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Good morning

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More Iraqi vehicles escaped war damage

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saddam Hussein's army escaped from the gulf war with far more armored troop carriers than first thought, the Pentagon said Friday in a massive self-examination of the war effort. It also said allied bombers inflicted unnecessary damage on Iraqi power plants because of poor battlefield intelligence. The nation's vast intelligence community was "not prepared to cope" with wartime demands for information, producing duplicative or contradictory reports that failed to meet the needs of commanders on the battlefield, the Pentagon said in its 1,300-page study of the war. Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf had

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complained to Congress in open hearings about the problems of gathering and distributing wartime intelligence. However, the military had not said previously that the problem resulted in unnecessary bombing runs. The Pentagon sent Congress its full report on the effort to reverse Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, and released an unclassified version. The latter noted that it would not contain information on all shortcomings of weapon systems, since such information could aid a potential enemy. Overall, the report offered a glowing account of the victory over Saddam and



Schwarzkopf

But it also painted a telling portrait of the confusion, mistakes and problems encountered when a bureaucracy sends

contributions of each branch of the armed service as well as the U.S. allies. "The combined coalition forces—ground, air, naval, special and supporting forces—had won one of the fastest and most complete victories in military history," it said.

1,450,000 men and women to war. The report cites as examples: • Saddam Hussein's forces fled with far more armored troop carriers than first believed. The report said U.S. forces destroyed only 1,450 instead of the 2,400 they'd originally reported. • The overcount was due to the "rapid rate of advance coupled with the violence with which enemy forces were encountered and suppressed," the report said. • Allied forces destroyed 3,847 Iraqi tanks, which tend to be heavier and more better defended than troop carriers, and 2,917 artillery pieces, the report stated, close to the numbers first estimated by the U.S. ground troops. Please see WAR/A2

Exposing mail scams

Anger turns Burley woman into fraud sleuth

By Vickie Higgins
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — More often than not, when Mary Bailey makes her daily trip to the mailbox, she ends up getting angry. But one day about a year ago, the Burley resident decided she wasn't going to take it anymore.

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Bailey vowed to help put an end to mail fraud, warn others who might be victimized and report companies who fill up mailboxes with questionable junk mail guaranteeing money, exotic trips or, at the very least, a video cassette recorder.

"I want to alert people to what is going on," said the vigilant 63-year-old retiree who returned to Idaho with her husband a year ago. "People need to be leery."

In her mission to expose mail scams, Bailey has decided to live dangerously, even answering some of the offers and sending in checks for prizes or trips.

So far, Bailey has responded to dozens of the communications which tell her that she has won a valuable prize and she should hurry and call to claim it.

"They all want my credit card number," Bailey said. "That's the first thing they ask for, and some of the correspondence mentions that I am a preferred credit card holder. It makes me so mad that sometimes, I feel like tearing up my credit cards."

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Mary Bailey is fed up with receiving junk mail from what she considers to be scam operations.

Senate OKs \$1.5 trillion '93 budget

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved a \$1.5 trillion federal budget for 1993 on Friday that embraces President Bush's call for a \$292-billion-for-the-most-cut military.

By a 54-35 vote, lawmakers adopted their first budget since the former Soviet republics dissolved their union. Democrats tried to shave billions of dollars from Bush's military plans after the dismantling of the world's only other superpower, but lost these votes on Thursday.

The spending plan for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, would closely track most of Bush's domestic priorities. The most dramatic changes lawmakers would make — spending about \$1.1 billion less than Bush for law enforcement and \$1.8 billion more for welfare — amount to shifts of one one-thousandth of the overall budget.

Senate negotiators will next try to write a compromise budget with members of the House, which approved a similar plan last month. The final product does not need the president's approval, because it serves only as a blueprint for future congressional spending bills.

Much of Friday was spent debating, and ultimately, turning aside, a plan by Republicans and conservative Democrats to shrink the federal deficit by limiting the uncontrolled growth of most benefit programs, such as agricultural support payments.

"We do this because we don't know any other way to save America for our children," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M. "Everyone in this country has to understand there is no money left in the Treasury."

Sponsors withdrew their proposal, which was not binding after the Senate voted 68-28 for a Democratic amendment exempting veterans' benefits. The vote was a vivid indicator of how difficult it will be to get lawmakers to cut such popular programs.

Judge sentences Keating to 10-year prison term

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Charles Keating Jr. was sentenced Friday to the maximum 10-year term in prison and fined \$250,000 for swindling investors, many of them elderly people left destitute when his Lincoln Savings collapsed.

Keating, 68, was denied bail while he appeals his securities fraud convictions stemming from sales of junk bonds through his savings and loan. He hugged family members and was led away by bailiffs.

Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito said Keating deserved the maximum prison sentence because of the number of victims and the large amount of money lost in the fraud.

"This whole situation has been a tragedy for everyone involved," Ito said.

Keating, a developer based in Phoenix, was convicted Dec. 4 of 17 state securities fraud counts involving Lincoln Savings and Loan investors who lost \$1 million. They were a few of the more than 17,000 who lost \$250 million when Lincoln became the costliest thrift failure ever.

John D.K. Brunner, who invested \$76,000 in Keating's bonds at a Lincoln branch, watched as nearly two dozen of Keating's relatives left the courtroom, shaking their heads and wiping tears from their eyes.

"Now you know what the bondholders feel like," Brunner said softly as the prosecution passed.

District Attorney Ira Reiner said: "Law and justice caught up with Mr. Keating." Prosecutor William Hodgman said that with time off for good behavior Keating could get out of prison in five years.



Charles Keating Jr. awaits sentencing Friday for his conviction on 17 counts of securities fraud.

Keating was taken to the Los Angeles County jail. Where he will serve his prison term wasn't immediately determined.

In denying bail, Ito called Keating a "significant flight risk." He noted that Keating had property in England as recently as 1989 that had not been accounted for. He also cited Keating's foreign contacts and significant overseas currency trading.

Missing clothes lead to armed robbery charge

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A dispute over clothes at a Main Avenue coin-operated laundry Thursday afternoon led to an armed robbery charge against a Twin Falls man.

Stephen E. Terres, 26, was ordered held in the Twin Falls County jail Friday in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

A woman told police Thursday night that she was at Sabe's Main Street Cleaners at 556 Main Ave. N. when a man had held a knife to her throat and took her leather jacket, according to an affidavit by Twin Falls police detective Gary Rinehart included in Terres' court file.

The man "was distraught over clothes

that he had left in the Laundromat but couldn't find," the woman said, according to the affidavit.

Before leaving, the attacker said he would be in the motel down the street in Room 7 "and when she brought him his clothes, she could have her jacket back," the affidavit says.

Terres, who lives two blocks away at Ken Roundy's Deluxe Motor Lodge, 761 Main Ave. W., went to the Twin Falls police station with his attorney at about 5 p.m. Thursday, Rinehart's affidavit says.

He did not give police a statement, the affidavit says.

Fifth District Magistrate Melvin C. Edwards set a preliminary hearing for April 17.

Federal judge says he'll rule without trial in abortion case

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge on Friday dismissed most objections to Utah's anti-abortion law, but said he would wait for an upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision before ruling on the law's constitutionality.

U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene said he would rule after the high court acts on a Pennsylvania case that many legal experts believe could eliminate or sharply limit the

constitutional right to an abortion. The high court's ruling is expected this summer.

Utah's law, which isn't being enforced, would ban abortions except to save a woman's life, if her health is gravely endangered, if the fetus would be born with grave defects, or in reported cases of rape or incest.

The only question still before Greene will be whether those restrictions are. Please see ABORTION/A2

Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Saturday, April 11.

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

Pressure: H L

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IDAHO Weather

Saturday, April 11
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures.

Tempatures

Albuquerque	62	76		
Altair	61	75		
Albany	62	76		
Albuquerque	62	76		
Albany	62	76		
Albuquerque	62	76		

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St. Louis	85	59	10
Salt Lake City	67	51	10
San Francisco	72	55	10
Seattle	59	38	10
Spokane	54	36	06
Washington	76	51	09

Twin Falls

Max	67	11
Min	47	11
Yesterday	60	43
Last year	54	25
Normal	63	33
Sunset today	8:15	p.m.

Idaho

Max	67	11
Min	47	11
Boise	67	47
Burley	59	45
Hagerman	67	42
Idaho Falls	67	42
Lewiston	57	44
McCall	47	36
Pocatello	58	46
Salmon	59	38
Sun Valley	55	30

Weather summary

The National Weather Service says precipitation was decreasing across Idaho on Friday evening. The moisture pattern was changing from a steady rain system to convective showers with a chance of thundershowers by evening.

Early Friday, showers moved into the Magic Valley with steady light rain falling continuously until nearly midday. Twin Falls received .10 inch while Fairfield reported .40 and Stanley .62. Rain was mixed with snow at stations in the higher elevations.

Moderate to heavy amounts of precipitation have been falling over the central area of the state. Pierce reported 1.25 inches and Moscow received slightly over one inch.

With the clouds and precipitation, low temperatures were mild Friday morning. Mild readings continued through the day as skies cleared during the afternoon.

The warmest temperature in the state Friday was 71 degrees at Caldwell. Porthill reported the coldest at 28 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Friday, the highest temperature was 94 degrees at Yuma and Lake Havasu City, Ariz. The lowest was 17 degrees at Cut Bank, Mont.

Visible planets

Morning: Venus, Mars, Saturn
Evening: Jupiter

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Partly cloudy with light winds today. Highs 65 to 75. Tonight and Sunday partly cloudy. Lows 35 to 45. Highs 65 to 75.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Partly cloudy today. Highs 55 to 65. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 30 to 35. Sunday partly cloudy. Highs 55 to 65.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain Monday decreasing to a slight chance by Wednesday. Highs, mostly in the 60s, Lows in the mid 30s to the mid 40s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: - Utah - Partly cloudy with a slight chance of afternoon and evening thundershowers. Gusts windy near thundershowers today. Warmer with highs 70 to 75. Lows in the mid-40s to lower 50s. Local southwinds 10-20 mph. Sunday fair. Highs in the low to mid-70s. breezy southerly winds 15-25 mph.

Eko County: Partly cloudy today with a slight chance of a thundershow. A slight chance of showers tonight. Windy Sunday with a chance of showers east. Lows in the 30s to mid-40s. Highs from the mid-60s to mid-70s.

pollen count

72; willow

From Montana to Ohio Valley, rain, snow come down

Rain and snow were scattered from the northern Plains across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley on Friday, with up to a foot of snow falling in Wisconsin.

Snow extended over Montana, eastern North Dakota, northern and central Minnesota, northern Wisconsin, northern Lower Michigan, and southwestern Upper Michigan. And freezing rain was scattered over western central Minnesota.

By midday, about 12 inches of snow had fallen at Grantsburg, Wis., before turning to sleet, the National Weather Service said. Other reports, all in Minnesota, included 8 inches at Pine City, Shell Lake and Spooner, and almost 7 inches at Little Falls.

Rain fell across southern Lower Michigan, southern Wisconsin and southern Minnesota.

And rain and thundershowers extended over the lower Ohio Valley. Hail as big as golf balls fell at Madison, Ind., during the early afternoon, the weather service said. Heaviest rainfall during the six hours up to 2 p.m. EDT was .56 inch at Springfield, Ill.

As the weather system moved eastward, a winter storm which was in effect through Saturday morning over northern New Hampshire, the White Mountains of New Hampshire, and Maine's western mountains and foothills. Elsewhere, rain also extended over the northern coast of California, and was scattered over southeastern Florida.

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Pentagon acknowledges no policy on responding to gulf war crimes

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon said Friday that Iraq may have committed genocide against Kuwaitis in the gulf war but acknowledged that the Bush administration is unsure how to respond to Iraqi war crimes.

The report also said Iraq abused all U.S. prisoners of war, torturing most.

In its most detailed public account of alleged Iraqi war crimes, the Pentagon said - a U.S. strategy must be developed to respond to breaches of the laws of war "to make clear that a price will be paid for such violations."

The report gave no indication the administration would press in any international forum for charges of Iraqi violations of the Geneva Conventions or other laws of war, even though it said "a case can be made" that genocide occurred.

Lack of action was criticized as "really outrageous" by William Arkin, director of military research at the environmental group Greenpeace USA. Arkin spent three weeks in Iraq last summer investigating the effects of the allied bombing campaign.

He said he believes the administration is not acting against Saddam Hussein because, "If we raise the issue of war crimes in a formal way, people are going to raise the issue of our own war crimes." He said U.S. forces violated the laws of war in the bombing Feb. 15, 1991, of an underground bunker in Baghdad which Iraq said resulted in 311 civilian deaths.

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The company told Bailey her account would be credited if she did not receive the promised merchandise.

Bailey phoned back and gave her credit card number, agreeing to purchase more than \$400 in cosmetics. About a month later, Bailey received a letter telling her that the financial institution which handled the funds for the product had withheld its money. Her order could not be shipped.

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She became friends with law enforcement officers who frequently stopped by and became interested in their work. Today, she describes herself as a private investigator of scams.

Bailey says she will continue to report the questionable actions of firms who send her mailings, adding she feels a little better since her vigilante work may help someone.

"Somebody's got to try to stop this stuff," she said. "People are going to get hurt. I'm getting ready to send in some more things I have documented."

War

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U.S. commanders ordered unnecessary air strikes on targets already hit - such as electrical power plants - because intelligence reports about damage on the battlefield were late or inadequate.

"Some target sets, such as electric power production, were more heavily damaged than originally planned," the report said, because of "unnecessary strikes."

Critics of the gulf war have faulted the allies for crippling electricity and water supplies, and for causing great suffering among Iraqi civilians for months after the war's end.

The intelligence community - such as the National Intelligence Council, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency - adhered to their peacetime habits of offering competing analyses.

While this may be appropriate for high-level policymakers, it "tends to brood a picture and too wide a range of options" for a battlefield commander, the report said.

An attempt was hastily organized to remedy the situation, in order to offer commanders in the field predictions of enemy intentions 24 to 96 hours ahead and to send information into the field.

By war's end "90 million maps were transported to the theater" in part by raising intelligence transport "to the same priority as medical supplies," the report stated.

The report did not estimate Iraqi civilian casualties, although one section referred to "the apparently low number," without further explanation or detail. It said extraordinary attempts were made to minimize civilian casualties but acknowledged that the efforts were not always successful.

Nor did the study offer an estimate for Iraqi military casualties.

Some analysts have estimated they were as high as 100,000. Gen. Charles Horner, the air war commander, has said the number could be as low as 10,000.

There were no figures provided on how often the Patriot missile succeeded in downing Iraq's Scud short-range ballistic missiles. Nor was a success rate cited for precision weaponry such as the Tomahawk sea-launched cruise missile or the laser-guided air-launched bombs, except in very general terms.

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Abortion

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unconstitutional under whatever standards the Supreme Court set out in the Pennsylvania ruling.

The judge said he would rule on that question without holding a trial.

The court has respect and empathy for individual plaintiffs. However, there is no need for a trial to review what the court already has, "Greene wrote."

He rejected many other objections that the American Civil Liberties Union had raised. Among them was its claim that the law, in effect, amounted to establishment of a state religion because it too closely paralleled the view of the predominant Mormon Church on abortion.

"Manifestly, the statute is as consistent with society's traditional moral framework as it is with any one or several religions," Greene said.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) - Whinning numbers, drawn Friday night in the Fantastico Five game were 6, 12, 13, 15 and 30 (six, twelve, thirteen, fifteen and thirty). The estimated jackpot is \$88,250.

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Briefly

Caterpillar, union will resume talks

PEORIA, Ill. — Caterpillar Inc. and the United Auto Workers agreed to resume negotiations to end a bitter 5-month-old strike that has idled nearly 13,000 employees, both sides said Friday.

However, Caterpillar vice president Wayne Zimmerman said the company's final offer was still on the table and he believes negotiations remain at an impasse.

"Anyone who're discussing things, it's progress," said Zimmerman. "But, I don't know if it's a breakthrough."

Company and union officials will meet Monday with representatives of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in a Chicago suburb, the agency said.

Species move toward endangered list

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department this week cleared the way for eight additions to the list of endangered species, but environmental groups said the department was using President Bush's 90-day moratorium on new regulations to illegally delay other new listings.

The Fund for Animals and other organizations using the government over the delays disclosed the planned additions Friday at a court session:

The eight that will be placed on the endangered species list are Utah's Kanab ambersnail, five Puerto Rican plants, and the goldfinch darter and blueshiner, which are two Southeastern fish.

The department is considering waivers to the moratorium on a case-by-case basis. Environmental groups are pressing for a general waiver for plants and animals already proposed for the endangered species list.

Bad-check writers will be named

WASHINGTON — More than 300 current and former lawmakers who wrote bad checks on their House bank accounts will be publicly identified Thursday. Members will be back in their districts when the bad news comes.

Release of the list will be politically painful for those on it, many of whom have argued they were victims of a sloppy run "mom and pop" bank, Rep. Matthew H. McHugh, D-N.Y., acting chairman of the ethics committee, said Friday.

The five-month investigation has adversely affected more House members than any previous ethics probe.

Music dies at Pittsburgh radio station

PITTSBURGH — The last disc jockey on one of the country's pioneer commercial radio stations ended his final show Friday with the song that has been his signature since 1964.

After Larry Richter played Don McLean's "American Pie," shortly before noon, KDKA-AM dropped music from its regular schedule, completing a gradual shift to a news, talk and information format.

"That song doesn't mean anything to anyone here except today," said John Cigna, host of the morning show. "KDKA since 1920 has been music-oriented. It's the end of an era."

Clinton suspends prisoner furloughs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Prisoner-furloughs for good behavior were suspended Friday at the request of Gov. Bill Clinton after an inmate on furlough allegedly hijacked an airplane, the governor's office said.

The action followed the escape Thursday of Charles Lloyd-Patterson Sr., 47, of Batesville, whom the FBI charged with hijacking a charter flight within Arkansas.

Patterson was sentenced in 1988 to 40 years in prison after convictions on several charges, including solicitation to commit murder. He also was being sought in connection with an early morning robbery Friday at a Batesville residence.

LaRouche backers submit petitions

OLYMPIA (AP) — Backers of Lyndon LaRouche submitted petitions today that they hope will qualify the political extremist for Washington's May 19 Democratic presidential primary.

The petitions carry 2,000 signatures, nearly double the 1,000 needed to qualify a candidate for the primary ballot, said Pat Ruckert, leader of the LaRouche movement in Washington.

LaRouche, 69, is serving a 15-year federal prison sentence for fraud and tax evasion. He and six supporters were convicted in 1988 in a fund-raising scheme prosecutors said involved \$30 million in defaulted loans.

Navy names Arthur new vice chief

WASHINGTON — Vice Adm. Stanley R. Arthur, who commanded U.S. naval forces in the Gulf War, is being promoted to Vice Chief of Naval Operations, the No. 2 position in the Navy.

In announcing the move Friday, the Pentagon said Arthur also is being promoted to the rank of admiral. The selections are subject to approval by Congress. Arthur, 56, currently is serving as commander of the Seventh Fleet at Yokosuka, Japan.

Compiled from wire reports

The campaign

Brown urges Virginians Perot promises he'll resign to vote 'against the odds' from clubs if he enters race

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Democrat Jerry Brown, calling himself an underdog, on Friday appealed to Democrats to go "against the odds" and "send a message" by supporting him in Virginia's caucuses over the weekend.

"It's a small meeting tomorrow but it could have a big impact," Brown told an audience of several dozen gathered in a Richmond church.

The caucuses are the first step toward picking the 78 pledged members of Virginia's 92-member delegation to the Democratic National Convention.

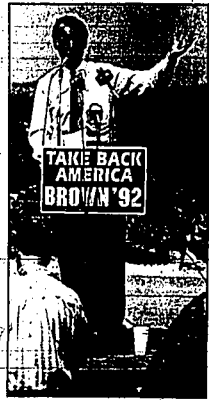
Brown described himself as an underdog but drew enthusiastic applause from his predominantly black audience when he reminded them he wanted civil rights leader Jesse Jackson to be his running mate.

At a community college later, a luau-themed crowd of several hundred cheered — as Brown renewed his promise to replace federal college loans with scholarships.

Brown denied allegations that when he was governor of California in the 1970s, his home in Los Angeles was the site of marijuana and cocaine parties. ABC News on Thursday night aired the allegations from anonymous sources identified only as former members of the state police security detail who guarded him when he was governor.

Several Californians who were close to the Brown administration when he was governor spilled at the report. They said he never gave parties of any kind and was extremely health conscious.

On the eve of the caucuses, state



AP Photo

Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown speaks before a sparsely attended rally at Piedmont Community College in Charlottesville, Va., Friday.

Democratic leaders said Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas appeared poised to win a substantial number of delegates but added that many party activists prefer to remain uncommitted.

Clinton was to have campaigned in Richmond on Friday, but he and went home to Little Rock after his doctor warned he needed to rest his overworked voice or risk permanent damage to his vocal cords.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot said Friday he'll resign from private clubs if he runs for president and fended-off what he called "rude and adversarial" questions on issues ranging from race relations to deficit reduction.

The business executive with the can-do reputation condemned Washington as a place where "nothing constructive happens." In a speech to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, he said a Perot administration "would be different and vowed to erase the federal deficit, but offered few concrete proposals.

"For every dollar of taxes raised, the president and Congress increase spending by \$1.83. This is a government that comes at us, not from us," Perot told the newspaper editors.

Perot has said he will run for president



Perot

ident as an independent, if supporters get his name on ballots in all 50 states — a prospect that appears likely. Perot also has said he'd spend up to \$100 million of his own money on the campaign.

"I'm not driven to do this," he told the editors. "Matter of fact, the more I'm in it, the less interesting it becomes."

During and after his speech, Perot was questioned not only on substantive issues but also on his personality and his personal morality.

Bush says he asked staff to stay away from sleaze

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Friday that he has ordered his campaign managers to "stay out of the sleaze business" and that he doubted his operatives were trying to keep alive questions about Bill Clinton's integrity.

Bush also heatedly denied that the White House and his own campaign were in disarray, as has been widely reported. "I was dissatisfied," you'd know about it loud and clear," the president said. He made a point of denying a story that he had summoned his son George to help sort out problems in the White House

and campaign. "That was not true," he declared, his voice rising.

Bush acknowledged that the election was shaping his presidential agenda.

"I think that politics drives some things," Bush said. "They get much more clearly in focus every four years, and then you go ahead and try to follow through and do something about them."

At the same time, Bush accused Democrats in Congress of stalling action on his proposals. "Get more Republicans in there and more sensible Democrats that will vote for what we want," he said.

Peru sanctions not likely now, say officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said the possibility Friday that the Organization of American States will impose sanctions against Peru but other officials said such action is not likely for the time being.

At a news conference, Bush recalled that the OAS applied sanctions against Haiti after the military takeover there six months ago. As for similar measures against Peru, Bush said, "certainly we'd consider it" when OAS foreign ministers meet here on Monday.

Meanwhile, Assistant Secretary of State Bernard Aronson suggested that an embargo against Peru was not likely because the situation there is different from Haiti.

In Haiti, the group that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had no legitimacy, Aronson said in a television interview, while in Peru the elected president, Alberto Fujimori, is still in charge.

OAS foreign ministers who will convene here on Monday are expected to approve a resolution calling for the return of the democratic order in Peru, said the officials, asking not to be identified.

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Welfare cuts receive OK from Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration gave Wisconsin permission Friday to cut back payments to welfare mothers and President Bush encouraged other states to come up with changes of their own.

"I am pleased to make good on my promise," said Bush, who has made changes in the welfare system a campaign issue.

The administration issued a waiver that will allow Wisconsin to cut benefits to women who give birth to more children while receiving welfare aid.

The Wisconsin plan will be tried in Milwaukee and three other counties for five years. Recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children will receive only one-half of their normal amount when a second child is born and provide no increase for the third or subsequent children.

Participants will be allowed to keep the first \$200 and one-half of additional earnings each month. Currently recipients who work are allowed to keep only the first \$30 and one-sixth or one-third of earned income.

Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin was asked whether there is any evidence that unwed mothers have additional children simply for the added income.

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Nation

Consumer prices jump sharply, but few expect rise in inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer prices, jolted by sharp increases for food, gasoline and clothing, jumped 0.5 percent last month, the Labor Department said Friday.

It was the biggest increase in the Consumer Price Index in 17 months but economists for the most part dismissed the surge as a one-time event that was unlikely to be repeated given the economy's prolonged weakness and the expected annual recovery.

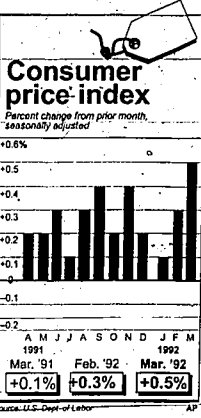
"Even though we had a disappointing one-month number, there is a lot of slack in the economy and wage costs are moving down," said Lyle Gramley, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association. "This is not the beginning of a trend. It is an aberration."

The stock market still basking in Thursday's surprise surge in interest rates by the Federal Reserve, took the inflation report in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 30 points at mid-afternoon.

The New York rally was given new life by a sharp rise in the Tokyo market where a key stock market index posted its fifth-biggest one-day gain. Japanese investors were heartened by the Fed's cut in U.S. interest rates, believing it will give the Bank of Japan maneuvering room to cut Japanese rates.

The 0.5 percent increase in consumer prices last month, the biggest gain since a 0.7 percent surge in October 1990, reflected higher costs in a number of areas.

