered and how they murdered," Gleason said of the private conversations captured in the sanctuaries of Gotti's favored hangouts. "It doesn't get any better than this."

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"Murder played a central role in this enterprise," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Gleason said. He said Gotti, as head of the crime family, "did not go out and shoot people in the face, he had other people do it for him."

"I submit to you that no reasonable person could dispute that John Gotti is the boss of the Gambino crime family since Paul Castellano was murdered in 1985," Gleason said. "John Gotti cannot will not and need not admit that."

Gleason said Gravano's testimony "makes the proof absolutely suffocating." In a bargain, Gravano admitted to participating in 19 murders and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors in exchange for a sentence that can range from time served to 20 years in prison.

Man convicted of slaying pair

BISBEE, Ariz. (AP) — A ranch hand was convicted Friday of murdering two 13-year-old girls who were molested, beaten, strangled, stabbed and dumped in a flooded mine shaft.

The federal court jury, which has remained secret and sequestered at an undisclosed hotel during the trial, wore solemn expressions as they listened closely to Gleason's narrative of a secret underworld of violence, greed and betrayal.

Neither defendant took the stand during the 31 court sessions, opening arguments. But Gotti's words on tape from the FBI bugs filled U.S. District Judge J. Leo Glasser's packed, fourth-floor courtroom.

Prosecutors charge that he ordered the Dec. 16, 1985, hits on Gambino boss Paul Castellano and Castellano bodyguard Thomas Bilotti to seize control of the nation's most powerful and visible crime syndicate.

The government's case was based on hours of secretly made FBI surveillance tapes and the testimony of Gravano, the 47-year-old Gambino underboss and Gotti's best friend until last fall when, after 10 months in jail, he turned against his longtime criminal associates and agreed to testify against Gotti.

One taped conversation showed Gotti's trust in Gravano and the bond between the two men.

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Washington accuses Libya of subversion

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The United States on Friday accused Libya of trying to subvert the United Nations by taking its defense of two suspected terrorists to the World Court.

The aggressive U.S. stance came on the second day of a hearing in the international court on Western demands for the extradition of two Libyans accused of bombing Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland in 1988.

The United Nations is likely on Monday and Tuesday to adopt a trade, air and weapons embargo against Libya to force surrender of the suspects and halt its alleged support for terrorism.

But Libya complains that the pair are innocent and has sought emergency protection from the World Court against international sanctions or military force by the United States and Britain.

At the same time, Tripoli has made two offers to hand over the two suspects to the Arab League — offers the United States has called "smoke and mirrors."

"Libya's real objective must be simply to have a proceeding of some kind in this court as part of a political initiative against the council's proposed sanctions resolution," State Department Legal Advisor Edwin D. Williamson told reporters. "Let there be no mistake, this request (for an emergency World Court ruling) is aimed directly at the Security Council."

While Friday's arguments before the court dealt primarily with arcane jurisdictional issues, U.S. officials used the forum to tell the court — which has no enforcement powers — that Libya has a long history of terrorist activities.

The Americans spoke at a raucous immediately next to the leader of the Libyan delegation, Mohamed Al Fattouri, who stared straight ahead.

"The United States determined that the Pan Am 103 bombing was a coordinated effort by Libyan officials at the highest level, and part of a long pattern of Libyan behavior," a State Department lawyer, Alan J. Kreczko, told the 16 black-robed judges at the court, which is expected to rule within three weeks on the case.

Britain and the United States say they have hard evidence of Libyan involvement in the Lockerbie, Scotland, bombing, which killed 270 people. The United States and Britain have issued warrants for the two suspects, saying they are Libyan government agents.

The West also seeks four other Libyans suspected in the 1989 bombing of a French airliner over Niger in which 171 people died.

Libya sees the extradition issue as an intrusion on its sovereignty, and fears retaliation, particularly by the United States. In 1986, American forces bombed Libya in retaliation for its involvement in a terrorist incident.

Accusations were traded again, meanwhile, on the issue of Libya's offers to turn over the two men.

Libya's U.N. ambassador, Ali Elhadi, had told reporters Thursday that his government tried to turn over the men to an Arab League delegation in Tripoli this week.

He said the delegation declined, awaiting a World Court ruling.

But Egypt's foreign minister, a member of the delegation that met with Col. Moammar Gadhafi on Wednesday, on Friday denied that the envoys refused an offer to turn over the suspects. "That is nonsense and simply not true," Anir Moussa said in a telephone interview in Cairo.

The Arab League envoys have said Gadhafi wouldn't give up the suspects unless ordered to do so by the World Court. And U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering dismissed the offers as "more smoke and mirrors... more shell games and confusion."

On Friday Libya also urged U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to investigate the charges against the two Libyans, saying it would abide by the decision of an independent inquiry.



Members of Greenpeace descend the Arc de Triomphe after hanging a banner denouncing France's nuclear testing.

Activists scale French landmark in protest

PARIS (AP) — Five Greenpeace activists scaled the Arc de Triomphe Friday and hung a banner denouncing France's nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

The protest followed the seizure of the Greenpeace flagship, the Rainbow Warrior II, as it attempted to enter French territorial waters near the nuclear testing site at Mururoa atoll in French Polynesia. Activists aboard the ship had hoped to set up a "peace camp" on the atoll.

In Paris, the ecology activists climbed to the top of the Arc de Triomphe and unfurled a banner reading "For Political and Ecological Safety. Stop Nuclear Testing."

Police took the protesters into custody for an identification check, while about 30 sympathizers from 12 countries demonstrated at the foot of the monument.

France, which plans to start its 1992 series of four to six underground tests in May, had warned it would intercept and seize vessels approaching Mururoa.

The original Rainbow Warrior was bombed and sunk by French government commandos in July 1985 in Auckland, New Zealand, while preparing a protest voyage to the atoll.

Ex-hostages go back to Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Two Americans and two Australians kidnapped in the southern Philippines earlier this month arrived in Manila Friday, two days after authorities paid a \$16,000 ransom for their release.

The Americans — Carol Allen, 37, of Kittanning, Pa., and Tracy Rectanus of Richmond, Va. — arrived by private plane. Australian Lynette Cook and her 5-year-old daughter, Cherie, took a commercial flight from Zamboanga City, the four were released Wednesday on the island of Jolo, 600 miles south of Manila, where they were seized by bandits March 17.

Tupay Loong, governor of Sulu province, which includes Jolo, negotiated with the kidnapers and said paying the ransom was justified.

"If I will not do that, I am closing the doors for the release of these hostages," Loong said.

He said he paid the kidnapers about \$16,000. They had demanded \$77,000.

The released hostages declined to talk to reporters in Manila. Mrs. Cook was accompanied by her husband, Steve, and a 3-year-old daughter, Elise. The Cooks are members of the Christian Missionary Alliance.

Loong said local police will file kidnaping charges against the bandits, who have been identified. The military has launched an operation to capture them.

Miss Rectanus told reporters in Zamboanga on Thursday: "We are very thankful to the military and the government, the civil authorities, the police and everyone; We thank the Lord above all."

Kidnappings are common in Jolo. After each kidnaping, authorities invariably maintain no ransom was paid.

But sources familiar with the area say ransoms are commonly paid under the guise of expenses for the upkeep of hostages during their captivity.

The two Americans had gone to Jolo from Manila, where they teach at a school for missionary children. Their release leaves only one American in the hands of Filipino kidnapers. California businessman Arvey Brown was seized in October 1990 by Communist guerrillas.

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Exhibitions mark 50th anniversary of 1st convoy

PARIS (AP) — With somber films and exhibitions, France on Friday commemorated one of its most-regretted dates — the departure on March 27, 1942, of the first convoy of Jews bound for Auschwitz.

Of 1,112 men aboard, all rounded up by French police, only 20 survived the Nazi death camps. The others starved-to-death or perished in gas chambers.

"You lucky that we survived? We were lucky, that's why," said Bernard Pressman, who was with him when French gendarmes dragged him from his upholstery studio in Paris.

"In all, 75,000 Jews, including 11,000 children, were deported from France to Nazi concentration camps from 1942 to 1945. Only 2,500 returned.

"I knew I would survive — the thought kept me going from the day we left Paris until the Soviet soldiers liberated us in May 1945," said the 71-year-old retired. Hung from his neck was a large Jewish star embazoned with his Auschwitz identification number, 27856.

"One day when I was hauling dead bodies to the crematorium, I found my brother. I was already in a state of shock, but it was a terrible blow," Pressman said before a memorial service at the Center for Contemporary Jewish Documenta-

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NEW YORK — Stock prices tumbled Friday in a sharp, unanticipated sell-off that followed a steep decline in the Japanese stock market.

The Dow Jones average of 30 individual stocks fell 36.23 to 3,231.44. The selling was broad-based, with declining issues outnumbering advances by 11 to 4 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume was moderate, with 166.01 billion shares changing hands on the Big Board as of 4 p.m., down from 176.69 billion in Thursday's session.

For several weeks, market analysts have been expecting stock prices to fall abruptly, which would bring prices in line with a slowly growing economy.

Technology firms. Hewlett Packard fell 3 1/2 to 18.54, down 3/4 at 83.94. Digital Equipment Corp. received an unfavorable analyst report, down 2 1/2 at 54 1/2.

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Table of fossil fuel prices including oil, natural gas, and coal.

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Large table of American stock listings for various companies.

Court requests retired U.S. exec

BHOPAL, India (AP) — A court on Friday requested the extradition of a retired American executive to face homicide charges for the 1984 Bhopal gas disaster that killed thousands of people. His company condemned the action.

In addition to the extradition request, which must be approved by India's government before being forwarded to the United States, the court also issued an arrest warrant for Warren Anderson, formerly of Union Carbide Corp.

In an angry statement, Union Carbide said Anderson, the company's chief executive at the time of the gas leak, had nothing to do with the operation of its Indian subsidiary in Bhopal, which it said is 49.1 percent Indian-owned.

"Anderson's only connection was



Anderson

to extradite the former chairman of the company to India would be disgraceful."

At least 4,037 people have died from inhaling the poisonous methyl isocyanate gas that was released during the accident at the Bhopal pesticide plant, according to Madhya Pradesh state's minister for gas relief, Babu Lal Gaur.

After the tragedy when— he— attempted to bring aid and relief to the victims in Bhopal," the company said in a statement from its Danbury, Conn., headquarters.

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About 1,500 of the deaths occurred within three days of the accident, and the rest happened in the subsequent years. About 20,000 people were injured in the accident, ranked as the world's worst industrial disaster.

The extradition order for Anderson, 70, was issued by India's chief judicial magistrate, Gulab Sharma.

The order came nearly three months after India's magistrates court charged Anderson with "culpable homicide not amounting to murder," the equivalent of manslaughter, and ordered him to appear in court Feb. 1.

Anderson did not appear.

"Enough opportunity has been given to Anderson," Sharma said in his order on Friday. "The only way to get (him) is to initiate extradition proceedings."

Japanese fear they are targets

TOKYO (AP) — After dining



Ota

at a Chinese restaurant in Panama City on March 14, Takashi Ota hopped into his car and sped off into the tropical night.

It was the last time those colleagues and friends ever saw the 45-year-old executive alive. Ota was abducted, and his badly decomposed body was found Thursday outside the Panamanian capital.

His is just the latest name on a fast-growing list of Japanese who have met with foul play overseas. And that is causing fearful Japanese to think twice about traveling.

As Japan's profile has soared

with its growth, the murders, each power, more and more Japanese abroad, have become targets of kidnappings, murders and robberies.

So far this year, 10 Japanese have been murdered overseas. They include a Japanese university president shot in his Boston hotel room, a real estate investor stabbed in Los Angeles, and an elderly couple robbed and stabbed in the bedroom of their Guam apartment.

The murders, each newscasts and in the daily newspapers, have had a chilling effect on many of the more than 10 million Japanese tourists who travel abroad, as well as the hundreds of thousands of Japanese diplomats and businessmen stationed overseas.

Waiting for their flights at Tokyo's international airport, college students on spring vacation and white-collar workers heading for overseas postings recently said they were afraid of becoming the next victims.

"Isn't it dangerous overseas?" one college student told a TV interviewer.

Kurds say Iraqis hit rebel areas

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Kurdish separatists said Friday that Baghdad had unleashed fresh artillery barrages against rebel-held areas in Iraq, sending hundreds fleeing for safety.

The attacks Thursday were against the settlements of Khabat and Beshirin, halfway between Erbil and Mosul in the northwest, and on the outskirts of Chamchamal, halfway between Kirkuk and Sulaymaniyah and northeast of the rebel-controlled region, said a statement from the Iraqi Kurdistan Front.

The Kurds seized control of most of the mountainous region of Iraq's Kurdistan after Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war 13 months ago.

The report could not be independently verified, but the Front said hundreds of civilians fled the areas in panic. The Front said the extent of casualties was not determined.

A statement telephoned from Vienna by Kurdish spokesman Sherwan Dezayee said Iraqi attacks over the past month were intended to terrorize the population before an April 30 election in the region.

The most recent attacks coincided with fresh air strikes by Turkish jets against alleged Turkish Kurdish rebel positions in northern Iraq.

The Turkish air raids were the fourth this month. They followed the Kurds' anti-government offensive in the 8-year-old insurgency of the outlawed Kurdish Labor Party, or PKK, which is fighting for an independent Kurdish state in eastern Turkey.

The avowed aim of the Iraqi Kurdistan Front, which includes both left- and right-wing rebel groups, is restoring democracy in Iraq rather than setting up an independent state in the northern region the Kurds seized last year.

Japan, U.S. work together on Iwo Jima

TWO JIMA, Japan (AP) — The war is long over and the rough waves of the Pacific have washed the sandy, brown beaches clean of the blood of tens of thousands who died here.

Nearly five decades after Japan's surrender, Iwo Jima continues to be inhabited by the Japanese and American military. Only now they are working together.

"To me the whole island is sacred ground," said Lt. Commander Kilitzko, U.S. head of flight operations on Iwo Jima, a tiny volcanic crag covered with bunkers and surrounded by the wreckage of sunken ships.

"So many people have died here," he said.

An 11-mile long network of tunnels and shelters stretches underground. Many still are cluttered with broken helmets, rusted grenades, rifles and bottles of medicine. Many of the tunnels have collapsed, and some have the rotten-egg smell of volcanic gases.

The island, made famous by a photograph of American Marines raising the Stars and Stripes, was the site of a February 1945 battle that claimed the lives of 19,900 Japanese soldiers and 6,621 Americans.

Its tunnels and shelters continue to give up the dead, many buried alive by American bombing raids. The remains of 197 soldiers were recovered earlier this year in a government-led search.

The bones of 7,816 Japanese troops have been recovered in similar searches, which began in 1952 although Iwo Jima was administered by the U.S. government until 1968.

Attending to the intensity of the battle, the Japanese military digs up and detonates five tons of unexploded World War II vintage ordnance every year, said Lt. Commander Isamu Kinoshita, who led a small group of reporters on a recent tour of the island.

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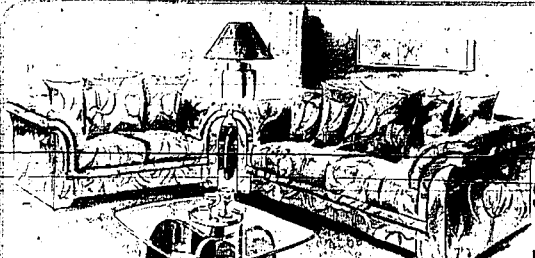
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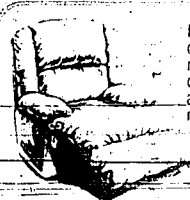
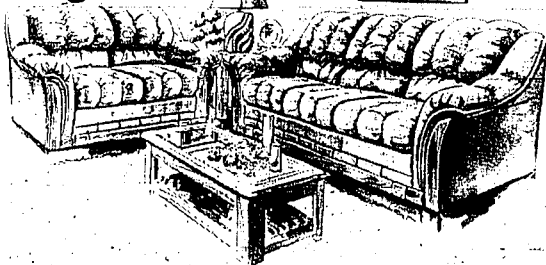
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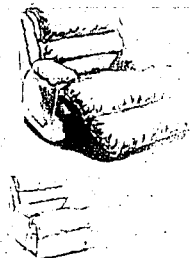


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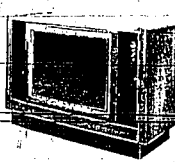
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Brose Chemical might build in Gooding

By Val Cooper
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A Twin Falls firm would like to open a plant in Gooding County, while commissioners are concerned about chemical use at the site.

Meanwhile, both the Bliss City Council and Gooding Planning and Zoning Commission gave approval to the bid by Dave Brose, owner of Brose Chemical, to build a pilot plant across the railroad tracks from Evans Grain Co., on

Gooding-Bliss Highway 26.

Commission members permit Brose a special use permit, enabling him to use hazardous chemicals at the site.

Brose said at a January meeting in Bliss that the firm would manufacture polymers for food processing, mining and waste treatment.

At its recent meeting, Gooding commissioners Don Morrow and Bob Tupper wanted to know what the chemicals at the plant would be used for.

"They are used in processing food — french fried potatoes, sugar and other processed foods that produce foam," said Judy Daubner, Planning and Zoning chairman. "The chemicals keep the foam production down."

Morrow asked if the chemicals were hazardous.

"Yes, there will be dangerous chemicals used in this plant, but it will be monitored by EPA regulations and will be shipped into the area by rail," Daubner said.

Brose supplied Daubner with "material data sheets" that list the properties and dangers of chemicals to be used at the plant.

"What happens if there's a chemical fire?" asked Morrow.

"The plant must meet state fire, building and safety codes before it's operational," Daubner said.

One of the hazardous chemicals to be used at the plant is ethylene oxide, which is extremely explosive and a probable carcinogen if swallowed or inhaled.

Brose said the chemical is the most dangerous in use in his process.

According to the material data sheet, if inhaled or inhaled, the substance also causes severe irritation of the mouth and throat, abdominal pain, collapse and coma.

Gooding County commissioners have yet to approve the plan and final building plans must be submitted for approval by the Gooding County building inspector.

Around the valley

Five-Star Construction set to build in Burley

BURLEY — The Burley City Council on Friday awarded a contract to build the new City Hall to Five Star Construction Co. of Burley.

Five Star's bid of \$683,384 was well above the \$400,000 figure to build the new facility that the council had estimated. But City Clerk E.E. "Bud" Brinegar said Friday the city won't have to borrow money for the project.

"We will need to readjust the budget," Brinegar said. "But the whole amount probably won't come out of this year's budget."

The city's budget year ends in September.

Brinegar said construction is expected to start in about two weeks and will be completed within 240 days.

Bill seeks to make Bellevue more like rest of state

BOISE — A committee of the Idaho House of Representatives Friday sent a bill to the floor that would make Bellevue a little bit more like other Idaho cities.

It would amend Bellevue's city charter, a relic of territorial days that has changed little in the 109 years since its adoption.

Bellevue is Idaho's last charter city. Because the charter was originally granted by the territorial legislature, only the current state Legislature can alter it.

The Senate unanimously passed the amending bill two weeks ago.

The bill would, for the first time, allow the City Council to pay the city's mayor and councilmen. It would also extend the mayor's term from one year to two, change the time polls close from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., and make the city's fiscal year run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Currently, the fiscal year starts on June 1 and ends on May 30.

Support for the bill was bipartisan. Rep. Ralph Peters, R-Jerome, commented that, "This is an unusual situation, and I think we'd better keep it that way."

Recycle/reward bill passes House, heads to Senate

BOISE — A bill to reward producers of recycled products with an income tax credit cleared the Idaho House of Representatives Friday on a 65-17 vote.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, would allow buyers of equipment used to manufacture recycled products to take a tax credit equal to no more than 20 percent of the cost of the equipment.

"Recycled products" are defined as those that are composed of at least 25 percent post-consumer waste.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Woman who allegedly helped escape remains in prison

JEROME — The woman charged with smuggling hacksaw blades to a prisoner in the Jerome County Jail last weekend before his escape remained in the Twin Falls County jail Friday night as authorities checked to see if there are any warrants for her arrest.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Roger Burdick delayed Theresa Sanchez's bond hearing after Jerome County Prosecutor John Morgan said he wanted to check with Colorado authorities.

Sanchez, charged with assisting and aiding the escape of Gilbert Cisneros from the Jerome County Jail last Saturday, Cisneros was still at large Friday.

"I'm not wanted anywhere else," Sanchez said. "I have no reason to have a warrant out of Colorado."

Sanchez, who is 23, said she had known Cisneros since she was 15.

"Yes, I love him," she said. "I'm all that he's had in the whole world for a long time."

Sanchez said she is separated from her husband and that a divorce is pending.

"I didn't marry Cisneros because he was in prison," she said.

"When he got in trouble (in Colorado)" left him and moved to Idaho with my mother," she said. "He said he'd come out here when he got paid."

Compiled from staff reports

Up, up and away



Trying to watch his son and play basketball, Robert Solz takes a break from the game to give son Adrian a chance to make a basket. They were enjoying sunny conditions in Burley.

Magic Valley receives most grant funding

By Craig Lincoln
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley has fared well during the last decade in the competition for Community Development Block Grants.

Under 10 years of Democratic governors, the heavily Republican Magic Valley received more block grant money than any other region in the state, according to a report by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Doree Volmer, a local real estate agent and former member of the Economic Advisory Council, says the report shows that party politics doesn't affect the process. The council makes recommendations to the governor on block grant requests.

"If we're on the wrong side of the politics in this area, then something's wrong," he said.

Volmer said that some lobbying goes on within the advisory group the state

relies on to compile project proposals. The process is driven more by a point system that awards the quality of grant requests, he said.

Volmer served on the Economic Advisory Council through most of the 1980s. The Department of Commerce oversees the program and the council gives advice.

The governor has final say over the grant allocations.

"Clearly, we have put together some good projects," said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin. McAlindin worked to get grants for Twin Falls, but he also worked on the state side of the question with the Division of Economic and Community Affairs under Gov. John Evans in the early 1980s.

The numbers the department compiled exclude block grants for Boise because it is the only city large enough to qualify.

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Idaho Falls firm named to build Burley K mart

By Vickie Higgins
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Bateman-Hall, Inc. of Idaho Falls has been awarded the contract to build Burley's new 94,000-square-foot K mart store, said Morris Morgan, chief estimator for the construction firm.

Morgan said construction is expected to start by April 7, and his firm must turn over the building to K mart by Sept. 1. The retailer will begin stocking and putting in fixtures with an estimated opening date of mid-November.

The new store will be built just off Interstate Highway 84's No. 208 exit into Burley on the old Ponderosa Inn property.

James Talbot, president of Sessions Management of Bountiful, U.T., the

developer which awarded the contract, declined to disclose the amount of the construction project.

"The store will be a showstopper," he said. "It is one of the finest of new prototype stores that K mart is coming out with now. You wouldn't think they would decide to build a prototype store in a town which is not in a metropolitan area, but they are pleased with the community they have done in the Burley area, and therefore, this will be a first-class facility."

Chuck Boens, manager of the Burley K mart, said the new operation will

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Youth project improves signs in Kimberly

By Vickie Higgins
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KIMBERLY — "Welcome to Kimberly" signs put on a brand new face Friday when the first of four signs was hung at the city's north entrance to town.

The flashy new signs were designed by Zachary Daniels, who made them to attain the rank of Eagle Scout for Varsity Scout Troop 89.

The 15-year-old Daniels presented the signs to Kimberly Mayor Jesse Posey and city manager Kenneth Storey at a ceremony attended by several scouting officials.

The signs are four-foot-square and constructed of aluminum and were designed to complement Idaho's centennial theme in shades of red, white and blue.

The other three signs will be placed at the east, south and west entrances to town.

Daniels started his project in June of last year when he first approached the City Council and scouting authorities to request permission to do the



Complaint filed against Burdick

By H.R. Weixel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A Montana man has brought a battery complaint against 5th District Magistrate Judge Roger Burdick after what the Jerome County prosecutor says was a "heated argument" in the judge's secretary's office on Thursday.