Grocery store prices jumped by 0.7 percent, their biggest increase in more than a year. Prices for meat, dairy products and other staples also rose.



continued fallout from flooding in winter vegetable areas of Texas and California.

Tomato prices soared 22.8 percent in March alone, and their cost is up by 110.1 percent so far this year. Bucking the higher trend, prices of oranges continued to decline, dropping by 6.9 percent last month and 38.9 percent over the past six months.

Energy prices, which had fallen for two consecutive months, advanced 0.6 percent in March, led by higher costs for heating oil. Prices for coal, natural gas and electricity were flat.

pump-gasoline have been falling since the March survey and they predicted the April report would show a decline.

The big March price increase, if it continued for an entire year, would translate into an inflation rate of 6.2 percent. However, for the first three months of the year, prices are rising at an annual rate of just 3.5 percent, reflecting more modest increases of 0.1 percent in January and 0.3 percent in February.

For all of 1991, consumer prices increased at a five-year low of 3.1 percent, and many economists believe the increase this year could be almost as small, giving the country its best back-to-back inflation performance since the mid 1960s.

Excluding food and energy, prices rose the same 0.5 percent in March, just higher costs for clothing, which were up 0.6 percent after an even bigger 1.6 percent surge in February.

Also up were prices for tobacco, new cars, and medical care, which has climbed 7.8 percent over the past year, the worst performance for any of the major areas in the survey.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. reported Friday that mortgage rates fell significantly this week for the first time since the year began. Thirty-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 8.84 percent from the 8.96 percent of the week before. Analysts said the Fed's credit easing could mean mortgage rates will drop to 8.75 percent or lower.

The jump in consumer prices was at odds with a much more modest rise in the cost of living. Analysts said that prices for most

Cleaning House: Legislators OK administrative reforms

Boston Globe

WASHINGTON — House legislators, hoping to pacify voters outraged over House bank and post office scandals, approved sweeping reforms Thursday of how the House of Representatives administers itself.

The reform measure, spurred by criticism of a patronage system of administrative posts, creates professional management positions to oversee non-legislative duties and reorganize other administrative functions.

Significantly, the bill grants the minority leader veto power over those appointments, which include an inspector general. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley of Washington called the reforms "unprecedented."

"But the measure, approved on a 269 to 81 vote, does not contain more wide-ranging procedural and legislative reforms sought by Republicans, who angrily denounced it. Many abstained during the vote."

"Unprecedented isn't enough," said the House minority leader, Robert Michel of Illinois, urging adoption of a substitute Republican reform bill. "These are unprecedented times, when the public demands extraordinary action."

Idaho's Democratic congressman, Richard Stallings and Larry LaRocco, voted for the reform measure.

Thursday's vote came amid a new twist in the House bank and post office scandals. Jay Stephens, U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, announced a superseding indictment that charges a post office employee with conspiring with fellow employees to sell drugs from the House post office.

The indictment adds a drug dealing charge to charges of embezzlement. Three post office employees have pleaded guilty. According to the indictment, a former post office employee, Wendell Magruder, distributed marijuana, cocaine and crack to co-conspirators working in the U.S. House of Representatives post office and other individuals "in return for money and favors."

Magruder, who already was charged with embezzlement, is also accused of distributing cocaine to various employees who allegedly assisted him in concealing the theft.

The office had been overseen by House Postmaster Robert Rota, who resigned several weeks ago. Under the bill, the office of the postmaster is replaced by an employee of the U.S. Postal Service.

The measure would create two administrative posts: the director of non-legislative and financial services and the House inspector general.

Bill would lift seniors' income limit

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — In an election-year bow to the powerful senior citizens' voting bloc, the House Thursday night passed a \$7.3 billion bill that would double the amount of money senior citizens can make before facing cuts in Social Security benefits.

Despite emotional arguments that enacted benefits would add to the deficit and deplete Social Security funds for future generations, Democrats and Republicans united to pass the bill 340-68.

The bill would nearly double, from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year, the maximum income seniors could receive through 65 to be allowed to earn without facing penalties. There is no income limit for people aged 70 or more.

Between 400,000 and 720,000 of the nation's 40 million Social Security recipients would be expected to benefit from the increased earnings limit, which would be phased in over five years.

"Let's get off our duffs and do something for senior citizens," said Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and sponsor of the bill.

Aside from helping working older Americans, the bill also would increase Social Security payments to widows and widowers aged 80 and over who began receiving reduced benefits before their 65th birthday.

The bill also would continue benefits to disabled children who otherwise would lose them if they turn 18. The measure would create two administrative posts: the director of non-legislative and financial services and the House inspector general.

The measure next goes to the Senate, where its prospects for passage are bright. Last year, the Senate passed a bill to eliminate the income limit for Social Security pensions altogether, which would have cost \$33 billion over five years.

Experts back acne medicines

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Medical experts advised the government on Friday that the benefits of an ingredient in popular acne medicines outweigh the possible risk of getting cancer from it, and it should be available without a prescription.

Advisors to the Food and Drug Administration said the ingredient, benzoyl peroxide, could remain on the market while new animal studies are being conducted. The vote was unanimous.

Benzoyl peroxide is found in such products as Clearasil, Oxy 5 and Oxy 10. It has absolutely no toxicity in using this product," Dr. Sidney Hurwitz, clinical professor of pediatrics and dermatology at the Yale University School of Medicine, told the panel.

Benzoyl peroxide, which has been sold over the counter for some 30 years, has been found effective in killing the bacteria p. acnes, a cause of pimples and chronic acne.

Its use came into question when studies found that lab rodents developed cancerous tumors when this compound was applied to the skin or given orally.

However, industry scientists said the dosages given to the rodents were massive and that some of the rodents were bred to be especially sensitive to getting cancerous growths.

Acne products not needing a prescription accounted for some \$300 million in annual sales, said Debra Bennett, a spokeswoman for Procter & Gamble.

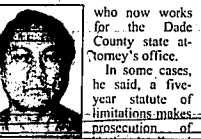
Noriega trial implicates others

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega's trial implicated Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Nicaragua's Sandinistas, a mysterious U.S. diplomat and others, but prosecutors refused to say Friday if more indictments are on the way.

"We can't mention any ongoing investigations we might have," said U.S. attorney James McAdams. He said the day after the ousted Panamanian leader was convicted on eight drug and racketeering charges.

But former federal prosecutors who put Noriega's 1988 indictment together said more cases are possible.

"There's a lot of fertile ground out there — it's a matter of how you attack it, and you certainly need a lot of cooperation," said Richard Gregorie, a former federal prosecutor



Noriega

But the same racketeering laws that helped convict Noriega could kick in if prosecutors find a continuing conspiracy.

On Friday, Noriega was moved from Miami's federal courthouse, where he had been staying in a basement cell during the trial, to the Federal Metropolitan Correctional Center outside Miami. He could remain there until his July 10 sentencing or

be moved to a high-security federal prison. After his sentencing, he is likely to be transferred to Tampa for trial on a marijuana-smuggling indictment.

Noriega's wife, Felicitad, faces her own legal problems. On Friday, she had an attorney enter a plea of innocent to charges she and a friend stole buttons from expensive dresses at a department store last month.

Castro has often been rumored to be a target of U.S. drug investigations, and in one Noriega racketeering count the U.S. specifically determined the Cuban leader was also linked to Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel.

Jurors found Noriega flew to Havana in 1984 to have Castro mediate a dispute that arose when Panamanian troops raided a drug lab.

Philippines official honors Bataan effort

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — An official of the Philippines marked the 50th anniversary of the Bataan death march in World War II by honoring its survivors.

"My country would like to offer her gratitude to New Mexico, whose sons went there to fight with our sons," said Antonio Villamayor, Philippines consul in Houston.

Thursday's 75-minute ceremony commemorated the April 9, 1942, surrender of U.S. forces to the Japanese on the Philippines' Bataan peninsula.

After the surrender, captive U.S. and Filipino soldiers were forced to march 65 miles in the hot jungle. They were denied food and water, and were beaten — and some were killed — if they fell out of line.

Among the marchers were 1,800 New Mexico National Guardsmen, half of whom would not survive the war.

Thursday's crowd included an estimated 50 Bataan survivors. "We're getting up in years, a little frail," said 80-year-old Manuel Armijo, the master of ceremonies. During the ceremony the U.S. flag was replaced for a time by a plain, white flag symbolizing the surrender.

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British Conservatives take delight in surprise electoral triumph



Major

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Conservatives basked Friday in their unexpected election triumph in the face of a lingering, painful recession.

The leader of the opposition Labor Party, stunned by the loss, hinted he might step down.

Analysts and pollsters had predicted that Britain's economic woes would help Labor win Thursday's election. Instead, the Conservatives became the first party this century to win four straight elections.

According to final results, the Conservatives won a 21-seat majority over the combined opposition in the House of Commons. That was far less than their 101-seat majority after the last election in 1987, but higher than poll predictions.

With all 651 constituencies counted, the Conservatives won 236 seats, Labor won 271 seats and the Liberal Democrats took 20.

Prime Minister John Major, who took over 16 months ago from Margaret Thatcher, told supporters he was "delighted to have my own mandate."

"I think it is very important ... the country have elected me in my own right to become prime minister. I am immensely proud of that," he told a cheering crowd outside his residence at 10 Downing St.

Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock said he was "consulting colleagues to inform them of the action I propose to take in the wake of the election defeat" and would make a statement on Monday.

The pro-independence Scottish Nationalist Party won three seats and the pro-independence Welsh party Plaid-Cymru got four seats. In Northern Ireland, Gerry Adams, leader of the Irish Republican Army's political wing Sinn Fein, lost his seat.

In Washington, President Bush hailed Major's victory. "It was substantial, it was wonderful," he said.

The voter turnout was 77.8 percent, slightly up from 75 percent in 1987.

Major has pursued a less rigorous version of Mrs. Thatcher's tight-money, free-market

stance. Nonetheless, Mrs. Thatcher, who led the Conservatives to power in 1979 and also won the 1983 and 1987 elections, called the vote a vindication of her policies.

"Everything we have done in the last 13 years will now be conserved and built on," she said.

Labor, however, predicted the nation's economy would worsen with the Conservative win. "Now the Conservatives will continue with the decline," Kinnock said.

The main election issues were the recession, taxation and the state-run National Health Service.

Investors had feared that a Labor victory would depress the pound and force an increase in interest rates, or perhaps even a devaluation of sterling against the other cur-

rencies in Europe's exchange rate mechanism.

Following the victory, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index surged 136.2 points, or 5.6 percent, to close at 2,572.6. It nearly recouped the 138.4 points it lost during the four-week campaign, which began March 11. The pound rose about a cent against the dollar.

Analysts said fear of the Labor Party — which had said it would raise taxes on the wealthy and increase spending on health, education and welfare — proved stronger than anger over the economy.

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World

Briefly

Bosnian leader asks for protection

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — President Alija Izetbegovic on Friday appealed for international help to protect Muslims in eastern Bosnia from a Serbian drive for territory.

In the border town of Zvornik, scene of the heaviest fighting, Serb militias clashed again with Muslim defenders.

A visiting U.N. official said that thousands of refugees had fled the town, some in "desperate" condition. Serbs, who make up one-third of Bosnia's 4.3 million people, strongly oppose the independence that Bosnia-Herzegovina won from the United Nations, the United States and other countries this week.

Vote in Iran likely to boost moderates

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranians voted Friday in parliamentary elections expected to strengthen the hand of President Hashemi Rafsanjani as he seeks to improve the economy and expand ties with the West.

"We would like to think that these elections are a stepping stone for future political and economic decisions," Rafsanjani said after casting his ballot at a prayer hall where Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini usually preached. It was the first such vote since the 1989 death of Khomeini.

The results, due Wednesday, were likely to deal a blow to hard-line Islamic fundamentalists who still adhere to Khomeini's policies. Iranians and diplomats said they expected Rafsanjani's more pragmatic supporters to win 70 percent of the 270 seats.

Afghan parties agree to form council

GENEVA — Warring parties in Afghanistan have agreed to form a council that will hand over power to an interim government, U.N. Secretary-General Butros Butros-Ghali said Friday. But one rebel leader rejected the accord.

Butros-Ghali described the agreement as the "first step of reconciliation" in a country where 2 million people have died since civil war began in 1979, when the former Soviet Union invaded to prop up the communist government.

Compiled from wire reports

Yeltsin promises concessions to lawmakers

MOSCOW (AP) — Offering a compromise to save his decision-making powers, President Boris Yeltsin on Friday promised to soften his economic reforms and step down as prime minister by the end of the year.

In a brief speech to the Russian parliament, an obviously tired Yeltsin offered the minor concessions to the former Communist lawmakers who have doggedly attacked his reforms and tried to limit his authority.

Both Yeltsin and his Communist critics claimed that the Russian president's promises represented a victory for them.

Presidential adviser Galina Starovoiolova said Yeltsin had preserved what was most important to him. "Presidential decrees are the locomotive of reform," she said.

"I think his position as president has been weakened," said lawmaker Amangeldy Tuleyev, a member of the anti-Yeltsin camp.

Still, in the politicking that led to the compromise, Yeltsin forced his opponents to give up more than they gained by threatening a national referendum, or even new parliamentary



Yeltsin

elections, if they revoked his powers.

Yeltsin spoke to the 1,046-member Congress of Peoples' Deputies after it passed, on first reading, a resolution that maintained his sweeping powers but urged him to relinquish the post of prime minister within a month.

Yeltsin currently has the authority to directly set economic and military policies and appoint government officials. Parliament, dominated by former Communists, has the power to end reforms or strip Yeltsin of all but ceremonial functions.

The resolution, passed 536-217, also ordered Yeltsin to submit a list of other Cabinet ministers for approval. Parliament must vote again on the resolution before it becomes a formal act. It was unclear when the second vote would occur.

"I realize that the combination of the posts of president and prime minister is very hard, above all on

me," said Yeltsin, whose eyes were puffed and skin ashen after a week of fending off attacks in parliament.

"In another three months, once it is clear that there will be no return to the past, that the reforms are irreversible ... undoubtedly I'll introduce proposals on a candidate for prime minister," he told the lawmakers in the Kremlin. "Don't force me to do it at once."

Yeltsin's foreign trade minister, Pyotr Avetisyan, said Yeltsin wants to remain prime minister until December. The post carries direct responsibility for the economy, including state-run industries.

The 61-year-old president spoke deliberately and forcefully, without notes, and occasionally shook a fist at the lawmakers. At times, he smiled through crooked lips.

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(3) Apricot flamestitch La-Z-Boy® accent chairs - Emerald green Flexsteel wing chair - Country oak boston rocker - (3) Solid oak arrow back rockers - Glider rocker, blue/mauve cushion - Glider/swivel rocker recliner - Hi-leg Lane recliner, green - (4) Swivel glider rockers, brown - Mauve, La-Z-Boy® rocker recliner - Melon, La-Z-Boy® wall saver recliner - Plus, dozens of assorted La-Z-Boy® rocker recliners.

MIRRORS

(6) Oval beveled wood frame - Washed arch 33x51 - (2) Cheval mirrors, oak - (2) Cheval mirrors, cherry-assorted styles.

SLEEPER SOFAS

Black/grey quilted queen size - La-Z-Boy peach/blue - Stanton queen multi-color - Stanton queen w/innerspring - Stanton queen w/innerspring - Stanton queen w/foam matt. - Grey/mauve queen sleeper floral - (2) Beige transitional sleeper queen - (2) Full size tan sleepers - Blue/beige queen sleeper. Many others!

FUTONS

(4) Full size frames w/futon - (2) Twin size frames w/futon.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

Oak armoire-Bassett - Washed oak armoire-Bassett.

HOME OFFICE

3-Drawer file cabinet oak - (2) 2-Drawer oak file cabinets - (2) Rolltop desks - Washed oak flat top desk.

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5-Piece oak pedestal - 7-Piece pine set - 5-Piece pine set - 5-Piece white/brass - (4) Extra chairs, natural & wood - 5-Piece glass/white contemporary - 7-Piece bassett cherry - 7-Piece oak pedestal table - 7-piece pine - Country blue/maple hutch - Oak hutch - Oak 24" dark barstool - Oak 24" lt. barstool - (3) Upholstered/almond barstools - 30" Pine barstool. Numerous additional sets!

BEDROOM

(2) 5-pc. Washed oak set - (2) 5-pc. Oak/brass finish - Oak twin headboard - 3-pc. Oak Bassett (dresser, mirror, HD/BD) - Solid pine nightstand - Full size HD/BD, FT/BD pine - Queen headboard pine - Brass twin HD/BD, FT/BD - Brass full HD/BD, FT/BD - 4-Drawer chests - 5-Drawer chests - 8-Drawer dressers - 6-Drawer dressers - 1-Drawer nightstands - Pine desk & hutch - (2) pine wall units - Solid oak bunkbed - Twin over full bunk red - Twin over full bunk white - Twin over full bunk blue - Twin over twin bunk red - Twin over twin bunk white - Twin over twin bunk blue - Solid pine 2x6 bookcase - Solid pine 2x8 bookcase.

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DAYBEDS

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MISC.

Wine rack - "Clocktail" end tables - (1) Oak ornate hall tree - (2) Oak hall trees w/mirrors - Solid cedar wardrobe - Brass/porcelain blanket racks - Neon art - Banana chairs - Assorted pictures and accessories - Telephone stands - Bakers rack - Wooden coat trees - Brass plant stands - Magazine racks - Picture easel - Tiered corner units - bookcases - Oak 12-rifle/pistol drawer, gun cabinet - Six-gun, oak w/armo drawer, gun cabinet - 12-rifle, pistol drawer, oak - Hundreds of unlisted items.

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Andrus lashes out at Republicans over state education spending

BOISE (AP) — Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus is lambasting the Republican legislative majority labeling it anti-education for holding state aid to public schools nearly \$5 million below the level he proposed and now admits might have been inadequate as well.

But GOP leaders, staunch in their belief that spending any more would lead to a deficit and a general tax increase, have accused the governor of doing nothing more than playing election-year politics with one of the



Andrus

that he has promised to make pay at the ballot box this fall for approving a school aid package that will actu-

ally reduce the state support for basic operations of each classroom.

"At a time when we have more demands on our educational system, more students in the classroom and more need to reform, this Republican budget is actually cutting dollars in the classroom," Andrus said.

The governor issued his formal letter of rebuke to lawmakers on Friday in the midst of 100 fourth-graders from Chubbuck Elementary School. The two-page document notifies leaders that because the GOP

has refused to compromise, he will allow "this flawed and damaging bill" to become law without his signature.

Just moments before issuing the letter, Andrus tried to recruit the students into his campaign for more state school support, urging them to impress on lawmakers the need to increase the state's financial commitment to education.

Andrus had proposed \$501.9 million in state aid, a 2.9 percent increase from the \$487.5 million allo-

ated this year. It would have provided only a modest increase in per-classroom support since \$5 million of the total was earmarked for education reform initiatives. The GOP plan actually reduces per-classroom support because it diverts \$2 million from the total for education reform.

Republicans, convinced Andrus had overestimated the state's economic strength, refused to authorize any more than \$497 million. They only promised the other \$5 million if the state treasury runs a surplus in

mid-1993 after the coming school year ends.

Both Senate President Pro Tem Michael Crapo of Idaho Falls and House Speaker Tom Boyd of Genesee objected to the governor's pointed attacks. They maintained that education was the GOP's top priority and the debate this year was over the outlook for Idaho's economy. Each again pointed out that in most years, the Republican controlled Legislature has exceeded the governor's support recommendation.

Audit uncovers no irregularities after departure of BSU's Keiser

POCATELLO (AP) — A special audit commissioned after the September firing of Boise State University President John Keiser has found no financial irregularities.

The audit, prepared by Presnell Gage Accounting and Consulting of Boise, examined the accounts of the president's office, the BSU athletic department, KBSU radio and the private Bronco Athletic Association during fiscal year 1991.



Keiser

They examined \$158,000 in expenditures from Keiser's office. They included \$12,581 for chartered airplanes for BSU personnel to attend meetings. Keiser said virtually all of that was to attend state Board of Education meetings.

The results presented to the state Board of Education, indicate each office "substantially complied" with the policies and procedures of the board, Boise State University and the athletic department, the Idaho Statesman reported.

"I feel good that the audit showed everything was done properly," Keiser said Thursday night. "I think the board was looking to find a reason for firing me after they had already done it."

Also included was \$16,472 for meals and entertainment, which he said was for university-related receptions, dinners and fund-raisers. It included \$2,742 in charges from the exclusive Arid Club in Boise.

The \$118,623 in audited Bronco Athletic Association expenses included \$52,322 in expenses for the BSU Alumni Association.

The board charged Keiser kept it from knowing about the \$52,322 in expenses for the BSU Alumni Association.

Auditors also examined nearly \$2 million in athletic department expenses and \$44,500 in KBSU expenditures.

The audit confirmed our view all along. There is nothing illegal or unethical about any of the expenditures," said BSU interim President Larry Selland.

The audit narrowed its scope to the

any outside income employees

Robert Madden, the athletic association executive director, said the money went to provide meals for the 600 who attended the event, as well as rental of a convention center.

Also noted was about \$1,400 in dues to two Boise country clubs. Madden declined to explain the expenses, but added the BAA no longer had a membership at the clubs.

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Boise State, however, is changing some of its policies in response to the audit, he said.

Any outside income employees

Survivor of 1957 crash says no nuclear weapons on board

CLAYTON, Wash. (AP) — A former Air Force tail-gunner says he has suffered post-traumatic stress since he walked away from the 1957 crash of a B-52 that killed eight men.

"I've had it ever since that day," Gene Graye said Thursday from his home in this town about 20 miles north of Spokane. "And you have to understand, it's kind of hard for me to talk about the crash — even after this long."



Graye

Graye, 60, was the only survivor of the plane that crashed shortly after takeoff Dec. 12, 1957, from Fairchild Air Force Base west of Spokane.

And he disputes a report that says the plane was carrying nuclear weapons.

The crash is listed as one of eight unacknowledged Defense Department accidents involving nuclear weapons in a controversial report prepared for the Environmental Protection Agency. The report was released by a Senate committee Thursday in Wash-

borne-alert missions, he said.

"There's no way that's true — and you can emphasize that point," Graye said.

He said he was lucky to walk away from the crash, which claimed the life of then-Fairchild commander, Col. C.A. Neely. Other B-52 crewmen have survived crash landings; and at least one in-flight collision, Graye said.

"But as far as what they tell me, I am the only man that has survived a full-impact crash of a B-52," he said.

Investigators determined an electric motor operating a stabilizer in the plane's tail section was improperly wired. The motor was installed shortly before takeoff to replace one that had burned out.

When the pilot retraced the B-52's landing gear after takeoff and tried to lower the jet's nose, a horizontal stabilizer on the plane's tail went up when it should have gone down, sending the plane into a rapid ascent.

"We're talking straight up," Graye recalled. "I could see the top of the tower at Fairchild, but I couldn't see its sides."

In the steep climb, the plane's eight jet engines flamed out and the 450,000-pound bomber stalled, Graye said.

Graye said the bomber was on a training mission and was not carrying nuclear weapons.

Nuclear bombs were carried only on 24-hour air-

potentially contaminated with radioactivity in the 30 states, and catalogued 29 military accidents involving nuclear weapons.

The accuracy of the report — especially the nuclear weapons accidents — was immediately challenged by the EPA, the Pentagon, local officials and media sources.

The Spokesman-Review and Spokane Chronicle reported in Friday's editions, the information it obtained 10 years ago showed there were no nuclear weapons on the B-52 that crashed west of the city.

Briefly

Revoked license halts plant expansion
COEUR D'ALENE — Work has been halted on a water treatment plant expansion project because the contractor's license was revoked in a dispute over a \$1,200 fine.

City officials on Wednesday ordered Construct Tech Corp. to immediately cease work on the \$6.3 million project until it obtains a license. The company, with offices in Coeur d'Alene and Sandy, Utah, was given until April 24 to resolve its dispute with the state Department of Labor.

The company's license was cancelled Jan. 6 by the state Public Works Contracts License Board because it refused to pay the Labor Department fine.

Bingham wants detention center
BLACKFOOT — If it's feasible, Bingham County officials hope to construct and operate a local, weekends-only juvenile detention center.

"We are starting to get our ducks in line," said Commission Chairman Dale Arava.

Commissioners are reviewing plans for a small, local facility to be operated in conjunction with a larger regional center at Pocatello. It would hold no more than six juveniles and operate only on weekends.

Bingham County joined seven other counties to build a juvenile detention facility in Pocatello. It will hold up to 12 juveniles and will cost more than \$300,000 a year to operate full-time. It will be built with a \$923,000 grant.

Chamber endorses Dirk Kempthorne
LEWISTON — Boise Mayor Dirk Kempthorne is one of only two non-incumbents nationwide winning the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in his bid to succeed Steve Symms in the U.S. Senate.

But the Boise Republican is not rushing to publicize the chamber's nearly month-old decision. And his campaign rivals question its worth.

The chamber has endorsed about 150 candidates for the U.S. House and Senate so far. Most are incumbents who have voted with it at least 70 percent of the time.

U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, who seeks the Senate seat, voted with the chamber 40 percent of the time last year. He disagreed with it on issues like "fast track" trade negotiations with Mexico, civil rights and striker replacement.

The U.S. Chamber has not issued endorsements in Idaho's two U.S. House races.

Sunshine settles with former partner
KELLOGG — Sunshine Mining Co. has reached a settlement with a former partner that earlier this year won a \$24 million jury verdict against the company.

Under the settlement, Sunshine will pay the Boullé Group \$1.5 million in cash and a note for \$3.5 million, payable over the next 30 months. Both are Dallas-based companies.

Sunshine's subsidiary operates the nation's largest primary silver mine near Kellogg. The lawsuit was over a breach of contract dispute involving a diamond mining concession in west Africa.

State board votes for rise in resident fees

POCATELLO — Students attending Idaho's public universities and college this fall will have to dig deeper for their diploma.

The state Board of Education voted Thursday to increase both resident fees and non-resident tuition at the four institutions. But it shied away from a hefty increase for out-of-state students currently attending those schools.

Under the approved proposal, Boise State University fees will rise \$60 for residents to \$749 a semester and \$235 for new out-of-state students to \$1,335 a semester. Currently enrolled out-of-state students will pay an additional \$106 a semester, pushing their interim fee to \$1,206.

At the University of Idaho, resident fees will rise \$30 a semester to \$648, and nonresident tuition will jump \$195 to \$1,450 a semester. Currently enrolled non-residents will see a \$60 hike to \$1,315.

Idaho State University resident students will see a \$31 increase to \$646 a semester and non-residents will pay \$265 more or \$1,325 a semester.

The increase at Lewis-Clark State College will be \$30 a semester for residents, bringing those fees to \$624, and \$153 a semester for non-residents, pushing tuition to \$1,171. Currently enrolled non-residents will pay \$1,069, a \$61 increase.

"For" these students in the mill, in the pipeline, we are going to treat them like resident students," said board member Roy Mosman.

Legislative log

The Associated Press

Law Without Signature HB878 (Appropriations) — Allocates \$497 million in state aid to schools for the 1992-1993 school year.

Signed By Governor SB1499 (Finance) — Allocates \$4.1 million for 1993 operations of the public health districts.

SB1395 (Resources and Environment) — Sets out the guidelines for implementing the Outstanding Resource Waters designation law.

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Magic Valley

Air travel costs just went down

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Traveling by air suddenly became cheaper and simpler Friday.

American Airlines restructured its rates Friday, and travel agents say it would mean cheaper and easier travel and restore calm to an industry beset by price wars.

"While the rates don't go into effect until Monday, calls started coming in Friday about the new rates," said Diana Rolig, a travel agent at 4 Ways Travel Service in Twin Falls.

United Airlines was calling its reaction to American's move, "fair fares." Rolig said, "They're lower, simpler, exchangeable, but still non-refundable."

Actual discounts are hard to determine because few travelers buy full-priced tickets. But Rolig said, under the new rates, a Twin Falls-to-Chicago flight would cost \$330. A regular coach fare is \$896, she said.

"I love it," said Juergen Krenzlein, Midwest president of American Society of Travel Agents. "It brings some sanity to the industry."

The public also seemed happy with the new fares. Airlines reported their reservation phone lines were jammed Friday, the day after the plan was announced.

Under the new system, the airlines will offer only a first-class fare, a coach fare that can be brought anytime before a flight and two discount rates, one requiring 21-day advance purchase and another requiring seven-day advance purchase.

American is betting the strategy will encourage more people to fly. United, Delta, USAir, Northwest,

Continental, Alaska Airlines and America West matched the plan either completely or partially.

USAir also said Friday it would cut fares on its hourly New York to Washington and New York to Boston shuttle routes by up to 35 percent. Delta, which also operates shuttles on those routes, responded with a similar offer.

In recent years, the airline industry has been plagued by price wars and confusion. "Sometimes there would be a myriad of rates for a single route."

"You had to carry a bag of rutabagas and whistle Dixie to get the cheaper fares," said Andrea Rader, a spokeswoman for American.

The new structure is more just, said Philip Davidoff, president of the American Society of Travel Agents in Alexandria, Va.

"It provides consumers with more equitable and consistent fares when the traveler is looking for three things: value, value and value," Davidoff said.

Travel agents also applauded the elimination of the "use it or lose it" nonrefundable clauses on tickets. Travelers will now pay a \$25 surcharge for any changes.

Under the old nonrefundable system, travel agents couldn't reissue or refund discount tickets, although sales offices at airlines often did, said William Cooper, president of Adventure Travels in Pompano Beach, Fla.

"This restores our credibility to our clients," he said.

Travel managers for large corporations said it was still unclear how the new fares would affect their plans.

"We're in the middle of a lot of confusion," said Barbara Cook, vice president of Topaz Enterprises, Inc., a fare-auditing business in Portland, Ore. "This comes as a surprise to corporate America."

In the past, corporate clients received discounts of up to 45 percent off coach fare, she said.

But Cook and Brent J. Garback, president of Detroit-based Total Travel, whose clients include General Motors Corp., said some airlines were negotiating new deals with important clients.

Airline officials said they were unaware of any such negotiations.

American has said the new structure will mean bigger profits in the long run and cut expenses associated with the current confusion of fare setting. But some airlines were worried about the immediate impact on earnings.

Trans World Airlines, a frequent fare-chopper that is undergoing reorganization in bankruptcy court, said it was studying the plan.

Garback also cautioned that there had been several attempts since 1978 to simplify fare structures, with none lasting more than 90 days.

Since the recession began in 1980, the airlines have lost \$6 billion and come under pressure to find ways to encourage travel. The demise of weaker Pan Am, Eastern and Midway airlines made change easier to accomplish.

American said its business was already picking up, with double the normal volume of calls to its reservations lines. Reservation agents' days off were canceled to handle the excess, said Rader, the airline spokeswoman.

Man jailed on threat allegation

By Michael Hoffberger, Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A thirty-one-year-old Ketchum man has been jailed in Blaine County with a \$1 million bond after he allegedly threatened the life of his former girlfriend.

Randy Wilkins was arrested last week on charges or was accused with intent to commit a serious felony following an incident that occurred April 1.

According to the arrest warrant obtained by Ketchum police, Wilkins knocked on the door of Susan Gockel's residence at 5:45 p.m., violating a domestic protection order filed against him in March.

He obtained entry by identifying himself as "Sun Valley Florist," the affidavit stated. Once inside, Wilkins pulled a gun on Gockel and held it to her neck, threatening to kill her both.

The complaint states that after 35 minutes, Gockel talked Wilkins into taking her to Peter's Restaurant in Ketchum, where she is employed.

Once there, she contacted the police. Gockel filed a misdemeanor battery complaint against Wilkins in February after he allegedly attempted to choke her. After his arrest by Ketchum police, Wilkins pleaded not guilty to the charge and was released without bond with a court order prohibiting contact with Gockel.

Wilkins allegedly violated the court order earlier in the day on April 1 when he went to Gockel's house.

After his arrest by Ketchum police for violating the protection order, Wilkins posted a \$2,000 cash bond and was released at about 4:30 p.m. According to Gockel, he appeared at her door a little more than an hour later.

Ketchum police arrested Wilkins without incident on April 2 and he has been held in Blaine County Jail since then. His preliminary hearing on the assault charge is set for Tuesday at 1 p.m.

For the record

TWIN FALLS — Recent activity in 5th District Court included the following:

Driving under the influence charges filed:

- Raymond E. McGuire, 23, 675 Jackson St., Duane A. Packer, 22, 335 Seventh St., Wendell.
- Tamara Lindhartson, 26, 268 Blue Lakes Blvd.
- Mikel S. Trevino, 25, 181 Buena Vista.
- Ken Eichelberger, 40, Route 1, two north-one quarter west of Highway 30, Filer.
- Jon Alzer, 42, 151 Second Ave. E., No. 13.
- William L. Burkholder, 26, 811 Second Ave. W.
- Larry D. Wahl, 46, 3967 North 2700 East.
- Norman T. Norris, 30, 345 Fourth Ave. E.
- Budillo, R. Rodriguez, 39, 303 Second Ave. W.
- Michael L. Howard, 40, Route 2, box 135A, Buhl.
- Terry G. Ochsner, 40, 331 1/2 Third Ave. E., No. D.
- Shawn G. Bradshaw, 19, 2026 Elizabeth Blvd., No. 123.

Richard L. Summerhill, 23, 620 14th Ave. N., Buhl.

Driving under the influence sentencing:

- Stephen J. Bonnes, 39, 504 11th Ave. N., Buhl.
- Kenneth C. McManus, 21, 527 Second Ave. W.
- Tina Marie Brown, 20, 280 Adams St., Kalman Anton Greneser, 27, 638 North Ave. W.
- Stephen Bryce Schray, 37, 3653 North 2500 East.
- Drew James Conklin, 22, 11 South 200, East, Shoshone.
- Rodney Redfern, 26, 600 Third St. E., Hamen.
- Tina M. Wray, 34, 4200 North 1500 East.
- Carol L. Boese, 29, 146 Addison Ave. W., Boise.
- Jerry Lee Kinch, 36, 6912 Saxon St., Boise.

Alfred C. Timms, 31, 617 Sixth St., Filer. Pleaded innocent, released of his own recognizance.

Driving under the influence sentencing:

- Kevin L. Clifford, 34, Route 2, box 54, Buhl, 32 days in jail, 30 days suspended, two years probation, \$500 fine, drivers license suspended 180 days, must attend Walker Center.
- Michael D. Crisp, 20, 181 Buena Vista, 90 days in jail, 180 days suspended, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, two years probation, driving privileges suspended 180 days, must receive treatment at Port of Hope.
- Robert Marie Reynolds, 33, 1040 Blueview Drive, 30 days in jail with credit for time served, 24 days suspended, one year probation, driving privileges suspended 180 days, \$300 fine, \$200 suspended, must attend Port of Hope.
- Robert J. Kuthanek vs. Elizabeth and D.A. Jackson, Personal injury lawsuit asking for at least \$10,000, past, present and future medical costs, and attorney's fees.
- Landie Miller vs. John C. Wells, Asking for damages of at least \$10,000, past, present and future medical costs and attorney's fees and costs.

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Around the valley

City closes Wilmore, Spruce due to cruise

TWIN FALLS — In response to residents' concerns about The Cruise, the city closed Spruce and Wilmore Streets on Friday.

City crews placed barricades at the streets just east of Blue Lakes Boulevard North, city Engineer Gary Young said in a letter to area residents. Signs will warn approaching motorists of the barricades, the letter stated.

The barricades will remain in place for three weeks to give residents and city officials time to evaluate the effects. The closures are meant to give residents immediate relief and are not considered long-term solutions, according to Young's letter.

When officials evaluate the situation in three weeks, the city might be able to refine the solution to minimize effects of the cruise on neighborhoods close to Blue Lakes North, Young wrote.

Area residents approached the City Council this past Monday asking help. Cruisers have invaded the area since the Ernst store on Blue Lakes closed its parking lot at night.

Cruisers used the parking lot as a gathering spot and place to turn around.

Blaine County magistrate hopefuls now number only 6

HAILEY — The field of candidates vying for the magistrate judge position in Blaine County was narrowed from 16 to six Friday.

The six remaining candidates will be interviewed on May 1 at the Blaine County Courthouse by the 5th Judicial District Magistrate Commission. These interviews are open to the public.

The Blaine County magistrate job was left open earlier this year when multiple sclerosis forced Judge Daniel L. Alban, 46, to retire.

Attorneys in the running for the appointment are David W. Haley of Rupert, Kathleen E. Rivers of Ketchum, Cynthia L. Campbell of Blackfoot, Robert J. Elger of Boise and Carolyn M. Minder of Boise.

Anyone who wants to comment on the candidates or submit questions can write to 5th District Judge Daniel Hurlbut, P.O. box 1567, Twin Falls 83303 no later than April 27 at 5 p.m.

Public Utilities Commission postpones IPC rate hearing

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has postponed a hearing on a request by Idaho Power Co. to hike its rates 4.65 percent for one year.

The hearing has been moved from April 21 to April 30. The technical hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. April 30, and the hearing to take comments from rate payers and the general public will begin at 7 p.m.

The commission agreed to postpone the hearing after several organizations, including the Idaho Irrigation Pumps Association, that had intervened in the case asked the commission for more time to gather information.

Drive-by shooting injures mailbox, sign, garbage can

TWIN FALLS — A mailbox, garbage can and street sign were the only victims in a drive-by shooting in southeast Twin Falls Thursday night.

Residents in the area of Locust Street South and Osterloh Avenue called police at about 10 p.m. after hearing several gunshots. According to a police report, officers found several spent rounds from a 9mm handgun.

A bullet hole was found in a nearby mailbox and the street sign at the corner of Locust Street and Eldridge Avenue had been shot nine times, the report says.

Police are looking for a small yellow pickup in connection with the shooting, but neighbors didn't get a license plate number, Cpt. Brett Wells of the Twin Falls police said.

A similar incident involving a yellow pickup was reported to the Jerome County sheriff's office Tuesday.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Glenns Ferry may run low on water

By Pat Morris
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — The city of Glenn's Ferry may face a critical water shortage this summer.

City Maintenance Supervisor Butch Anderson said at a recent City Council meeting that even with the restricted watering hours the city has been operating under since March 1, storage tanks are not filling up.

The recovery time needed to fill the storage tank during the night is not being met, Anderson warned, adding the problem possibly may be due to excessive water use at night.

The city has instituted watering hours from 5 to 10 p.m., based on home addresses or odd and even days.

Anderson explained the water system has an alarm that indicates when the storage water drops to a certain level in the tank. He said he was called out three times one night last week to answer the alarm, and each time had to lower the level at which the alarm would sound.

This problem is occurring even with the King Hill irrigation system, available to

most Glenn's Ferry residents, Anderson said. The irrigation system is separate from the domestic water of Glenn's Ferry.

Anderson said three to four weeks after the King Hill irrigation is turned on, the water problems usually level out. He said, in spite of the problems, he hopes this year will be no different.

Councilman Jim Phillips said if residents cut back on watering during the evening hours, the tanks might refill faster.

The council discussed pushing back irrigation hours later at night if the crisis is not resolved, but no decision was made.

In other business: The Council approved an application from the Glenn's Ferry Highway District to use the right-of-way along Madison Avenue to the Three Island Crossing State Park entrance and fifty feet beyond so the utility company can bury lines.

This will provide telephone service for the Glenn's Ferry Airport. The Rural Telephone Company will provide materials and labor for the project, and work will begin next week.

The Council also approved a request for approximately \$11,000 to help with the

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Child-molesting charges dismissed due to error

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two felony child-molesting counts against a Twin Falls man were dismissed Friday after a deputy prosecutor made a mistake in a preliminary hearing.

Although 5th District Judge Charles P. Brumbach said he was "satisfied that there was appropriate conduct committed" by the defendant, Brumbach said he had no choice but to dismiss the charges against James E. Ross, 61, of Twin Falls.

Early in the four-hour hearing, Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecutor Barbara Blalock asked to change the complaint against Ross to say that the alleged victim in the case was 8 years old at the time of the incidents.

What she meant to say was that the girl is now 8 years old, Blalock said later.

Since the girl's 8th birthday was only six months ago, testimony about events that took place before that time became irrelevant, Twin Falls Public Defender Mike Wood said in moving to dismiss the two charges of lewd and lascivious conduct.

The prosecution alleges incidents took place beginning when the girl was 5.

During the hearing, Wood repeatedly made successful objections to Blalock's

questions to investigators, making it difficult for her to establish the location of the mobile home where the incidents allegedly took place.

Ross, who responded to a summons into court and has never been arrested in connection with the case, walked out of the courtroom knowing he may have to return.

Brumbach said prosecutors may refile the case and go through another preliminary hearing. The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to convince a magistrate judge that the state has enough evidence against a defendant to take the case to trial in District Court.

The dismissal came after lengthy testimony by the girl involved in the case.

According to an affidavit in Ross' court file, the girl told an investigator from the prosecutor's office that the man touched her "private area."

"It breaks my heart to have to put that young lady through it again," Brumbach said. "But I'm not doing it."

If the case is filed again, Brumbach said another judge will hear it.

County Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter did not refile the case Friday but said she expects to do so Monday or Tuesday.

"In the wake of the dismissal, we received new allegations that need to be investigated," Baxter said.



ANDY AREZ/The Times-News

State Sen. Mike Crapo says he wants a federal government spending freeze to help balance the budget.

Crapo kicks off race, calls for fiscal reform

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — State Sen. Mike Crapo officially launched his campaign for Congress in the Magic Valley Friday, saying he would bring "effective conservative solutions" to the House of Representatives.

Crapo, a four-term legislator from Idaho Falls, said he would focus on agricultural and natural-resource issues should be elected to replace U.S. Rep. Richard Stallings, who is leaving his 2nd Congressional District seat to run for the Senate.

However, much of Crapo's 20-minute announcement speech concerned fiscal and economic matters.

Besides supporting a balanced-budget amendment and a presidential line-item veto, Crapo advocated freezing overall federal spending, cutting some 260 programs identified by President Bush, and using savings from military cutbacks as ways to reduce and eventually eliminate the federal budget deficit.

He also said Congress should have to vote on every budget item every year. Currently, he said, about two-thirds of

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Naturopath's inventions irk officials

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Authorities need more clout in dealing with quacks like Twin Falls man who treated patients with crude devices that resemble high school science projects, state officials have told members of Congress.

Victims nationwide spend thousands of dollars to be hooked up to contraptions like James Solomon's "Sweep Pulse Resonator." To stop them, the Food and Drug Administration needs the authority to work with states to close them down.

Solomon created the resonator. A mixture of water and alcohol is poured into the device and some personal information about the patient is entered. The patients are then instructed to drink the potion or rub it onto their skin.

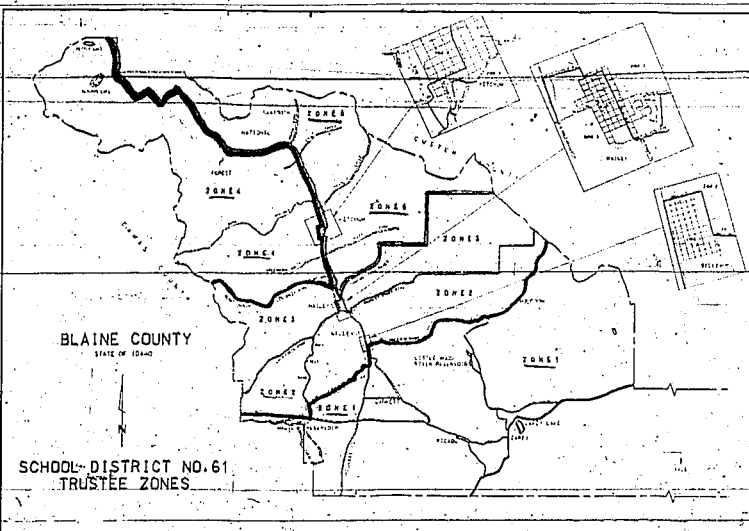
Idaho investigators confiscated 200 devices from his offices, along with other useless machines, said Randall Everett, a criminal investigator for the Idaho attorney general's office.

He testified Thursday before a joint hearing of the House Small Business subcommittee on regulation and the Select Committee on Aging subcommittee on health and long-term care. Both are examining medical scams.

But while Solomon pleaded guilty to grand theft by false promise in 1990 and is cooperating with state officials, Idaho lacks the authority to arrest distributors of his products in at least 13 other states, Everett said.

Shen Spencer of Boise also testified her

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Blaine voters to decide trustee zones

By Linnea Polichetti
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — On Wednesday, Blaine County voters will be asked to approve new school board of trustee zones.

Votes may be cast between noon and 8 p.m. at Carey School, Bellevue Elementary School, Hemingway Elementary School or Wood River Junior High School.

Zone boundaries have changed due to shifts in population density based on current census figures.

A description of the new zones follows:

- Zone No. 1 begins at the southern

- county line and includes Carey, Picabo, Gannett, Yale, all of Bellevue east of Highway 75 and south of Muldoon Road.
- Zone No. 2 is north of Zone No. 1 and includes the area south of Croy Creek Road, all of Hailey south of Empty Saddle Trail and west of Third Avenue (excluding Northridge Subdivision) and south of Quigley Creek Road.
- Zone No. 3 is north of Zone No. 2 and includes the area south of Deer Creek Road west of Highway 75, south of Zine Spur Road to the east of Highway 75, west of Buttercup Road and south of Indian Creek Road.

- Zone No. 4 is northwest of Zone No. 3. It includes all of the area west and south of Highway 75, including that part of Ketchum north of First Street and west of Highway 75. The northernmost boundary is the county line to the west of Highway 75.

- Zone No. 5 includes the remaining area of Ketchum, Sun Valley and Elkhorn extending north to the county line on the east side of Highway 75 and south to Zone No. 3 on the east side of the highway.

Questions regarding zone locations should be directed to the School District office at 788-2296.

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Jury convicts man of assault, battery, kidnapping girlfriend

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Five months ago, 33-year-old Robert Climer kicked his girlfriend in her Hansen home Friday night, he became a convicted felon.

After hearing testimony that Climer held an ax over the head of Marcia McCormick and threatened to kill her, a jury found Climer guilty of aggravated assault and second-degree kidnapping, both felonies, and misdemeanor battery.

Climer and McCormick both had been drinking before the fight in which McCormick said her boyfriend tried to drown her by holding her head underwater in a hot tub.

McCormick also testified that she suffered burns on her arms from a red-hot fireplace tool while struggling with Climer.

In his closing argument Friday afternoon, Twin Falls County Chief Deputy Prosecutor Dan Mink said McCormick felt her life was in danger during the fight.

"You can't get much more imminent than raising an axe above a person's head," Mink said while holding the weapon in front of the jury.

The kidnapping conviction came from Climer's refusal to allow McCormick to leave the hot tub room and go into her mobile home for six hours. The woman wasn't even allowed to go into the bathroom because Climer didn't want her to call the police, Mink said.

Public defender Lisa Barini-Garcia attacked McCormick's testimony in her closing arguments, saying the woman was not

believable and that she was jealous over "an attractive 16-year-old girl" who was in the house prior to the fight.

"That was a show," Barini-Garcia said of McCormick's testimony. She said McCormick showed little emotion on the witness stand, spoke in a monotone and never made eye contact with the jury.

Barini-Garcia acknowledged her client "is not a nice man. He's not someone any of us would invite over for dinner."

But McCormick and Climer loved each other, and the woman was never really in danger of being killed.

"Did she really believe he was going to chop her head off?" Barini-Garcia asked the jury.

Climer will be sentenced after an investigation into his past has been completed.

Wendell sets limit on animals in city

By Val Cooper
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Some Wendell city residents can no longer keep several animals in their back yards.

Wendell City Council passed an ordinance at a recent meeting saying residents can keep no more than one horse, cow, goat or sheep on each 9,375 square feet of city property.

Residents with animals must obtain a permit from the City Council to keep their animals and they must be contained in "enclosures," as well. Council members had complained at a previous meeting that residents raising backyard livestock within the city limits could create a health nuisance.

In addition, notification to all adjoining property owners and residents within 300 feet of the outside perimeter of the enclosure must be given before the council will issue a permit.

If any resident is found in violation of the new ordinance, they will be notified by Mayor George Benson or a council member.

Violators will be given 48 hours to correct the situation.

If not remedied, Police Chief Kevin Blankmeyer, will remove the animals, impound them and notify the owner. There will be a 5-day redemption period. If not picked up, the animals will be sold or destroyed.

As yet, the council has not set the impoundment and boarding fees, but no animal will be redeemed unless costs are paid.

In the event the animal is sold, the proceeds will be applied to the cost of boarding and impoundment with the remaining funds going to the owner.

In other council business, Wendell's librarian Yvivan Maltz asked the council's permission to purchase new books for the library.

"It's been several months without new books on the library shelves," Maltz said. "From an excess of 3,000 books, we are down to 2,750, the lowest in many years."

Mayor George Benson encouraged Maltz to purchase as many new editions as her budget could afford.

Salmon crisis spurs restrictions on commercial harvest in Pacific

Los Angeles Times

MILLBRAE, Calif. — With the number of salmon off the West Coast at an all-time low, federal regulators voted Friday to impose unprecedented restrictions on this year's commercial harvest.

The decision by the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, which imposes tough restrictions on fishing along the entire coasts of California, Oregon and Washington, could spell financial ruin for many commercial fishermen who depend on salmon to carry them through the lean recreational salmon fishing season.

"They provided the least amount of season possible without total closure," said Zeke Grader, spokesman for the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations. "It's going to create some real hardships."

"Today's decision by the Fisheries Management Council is the result of decades of environmental abuse," Sierra Club President Phillip Berry said. "The severe economic, social and ecological cost of abusing our rivers and forests drives home an important lesson: When we mistreat our precious natural resources, we harm ourselves."

Traditionally, the Pacific salmon season ran from April 15 to Sept. 30. Last year, the season was pared back so much that along the northern coast of California, some fishermen were able to spend only two months on the water.

The fishery council's decision after four days of hearings in the San Francisco Bay Area and earlier sessions in the Pacific Northwest was driven by the plight of the Klamath River, whose salmon stocks have suffered the greatest decline.

The council limit the commercial harvest this year on the West Coast to one-fifth of the average annual take reported during the last 15 years. The number of salmon that can be caught will be barely more than half the take in 1983, until now the worst season ever.

Members of the council were torn between preserving the Klamath River salmon and preventing destruction of the West Coast's fishing communities.

The 12-member panel also was frustrated with its inability to govern the river's habitat and restore the water supplies that would improve the salmon's chances of survival.

"The frustration I feel is we have this wonderful wild fish, and we've mucked it up — not us, but society," said Boyd Gibbons, director of the California Dept. of Fish and Game and a member of the panel. "The problem is not here with the hook and line, but inland with the plows and concrete."