Durand Hansen of Townsend, Mont., had been in court on a trucker's log book violation, but the case was continued. The argument began after the decision to continue the case, according to John Morgan, Jerome County prosecuting attorney.

"He (Hansen) started yelling at Burdick's secretary and Burdick told him to leave," Morgan said. "Apparently the man (Hansen) said Burdick pulled him with his (Burdick's) finger."

Hansen then went to the city police department and filed a complaint.

"The case is under investigation," Police Chief George Silver III said.

Records have been sealed, but Jerome County Clerk Cheryl Watts had received no complaint as of Friday afternoon.

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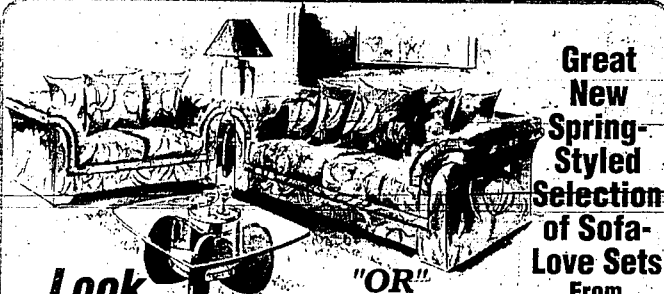


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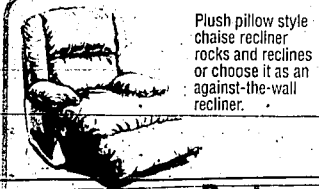


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Five-Star Construction set to build in Burley

BURLEY — The Burley City Council on Friday awarded a contract to build the new City Hall to Five Star Construction Co. of Burley.

Five Star's bid of \$683,384 was well above the \$400,000 figure to build the new facility that the council had estimated. But City Clerk E.E. "Bud" Brinegar said Friday the city won't have to borrow money for the project.

"We will need to readjust the budget," Brinegar said. "But the whole amount probably won't come out of this year's budget."

The city's budget year ends in September.

Brinegar said construction is expected to start in about two weeks and must be completed within 240 days.

Bill seeks to make Bellevue more like rest of state

BOISE — A committee of the Idaho House of Representatives Friday sent a bill to the floor that would make Bellevue a little bit more like other Idaho cities.

"I would amend Bellevue's city charter, a relic of territorial days that has changed little in the 109 years since its adoption.

Bellevue is Idaho's last charter city. Because the charter was originally enacted by the territorial legislature, only the current state Legislature can alter it.

The Senate unanimously passed the amending bill two weeks ago.

The bill would, for the first time, allow the City Council to pay the city's mayor and councilmen. It would also extend the mayor's term from one year to two, change the time polls close from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and make the city's fiscal year run from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Currently, the fiscal year starts on June 1 and ends on May 30.

Support for the bill was bipartisan. Rep. Ralph Peters, R-Jerome, commented that, "This is an unusual situation, and I think we'd better keep it that way."

Recycle/reward bill passes House, heads to Senate

BOISE — A bill to reward producers of recycled products with an income tax credit cleared the Idaho House of Representatives Friday on a 65-17 vote.

The measure, sponsored by Rep. Celia Gould, R-Buhl, would allow buyers of equipment used to manufacture recycled products to take a tax credit equal to no more than 20 percent of the cost of the equipment.

"Recycled products" are defined as those that are composed of at least 25 percent post-consumer waste.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Woman who allegedly helped escapee remains in prison

JEROME — The woman charged with smuggling hacksaw blades to a prisoner in the Jerome County Jail last weekend before his escape remained in the Twin Falls County Jail Friday night as authorities checked to see if there are any warrants for her arrest.

Fifth District Magistrate Judge Roger Burdick delayed Theresa Sanchez's bond hearing after Jerome County Prosecutor John Horgan said he wanted to check with Colorado authorities.

She is charged with assisting and aiding the escape of Gilbert Cisneros from the Jerome County Jail last Saturday. Cisneros was still at large Friday.

"I didn't want anywhere else," Sanchez said. "I have no reason to have a warrant out of Colorado."

Sanchez, who is 23, said she had known Cisneros since she was 15.

"Yes, I love him," she said. "I'm all that he's had in the whole world for a long time."

Sanchez said she is separated from her husband and that a divorce is pending.

"I didn't marry Cisneros because he was in prison," she said. "He said he'd come out here when he got paroled."

Compiled from staff reports

Brose Chemical might build in Gooding

By Val Cooper
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — A Twin Falls firm would like to open a plant in Gooding County, while commissioners are concerned about chemical use at the site.

Meanwhile, both the Bliss City Council and Gooding Planning and Zoning Commission gave approval to the bid by Dave Brose, owner of Brose Chemical, to build a pilot plant across the railroad tracks from Evans Grain Co., on

Gooding-Bliss Highway 26.

Commission members granted Brose a special use permit, enabling him to use hazardous chemicals at the site.

Brose said at a January meeting in Bliss that the firm would manufacture polymers for food processing, mining and waste treatment.

At its recent meeting, Gooding commissioners Don Morrow and Bob Tupper wanted to know what the chemicals at the plant would be used for.

"They are used in processing food — french fried potatoes, sugar and other processed foods, that produce foam," said Judy Daubner, Planning and Zoning Chairman. "The chemicals keep the foam production down."

Morrow asked if the chemicals were hazardous.

"Yes, there will be dangerous chemicals used in this plant, but it will be monitored by EPA regulations and will be shipped into the area by rail," Daubner said.

Brose supplied Daubner with material data sheets that list the properties and dangers of chemicals to be used at the plant.

"What happens if there's a chemical fire?" asked Morrow.

"The plant must meet state fire, building and safety codes before it's operational," Daubner said.

One of the hazardous chemicals to be used at the plant is ethylene oxide, which is extremely explosive and a probable carcinogenic if swallowed or inhaled.

Brose said the chemical is the most dangerous in use in his processing.

According to the material data sheet, if inhaled or ingested, the substance also causes severe ulceration of the mouth and throat, abdominal pain, collapse and coma.

Gooding County commissioners have yet to approve the plan and final building plans must be submitted for approval to the Gooding County building inspector.

Up, up and away



MIKE BALSURBY/The Times-News

Trying to watch his son and play basketball, Robert Solz takes a break from the game to give son Adrian a chance to make a basket. They were enjoying sunny conditions in Burley.

Magic Valley receives most grant funding

By Craig Lincoln
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley has fared well during the last decade in the competition for Community Development Block Grants.

Under 10 years of Democratic governors, the heavily Republican Magic Valley received more block grant money than any other region in the state, according to a report by the Idaho Department of Commerce.

Doug Vollmer, a local real estate agent and former member of the Economic Advisory Council, says the report shows that party politics doesn't affect the process. The council makes recommendations to the governor on block grant requests.

"If we're on the wrong side of the politics in this area, then something's wrong," he said.

Vollmer said that some lobbying goes on within the advisory group the state

relies on to examine projects. But the process is driven more by a point system that rewards the quality of grant requests, he said.

Vollmer served on the Economic Advisory Council through most of the 1980s. The Department of Commerce oversees the program and the council gives advice.

The governor has final say over the grant allocations.

"Clearly, we have put together some good projects," said Twin Falls Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin. McAlindin worked to get grants for Twin Falls, but he also worked on the state side of the equation with the Division of Economic and Community Affairs under Gov. John Evans in the early 1980s.

The numbers the department compiled exclude block grants for Boise because it is the only city large enough to qualify

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Idaho Falls firm named to build Burley K mart

By Vickie Higgins
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Bateman-Hall Inc. of Idaho Falls has been awarded the contract to build Burley's new 94,000-square-foot K mart store, said Morris Morgan, chief estimator for the construction firm.

Morgan said construction is expected to start by April 7 and his firm must turn over the building to K mart by Sept. 1. The retailer will begin stocking and putting in fixtures with an estimated opening date of mid-November.

The new store will be built just off Interstate Highway 84's No. 208 exit into Burley on the old Ponderosa Inn property.

James Talbot, president of Sessions Management of Boutiful, UT, the

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developer which awarded the contract, declined to disclose the amount of the construction project.

"The store will be a showboat," he said. "It is one of the first of a new prototype stores that K mart is coming out with now. You wouldn't think they would decide to build a prototype store in a town which is not in a metropolitan area, but they are pleased with the business they have done in the Burley area, and therefore, this will be a first-class facility."

Chuck Hoenes, manager of the Burley K mart, said the new operation will

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Youth project improves signs in Kimberly

By Vickie Higgins
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — "Welcome to Kimberly" signs put on a brand new face Friday when the first of four signs was hung at the city's north entrance to town.

The flashy new signs were designed by Zachary Daniels, who made them to attain the rank of Eagle Scout for Varsity Scout Troop 89.

The 15-year-old Daniels presented the signs to Kimberly Mayor Jesse Posey and city manager Kenneth Storey at a ceremony attended by several scouting officials.

The signs are four feet square and constructed of aluminum and were designed to complement Idaho's centennial theme in shades of red, white and blue.

The other three signs will be placed at the east, south and west entrances to town.

Daniels started his project in June of last year when he first approached the City Council and scouting authorities to request permission to do the project.

He obtained the services of Darrell Hunt, a professional artist in Hansen, and together the two designed the signs.

Hunt, who teaches at O'Leary Junior High School, donated his time to the project, and Roger's Body Shop of Gooding donated a seal coating for the signs.

Daniels, a freshman at Kimberly High School, is the son of Retn and Debbie Daniels.



MIKE BALSURBY/The Times-News

Jordan Allan, left, helps Zachary Daniels assemble one of the signs for his Eagle Scout project.

Complaint filed against Burdick

By H.R. Weikel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — A Mojilana man has brought a battery complaint against 5th District Magistrate Judge Roger Burdick after what the Jerome County prosecutor says was "a heated argument" in the judge's secretary's office on Thursday.

Durand Hansen of Townsend, Mont., had been in court continued. The argument began after the decision to continue the case, according to John Horgan, Jerome County prosecuting attorney.

"He (Hansen) started yelling at Burdick's secretary and Burdick told him to leave," Horgan said. "Apparently the man (Hansen) said Burdick poked him with his (Burdick's) finger."

Hansen then went to the city police department and filed a complaint.

The case is under investigation. Police Chief George Silver III said.

Records have been sealed, but Jerome County Clerk Cheryl Wuts had received no complaint as of Friday afternoon.

Horgan called a meeting Friday with Jerome Mayor Gerald Ostler, Police Commissioner Eliza Hall and Silver to discuss the complaint.

After the meeting, Horgan called the Idaho attorney general's office and referred all documents in the case to Attorney General Larry Echols for review.

Neither Burdick nor Hansen could be reached for comment Friday.

"I don't have anything to say about it," Ostler said. "It's his (Horgan's) request that we let him handle it, so that's what we're doing."

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Religion

Church news

McClintock speaks at dinner

Clintock will be the guest speaker at a potluck dinner planned for 6 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 401 Sixth Ave. N. The public is invited. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish.

McClintock will also be the guest speaker at worship services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the church. Nursery will be provided for the Sunday services. McClintock is a missionary to the Republic of Ciskei, South Africa.

Hansen church features music

HANSEN - An evening of country gospel music is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Assembly of God Church, 319 Second St. E.

Bliss church sets spring dinner

BLISS - The Bliss Community Church will serve its annual Spring Dinner from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church. Families are invited for food, homemade pie and fellowship. Cost is by donation.

Fifth Sunday Sing is planned

Several churches from Jerome and Twin Falls have planned a Fifth Sunday Sing for Sunday. The evening of sacred Gospel music is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the First

United Brethren Church of Twin Falls, 392 Third Ave. E.

Special musicians for the evening will be Paul and Silas and the men's choir from the First Church of God. Young people from the "Go-for-the-Gold Olympics" will quote blocks of scripture from memory and present instrumental and gospel hymns. Readings, praise reports and all-church family singing are also included in the program.

Church services

AMAZING GRACE FELLOWSHIP - Amazing Grace Fellowship, YFCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., 736-0727.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; Worship at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dennis Schmitz speaking on "Spiritual Warfare, Part 9." Nursery provided for infants through age 3. Children's church for ages 3 through third grade. Fifth Sunday joint service at 7 p.m. at the Christian Church.

BUHL - First Assembly of God, 703 N. Locust, 543-5191.
Sunday: Sunday school at 10 a.m. Morning worship at 10:30 with the Rev. Murray Hoza. Evening worship at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Family and youth services at 7 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 10:30 a.m. Evening worship at 6 p.m.

BUHL - First Baptist Church, 400 Ninth Ave. N., 543-4442.
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Spaghettini dinner to be held

The Jerome United Methodist Church is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at the church, 211 S. Buchanan. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and punch or coffee. Meatless sauce will be available. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12 or \$15 for a family. All proceeds go to the Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

Youth rally planned in Gooding

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for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 4 at the Gooding United Methodist Church, 805 Main St. Dzyalos, a group of junior and senior high school Christian students from Idaho Falls, will present a program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pizza and fellowship will follow. A free will offering will be taken to help cover the group's expenses and lunch will cost \$3 per person.

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomson, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

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Religion Services

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NAZARENE
FILER - Church of the Nazarene, Fifth and Yakima streets, 326-4490.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Stephen D. Bogart. Evening worship at 6 p.m.

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.

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, 100 E. Ave. D, 324-2832.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Joe McManan.
Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.

KIMBERLY - Church of the Nazarene, 208 Madison W., 423-5291.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Worship at 10:50 a.m. with the Rev. Welton Shuman speaking on "Faces Above the Cross." Evening celebration at 6 p.m. with the topic, "When Life Isn't As It Appears."
Wednesday: Children's ministry at 6:30 p.m. Teen and adult ministry at 7 p.m.

TWIN FALLS - Church of the Nazarene, 401 Sixth Ave. N., 733-6610.
Sunday: Bible class for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m. with the Rev. Ralph McClinton, a missionary from South Africa, as guest speaker. Evening service at 6 p.m. with McClinton. Nursery provided for all services.
Wednesday: Bible study and activities for all ages at 7 p.m.

PENTECOSTAL
JEROME - Jerome Bible Fellowship, 125 First Ave. W., 324-2802 or 733-3712.
Thursday: Bible study at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Vernon Bishop.
TWIN FALLS - Bethel Temple, 3200 Ninth Ave. E., 733-1162.
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, 262 Fifth Ave. E., 733-2472 or 324-2802.
Sunday: Christian education at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Pastor Vernon Bishop.
Wednesday: Bible Study and Kid's Church at 7:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN
BUHL - First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St., 543-5282.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9:30 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. John R. Kerr.
Wednesday: Morning devotionals at 7:30 a.m.

BURLEY - First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., 678-5131.
Sunday: Adult class at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. David Henry.
HAZZELTON - Valley Presbyterian Church, 310 Park Ave., 829-5536.
Sunday: Worship at 11 a.m. with Dr. Weston Gray.

HOLLISTER - Community Presbyterian Church, 1333-1337, 7127-7133-2824 (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, 324-2972.
Sunday: Worship and church school at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Bob Stebe. Nursery care provided.
Wednesday: Junior and senior high youth group at 6:15 p.m. with dinner for \$2.

TWIN FALLS - First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N., 733-7123.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 9 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Mike Buford speaking on "Saying What We Believe."
WENDELL - United Presbyterian Church, First Avenue East, 536-6270.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:40 a.m. Worship service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Leonard Leisy of American Falls as guest speaker.

TRUCKER'S CHAPEL

BURLEY - Conner's Cafe at Exit 208.
Sunday: Morning service for truckers at 7:50 a.m. with David O'Donohue speaking. Coffee and breakfast available.

REFORMED
TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N., 733-6128.
Sunday: Worship at 9 and 11 a.m. with the Rev. Don Christensen speaking on a mission emphasis. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Evening worship at 8 p.m. will be the community Fifth Sunday service at the First Christian Church.

WENDELL - 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. Cornie Keugen speaking on "What Wasn't the Perfume Sold?" Evening service at 7 p.m. with the topic, "Pilate is Amazed."
Wednesday: Ladies coffee break Bible study with story hour for preschoolers at 9:45 a.m.

REORGANIZED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
BUHL - English and Locust, 420-1283.
Sunday: Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Elder Roger Laughlin, Junior Church at 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Prayer service at 8 p.m.

TWIN FALLS - 2169 Elizabeth Blvd.
Sunday: Morning devotion at 9:45 a.m. Church school at 10 a.m. Worship at 11 a.m. with Charles Whipple. Potluck after service.

SALVATION ARMY
TWIN FALLS CORPS - 584 Fourth Ave. N., 733-7820.
Sunday: Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Holiness meeting at 11 a.m. Salvation meeting at 6 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer and Bible study at 7 p.m. at 713 Del Mar Drive.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
BUHL - Highway 30, 543-6113.
Sunday: Sabbath school 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 825-4228.
Thursday: Worship service at 10 a.m.

HEYBURN - Two miles east of the Burley Mall on Alfrevo Road, 678-3995.
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TWIN FALLS - Corner of Grandview Drive and Addison Avenue West, 733-6799.
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Wednesday: Bible study at 7 p.m.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS CENTER
TWIN FALLS - Spiritual Awareness Center, 653 Race St., P.O. 10, 733-3270.
Wednesday: Meditation session 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.
Wednesday: Visitation and outreach at 7 p.m.

WINEPRESS MINISTRIES
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Sundays: Worship and celebration at 10 a.m. Children's and adult ministries at 11 a.m. Nursery available. Weeknight home church call for information. Prayer meetings at noon Tuesday and Thursday at South Meadows Apartments, No. 201, Ted Marquini, minister, and Terry Brown, pastor.

Group harvests religious dreams

By Suzanne Hurthold
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD - On an old homestead in the Soldier Mountains, a small but dedicated group of Idahoans who have spent the last five years looking to God and the future are finally seeing their dream of a non-denominational, Christian-based family camp come true.
Jeff Rast, his brother Nathan, and more than a dozen other volunteers and advisers across Southern Idaho have purchased and are refurbishing the old Bundy Brothers homestead near the pioneer town of Soldier. With donated funds and volunteer labor and "the hand of God," they're slowly turning the 400-acre ranch and farm into a year-round camp for troubled kids and their families.

"We really want to emphasize the family aspect of the camp," Jeff Rast, a county extension agent in Fairfield, said. "Our feeling is, if we want to impact these kids in a positive way, we have to impact the family as well."
The camp project began in January, 1989, when the Bundy Hanes' stock went on the sale block. Using \$110,000 in privately donated funds, the newly-formed, non-profit Mountain Valley Ranch Corporation purchased the \$180,000 ranch and then spent the next year raising enough money to cover the remaining land payments. Rast said a donation for the 1990 installment came in only one day before a payment was due.

"It's a real faith project for us," Rast said. "We really believe this is something God wants us to do."
Rast said the ranch is being redesigned to hold about 125 to 150 people at a time for week-long camps. Funds are now being raised for a lodge to be built on the ranch. But Rast said existing buildings are being retrofitted for use as cabins, a cookhouse, a town square with a gift shop and a gazebo.
Some of the old ranch buildings, original to the homestead, which was settled at the turn of the century, will be utilized as display buildings, with a saddleary, a carriage works, a camp



ANDY ARBENZINA/Times-News

Jeff Rast sees great things in the future for the 400-acre camp north of Fairfield.

newspaper with antique printing press and a 19th century-style sawmill.

"There's really a rich history here on Camas Prairie," Rast said. "We have some pictures of Soldier when it was a real boomtown, and we're going to try to recreate as much of that look as possible."
So much interest has been shown in the restoration of the homestead, in fact, that the camp will offer local

families the opportunity to "adopt" some of the buildings.

The camp will also have an equestrian center and riding paths. Most of the horses that will be used at the camp will be donated by Mountain Valley Ranch board members. Mel and Gerry Fletcher, who have spent the last five years raising money for the camp, and who, Gerry Fletcher said, don't mind the thought of another five years as unpaid volunteers.

"So many people seem to be depending their whole lives trying to make money," Fletcher said. "There seems to be a selfish, underlying reason for everything. We wanted to do something for these kids, instead of just thinking about ourselves."
Fletcher said she hopes that the ranch will be able to provide camping activities - free of charge - for single parents and their children, and for underprivileged, inner-city kids, as well as for paying campers and their families.

"It's important that they have a place where they can come and get nature and be with the animals," Fletcher said. "These are things that are disappearing."
The Fletchers are only two of many Idahoans who have had a hand in making the camp a reality. Rast said. A local schoolteacher, a banker, a magistrate judge, a bailiff and a former foster child have all advised Rast and his brother on ways to make the camp run smoothly.

Michael Ayers, an appliance salesman in Hailey who sits on the Mountain Valley Ranch board of directors, said the diversity of the group has only served to strengthen it's resolve. "Anybody who reads the newspaper or watches the news on television knows what problems our kids face today," Ayers said. "Kids don't get the nurturing they used to get from their families."

Depending upon the size of cash and in-kind donations, the ranch receives over the next few years, Rast thinks the first phase of the Mountain Valley project could be completed within five years.

However, the group plans to hold several camps this summer.
"Local fourth-through seventh-graders will be among the first to check out the new facilities, and a pasture retreat is scheduled for later in the season."

But Rast said they won't be opening the camp year-round until some of the kinks have been worked out. "We want to make sure we do everything well," Rast said. "The vision is just now starting to become a reality."

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THEY LISTENED TO THE RADIO

WHAT ABOUT BEFORE THAT?

THEY PUTTED AROUND AND READ

WHAT ABOUT BEFORE THERE WERE ELECTRIC LIGHTS?

EVERYBODY WENT TO BED AND GOT UP WHEN IT WAS LIGHT

YOU GO BACK A LONG WAY, DON'T YOU?

PEANUTS

THERE WAS A 20 PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY.

AND A 90 PERCENT CHANCE THAT I'D BE THE ONLY ONE STANDING OUT HERE

GARFIELD

I'M NOT TIGHT JON'S SHOELACES TOGETHER ANYMORE

IT'S TOO PULL

MISTER FUNNY MAN!

I'M FORGING NEW FRONTIERS

BETLE BAILEY

WANT TO BET ON THE GAME, GENERAL?

I'D LIKE TO, BUT I DIDN'T BRING ENOUGH MONEY IN CASE I LOSE

NOT WORKER

WE'RE PRETTY SURE YOU WON'T LOSE, SIR

HAGAR

I'LL SAY ONE THING FOR YOUR MOTHER...

SHE ALWAYS BRINGS A GIFT WHEN SHE VISITS US!

WIZARD OF ID

THESE DEVELOPERS WANT TO BUILD A MALL NEAR THE CASTLE

WHAT ABOUT TRAFFIC NOISE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?... THE...

IT'S ALL HERE IN OUR REPORT, SIR

A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT, INDEED!

HILLOIS

HOW WAS YOUR DAY WITH YOUR FATHER, KIDS?

OK, WE WENT TO THE PRO SHOP, THE DRIVING RANGE AND THE HARDWARE STORE THEN WE STOPPED AT MR. THURSTON'S TO WATCH THE GAME

WELL, THEY COULDN'T DECIDE WHAT THEY WANTED TO DO

CALVIN & HOBBES

I DON'T NEED A BATH! I CAN STAY CLEAN WITHOUT ONE!

LOOK, I'LL LICK MYSELF CLEAN! THAT'S WHAT HOBBS DOES! SEE, I'M GETTING CLEAN JUST LIKE HIM!

HICE-GOING

BORN LOSER

WHAT BARKS, FLIES AND HAS NINE LIVES?

GIVE UP?

I HAVE NO IDEA

EASY... A DOG, A BIRD AND A CAT!

GASOLINE

There go the lovebirds!

I know a couple in Cranston that's taking the first step to divorce!

They're getting married!

Oh, Terry!

DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

ROBOTICS DEPT.

I CAN'T HELP VACILLATING... I RUN ON ALTERNATING CURRENT!

'Toon tryout

This month's featured comic strip: **'SALLY-FORTH'** by Greg Howard

WE'LL BE HOME BY MIDNIGHT, KELLY. OH, AND I SHOULD TELL YOU THAT ALL THE RECENT MEDIA STORIES ABOUT EVIL BABY SITTERS HAVE HILARY A LITTLE WORKED UP

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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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WHEW! I'M SAFE FOR NOW!

MARGARET SAYS THE GUY SHE MARRIES.

IS GONNA BE RICH

AND AT LEAST FOUR FEET TALL

When we were really little we called Daddy 'Da-Da' for short.

Horoscope

L.M. Boyd

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Q. What accounts for the most dust?

A. Soil, sea salt and volcanic ash. So say the experts. Forest fires culled in fourth.

A bullfight, that's the only thing Spaniards will show up on time for, I'm told.

Hong Kong has about 27 times as many people per square mile as Los Angeles.

Claim is a mature beluga sturgeon can contain as much as \$60,000 worth of caviar.

An Irish robber who preyed on a traveler was called a "toirdhe" meaning

Celtics run away from Pistons in 4th

BOSTON (AP) — Boston tied Detroit for homecourt advantage in their probable playoff series as Larry Bird sparked a late 16-6 run that carried the Celtics to a 106-87 victory Friday night.

The Celtics, winners of their last five games, and the Pistons, losers of their last four, are tied for the fourth and fifth Eastern Conference playoff spots with a 41-30 record. Each has 11 games remaining.

It's unlikely either will move up to third or down to sixth. The fourth-place team has the extra home game in a best-of-5 first-round series against the fifth-placed team.

Detroit, trailing 17-57 midway through the third quarter, closed to 82-75 with a 6-0 run capped by Dennis Rodman's layup with 8:57 left in the game. Bird, who hit three of his first 14 shots, then hit his next three shots, starting with a 3-pointer that began the 16-6 run.

Skaters soar, tumble in championships

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Viktor Petrenko's farewell party, sprinkled with perfection, might also serve as Mark Mitchell's coming out party.



U.S.'s Christopher Bowman injured his leg and struggled to finish his routine.

Petrenko added his first world championship on Friday to the Olympic gold medal he won last month. He did it powerfully after finishing second the last two years. "It was hard to win the Olympics," said Petrenko, the first man from the former Soviet Union to win an Olympic singles crown. "It takes a lot of nerves.

"Surely in America, I feel more nervous. I am the champion and everybody looks at me as champion and that I have to be on my routine and I have to be on my feet."

NCAA

Madlock made two free throws with 1:38 left in overtime, putting Memphis State on top 78-77 for the Tigers' first lead since 36-34. He made two more free throws with 32 seconds left and sealed the victory with 16 seconds remaining to give Memphis State an 82-77 lead.

Charlotte, N.C. (AP) — Mark Price sank a 3-pointer and two foulshots in the final 44 seconds as Cleveland defeated Charlotte for its fifth straight victory over the Cavaliers.

Indianaapolis (AP) — Sarunas Marciulionis scored 23 points and Tim Hardaway and Chris Mullin had 22 each as Golden State snuffed Indiana's 10-game home winning streak.

Cincinnati made big plays early and late to beat Texas-El Paso 69-67 Friday night and move within a game of first place in the West.

Michigan 75, Oklahoma State 72

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Jason Rasmussen picked up his foul-plagued teammates, scored 25 points, including a backbreaking 3-pointer with four minutes left as No. 15 Michigan beat Oklahoma State 75-72 Friday night in the Southeast Regional semifinal.

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U.S. skaters' performance in the World Championships was mixed, with some skaters showing improvement and others struggling.

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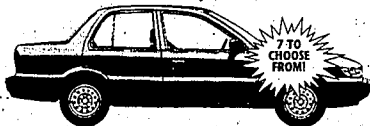
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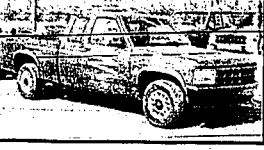
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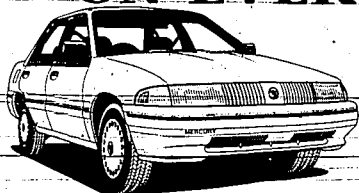
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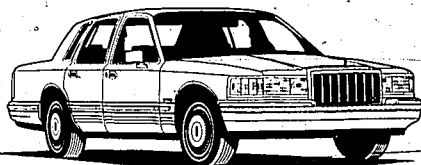
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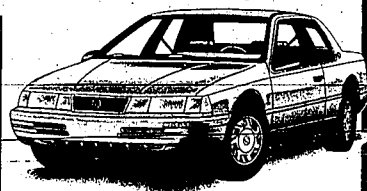


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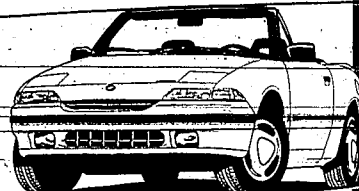
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Llama drama plays out near Murtaugh

By Julie Fanselow
Ag Weekly correspondent

MILNER - Given a choice, Scott and Diana Breeding would just as soon raise llamas than anything else on their farm.

"I can go out and have a horrible day at work and come back with these llamas," Scott said. "One little one comes up and nuzzles me and my troubles melt away."

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The Breedings also produce potatoes, beans, wheat and alfalfa hay on their 1,200-acre spread east of Murtaugh. But over the past four years, they have moved steadily into the llama business, increasing their herd from five to 29.

And they are not alone - a growing number of Idaho farmers and ranchers are putting aside some pasture for llamas. The Boise-based Western Idaho Llama Association has attracted 55 members statewide since its start in January 1991, and Carroll Burtzoff, the association's secretary, estimated the state's llama population rose from a mere handful 10 years ago to about 800 now.

Celebrities

For the Breedings, it all started when Scott attended a 1988 seminar at the College of Southern Idaho. One day, three farmers came in and gave presentations on llamas.

"That's all I could talk about when I got home," Scott recalled. "I was hooked. I wanted a llama no matter what."

The Breedings had a few head of cattle on their pasture previously, "but we didn't like them," Diana said. "We lost money."

Indeed, they bought their first llamas as investments, and the llamas haven't let them down.

The Breedings have sold several male llamas as pack animals, and they are working toward a herd of 20 breeding females. They have 12 now, and several more should be ready this spring.

The Breedings' llamas are celebrities among Magic Valley youth. The friendly beasts have appeared at the Twin Falls County Fair and in parades in Kimberly and Murtaugh, and school children from Eden-Hazell and Burley have met the llamas up close.

And of course, they are favorites of the Breedings' own children, Nathan, 8; Danielle, 5; and Kelsey, 3.



Kelsey Breeding sits astride Idaho Centennial, one of Scott and Diana Breeding's llamas.

JULIE FANSELOW/Magic Valley Ag Weekly

Investment

The Nofzigers near Buhl are another Magic Valley family that knows the lure of llamas. Steve Nofziger said his father, Dan, bought three llamas in 1985 and now has about 20.

"It's something new, something different," Nofziger said.

"They're a pretty good investment."

A male llama can be used as a pet or pack animal, and each generally costs between \$500 and \$2,000.

Females cost about \$5,000 each, and while they, too, make good packers, "people don't like to take that kind of investment out on the trail," Diana Breeding not-

ed. Llamas bred for show purposes can cost \$100,000 or more.

The Breedings praise their llamas' curiosity, beauty and intelligence.

"People don't realize the temperament of a llama is so kind and gentle," Diana said, adding that contrary to popular rumor, llamas rarely spit at humans.

"They do spit, but it's mainly at each other," Scott said. Llamas sometimes spit at mealtime to establish a pecking order. The spitting is also a sure-fire way to determine whether a female llama is pregnant - if she spits at an amorous male, it means she already has a little llama on the way.

Care and feeding

The Breedings say llamas are practical animals, too. One bale of hay will feed four or five llamas for a day, and five or six animals can be kept per acre of pasture. A typical llama will live 20 to 25 years.

They can be easily trained for show, packing or pulling carts. And llama wool, lightweight yet durable, is highly prized by spinners, Diana said.

Many Idaho outdoors enthusiasts have found llamas perfect for trekking into the state's mountainous backcountry. Unlike horses and mules, llamas are grazers and browsers and find their own food wherever they go. The llama's leathery, two-toed foot means it has less impact on trails, and also unlike horses and mules, llamas aren't intimidated by wild game or the snarl of a blood.

In some areas, llamas are being used to guard sheep. Some people use llama droppings as fertilizer, and because the droppings are relatively odorless, they are even used in houseplants.

The Breedings said anyone considering llamas should determine whether the animals will primarily be used for packing, breeding, wool production or shows. They have a variety of pamphlets and other information on llamas, and said they would be happy to share their knowledge with others interested in llamas. They can be reached by writing Breeding Llamas, Route 1, Murtaugh, ID 83344, or by calling 432-6634.

The Western Idaho Llama Association is another source of information. Burtzoff, the group's secretary, said the association is particularly interested in expanding its 4-H and FFA llama programs beyond the Boise area, and any interested Magic Valley youth should contact the association at 10760 Edna, Boise, ID 83704. The phone number is 327-0503.

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Good as gold

As pets, investments, exotic llamas prove worthwhile

The Los Angeles Times

ELLIJAY, Ga. — The warnings are clear. "Never look a llama in the eye," advises Donna Livengood of Asheville, N.C. "You'll fall in love."

"Llamas are like potato chips," declares Tracy Pearson, whose herd size here is approaching 80. "You can't stop at just one." By all accounts, the woolly, long-necked, "humpy-faced" creatures are so lovable, beautiful and easy to care for as to be virtually irresistible.

As money-makers, they are not bad either. Several years ago, Pearson and her husband, Jack, sold a female baby llama to a Seattle businessman for \$46,500. "It ended out to be a hobby thing," said Jack, who operates a clothing business in Atlanta, "and now it's developed into (Tracy's) business."

Llama sales nationwide totaled \$15.2 million in 1991, including one llama that sold at auction for \$190,000, according to Llama Life, a Durango, Colo., publication that serves the industry. Females, valued as producers, accounted for \$12.2 million of the total. Some people buy one or two llamas as companions, while others buy them specifically for breeding, sale and show.

Like other Southerners, the Pearsons and the Livengoods are catching a wave of interest in llamas, which are related to camels but are smaller and have no humps. The West leads the nation in llama-raising, but Southerners have jumped into the effort, eschewing more-traditional agricultural ventures such as horses, hogs and cotton.

Typically, according to breeders, someone can buy a female, breed her and sell the offspring for more than the mother cost, assuming both parents have good lines, fur and bearing.

Some experts advise against owning just one because the animals-like company.

It is impossible to know exactly how many llamas there are, al-

though several organizations have reported numbers supplied by their members.

In seven Southeast states — Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia — the number reported by members of the International Llama Association reached 1,004 in 1990, a 31 percent increase over the previous year. Nationwide, the members' llamas totaled almost 19,000 in 1990 (some experts claim the current figure is close to 40,000), says the Denver-based association. That figure includes more than 2,700 animals in California.

Kathy Price, editor of Llama Life, says that the increasing numbers of llamas in Dixie complies a geographical pattern that began in the West, then spread to the North, East and now South.

Here in Ellijay, nestled in the hills of northern Georgia, security is tight at the 65-acre Pearson Pond Ranch & Llama Co. A metal gate, surveillance camera and electric fence keep out intruders. Inside, dozens of llamas, separated by age and gender, lounge, cavort, nurse, graze and nuzzle human faces.

"Offer your face, not your hand," Tracy Pearson advised a visitor the other day, showing him the technique as a llama kissed her and another llama rubbed faces with the bearded visitor.

Llamas weigh from 18 to 35 pounds at birth after an average gestation period of 11 1/2 months, and they live about 20 years, reaching weights of 300 to 450 pounds and a height of about four feet at the shoulder.

Munis leaves ICA for other opportunities

BOISE — Betty Munis, Executive Vice President of the Idaho Cattle Association, has resigned from her position, effective March 18, to pursue other career opportunities.

Carl Crabtree, Grangeville, President of the Idaho Cattle Association, indicated that Munis is "exceptionally knowledgeable of natural resource issues and political action."



Munis

for agriculture."

Crabtree also said, "The Idaho Cattle Association will miss Betty's ability to analyze these issues in view of what is best

Munis said, "I appreciate the opportunity of working for ICA and have gained tremendously from my employment with the Association."

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A&B water outlook remains uncertain

By Clark Miller
AG Weekly writer

RUPERT - Until the A&B Irrigation District deep well pumps are turned on this spring, the 1992 water outlook will be uncertain.

Chances are the district will have trouble supplying water to the 67,000 acres that irrigate from the wells, A&B Manager Virgil Temple said.

"We're quite concerned about that," he said. "The capacity of some of our wells dropped off drastically last September. I don't know yet what that means this spring. ... Probably all of our wells are going to be producing less water than last irrigation season," he said.

The problem is a declining water table. The pumps that bring water up from the wells must work harder as groundwater level drops lower.

"The basic problem is you can't pump as much as you could at a

'Probably all of our wells are going to be producing less water than last irrigation season.'

— Virgil Temple, district manager

higher elevation," Temple said. But not enough is known about groundwater levels to make precise estimations, he added.

The tentative starting date for A&B water deliveries is April 15, he said. If the water table holds steady when the pumps are turned on, water available for irrigation will be about the same as last year. If the water table begins dropping, there will be shortages, he said.

From 1954 to 1987, the water table dropped eight feet, Temple said. Since 1987, the table has fallen another seven feet.

Some irrigators in the eastern reaches of the Magic Valley who

rely on surface water from the Snake River and its reservoirs could also see reduced water supplies this year.

Clem Stanger, watermaster for the Oakley Canal Co., said water availability is about the same as it was a year ago, but expectations are worse.

"We're right in the same shape as last year," Stanger said.

Last year spring rains supplied moisture that delayed water delivery until May 22. This year farmers are ready for irrigation water now, he said.

"They're hollering for it now," he said. The expected turn-on date is

April 15, but without rain, it may come sooner, he said.

Oakley Canal Co. irrigators have had less than a full share of water for the past five years, he said.

"This one will be the worst of the last five if we don't get some rain," he said. Currently there is only about one-third of normal water shares, he said.

Temple said A&B irrigators will have rights to surface water should full shares this year. Burley Irrigation District shareholders can also expect normal supplies in 1992, Manager Randy Bingham said.

"We should have sufficient water to make it through this season," Bingham said. Deliveries should start about April 10.

While the district is in good shape this year, it will have to rely on storage water left over from last year, Bingham said that will cut into supplies that ideally would be held back for 1993.



Erosion knows no borders

MOSCOW (AP) - The head of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service says most farmers are controlling erosion, but the few who resist change may bring stricter regulations on everyone.

William Richards made that assessment Monday after a three-day visit to the Palouse. Richards said Idaho and Washington farmers fit a nationwide pattern in which 5 percent to 10 percent of the growers aren't working to meet the erosion control standards set by the 1985 and 1990 Farm Bills.

He said all farmers may be penalized because of those who don't implement conservation plans.

"We can't let the 10 percent be the limiting factor for all of us," said Richards, an Ohio farmer who became head of the SCS in 1990.

The time is past for giving farmers breaks, Richards said. "We can't keep saying that we should excuse people because they don't understand the rules," he said. "It's been seven years. What we've got to have is a turnaround in attitude, so that farmers accept the requirements."

The steep slopes of the Palouse can be one of the most erosive landscapes in the nation. But unlike other areas, the danger period is limited to the winter, when the land is exposed to rain without much vegetative cover.

The SCS has taken on the role as regulator, in making sure farmers meet standards, beyond its traditional role as technical adviser. If farmers don't meet new requirements they can be dropped from all government support programs.

Lawmaker raps USDA for subsidy program

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department came under fire Tuesday from a senator who claimed that taxpayers are financing the purchase of foreign commodities used in subsidized export-and-domestic-feeding programs.

"In an era of increasingly scarce government resources and continuing economic difficulties in the rural economy, the United States cannot afford to support the farmers of other nations," Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said at a Senate Agriculture subcommittee hearing. At issue is whether USDA, which spends billions of dollars each year on food for domestic feeding programs and to subsidize exports of U.S. farm products, is actually allowing foreign products into the pipeline.

Questions have also been raised about USDA's monitoring of its suppliers to ensure compliance with the domestic origin requirements, Department officials, how-

ever, told lawmakers that compliance efforts have been strengthened.

Conrad cited a recent audit by USDA's inspector general, which found that the department's Agricultural Marketing Service appeared to have purchased imported beef in five of 19 contracts reviewed.

Another one of the department's food buyers, the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is also alleged to mix foreign and domestic grain or vegetable oil in contracts calling for 100 percent U.S. products.

ASCS, however, said the "commingling" is only allowed in certain circumstances. The seller must have enough domestic grain or vegetable oil on hand to fill the entire contract.

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Mormon crickets return to central Utah

RICHFIELD, Utah (AP) — In 1991, May or Jay Anderson could be found in the hills spreading handfuls of poison bait for Mormon crickets. This year, farmers are again preparing an assault on the destructive insects.

The crickets, actually dark, wingless katydids, have returned to central Utah. Farmers and state officials are arming themselves with carbaryl bran, or wheat and oat flakes laced with insecticide, to control them.

The insects hatched in Sevier County hills in late February and appear to be moving toward the valley floor.

Public lands representatives and local of-

ficials met Monday in Richfield to coordinate the campaign.

Weather permitting, treatment will begin March 31 west of Richfield.

"Are we going to get eaten alive? No," said Greg Abbott, an officer with the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

He predicted cricket populations will respond to proposed baiting on public lands and few will make it into crop areas.

"Because the insects are small and their location known, it will be easier to control them, Abbott said.

"Some crickets are going to get down into the valley," he said. "Don't be too con-

cerned about it if you see a few. The average Joe is going to go up and see three or four crickets and say, 'Oh, my gosh.'"

Abbott said it also is doubtful the crickets will hatch on residential lawns. They need dry ground for incubation, Abbott said, and lawn canopy and wet grass don't make a good breeding ground.

Andersen said Richfield has no definite plan for cricket control, but will wait until April 8 after determining the success of baiting on public lands.

"Right now there's no need to do anything fancy until we see what we need," he said.

Mormon crickets have been found in all areas of the state, but multiply dramatically only when weather conditions are right.

It's been more 40 years since the insects were last seen in the Sevier Valley in such magnitude, Abbott said.

In recent years, Millard County has borne the brunt of the cricket population.

The city of Kanosh purchased eight tons of bait last year after crickets hatched in area fields and threatened crop production.

This year, however, the infestation is spread between Minesville and Richfield.

"The major infestation is right here," Abbott said.

"I anticipate worse than last year."

Rangen's new fish development, research center begins operation

Ag Weekly

HAGERMAN — Rangen Inc., a leading manufacturer of aquaculture feeds, has announced the expansion and remodeling of their Aquaculture Research Center in Idaho's Hagerman Valley.

With the addition of 2,280 square feet of new laboratory space and a new office/conference center, the research center will be able to strengthen its long standing commitment to customer service and product development, Rangen officials said.

Within the center, a new extension and customer service lab has been established to specifically increase services in water quality analysis and diagnostics.

The water quality testing service provides discharge tests for local fish farmers. Monthly discharge monitoring is an important part of the farmers' permit compliance requirements.

Without assistance from the center, compliance would be a costly and burdensome affair. Farmers would have to establish their own testing facilities or seek assistance from independent laboratories outside the area, the company said.

Diagnostic services provided by the extension center focus on pro-

duction problems. Causes for loss in production may include bacterial or viral infections, parasites, poor water quality, etc.

The diagnostic center assists the farmer in identifying and developing strategies to overcome loss problems. Aiding the farmer in obtaining optimum growth and conversion ratios is the goal of the diagnostic center.

The new product development laboratory includes a dry lab with necessary analytical space for product research and development. Here, Rangen will be able to develop new products and to refine existing products that supports the aquaculture industry.

Small test batches of feed, pre-mixes, and other feed products can be mixed right in the lab.

Food trials are conducted in the new wet lab. Designed for live shrimp and fish testing, the wet lab allows the research center to monitor growth conversion, consumption rates, and overall animal responsiveness to experimental diets.

As one of the largest and oldest aquaculture feeds manufacturers, Rangen distributes aquaculture feeds and feed products to a global market.

Promoting successful aquaculture is what the expansion at the Aquaculture Research Center is all about. The introduction of improved feed products and the extension of technical support to growers is Rangen's commitment to the future of the aquaculture industry," said Christopher Rangen, president of Rangen Inc.

Western firm buys Messersmith Auction

Ag Weekly

TWIN FALLS — Messersmith Auction Co. of Twin Falls has been purchased by the Musser Auction Group that covers nine states in the West and Northwest.

Randy Musser will manage the Twin Falls office.

The Musser Auction group, started by Robert Musser in 1956, has offices in Tri-Cities, Wash.; Billings, Mont.; Cody, Wyo.; and Twin Falls.

Each of the four offices is managed by Musser's four sons.

Randy Musser purchased Messersmith Auction Co. after

the death of Jim Messersmith last year.

The name of the company will remain the same.

Messersmith and Robert Musser attended auction college and later instructed classes together.

As part of the Musser firm, Messersmith Auction Co. can draw buyers from mailing lists of the other three offices in the organization, Randy Musser said.

Last year, the Musser Auction Group totaled over \$5 million in auctions sales, with \$1.5 million so far in 1992, Randy Musser said.



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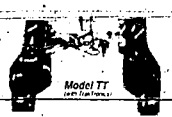
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Newspapers make rural inroads - as livestock bedding

Knights-Ridder News Service

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — It used to be farmers used straw, sawdust or corncobs as bedding for their livestock.

But the times, they are a-changin'.

With the growing interest in recycling, not to mention a shortage of straw in the area, a new type of bedding is gaining popularity.

Richard McDaniel, a Huntington County farmer, has been using shredded newspaper as bedding for nearly a year on his 60-sow, farrow-to-finish hog operation. It turned out so well that it's the only type of bedding on his farm. "The newspaper soaked up moisture better than straw (which he previously used) and stays in place better for sows in farrowing crates," McDaniel said. Also, newspaper is not as dusty as straw, which results in fewer respiratory problems, especially among young pigs, he said.

Newspaper usually can be obtained for about \$25 a ton. Wheat straw, on the other hand, costs about \$60 a ton, and wood shavings can cost up to \$160 a ton, according to Farmweek magazine.

The biggest drawback to using newspaper is aesthetic, he said.

"I have to be really careful when I bring the bales in. When you have a little straw blowing around, you don't think much about it. But newspaper blowing around looks like trash blowing around."

The problem goes away, and the newspaper stays in one place, once

'The newspaper soaked up moisture better than straw (which he previously used) and stays in place better for sows in farrowing crates.'

— Richard McDaniel, Indiana farmer

it is mixed with manure, he said. "It is easier to clean up than straw, and by the time you get it out to the field you can't really tell it is there," McDaniel said.

A University of Wisconsin study shows many advantages to using newspaper as bedding.

Its high absorbency is one. Research shows that lactating cows, in both stanchions and freestall environments, require 2 to 3 pounds of chopped newspaper per cow per day. This represents a reduction in bedding of 20 to 35 percent when compared with traditional bedding sources, the study said.

The study also concluded that the spreading of newspaper-laced manure had no adverse effect on soil or groundwater.

The newspaper is "basically a carbon or organic compound, and it ties up nitrogen from animal waste and keeps it out of underground water and streams," the study said.

"When placed on cropland, the newspaper releases the nitrogen slowly for use as needed by crops."

The city of Fort Wayne recently conducted a survey of local farmers to gauge their interest in newspaper bedding. The results are expected to be released next month.

David Hacker, business services director for Pathfinders of Huntington, has been one of the leaders in Northeast Indiana in developing new methods to process newspaper bedding. "A few years ago, we were at a conference in Maine and learned of the possibilities of newspaper bedding. Ever since we've been experimenting with different ways to process the paper."