At one point, the council considered a total ban on recreational and commercial fishing this year. The conservation plan voted by the council would ban all salmon commercial fishing only from Pt. Arena in Northern California's Mendocino County to north of Coos Bay, Oregon.

Recreational fishing would be allowed at certain times.

Along the rest of the West Coast, from Mexico to Canada, some fishing would be allowed but rules would limit the season to as short a time as two months and set quotas for the number of salmon that can be taken.

For decades, the salmon that spawn in the rivers of the West have been in decline. Dams have blocked their migration upriver to spawn. Logging and cattle grazing have filled streams with silt, covering many spawning grounds.

In addition, diversions to farms and cities have left many rivers with too little water for salmon to thrive.

Finally, six years of drought in California and this year's El Niño weather pattern — a warming trend that has reduced the salmon's food supply in the Pacific — have brought the salmon to the brink of crisis.

Two species of salmon, the Sacramento River winter-run chinook and the Snake River sockeye, have been declared threatened or endangered. Others are under consideration for listing.

The Klamath, which runs from southern Oregon and the Trinity Mountains of California into the Pacific Ocean near Crescent City, has been an important contributor to the fish catch of Northern California and much of Oregon.

This year, however, only an estimated 31,000 salmon are expected to return up the river to spawn — fewer than the 35,000 minimum the council said was needed for the fishery to survive.

Fishermen and environmentalists blame the Klamath's problems in part on the diversion of water from the coastal-river system over the mountains to California's Central Valley, where it joins the Sacramento River and is pumped south to farmers and city dwellers.

The restrictions, voted by the

panel of government scientists.

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The March 25 lawsuit notes that recent data from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicate the owl population is declining at a faster rate than the scientists had assumed, defense fund lawyer Todd True noted earlier.

The new logging restrictions, combined with other market forces in the changing timber industry, will cost the region more than 30,000 jobs by 1995 as logging falls to less than half the average annual level of the 1980s, the Forest Service said in submitting the plan last month.

Agency economists also noted, however, that even without the special owl strategy, about 12,000 logging jobs would be lost in the 1990s in Washington, Oregon and northern California.

The service said its original forest-management plans for this decade would have produced about 3.2 billion board feet of timber annually and about 51,900 jobs.

The so-called Thomas plan will bring harvests down to about 1.8 billion board feet and produce about 29,600 jobs — about 27,300 fewer.

The average annual harvest from 1981-1991 was about 4 billion board feet, which produced about 64,000 jobs.

Blaine lacks ordinance for pit

By Michael Hofferber
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Blaine County lacks a valid ordinance to authorize itself a gravel pit south of Bellevue, the county's planning and zoning commission learned Thursday night.

During discussion of the county's application for a conditional use permit for a gravel source pit, Commissioner Wendy Collins questioned the commission's authority to grant it.

Reading from the county ordinances, she noted that ordinance 90-4, allowing gravel pits as a conditional use in the agriculture zone, was repealed in July, 1991.

"We can't even hear this," she said. "We have no conditional use."

Fritz Haemerle, county attorney, agreed with Collins' observation. The county ordinance, passed as an emergency ordinance in 1990, was a full-on gravel crushing operation at the site and the

considerable noise and dust it would create.

County Planning and Zoning Administrator Ralph Cisek called gravel pits "one of the most difficult things in the valley to set up."

He said the county would probably not operate its own rock crushing or hot batch plant because of the environmental regulations involved, but would likely contract that work out.

The gravel pit proposed four miles south of Bellevue would be a source pit only, he said.

In other business, the commission approved an ordinance amendment for outbuildings in Sawtooth City, an unincorporated community on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The revised ordinance, if approved by the Blaine County Commissioners, will allow basements beneath outbuildings that are more than 16 feet high but have no more than 400 square feet of above ground floor space.

Forest Service, lawyer disagree over impact of logging decision

SEATTLE (AP) — An environmental lawyer and U.S. Forest Service officials were at odds Friday over what a federal judge's move really means to logging in national forests that contain northern spotted owl habitat.

Forest Service Deputy Chief Jim Overbay told agency officials the action by U.S. District Judge William Dwyer lifted a year-old ban on logging in the forests, said Sandy Berger, Forest Service spokesman in Portland, Ore.

But Vic Sher of the Sierra Club Legal Defense fund said the judgment filed here Friday by Dwyer was nothing more than a housekeeping move and would not open logging.

Dwyer, reached by phone at home Friday night, said he could not discuss an active case.

The Forest Service interpretation would mean that timber-starved Northwest mills could see relief by the summer. Berger said the letter Overbay sent Friday to Forest Service offices in the region said the agency could begin to advertise timber sales on April 13. Timber companies would then be able to submit bids for harvest rights.

"They're wrong," Sher said Friday night.

But Dwyer's judgment Friday had nothing to do with the ban on timber sales the judge imposed last year.

"The piece of paper filed today is a formality that could have been entered at any time in the case," he said.

The Forest Service and Sher did agree that no timber will be sold before June 1, the date by which Dwyer will be asked to rule on a challenge to the Forest Service's new, comprehensive forest-management plan.

The plan was submitted March 5, and the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund challenged it in federal court in Seattle on March 25 on behalf of 11 conservation groups.

Sher said Forest Service lawyers "agreed with us today that there would be no offering or auctioning of timber sales before June 1 in order to allow Judge Dwyer to decide the new case."

Dwyer imposed the logging ban last spring, when he accused the Forest Service of a "deliberate and systematic refusal" to follow environmental laws.

Ruling in a lawsuit filed against the agency by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund on behalf of several environmental groups, Dwyer had ordered the Forest Service to come up with a scientifically credible plan to keep alive the 3,000 remaining pairs of owls. The bird has been declared a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

The plan submitted March 5 adopts the strategy offered nearly two years ago by Forest Service biologist Jack Ward Thomas and a

panel of government scientists.

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Naturopath

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mother in Utah might have survived her cancer if she had put her faith in a physician and not a quack. The Nevada "doctor" prepared an "anti-tumor" serum from the woman's

tumor. She died last June 25, and on Nov. 19, the FDA closed the man's clinic.

Federal and state teamwork is needed, said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., chairman of the small business

committee. He said smarter, greener crooks are more adept at evading authorities. Health-care fraud will cost the nation about \$70 billion this year and up to \$100 billion by 1995, he said.

Water

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cost of resurfacing the airport runway with mine tailings. The state has earmarked \$11,000 for the project.

A building permit was approved for Carmella Winery to build a banquet facility.

Glenn Ferry Museum Committee members Rosalyn Langworthy and Donna Carnahan asked the council for help in making

the museum accessible to the handicapped.

They said they had applied for an Idaho Community Foundation grant and an Idaho Humanities Council grant, but weren't sure of getting the full amount. The museum also has some funds and expects to receive some donations once it is open for the summer.

Resident Bob Mullen said he was glad to hear all the positive

comments made from the council and audience during the meeting.

He said he is bothered by the poor publicity the city received in *The Times-News*.

Mullen said he would like to see residents work together to solve the problems everyone faces.

He added residents are too quick to criticize, and if they pitched in to help the community more, everyone would be better off.

Crapo

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the federal budget — mostly entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare, and Aid to Families with Dependent Children — is set automatically, without a congressional vote.

But Crapo said that didn't mean he would vote against Social Security cost-of-living allowances, which index payments to the inflation rate, or higher

appropriations made necessary by more beneficiaries.

Rather, he said, he would look at eliminating federal mandates attached to those programs, such as requiring states to collect delinquent child support.

Crapo also took a few shots at his GOP rival for the nomination, Ad County Commissioner Gary Glenn. He accused Glenn of practicing "negative attack confrontational

politics" and said that, while they may have similarly conservative positions on issues, he would be more effective than Glenn at putting them into law.

In a news conference in Twin Falls later in the day, Glenn called that a typical incumbent-insider politician's close-response upon having his (Crapo's) record examined by the people.

Obituary

Jerry Brown
BURL — Jerry Brown, 56, of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 8, 1992, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born Feb. 9, 1936, in Linneus, Mo., the son of Ernest T. and Mary Burnett Brown. He married Barbara Summers on Oct. 3, 1974, in Eiko, Nev.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Brown of Buhl; four daughters, McKalle Henwood, Clarissa Haase, Stacia Burston and Geneva Burns; one son, Tim Brown; one sister, Billie Stringfellow; one aunt, Nonie Smith; one niece, Lora Buhman; one nephew, Hershel Buhman; and one great-niece, Schelly. Buhman, 41, was preceded in death by two sons,

Arald Tommy Brown and Douglas Jonathan Brown; and one nephew, Barton Lee Balsha.

Burial took place at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls. Cards and donations may be sent to Barbara Brown, 200 S. 7th, Buhl ID 83318.

Death notice Services

Edwin Farnsworth
RAFT RIVER — Edwin Farnsworth, 73, of Raft River, died Friday, April 10, 1992, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Gordon Owen Glesmann, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. today, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

James Leo Moor, of Burley, 2 p.m. Monday, McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley.

Ena Lois Berry, of Twin Falls, memorial service 11 a.m. Thursday, Twin Falls First Christian Church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Hospitals

MAGIC-VALLEY-REGIONAL-MEDICAL-CENTER

Admitted:
Leana Blackwood, Deulah Carter, Fred Gentry, Jeanne Wilson and Charles Wojcik, all of Twin Falls; Luana Archer and Earlen Jenkins, both of Kimberly; Melvin Crosby, Sheila Graham and Deborah Hillier, all of Jerome; Kathie Free of Rupert; Karen-Holes of Wells, Nev.; Melody Higley of Gooding; Tami Justsen of Filer; Susan Koehn and Leonard Koehn, both of Buhl; and Dale Pierce of Malta.

Released:
Dandra Ehrmantraut and daughter and Wendy Lloyd-Divies and son, all of Twin Falls; Leonard Koehn of Buhl; Lee Larsen of Jerome; and Elizabeth Darling of Mills, Wyo.

Births:
A daughter was born to Sheila and Clifford Graham of Jerome; and to Susan and Roland Koehn of Buhl; and a son was born to Luana and Wayne Archer of Kimberly; Deborah and Rick Hillier of Jerome; and to Tami and Ty Justsen of Filer.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted:
Lily Boothe and Hazel Vodicka, both of Burley; Arlene Smoyer and David Hruza, both of Rupert; and Michelle Wells of Oakley.

Released:
Elizabeth Ortega and Casimiro Luna, both of Rupert; and Norman Asher of Burley.

Births:
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smoyer of Rupert; and to Mr. and Mrs. Lenard Wells of Oakley.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted:
Shirley-Schutte of Eden; and Heather Hodgson and Janet Bourquin, both of Rupert.

Released:
Tiffany Adams and daughter and Alice Kowalski, all of Rupert.

Comics

THE FAR SIDE

"And here we are last summer going south... Well a minute, trend We went north last summer! The stupid side's in backward!"

BLONDIE

DAG: "DAD, COULD YOU LOAN ME FIVE DOLLARS?"
 BLONDIE: "ALEXANDER, THE CORRECT WORD IS LEND. YOU LEND A PERSON FIVE DOLLARS."
 DAG: "SAY DAD, YOU'RE PRETTY SHARP!"
 BLONDIE: "I'LL SAY HE'S SHARP! I DIDN'T GET THE FIVE DOLLARS."

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER

"WHY CAN'T I SINK A PUTT?!"
 "I THINK IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A BAD PUTTER, SIR."
 "YOU'RE NEW AT CADDYING, AREN'T YOU?"

"GO IN AND SEE WHAT THAT'S ALL ABOUT."
 "HE SAYS HIS WIFE LEFT HIM."

WIZARD OF ID

"WAITRESS NEEDED."
 "HE SAYS HIS WIFE LEFT HIM."

"HE SAYS HIS WIFE LEFT HIM."

BORN LOSER

"AH, AH, AH, GLADYS..."
 "REMEMBER... FOR BETTER OR WORSE... RICHER OR POORER... IN SICKNESS... AND IN... HEALTH!"

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FRANK & ERNEST

"SELF-ESTEEM WORKSHOP."
 "DO NOT ENTER."

"DO NOT ENTER."

PENALTY

"SOMETIMES I LIE HERE AT NIGHT, AND IT'S LONELY SO, I LOOK UP AT THE STARS AND I GIVE THEM ALL NAMES LIKE THEY'RE FRIENDS OF MINE, AND I TALK TO THEM... HI, MICHELLE!"

GARFIELD

"YOU'RE MAKING ME LOOK BAD."
 "SORRY."
 "HOW'S THIS?"
 "BETTER."

HAGAR

"I ALWAYS SAY WITHOUT MY LOYAL WIFE BEHIND ME I'D BE LESS OF A MAN."
 "PROBABLY ABOUT 150 POUNDS LESS."

HI & LOIS

"I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GET A REFUND FROM THE I.R.S. THIS YEAR!"
 "GREAT!"
 "THIS MIGHT BE A GOOD TIME TO SHOW YOU THESE BROCHURES I GOT FROM DISNEY WORLD."

VALENTINE & HOBBES

"THESE HAVE NO AMBITION, NO DRIVE, THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT SUCCESS!"
 "HOW DO YOU JUSTIFY YOURSELF?"

GASOLINE

"The old neighborhood is changing, Corky!"
 "Young yuppies have taken over our quiet old alley!"
 "The new folks... well... just aren't folks!"
 "Time marches on, I'm afraid!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"I WISH HE'D GO HOME."
 "AND STAY THERE!"
 "BUT THAT WOULD BE UNUSUAL."
 "PUNISHMENT FOR HIS PARENTS."
 "She's called a betternarian 'cause she makes dogs and cats better."

'Toon tryout

This month's featured comic strip: **'WALNUT COVE'** by Mark Cullum

"Remember when we were first married, Howard? If we were low on groceries, you would stop at the store on your way home..."
 "I never worried about running out of staples for baking bread or biscuits."
 "Sniff... What? You don't bring me flour anymore."

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IF APRIL 11 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:

Current-cycle emphasis is on the wide spectrum of interests, participation in humanitarian project. You'll be rid of burden you should not have carried in first place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be immersed in creative endeavor. You'll be saying, "I like it this way, I feel alive!" Focus on fresh start, style, leadership, romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Relationship that had been adrift will be back on center stage. Focus on gourmet dining, celebration, ability to express ideas, emotions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Accent diversity, humor, experimentation. Sharp features relative who has pertinent information to impart. Sagittarian involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Begin rebuilding project. Focus on details; me-

Horoscope

chance, *modus operandi*. Money will be made available for home improvement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Individual who accuses you of being "on the prowl" is expressing frustration. Emphasis on travel, variety, gaining advantage via written word.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Domestic adjustment featured; could include change of residence, marital status. Emphasis on income potential, credibility, legal rights.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Scenario features mystery, intrigue, glamour, element of deception. Protect self in emotional clinches. Be sure terms are crystal clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scenario features promotion, production-

leadership organization. Career complexities will present difficulties. Strive for balance, maintain perspective. Cancer, Capricorn persons play leading roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Long-range prospects clearly defined. Sense of direction restored, love ceases to be stranger. Some will say, "You really have it together!"

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make fresh start in new direction. Get to heart of matters, be direct, take initiative. Money held back will be teleaxed in your name.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Accepted challenge, put forth best efforts, refuse to follow crowd. By doing things "your way" victory is assured. Unorthodox approach!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Jim gets done due to "private cheering section." Emphasis on fitness, employment, pet ownership, diversity.

L.M. Boyd

Compare the divorce to the spinner. At age 45, the statistical probability a never-married woman eventually will marry is almost zero. Yet a divorcee at that age is just as likely to get married again as is a never-married woman of 30.

Q. Third of your blood is in your legs.

A. Surest about the banana is our favorite fruit, the potato our favorite vegetable. What about seafood?

A. Shrimp. When ordering appetizers, people who can't make up their minds always settle for shrimp cocktails. A chef once told me that.

It's not enough just to suppose that blood pressures of tax accountants are higher than usual in March and April. Researchers did computer runs on medical records, and proved it.

That man is the only animal with any need for "chills" was reported. It's also true that Mah is the only animal without scales.

Himalayan snow fleas freeze solid overnight, then thaw out come morning. Something else that seems to be inherited, researchers now say, is the tendency to snore.

Q. What god in classical mythology dressed as a woman for three years?

A. Hercules. To appease the other gods.

Eyes of a bin/like up 50 percent of its skull's volume. Your eyes or mine only need about 5 percent of the head room.

Scientists said, "To do is to be." Plato said, "To be is to do." What this means, my son, is, *Glad you are!*

Why environmentalists fret: A fourth of all the world's land surface was forest in 1950. Just 36 years later, only a fifth was.

There's a leisure boat for almost but not quite every two people in Norway. Lips of the hippo are almost two feet wide.

Sports

Woosnam finds touch Welshman, Australian share 1-shot Masters lead

The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Ian Woosnam found his long-lost putting touch and Craig Parry found a birdie in a trash bag Friday as the lush green acres of Augusta National once again became a foreign playground.

Woosnam, the 5-foot-4½ Welshman who is the defending champion, and the 19-inch taller Parry, an Australian, each shot 6-under-par 66 and shared a one-shot lead at the halfway point of the Masters.

They were at 135, nine under par on the fabled old course that continued to be surprisingly vulnerable to the strokes of golf's greatest players.

Examples:

• The 145 score required to qualify for the final 36 holes matched the lowest cut in the Masters' 56-year history.

• The record assault on par reached new heights with 18 rounds in the 60s and 29 others under par — this after 18 in the 60s and 17 others under par in the first round.

• For the first time, the field averaged under par for the second round — 71.69.

Woosnam, who last season became the fourth consecutive European winner of this event and the sixth in nine years, took his piece of the lead on the strength of a confidence-restoring

return of the putting touch that has been missing for about six months.

"It's beginning to feel like last year," Woosnam breathed after opening and closing his round with 20-foot birdies.

"Usually when you hole a few putts, it all starts to come back," he said. "My confidence is getting a lot better and that makes all the difference."

Parry, who plays most of his golf on the European tour but took time out for a couple of home-grown victories Down Under earlier this year, got his share of the top spot with a birdie from a trash bag.

His errant tee shot on the par-5 15th

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Ian Woosnam misses a birdie putt on the 18th hole Friday in Augusta, Ga., but holed 20-footers on the 1st and 18th holes.

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College baseball
TVCC at CSI (2), Frontier Field, 1 p.m.
Pro baseball
Highlanders at Twin Falls (2), Veterans Park, noon
Baylor at North Valley (2), 12 noon
Baylor Kelly at Bull (2), 11 a.m.
Minnota at Ripley (2), 11 a.m.
Prog tennis
Wood River at Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
Baylor at Owsen, Ore., 8 a.m.
Baylor at MacHi Invitational, 10 a.m.

Sports on TV

Channel 13, 10 a.m., Women's tennis, Bausch & Lomb championships
Channel 13, 11:30 a.m., Auto racing, Modified Lows 150
Channel 6, 1 p.m., NBA basketball, Utah at L.A. Lakers
Channel 13, 1 p.m., Yachting, Americas Cup Defender's semifinal
Channel 12, 1:30 p.m., Golf, The Masters from Augusta, Ga.
Channel 6, 2:30 p.m., Horse racing, Blue Grass Stakes
Channel 6, 5:35 p.m., NBA basketball, New Jersey at Atlanta
Channel 2, 9 p.m., World League Football, San Antonio at Sacramento
Channel 13, 7 p.m., Racing, Midget car competition

Briefly

**UNLV regents OK
Massimino's contract**

LAS VEGAS — The Nevada Board of Regents approved on Thursday a five-year contract that will guarantee new UNLV basketball coach Rollie Massimino at least \$386,000 a year.

The regents didn't see the contract, but relied on information provided by UNLV president Robert Maxson.

Regent Shelley Berkley complained about the way the contract was presented, saying in the future she would like to see the documents she is approving.

Massimino reportedly had an annual package worth about \$300,000 at Villanova before taking over at UNLV last week. UNLV has agreed to help Massimino arrange additional private business deals that could boost his total compensation to nearly \$600,000.

Maxson replaced UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian, who reportedly made nearly \$600,000 a year in salary and side benefits.

**Irish AD accuses school
will shelve wrestling program**

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Wrestling is being dropped as a varsity sport at Notre Dame, effective with the end of the current season, athletic director Dick Rosenthal said Friday.

"Wrestling is the only one of all our varsity sports that is not represented within the intramural activities offered through our RecSports department or as a physical education department offering," Rosenthal said. "At the same time, wrestling is sponsored by only 40 percent of the Division I schools in the country, and the number of institutions sponsoring wrestling programs has gone down each of the last five years."

Notre Dame will honor its 11 wrestling scholarships to current recipients, Rosenthal said.

**Cavs lose leading scorer,
rebounder to back strain**

RICHFIELD, Ohio — Center Brad Daugherty, bothered by a sore back, remained in Cleveland while the rest of the Cavaliers traveled to New Jersey for Friday night's game against the Nets.

Daugherty was examined Friday at the Cleveland Clinic because of a muscle strain in his lower back, Cavs spokesman Bob Zink said. He is listed as day-to-day.

Daugherty left Thursday night's game against Charlotte with 7:41 left in the fourth quarter and did not return.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

“We don't even get the quality clowns.”

— Lynn Jancowski, about to become the first woman to compete in the World Bull Riding Championships at Scottsdale, Ariz., on the disparity between the men's and women's rodeo circuits

Eagles rally past Chukars

By Ron Gates
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took Treasure Valley's Chukars less time to touch College of Southern Idaho mound ace John Hayes for four hits than the Eagles needed to get a rain-dampened field ready to play Friday.

Despite the shaky start, though, the CSI sophomore righthander, who recorded five strikeouts against just one walk, scattered three singles over the final six frames en route to a 4-2 victory, his seventh triumph in eight decisions.

"That was a good ball game," he said, beaming CSI Coach Jim Walker.

"We had to fight for every run we got and got a great performance out of John Hayes. It was just one of those when anyone can win it."

"Those 10-2ip games you're out of quick, but this is what we want to be able to do through the season. Treasure Valley always gets better and better and they know us so well. We really have to execute. But so do they. We know their pretty well too."

David Chapin and Toby Johnson opened the Region 18 playoff qualifying contest with singles, yet did no significant damage until Chapin cracked a one-out single in his second appearance in the third inning.

Johnson followed with his team's only extra base blow of the afternoon, a double which scored Chapin all the way from first and negated Mike Bearnsom's solo homerun for CSI's half inning earlier.

An error let Johnson add an unearned run and hand Treasure Valley a lead they would maintain over the next four innings.

Hayes, aided by the defense in the early going, yielded singles to two of the next seven batters he faced, but behind turned to the fastball and appeared to grow stronger as the game progressed.

"You hear it all the time — you have to make your best pitches when there are men on base," Walker said.

"And John threw his best when he had men on base."

"We took his curve ball away," he continued. "We could only one after the third inning and just let him fire away."

Nate Tobbs beat out a grounder to open the Eagle fifth as Chucker starter Marty Henry missed the bag, then moved up on Boomer Walker's sacrifice.

Derek Robinson took a full count before driving the ball down the line at first to knot things at 2-1, then scored the game winner after TVCC reliever Peter Butler



CSI catcher Andy Gonzales prepares to put the tag on Dave Chapin of Treasure Valley during their Friday game.

served up two balls to complete a walk that Henry started and Craig Sands followed with an RBI shot into the gap between left and center fields.

Walker singled and locked on an insurance run on Sand's second consecutive hit in the CSI eighth.

The Golden Eagles, 24-13 on the year

and 4-0 in their quest to qualify for postseason play, host the Chukars in a doubleheader set to start at 1 p.m. this afternoon.

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Henry, Butler (8), Pickett (9) and O'Rourke; Hayes and Gonzales.
W — Hayes (7-1); L — Henry, RR — Bearnsom

Bruins claim Class A at Jerome invite

By Karen Irwin
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Twin Falls Golf team conquered rain and wind Friday to win the Jerome High School Invitational.

The Bruins clinched their victory by five strokes in the 17-team Class A field by shooting a team score of 308.

Twin Falls has not lost a match yet this year.

"We're very pleased with where we are right now," said Bruin Coach Paul Stover. "There's a lot of room for improvement. I believe that the state's toughest teams are up north. Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene both have fine teams."

In the 18-team Class B division, Middleton retained the championship title fashioned last year by shooting a four-man total of 317. The Vikings' closest competitor, Preston, combined for a 327.

Kimberly finished third with a team score of 331. It was the first time this year that the Bulldogs have not finished in first place.

Twin Falls also brought home the individual medalist honors on the strength of freshman Jason Stephenson's 73. Capital's Scotty Carter also shot a 73, but because the Capital bus had already departed, there was no playoff and Stephenson was awarded the medal.

"I'm not at all surprised," Stover said of the freshman. "He's been playing very consistently for us all year."

Similarly, the Eagle team tied for second in team competition, but team medals were awarded to Caldwell because Capital was



Travis McBride of Twin Falls stays dry and relaxed as he waits for his group's turn to tee off on the fifth hole.

not available for a playoff.

Two-time defending state champion Boise, which had won the Jerome event the past two years, felt the loss of its five top players to graduation last year when the Bruins were 20 strokes off the pace with a team score of 328.

Class B medalist honors went to Casey Anderson of Marsh Valley. Anderson shot a 71, the best score of the day, and ended up four strokes better than his nearest Class B competitor.