The experimenting has resulted in a unique method of chopping and baling newspaper, Hacker said. "The newspaper is fed into a tailings chopper (salvaged from a combine) and the shreds are carried via a conveyor to an old hay baler. The real trick was getting everything adjusted to make a good bale," said recycling supervisor Jinx Wheatly. "We got it (the equipment) to where it will make a bale anywhere from 50 to 60 pounds."

The total cost of the equipment was just under \$2,000, Hacker said. Pathfinders sells the newspaper bedding for one dollar per bale (\$40 per ton).

Hacker said it can chop and bale nearly one ton per hour, and usually they have 3 tons on hand.

Steve Christian, operations manager for the Northeast Indiana Solid Waste District, also has been at the forefront of processing newspaper bedding.



Despite growers' concern, Bush said to back ethanol

Knights-Ridder Financial News

WASHINGTON — President Bush remains committed to supporting ethanol, despite corn industry concerns that the corn-based fuel may not fare as well as expected under clean-air legislation approved last year. Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan said Friday.

"The president of the United States is committed to ethanol and continues to be very interested in ethanol," Madigan said during a radio news conference. That is the message that Bush wants everyone to know, he said.

But he said the Bush administration has not yet decided some issues that could determine ethanol's role in implementation of the Clean Air Act.

A set of proposed rules issued

recently by the Environmental Protection Agency called for public comments on "whether or not ethanol results in a reduction of the mass of emissions" if it is included as part of reformulated gasoline, Madigan said.

While applauding that call for public comment, the National Corn Growers Association remains concerned that the final rule EPA issues will not favor ethanol "as much as they" had hoped.

After last year's clean-air legislation, "corn growers anticipated increased ethanol usage would boost corn demand," the association said Friday in a statement.

"Now more than 350 million gallons of corn-based ethanol plant expansion, utilizing more than 140 million bushels of corn, is on hold," it said.

Ag officials suggest farmers dress safely for chemical use

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Here's the latest in farm fashion: Helmets are down and neckties up. In headwear, it's chemical-resistant hoods and accessories, leather and canvas are out. Rubber is in.

The best-dressed farmers this spring will be well-protected against pesticide poisoning.

"I'm not for or against pesticides. But I think it's very important to

use them without injuring our bodies," said Ruth Gulbrandsen, arbiter of protective fashion for the North Dakota State University extension service.

"There are some pesticides that with any exposure will remain in the body for the rest of a person's life," said pharmacist Brian Nelson of the North Dakota Poison Control Center in Fargo. "The sad part is that protective clothing can eliminate that exposure almost entirely."

Despite recommendations on container labels that protective clothing be worn, the poison center gets about half its reports of pesticide exposure from farmers in the field. Pesticide poisoning may occur in a single, severe exposure, or less obviously over time.

"Doctors are only recognizing the symptoms," Gulbrandsen said. "It's difficult to put them together. A farmer may come in from spraying all day with what he thinks is the flu. He's dizzy, vomiting, his vision may be blurred. It may be from the pesticides."

Washing may result from wearing contaminated "leather" gloves, shoes or even a belt, Gulbrandsen said.



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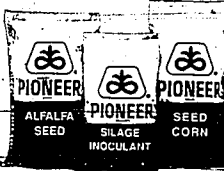
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Ranchers plead guilty to enslaving workers

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES - A Ventura County flower rancher charged with enslaving hundreds of Mexican laborers has agreed to plead guilty to corporate racketeering and to pay about \$1.5 million in back wages to former workers - the stiffest fine ever levied in a U.S. immigration case - prosecutors said Monday.

In exchange for Ives' plea, the U.S. Attorney's office agreed to dismiss extortion and slavery counts that brought the case international attention as the largest such prosecution in U.S. history when it broke in 1990.

The organized-crime conviction would be the first in a civil rights case, federal prosecutors said. "This settlement certainly sends out a message to the agricultural community that this kind of conduct will not be tolerated," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Carol L. Gilliam.

Rancher Edwin M. Ives, 55, and 10 other defendants are charged with imprisoning laborers recruited from rural Mexican villages, forcing them to work for \$1 an hour at a 50-acre compound near Camarillo, 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles, during the 1980s and selling them food and sundries at inflated prices from a company store.

He is accused of running a labor system where workers' heads were shaved upon arrival and where their 16-hour workdays were controlled in a highly structured regimen similar to a military boot camp, according to documents. The laborers allegedly were paid

subminimum wages and deductions were made to pay for food, clothing and other necessities of life.

Under the agreement, Ives, of Los Angeles, will plead guilty to three felony, and four misdemeanor immigration and wage violations and faces up to 18 years in prison. Gilliam said Ives' farming corporation, the Griffith-Ives Co., will admit to nine criminal counts, including racketeering and wire fraud, and pay at least \$1.5 million to about 300 laborers.

The workers, many recruited from Indian villages so rural Spanish is not spoken there, will receive \$1,000 and \$15,000, depending on how long they worked for Ives. As part of the plea agreement, the government not only dropped slavery charges against Ives, but agreed to dismiss all charges against the rancher's 48-year-old wife, Dolly, who prosecutors said ran the company's business office.

"It's still our position that this was a bunch of hogwash, that this is not a slave case, and this is not an extortion case," Ives' attorney, Robert M. Talcott, said. "This is a wage-and-hour case that would have been a yawner if they had not thrown in the slavery count."

Ives and his wife both declined comment Monday.

The government agreed to drop the peonage counts, invoked under a rarely used 82-year-old anti-slavery statute, because Ives' corporation agreed to plead guilty to racketeering and because Ives agreed to guilty pleas on three felony immigration counts, Gilliam said.

Report warns of plant extinction

WASHINGTON (AP) - World population growth, environmental destruction and modern farming practices threaten thousands of native plant species with extinction, a United Nations agency said in a report Monday.

The loss of diversity in the world's plant species has implications for global agriculture and other industries that rely on plant materials, such as medicine, said officials of the Food and Agriculture Organization.

"The earth's plant genetic resources are a limited and perishable natural resource, and their loss constitutes a grave threat to our world food security," said Edouard Saouma, FAO director general.

As many as 40,000 plant species, out of many millions on the globe, could be extinct by the middle of the 21st century unless conservation measures are immediately heightened, the FAO said.

The loss of diversity in the world's plant species has implications for global agriculture ...

FAO said today's disruption of the plants' ecological equilibrium is taking place so quickly, and the population growth is so massive, that nature does not have time biologically to cope.

Industrialized nations have the resources to protect their own plant genetics, FAO said, but world experts believe developing nations need at least \$300 million to \$500 million a year to help their efforts.

The world's genetic diversity is concentrated in tropical and subtropical areas where most developing countries are located.

New breeds of plants and ani-

mals will be needed to adapt to climatic and technological changes," Saouma said. "Today's desirable gene pool may not be the ideal gene pool of tomorrow. This calls for intensified efforts in the area of genetic resources conservation and utilization."

The Rome-based agency said the reduction of the Earth's plant genetic diversity can be traced to deforestation, the expanding range of deserts around the Earth, and the transformation of global eating habits, which have cut the demand for native, genetically diverse plants.

FAO also cited the introduction of modern farm machinery, marketing and transportation methods.

History has seen many examples of the dangers of agriculture relying on too narrow a genetic range, FAO said, including the potato famine that ravaged Europe in the 19th century.

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Torched Amish barn rises again

BELLEVILLE, Pa. (AP) — An Amish community hit by an arsonist a week ago began putting itself back together Monday with an old-fashioned barn-raising. About 150 Amish showed up to help.

Laborers worked in teams to build an L-shaped barn at the home of Samuel M. Yoder, one of six people who lost barns, cattle and horses during a two-hour arson spree the morning of March 15. Wofbun prepared meals in Yoder's house, which wasn't damaged by the fire.

"There's so much labor that wants to be donated that we can't use it all in one day," said Jvan Pecheley of the Mennonite Disaster Services, which is coordinating the reconstruction of all six barns.

A relief fund holds nearly \$180,000. Area merchants donated food and gasoline-powered saws. Trees were felled last week and area sawmills cut pieces to size.

Several of Monday's workers, clad in black clothes and straw hats, traveled from Lancaster, Pennsylvania's best known Amish area. Belleville is located about 100 miles northwest, where Amish-related tourism is practically nil.

The workers met at 6:30 a.m. By midday, wooden grids covered half the barn. Two hours later, the corrugated tin roof sheltered most workers from an occasional snow squall.

The site was surrounded by pickup trucks, forklifts and horse-drawn buggies.

No one has been arrested in the arson spree, which, in addition to destroying the six barns damaged a seventh and a school house.

The fires killed 172 head of livestock.

State police said Monday that no motive has been established.

The Yoder farm had 31 cattle and 11 horses, including a mare

purchased for \$3,000 just a month ago.

The Amish don't buy insurance, believing that each member of a community should help out in a time of need. The self-sufficient people are noted for their plain dresses, their shunning of modern conveniences and their desire to remain apart from the American mainstream.

Benuel Yoder, 22, said his father had made most of the preparations for spring planting before the fire. The fire set plans back for weeks, he said.

"I don't know what they should do with them when they catch them," he said. "No one should have to go through this."

Editor's note: Contributions to the Big Valley Barn Relief Funda can be sent to Kishacoquillas Valley National Bank, 310 E. Main Street, Belleville, Pa., 17004.

Buhl, Filer businesses join Angus Association

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — DJJ Angus; Filer, JM Miller, Enterprises; Filer, and Jeff and Mary Comer, Buhl are new members of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with over 24,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on nearly 11 million registered Angus.

The association records anc central information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members.

These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association.

Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

Futuristic machine helps Forest Service cut brush

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A mulching machine made in Liechtenstein that resembles something out of "Star Wars" is helping the Forest Service clear brush for tree planting.

Although the machinery is experimental and limited to timber cuts where fire failed to eliminate high brush, the Fernan Range District thinks it could replace slash burning techniques in some instances.

Forest Service spokesman Dave Brown estimated the "Spyder" could replace smoky burns 25 percent of the time. Its use will depend on how much it costs to operate and whether any problems occur.

The Spyder originally was made in Liechtenstein as excavation equipment for steep mountain slopes. It uses two hydraulic arms, a winch and wheels to work its way down slope as steep as 60 percent, Brown said. Conventional heavy equipment like skidders have difficulty on such slopes and do damage to the turf.

Kemp West, a Forest Service contractor in Washington state, built the mulcher for the Spyder's working arm.

The company's work in the ranger district is limited to a 100-acre clearcut timber sale in the Wolf Lodge Creek drainage about five miles each of Coeur d'Alene.

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POCATELLO—Final results of the Dodge National Circuit Rodeo which ended March 21 at Holt Arena.

Barrel Racing—Average: 1. Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., 160, \$2,683; 2. Ken Lensegraw, Rapid City, S.D., 159, \$2,012; 3. Deb Greenough, Helena, Mont., 157, \$1,341; 4. Jeff Collins, Parkville, Mo., 156, \$671. Semifinals: 1. Kent Richard, Iowa, La., 81, \$2,683; 2. Ken Lensegraw, \$2,012; 3. Deb Greenough, 80, \$1,341; 4. Clint Corey, 79, \$671. Finals: 1. Ken Lensegraw, 82, \$2,683; 2. Kent Richard, 81, \$2,012; 3. Clint Corey, 80, \$1,341; 4. Deb Greenough, 79, \$671.

Steer Wrestling—Average: 1. Rod Lyman, Kalispell, Mont., 11.2, \$3,104; 2. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, 11.4, \$1,552; 3. Ron Curran, Trippier, Ore., 13.4, \$1,552; 4. C. Berry, Checotah, Okla., 13.6, \$776. Semifinals: 1. Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, 4.6, \$3,104; 2. Byron Walker, 5.5, \$2,328; 3. Rod Lyman, 5.6, \$1,552; 4. Dale Denton, Henderson, Ky., \$776. Finals: 1. Dale Denton, 4.4, \$3,104; 2. Chad Bedell, 4.6, \$2,328; 3. Byron Walker, 4.9, \$1,552; 4. Rod Lyman, 5.5, \$776.

Team Roping—Average: 1. Dennis Gatz and Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., 13.8, \$1,866 each; 2. Ricky Lauridsen, Erie, Colo., and Wade Masters, Durango, Colo., 14.4, \$1,400; 3. David Motes, Ergan, Calif., and Tom Flenniken, Jr., Atwater, Calif., 15.8, \$934; 4. Mike Skelton, Elletta Texas and Rich Macy, Post, Texas, 15.9, \$467. Semifinals: 1. Dennis Gatz and

Bobby Hurley, 6.5, \$1,866 each; 2. David Motes and Tom Flenniken, Jr., \$1,400; 3. Jon Hamilton, Vian, Okla., and J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla., 6.9, \$933; 4. Ricky Lauridsen and Wade Masters, 7.4, \$467. Finals: 1. Dennis Gatz and Bobby Hurley, 6.2, \$1,866; 2. Jon Hamilton and J.P. Wickett, 12.9, \$1,400; 3. David Motes and Tom Flenniken, Jr., 19.1, \$933; 4. Ricky Lauridsen and Wade Masters, 25.4, \$467.

Saddle Bronc Riding—Average: 1. Billy Etbauer, Rec Heights, S.D., 159, \$2,758; 2. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., 153, \$2,068; 3. Dan Mortensen, Billings, Mont., 152, \$1,034; 4. Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, 152, \$1,034. Semifinals: 1. Billy Etbauer, 87, \$2,758; 2. Greg Cooper, Albion, Idaho, 76, \$2,068; 3. Butch Knowles, Heppner, Ore., 75, \$1,379; 4. Dan Mortensen, 75, \$689. Finals: 1. Billy Etbauer, 86, \$2,758; 2. Kent Cooper, 83, \$2,068; 3. Butch Knowles, 80, \$1,379; 4. Dan Mortensen, 66, \$689.

Calf Roping—Average: 1. Bill Huber, Albion, Iowa, 20.3, \$2,647; 2. K.C. Jones, Pueblo, Colo., 21.5, \$1,994; 3. Keith Hudson, Sonora, Texas, 21.8, \$1,324; 4. Nate Kayser, Centerville, Wash., 22.4, \$662. Semifinals: 1. Dec Pickett, Caldwell, Idaho, 11.4, \$2,647; 2. K.C. Jones, 11.7, \$1,986; 3. Nate Kayser, 12.1, \$1,324; 4. P.T. Tierney, Piedmont, S.D., 12.4, \$662. Finals: 1. Nate Kayser, 9.4, \$2,647; 2. P.T. Tierney, 10.9, \$1,986; 3. Dec Pickett, 12.0, \$1,324; 4. K.C. Jones, 18.8, \$662.

Barrel Racing—Average: 1. Carolee Rex, Woodruff, Utah, 31.03, \$2,815; 2. Kristie Peterson, Elbert, Colo., 31.33, \$2,112; 3. Teri



DOUG LINDLEY/The Idaho State Journal

Bruce Ford of Kersey, Colo., scores a 60 on 'Sheep Wagon' at the Dodge National Circuit Rodeo last week in Pocatello.

Martinez, Tucson, Ariz., 31.40, \$1,408; 4. Sue Rogers, Norco, Colo., 31.63, \$704. Semifinals: 1. Gale Beebe, Custer, S.D., 15.46, \$2,815; 2. Carolee Rex, 15.52, \$2,112; 3. Kristie Peterson, 15.53, \$1,408; 4. Donna Kennedy-Evatt, Texas, 15.65, \$704. Finals: 1. Kristie Peterson, 15.51, \$2,815; 2.

Donna Kennedy, 15.78, \$2,112; 3. Carolee Rex, 19.09, \$1,408; 4. Gale Beebe, 20.09, \$704.

Bull Riding—Average: 1. Cody Custer, Wickensburg, Ariz., 183, \$2,782; 2. Jim Sharp, Kermitt, Texas, 170, \$2,087; 3. Casey Gates, Brookings, S.D., 166, \$1,391; 4. Mike Erickson, Choctaw, Okla., 159, \$696. Semifinals: 1. Mike Erickson, 79, \$2,782; 2. Cody Custer, 0, \$2,087; 3. Jim Sharp, 0, \$1,391; 4. Casey Gates, 0, \$696. Finals: 1. Cody Custer, 91, \$2,782; 2. Jim Sharp, 88, \$2,087; 3. Mike Erickson, 0, \$1,391; 4. Casey Gates, 0, \$696.

Thank You

I would like to thank the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame Board of Directors and Advisory Committee for the honor that they bestowed upon me. Not only is this a great honor, but an extra honor to be the first auctioneer to be inducted in the 33 years that this event has been held.

To my many friends and family for their work and support in working up a presentation for the board, and for their attendance at the banquet, it was all greatly appreciated.

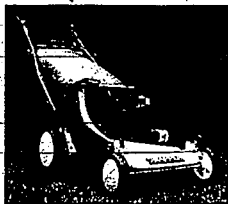
A special thank-you to Buhl Beta Sigma Phi Chapter for the corsages, the Times-News and Ag Weekly for flowers and pictures, and to the Top Hat Tappers for their unexpected appearance.

For the many cards, congratulations, and salutations that were received from the entire community of Southern Idaho, I again thank you.

I am very proud of being a Southern Idaho Hall of Fame inductee for the year of 1992, and even prouder to be a resident of this great community that we all call "The Magic Valley." Thanks to everybody, I will cherish this for the rest of my life.

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'Dinner' in, 'real people' out of beef ad campaign

By George Lazarus
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Where's the beef? Try the dinner table.

The focus is clearly on beef consumption at the evening meal in Leo Burnett Co.'s initial campaign for new client the Beef Industry Council, a media effort that will surface the week of May 18.

The new pitch: "Beef. It's what's for dinner." Scrapped was, "Beef. Real food for real people."

The beef council, a promotional arm of the Chicago-based National Livestock and Meat Board, hasn't run any national advertising since October, primarily because the

account was up for review. Burnett won a multiagency competition.

About 80 percent of beef consumption is at dinner, so the client and the agency have geared up to promote for that meal.

However, the council hopes its efforts will have a "halo effect" at other times as well.

Monica Eorgoff, the council's director of advertising, said that spending in advertising media will be about \$42 million for a 17-month period beginning in May and ending in September 1993.

TV commercials - network, prime-time, daytime and cable - kick off the campaign in May, followed by magazine advertising in July or August.

"We'll have a pretty healthy magazine schedule," Eorgoff said.

The new campaign from Burnett, which beat out incumbent Ketchum Advertising in San Francisco; GSD&M Advertising in Austin, Texas; and DDB Needham in Chicago, will portray the versatility of beef.

The council has its work cut out, even though the decline in beef consumption has flattened. Competition from other foods, especially chicken and seafood, has increased.

Amazingly, while beef and other meats may bother consumers because of fat and cholesterol, what people say and what they do are different things.

Data show that consumers concerned with fat and cholesterol ate 47 percent more fish last year and 8 percent less beef than those who aren't concerned. However, according to NPD Group's National Eating Trends, health-conscious consumers ate beef 81 times during 1991 - more than any other protein - topping chicken and fish, which were consumed 56 and 47 times, respectively.

While there's been an advertising hiatus from the council, the impact of previous advertising is residual. A number of consumers still recall celebrities James Garner and Cybill Shepherd hyping beef consumption in commercials that ran several years ago.

Wolf reintroduction study to start

HELENA, Mont. - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will begin the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the reintroduction of the gray wolf to Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho.

Congress directed the preparation of the EIS in cooperation with the National Park Service and the USDA Forest Service with draft completion by mid-May 1993.

"Wolf recovery and management are very polarized, controversial, and emotional issues involving people in virtually all segments of the public," said Galen Buterbaugh, regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The EIS starts a formal process that is used to make decisions about Federal actions in a logical step-by-step manner.

An EIS requires full public review and participation. Involvement

of all segments of the public in the decision-making process is extremely important because wolves and their management involve widely differing and strongly held public values and opinions.

Ed Bangs, project leader of the Gray Wolf EIS in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office in Helena, said the EIS will evaluate a full range of alternatives and will be based on extensive public involvement.

Firefighters, wheat growers view weather differently

SPOKANE (AP) - A warm winter in Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho has helped grain farmers, but could be bad news for firefighters.

In the Inland Northwest, temperatures during the winter that ended Friday averaged seven degrees higher than normal.

Grain farmers who suffered losses from a severe freeze in the 1990-91 winter had better luck this past season, said Bob Quinn, weather and meteorology professor at Eastern Washington University.

"With no snow cover in the farmlands, we could have been set up for a real bad freeze," Quinn said. "But that didn't happen and so it's helped a lot of these farmers. They have fewer erosion problems and winter

wheat and a lot of these dryland crops are in beautiful shape.

However, the region's mountain snowpack is at 70 to 80 percent of normal. If precipitation doesn't pick up, water levels in rivers, streams and lakes could be low this summer.

The snow shortage prompted Idaho and Montana forest officials to bring extra crews to Washington, but the Washington Department of Natural Resources isn't declaring a crisis yet.

"Last year, we had a real wet spring, so that could happen again," said Eric Martensen, a DNR fire control forester. "And it will dry out in August anyway, so it doesn't do any good predicting what's going to happen now."

Gem cooperatives share Cenex profits

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Cenex member cooperatives in Idaho will share in the record \$11.1 million in cash patronage distributed by the regional cooperative this month.

Checks totaling \$433,307 were mailed to 21 Idaho cooperatives which did business with the St.

Paul Minn.-based Cenex during its 1991 fiscal year. Patronage refunds vary by cooperative based on the amount and type of business they transact with Cenex.

The cooperatives also earned preferred stock totalling \$1,732,946 for 1991.

In addition to the overall distribution

of \$11.1 million cash to its member cooperatives in more than 15 states, Cenex issued \$44.6 million in preferred stock. The total \$55.7 million patronage refund is the result of record 1991 Cenex performance which included net income of \$60.5 million on sales of \$1.7 billion.

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Alfalfa, pea budget

Idaho Extension Service

TWIN FALLS - This enterprise budget shows typical costs of establishing alfalfa hay with pea seed in southcentral Idaho.

The production practices used in this budget most closely represent those in Gooding, Jerome, and Twin Falls counties.

The land charge is a cash rent and covers fixed costs (depreciation, interest, taxes, and insurance) on the irrigation system.

What your alfalfa will cost to produce:

Variable Costs			
	Cost per acre	Amount per acre	Cost
Preharvest			
Cert. pea seed 0-45-0	\$1.30/lb	140 lbs	\$18.20
Custom fertlize Alfalfa seed	\$5./acre	80 lbs.	\$8.80
	\$2.50/lb	15 lbs.	\$3.75
Treflan 4EC	\$8.20/qt.	1 qt.	\$8.20
Custom ground-spray	\$6./acre		\$ 6
Malathion	\$5./gal.	.50 qt.	\$2.50
Air spray	\$8.75/acre		\$8.75
Water assessment	\$27/acre		\$27
Machinery	\$10.71/acre		\$10.71
Tractors	\$7.89/acre		\$7.89
Irrig. elect. repairs	\$39.04/acre		\$39.04
Labor - tractor	\$8.75/hour	1.97 hrs.	\$17.21
Labor - Irrigation	\$8.25/hr.	1.92 hrs.	\$15.84
Interest on op. cap.	\$1.11/60l.	\$69.27/acre	\$7.62
Subtotal, pre-harvest			\$214.42
Harvest costs			
Custom combine	\$30/acre		\$30.00
Custom stack	\$5/ton	1.5 tons	\$7.50
Machinery	\$17.48/acre		\$17.48
Tractors	\$3.48/acre		\$3.48
Labor - tractor	\$8.75/hour	1.54 hrs.	\$13.45
Subtotal, harvest			\$71.90
Fixed Costs			
Machinery	\$42.09/acre		\$42.09
Tractors	\$20.03/acre		\$20.03
Land net rent	\$120/acre		\$120
Overhead	\$7.90/acre		\$7.90
Total fixed cost			\$190.02
Total cost			\$478.33

What you'll get for your alfalfa:

Gross Receipts			
	Value	Yield	Total Product
Peas	\$12.50/cwt	25 cwt.	\$312.50
Alfalfa hay	\$65/ton	1.50 ton	\$97.50
Total			\$410.00

What you'll have left over after expenses:

Returns to risk and management		\$-66.33
Income above variable costs		\$123.69
Break-even prices if 25 tons of peas are produced:		
To cover preharvest variable inputs		\$4,677
To cover fixed inputs		\$3,701
To cover all costs except risk		\$15,153

Disaster relief for farmers may be just pennies on the dollar

WASHINGTON (AP) - Struggling farmers may get only pennies on the dollar when the government makes out disaster payments for crops destroyed by two years of record floods, drought and violent storms from the orchards of Michigan to the fields of the Mississippi Delta.

The Agriculture Department has just \$995 million to divide among producers with losses in 1990 or 1991. That means USDA will have to prorate payments among eligible producers.

Estimates of what farmers can expect range from 10 cents to 50 cents for every dollar lost. Many observers believe the checks, which should be mailed in mid-April, will be close to 30 cents on the dollar.

"Agriculture producers are rightly complaining that the disaster program is a disaster," said Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

USDA will begin tallying up the losses after farmers submit the last

of their paperwork, which is due Friday.

California, the top farm state, experienced a fifth straight year of drought by 1991. Citrus orchards and winter vegetable crops were damaged by a winter freeze in late 1990.

Record floods last year in East Texas and the Mississippi Delta washed catfish right out of their ponds and damaged wheat crops across the region.

Hot, dry weather withered the peanut crop in the Southeast in 1990, as it did to corn, soybeans and wheat from the mid-Atlantic to Illinois a year later. Frost, hail and thunderstorms battered Michigan's fruit orchards.

"Farmers tell me the program is too little, too late, and it may be

tuning into a sad joke," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas. "Clearly more than \$995 million is going to be needed to meet the needs of all farmers across the country."

Bentsen said he's worried that

farmers may see only a dime's worth of relief for every dollar of damages. In Texas, farmers lost \$618 million on just three crops - cotton, corn and sorghum.

He called on President Bush to release \$775 million more that was authorized by Congress last year.

Congress had sought to spend about \$1.75 billion for disaster aid on 1990 and 1991 crops, but Bush opposed anything over \$1 billion.

Administration officials contend the \$775 million is supposed to be used, in part, for losses in 1992, so the money can't be spent when the year is far from over.

"A lot of people are anxious to get their hands on anything," said Tom Giessel, a Larned, Kan., farmer and vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union.

"Agriculture here is in a depression, not a recession. It's like a starving person, anything to eat will look good, even if it is old and rotten."

U.S. to leave sugar group in '92

Knight-Ridder Financial News

after the current agreement expires," he said.

GENEVA - The United States has announced its intention to quit the International Sugar Organization as of the end of this year, U.N. officials said last week.

The officials, at the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), said the United States made its intentions known late last Friday after rejecting a new three-year international sugar agreement.

The current sugar agreement, administered by the London-based ISO, expires Dec. 31.

"The new agreement to come into force next Jan. 1 is basically the same, although there are a few minor changes," a UNCTAD official said.

"As before, there are no economic provisions such as floor and ceiling prices and price-stabilizing mechanisms, although there is a reference to needs to protect the environment," the official said.

"But the U.S., in a formal note handed in to the Conference Secretary says that it was 'with considerable sadness' that it could not accept the new agreement and would not remain a member of the ISO

after the current agreement expires," he said.

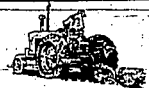
The United States was totally isolated at the 63-nation sugar conference held last week under UNCTAD auspices. It wanted the ISO to be diluted to a "study group" and also wanted financial contribu-

tions to be readjusted - the United States is currently paying 10 percent of the ISO's \$2.7 billion annual budget.

U.S. officials had no comment except to note the United States traditionally opposes "commodity arrangements."

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12/Cattle report

Despite more production, fed cattle remain strong

Kansas Extension Service

MANHATTAN - The markets were looking for an early 1992 fed cattle price increase. But the size of the rally has taken them by surprise.

Since Christmas, western Kansas weekly average fed cattle prices have risen more than 12 percent.

"No one expected that, because beef and competing meat production has been so likely to remain above year-ago levels," said James Mintzer, livestock marketing economist, Kansas State University Cooperative Extension Service.

"Now, however, I suspect we'll see fed cattle prices in the upper \$70s per hundred-weight (cwt), through the first half of the spring quarter. Daily prices above \$80 will be possible; however, given expected meat production levels, they shouldn't stay there long. And by the middle of the spring quarter, prices should be into a seasonal decline that takes them to the low \$70s by June."

Since last fall, the industry has been showing a shift in marketing rates (monthly fed cattle marketings, as a percentage of the month's beginning on-fed inventory). By the start of 1992, that rate was more than 9 percent higher than the previous January's, Mintzer said.

"The shift should continue through the spring quarter and won't approach the five-year average," he added.

"That would mean this year's first quarter

marketings could exceed the year-ago pace, despite a smaller on-fed inventory. April-June marketings could equal 1991's."

Average daily federally inspected slaughter was almost 2 percent above last year's in January. It then dropped about 1.5 percent below 1991's in February, largely due to cow and calf slaughter declines.

At the same time, however, average beef slaughter was about 2 percent above last year's levels, Mintzer said. In turn, average daily beef production was 4 percent greater in January. And dressed weights, offset February's slaughter decline, keeping beef production about the same as 1991's.

"Weights are likely to decrease seasonally into summer," he said. "But they should remain above last year's through the first half of '92."

These trends, mostly, are the result of a sharp change in average placement weights, the economist said. Last year, placements included a large number of relatively lightweight calves.

This year, placements have a much larger percentage of heavier, yearling weight cattle.

So, marketing rates have increased, despite on-fed inventory decreases. Since January, the number of cattle in feedlots in the seven major cattle-feding states has been up to 8.5 percent below 1991 levels, Mintzer said.

U.S. takes aim at Japan market

Knight-Ridder Financial News

TOKYO - The US beef industry is aiming to increase exports to Japan in fiscal 1992-93 (Apr-Mar), the second year of liberalization of the Japanese imported beef market, the president of US Meat Export Federation said last week.

Speaking in Osaka, Philip Seng said the US beef industry expects to total 200,000 metric tons of beef to Japan this coming fiscal year, up 30 percent from a year ago.

Of the total, the industry is aiming to increase its exports of chilled beef by 70 percent to 75,000 metric tons from 44,000, and frozen beef by 13.6 percent to 125,000 metric tons, he said.

Seng said he was not concerned that US beef exports to Japan dropped 2 percent in the previous fiscal year. Japan imported a total of 157,000 metric tons of US beef in fiscal 1990-91 and 154,000 metric tons in fiscal 1991-92.

"Rather, I am encouraged that total Japanese beef consumption increased by 8 percent over the past year," Seng said.

In fiscal 1991-92, Japan imported a total of 353,000 metric tons of beef, down from 365,000 metric tons in fiscal 1990-91.

Seng added Japan's pork imports increased this fiscal year by 15 percent from a year earlier.

He predicted the US pork industry will export 55,000-60,000 metric tons to Japan in this fiscal year.

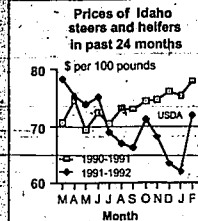
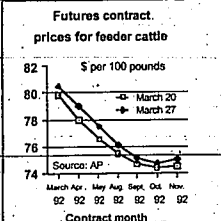
Magic Valley beef steer prices last week

	400-600 lb.	600-800 lb.
Burley	\$84-102	\$72-83.50
Jerome	Under 400 lb. 400-500 lb. 500-600 lb.	600-700 lb. 700-800 lb.
Twinn	\$103-115 \$90-101 \$83-95	\$79-86 \$75-76.50 \$74-79.25

Other prices and slaughter numbers

National Stockyards, Ill. 400-600 lb.	\$83-95
National wholesale beef price	\$117.52
Weekly slaughter at gov. inspected plants	\$469,000

All prices per 100 pounds. Sources: USDA and sale yards



Gem red meat production increases 3% in February

BOISE - Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for February 1992 totaled 37.0 million pounds, up 3 percent from last year, according to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service.

February production showed a 3 percent decrease from January's 38.0 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-February 1992 period equaled 75.0 million pounds, 1 percent below 1991.

Red meat production for the United States in February 1992 totaled 3.09 billion pounds, 5 percent above a year earlier. Beef production totaled 1.71 billion pounds. This was up 1 percent from a year earlier. Head kill totaled 2.44 million, down 1 percent. The average live-weight increased 11 pounds to 1,173. Veal production at 25.0 million pounds was down 3

percent. Calf slaughter totaled 113,000 head, down 8 percent.

The average live-weight increased 28 pounds to 374. Pork production at 1.33 billion pounds was up 10 percent from last year. The average live-weight increased 2 pounds to 252. Lamb and mutton production at 28.0 million pounds was down 6 percent from last year. Slaughter totaled 436,300 head, down 5 percent. The average live-weight decreased 1 pound to 128.

January-February red meat production was 6.71 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the comparable period a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was up 2 percent while veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 10 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 5 percent.

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U.S. ice cream exports zoom; Japan leads way

WASHINGTON (AP) — It seems the whole world is screaming for U.S. ice cream.

Whether the current rage in London is mocha almond fudge, or the preference in Tokyo is just plain vanilla, the growing internationalism of the U.S. ice cream industry has been phenomenal over the past several years, USDA's Agricultural Trade Highlights reports.

Foreign sales have increased at least tenfold since 1985 and more than quadrupled since 1989, to a total of some \$41 million worth of U.S. ice cream exports last year, according to an article in the publication. A Foreign Agricultural Service analysis "indicates this pace of growth will continue, with ice cream becoming a \$100-million export by the mid-1990s."

Most of the gain appears to have come at the expense of the European Community, its chief competitor in ice cream sales and the competitor that remains in first place.

From 1988 to 1991, EC exports fell from 51 percent to 44 percent of the world total, while the U.S. export share rose from 13 percent to 27 percent.

The United States has virtually no EC competition in two of the most promising ice cream markets — Japan and Mexico.

"Rising income levels in the Pacific Rim have made the East Asian economies

'Rising Income' levels in the Pacific Rim have made the East Asian economies strong markets for all high-value frozen dairy products, especially ice cream.'

— USDA

strong markets for all high-value frozen dairy products, especially ice cream," according to the article.

Japan recently became the largest foreign market for U.S. ice cream. Exports to Japan doubled in value last year to exceed \$9.9 million.

One reason for the keen appetite for the U.S. product, the article contends, is that "most Japanese ice cream is made from butterfat and milk powder, rather than fresh milk and cream."

While Europe appears to be a growing market for U.S. ice cream, the trend may not be long-lived.

"With the EC's move toward political and economic unity in 1993, some U.S. companies are concerned that 'Fortress Europe' may hinder U.S. ice cream sales," the article says.

Federal milk market orders

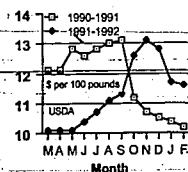
	Great Basin	Southwest Idaho-Eastern Oregon
Class I (March)	\$13.61	\$13.21
Class II (March)	\$11.04	\$11.04
Class III (Feb.)	\$11.21	\$11.21
Weighted average	\$12.57	\$11.74

Other prices

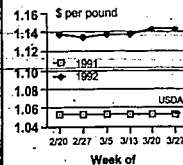
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Prices to Idaho dairies for all milk in past 24 months



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



Braden 'bottle' helps calves, researchers say

University of Idaho

PARIS, Idaho — Most parents worry about getting youngsters off the bottle, but two University of Idaho dairy experts are far more interested in getting them on it.

If the results from one southeastern Idaho dairy herd are typical, dairy calves will soon be belying up to the bottle — the Braden bottle, that is.

UI Extension dairy specialist Richard Norell, with Bear Lake County Extension agricultural agent Joel Packham, spent last spring monitoring the feed intake of calves using both the Braden bottles and traditional feed buckets.

Although it was hard to discern a difference based on physical appearance, the researchers found the bottle-fed calves were substantially heavier than their bucket-fed counterparts at the end of the 12-week study — heart-girth measurements were used as the comparison between the two feeding methods.

"I got really discouraged in the middle of the study," Bear Lake County dairyman Larry Eborn said, "but when we got putting the data together we were surprised they had grown so much." The study was done on Eborn's Bear Lake County herd.

At the end of the study, conduct-

ed on 15 calves, those calves that had been fed with Braden bottles had a heart girth measurement 1.2 inches larger than calves fed with buckets.

The calves on Braden bottles were also about 12 pounds heavier at the 12-week mark than their bucket-fed counterparts. Norell said starter intakes averaged 37.6 pounds for bucket-fed calves compared with 47.8 pounds for those on the Braden bottles.

"Advertisements for the bottles promised to get calves on starter at an earlier age and increase starter intake," Norell explained. "So it was our objective to see if these two things really happened."

Those trials will be repeated this spring with a herd in Bannock County. Packham said after the study is replicated, researchers may be able to make recommendations to Idaho dairy producers.

"Right now it looks promising..." Dairy producers interested in trying the bottles can expect to see feed costs rise due to increased feed consumption, Norell said.

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14/Lamb and hog report

Pork prices begin year below those of last year

Kansas State University

MANHATTAN - Retail pork price started the year 8 percent below 1991 levels.

"Even so, pork prices haven't been falling as fast as hog prices," said James Mintert, livestock marketing economist for Kansas State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

Supply increases are spurring both declines, he said. In addition, however, the spread between live hog and retail pork prices has been widening.

"Retail prices should continue to fall. But this year's marketing-margin-is-likely to stay wider than last year's, due to the sheer volume of hog slaughter," Mintert warned.

So far, discussions about a possible sale to the Commonwealth of Independent States have not provided any substantial pork price support, the economist said.

"If you assume an average dressed carcass weight of 183 pounds, the 30,000 tons of pork they're talking about translate into about 328,000 head - less than one day's kill at recent levels," he pointed out. "That won't have much effect on prices unless it becomes obvious the CIS will be a consistent market."

The first quarter's average daily U.S. hog slaughter probably will end up 8 to 9

percent larger than 1991's, he said. Sow slaughter will be an unusually large part of that.

By early February, the weekly sow kill was up 20 percent.

"That suggests some breeding herd liquidation is occurring. Still, it isn't enough to herald a major liquidation," Mintert said.

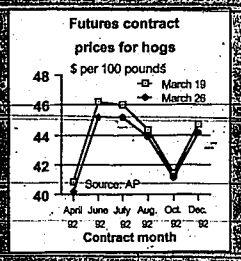
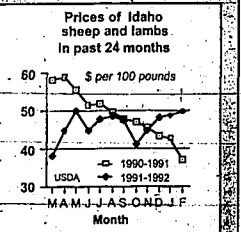
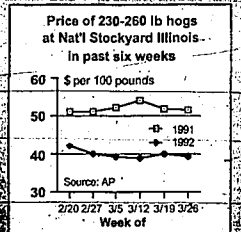
In the near term, at least, cold storage stocks will continue to add further price pressure, he said.

At the end of January, those stocks added up to almost 350 million pounds of pork, nearly 36 percent more than the year-earlier total.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's next quarterly "Hog and Pigs" report, expected to be released late Friday, should help refine forecasts for the rest of 1992, Mintert said.

"I suspect it will indicate the remainder of this year's slaughter will be larger forecast on the basis of the December report," he said.

Still, Mintert expects cash hog prices to weaken seasonally in April and then strengthen through May and early June. Omaha barrow and gilt prices could average in the upper \$30s per hundredweight for April, but reach the low to mid \$40 range per hundred pounds halfway through the spring quarter.



	Fat lambs	Feeder lambs	Ewes
Burley	no test	no test	no test
Twin Falls	\$56-59	\$58-62	\$2-23
Burley	\$38-41	\$38.50-40.50	
Twin Falls	\$35-38	\$38-40	

All prices per 100 pounds

Lamb, wool workshop slated

DENVER, Colo. - Sheep producers from across the nation will converge on Denver June 5-6 for the first National Lamb and Wool Promotion Workshop sponsored by the American Sheep Industry Association.

At the workshop, sheep producers will cover aspects of promoting their product including designing display materials that promote effective taste samplings, learning to sell, fair events that work for the industry, working with retailers, project planning, im-

age development and wool promotions. Also, participants will have the opportunity to share with attendees the promotional materials that their state has put together in a trade show which will showcase their efforts.

On the national level, participants will have the opportunity to learn about current ASI promotional efforts, what is working and why the promotional efforts are directed the way they currently are.

Also, participants will be encouraged to brainstorm in small groups in an effort to develop a bank of ideas for lamb and wool promotions.

Pork council alleges threat

Knight-Ridder Financial News

KANSAS CITY - The National Pork Producers Council said last week an individual posing as a Commodity Futures Trading Commission official threatened NPPC members in an effort to suppress information about efforts to ship US pork to the former USSR.

NPPC decided to release evidence supporting its claim to exchange officials and the CFTC after recent allegations that the NPPC-manipulated the markets.

Periodic statements from the NPPC about the status of possible U.S. pork shipments to the Commonwealth of Independent States rallied Chicago Mercantile Exchange live hog and pork belly futures.

Russ Sanders, NPPC executive vice president, declined to reveal the exact nature of the evidence turned over to the CFTC and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. However, Sanders said the individual claiming to be a CFTC official said the regulatory agency would bring charges against the NPPC because the announcements were "something grossly illegal."



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The NPPC has vigorously maintained that none of the group's employees or members used those announcements to benefit financially. Sanders said the individual identified himself as the CFTC's chief enforcement officer and "maliciously harassed" several NPPC staff members since November.

Sanders claimed the individual, who was not identified, threatened to file civil and criminal lawsuits against NPPC staffers if they continued to make announcements about efforts to send U.S. pork to the CIS.

The NPPC has stated it was prepared to take appropriate legal action against those who have impugned the integrity of the group. Sanders maintained he received no official contact from the CFTC or CME about the possible impropriety of his organization's announcements.

No need to prewater

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

KIMBERLY - The unseasonably warm, dry weather has farmers out in the fields getting a jump on spring work.

Dave Carter, director of the USDA's Agricultural Research Center in Kimberly, says bean growers are better off enjoying the sunshine for now.

"Farmers get too anxious, particularly in a spring like this," Carter said. "They should let things sit there and give their equipment a rest."

Tradition, Carter said, leads many farmers into the field for unnecessary tillage runs before the beans are planted. It also prompts farmers to irrigate bean acres before planting, another practice Carter said he has found unproductive.

"We've had a least a dozen trials where we planted them dry and watered them up," the USDA soil and water scientist said. "We've never had any problems."

Carter said his views aren't popular with all farmers because the breaks from tradition. But his research shows that the preplant watering and numerous trips over the field with tillage equipment doesn't increase yields and does increase soil erosion.

And it's not just bean farmers who could alter their farming practices, he said.

The importance of conserving water increases in drought years. Many canal companies and irrigation districts in the Magic Valley are facing water shortages this year

because of prolonged drought conditions. Skipping a preplant irrigation could save enough water for two additional applications on the bean crop after it's up, Carter said.

"It could surely mean the difference of making a crop or not in short water areas," he said.

Carter recommends minimal tillage applications on acres rotated into beans this year from a wheat or barley crop. Leaving residue keeps prevents residue for being blown away by wind or washed away by water, he said.

"If they're going to be planting beans following a cereal, they shouldn't be plowing that residue down," Carter said.

The grain stubble should be disked and the soil tilled only enough to apply needed pre-season herbicides, he said. Then farmers should wait for a weather forecast in mid-May predicting warm weather, plant their beans and irrigate. The beans should be up in five days and ready for regular watering the rest of the season with no production loss, he said.

As for erosion control, Carter said preplant irrigation is a major culprit of washing soil out of fields. Because the soil has been loosened by tillage, more water than usual is needed to make sure ground at the end of the furrow gets wet, he said.

"To do that you need a big stream at the upper end," he said. The stream pushes soil out of the fields, he said.

"If they just do minimum tillage, they don't have that problem. They can get the water down to the end of the furrows much easier," Carter said.

Bean prices

Prices received by farmers

Idaho	Pintos \$14-15	Great Northerns \$14	Reds \$17	Pinks \$14	Small whites \$15-
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Prices received by dealers

Idaho	Pintos \$19	Great Northerns \$19.50	Reds \$25	Pinks \$19.50-20.50	Small whites \$22
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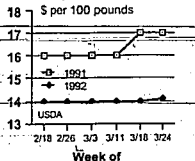
Prices elsewhere

Pinto Beans:
N.E. Colorado \$13.50; Western Colorado \$14; Kansas \$14; Nebraska, Wyoming \$13.50; N. Dakota, Minnesota \$12.

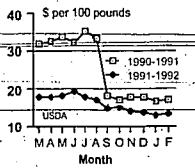
Other Beans:
Small reds, Washington \$20; Great Northerns, Nebraska Wyoming \$13.50-14.

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 pinto-bean farmers in past six weeks



Prices received by Idaho bean farmers in past 24 months



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16/Wheat report

USDA announces '92 program common provisions

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation has announced common provisions for the 1992 commodity programs for wheat and feed grains. The provisions are:

1. A 40 percent advance cash payment for the 1992-95 crops.

2. The estimated deficiency and advance payment rates for the 1992 crops are:

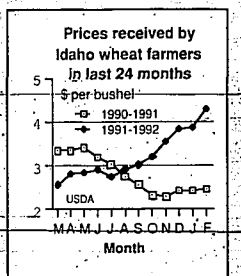
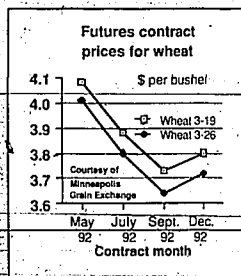
	Estimated Deficiency Payment Rate	Advanced Payment Rate
Wheat (bu)	65 cents	26 cents
Corn (bu)	48 cents	19.2 cents
Barley (bu)	35 cents	14 cents
Oats (bu)	15 cents	6 cents

The 0-50/92 provisions continue to be available at the discretion of producers. The above estimated deficiency payment rates are the minimum guaranteed payment rates for producers participating in the 0/92 (wheat and feed grains) and 50/92 (upland cotton) programs.

Corn and sorghum permitted acreage will be combined. The planting mix between these crops is at the producer's discretion. Planting history for corn and sorghum will be prorated based on the current year-crop acreage base (CAB) ratio. Program payments will be based on applicable payment acreage associated with each corn and sorghum CAB, not on current year plantings.

- Dry peas (limited to Austrian peas, wrinkled seed, green, yellow and uniailla) and lentils may be planted on acreage up to 20 percent of a wheat and feed grains CAB. Such acreage will be considered as planted to the program crop for planting history purposes.

Wheat prices	
Koch Agri Services, Rupert	\$3.75
Koch Agri Services, Bliss	\$3.89
Reed Grain, Buhl	\$3.68
1992 new crop Sept.	\$3.12
Rangen, Buhl	\$3.70
Wendell Elevator	\$3.82
Western Stockman, MV	\$3.92
1992 new crop Aug.	\$3.32
Prices elsewhere	
Ogden	\$4.10
Pocatello	\$3.94
Portland	\$4.54
Quoted Friday morning	
Dollars per bushel soft white	



- Crops prohibited on the 1992 flexible acreage will be the same as those prohibited in 1991, except that mung beans will be allowed on flexible acreage.
- Planting of oats for harvest on ACR under the wheat and feed grain programs will not be permitted.
- Harvesting of conserving crops on ACR will not be permitted.
- Production of black-eyed peas for donation will not be allowed on cotton ACR and CU acreage.
- Malting barley will not be exempted from acreage reduction requirements for the 1992 crop of barley.
- Malting barley contract prices will con-

tinue to be included in estimates of the malting barley price used to calculate the malting barley assessment rate.