Anderson had five birdies and four bogeys en route to a 35, 36.

"I missed two eagle putts," he said. "I was hitting the ball well and it was the best I've hit in quite a while."

J.T. Jones of Gooding followed in second place with a 75 and Ryan Bosworth and Jon Fellows, both of Preston, registered 76s.

The defending medalist champion, Jason Hunzeker, fired a 78 to lead the Kimberly

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Montana says arm feels fine

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Joe Montana had more problems with his feet than his throwing arm on Friday, while going through his first formal workout since having elbow surgery.

Montana, trying at 35 to come back from the elbow injury that sidelined him all last season, went through a variety of throwing routines — from short tosses to fullspeed, seven-on-seven passing drills — during a 75-minute workout session at the 49ers minicamp for rookies and free agents.

"This told me two things," Montana said. "One, that my arm feels pretty good. The other is that it's a little different dropping back, throwing with timing. I almost tripped over my feet a couple of times."

The first 49er on the field for the workout, Montana alternated with Steve Bono and Bill Musgrave in every drill, not shying away from anything. His arm looked strong throwing all types of passes, including a 40-yard over the top that fell incomplete.

"I was telling Steve Bono and Bill Musgrave that it's like learning to walk again," Montana said. "I've been playing catch a lot, but that's a lot easier than throwing with timing."

Montana's first workout since elbow surgery on Oct. 9 highlighted an otherwise normal first day of a two-day camp as the 49ers put 37 rookies and free agents through routine drills.

"I saw Joe Montana throw. We all like that," said 49ers coach George Seifert. "I didn't see any glitches."

Montana was kept out of the second of two practice sessions scheduled Friday. He will participate in both of the workouts scheduled Saturday and Sunday at the two-day minicamp.

"This was a test for me," Montana said. "I tried and threw and forget about (the elbow), but it's still in the back of my mind. I guess I held back a little bit. But I felt I had good velocity."

Vocal fans say welcome home Twins

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Outside: snow on the roof, temperatures in the 30s. Inside: another banner on the blue baggy that poses as the Metrodome's right-field fence.

The Minnesota Twins on Friday night returned home to the site of postseason conquests and home of baseball's ear-blistering boasters.

Baseball roundup — B7

"It's always nice to be home," first baseman Kent Hrbek said before the game against the Texas Rangers. "It's an exciting day."

It was even more exciting considering that the Twins are defending World Series champions, having beaten the Atlanta Braves in the 10th inning of Game 7 at the Metrodome.

A World Series flag has been painted on the wall, joining one from 1987. To the left of those banners, a 1991 American League West flag was added to those from 1969, 1970 and 1987. And to the right of the Series signs were banners commemorating the 1965, 1987 and 1991 AL championships.

Broadcaster Jim Kaat, who won a club-record 189 games with the Twins from 1961-73, threw the ceremonial first pitch.

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Buoyed by cut in interest rates market posts solid gains

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks ended a volatile week Friday with solid gains, lifted by the government's interest rate cut, recovery in the Tokyo market and election victory by Britain's conservatives.

But computer stocks tumbled on weak quarterly earnings at Digital Equipment and Intel, and traders remained concerned about

more bad corporate news and the uncertain economic recovery.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 30.41 to 3,253.37, a 0.94-point gain over two days, erasing most of a 94-point drop the previous two sessions. The Dow posted a 6.26-point gain for the week.

Advancing issues outnumbered declining ones about 12 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange. Big Board volume totaled 199.45

million shares as of 4 p.m., against 231.35 million in the previous session.

The stock market rose briskly in the morning, following up on its recovery Thursday. But trading tapered off amid uncertainty.

Traders were helped by three factors: follow-through on the Federal Reserve move Thursday to lower the important federal funds interest rate and boost the

economy, a 7.55 percent rebound in the weak Tokyo stock market and near-record gains on the London exchange after the conservatives' re-election.

Despite those developments, traders were edgy about Japan's faltering market and economy, the shaky U.S. recovery and the arrival of poor first-quarter earnings.

The heavy damage was evident among computer issues, which were broadly lower

after Digital Equipment reported a \$294 million quarterly loss late Thursday and Intel reported a drop in earnings.

Digital, which plunged 54% on Thursday, lost 3 more to 45% in heavy trading, for a combined 15.4 percent loss. Intel, a computer chip maker, reported lower earnings after the close of trading Thursday. It tumbled 6% to 51% in heavy trading on the Nasdaq over-the-counter market.

Markets

Dow-Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — First Dow-Jones averages for Friday, April 10.

STOCKS	Open	High	Low	Close	Chg
30 ind	3258.59	3280.88	3227.84	3253.37	+30.41
20 ind	1349.58	1383.62	1323.67	1357.25	+37.19
15 ind	203.56	208.01	201.84	202.10	+1.00
65 ind	1112.96	1146.00	1115.80	1121.00	+8.10
Trans	3,550.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	3,550.00	0.00
Comd	3,758.40	3,758.40	3,758.40	3,758.40	0.00
65 BA	25,900.00	25,900.00	25,900.00	25,900.00	0.00

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May 3.584 3.583 3.583 3.585 +0.01
Jul 3.41 3.40 3.40 3.40 -0.01
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Soybeans

5,000 bu minimum; dollars per bushel
May 2.53X 2.52X 2.52X 2.53X -0.00X
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Dec 2.51X 2.51X 2.50X 2.51X -0.00X
May 2.61X 2.61X 2.60X 2.61X -0.00X
This & sales 40.154
This & open at 205.907

Wheat

5,000 bu minimum; dollars per bushel
May 1.30X 1.30X 1.30X 1.30X -0.02
Jul 1.41 1.41 1.40 1.41 -0.01
Sep 1.45X 1.47X 1.44X 1.45X -0.01
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Fossil fuels

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Most actives

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Litton	2,470,000	25X
McDonald's	2,312,000	50X +1
Home Depot	2,287,000	74X +1
Glaxo	2,192,000	27X +1
Boeing	1,819,000	51X +1
Wal-Mart	1,811,000	35X +1
Amstar	1,699,000	41X +1
Walgreens	1,699,000	50X +1
Emerson	1,479,000	18X +1
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Stock listings

NEW YORK (AP) — First Dow-Jones averages for Friday, April 10.

Symbol	Value	Chg
Digital	3,497,000	-5.5X
Intel	3,212,000	-2.2X
RJR	2,803,000	51
Litton	2,470,000	25X
McDonald's	2,312,000	50X +1
Home Depot	2,287,000	74X +1
Glaxo	2,192,000	27X +1
Boeing	1,819,000	51X +1
Wal-Mart	1,811,000	35X +1
Amstar	1,699,000	41X +1
Walgreens	1,699,000	50X +1
Emerson	1,479,000	18X +1
United	1,479,000	35X +1
Alcoa	1,479,000	16X +1
Qualcomm	1,565,400	35X +1

Business

FCC relaxes rules for radio ownership

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators Friday relaxed rules that limit the number of radio stations one broadcaster may own.

The Federal Communications Commission said easing the two-sets-of-regulations would help radio better compete in today's crowded media marketplace.

The commission said in a 57-page report, much anticipated in the broadcasting industry, that its action supports its aim of increasing competition and diversity in programming.

Under the revised rules, a single licensee could own up to 30 AM radio stations and 30 FM stations nationwide. Most owners are now limited to 12 AM properties and 12 FM.

Broadcasters also will be allowed to simulcast — that is broadcast the same programs on more than one station — during a fourth of the broadcast day.

Locally, the number of properties a single owner may hold will be determined by the total number of stations in the market.

But the commission noted that the number of non-radio outlets competing with radio stations also has grown, primarily through cable channels MTV and VH-1, which reach nearly 100 million homes.

Oregon prison's jeans big success over nation

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) — "Prison Blues," the jeans made at the Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution, may never be as popular as Levi's, but they are a big hit.

"It's been absolutely wild... the feedback we've gotten from all over the country," said Brent Wakeman, manager of the garment factory at the medium-security prison.

Production of the jeans is expected to more than double in the next three months, he said.

Inquiries about the jeans have come in from around the country, Paris, London and Australia.

About two dozen inmates are currently working eight-hour days in a 47,000-square-foot building.

"My guess is that by the end of the month we'll see an increase of about 10 people a week. Within three months we should be up to about 60 people," Wakeman said.

"My feeling, and it's a gut feeling, is that within a year and a half we'll be up to 200."

Jeans have made about 30,000 pairs of blue jeans, 5,000 for the public and the rest for other Oregon prisons.

Fred Nichols, a state administrator responsible for encouraging inmates to acquire job skills, said many people like the jeans because they are made by inmates, but he said quality and price also are major factors.

Nichols said plans include expanding the product to include "Prison Blues as the basic jean, with style differences and slightly higher prices" for new lines called Jailhouse Blues and Lockdown Blues.

Wholesale prices range from \$11.25 to \$18.

Texas tile firm plans Idaho plant

POCATELLO (AP) — A Texas-based ceramic tile manufacturer has finalized plans to build a new plant in Pocatello, giving another boost to one area of the state that has not seen the kind of economic growth other major cities have.

"Our plans are to be in production and operation by mid- to late June," Warren Wallie, vice-president of Dal-Tile, said Thursday. "We'll be hiring local people to work here."

Reopening the plant that was idled 19 months ago when Ceratite Inc. ceased operations will mean 60 new jobs and an annual payroll of over \$600,000, Wallie said.

Dal-Tile is the largest domestic manufacturer of tiles with 24 percent of the country's market. It supplies 25 percent of the tile used by through the Color Tile Inc. national chain.

Wallie said plans include a potential expansion of both the work force and the plant in coming months, including a distribution center to handle the Intermountain region. That center would employ 20.

Gem network helps Hecla ties

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Business Network is helping Hecla Mining find suppliers for goods and services needed at its new Crow Creek operations near Stanley.

The network provides suppliers of specific goods and services. The Department of Commerce operation is aimed at letting Idaho companies know where they can make their purchases within the state.

"The more suppliers we can reach, the better our chances of finding the right product for a particular job," said Dave Nussear, manager of purchasing for Hecla.

Dal-Tile's business network coordinator, Larry Deminelli, said participating Idaho companies received more than \$8.3 million in contracts in the first quarter of 1992. He estimates that more than \$50 million in contracts have been signed since the program started three years ago.

Wal-Mart center may locate in S. Utah

HURRICANE, Utah (AP) — Wal-Mart is considering this southern Utah community of 4,000 as one of three possible sites for a new distribution center.

The 1.5 million-square-foot facility would employ up to 500 workers.

Currently, Utah's eight Wal-Mart stores are served from the company's distribution center in Loveland, Colo.

Company officials say they have been conducting a preliminary search for a Utah distribution point since last year.

Other possible sites for the distribution center are Cedar City and Richfield.

Wal-Mart opened its first Utah stores in St. George and Tropic in May 1990.

Consumer products shown to Chinese

HONG KONG (AP) — China's first American consumer goods fair will open Sunday, but sensitivity about doing business with China has stopped most firms from publicizing the event.

American businesses — including Fabel, Blue Ribbon, the Mars Co., Procter and Gamble, Campbell's Soup, RJR Nabisco and Nike — will set up booths in the Friendship Store, in the southern city of Canton.

Most participants manufacture goods in China for the domestic market.

Western observers in Canton said concerns about negative publicity in the United States persuaded firms not to publicize the month-long fair.

They said American businesses, while often successful in China, still do not want to be associated with Beijing's 1989 crackdown on the democracy movement.

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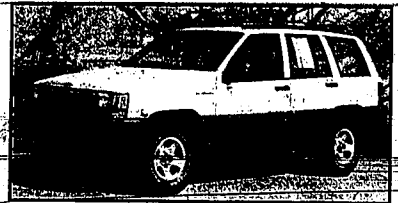
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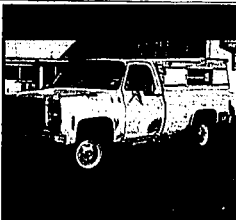
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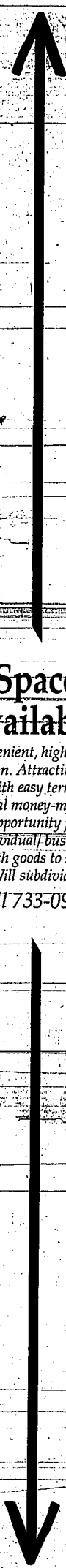
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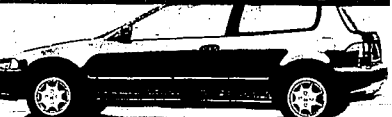
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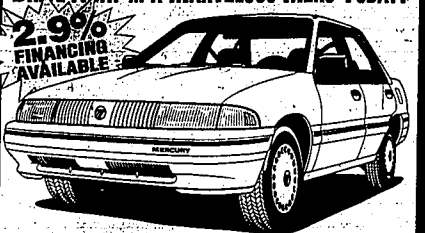
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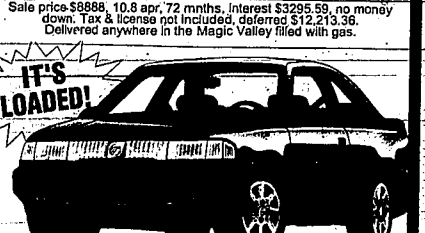
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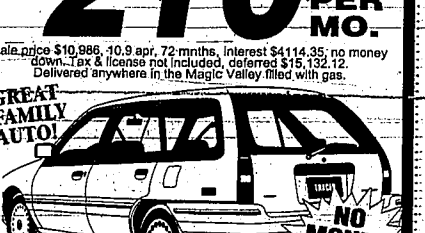
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Ag Weekly writer

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And the rake comes in handy for cleaning tons of water weeds each year from the streams that feed the 20 trout-ponds that Jerry Zinn oversees.

"Boy, there's a lot of growth there," Zinn said, looking at a weed-choked quarter-mile stream of otherwise crystal-clear water fed by a Twin Falls Canal Co. drainage tunnel.

Zinn can't understand why the aquaculture industry has been blamed for polluting water with nitrates and nitrite when the water he receives from underneath nearby farms is obviously loaded with "nutrients."

In fact, a University of Idaho study shows that smaller trout ponds using irrigation runoff may actually reduce some pollutants in irrigation return flows.

Benefits

"We've been monitoring the water quality coming into those (fish farms) and the water quality coming out of them," said Ernie Brannon, director of the university's Moscow-based Aquaculture Institute.

He studied several fish farms fed by Twin Falls Canal Co. return water between Buhl and Hagerman.

Some of the fish farms studied were fed by the murky, chocolate milk-colored water that flows off of farmland into Deep Creek. Others, like Zinn's, were fed by crystal-clear drainage water flowing from the mouths of "seep tunnels"—mile-long-made caves that were blasted years ago to drain excess irrigation water from beneath farmland.

Brannon found:

• The fish ponds trap sediment washed from farm fields and ditch banks. As a result, the sediment doesn't reach the Snake River.

• The fish ponds appear to slightly reduce nitrate and nitrite levels. Nitrate stimulates plant and weed growth.

• The only significant pollutant that the small-scale fish farms apparently add is phosphorus, from fish feed, but in very small quantities.

"In general, we found that there are some net benefits of small farm ponds," Brannon said.



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Fish farmer Jerry Zinn scoops handfuls of water weeds from his fish farm's filters to prepare for the arrival of water from the Twin Falls Canal Co. through 'seep' tunnels.

Small-scale fish farms

Zinn is one of about 15 small-scale fish farmers in southern Idaho who rely on canal water — directly or indirectly — for their operations.

Together, these smaller aquaculture operations produce about 25 percent of Idaho's annual 40 million-pound fish crop, Brannon said.

Zinn leases the ponds from farmers, "borrows" trout and fish feed from Clear Lakes Trout Farm, and "gets paid" 16 to 17 cents per pound for the weight he adds to the fish over about 4 months.

He keeps 60 percent; the landfords get 40 percent.

He produces about 375,000 pounds per year from two sets of ponds dependent on

water that seeps through tunnels from beneath farms served by the Twin Falls Canal Co.

Virtually year-around, with the exception of the month of January, the water leaving the Zinn fish facility located on the Frank Dolana farm is slightly less contaminated by nitrate and nitrite than the water coming in, according to Brannon's data.

The incoming nitrate and nitrite concentrations are lowest when water flow from the tunnels is highest — in August and September, just as the irrigation season is ending.

Nitrate

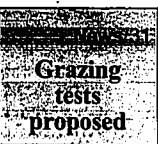
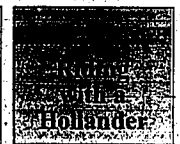
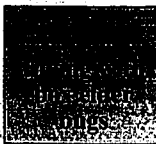
Brannon said Zinn's numbers are typical of small fish farms he has studied. Charles

Brookway at the University of Idaho's Kimberly Research Station is conducting a larger-scale study of fish hatchery inflows to determine what effect they have on water quality.

Brookway completed another study this winter that only looked at outflows from fish hatcheries.

Brannon's tests revealed 4.05 milligrams of nitrate and nitrite per liter of water in one of Zinn's streams in August. Downstream of the fish hatchery, it was 3.91. Ten milligrams per liter of nitrate nitrogen has been established as the maximum drinking water standard.

"I'm the only fish farmer on this particular stream here," Zinn said. "That shows the fallacy that the fish farmers are doing all the polluting."



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At the Southwind Ranch in Jerome, foreign exchange student I Jaasbeek helps teach younger Pony Club members to ride English.

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Evapotranspiration determines good irrigation practices

By H.R. Weisel
Ag-Weekly correspondent

JEROME — Irrigation timing should be based on "evapotranspiration" (ET), says a University of Idaho extension specialist.

ET is the sum of water "transpired" through plant leaves, plus the water evaporated from the surface of the soil.

It is important to know when peak ET occurs in a growing season and to have the soil moisture in the crop root zone full prior to peak use, said Dorrell C. Larsen, extension irrigator with the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Service.

As the ET increases, the frequency of irrigations increases. As ET decreases, the interval between irrigations increases.

In years of water shortages, when crops may have to be grown with an ET deficit, maximum yield occurs on most crops when the deficits are spread as evenly as possible over the entire growing season, Larsen said.

A "checkbook" method can be used to help a farmer plan his watering schedules, allocate labor time, save energy and preserve the quality of his crop, he said.

Checkbook budgeting works much as a person balances a checking account. A deposit is made when water is stored in the soil for crop use by irrigation. Daily crop water use, or ET, is the withdrawal. When the sum of the daily withdrawals equals the total water deposit, it is time to irrigate again.

Local ET data information is published during the summer in local newspapers throughout the state.

Larsen's summary of various crops and water use requirements follows:

Potatoes: This is a highly moisture-sensitive crop and late-season moisture is needed. The seasonal irrigation requirement is 20-27 inches. Potatoes need light, frequent irrigations during the growing season. This crop has a stress point of 65 percent. The critical soil moisture times come when potatoes are "setting on" when they are "bulking" for total yield.

Sugar beets: Sugar beets are a continuous feeder with a long season demand. The crop has a high water requirement — early and late irrigations will be needed. The seasonal irrigation requirement is 25 to 29 inches. The stress point is 50 percent.

The critical soil moisture stage for sugar beets is at seeding and during the first irrigation for stand development. Deficit irrigation research has shown the last irrigation can be applied August 1, provided the crop is being raised on a high water-holding soil and seven inches of water are stored in the soil. According to research,

most farmers apply more water than needed late in the season.

Dry beans: The peak water use is usually to a three-week interval, confined in July. Dry beans have a one-day peak ET — the highest of any crop grown in Idaho.

Seasonal irrigation requirements is 17-20 inches. Stresses during planting to bloom can delay

maturity. Stress from bloom to maturity will reduce yield. ET drops suddenly in August. Growers should assure soil moisture is dried down to 60 percent before irrigating again late in the season to avoid over-irrigating and high soil moisture conditions that cause sclerotinia.

Alfalfa: This is a deep rooted crop with constant ET demand that

must be met throughout the season to produce top yields. The seasonal irrigation requirement for alfalfa is 19 to 30 inches. Early irrigation is needed to fill submoisture.

Small grains: These are relatively deep rooted crops with an early summer peak water use. Seasonal irrigation requirements for spring grain is 15 to 18 inches. Winter grain requires an irrigation

level of 19 to 22 inches. In high water-holding capacity soils, two to three timely irrigations can produce a good grain crop. The critical soil moisture stage for small grains is during steepling and flowering to pollination. The ET drops quickly as the grains reach maturity.

Many grain growers apply one or two last irrigations that grain does not need.

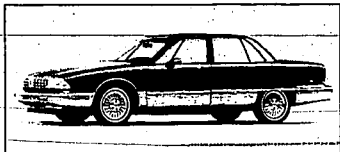
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District III 4-H Activities meeting, 10 a.m., Twin Falls County Extension office

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Desert Gold Cattle Women monthly meeting, 6 p.m. Mandarin House, Twin Falls. Members & interested persons invited.

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Urban tree pruning workshop, 9 a.m., Twin Falls Co. Extension Office.

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Final day for wheat & feed grain program sign-up
Ag sprayer tune-up and calibration workshop, 10 a.m.-noon, Jerome County Fair Grounds. For more information call Jerome County Extension; 324-7578.

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Michael Martin Murphy contest, Gooding High School, sponsored by Gooding County Fair, 934-4529.

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BSU Rodeo Club Bronco Stampede, Friday 7 p.m., Saturday 1 and 7 p.m. Caldwell Night Rodeo Grounds.

25-28

Western National Angus Futurity, Reno, Nevada.

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4-H tree sale sponsored by Blaine Co. 4-H Leader's Council, 788-5585 for more information.

Horse clinic for all 4-H members, leaders & parents, Registration 8-8:55 a.m. \$5. Filer Fairgrounds.

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Wheat, feed grain sign-up winds down

TWIN FALLS - April 17 is the final day for Magic Valley farmers to sign up to participate in the 1992 wheat and feed grain program according to Jim McLaughlin, Twin Falls County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service Director.

To qualify for price support loans and deficiency payments, producers must reduce their 1992 acreage bases by at least 5 percent for wheat, corn and/or barley. Estimated deficiency payments per bushel for 1992 are: wheat, 65 cents for barley, 45 cents and 20 to 48 cents.

Advance deficiency payments are available based on 40 percent of the final projected payments. The advance payment for wheat is 26 cents per bushel, 14 cents per bushel for barley, and 19.2 cents per bushel for corn.

For water short areas, Zero-92

provisions are available again this year.

Basically, if less than the permitted acreage of the crop is going to be grown and "idle" cropland acres are available on the farm, a deficiency payment can be earned on the qualifying acres "as-if" they were planted to the crop.

In order to qualify as conserving use acres for payment, they must have been in grain or row crops 1 out of the last 5 years, or have been designated as ACR or CU for pay. One one of those years must be 1991.

The projected deficiency payment is guaranteed on any CU for pay acres.

Farmers are reminded that to participate they must have an approved conservation farm plan on all farms they own or operate.

In addition, a payment eligibility plan must be filed or updated at the time of signing up.

ASCS programs are open to eligible participants regardless of race, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability or marital status.

BSU readies for another rodeo season

"Kick-off" the spring season with the Boise State University Rodeo Team at the Bronco Stampede.

Student athletes from the BSU Rodeo Team will be competing against fellow National Intercollegiate Rodeo Athletes from various colleges and universities in the Rocky Mountain Region.

The Broncos will host their annual college rodeo at the Caldwell Night Rodeo Grounds, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Enjoy watching top-ranked NIRA student athletes rough-it-out in all the action-packed events like: men's saddlebronc riding, bareback riding, bull riding, bull dogging, calf roping and women's team roping; and women's break-away roping, goat-tying, and barrel racing.

Friday night, April 24, is KTVB Family Night. Bring the whole family for \$7, courtesy of Channel 38.

Help support the Boise State Team as they try to win the College Rodeo Team Traveling Trophy.

For more information regarding the Bronco stampede, please call the BSU Rodeo Team representative, (208) 383-1900, Monday through Friday, 1-5 p.m.

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Briefly

Weakened libel bill becomes law

BOISE — Among the dozens of bills signed by Gov. Cecil Andrus this past week was one allowing food commodity producers to sue people who disparage their products.

But the new law is a good deal tighter than the original bill. As first proposed, producers could sue people who "disparaged" the commodities they grew for up to three times their damages. "Disparagement" was defined as the dissemination of information that was not scientifically accurate and which the disseminator knew or should have known was not true.

However, both the Attorney General's office and the American Civil Liberties Union were concerned that the bill would run afoul of the First Amendment, and it was extensively amended.

The law now limits suits to the amount of actual damages a producer suffers, and says an individual may sue only if the disparagement was aimed specifically at his product. It also tightens the definition of "disparagement."

Market seeks growers, crafters

The **TWIN FALLS Farmers' Market** is seeking growers and crafters to participate in this year's market. It will be located in front of the Chamber of Commerce building at Blue Lakes Blvd. and Falls Ave., and will tentatively start July 25.

Farmers will meet in late April to coordinate and get acquainted. For more information call Steve Tanguy at 734-7134 after 3 p.m.

Beet growers re-elect group leaders

TWIN FALLS — The Annual Board meeting of the Idaho Sugarbeet Growers was held on March 11. Incumbent officers were all re-elected.

They are President Myron Huettig of Hazelton, Vice-President George Grant of Rupert, and Secretary Treasurer Roy Ruff of Aberdeen. In addition, Idaho now qualifies for a fourth board member on the American Sugarbeet Growers Association and Tom Garrard of Burley was elected to that position.