The malting barley assessment will continue to be based on the state average price when available and, if not available, on the

national average price.

As announced earlier, program signup will end April 17. Additional information may be obtained at county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Trade deal upsets Gem growers

BOISE (AP) - The chairman of the Idaho Wheat Commission blasted the U.S. Department of Agriculture for rejecting India's request for 37 million bushels of wheat.

Jerry Kress said the Bush Administration cared less for American farmers and more for Cuban expatriate voters during the Florida primaries when it turned down India for

the federal Export Enhancement Program.

The Agriculture Department had said India was ineligible for the program because it isn't a traditional market for U.S. wheat and that India had planned to ship rice to Cuba.

That shipment was cancelled, but the agency said even consideration of such a deal was grounds for rejecting their request.

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Grain and forage report/17

Economist says good weather bad for corn prices

AgriData News Service

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — "Farmers will be facing a weaker market this year," says Bill Hurt, Purdue University agricultural economist. "The price of corn alone could vary by \$1.50 per bushel to \$1.80 per bushel at harvest—depending on growing conditions."

With normal yields, the nation could produce 8.3 billion bushels to 8.5 billion bushels of corn. "If that happens, corn prices could sag to \$2.20 per bushel at harvest," said Hurt. "But if production drops below 7 billion bushels due to weather problems, prices could rise up to \$4 per bushel because of relatively low carryover stock and high usage levels."

"A lot of acreage is set to go into corn production," said Chris Hurt, also a Purdue agricultural economist. "Indiana farmers may plant about 6.2 million acres of corn. There could be 11 million total acres planted to corn, soybeans and wheat in Indiana this year."

That's up significantly from 10 million acres planted in 1987. That year, farm programs required larger amounts of crop acreage to be set aside. Statewide, Indiana farmers could normally plant about 12 million acres to cash crops, not including forages.

The larger acreage for 1992 is due to lower set-aside acres, according to Hurt. In 1987, government program participation required set-asides of 20 percent of the corn base and 27 percent of the wheat base. This year only 5 percent of the base is required to be set aside for program participation.

With corn acreage up, normal weather

could have a dismal impact on corn prices this fall. That could cut billions from farm incomes across the country. For example, in Indiana the 1992 corn crop could be worth \$2 billion to the state's economy. But weather this spring and summer could change that figure by \$500 million—plus or minus.

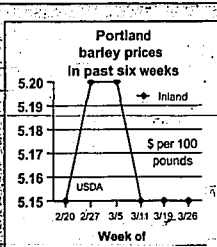
"As we talk to farmers across the state, we hear a lot of concern about financial stability," said Hurt. "Last year's dry weather cut yields in Indiana, but because national yields did not drop significantly, prices didn't make up for lost production. Many farmers across the state are still hurting from that lost income."

"In some cases, farmers are surviving by not replacing older machinery. It's like any of us who drive a car a few extra years. We still have to pay for upkeep, but we avoid the large sum of buying a new car," he said.

"Because many farmers continue to live off the depreciation of machinery and equity, such as land, the economist noted that cash rents, a major cost component for many farmers, are expected to remain stable for 1992."

Lower interest rates may benefit some farmers who have the opportunity to refinance debts. While crop income depends a great deal on weather, livestock income may be more dependent on the general economy and livestock supplies.

"Income prospects for Indiana hog producers doesn't look good for 1992," said Hurt. "Average hog prices for Indiana will be about \$40 per hundredweight, and break-even prices will average a couple of dollars higher than that. Farmers who have even higher break-even costs will be liquidating breeding herds this year, which only will add to downward pressure on prices."



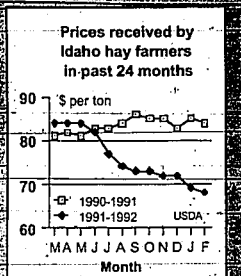
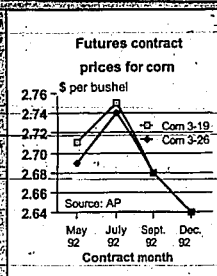
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Prices elsewhere

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Pocahontas	\$4.85
Portland	\$5.15

Quoted Friday morning
Dollars per 100 pounds barley



USDA creates inspection agency to cut costs, improve service

Knight-Ridder Financial News

WASHINGTON — Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan announced last week that USDA will create a new money-saving service to inspect grain as part of efforts to cut "unnecessary" regulation.

The new Commercial Inspection Service would use USDA-licensed private inspectors, providing a more flexible inspection system for farmers and grain elevators, Madigan said while announcing the plan.

He said it would save the agency \$350,000 to \$2.2 million a year.

The inspection change is part of a broad Bush administration regulatory review, unveiled in the president's January State of the Union address, to streamline regulations viewed as costly and anti-business. White House economic advisers Michael Boskin said that the regulations involved are "a drag on the economy."

Madigan said USDA will undertake 13 steps that should save the agency \$1 billion annually, reduce internal paperwork, and improve service.

Other USDA changes an-

nounced today include a 1-year delay on implementation of the agency's new meat and poultry nutrient labeling plan. The plan, originally slated for May 1993, will now go into effect in May 1994, saving USDA \$210 million, Madigan said.

Small businesses would be exempt from the new labeling requirement, Madigan said.

However, USDA plans to take at least 3 months to review how it

will define "small businesses" before releasing a list of eligibility criteria; a USDA aide said.

Other USDA regulatory changes include plans to issue more "debit cards" to the poor instead of the more-expensive food stamps, to reform the application process for family farmers requesting Farmers Home Administration loans, and to expedite Forest Service land management decisions, Madigan said.

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18/Other crops

Utah's only winery faces uncertain future

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The proprietor of Utah's sole winery, a fledgling enterprise that supports 15 tiny vineyards amid the sage and cedar of southeastern Utah, needed a \$12,000 annual tax break to reach profitability.

But Gov. Norm Bangertner may have delivered a reluctant coup de grace to Arches Vineyards by vetoing legislation halving the markup the state assesses on all wine and spirits sold in Utah.

Worst of all, winery owner Anja Bradford said last week, it looked as though the bill would easily clear the governor's office — right up until his veto on March 17.

"It was a shocking blow," said Bradford. "We're back at square one. Right now we're grieving."

Arches Vineyard, a few miles south of the mountain-biking mecca of Moab, began operating in 1989 when Bradford, her husband Allen and novice wine-maker Ted Telford bottled their first wine.

Now, the winery produces 7,000 gallons a year in vintages ranging from chardonnay

'Wine in Utah? Everyone says that. That's the big pull for tourists coming into the tasting room. That works in our favor.'

— Ted Telford, Arches Vineyard

to zinfandel from Utah-grown grapes.

That Utah even has a winery is astonishing to visitors, considering the state's abstemious Mormon heritage. "Wine in Utah? Everyone says that," Telford said. "That's the big pull for tourists coming into the tasting room. That works in our favor."

And he said the wines' distinctive character — Telford describes it as an "earthy, minerally-flavor" — also plays well with

wine lovers. Arches Vineyards is the sole buyer of grapes that have been grown in southeastern Utah since 1972, when the state began encouraging growers to plant crops that would survive the hot summers and bitter cold winters in the arid foothills of the La

Sal Mountains. With just 10 acres, Dutch Zimmerman is one of many growers who used state-backed, low-interest loans to plant and irrigate their vines.

He estimates he's put \$150,000 into the land over the years, hiring 10 seasonal workers a year to tend and harvest the grapes. But his options are limited now, since Colorado wineries won't buy out-of-state grapes and there is no market in other

summiting states. Zimmerman wondered if he could even justify paying \$10,000 in seasonal wages.

Bradford, who says she's invested about \$175,000 over the years, sought the legislation to complete a three-year plan designed to make the winery break even. The Brad-

ford's never had made a personal profit, and planned to plow the tax break back into the business. Without that assurance, she said, "there is no hope" for survival, only to pay off existing debts and walk away.

The problem stems from the state's markup on wines and spirits. Private retailers sell only beer, while wine and liquor are sold in state-owned stores at a 61 percent markup dedicated to providing lunch for Utah school children.

Bradford asked the Legislature to halve the markup on her wines, reasoning that the winery helped provide a desperately needed economic boost to the rural area.

The bill first ran afoul of the Mormon Church's position that any alcohol-related bills undergo further study to avoid piece-

meal bargaining. But Bangertner, himself a Mormon, rose to the winery bill's defense, recalling how he'd cut the ribbon at the vineyard's opening. Church leaders later retreated to a position of neither condoning nor opposing that particular measure.

Beet coop venture deadline extended

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) — A group of farmers hoping to revive the sugar beet industry in the mid-Columbia region has extended its deadline for other growers to join the cooperative.

Scott Lybbert of Burbank, one of five farmers in the Columbia River Sugar Co., said the deadline for first payments to become part of

the cooperative refinery has been extended to April 15.

Lybbert said he hopes the extension will give farmers time to discuss the plan with their bankers and consider the economics of a co-op.

The group also is proceeding with its plans to move equipment from an Arizona sugar beet refinery to Moses Lake.

Washington wine industry grows

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Washington's wine industry continues to grow, with more expensive red varieties gaining ground on whites.

The Washington Wine Commission says there were 10,902 acres of premium wine grapes under cultivation in 155 vineyards at the end of 1991.

That is a net increase of 7 percent over the previous survey conducted in 1988, the commission said in a recent report.

Ninety-eight percent of the grape production is in Eastern Washington, in the Columbia and Yakima valleys.

White wine grapes now make up 68 percent of the acreage, down 7 percent from 1988. In contrast, acreage for merlot grapes, a full-bodied red variety,

grew by 166 percent, and cabernet sauvignon, another red, by 39 percent.

"Wineries have shifted their production mix to respond to consumer preferences," said David Crippen, general manager for Covey Run Winery near Zillah.

The other major expansion was in chardonnay, a white wine grape that brings high prices.

Acreage in that variety increased 70 percent.

"Washington has the conditions to grow these three expanding varieties with top quality fruit yields," said Rick Small, owner of the prestigious Woodward Canyon Winery near Walla Walla.

Reductions occurred in riesling, chenin blanc and gewurtztramin-

er, all grapes that produce lower-priced wines.

Chenin blanc had the largest decline, down 44 percent.

Washington ranks third in wine production behind California and New York, although it trails only California in production of premium wines.

Last year, eight Washington wineries were on The Wine Spectator's list of the top 100 in the world.

The state has some 85 wineries, and sales were up 6 percent last year despite the national recession. That was in contrast to the 3.8 percent dip in wine sales nationally.

Grape production from the 1991 harvest was just 26,000 tons, 33 percent below normal because of severe winter storms.

The commission said 1,685 acres have been planted in the past two years, which will add significant volume to harvests starting in 1993.

"As the industry's total sales have doubled in the past four years and continue to increase, this new supply will help Washington wineries meet consumer interest in the principal varieties," said commission director Simon Siegel.

The survey found that 6,300 acres, or 58 percent of the total were planted in the sprawling Columbia River wine region. Forty percent, or 4,300 acres, are in the Yakima Valley. Less than 1 percent is in the Walla Walla Valley, and about 158 acres, also about 1 percent, are in the rest of the state.

Among the major varieties, chardonnay makes up 24 percent of the acreage, with riesling 19 percent, merlot 14 percent and cabernet sauvignon 13 percent.

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Spud commission's promo makes inroads

BOISE (AP) - After a five-year delay, the Japanese patent office has ruled in principle that the Idaho Potato Commission's "Grown in Idaho" trademarks can be registered in Japan.

Gov. Cecil Andrus got the news in a Feb. 25 letter from Michael Armacost, the U.S. ambassador to Japan. The trademark is expected to be formally registered this spring, following a public comment period in Japan.

"We are committed to resolving obstacles to free trade of Idaho goods and services wherever we encounter them," Andrus said. He called on the Japanese patent office last fall to end the delays and promptly register the Idaho trademarks, and at the same time asked the U.S. Embassy in Japan for help.

Five months later, the trademark application cleared its biggest hurdle.

Registration of the trademarks is important to the Idaho Potato Commission's efforts to develop the Japanese market, which saw \$30 million of Idaho potato products already are sold each year.

Japan also bought \$43 million of Idaho wheat and \$327 million of merchandise ex-

ports in 1990. Japan is Idaho's largest foreign market, with that nation's buyers purchasing about 45 percent of Idaho exports.

Andrus praised Armacost's efforts for breaking through what had been bureaucratic inertia since 1987, and Wataru Fukasawa, the commissioner of the Japanese Patent Office.

"His staff worked closely with the embassy to ensure that Idaho's request received the attention it merited," the governor said. "Mr. Fukasawa demonstrated that through cooperation-trade issues can be managed amicably. That is an important contribution to solid U.S.-Japan relations."

Idaho now is working with the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo to convince Japan to modify its regulations prohibiting the entry into Japan of "fresh potatoes." Andrus called the rules "simply non-tariff barriers to trade masquerading as phytosanitary regulations."

Japan should take seriously rising opposition in the U.S. to the flood of Japanese mobiles and computer products," the governor said. "U.S. voters won't support free trade if Idaho and other U.S. producers are blocked from competing in Japan."

Idaho ships record amounts

Idaho shipped nearly 21 percent more fresh potatoes last month than the record shipments recorded in the same period a year ago.

The state's potato packers shipped 3,091 million hundred-pound sacks last month compared to 2,559 million sacks shipped the same month a year ago. The 1986-1990 five-year average for February is 2,094 million sacks. Each month in this crop year has set new records for volumes of potatoes shipped.

Idaho Potato Commission executive Mel Anderson tributes the hike in sales to "a winning combination of promotions," including a retail display and advertising contest for grocers, and a temporary reduction in rail-

freight rates. The Potato Commission offered produce managers incentives for Idaho potato displays most likely to capture the attention of shoppers. In the second promotion, Union Pacific Railroad dropped its freight rates on Idaho potatoes by \$200 per car in February to help regain market share lost to trucking in recent years. "Grocers featuring Idaho potatoes have built a lot of store traffic and have increased sales this season and, as a result, wholesalers and retailers have moved greater tonnages of Idaho potatoes this season than ever before," said Jack Hansen, vice president, retail merchandising for the potato commission.

Potato prices

Prices received by Idaho farmers

Fresh pack quality	French fry quality
\$2.15-\$2.25	\$2.50-\$2.75

Prices were reported Tuesday for 100 pounds of unwashed potatoes. Prices may not reflect deductions for dirt, rot, or green damage. Prices also may not reflect 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
\$16.50-17	\$5.25-5.50	\$1.00

Prices elsewhere

Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Colorado	Russets, 70-80 count cartons	\$12-14
Oregon	Russets; 70-80 count cartons	\$13-14
Washington	Russets, 70-80 count cartons	\$12-13
Wisconsin	Russets, 70-80 count cartons	\$12-13

Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months

Prices received by Idaho farmers for fresh-pack potatoes

Processor use takes slight dip

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Ore., used 42.8 million hundredweight of 1991 crop raw potatoes through March 1, 3 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 36.3 million hundredweight of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 6.5 million were produced in other states.

Processing in Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin totaled 100 million of raw potatoes to March 1, slightly less than the comparable period last year.

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 59 million hundredweight, 1 million more than a year ago. Disappearance, at 63 million hundredweight, is up from last year's 61 million. Stocks in the 10 southwest counties totaled 3.4 million hundredweight, above last year's 1.9 million. The other counties' stocks at 55.6 million hundredweight, was 500,000 be-

low the amount stored on March 1, 1991. Potato stocks on the first of March, totaled 146 million hundredweight, up 9 percent from a year ago and 25 percent above two years ago. Disappearance was a record high 218 million hundredweight of potatoes this season, up 4 percent from last year. The three Eastern states stored 8.15 million hundredweight of potatoes on March 1, 1992, 20 percent fewer than last year and 23 percent below two years ago. Maine stocks were down 23 percent and Pennsylvania stocks were down 22 percent from last year, while New York potato stocks were up 25 percent. The six Central states held 30.5 million hundredweight of potatoes on March 1, 1992. This is a gain of 28 percent from last year and 56 percent above two years ago. North Dakota stocks were up 62 percent from last year and Minnesota was up 12 percent. Six Western states potato stocks totaled 108 million hundredweight, up 7 percent from last year and 24 percent above two years ago.

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20/Water

North Side Canal figures about 80% for April 10 start

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

JEROME - The North Side Canal Co. expects to begin its irrigation season April 10 with about

80 percent of its normal water supply.

But Ted Diehl, canal manager, said water will be rationed so irrigators will have water for late season sugar beet and potato crops.

"We'll do the best we can to make a crop for everybody," Diehl said.

Diehl said the canal will have enough water to provide 80 percent of a full share assuming average precipitation is received in the watershed through the summer. Above-average moisture will improve that outlook, while a drought year could further reduce water availability.

"It could be better ... but it could be worse," Diehl said.

Low snowpack in the mountains that supply the Snake River and its

reservoirs with water will probably cause some planting changes in the area served by the North Side Canal, Diehl said.

"We're going to suffer unless we get some storms," Diehl said. More spring grain crops, which require less water and are harvested earlier in the year, are expected on acres watered by the canal.

"Beans will probably be short on acres this year," Diehl said.

The canal company will release water from Milner Dam on April 1 and begin filling Wilson Lake for irrigation deliveries to shareholders.

ers. Diehl said some farmers should start receiving water from April 10/13.

If the situation becomes worse this summer, Diehl said available water will be equally partitioned by share to shareholders wanting water late in the season for beans, sugar beets and potatoes will still be able to irrigate.

Although the outlook is poor, conditions were worse a year ago at this time, Diehl said.

Above-average moisture in May and June helped prevent a short water year.

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By MARTIN FRIEZ
For The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS - At a cost of just \$250 a quarter-mile roll, Idaho surface irrigators can cut their row-length in half this year, increase

their water-use efficiency and in some situations reduce their labor costs.

Howard Neibling, University of Idaho Extension water management engineer at Twin Falls, said cost-sensitive irrigators can install plastic layflat tubing as an alternative to gated pipe or concrete ditches.

The irrigator can fit the tubing with outlets or gates at the head of each of his rows or can use it to convey water across, down and between fields.

"However, the plastic tubing only lasts a year or two, which provokes "a philosophical problem with long-term use because of the disposal problem and the resource waste," Neibling said.

Once they see the benefits of shorter row-lengths, they may "become convinced that they need gated pipe or another head ditch."

If an irrigation row is too long, water is likely to either stop short of the end of the field or to be over-applied at the top and center. In the former case, crops can be damaged by water-stress; in the latter, fertilizers can seep below the root zone with the excess water, squandering the expense of their application and possibly compromising water quality.

At the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil and Water Management Research facility at Kimberly, agricultural engineer Allan Humphreys is entering the fourth year of testing a heavier-walled,

"dual-conduit" layflat tubing. The polyester-reinforced vinyl tubing is fabricated with a flexible inner membrane that can be easily shifted to open or close outlets.

Humphreys said the new tubing is expected to last five to 10 years in the field and "essentially eliminates labor once it's set up in the field."

Humphreys emphasizes that "there is no one irrigation system that will serve all situations. They all have their place."

Irrigation equipment engineer Ed Oest of Irrigation Systems Co. in Fruita, Colo., is developing the product further and plans to make it available to buyers by the summer of 1993, Humphreys said.

In the meantime, Neibling suggests that surface irrigators check with their local Soil Conservation Service office to "determine" their maximum run lengths for proper water distribution.

Irrigators need to dig a four- to six-inch V-shaped ditch to hold the layflat tubing in place, Neibling said. "Beyond that, it's just a matter of unrolling the pipe, hooking it up to the water supply, putting the gates in and filling it with water."

Where high winds are a problem, irrigators should weight down the unfilled tubing with intermittent shovelfuls of soil until it's ready to be used, he added.

(NOTE: Neibling can be reached at 734-3600, in Twin Falls and Humphreys at 423-5582 in Kimberly.)



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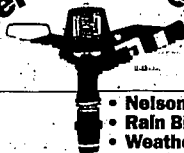
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Water/21

Farmers to have water after all

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A federal water agency serving drought-stricken central California said Friday it will deliver at least 25 percent of normal water supplies to farmers who were told last month they would get none.

Agriculture groups said the additional water means 200,000 acres that may have lain fallow can be used for production. But some farmers said they should get even

more water and less should go to protecting the environment. "It's a mixed bag. Some farmers out there are very upset. They think 25 percent is not enough and they're very vocal about it. ... Others are just relieved," said Mike Henry of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

About 7,000 farmers — a third of the federal Central Valley Project's customers — were told in February they would get no water because of the drought. However, the Bush administration earlier this month increased minimum deliveries to 15 percent of normal because of precipitation from February storms.

Friday's action again boosted deliveries to the 7,000 farms. The remaining two-thirds served by the project will get the same allocation forecast before — 75 percent of normal.

Below-normal water deliveries in this sixth year of drought will still cost thousands of agricultural jobs and production on hundreds of thousands of farm acres.

The few cities served by the project will now get 75 percent of normal deliveries, up from the 50 percent allocation forecast earlier this month. Friday's boost raises the amount of water the project will deliver by 400,000 acre feet to a total 3.5 million acre feet. One acre foot is enough water to cover an acre one foot deep. An average family consumes that much in 18 months.

The Central Valley Project's announcement came a day after an angry crowd of 2,500 Central Valley farmers marched on the state Capitol to demand that Bush give more water to agriculture and less to the environment.

Environmentalists argued too much of the extra water dumped by the February storms is going to farmers and not enough is left in streams to save the endangered Chinook salmon and other animals.

Study warns California farming could 'slowly be crushed'

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The San Joaquin Valley's farm economy suffered a \$545 million blow last year because of the drought and "will slowly be crushed" unless irrigation water returns "to normal, a study said.

Nine thousand jobs were lost and 253,000 acres were left fallow because there wasn't enough water for all the fruits, nuts, vegetables and cotton normally grown in the valley, said the study by a private consulting firm.

"If these shortages continue, the agricultural industry, which provides 50 percent of the valley's jobs, will slowly be crushed," Sacramento-based Northwest Economic Associates said. Lost farm revenue totaled

\$281.5 million in 1991, the report said. That represents 2.5 percent of the \$11.2 billion gross crop value for the eight-county region in 1990, the last year for which state statistics have been compiled.

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22/Opinion

Editorial Groups could reward whistle-blowers cash

The Idaho State Snowmobile Association has come up with a novel idea that agriculture groups might consider.

The association is offering a reward of \$250 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person who harasses wildlife while riding a snowmobile.

In some circles, snowmobilers suffer a reputation for environmental insensitivity. But the association is betting its own money that snowmobilers are better stewards than they're given credit for.

So why can't agriculture groups do the same? Most people in agriculture recognize that farmers and ranchers practice good stewardship. But the city-dwelling public sometimes seems to think otherwise.

Why not challenge the naysayers to find evidence that will stand up in court?

• The Idaho Cattle Association could offer rewards for information leading to the conviction of anyone grazing public lands illegally.

• The Idaho Dairy Association could offer rewards for information leading to the conviction of anyone who violates state and federal water quality rules by illegally dumping manure.

• A general farm organization could challenge complainants to find and help convict farmers using agricultural chemicals illegally.

Any of these organizations could score public relations points with such programs by demonstrating that they really do care about Idaho's land and water.

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Letter

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Letters

Many help with farm safety for youngsters

Due to efforts of a number of dedicated businesses and individuals, the ranches and farms surrounding the Magic Valley are becoming safer places in which to raise children. I would like to recognize and thank those who are involved with the "Farm Safety For Kids" movement in the Magic Valley.

In the forefront of the movement to make farms and ranches a safer place is a local equipment dealer - Gem Equipment. Their representative, Dave Walker worked closely with the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition to help organize and implement the Farm Safety Workshops at Agri-Action. They also donated a portion of their space to the Farm-Die-O-Rama - a 12-foot display depicting over 75 farm acci-

dents, and our injury prevention information. Thanks Gem Equipment. The College of Southern Idaho Agriculture Department also deserves a round of thanks for their part in organizing and implementing the workshops.