Group calls Snake 'most endangered'

WASHINGTON — A conservation organization says the Columbia and Snake river system is the most endangered in North America.

American Rivers, a Washington, D.C., based non-profit organization, on Wednesday announced its top 10 list of endangered rivers plus 15 rivers it recognizes as threatened.

The Columbia and Snake system, which flows through Idaho, Washington and Oregon, "was once teeming with an estimated 16 million wild Pacific salmon, many stocks of which are now extinct or near extinction due to a series of massive dams, pollution from land use practices, and other threats," an American Rivers news release said.

European farmers protest GATT

STRASBOURG, France — Up to 25,000 farmers marched Monday to protest the U.S. demand for reduced farm subsidies in Europe. They hurled eggs and firecrackers in a brief clash with police that left 10 people slightly injured.

The subsidy issue has stalled world trade talks and agricultural reform in Europe. The farmers, mostly French and German, paraded behind 43 tractors draped in the colors of the 12 European Community nations.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Lawyer sees murky water future

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Water attorney John Rosholt sees the future of water stored in upper Snake River reservoirs is murky and potentially hazardous for Magic Valley irrigators.

When Congress begins tinkering with the Endangered Species Act first passed in 1973 and soon up for review by lawmakers — irrigators could lose water rights to salmon, snails and even mollusks, he said. "It's got some serious ramifications," Rosholt said.

He made his comments Monday addressing the final meeting of the Magic Valley chapter of the American Society of Rural Appraisers and Beem Managers.

"All the signs are on the wall that more water will be coming out of Idaho," he said.

Last month's drawdown of reservoirs behind Lower Granite and Little Goose dams on the Snake River shows the power of the Endangered Species Act, which takes precedence over other laws, Rosholt said.

The reservoirs were lowered for

'All the signs are on the wall that more water will be coming out of Idaho.'

— John Rosholt

a month and in a test to see whether the river could be speeded up to flush young salmon toward the sea.

"One good thing is it didn't require any water to come out of the upper Snake," said Rosholt, who represents both the North Side and Twin Falls canal companies. "The kicker is ... that under a law that says it supercedes all other laws, what is in store for the future?"

Rosholt said the worries that storage water not used by a canal company in any given year will have to be turned over for fish protection rather than saved for future irrigation needs.

The federal Bureau of Reclamation could force canal companies to sell the unused water rights for fish protection under the Endangered Species Act, Rosholt said.

It may get to where a farmer

sells his storage water for a profit and then drills for the water he needs," Rosholt added.

That should be another worry for irrigators, he said, because using up the groundwater is believed to have an impact on river levels.

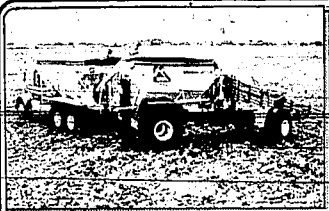
Different species of snails along the Snake River are being studied to determine if they are endangered.

Rosholt said there's even been talk of mollusks along the Snake that could be endangered. That would mean more pressure on irrigators for better conservation and cleaner return flows.

A group of Colorado environmentalist lawyers threatened to sue this week if the government doesn't proceed with studying whether the snails are endangered.

Farmers can expect any news from U.S. lawmakers, Rosholt said.

Of the 436 members of the House and 100 Senators, "450 ... can get elected by making the Endangered Species Act tougher," Rosholt said. "They've already destroyed species in their states, so they decide they should have those in Idaho and Washington," he said.




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Canola processor eyes Palouse area

MOSCOW (AP) - The Palouse may see a new processing plant for edible canola oil within three years because of growing popularity of the seed among farmers and consumers.

"We are on the cutting edge of what we think will be a massive industry," said Michael Dunlop,

regional manager for InterMountain Canola.

"If you look at the growth curve, this thing is just phenomenal."

Dunlop, Spokane, told a Moscow Chamber of Commerce Committee if growth levels hold, his company could build a canola

processing plant between Lewiston and Spokane by 1995.

The Idaho Falls-based InterMountain Canola is using incentives to convince farmers to grow canola. It's been a staple in Canada for the past quarter-century, with a big processing plant at Lethbridge, Alberta.

Glenn, Crapo butt heads in range war

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

Gary Glenn says his opponent, Mike Crapo, isn't "shooting straight" in a range war for the backing of Idaho cattlemen. Crapo is firing back with his own charge that his record has been knowingly misrepresented by Glenn.

Glenn, an Ada County commissioner and former executive vice president of the Idaho Cattle Association, is battling Crapo, an Idaho Falls state senator, for the Republican nomination for Congress.

"Mike Crapo isn't shooting straight with Idaho cattlemen, and that's one reason they're supporting my candidacy," Glenn said Sunday while attending a fundraiser at the Bill and Barbara Brockman ranch near Kimberly.

Glenn's comments, issued in a news release, came a few days after a group of seven cattlemen, headed by former ICA president Dan Hammond of American Falls, publicly endorsed Crapo and chided Glenn for misrepresenting Crapo's voting record.

At issue is Crapo's vote against a 1987 bill that made it illegal to disrupt lawful hunting, fishing or predator control prac-

tices on federal lands. The bill was supported by ICA, Idaho Farm Bureau and the Idaho Wool Growers Association. Crapo, one of only 17 lawmakers voting against the legislation, said he supported the idea of the bill, but said it didn't go far enough.

At Sunday's fundraiser, Glenn again questioned Crapo's commitment on issues important to cattlemen based on his vote on the hunter-harassment bill. Glenn said, if elected, he will support federal laws against hunter harassment, unlike his similar law in the Idaho legislature.

"It's a clear misrepresentation of Gary Glenn to ever say I don't support hunters or predator controls," Crapo said in an interview Thursday.

"I've told him and explained on other occasions what my position is."

"Crapo says he opposed the bill because it didn't include strong enough provisions for private property protection."

"As well as all the other legislators I know are fully in favor of protecting hunters and fishermen," he said. "It wasn't (a vote) against pro-hunting, but pro-private property. That was all that was ever at issue in the bill."

Noxious weed spreading

AMERICAN FALLS (AP) - Jointed goatgrass is a noxious weed from Asia and Europe that is making itself at home in Idaho fields.

Weed specialists say about one-quarter of Idaho's counties report a moderate infestation and another quarter of the counties report light infestation.

University of Idaho extension weed specialist Dan Morishita said the state's wheat producers could be nearing problems. Jointed goatgrass is genetically similar to wheat, and can cross with the crop. That makes many chemical con-

trols unusable. Each head holds up to 3,000 seeds. "Any infestation in a field can spread real fast with that seed rate," Morishita said.

Until the plant heads out, goatgrass looks like wheat. Mature plants are 15-30 inches high, with long and slender heads. The heads have a series of joints; each with a half-inch spikelet.

Because the weed is a winter annual, farmers can control it byilling and planting a new crop in the spring, or fallowing and weeding the problem field.

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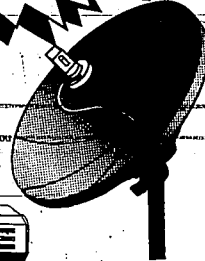
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Farmers Noh, Jones lose to Farm Bureau

By Stephen Stuebner
Special to Ag Weekly

BOISE — Two Magic Valley farmer-lawmakers say the headline anti-environmentalist stance taken by Idaho Farm Bureau lobbyists this year may come back to haunt the state's agriculture interests.

Farm Bureau's lobbying efforts during the just-completed legislative session "were an embarrassment to agricultural interests," said Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, a sheep rancher. "I see it as a step backward. I think you'll see knowledgeable people in agriculture move to assert control over their staff."

Pushed by the political strength of the Idaho Farm Bureau, the 1992 Legislature defeated several environmental protection bills.

Noh, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, and Rep. Doug Jones, D-Boise, former president of the Twin Falls chapter of the Farm Bureau, criticized Farm Bureau staff for their lobbying tactics and statements.

Too far, too fast

Though some accused the Farm Bureau and Republicans who voted in line with the bureau's wishes of being out of touch with the public will, many lawmakers said the Legislature has been moving too fast to protect the state's bounty of resources.

"It wasn't that we weren't concerned about the environment, but there's a feeling that maybe we've gone too far, too fast," said Rep. Golden Linford, R-Rexburg. "I think this was a backlash against the strong environmental movement that's taking place." Farm Bureau lobbyist Jim Yost made no apologies for the Bureau's near-clean sweep at the Legislature. "We didn't take a hard line, we were just trying to explain the facts," he said. "There are going to be philosophical differences, and they need to be discussed."

Both the Senate and House considered more than 100 legislative environmental and natural resource proposals this year. They passed a number of modest measures such as bluebird license plates, increased oversight of drinking water systems, new rules for medical waste incineration, a resolution backing the drawdown of four Lower Snake River reservoirs to benefit juvenile salmon, and a

"Because of spotted owls and endangered salmon, and concerns about the economy, there's a general fear and frustration over the way things are moving in the environmental area."

— Sen. Laird Noh,
on reluctance to move too fast
on environmental legislation



water rights bill allowing farmers to lease their rights for instream flows to benefit salmon.

But the most controversial bills died in committee or never got a hearing, often because of Farm Bureau pressure. They included a comprehensive plan for the Henry's Fork Basin, Outstanding Resource Water protection for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, recycling initiatives and tougher licensing penalties.

Noh, chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, agreed with Linford that lawmakers were nervous about moving too fast on environmental legislation.

"Because of spotted owls and endangered salmon, and concerns about the economy, there's a general fear and frustration over the way things are moving in the environmental area," he said.

Tunnel vision

However, Noh and Rep. Reed Hansen, R-Idaho Falls, said other Republicans and the Farm Bureau built up considerable resentment by defeating bills supported by a majority of the public.

"I think the Farm Bureau has tunnel vision," said Hansen, a potato farmer and co-sponsor of the Henry's Fork plan. "It's stone-walled and refuse to bend is going to hurt their cause in the future."

Jones said he also was dismayed by the bureau's opposition to the Henry's Fork plan. The state Water Resources Board crafted the plan after several years of study and five public

hearings. Jones said he knows several members of the Water Board personally. "I don't think those people would do anything to harm Idaho agriculture or their water rights," he said.

Yet the Farm Bureau wrote in a March 16 letter to lawmakers that the Henry's Fork plan would "lock up" water rights in the basin.

The bureau also characterized plan supporters as "Farm-Bureau puppets" and argued that Jones said he found to be untrue. "I didn't consider any of the people lobbying in favor of the Henry's Fork plan as granola crazies," he said.

Yost said the Farm Bureau compromised on a number of bills, and fought for amendments to others. With endangered species concerns about salmon and snails on the horizon, and economic concerns about the struggle, the bureau had to be as active as possible, he said.

Next year

A key concern expressed by Noh, Jones and Reed is that farm interests may be hurting their own cause by building resentment with urban dwellers and environmental interests.

As the state's urban population continues to grow and the farm population shrinks, farm interests will likely lose political clout.

And Magic Valley could be hurt worst when the Idaho Water Board submits its comprehensive plan for the Middle Snake River to a Legislature populated with more urban lawmakers, Jones said. "They're going to have to learn to get along and negotiate with the urban folk. They're going to find themselves more and more in a position of compromising because they'll be a minority."

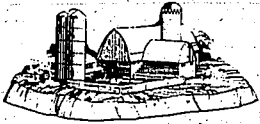
Agricultural and rural interests may look back and see the 1992 Legislature as the last hurrah. Many of the most controversial bills were killed in the House Resources and Conservation Committee, chaired by Joan Wood, a Rigby Republican, who has close ties to the agricultural community.

In that committee, the urban-rural resentment ran high, but urban lawmakers simply didn't have the votes to carry much weight. Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise, accused Wood at the end of the session for failing to give environmental bills a fair hearing. "The public interest in outstanding rivers, in fisheries and water quality has taken a beating in the House. Legislation for Idaho streams and fisheries that passed the Senate has been arbitrarily killed by the committee chair. She killed bills without a committee vote by not placing them on the agenda for consideration."

Wood, who faced such accusations all session, retorted, "That's just the biggest bunch of crap. Every bill that I thought had a good chance of passing my committee got a fair hearing. She handled nearly 90 bills and fewer than 15 never received a hearing. "I felt I bent over backwards to give people as much input as possible," she said.

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News

Ranchers raise bison, deer as beef alternative

By Christopher Young
Yakima Herald-Republic

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — It's not exactly the Old West. But if you go by the song, the only thing missing from this Central-Washington "home on the range" is an telepe.

The buffalo and deer are accounted for. On ranches, that is. Police Chief Hal Rees initially got into bison ranching for his health. And Dave Bean is finding that some pricier restaurants will pay serious bucks for farm-raised fallow deer venison.

Both ranchers want to educate the public and raise the profile of their respective meats as healthy alternatives to beef.

Rees — first — got — interested — in — American buffalo on his doctor's advice. Rees, who had developed high cholesterol and blood pressure in 1986, was told to cut out red meat.

"My doctor recommended some low-cholesterol meat — either bison or elk," Rees said. "And it turns out that bison actually has less cholesterol than most fish and chicken."

One year ago, Rees and his wife, Jeanette, began setting up their 75-acre bison ranch in the Badger Pocket area of Kittitas County. Rees now proudly shows off his 23 bison, 21 females and two males, the largest weighing about 2,400 pounds. He expects to



AP photo

Hal Rees throws hay to bison on his ranch east of Ellensburg, Wash., recently.

have even more later this spring as 18 of the cows are pregnant.

But even with the additional stock, Rees does not plan to sell any of his own meat for quite some time.

"We're more interested in the animal than profit," Rees said. "We want to provide breeding stock for those who are interested in raising buffalo."

Bison, which now number about 125,000 in the United States and Canada, have had a slow climb back from the edge of extinction in the 1880s, according to the National Buffalo Association.

And, Rees said, there are the nutritional benefits of bison meat.

"It's very evident in the beef industry right now that there is a significant trend toward extremely

lean beef," he said. "And buffalo is a natural meat that has no marbling whatsoever, no fat in the muscle tissue at all. It's a much healthier food overall than most meats. Not just beef, but most meats."

Unfortunately for people who want to taste bison meat, it can be hard to find and relatively expensive.

Bison, Rees said, can be bought in some supermarkets in Western Washington and from local producers who market the meat. And depending on the cut of meat, he said, prices can range from \$6 to \$25 a pound.

A few miles outside of Ellensburg, the sight of deer playing at Mountain View Deer Farm might put a person in mind of the same cowboy folk song.

But this is more of a business to owner Dave Bean.

Bean, who also owns a public relations agency, decided to try his hand at deer farming several years ago. He got the idea while working in upstate New York, where many dairy farms were being converted to deer farms.

"That was because of the decline (in prices) of dairy products and the incline in low-cholesterol, fat-free red meat," Bean said. "And that's what European fallow deer represent: venison."

The deer also represent what Bean hopes will be a future attraction to Kittitas County visitors.

"We're going to develop at least a pilot program on providing the farm as an attraction for private tours," he said. "There's a real need to educate, and I'd like to use the farm to teach the public about the value of farming, of deer farming and venison as a food product."

Bean said that some of the area's wild deer have come up to the fence to gaze at their domesticated cousins. During hunting season, he added, elk trek tried to go through the fence, presumably for refuge.

Bean said his herd of 150 isn't yet large enough to turn a profit. But as part of the Pacific Northwest Venison Producers Cooperative, he does sell some meat to "big-name, white-tablecloth" restaurants in Seattle and Vancouver, British Columbia.

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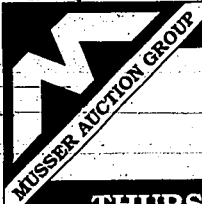
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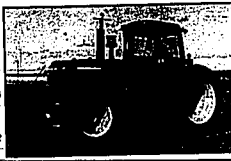


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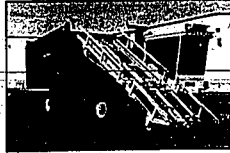
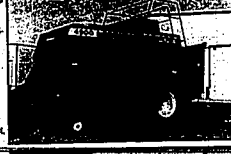
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Researchers look at genetically enhanced Burbank

PARMA — For Idaho's famous russet Burbank potato, scientists aren't content with good enough.

At the University of Idaho's Parma Research and Extension Center this summer, researchers will be evaluating a genetically enhanced russet Burbank developed by the Monsanto Agricultural Co. It could boost solids levels and ensure a consistently flaky french fry and fluffy baker.

When a potato is relatively low in solids, it's comparatively high in water that will be replaced by oil during processing.

Geoff Keyes, a Monsanto business development manager in St. Louis, said the research is in an early stage and more work is required "before we can realize the full benefit of this approach."

Keyes called inconsistency in solids level "an important problem to solve because it influences how useful potatoes are to processors."

Stephen Love at the university's Aberdeen Research and Extension Center said a preliminary trial of the Monsanto potatoes last summer found solids increasing from



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just a minor amount to fairly substantial levels.

"We don't know yet what it's going to do to all of the culinary aspects of the potato," Love said, "but it gives you a drier, fluffier texture — and if that's what you're looking for, that's good."

Currently, solids in Russet Burbank potatoes average about 21 percent, said Mike Thornton, extension potato specialist at the Parma center. Processors want just a few percentage points more.

They often get it now, Thornton said, unless high temperatures, especially at night, lower the potato to burn off sugars faster than convert them to starches.

While some new varieties of potatoes have solids pushing 26 percent, Thornton said an advantage of the Monsanto effort is

that it would put more starch into the Russet Burbank variety that he called the "backbone of our industry here."

"Any time you develop a completely new variety, you introduce a lot of other characteristics as well," Love said. "Russet Burbank is a known quantity. If you improve it, you will immediately impact a very large part of the industry. You don't have to wait for a new variety to be accepted by the buying public before it does some good."

Love said he doubted consumers themselves would actually notice the difference in the genetically enhanced Russet Burbank, but processors will.

Glenn Vogt, agricultural services manager with the J.R. Simplot Co. in Caldwell, said variability in solids within and among potato lots creates real problems. To compensate, processors blend lots and adjust blanching and drying times and temper-

"To the industry, it would mean more economical operations and even better french fry quality," he said.

Monsanto is not alone in its quest for a genetically improved Russet Burbank.

At the University of Idaho in Moscow, biochemist Dan Guerra will soon be putting an engineered bacterial gene into the Russet Burbank that he expects will prevent it from accumulating excessive reducing sugars during storage. That could be confirmed as early as one year from now.

At Monsanto, Keyes predicts it "will be the late 1990s before its product is available commercially."

"The process would be treated like any other invention," he said.

"To get the greatest amount of value, we need to get it widely distributed. That's why we're testing and developing it in the potato states."

The author is a Boise-based communications specialist for the University of Idaho Extension Service. She writes a column for *The Associated Press*.

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Cabinet OKs report calling for continued rice import ban

TOKYO (AP) — The Cabinet approved a report on Friday that urged Japan to continue its ban on rice imports, despite pressure in international trade talks that it open its rice market.

The report prepared by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, said Japan "must remain self-sufficient in rice."

Negotiators in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade talks are considering a proposal that would convert all agricultural import bans to tariffs.

"Comprehensive tariffication ... is unacceptable," the report said, adding Japan "must make every effort" to make its view understood by participants in the talks held under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The report said the profitability of dairy farming has fallen and prices of some types of Japanese beef have declined below price-support levels following the liberalization of beef imports in April 1991.

It spoke of concern about pesticide levels in imported foods, and said Japan's rice-centered eating habits should be maintained for nutritional reasons.

The report also described the environmental benefits of rice cultivation and warned of unstable supplies if Japan depended on imports.

Japan has long banned rice imports, contending that it needs to maintain self-sufficiency in its staple food. Japanese rice farmers receive large subsidies, and rice prices are at least several times the world level.

Some Japanese officials have said in recent months that the country should relax its ban. But in the past several weeks the government appears to have hardened its stance, some say because of upcoming parliamentary elections.

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Tractors	\$18.61/acre		\$18.61
Int'l. electricity & repairs	\$29/acre		\$29.00
Labor (tractor & machinery)	\$17.75/300'	3.02 hrs.	\$28.41
Labor (irrigation)	\$8.25/hr.	1.74 hrs.	\$10.87
Interest on op. cap.	\$1.11/dol.	\$49.40/acre	\$5.43
Subtotal, pre-harvest			\$210.50
Harvest costs			
Custom combine	\$30/acre		\$30.00
Custom hauling	\$2.77/cwt	60 cwt.	\$16.20
Machinery	\$2.94/acre		\$2.94
Labor (tractor & machinery)	\$8.75/hr.	.42	\$3.67
Subtotal, harvest			\$52.81
Fixed Costs			
Machinery	\$31.58/acre		\$31.58
Tractors	\$37.99/acre		\$37.99
Land (net rent)	\$120/acre		\$120.00
Overhead	\$7.45/acre		\$7.45
Total fixed cost			\$197.02
Total costs			\$460.33

What you'll get for your hard red spring wheat:

Gross Receipts			
	Value	Yield	Total Product
Spring wheat-hard red	\$3.15/bu.	100 bu.	\$315.50
Total			\$315.50

What you'll have left over after expenses:

Returns to risk and management	\$-145.33
Income above variable costs	\$51.69
Break-even prices if 100 bushels hard red spring wheat, bro produced:	
To cover preharvest variable inputs:	\$2.105
To cover harvest variable inputs:	\$0.528
To cover fixed inputs:	\$1.970
To cover all costs except risk	\$4.603

Investigators say FmHA bungled writedowns on huge farm loans

By Jennifer Dixon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Farmers Home Administration forgave multimillion-dollar loans to agribusiness borrowers who misled the government about their finances, investigators say.

The agency also failed to verify or obtain complete information about assets, income and collateral when large farm borrowers sought help restructuring their troubled loans, according to government investigations.

As a result, big borrowers - including individuals, partnerships and corporations - reaped millions of dollars in excess benefits, say investigators for the General Accounting Office and the Agriculture Department's Office of Inspector General.

The inspector general's report was obtained by The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the Agricultural Act of 1987, the FmHA has provided about \$2.8 billion in debt relief to delinquent farm borrowers battered by the agricultural recession of the 1980s.

Between November 1988 and March, 1991, an estimated 710, large farm-business borrowers received debt relief of \$256 million, GAO said. Relief ranged from \$1,100 to more than \$5 million for a single borrower.

Another 3,349 farm-business borrowers with debts of more than \$1.2 billion are delinquent and may be eligible for relief.

Under the law, Congress ordered FmHA to help farmers restructure their debts if it would cost less than foreclosure, and the grower had a chance of survival.

But investigators said large borrowers seeking help didn't always provide complete or accurate financial information, and FmHA didn't always ask or check.

In one case, USDA investigators found a borrower with a \$9.9 million debt who received relief of \$5.6 million. Yet FmHA officials did not adequately consider income and assets of \$2.9 million and liabilities of \$1.7 million. As a result, he received \$800,000 too much.

USDA's inspector general found

other problems when it looked at 38 borrowers who had either received debt relief in excess of \$1 million, or who had large and complex farming operations. They received benefits totaling \$31.5 million, \$10 million too much.

Auditors said - some borrowers may have "intentionally provided county offices with incomplete or inaccurate information in order to receive excessive program benefits."

In California, auditors found a borrower who got a \$1 million write-down although he had not disclosed cash of \$34,796 and 1,276 acres of real estate in which he had an ownership interest. If the cash and lease income from the land had been counted, his relief would have totaled only \$353,688.

An Arkansas borrower who did not accurately report his 99 percent interest in a corporation received debt relief of nearly \$2.2 million. Auditors said it should have been closer to \$1.64 million.

In a separate report Friday, the General Accounting Office found problems throughout the Farmers Home portfolio and said the agency risks losses as much as \$14 billion in loans to delinquent or troubled farm borrowers.

David Keating, executive vice president of the National Taxpayers Union, said the findings from the inspector general's office were appalling.

"It would make the average tax-

payer's blood boil to know they're looking the other way when hundreds of thousands of dollars, millions of dollars, are being forgiven," Keating said. "The IRS doesn't look the other way if a taxpayer has assets. They go grab them."

The audit does not identify any of the 38 borrowers surveyed. USDA spokesman Dallas "Rob" Sweezy said the information is available only to congressional committees, and none has requested it.

Sweezy said the agency had begun recalculating its decisions in the 38 cases. If there are mistakes, it will move to restructure the loans. And if it finds fraud, the agency will take the matter to USDA's attorneys.

Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va., called on Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan to review prior decisions to determine if the American taxpayer "took a bath" on the \$256 million in debt forgiveness GAO discovered among all 710 borrowers it reviewed.


Sweezy blamed some of the problems on loopholes in the 1987 law. Regulations to implement reforms passed by Congress in 1990 should be finalized soon. Debt restructuring is suspended in the interim.

"That will go a long way to servicing these debts in a more accurate way, and a fairer way, from the taxpayers' standpoint," he said.

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12/Cattle Report

Will cattle feeders find a way to stay out of the red?

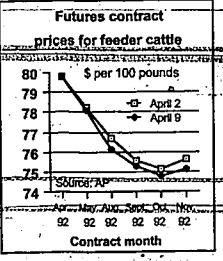
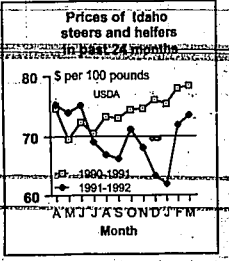
Magic Valley beef steer prices last week

	400-600 lb.	600-800 lb.			
Burley	\$82-108	\$74.50-86			
Under 400 lb.	400-500 lb.	500-600 lb.			
Jerome	\$/na	\$87-115	\$83-93	\$75-91	\$74-78
Twin	\$102-113	\$89-103.50	\$84.50-99	\$77.50-88	\$72.50-80.50

Other prices and slaughter numbers

National Stockyards, Ill. 400-600 lb.	\$79-89
National wholesale beef price	\$117.08
Weekly slaughter at gov. inspected plants	442,000

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



Kansas Extension Service

MANHATTAN - During the present cattle price cycle, the peak year for average fed cattle grade was 1990. The peak year for feeder cattle prices was 1991. And now cattle prices are falling.

Since last spring, however, feed grain costs have risen about 10 percent.

"So, the big question now is: Can cattle feeders stay out of the red?" said Michael Langemeier, livestock production economist for Kansas State University's Cooperative Extension Service.

For 1992's first four months, the breakeven sale price, for finishing 750-pound steers

should average between \$74 and \$76 per hundredweight (cwt.), he said. For May-July it should be \$70 to \$72.

"After that, grain prices will dictate what happens," Langemeier warned. "Each \$2 per cwt. change in feeder prices changes the fed cattle breakeven sale price by about \$1.35 per cwt. But each \$3 per ton change in ration costs also changes fed cattle breakeven prices by about 40 cents per cwt."

The economist said the estimated returns for finishing 750-pound feeder steers in western Kansas during 1990 were about \$50 per head. But they fell to an average loss of \$40 in 1991, bottoming out in the third and fourth quarters with losses of \$86 and \$84 per head.

Tuberculosis has producers worried

WASHINGTON (AP) - After decades of decline, the threat of bovine tuberculosis is once again making headlines in cattle ranchers.

Ranchers now worry that herds from the Rio Grande north to the Canadian border may be at risk of catching a disease they'd long stopped even thinking about.

There are new risks today, however, that appear to be fueling a slight resurgence of the insidious disease in the nation's cattle herds.

Although ranchers face the rare chance of infection from wildlife with bovine TB, there's also the threat of economic devastation if an infected herd must be destroyed or confined and tested repeatedly, veterinarians said.

TB is also making a comeback in the human population, and for some of the same reasons as bovine TB - crowded conditions (in large dairy farms for cattle, in prisons, homeless shelters for people), infected immigrants (steers and people), stressed populations, and a complac-

cy that sets in when problems are believed solved.

The federal government first launched its bovine TB eradication program in 1915, when 4.9 percent of all cattle had TB. The incidence rate was gradually pushed down, from 1.9 percent in 1930 to 0.29 percent by the late 1950s, to about 0.02 percent today.

But the number of new cases has been climbing recently - USDA confirmed three infected herds in both 1988 and 1989, 13 in 1990 and 10 in 1991. There have been two new cases this year. Today, there are a total of 11 confirmed, infected herds - two each in California and New Mexico, six in Texas, and one in New York. Nebraska has an exposed herd.

Back in the early part of the century, slaughter houses were finding approximately 200,000 carcasses a year with signs of TB; today it's less than 400.

Although the overall incidence is still slight and increasing only marginally, the presence of an infected herd can affect the free movement of cattle out of an entire state. And all producers in a state could lose export markets if foreign buyers insist on beef from a TB-free state.

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Plan to boost imports of cheese worries farmers

By Jennifer Dixon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Farmers and dairy state lawmakers accused the Bush administration Thursday of selling out the country's financially strapped dairy farmers in order to help Eastern Europe find new markets for its cheese.

Under a proposal being considered by the Bush administration, Hungary would be allowed to ship Goya cheese to the United States without duties or quotas.

But if Hungary's petition is granted, as many as 130 other countries who are under the Generalized System of Preferences, which provides lower tariffs for developing nations, could also export Goya cheese duty- and quota free.

Farmers fear the cheaper imports could undercut the market for domestic products and Romano cheeses, drive down raw milk prices, and force some family farms that are already on the ropes out of the business.

Cheese manufacturers are also worried that they may be edged out if Goya cheese — a hard-grating cheese — floods the market.

The Bush administration rejected Hun-

gary's petition for Goya imports last May. The matter, however, was reopened 97 days later when the administration decided to help the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe with new trade opportunities.

A decision on the latest petition is expected at the end of April. But at a hearing of the House Agriculture subcommittee on livestock, dairy and poultry, farmers and dairy-state lawmakers urged its rejection.

"After four hours of testimony, the clearest estimate any one can give about the potential increase in imports is between 1,000 and 100,000 metric tons," said Rep. Steve Gunderson, R-Wis. "We should not approve a petition when nobody knows what the impact will be on our domestic market."

Should Goya imports total 100,000 metric tons, U.S. producers could lose markets for as much as 3 billion pounds of milk, Gunderson said.

"Dairy farmers, who suffered through a steep drop in prices last year, simply could not weather this added turbulence in the market," he said.

"Going forward with the administration's proposal on Goya would simply be the straw that breaks the dairy farmers' backs," added Rep. Jim Moody, D-Wis.

Federal milk market orders

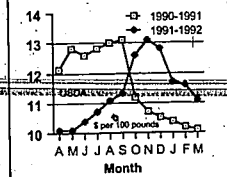
	Great Basin	Southwest Idaho-Eastern Oregon
Class I (April)	\$13.11	\$12.71
Class II (April)	\$11.11	\$11.11
Class III (March)	\$10.98	\$10.98
Weighted average	\$/a	\$/a

Other prices

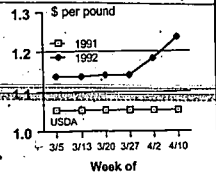
National Cheese Exchange, Green Bay, Wisc., Friday close

Cheddar barrels	40 lb: blocks
\$1,2375	\$1,2675

Prices to Idaho dairies for all milk in past 24 months



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



Refund results announced

Ag Weekly

BOISE - The Dairy Refund Payment Program provided a refund of a mandatory assessment fee if a dairy producer did not increase his/her milk marketings in the refund period (1991) when compared to the immediately preceding calendar year (1990).

The sign-up for this program ended March 16.

The results for Idaho showed 535-eligible dairy producers in 32 counties with a total base period (1990) milk marketings of 1 billion

pounds and refund period (1991) milk marketings of 902.5 million pounds, which resulted in \$451,200 in refunds.

One of the Congressional stipulations of this program is that it must pay for itself. In order to do this, the subsequent year's assessment will be increased as of May 1 to collect back the amount of refunds paid out.

This program will be administered by ASCS through the 1995 refund period. Producers may contact their local ASCS office if interested in this program.

N.M. tops milk production

Ag Weekly

LAS CRUCES - New Mexico's dairy cows out produced the rest of the nation's milk producers for the third year in a row.

Of the 94,000 cows in New Mexico, each averaged a record-setting 20,394 pounds of milk per cow in 1991. On a national scale, that was the first time that a state production average surpassed

20,000 pounds. The USDA ranked New Mexico No. 1 in milk production per cow, followed by Washington, California, Arizona and Colorado.

Farmers seek creamery control

CABOT, Vt. (AP) - Walt Bothfeld Sr. has worked a dairy in northern Vermont for 55 of his 65 years.

Six days a week, Bothfeld and his two sons send milk from their two farms to a cooperative creamery down the hill, where it's turned into yogurt, sour cream and cheese — most notably, a prize-winning cheddar cheese.

And so it goes in Cabot, a dairy company town of 1,260 where the creamery is more than just a business. Operating since 1919, Cabot Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Inc. has become a symbol of excellence and the work ethic.

Bothfeld and many of his neighbors now fear their way of life is in jeopardy. "It's a tradition in this state. Once it's gone, it's gone."

For months, the 342 farmers who are co-op members have faced a painful decision about their futures and, many say, about the outlook for the recession-weary dairy industry in northern Vermont.

The creamery's board has been discussing various options for a rescue plan since last August.

On Jan. 13, the farmers were asked to approve a New York investment firm's proposal to buy the creamery's marketing and manufacturing divisions, which would have become an independent business. But the deal fell apart because the investor, Jeff Kenner, said farmers had turned it into a "hostile takeover."

The farmers' feared losing control. They would have retained members of a milk-handling co-op, but they would have lost their say in the creamery's policies and a share in the profits.

Kenner would have taken the expensive food-producing end of the co-op off the farmers' hands, paid off its debts and given farmers some much-needed cash. Now, the creamery's board is exploring a merger with Agri-Mark Inc., the largest dairy co-op in the Northeast.

Nothing about the debate has been simple. "It has clearly gone beyond a discussion about Cabot as a business," said Andrew Condon, an assistant professor of agriculture at the University of Vermont.

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New rules aim at boosting high-quality wool output

Ag Weekly

DENVER - In 1992, many sheep producers across the country will receive an incentive payment on sales of their wool both on shorn wool and unshorn lambs.

This unique program, established in 1954, is unlike any other farm program as it encourages more production of higher quality wool and is designed to pay added incentives to producers who excel.

"Changes in the Farm Bill have affected the wool incentive program," said American Sheep Industry Association President Jim Magnaga.

"We're telling producers to consult their county ASCS offices and farm advisers to assess the impact on their operations and to make what changes are needed to meet the federal regulations."

From year to year, the incentive rate changes based on a formula set by USDA. The incentive level is set every Jan. 1, which is the start of the marketing year.

Values are placed on other components of the incentive formula in the months between January and March, with the final figures usually announced by USDA in April.

Changes in the rules for filing will mean changes for producers in 1992. Most will amount to some record-keeping adjustments aimed at bringing the wool program into line with other national agricultural programs. Changes will regulate how much a single operation can receive in government payments and when wool sales must be reported to be eligible for the payments.

Payment caps set in the current Farm Bill—on-wool—incentive—payments—are \$200,000 for wool marketed in 1991, \$175,000 for wool marketed in 1992, \$150,000 for wool marketed in 1993 and \$125,000 for wool marketed in 1994 and 1995.

Statistics show less than 1 percent of all growers will be affected by these changes. The average incentive payment is \$100.

The regulations also spell out what constitutes a "person" eligible for a wool incentive payment, and producers must carefully consider the regulations when structuring their operation.

With a few simple changes and consultation with the county ASCS personnel, producers can head off potential problems. Here are a few tips to follow for 1992:

- Work with your county ASCS office to properly structure your operation for 1992 and future years.

- You must file for your incentive from wool from 1991 and before during 1992 to be eligible.

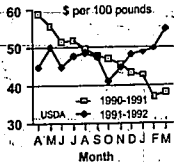
- ALL outstanding receipts must be submitted. From 1992 on, you are eligible only for incentives on wool sold the previous year. Receipts cannot be held over.

- The incentive level will be announced in early April.

- The estimated incentive level is 250 percent and unshorn lamb payments are estimated at \$5.42 per 100 pounds.

- If you have questions about the incentive program or need an application, contact your county or state ASCS office, or call ASI for a complete worksheet on the incentive payment program.

Prices of Idaho sheep and lambs in past 24 months

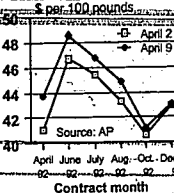


Lamb and hog prices

Fat lambs		Feeder lambs		Ewes	
Burley	\$85-60.50	81½	\$30-37		
Twin Falls	\$85-68	\$70-73	\$28-28		
Feeder hogs		Fat hogs			
Burley	\$37-42.50		\$40-41		
Twin Falls	40-42		39-41.25		

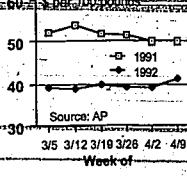
All prices per 100 pounds

Futures contract prices for hogs



Source: AP

Price of 230-260 lb hogs at Nat'l Stockyard Illinois in past six weeks



Source: AP

Good records required for producers' costs

Kansas Extension Service

in a cost-price squeeze this year.

MANHATTAN - Farrow-to-finish hog producers could get caught in a "Good cost of production records will be vital," said Michael Langemeier, farm management economist for Kansas State University's Cooperative Extension Service. "Without them, producers will have a hard time seeing where to make necessary changes, as well as what constitutes a successful marketing goal."

The sale prices farrow-to-finish producers need to break even during the first half of 1992 will be \$44 to \$45 per hundredweight (cwt.) Langemeier said. Breakeven prices averaged \$43.50 per cwt. in 1990 and about \$43 in 1991.

"Industry analysts project the year's average market hog price at St. Joseph, Mo., will be in the low \$40s," he added. "That's down from \$55.25 in 1990 and \$49.25 last year."

But breakevens often vary from producer to producer by as much as \$10 per cwt. Langemeier said. So, producers with above-average productivity probably will cover most costs in the months ahead. Average producers should be able to meet variable costs, but not completely cover such fixed costs as depreciation and interest on facilities and breeding stock. "As long as they're covering cash costs, producers should continue to farrow," he advised. "Still, they should recognize they have to cover all costs to stay in business over the long term."

Breakeven prices will be very sensitive to hog marketing prices during the year's last half.

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Dealer: Price boost no ploy

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

where it's coming from or where it's going, I'm not sure."

Paul West, manager of Independent Bean and Seed Co., in Twin Falls, said seed prices won't increase unless market prices keep growing. "It can drive seed price if it goes high enough," West said. But West said the price would have to reach \$18, about the cost-of-production level, to see much change.

TWIN FALLS—Pinto bean prices in the Magic Valley crept up a penny a pound this week after nearly a two-month stay at the \$14 per sack mark.

The current \$15 per sack pinto price has encouraged some farmers to unload their beans from storage, said Ken High, manager of Kelley Bean in Filer.

"We've been buying some," High said. "We haven't been overwhelmed, but we have been buying some."

Despite what growers may think, High said the price increase is a response to market demand rather than a ploy by packers to artificially inflate prices. Improved prices could encourage growers to plant more beans, and packers could sell more seed at better prices.

"A lot of people suspect that, but I don't think that's happening right now," he said. "Driving around, it looks like most of the ground is in wheat, so that land is already committed. I don't see it as a spring ploy."

High said there has been some movement of beans on the market and packers have very little product in storage.

"Since most available beans are owned by growers, the price was hiked in hopes of enticing some growers to sell, High said.

"Most of the beans are grower owned, so they don't know what happens," he said. "There seems to be a little demand, but

Acres down

Last week, the USDA announced that U.S. bean planting intentions for this spring are nearly half a million acres below a year ago, falling from 1.9 million to 1.5 million acres.

About 50,000 acres will come from Idaho growers, the USDA predicts, with plantings falling from 145,000 in 1991 to 95,000 this year.

The biggest contributor to the decline, though, will be North Dakota, the USDA said, which is by far the biggest bean supplier in the nation.

North Dakota growers are expected to reduce their crop by 100,000 acres this year, a drop of 19 percent. North Dakota growers are expected to plant 420,000 acres this year, down from 520,000 in 1991.

Of the 17 states that grow dry edible beans, Idaho ranks sixth in projected acres planted, behind North Dakota, Michigan (280,000), Colorado (160,000), Nebraska (140,000) and California (130,000).

Bean prices

Prices received by farmers

	Pintos	Great Northerns	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$15	\$14	\$18	\$15	\$15

Prices received by dealers

	Pintos	Great Northerns	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
Idaho	\$19-19.50	\$19.50-20	\$26-27	\$20-21	\$22-23

Prices elsewhere

Pinto Beans

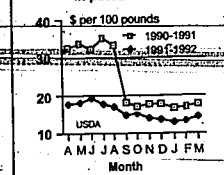
NE Colorado \$13-14; Western Colorado \$14; Kansas \$14; Nebraska, Wyoming \$13-14; N. Dakota, Minnesota \$12.

Other Beans

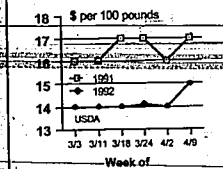
Small reds: Washington \$20-21; Great Northerns: Nebraska-Wyoming \$14

Prices per 100 pounds quoted by USDA Bean Market News Tuesday after survey of warehousehouses. Local dealers have more recent information

Prices received by Idaho bean farmers in past 24 months



Prices received by Idaho pinto bean farmers in past six weeks



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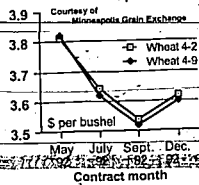


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16/Wheat report

Growers expand acreage as supply stocks plunge

Futures contract prices for wheat



Wheat prices

Curry Grain	\$3.63
Haney Seed	\$3.61
Koch Agri Services, Rupert	\$3.63
Koch Agri Services, Bliss	\$3.76
Reed Grain, Buhl	\$3.57
Sept. crop	\$3.05
Rangen, Buhl	no quote
Wendell Elevator	\$3.60
Western Stockman, Mtn. Hm	\$3.80
Prices elsewhere	
Ogden	\$3.85
Pocatello	\$3.78
Portland	\$3.40
Quoted Friday morning	

BOISE (AP) — Idaho wheat growers expanded their 1992 crop acreage by over 11 percent in response to rising markets and the lowest stockpile in 14 years.

The Agriculture Department reported that while winter wheat producers maintained their plantings last fall at 870,000 acres, spring wheat farmers made a dramatic increase, boosting land from 1,000,000 to 1,100,000 acres.

The commitment reflected the steady recovery of the wheat market following its plunge after the record 1990 crop of nearly 100 million bushels.

The average monthly price hit \$2.33 a bushel just after the harvest but has been climbing since then. In 1991, the price rose as wheat stocks continued to decline.

The market exceeded \$4 a bushel for the first time in nearly three years during February, reaching a full 60 cents at \$4.28 a bushel.

And the Agriculture Department estimated Idaho's stockpile of wheat on March 1 at just 27.9 million bushels.

That is over 40 percent lower than a year ago and the lowest spring stockpile since 1978.

The Idaho trend mirrored activity across the nation, where spring wheat growers were boosting planted acreage and the total wheat stockpile has fallen to its lowest spring level on record.

While the situation should bolster immediate market prices, it threatens export markets both the industry and the government have been trying to develop. Absent market problems, analysts believe there will still be enough wheat to maintain those foreign markets.

But any reduction in the anticipated crop could reduce grain available for exports and jeopardize exports.

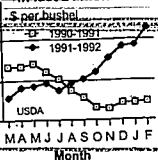
Dried bean farmers, reeling from a market collapse in their markets over the past two years, cut back their planted acreage for the second straight year.

The government said dried bean growers, who cut plantings by 35,000 acres last year, are slashing another 50,000 acres this spring.

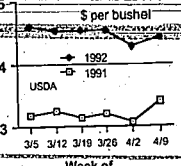
That will leave planted acreage at just 95,000 acres, the smallest area since 1983.

Since the decade-high 180,000-acre crop of 1990, the state's dried bean market has plunged from over \$3.5 a hundredweight to less than \$1.50 this year.

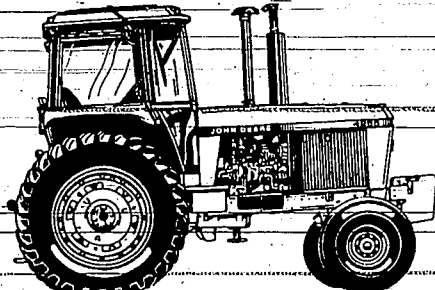
Prices received by Idaho wheat farmers in last 24 months



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Sneaky imports threaten EEP

WASHINGTON — Undeclared grain imports pose a serious threat to the integrity of the government export programs that account for a majority of annual U.S. wheat exports; the National Association of Wheat Growers said recently.

Testifying before a Senate Agriculture subcommittee, NAWG President Madison Angell said a system of end-use certificates, similar to

that in place in Canada, would provide the safeguards necessary to protect U.S. grain supply from contamination by foreign imports.

Current law requires that grain exported under government assistance be produced entirely in the United States. The addition of one grain of wheat to a 50,000-ton shipment would render the shipment ineligible for export programs.



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Grain and hay report 17

'91 feed grains may not enter farmer-owned reserve

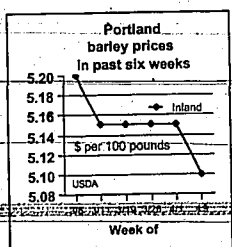
WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman has announced 1991-crop feed grains will not be allowed into the Farmer-Owned Reserve.

The secretary of agriculture must allow entry when the average market price for corn for the 90-days preceding the announcement is less than 120 percent of the crop price support rate and the 1991 estimated corn ending stocks-to-use ratio is more than 22.5 percent.

Entry may be allowed when only one condition is met. Since neither condition has been met, there is no authority to allow entry.

The following factors were used in making this determination:

- 120 percent of corn price support rate, \$1.94 per bushel;
 - 90-day corn average market price, \$2.42 per bushel (Source: Fiveday adjusted average corn price for the 90-day period, Dec. 12, 1991 to March 10);
 - estimated 1991-1992 corn ending stocks, 1,091 million bushels;
 - estimated 1991-1992 corn use, 7,925 million bushels;
 - estimated 1991-1992 corn ending stocks-to-use ratio (1,091 million bushels divided by 7,925 million bushels), 0.138.
- The source for the last three factors is the U.S. Department of Agriculture, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates, issued March 11.



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Scientist monitors beetle

UI Extension Service

AMERICAN FALLS — A new insect is threatening the grain harvest in Idaho. The larvae of the cereal leaf beetle feed on the leaves of their grain plants to the surface.

Larry Sandvol, University of Idaho Extension entomologist at Aberdeen, is monitoring the travels of the cereal leaf beetle, found for the first time in Idaho last summer.

The beetle has been active in Utah for the last 10 years and crossed the border at Franklin and Oneida counties.

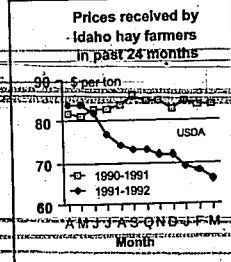
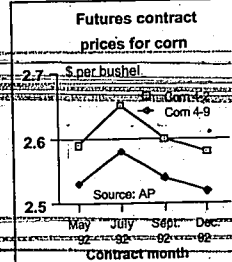
with an orange-yellow thorax above it is very similar to the common predator beetle, Coleoptus. Indeed, Sandvol said growers should assume the beetle is Coleoptus, unless

they see "shredded and gray-looking" leaves. The cereal leaf beetle feeds on the leaves of oats, barley and wheat in the foothills of the Snake River Valley.

The United States in the early 1960's in Michigan and Wisconsin, where it was a major pest for several years before biological and chemical controls were perfected.

"I don't think it's going to be a pest we have to be too concerned with," Sandvol said. However, he wants to hear from farmers who find the pest in new locations.

Sandvol also said it remains uncertain if the beetle applies this year. Thirty large populations were found last fall, especially around Soda Springs, in eastern Power County and east of Idaho Falls.



'92 government programs will help most farms, economist says

By AgriData News Service

The recent improvement in wheat prices has many producers wondering if it makes sense to stay out of wheat and feed grain programs this year. But staying in the program is probably the best bet, according to Dwight Aakre, farm management specialist at North Dakota State University.

Aakre based his conclusion on an analysis of costs and yields presented in the North Dakota 1991 Estimated Crop Budgets. "The result: Participation will be more profitable than non-participation for wheat as well as feed grains this year," he said.

"While the breakeven price between participation and non-participation varies somewhat by area, it appears that it's approximately 10 to 20 cents below the target price for wheat, corn and barley," he said.

This means that farmers who anticipate a market price much less than \$3.80 to \$3.90 for wheat, \$2.55 to \$2.65 for corn or \$2.16 to \$2.76 for barley will likely find it beneficial to participate in the program.

These breakeven prices are higher than two might anticipate. "A farmer can't because of

aside requirements are lower this year," he said, "costs of participating in the program are lower, so the breakeven wheat price — at which participation and nonparticipation are equal — is higher.

In short, a very high wheat price is required to make participation not worthwhile."

"The set-aside rate is 5 percent for wheat, barley and corn in 1992. The cost of set-aside is the major cost to program participation.

This cost consists of two parts—the cost of set-aside maintenance, which is the most obvious but lesser of the two, and the cost of losing the opportunity to raise income producing crop on the acreage, which is the greater of the two.

The major exception to this would be where a producer has a small base, especially when relative to total crop acres.

In this case, non-participation may be a better strategy since wheat may be the most profitable crop for most producers in 1992.

If such a producer also stayed out of the feed grain program, he could build wheat base during a year with favorable wheat prices.

The cost of baselining (foregoing deficiency payments) will not be as great in 1992 as previous years.

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18/Crops Drought brings troubles to Jacklin; construction delayed

By Clark Miller
 Ag Weekly writer

JEROME — Dry weather and a late turn-on date for irrigators depending on canal system water could cut down yields on lawn-seed plantings, says Jerome manager of Jacklin Seed in Jerome. "I'm definitely can, especially when you come out of a dry winter," Pyle said.

Growers with private irrigation wells have been watering lawn-seed fields for about three weeks, Pyle said, while most canal water delivery won't start until next week.

The bluegrass used for most lawn-seed production is an early season plant and is harvested early in July. Pyle said the crop needs water early to ensure a stand. Last year, with similar drought conditions, there was a very low yield loss for growers who had to wait for water, he said.

Pyle said he's seen one field so far that is looks like it will suffer this year.

"I haven't looked at all of them, but I have seen one that was stressed pretty bad," he said. "If we get water on it we'll be able to tell better how bad the damage is."

Jacklin Seed is also looking for more growers. Pyle said he has contracts for 1,500 acres he needs to fill.

Another 1,500 new acres have already been planted this spring, he said, bringing "the total southern Idaho grass-seed acre to "the 16,000-18,000 acre range."