Many times the success or failure of workshops such as these are due to the amount of advertising donated by the media. The media must care about farm safety because we received excellent coverage. Over 110 people attended the workshops. Thank you.

Last but not least, thank you Gus and Maggie Bryngelson for creating the Farm-Die-O-Rama and allowing it to be displayed on behalf of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition.

**BLOSSOM MATHEWS
Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition**

Articles help promote benefits of 4-H program

Thanks so much for the excellent articles you have been writing on the 4-H program for the youth page of the Magic Valley Ag Weekly.

We greatly appreciate your interest and willingness to help promote and inform readers about the educational projects, activities and events provided through the 4-H program.

It is a real pleasure to work with you.

**MARY GRUENEWALD
Extension Home Economist/4-H Agent
Twin Falls County**

Editor's note: The above letter was addressed to correspondent Kathy Vitak Waggoner.

Ban local controls on chemicals

Mike Tracy

Farmers could be adversely affected by local regulations.

Where a farm crosses two or more county or township lines, the owner could be subjected to conflicting regulations. And the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) could be slowed. Under IPM, crops are scouted to check for pests.

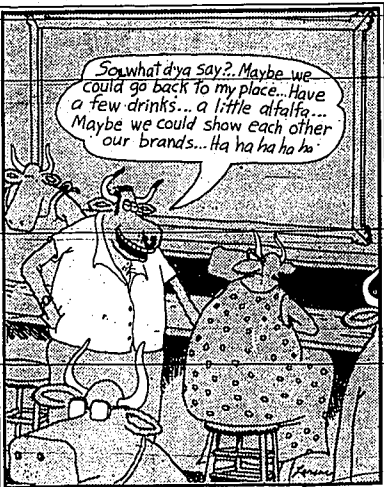
Once an economic threshold is reached, chemicals are applied where necessary. But under the Casey ordinance, a 60-day notice of proposed pesticide application

must be given. That kind of ordinance would virtually eliminate the use of IPM.

The American public has benefited from a policy permitting the safe and judicious use of pest and disease control products. The legislation soon to be debated in Congress to amend FIFRA is needed to continue the important partnership between the federal and state government, while assuring an orderly and scientifically based regulatory process.

The author is spokesman for Idaho Farm Bureau.

The Far Side



Cattle bustle

Calendar/23

CSI has class in herd dog training

TWIN FALLS - A good working stock dog can save his owner a lot of work and time.

A special class in training a working livestock dog will begin Wednesday through the College of Southern Idaho Continuing Education Division. The course will start with the stage of a young puppy and work on to the phase where the dog can work efficiently. The owner will be able to learn and have weekly practical experience in the instruction of his dog.

The first class will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. in room

108 of the Aspen Building. Participants in the class will be training their dog of recognized stock working breed which is at least six months of age. If you would like to determine that your dog is of appropriate age and breed, contact the instructor, Patrick Shannon, at 467-7372, as no refund of the \$75 registration fee can be refunded after April 6.

For more information on the class and registration call 733-9554, ext. 272. These registrations will be accepted with Master Card, Visa or Discover. There is a limit of one dog per registration.

Committee sets GATT talks

WASHINGTON - The House Agriculture Committee will hold a public hearing later this month on developments in the agricultural trade talks being conducted under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), announced Committee Chairman D-Kika de la Garza, D-Texas.

The Committee hearing on GATT's so-called Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations is scheduled for Tuesday starting at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will be held in Room 1300 Longworth House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Administration officials from the office of the U.S. Trade Representative, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of State have been asked to testify at the hearing.

Contact Anita Brown at 202-225-2171 for further information.

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- APRIL**
- 1 Donkey basketball game sponsored by Filer FFA chapter 7:30 p.m., Filer High School gymnasium
 - 1 Free calf raising seminar 7 p.m., Obenchain Insurance Bldg., 264 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls. Information 733-1373.
 - 1 Training a working livestock dog class by CSI Continuing Education Division. 6-8 p.m. room 108, Aspen Bldg. For information & registration 733-9554 ext 272
 - 1 Master gardener training 9 a.m.-noon, Twin Falls Co. Ext. Office.
 - 2-4 State FFA Leadership conference Twin Falls. State FFA Dance 7:30 p.m., Filer fair grounds.
 - 3 Jerome FmHA new house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., New office located at 113 East Ave. F, Jerome.
 - 3 Master gardener training 9 a.m.-noon, Twin Falls Co. Ext. Office.
 - 3 Twin Falls County 4-H Leaders Council 7 p.m., Twin Falls Co. Ext. Office.
 - 5 Magic Valley Dairywomen meeting Noon, George K's, Twin Falls. Information, Karen Lopez, 324-5602
 - 9 Calf husbandry class by CSI North Side Center 7-9 p.m. tonight, 16th and 23rd, Gooding. \$20. Preregister, 934-8678.
 - 9 Windbreak Technology workshop Twin Falls Co. Ext. Office.
 - 10-11 Northwest Meat Animal Carcass Contest Canyon Springs Inn.
 - 13 District III 4-H Activities meeting 10 a.m., Twin Falls County Ext. office.
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Researchers seek safer designs for disabled farmers

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Seeing the sometimes hazardous ways machinery is modified for farmers and ranchers with disabilities convinced a University of Nebraska-Lincoln researcher that safer, better designs are needed.

Biological Systems Engineer Lou Leviticus wants to design equipment that makes farming with a disability easier and less dangerous.

"The safety aspect is what really got me into this," he said. "It doesn't matter if a man is a paraplegic, he still has to be able to control the tractor and be safe."

Neighbors or family often pitch in to make tractors or combines accessible to a farmer with disabilities, Leviticus said. These designs are well-intended and often the only option because few products are commercially available to make farm equipment accessible.

However, home-built modifications usually are dangerous and poorly designed, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources researcher said.

"A lot of things are being done on an individual level" for farmers with disabilities,

'It doesn't matter if a man is a paraplegic, he still has to be able to control the tractor and be safe.'

— Lou Leviticus,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Leviticus said. "But in most cases I've seen it's unsafe."

Several features of farm equipment must be redesigned to safely accommodate people with disabilities, allowing easier operation with less fatigue, he said.

Leviticus and Michael Koehler, another IANR biology systems engineer, first plan to design a touch-sensitive control panel for tractors and a safe lift system to get farmers into tractors or combines.

Leviticus said he envisions a single, small panel controlling every aspect of tractor operation, from the clutch to the power take-off. The control panel should easily move out of the way for a non-disabled driver.

Developing highly touch-sensitive button controls that allow the operator of feel adjustments will be the biggest challenge, he said. Easing up a traditional clutch pedal seems simple, but translating that feel into a button or lever is more complex.

"We need to keep feel and sensitivity so that, at all times, you can feel what you are doing and the adjustments being made," Leviticus said.

This system would eliminate the numerous levers and cables protruding into most currently disability-modified tractor cabs. They crowd the cab and could be deadly in an emergency or turnover, he said.

Dangerous fertilizer, exhaust and burning oil fumes can leak into cabs through holes cut in the floor for additional levers and cables, he said. The cab's sound protective padding also sometimes is removed, increasing the risk of hearing loss.

"We want something that can be operated by both paraplegics and non-paraplegic and not intrude in the cab space," Leviticus said.

Lift systems that carry farmers with disabilities to and from a tractor or combine cab also are often dangerous, Leviticus said. In one lift system he saw, if the user isn't

careful to get his or her feet correctly situated on the platform, their toes could be cut off.

Leviticus and Koehler will work with Mark Schultz, director of the Nebraska Department of Education and Rehabilitation Services' Assistive Technology Project, to better understand the needs of people with disabilities.

Through the Assistive Technology Project, people with disabilities will be sought to test the new designs and to offer feedback to make the engineers more sensitive to their needs, Leviticus said.

The Assistive Technology Project aims to provide people with disabilities information about the technology available to help them, Schultz said.

None of the more than 18,000 products listed with the project function for farm equipment in the way Leviticus is proposing, Schultz said.

Leviticus, who is seeking grants to support his research, hopes to start designing a system to implement in both old and new tractors in the near future.

Leviticus' research is conducted in cooperation with IANR's Agricultural Research Division.

Chains have non-toxic insecticide

A non-toxic insecticide is being marketed by PermaGuard Agricultural Products Inc. (PGAP).

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Micro-Trak Systems touts device for spraying control

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Blood banks idea in animal health

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — There have been days in the Washington State University veterinary clinic when the animal blood supply came in spurts.

Looking for a more reliable supply, the clinic's veterinarians have taken a tip from the human medical world by creating — you guessed it, a blood bank for dogs and cats.

Using a \$465,000 National Institutes of Health grant, professor Ken Meyers and assistant professor Jane Wardrop last year set up a transfusion medicine program to study and store blood for research and treatment of clinic animals.

The bank provides blood for emergency clinics in Spokane and could soon branch out to serve the Seattle area as well.

"There's a real need for blood and blood products in veterinary medicine," Meyers said.

"This is a relatively new idea — the concept of having blood banks, obtaining blood from animals where we know the blood type and know the blood is disease free and we're not transmitting diseases. It's a system that is gaining popularity."

In recent years, other blood banks have formed in Massachusetts and Virginia. In Irvine, Calif., the privately run Hemopet houses 30 greyhound dogs as donors of blood components such as packed red blood cells, plasma and coagulation factor.

The University of Pennsylvania goes home to house with a "doggy bloodmobile."

WSU ordinarily keeps three donor cats and another four greyhounds, often retired — or slow raggers donated by owners and breeders. They give blood every two or three weeks for about two years before being

put up for adoption, often by the veterinary students who have cared for them.

Their plasma can be kept frozen for up to a year, while red blood cells keep refrigerated for five weeks.

Units are kept in both Pullman and Spokane, and the Campus Link bus between the towns is available for same-day delivery when needed.

Veterinary students' pets also are available for donations when supplies run out.

The system is more safe and efficient, particularly in emergency situations; when it can be difficult to figure out what kind of blood an animal needs, veterinarians say.

Dogs have seven identified blood group systems, while cats have one system with three different factors, Wardrop said.

"Very few clinics actually stock blood, and if they do happen to keep a donor dog around, they usually haven't done adequate testing to figure out if it might be carrying a disease that can be transmitted to the patient," Wardrop said.

"They usually have no idea what blood type that donor dog is unless they've pulled ahead and typed it out, so they're in kind of a risky situation."

With a ready supply of blood on hand, an animal can be typed and transfused in half an hour instead of the more typical two hours, Meyers said.

Sheep holds hope for humans

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Researchers successfully transplanted adult human bone marrow cells into a sheep embryo and say their work may pave the way for treating human fetuses to correct debilitating or fatal genetic disorders.

Dr. Fasmil D. Zanjani of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Reno and Drs. Edward F. Srour and Ronald Hoffman at the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis reported their results in "Blood," the journal of the American Society of Hematology. "In terms of significance, this probably is the most interesting finding that has been made recently because it is in a large animal model," Zanjani said.

Previous experiments have been restricted to mice.

The treated sheep, now more than a year old, is producing human blood cells as well as sheep cells. Similar transplants into human embryos could enable their bodies to fend off sickle cell anemia, severe combined immunodeficiency and other blood and metabolic diseases.

Researchers including Zanjani have previously implanted cells from miscarried fetuses into human embryos in efforts to reverse genetic disorders.

But the success with adult donor cells is important because the Bush administration prohibits federal funding for transplants of fetal tissue and has threatened to veto a Senate bill that would lift the ban.

The transplant is also important for efforts to isolate human stem cells, or marrow cells, responsible for the creation of other marrow and blood cells.

"People have been trying to isolate the stem cell for many, many years. It's like the search for the Holy Grail," said Dr. Alan Levine, chief of the cellular hematology branch at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute.

The research was conducted at the Reno VA center, which is the only medical center with the necessary equipment, Zanjani said.

"What was very exciting about their findings was that neither did the sheep reject the human cells nor did the human cells attack the sheep," said Dr. Miguel R. Abouad of the Medical University of South Carolina and one of the first U.S. physicians to use marrow transplants to treat sickle cell anemia.

The obstacle of dueling cells was avoided by making the transplants into the fetus during the first trimester when there is no operational immune system.

At the sheep's immune system

developed, it assumed that the transplanted human cells belonged there, the researchers said.

The results suggest adult bone marrow cells could be transplanted into human embryos that have been diagnosed with genetic disease in early pregnancy.

Hopefully, the transplanted marrow cells would produce enough good cells to overcome the genetic defect.

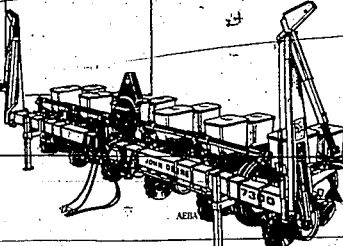
Zanjani earlier conducted a fetus-to-fetus transplant in Reno in an effort to protect a boy from developing a rare, fatal liver disorder called Hurler's syndrome.

Tissue from a miscarried fetus was used in the May 1990 operation.

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If animals could talk, who'd want to listen?

Clover Creek: Did you read the article a couple weeks ago about the lady who talks to animals? What a hoot. I can't remember when I've enjoyed the news quite so much.

This lady claims she can communicate with animals. Not like, "Here kitty-kitty," or anything. She asks them questions and they answer her. I guess she's kind of like a psychiatrist for pets.

She asked this one cat why it was peeing on the rug, and it told her it was because there was a coyote outside the sliding-glass door and it was peeing to protect its territory. Oh.

Don't get me wrong, I really don't know anything about this kind of stuff, and she very well could be the Dr. Doolittle of the Sun Valley set. I'm not saying it couldn't happen. Really I'm not, so don't write mean letters to me about this.

I'm just amazed by the fact that someone would even want to talk to animals. How interesting could it be?

"How was your day, Fluffy?"
"Sat around, ate, slept, sat around," says



Suzanne Huxhold
Clover Creek

Fluffy. "Oh, and that wet spot on the rug, um... I was just protecting my territory from a coyote. Yeah, that's it. A coyote."

First of all, I've never known a cat who acted like it really wanted to talk to a human. Secondly, how would you know the cat wasn't lying? How would you know the cat didn't actually drink out of the toilet and eat the salmon mousse you were saving for dinner and watch all the videos without reminding you? How would you know the cat was peeing on the rug because the cat didn't like the generic litter you bought? Cats are devious that way.

And talking to a dog?
"Chased a rabbit, slept, sniffed the neighbor dog, slept."

And a cow? Well, don't get me started. These are animals, people. Smart, lovable, important, of course. But worth having a conversation with? I mean, get a pergal. Humans have the gift of speech for a reason. And I personally don't think that reason is to get information out of our pets.

My cousin, God love her, is an animal nut. She once took her kid's turtle to the vet and spent \$400 on anti-depressant drugs and socialization therapy (where the turtle is put in a tank with other turtles, like a reptile encounter group), only to have the turtle continue to bury itself in her backyard. She thought she lost it for sure one time. I told her it probably got eaten by a possum. I still don't know if she forgave me for that.

Anyway, the vet apparently forgot to tell her that turtles hibernate. She didn't figure that out until the damn turtle washed out onto the sidewalk during a heavy rain the next spring.

This same cousin is always taking her Basset hound to the pet psychiatrist because, it howls whenever she puts something new in

the backyard. She bought a big Weber barbecue one summer and almost had to put the fool dog into the hospital. She spent one entire month humping that barbecue back and forth from the yard to the garage so that the dog could become accustomed to having it "in her space." I don't even want to tell you what happened when she bought a hot tub.

Suffice it to say, the pet psychiatrist now owns a beach house in Malibu.

I'll bet the veterinarians around here must really be feeling stupid. Who knew they didn't have to don those shoulder-length gloves to preg-check a cow? All they have to do is have a little chat with her.

"How far along are you, dear? How many days since you were last with that bull?"

And snails—what—the vets around here wouldn't give for one course of mince. A couple of limbering turtles and a neurotic Basset hound with barbecue phobia and they could retire.

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

Plastic, row covers jumpstart gardens

New Mexico Extension Service

ALBUQUERQUE — Gardeners need to give their soil a jump start before planting radishes, spinach or

leaf lettuce. Despite the retreat of Old Man Winter and the emergence of warm, spring days, soils are still cold and hostile to vegeta-

George Dickerson, Extension horticulturist with New Mexico State University, said planting vegetables on raised beds will get them off to a quick start. "Raised beds heat up sooner in the spring than flat ground, particularly if they're slanted slightly to the south and run from east to west," said Dickerson.

Soils heat up even faster if beds are covered with clear plastic for a week or two before planting. Clear plastic can be replaced at planting time with black plastic to reduce weed populations.

Alaska treat: Fish ice cream

By H.R. Weixel
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME — Ice cream recipes usually call for cream or milk, sugar and a flavoring. But in Alaska, ice cream can be made of fish and shortening.

A phone call from the Mark Turner family in Aniak, Alaska, brought this recipe for Aquatak (pronounced: uh-goo-dick) or Eskimo ice cream. The Turners live along the Kuskokwim river where temperatures are about 50 degrees

below and the frozen river serves as the main highway.

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Boil white fish until done and flaky.

Pour off juice and let cool.

Peel off skin and bones.

Work with hands until flaky.

Combine: Equal amounts of fish and shortening and 1/2 amount of sugar

i.e. 1 cup flaked fish
1 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar

Beat shortening and sugar until flaky.

Add flaked fish.

Add crushed berries or your choice of flavoring.

Freeze until hard—eat and enjoy.

Nicholas Turner had Aquatak for lunch at his school that was flavored with mashed potatoes. "It was—really good," he said. Since Idaho is the potato state, this may become another popular use for our spuds.

The Turner family is formerly from Jerome. Mark Turner serves as chaperone for the school district and uses an airplane to travel between schools.

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Briefly

Gem FFA convention slated for Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - More than 1,000 FFA members are expected in Twin Falls next week for the annual Idaho FFA Convention scheduled at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls Wednesday through Friday.

During the three-day convention, FFA members and delegates from across the state will gather to conduct business and honor fellow members for their outstanding achievements.

This year's convention will feature Wesley Barefoot, Eastern Region vice president, of Dunn, N.C., as a keynote speaker. Other guest speakers include Devere Burton, state FFA advisor.

According to Burton, awards in agriscience, agricultural proficiency and other areas will be presented to outstanding members, and top chapters will receive Safety, Superior Chapter and Building Our American Communities awards.

Idaho FFA Degrees will be awarded to 95 members who, as a result of their agricultural and leadership achievements, have qualified for the highest FFA degree a state can bestow upon its members.

In addition to student recognition, several adults and groups are to be cited for their outstanding service to the FFA. Honorary State FFA Degrees will be presented to 15 individuals.

Distinguished Service Citations will be given to five businesses for their support of the Idaho FFA Association.

The Idaho state FFA officers will preside over the convention. They are: 154 official delegates from each of the 77 chapters in the state will represent the membership in voting on business.

According to Marcel Hyatt, the key issues for 1992 will be "to make it happen with Hyatt FFA Barefoot", the Eastern Region vice president, will address the convention on Friday.

The major emphasis of his speech will be strengthening agricultural education programs and increasing participation in FFA activities on all levels.

Barefoot was elected at the 64th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., last November.

Youth news

Magic Valley Ag Weekly welcomes news of youth activities. Please send reports of special projects and awards to *Magic Valley Ag Weekly*, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303.

FFA brings donkey basketball to Filer

FILER - The Filer Future Farmers of American chapter will sponsor a donkey basketball game 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Filer High School gymnasium.

Filer FFA members will challenge the Castleton and Burt FFA chapters. There will be two 16 minute games and a championship eight minute game.

Tickets can be purchased from FFA members: \$3 for students; \$3.50 adults, and \$2.50 children. Tickets will be 50 cents more at the door.

As an added attraction, several Filer community members are competing in a "Pooper Scooper" contest. Those taking part are Kim Drury, patrol officer for the City of Filer police department; Bob Fort, major of Filer; and Cindy DeMone, manager of the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo. Jars have been placed at the Filer post office and the Filer West One bank. Whoever receives the most money in the jars will be the official "Pooper Scooper" at the donkey basketball game.

Area residents are urged to come support the Filer FFA as well as watching an exciting game of donkey basketball.

and-owned bulls, cow-calf pairs, and heifers owned by the exhibitor.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Western Regional Junior Angus Show which is sponsored by the American Angus Association. It is one of two regional junior Angus shows the national organization sponsors each year for its nearly 7,000 active junior Angus members in the United States.

CSI ag students excel at national contest

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho agriculture students fared well at the National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization (PASO) conference this month in Minneapolis, Minn.

Crystal Miller, Twin Falls, was named high individual winner for the national crops contest. J.R. Simplot Company was the sponsor of this contest which included a written test, identification and problem solving in the areas of soils, botany, fertilizer, pesticides, marketing, crop, weed and insect identification.

Miller and Peggy Gagne, Aberdeen, were named the first place national team for the crops contest. They received a team plaque, \$100 and individual medallions.

The CSI college bowl team of Miller, Gagne, Angela McCarthy, Aberdeen, Esperanza Lieja, Bliss and Leann Williams, Pmackay, placed fifth in a field of 28 teams.

More than 500 postsecondary students and instructors, agribusiness representatives and agricultural education leaders attended the conference. The National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization is the vocational organization for students in agriculture, agribusiness and national resources in postsecondary institutions offering associate degrees or vocational diplomas or certificates.

Land O' Lakes offers cash prizes in contest

A cash award program for youth and their organizations has been developed by Land O' Lakes for the Northwest. The Champion of Champions program is designed for market animal divisions of 4-H and FFA projects and reflects efforts of sound nutrition on growth and performance of market animals.

The cash awards are divided equally between the owner and their club. Awards for grand champion are market beef, \$200, market swine and sheep, \$150, respectively. Grand champions will also be awarded a plaque. Reserve grand champion awards will be \$50 for each market division and rosettes will be given to these champions.

The program is open to all active 4-H and FFA members with market swine, beef or sheep projects. The animal must be fed qualifying Land O' Lakes feeds throughout the project. Records of pounds of

feed per pound of gain, total weight gain, average daily gain and cost per pound of gain are required for each animal enrolled.

The emphasis of the Land O' Lakes program is to encourage sound nutrition practices and cost-effective growth and performance. For more information about the program, contact any Land O' Lakes dealer or Julie Kemmer, Land O' Lakes representative at 1-800-457-2804.

Bliss' Hoopers plan exhibit for Reno show

BLISS - Laura and Cindy Hooper, Bliss, Idaho will exhibit Angus cattle at the 1992 Western Regional Junior Angus Show in Reno, Nev., April 25-26, reports Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

As junior members of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo., the Hoopers are two of 62 young Angus breeders who have entered a total of 130 head to compete for championship honors being awarded.

Danny Medeiros, Clovis, Calif., will judge divisions for bred-and-owned heifers, bred-and-owned bulls, cow-calf pairs, and heifers owned by the exhibitor.

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Fuller to exhibit cattle at 1992 junior angus show

TWIN FALLS - Jeanette Fuller, Twin Falls, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 1992 Western Regional Junior Angus Show in Reno, Nev., April 25-26, reports Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association. Jeanette, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Mo., is one of 62 young Angus breeders who have entered a total of 130 head to compete for championship honors being awarded.

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Woman trains racehorses with good odds

By Terrell Williams
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME - Pursuit of her dream to be a racehorse trainer has not been easy for Jackie Montgomery. Women train show horses and jumpers, but not flat track riggers, she was told.

You must be crazy to want to do this for a living, they said. So she named her business "Crazy J's Training Stables," weathered the storm and proved she could train winners. "I've been accused of being stubborn," Montgomery said. "It's not a sport that women say in very long. There's very, very few women racehorse trainers."

Winnings

Outnumbered by men some 200 to one, a woman trainer has to earn respect and admiration before she is accepted in the business, Montgomery said.

"Lucy do try to browbeat you, and you have to just hang tough and stay in there for what you believe," she said. "Then they treat you pretty good. But boy, the first couple of years, they really make you wonder."

Last year, horses trained by Montgomery won at Jerome Derby Days and at races in Boise, California and other northwestern states. Her numerous trophies and win photos date from 1987, and she recently picked up a silver buckle for winning the 1992 Derby Championship of the Snake River Chariot Association.

The trainer said she is lucky to have had good horses and the unwavering support of her husband, Jack, her daughter, Laurall, and her mother, Mary Allen.

Montgomery, 39, started out by saddling horses and guiding dogs for rides at Nat Soo Park south of Twin Falls when she was 12. Her Archin Landon of Twin Falls hired



Trainer Jackie Montgomery uses her lab technician background and years of experience to put her racehorses out front.

her to exercise and later show his horses. She worked - riding horses - at local sale yards for eight years and, meanwhile, took six years of classes plus on-the-job training to become a lab technician.

Adding value

Montgomery's first horse, a yearling, cost \$75. She trained it and sold it for \$800. Her next horse cost \$500 and, after her training, it sold for \$3,000. With that money, Montgomery bought two brood mares and was in the horse business to stay.

Her stepfather, Ray Chung, raised racehorses, but he encouraged this

determined little girl to train horses for showing, cutting and jumping, which she did for years.

"He didn't want me to be around the race track very much because I think he knew that I would be hooked," she recalled. "He knew that it was too rough, that it was hard work."

But Montgomery did get hooked, and she switched from show training to race training.

"I thought it would be easy, but it's not," she said. "You have to work really hard at feeding and taking care of a racehorse."

"They're an athlete," she explained. "They have to be trained like any other athlete does, probably more so because so much stress is put on their bodies. You have to practically be a veterinarian yourself."

In her training program, Montgomery uses her lab technician skills to take blood counts and bacteria cultures on each horse.

"If you can find out what the problem is real fast, you can solve the problem a lot faster than trying to out-guess it," she said. "It's a lot better to use the diagnostic equipment and methods that doctors use."

Montgomery also sends her horse feed to nutritionist Lee Stone to be analyzed for protein content and percentage of mineral content.

"That way, I know what I'm putting in the horse," she said. "And I vaccinate and worm every three months. It's very, very important to have a totally healthy horse in order to get them to physically perform at their top level."

they carry weight. Montgomery starts her horses on chariots. She takes it easy on the 2-year-olds, starting them out with four months of trotting, easy galloping and basic ground work, then races only a couple of times at the end of the season. "We do not run thoroughbreds as hard as most people do, and I don't with my quarter horses, either," she said.

At the track on race days, Montgomery rides the pony horse to lead her racers up the track. Here, she tells the jockey what to do and then prays he will do as she - a woman - directs.

"They don't do it very often," she added. "That is a very frustrating feeling about racing."

But every time the gates open, it's a horse race, with 25 percent preparation, ability and skill, and 75 percent luck, Montgomery said, noting with a smile that this is better odds than showing, which she estimates is 90 percent politics.

Rewards

Racing is rewarding because there are so many good people in the business, all helping each other, she said. "When you have a friendship with so many people, it's like you have family everywhere."

And when your horse - one that you have raised from a foal; handled daily and believed in when others didn't - crosses that finish line first, beating the favorites, the thrill of victory makes it all worthwhile.

"You feel like you're sitting there on a throne with God, it's such a great feeling," Montgomery said. "Your hair grows an inch every time. It's like seeing your own children to well."

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'Lite' beef producer believes lean times are over

CLEBURNE, Texas — Walter G. Mize spares the listener the lab-coat technician talk when explaining why Italian Chianina cattle produce leaner beef than most.

Taking a self-deprecating jab at his ample 6-foot-4, 265-pound frame, propped against his pickup, he says: "It's like the difference between me and you. You'd make 'lite' beef, and I wouldn't."

It's with the same sort of philosophical simplicity that this self-made, oilman-rancher is looking to expand his small, publicly traded "lite" beef company nationwide — and perhaps beyond.

Mize, 54, is founder and president of United Heritage Corp., a 4-estate company with corporate offices in — of all places — a handsomely refurbished former Woolworth store on the courthouse square in Cleburne, about 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

The \$20-million-revenue company, with its 12 corporate employees and 7,000 shareholders, operates through two subsidiaries that produce and sell cattle, and market Heritage Lite Beef branded products to outlets including Dallas-area Tom Thumb and Jewel Osco stores and food-service companies. The company's stock trades over-the-counter.

Mize owns two ranches with purebred Chianina stock, a breed known for its naturally lower-fat beef, and leases the operations back to the company. The firm also contracts with more than 1,000 producers of Chianina stock, cattle to supply beef processed at a leased packing plant in Oklahoma City.

And in-house marketing personnel peddle the packaged product — certified under a U.S. Department of Agriculture program as "lite," or having at least 25 percent less fat than choice grade beef. Company tests on its ground-meat products have shown average fat content ranging from 4 percent to 10.8 percent.

In its four years, the company has sputtered through lean years, having yet to record a fiscal-year net profit. Sourced investments in two radio stations and a boat company produced bottom-line losses, even as the market for the company's lite beef has grown.

But last month, United Heritage announced that it had completed a \$3 million public offering, that has retired all debt incurred with those investments — and covered research and development costs associated with its beef products. The company has since divested its broadcasting and boat ventures, leaving it free to concentrate on lite beef.

"When that offering was closed, this company was solidified," Mize says. "Now, we are debt-free, aside from normal, day-to-day expenses."

Company revenues for its fiscal year ended March 31, 1991, more than tripled to \$11.3 million, from

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'lite' beef company owner

just more than \$3 million the year before. United Heritage reported a net profit for the nine months ended Dec. 31, and its beef products business has been profitable for seven consecutive quarters.

Aside from Tom Thumb and Jewel Osco, Heritage Lite now is carried by — in part — Boston-based Star Markets, and Scribner Inc.'s Oklahoma City distribution center, supplying grocery stores and military commissaries. Two other chains are test-marketing Heritage Lite in northern states.

"The potential is to reach the consumer who was not purchasing beef on a regular basis because they perceive it to be a health risk," says Craig McKnight, vice president of meat operations for Tom Thumb-Page, United Heritage's first major customer. "Heritage has done reasonably well. Naturally, I'd like to see more tonnage, more sales. But as long as we can continue to get consistently lean cattle, I think Heritage will do well."

The inability to provide a consistent supply of lite or lean beef had doomed other similar start-up companies, Mize says. That legacy of failure was his biggest obstacle when he first approached chains such as Tom Thumb.

"We had watched other businesses put together a lite beef company, and they didn't do it in a businesslike fashion," Mize says. "We decided to build from the floor up, not from the roof down," making sure to provide adequate and consistent supplies of beef before committing to marketing.

It began in 1985, when Mize — suspecting that the large, white Chianina breed could produce a leaner beef producer when crossed with smaller breeds — helped fund a Texas Tech University study that showed lighter beef could result through breeding.

The study findings ultimately were used by USDA to establish guidelines for the labeling of beef as lite, or lean.

Mize spent more than a year contacting ranchers who would produce cattle to fit the guidelines — typically, Chianina crossed with such smaller breeds as Angus and Hereford. The idea is to produce large offspring that take longer to mature — and, therefore, longer to grow fat.

Beef marketing experts agree that the challenge ahead for Mize and his company is to maintain the supply and consistency.

"The very basic thing is deliver-

ing a product that the consumer perceives as lite, or different, and would be willing to pay a premium for," says Kary Mathis, head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas Tech.

"If they can do that on a substantial volume, that's a pretty sig-

nificant premium. (But) there's nothing that turns a consumer off more than a lack of consistency."

McKnight at Tom Thumb says that, so far, his customers tend to purchase Heritage Lite primarily when his stores are running advertised specials.

Otherwise, he sells Heritage Lite for about 20 cents — 40 cents more per pound than comparable cuts. "The consumer has got to visibly see a difference," McKnight says.

But he says Mize already has an advantage over other lite-beef companies that have come, and subsequently gone.

"Most companies want to sell

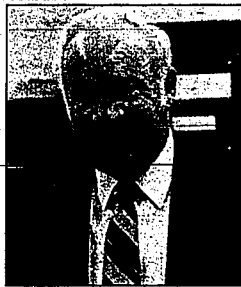
you the entire (carcass)," McKnight says. "But I may need 20 chunks and 200 loins. Walter is the only one who has been able to provide me whatever I need."

Darold Hopkins — with the Dallas investment banking firm Chelsea Street Securities, which made a market for United Heritage's stock, believes that with the company's debt problems essentially behind it, positive earnings will follow.

Or, to hear Mize size it up in plain talk, "We are 4½ years old. We've done our R&D. We've got source of product. And we're debt free. This is the year of the harvest."

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New Mexico program sets organic farm standards

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Tom Seibel says the overriding reason he wanted to be certified as an organic farmer was to have his products accepted in the growing natural food market.

"More and more — buyers — stores and distributors and manufacturers — require that you have a certified organic product so they can say that to their customers, that this is for sure organic," says Seibel, who grows red corn, black beans and grains on about 30 acres near Anton Chico.

Seibel is among a growing number of farmers who have been voluntarily certified under

New Mexico's Organic Commodity Act.

The chief difference between organic and conventional agriculture is that organic growing doesn't use synthetic chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Beneficial insects

The idea is to adopt as many natural environmental processes as possible with a knowledge of how they interact, then work them to the farm's benefit, says Seibel.

"It's more natural — not that agriculture is natural; it's a very unnatural situation for the earth," he says. "You're using domesticated plants that can't live in the

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—Tom Seibel, organic farmer

wild and then excluding every other type of competition, like insects, weeds."

For example, instead of pesticides, an organic farmer can release beneficial insects that eat damaging insects, says Mark Rehder, a Pena Blanca farmer who is a member of the commission.

An organic farmer also can use resistant crops or prevent some problems from arising through crop rotation and timing the planting. As a last resort, Rehder says, the grower can use botanical pesticides derived from plants or elemental minerals such as sulphur.

Rehder, who has a master's degree in agriculture, says that although organic growing can be done on a large scale, it tends to be labor-intensive and therefore generally applied to smaller operations.

His own farm is about 32 acres, and he grows alfalfa and vegetables.

Certified farms

Eight New Mexico farms have been certified organic and several applications are pending, says Jay Friedman, chairman of the Organic Commodity Commission.

He says the Commission also has sold well over 100 of the handbooks that list the requirements.

The program didn't go into effect until mid-July 1991, so this will be its first full growing season.

Supplies of organic food from New Mexico are limited, but Wild

Oats supermarket, in Santa Fe, buys about 10 percent of its produce in-state, says Doreen DeRoss, produce manager for the natural foods store. That includes lettuce, squash, cabbage, corn, watermelons, yams, cantaloupes, and, of course, chilis.

Customers want organically grown products for health reasons, she says.

"When you are eating commercially grown produce, there's a huge amount of pesticides that are sprayed directly on what you're eating," she says.

Seibel says there's an increasing commercial demand for organic food.

"The consumers are demanding it more and more," he says.

"It's not just a fringe group who want pure food. People want to stay away from pesticides."

And organic growers can get more help than they could a decade or so ago. For example, Seibel says, there are more natural pesticides available, such as natural pathogens or plant extracts that are lethal to insects.

Dedication needed

He says, however, it's more expensive and more labor-intensive to farm organically. Organic pesticides generally cost more and have to be applied more precisely, he says.

"You have to be dedicated," he says.

"It's not something you do just to make money. That's the ultimate goal also, to make money, but they have to have a certain de-

gree of communion or love with the agricultural process to really carry it out."

The five-member state Organic Commodity Commission developed the certification standards after public hearings throughout the state.

It began accepting applications last summer for growers' products and food handlers.

"It's all out there to protect the consumer, to make sure the consumer is getting what they paid for," Rehder says.

Friedman estimates there are about 50 mostly small organic growers in the state. He sees organic farming as a potential rural economic development boon for New Mexico.

"Our tradition of land tenure — here, land lends itself to small scale agriculture. And the history of fertilizer application and herbicide application in much of New Mexico shows very minimal use of synthetics, so much of the land is available for organic certification," he says.

New Mexico law

New Mexico approved its law because of a national trend to try to guarantee that what's labeled organic meets certain standards.

Those seeking certification fill out a detailed application and submit it with a \$100 fee. The commission reviews the application and approves or disapproves it or gives it conditional approval pending answers to certain questions. There is an appeal process. Successful applicants are inspected and are certified if the results are satisfactory.

And that means a farmer can list his products as "certified organic."

Someone who isn't certified can still use the term organic — although not "certified organic," Friedman says.

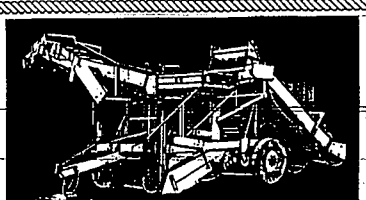
But after Oct. 1, 1993, when federal organic standards kick in, "failure to certify will be a severe marketing impairment," he says.

The 1990 Farm Bill requires that the U.S. Department of Agriculture establish a national organic standards board, which will advise the agriculture secretary on implementing regulations for organic food production.

The law allows states to administer their own programs, but they must be accredited by the USDA to be able to use the USDA-approved label, says Friedman, who drafted New Mexico's law. Friedman, who is not a farmer, says he became interested in the organic issue primarily as a regulatory matter.

New Mexico plans to seek federal approval once the federal regulations go into effect next year.

"We don't expect much change because the New Mexico program was the first one in the United States to track the federal statute," Friedman says.



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Ex-Wendell man honored for work

Ag Weekly

CACHE, Utah — He's the man who introduced cows to computers.

He is, Wallace Taylor, Utah State University Extension dairy specialist and recipient of this year's Outstanding Service Award from the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA).

The 57,000-member dairy organization honored Taylor March 17 at the annual National DHIA awards banquet in Madison, Wisconsin.

"I never expected this," he said. "I'm very pleased with it, obviously."

Taylor, who grew up on a dairy farm in Wendell, Idaho, said operating a dairy farm today is much different than it was when he was a boy.

He can thank himself and Bliss Crandall for some of those changes; namely the way dairy records are kept. Crandall, who taught at USU, originated the use of computerized dairy records.

As a basis of increasing milk production, DHIA in 1905 began testing milk and keeping records using pencils and notebooks. Today it is all done with computers, Taylor said.

As a result of this computerized record system Taylor helped develop, Utah dairy producers now have a rich source of data on every cow in their herd. With these computer records, Taylor said, dairy farms can now track a cow's family history, including her health and reproduction; how many pounds of milk she produces, butterfat content, and even her somatic cell count.

This management information system helps keep dairy farmers competitive by allowing them to know which cows are profitable and which ones are not. Taylor said, "I don't know how you can be successful at dairying without it," he said. "I wouldn't even begin to dairy without it."

As a youngster Taylor was active in 4-H, including being a 1948 Idaho delegate to the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

He left his home dairy farm as a young man after winning a scholarship to the University of Idaho in agriculture. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he went on to receive his doctorate at Iowa State University in animal breeding, genetics, and statistics.

While in Iowa, he helped computerize DHIA record keeping.

His record work expanded from 33 cows to 270,000 cows across nine states.

In his undergraduate days, Taylor was once dubbed captain of the China Clipper. The clipper was a dish wash machine he operated in a women's dormitory. His wife, Marty, said it was over dirty dishes she first met her husband. He's been washing them ever since. They are the parents of three children and grandparents of eight.

"My family and their achievements are my pride and joy," he said.

In addition to his work with dairy farmers, Taylor has also dedicated many years to the Boy Scouts of America, most notably as a scout master and district commissioner.

He is also an avid saxophone player, often seen playing in parades with the Cache County Band and performing music of the 1950s in a swing band.

Taylor's association with DHIA began in 1956. During that time he has served on several boards and policy-making committees — both on a national basis and representing the western states. He is the author of a 115-page DHIA testing handbook and senior author of a 267-page DHIA handbook for reporting information.

"I have always enjoyed working with people and have worked with some of the best — some of the real pioneers in the DHIA programs," he said. "We have just scratched the surface on what is possible."

R. Paul Larsen, vice president for Extension and Continuing Education, praised Taylor for his "exceptional dedication and productivity to the dairy farmers of Utah and the nation."

Study: Look at rural housing

University of Nebraska

LINCOLN — Economic development in rural communities may produce headaches as well as profits, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln rural sociologist said.

A local policy encouraging economic growth in a rural community may benefit some people, but may leave others with negative feelings, said Ann Ziebarth, a College of Home-Economics researcher studying rural housing policy issues.

Development in rural communities can cause "unanticipated consequences" such as a shortage of housing, burdened public services, overcrowded schools and local property tax increases, Ziebarth said.

Integrating complex issues related to housing into overall community development planning can help avert problems, she said.

"Local officials tend to narrowly define their housing concerns and fail to address the complex problems of housing availability, affordability, adequacy and appropriateness," Ziebarth said. There also may be a lack of awareness of the nature and extent of housing problems in the community.

Housing availability and affordability may be critical concerns for communities that succeed in attaining major economic growth, she said.

There is a key link between the local labor market and housing affordability, Ziebarth said. It is important to consider housing af-

fordability not just in dollar cost, she said, but in relation to a household's total income.

Policy issues related to housing include zoning, landfill costs, streets and sewer lines. These issues often stir controversy and can divide a community, Ziebarth said. A policy that seems beneficial to one group may hurt another.

For example, housing may be built to accommodate lower-income workers moving to the community. Property taxes may then need to be increased to support the public services these houses require, such as roads, or trash and sewer disposal. The property tax burden falls on all community residents, not just those benefiting from additional services, Ziebarth said.

Oregon onion dehydrator threatens move from state

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — The owner of an onion and garlic dehydrator is threatening to move to Washington if Oregon imposes costly odor-control regulations on the plant, the general manager says.

Officials from Haas Foods Inc. of Hermiston, Ore., met with the Port of Walla Walla this week to discuss moving to an industrial park in the southeastern Washington community, said Don Briscoe, general manager of the plant.

Walla Walla is one of several Eastern Washington locations under consideration, Briscoe said Wednesday.

"But our key interest is Walla Walla," he said.

"If we move, we know we won't be anywhere in Oregon."

Haas Foods employs 100 workers and has contracts to process onions and garlic from 1,400 acres in the Hermiston area, he said.

"We are at a very initial stage of this project," Port of Walla Walla manager Jim Kuntz said. "But it would be a great economic development opportunity for the port and the county."

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality is trying to force the plant to take odor-control measures that could cost \$1.7 million, Briscoe said.

"It's pretty simple as far as the dollar is concerned," he said. "If fixes are so expensive that it will hurt business, then we'll have to leave."

Haas Foods bought the Oregon Dehydration plant in 1991.

Injured teen progresses

HARVEY, N.D. (AP) — John Thompson, the 18-year-old whose arms were reattached after a farm accident, is making progress in physical therapy and may regain some use of his wrists and fingers, doctors said.



Thompson

Doctors had not been optimistic until recently about mobility in his lower arms.

"It's a guess as to how much, and it's a matter of time; you're talking long-term progress, maybe even as much as a year or more," Dr. Charles Nyhus said Wednesday.

USDA delays labeling standards

Knight-Ridder Financial News

WASHINGTON — USDA Secretary Edward Madigan last week announced a 1-year delay in implementation of a new meat and poultry labeling requirement until May 1994.

The change was part of an overall package to reduce USDA regula-

tion and save \$1 billion in regulatory spending. The agency announced 13 steps to ease regulatory burdens, one of which was the change in the meat-labeling date. USDA said the change would save it \$210 million. USDA also said it may adopt "small businesses"



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Florida fruit producers see growing Japanese market

WASHINGTON (AP) - Florida citrus growers see a rapidly expanding market for their orange juice in Japan once the spigot opens April 1.

That's when quotas on imported orange juice will expire under a U.S.-Japanese trade agreement signed July 5, 1988.

Producers believe that once U.S. orange juice begins moving into Japan, exports will begin increasing quickly and could top \$1 billion a year within a decade.

According to the Florida Department of Citrus, the United States is currently exporting some 10 million gallons of juice a year to Japan. The total projected market for orange juice in Japan is expected to be 250 million gallons by the year 2000.

"Japanese consumers already understand the superior quality and health benefits of Florida citrus products because of the availability of fresh Florida grapefruit and grapefruit juice," said Dan Gunter, executive director of the Florida Department of Citrus.

Japan liberalized its import policies on grapefruit in 1971 and on grapefruit juice in 1984.

"Florida supplies the lion's share of the Japanese fresh grapefruit and grapefruit-juice market, and we expect to dominate the Japanese market for premium 100 percent orange juice. Many Japanese distributors already have announced plans to switch from their Brazilian orange juice sources to the all-Florida juice," he said.

Gunter said the Florida Department of Citrus would spend \$1.4 million on an advertising, public relations, merchandising and market research campaign beginning this spring to promote 100 percent Florida orange juice to Japanese consumers.

He said the agency is planning to expand the size and the scope of the marketing effort over the next few years.

"The agency also plans spot checks and sample tests in Japan to ensure products carrying the Sunshine Tree logo are 100 percent Florida orange juice.

Gunter said Florida is ready to meet an increase in orange juice demand.

"Our citrus growers have planted a record number of trees and adopted state-of-the-art agricultural practices, which will mean much larger crops in the near future," he said.

He said the industry expects to set new production records in the 1990s.

Critics target USDA trade show spending

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department spent \$20 million last year on trade shows around the world, but congressional investigators say the promotions were conducted without a market strategy for boosting U.S. food and farm exports.

Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va., who requested the General Accounting Office study, said the agency's findings illustrate systematic management and coordination problems with USDA-backed trade shows.

"Trade shows abroad are perhaps the best way to get U.S. products into new and expanded markets," said Wise, chairman of the House Government Operations subcommittee on agriculture.

"In spite of this, our shows are being operated without a coordinated market strategy, without much thought being given to matching products to markets, and without proper re-

cruitment and training of exhibitors," Wise said.

"Unfortunately, it looks as if we are being taught the ways of Madison Avenue by our competitors."

GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, said USDA has yet to complete its long-term agricultural trade strategy mandated in the 1990 farm bill and has not determined how the trade show program will be part of the effort.

Duane Acker, administrator of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, said the trade strategy is under review at USDA. He declined to say when it might be unveiled.

Acker, however, said he was aware of the GAO report and that its "reviews and reports are generally helpful to us. We're all after same thing - the efficient, effective operation of programs that Congress establishes."

Bill offers tax credit for new farmers

WASHINGTON - Citing an aging farm population and a dramatic decline in the number of young people entering farming, House Agriculture Committee Chairman E. (Kika) de la Garza, D-Texas, has introduced legislation to provide a tax incentive for beginning farmers.

"Today the capital investment required to begin a viable farming operation is quite high. Increasingly, these financial obstacles are putting farming out of the reach of many young people. As our nation's farming population ages, there's growing concern out in rural America over whether the next generation can afford to farm the land," de la Garza said.

A study released last year by the U.S. Department of Agriculture found that there has been a substantial decrease in the entry of young people into the business of farming, particularly on a full-time basis. Entry of farmers less than 25 years old fell by 50 percent between the 1978-82 and 1982-87 periods; entry of farmers 25-34 years old, the most common age of entry, fell by 30 percent.

H.R. 4452, de la Garza's bill, will provide beginning farmers with an income tax credit for the purchase of farmland and farming equipment. A beginning farmer would be eligible for a tax credit of 10 percent of the cost of purchasing farmland and depreciable farming equipment.



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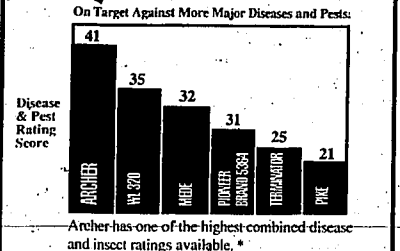
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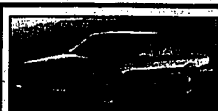
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