That means plans for a \$5 million Jacklin seed processing plant in Jerome remain on hold. Pyle said Post-Falls-based Jacklin won't construct the new facility until 20,000 acres are contracted in the region.

"It's probably at least two years down the road," he said.

Purple sage farms think small

MIDDLETON (AP) — The contrast is unavoidsable.

All around Tim Sommer's place in Middleton are farms measured in hundreds of acres being tilled using huge tractors. In the fall, the wheat, corn and other staple crops will be harvested using those same tractors.

The heart of Sommer's Purple Sage Farms is measured in square feet and is planted by hand inside three greenhouses. And all year round he harvests crops like basil, bronze fennel, tsoi and French endive — with scissors.

"We're finger farmers," and all our neighbors are big equipment farmers," Sommer says with a small smile.

What Sommer grows with his fingers are 25 different types of salad and decorative greens, organic herbs and edible flowers.

Some of what he grows on purpose looks like the weeds that drive homeowners crazy. But French dandelions are edible, as are frises. And people are buying them because they're tired of the same old greens.

Sommer's truly hands-on operation are started from seeds in his basement, then transplanted one plant at a time into a temperature-controlled greenhouse where they are cultivated on hands and knees and bathed in 90 percent humidity.

If the plant exudes a high Sommer hangs a fluorescent fixture between two chairs inches from its leaves. If grasshoppers sneak in, he sprinkles a bran laced with norema, a disease fatal to hoppers but not to ladybugs and other beneficial insects.

Harvest time is whenever the orders come in. Someone calls late at night and wants a pound of lemon verbena for the next day, Sommer goes out and picks it.

"I'm the night shift," he says. His market is restaurants and specialty grocery stores. Most are in Boise and Sun-Valley, but he has customers in Idaho's five border states as well.

Chris Binion, owner of Le Poulet Rouge restaurant in Boise, has been buying exotic lotuses, herbs and edible flowers from Sommer since the first crop in 1989.

"I'm a big fan," he says. "He does a beautiful product." Sommer acknowledges anugula — a peanut flavored green and red Asian mustard — a purple and green leafed plant with an eye-watering bite — are not exactly the stuff of life. But they do add to his enjoyment.

"What we grow appeals to people interested in quality food," he says. Dressed in worn, L.L. Bean-style shorts and sweater and sporting wire-rim glasses, Sommer looks more like an accountant than a farmer.

It's close to the wife. He and his wife, Tamara Slovaczek, didn't plunge their life savings into this tiny agricultural niche out of a blazing desire to convert Idaho to the joys of organic salads. It was a carefully calculated business decision based on their wish to get back to farming and southwestern Idaho.

Both grew up here in farm families but spent their professional lives in marketing and research for hazardous waste cleanup companies and living in Seattle, Denver and Los Angeles.

In 1985, faced with another move to a big city, they decided it was time to jump ship.

"We wanted to use our skills in agriculture to build a family business in rural Canyon County. The hazardous waste business gave us seed money to get this started," he says.

The first greenhouse went up in 1989 and Sommer became the guide of the Purple Sage, while Slovaczek provided a steady income working for Extended Systems, a Boise electronics firm.

And Sommer has already made a mark on Idaho agriculture. He helped create the state's first organic food certification and is one of only 26 certified growers in a state with 21,800 farms.

"He's been instrumental in shaping the organic farm industry in Idaho," says Kelly Olson, marketing and development administrator for the state Department of Agriculture. "In the next two years we expect the number of certified growers to double and their gross receipts to be up 10-20 percent."

But not everything has come up edible roses. "There's been quite a bit of trial and error," says Sommer.

Potential products like escargot and mushrooms were tried and discarded. The bitter winter of 1990-91 took every drop of propane he could buy. And money ran short while work weeks ran long — up to 115 hours.

"It looks peaceful, but it's an incredible amount of work," he says. Even when he got his first crop, Sommer wasn't sure who would buy it.

He broke through in Ketchum at restaurants like Evergreen, and now sells to about 15 individual businesses and a produce wholesaler.

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Prices were reported Tuesday for 100 pounds of unwhashed 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

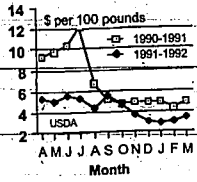
70-80 count cartons	10-pound mesh bag non-size A	Dehydration grade
\$17.50-19	mostly \$6.00	\$1.00

Prices elsewhere

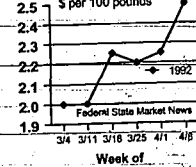
Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Colorado	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$12-14
Oregon	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$13-15
Washington	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$14-16
Wisconsin	Russels, 70-80 count cartons	\$12.50-13

Prices were reported Thursday afternoon by USDA.

Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months



Prices received by Idaho farmers for fresh-pack potatoes



PGI, processors reach accord on new contracts

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

Agreements with major potato processors have now been reached, says John Rooney, executive director of Potato Growers of Idaho. Despite open-market potato prices lower than a year ago, the growers' bargaining unit struck deals at the same rate as last year. The final contract was settled Tuesday when growers voted to accept a deal with Lamb-Weston of American Falls. "We're very

pleased," Rooney said. Last week, Washington potato growers settled contracts with many of the same processors, as their Idaho colleagues do less than a year ago while PGI maintained a \$5 per hundred pound sack rate for french fry potatoes, \$5.22 for dehydrators. PGI members last week accepted contracts with Universal Frozen Foods of Twin Falls; Ore-Ida of Burley and Ontario; Carnation of Nampa; Suspended of Blackfoot; and Pillsbury of Shelley.

The \$5 mark for french fry processors was established last August when J.R. Simplot Co. signed its 1992 contract with growers, the first settlement ever with PGI. Rooney said the entire bargaining process was wrapped up early this year. "Usually we have one that doesn't come in until May or June," he said. While PGI won't release the amount of potatoes its members contract to processors, the amount won't be much different than 1991, Rooney said.

"What we're expecting is pretty much traditional volume," he said. Rooney said unity is the likely reason Idaho growers were able to strike a better deal with processors than their counterparts in other states. "Probably the biggest part of the difference us and Washington is that we have a lot more unity of our members," he said. "We've also been doing this for about 20 years, while their organization is only three years old."

Donated spud flakes head to Russia to aid hunger relief

By Ralph W. Mungana
Ag Weekly correspondent

RUPERT - One hundred tons of dehydrated Idaho potatoes were being loaded onto five 40-foot containers this week for shipment to the people of Russia, a donation of the Idaho potato industry. As State Auditor J.D. Williams (representing Gov. Cecil Andrus), members of the National Potato Commission, The Idaho Potato Commission, other officials and numerous farmers looked on, several pallets of dehydrated potatoes

were loaded onto a truck from the Rolland Jones warehouse Monday morning in Rupert. Later, these joined shipments from other locations, including Twin Falls, and were trucked to Tacoma, Washington, then by rail to New Jersey and by ship to St. Petersburg, Russia and by surface

transport to Moscow. The cost of shipping the potatoes to Russia is being borne by the U.S. Department of Defense and supervised by the U.S. Department of State. "It is a great pleasure for me to see how the generous people of Idaho have contributed to this ef-

fort to support democracy in Russia," Andrus said in a press release

distributed to the news media Monday morning.

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20/Water

Most valley irrigators already receiving canal water

Ag Weekly

TWIN FALLS — Water delivery can no longer wait for hopes of rain to bear fruit.

Canal companies and irrigation

districts have said spring rains could push back the start of irrigation season and conserve water that may be needed later in the season.

But nearly all water sharehold-

ers in the Magic Valley have received irrigation water or will receive water within the next week, according to a telephone poll of canal company and irrigation district offices.

The exceptions are Magic Valley irrigators served by the two companies with the bleakest water outlook — Salmon River Canal Co. in southern Twin Falls County and Big Wood Canal Co. in Lincoln County — which have yet to schedule a water delivery date.

Planned water delivery dates for Magic Valley canal companies and irrigation districts are:

- **Big Wood Canal Co.** — No decision yet on water deliveries.
- **American Falls Reservoir District No. 2** — Started on Thursday.
- **Bunley — Irrigation District** — Started on Thursday and Friday.
- **A&B Irrigation District** — Started on Tuesday.
- **Oakley Canal Co.** — Plans first deliveries on Wednesday.

Salmon River Canal Co. — No date set. The board gathered information from farmers at the annual water outlook meeting Friday night.

- **Idaho — Irrigation District** — Plans first deliveries Wednesday and Thursday.
- **Twin-Falls Canal Co.** — Plans first deliveries Tuesday (April 14).
- **North Side Canal Co.** — Plans first deliveries Monday, although irrigators on upper end of canal received water earlier.

DWR rejects 150 Lost River claims

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

After soring through 2,500 claims on water in the Big Lost River Basin, the Idaho Department of Water Resources expects to have its first "director's report" of the ad-

judication process finished next month.

Adjudication

DWR's David Shaw said the agency is not ready to release figures from its Big Lost River Basin report, but many claims were altered and close to 150 were rejected. "A very high percentage changed because the water use has changed since the rights were first granted," said Shaw. "I know many of these rights were made in 1923, and since then have been moved, sold or changed in some way without being updated."

Through the adjudication process, DWR and Judge Daniel Hurlbutt are trying to sort out water rights in the Snake River Basin, on which the Big Lost River is a tributary.

Shaw says not all Big Lost River irrigators have been happy with the way water rights have been adjusted by DWR. Of the 2,500 claims, 375 "notifications or error" were registered by individuals.

DWR set up office in Arco for two weeks, ending April 3, to discuss notifications with holders of water rights. A few of the meetings resulted in changes by DWR, Shaw said, but most are a question of in-

terpretation of law. Those will have to be decided later, he said.

Shaw said some of the 150 claims rejected by DWR were for non-use. If holders of water rights have not used the water in the past five years, the rights are forfeited, Shaw said. Other claims were not allowed because no water right could be found to support the use, he said.

All Snake River basin water right holders are supposed to have filed water claims in the on-going adjudication process, but Big Lost River Basin is the first to have any action taken on claims. Shaw said the Big Lost River Basin is expected to be one of the most troublesome to sort through the adjudication process, so that's where DWR Director R. Keith Higginson decided to begin.

"There are some real water distribution problems in the basin right now. The director figured the best way to solve the problem was to start there," Shaw said.


Next up is the south side of the Snake River in Owyhee County, Shaw said. A director's report on water claims should be ready in that region sometime in June. DWR has also started investigating water claims in Basin 35, between Idaho Falls and the Big Lost River, Shaw said.

Northern Utah snowpack 40% of normal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Northern Utah's snowpack is running about 40 percent of normal, prompting officials to warn against wasting water.

Randy Julander, Soil Conservation Service snow data collection officer, said the snowpack in some areas is the least ever recorded for the date.

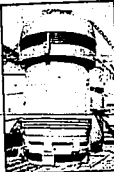
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Water/21

Farmers worry about water from the aquifer

By Ralph W. Maughan
Ag Weekly correspondent

WELLKUP — The waters of the Snake River and other streams have been turned into canals, big motors are pumping crystal clear water from the Snake River Aquifer and crops are being irrigated across the Snake River Plain.

But the question on just about everybody's mind is: Will there be enough water to see them through the summer?

With four months of virtually no moisture — rain or snow — on the farmlands of southern Idaho, much of the soil is parched and dry. Where normally a farmer plants his grain and then watches it grow until May or even early June, many began irrigating in March this year.

Some farmers are getting from deep wells are becoming concerned about the declining level of water in the aquifer.

Virgil Temple, manager of the A&B Irrigation District, said this week that the average depth to water at district wells had dropped

eight feet between 1954, when the first homesteaders were moving onto the land, and 1987; but in the four years since then, the water has declined another seven feet. The water in some wells has declined much more, he said, and efforts to find water by drilling deeper or lowering bowsls have not always been successful.

Northside farmers outside the A&B Irrigation District are finding similar results as they struggle to keep water available for their crops.

Jack Harman, who farms northwest of Minidoka with his brothers and their father, Bob Harman, said one of their nine wells went dry last year and another was sucking air. Both of these wells have been drilled deeper, he said, and are not doing better.

Although the depth to water has increased at their other wells, they are all delivering adequate water now.

Sieve and Roy Young, who farm northside land formerly part of the S.A. Camp ranch, from Minidoka

to Adelaide, said the depth to water in their wells dropped four or five feet last year alone; but Steve Young was not greatly concerned.

"What do you expect with five years of continuous drought conditions?" he asked. Yes, it will cost more to pump the water, but he does not see any big problem with the supply of water in the aquifer. He thinks the alarm being sounded by others may be unwarranted; that

there is still water to be had even if it must be lifted farther.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, there is a huge reservoir of water in the Snake River Aquifer which may be a mile deep or more and as wide as the Snake River Plain — 50-70 miles. And there are still great quantities of water escaping from the aquifer into the Snake River canyon between Twin Falls and Thousand

Springs, although spring flows there have shrunk in recent years.

Although the quantity of water in the aquifer can be expected to diminish some during years of drought, it may well be restored when moisture conditions return to normal, hydrologists say.

Meanwhile, some wells will be drilled deeper, bowsls will be lowered in others and power costs will increase.

Yakimas seek to enter case

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — The Yakima Indian Nation, which claims the largest share of Yakima River Basin irrigation water, finally has decided to enter a 15-year-old lawsuit that is trying to sort out competing claims.

Attorneys for the Yakimas filed a motion this week to intervene in the state court case, contending the U.S. government is not properly representing the tribe's interests.

"The Yakima Tribal Council has decided that the only manner in which the interest of the Yakima Indian Nation can be adequately protected is through its intervention in this action," said an affidavit signed by Tribal Council Chairman Wilfred Yallup.

The tribe is seeking an April 16

hearing on its motion in Yakima County Superior Court.

Washington's Ecology Department filed the lawsuit in 1977 to settle disputes over the water rights of several irrigator districts. There are about 5,000 named defendants.

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Editorial

Consider ag in classroom when you file tax return

They were visible all over town last week: young men in white shirts and blue pants, young women in white blouses and blue skirts. Enjoying the warm weather, Idaho's Future Farmers of America weren't wearing their trademark blue jackets much in public.

The bright-eyed, enthusiastic youth at FFA's 61st annual convention (see story, page 29) offer a glimpse of agriculture's future.

They will inherit an agriculture system better than any other in the world at producing food, but as individuals within that system they'll encounter dramatic challenges.

- Will land prices permit them to own their own farms?
- Will government rules and regulations discourage them from farming?
- Will government rules and regulations be strong enough to protect them from predatory agribusinesses?

And FFA is struggling to help them meet those challenges.

Other programs, such as Idaho's Ag in the Classroom, likewise prepare young people for agriculture's future.

April 15 is looming and so are the tax returns of many who have waited until the last minute to file.

The Idaho tax return offers a unique opportunity to help support Ag in the Classroom.

As you rifle through your piles of receipts and stack of forms, think about agriculture's bright-eyed future and think carefully when you reach the Ag in the Classroom check-off.

Agriculture's future may depend on it.

Letter

Thanks to Ag Weekly for honoring agriculture

We in the livestock industry join all of our Idaho agriculture producers in saying thanks for the opportunity of having Magic Valley Ag Weekly in honor of agriculture. Agriculture is by far the largest economic producer of this state.

We of the livestock industry are the largest segment of agriculture with over \$700 million in sales last year.

We appreciate the support we have had from the Idaho citizens

in maintaining a strong viable industry, heavily dependent on the ability to graze on the public ranges of this state.

In a state that is about 65 percent federal lands, we have to have a strong income from those lands in order to maintain a strong economy for Idaho.

The number of people in agriculture is ever becoming smaller but the need for agriculture does not diminish at all.

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Idaho Cattle Association
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Bush breaks word on trade



Farm Scene

Ralph Maughan

The Bush administration is circumventing provisions of the General Agreement on Tariff and Trade worked out by negotiators and is reneging on a pledge to American farmers by agreeing, without similar concessions to the United States, that the European Community can make direct payments to its farmers.

By agreeing that these payments would not be considered "trade distorting" payments, the administration is selling the American farmer down the river without compensation. The proposal is in conflict with earlier statements made by the U.S. and U.S. trade negotiators at GATT and is unacceptable to U.S. farmers, National Farmers Organization President Steve Holloran states in a recent news release.

The proposal would allow the EC to transfer any reduction it would make in export subsidies to domestic subsidies, explained Holloran, "which would have the net effect of permitting subsidies to continue at the same level as at present" in the European Community.

What makes this offer, if approved, so ridiculous and ultimately devastating to U.S. farmers is the resulting increase in heavily

subsidized EC commodities coming into the United States, said the farm leader. Holloran further explained that under the proposal GATT rules governing market access, all non-tariff import restrictions into the United States would be eliminated.

The tariff on dairy products, meat, sugar, peanuts and other crops would be gradually reduced, opening our borders to increased import of these products.

Holloran states in the news release that "the irony of this ill-vised concession by the United States is that it would have the long-range effect of reducing American agricultural exports, rather than increasing them as has been promised throughout the six-year GATT negotiations."

Another proposal being considered by the administration would lift a 25 percent tariff on goats cheese from Hungary permitting an estimated 100,000 tons of this cheese to be exported to the United States.

Just imagine the negative effect on raw milk prices if we allow this to happen, says Holloran.

Then too, there is the question of quality with little assurance that consumers would get a product that has been adequately pasteurized or that has been tested for animal health drug residues.

The importation of this quantity of cheese from Hungary could devastate an already troubled dairy industry, which saw prices drop \$3 per hundredweight last year with a supposed 1 percent over-supply of milk. Dairy farmers, handlers of dairy products, cheese-makers and many others associated with the dairy industry are opposed to this action.

George Bush made a promise to American farmers that he would not allow trade concessions by the United States without counter-balancing concessions from other countries.

His oft-quoted admonition to "Read my lips" is proving to be as empty as last year's ladder.

The author is a retired farmer who writes his weekly column from his home near Rupert. This is the author's first column for Magic Valley Ag Weekly.

Deciding who gets western water

Prolonged drought is a fact of life in the West, and every day of sunshine illuminates the need to allocate our shrinking water supplies more equitably and efficiently.

The federal government once could build enough new reservoirs to meet the demands of growing cities and the environment while still assuring supplies for agriculture.

But the current system is straining to meet the water needs of homeowners in California, fishermen in the Northwest, farmers in Colorado and millions of others.

Irrigated agriculture, long the biggest water user in the West, clearly must relinquish some of the water obtained historically through the doctrine of "prior appropriation." But how?

The best way is through voluntary water transfers, such as an alfalfa farmer agreeing to sell water rights to an expanding suburb. Transferring water from willing sellers to willing buyers has the greatest potential to reallocate supplies fairly and efficiently.

However, there's a problem. A water transfer may make both the seller and buyer happy but harm others. The farmer's neighbors, for instance, might have to pay a larger share of maintaining the irrigation system.

The local farm machinery store would have one less customer. Fish habitats and other aquatic ecosystems downstream might disappear. These and other "third parties" may have their lives turned upside down.

The ultimate goal of water policies should not be simply to promote transfers but to accomplish better water management generally. This requires that all of the relevant third parties be brought into the deliberations. Token gestures to include community groups and others in discussions over water transfers are not enough.

Some states have begun to develop new processes

A. Dan Tarlock

to evaluate transfers and accommodate the diverse economic and cultural values associated with water use. But more actions

needed — not only by states but on the federal and tribal levels as well.

Special attention must be paid to protecting both the regions where water originates and non-consumptive "in-stream" uses such as those involving wetlands or recreation.

The author is a professor of law at Chicago Kent College of Law.



'I work 13 hours a day ... 3 in the field and 10 filling out government forms.'

Smashing the farm

Food safety, environmental protection and family farmers received a potential death blow from the Idaho House Agricultural Committee and the Idaho Farm Bureau in the waning days of the 1992 session. Both groups say they represent the people of Idaho.

Mabel Dobbs

ed States? Because covert trade agreements threaten our national security. How? By robbing us of our ability to produce our own food supply by centralizing control of our food production in the hands of a few greedy trans-national corporations who don't mind raping the natural resources of Third World countries and who are unconcerned by a trade plan that will flood industrialized countries around the world with unlimited imports of unregulated foodstuffs which will drive our farmers out of business.

farmers ignored the advice of the Idaho-Sugarbeet Growers, Idaho Wheat Commission, Idaho Rural Council, Idaho Grain Growers, Idaho Dairymen's Association and the director of the Idaho Agriculture Department and chose instead, for the Farm Bureau, to kill Joint Memorial 113, which would have offered farmers some protection from international blackmail.

How could the Idaho House Agriculture Committee succumb to one organization over the advice of so many others? That is a more complicated question.

This measure, which passed the Idaho Senate, asked Congress to protect our food safety, environmental standards, family farmers and workers in this country from potentially damaging international trade agreements in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and the North American Free Trade Agreement currently under negotiation.

First, they may be unaware that these decisions seriously affect the lives of people in our state. Secondly, they may rely on election contributions from January through October, 1990, Idaho Farm Bureau's April 1991 donated \$23,323 to legislative campaigns.

Why would the Farm Bureau support trade bill measures that send jobs to Mexico, lower our environmental protection, take away our safeguards against DDT and other chemicals on imported food stuffs, and put ever growing numbers of family farmers out of business?

It sends a tough message to lobbyists of non-profit organizations who can't afford to give money to political campaigns.

The answer is clear to Idaho Rural Council members. The Idaho Farm Bureau is a severely partisan organization, motivated by the trickle-down economic theory for its insurance and chemical co-op machine! In issue after issue, from farm prices to credit issues, the Idaho Farm Bureau has stood for bankers, large agribusinesses, and trans-national monopolies.

Now it's time of accountability. Question your candidates on their support for SJM 113. Unless we all assume an active role, we may be even more dismayed at the state of our world in the very near future.

Why was SJM 113 important to every person in Idaho and the United States?

As to the GATT and NAFTA agreements, the vote of Congress is looming precariously near. Concerned citizens of Idaho should get information from the Idaho Rural Council on how these agreements will affect them and let their congressmen know how they feel.

The author is president of Idaho Rural Council.

NAFTA will help some farmers

Tom Geary

I recently attended the Agriculture Technical Trade Advisory Committee for Sweeteners meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting had excellent subject matter and a very interesting agenda.

consumption to improve their livestock industry and to raise more quality animals for food use. The studies also show that our dairy industry could have a bright future in Mexico.

It is also possible that without proper safeguards in the treaty, Mexico could import from offshore, in Cuba, Central or South America, sugar for their own domestic use, then throw it and some of their own on the world market.

I want to share some of that information with my fellow agricultural producers.

A demand for our Idaho potatoes will also grow there. They want more processed potatoes and french fries.

This could not be allowed to happen and any agreement will have to address this issue.

The Mexican government is anxious to have a North American Free Trade Agreement. Their farmers are much like ours.

A people with their basic food needs met always increases their staple diet items, providing they have the money in their pocket to do so.

It is felt that with proper control, our fresh fruit and vegetable producers and those in Mexico could be protected.

Some are for the agreement and some have serious reservations about it.

It's generally agreed on that Mexico does not have the climate or water to become a major competitor of the United States in either sugar or potato production.

The crops in the two countries come on at different times.

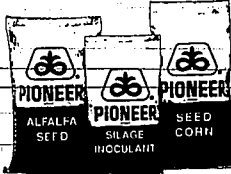
Studies show that in general the agreement could hurt U.S. fresh fruit and vegetable growers and benefit feed grain and soybean producers.

They do have some areas that produce both, but not near enough, so they are limited.

A good agreement could be beneficial to both countries producers and give consumers even more access to the product for a longer time.

The author is a Burley-area farmer and is president of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation.

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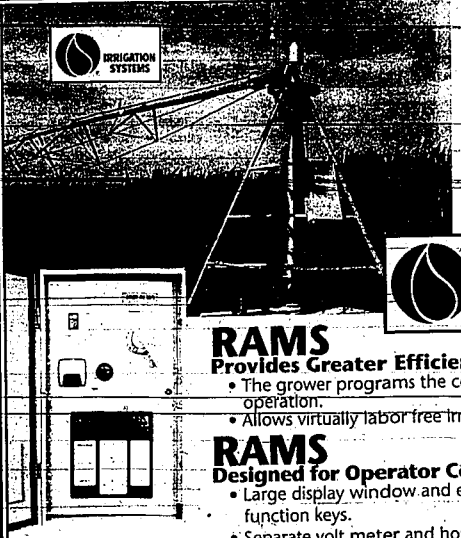
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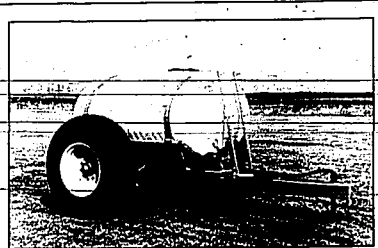
Better Built Mfg., Inc. has developed a seed cutting system packed with new features, according to a company press release.

Disc knives offer rock protection for top and bottom progressive aligning tables. Another feature is rolls with nylon bushings. New spacing on the disk knives allows for 2-inch or 2½ inch spacing on bottom progressive aligning tables.

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Kinze's Spr-Kart line is now owned by Ag-Chem.

EPA OKs tank-mix combination

WAYNE, N.J. — American Cyanamid has announced that the Environmental Protection Agency has registered Assert herbicide for use in a tank mix combination with Avenue wild oat herbicide.

Registration provides for limited use of the Assert plus Avenue herbicide combination.

tank mix on acres intended for potatoes planted in the next season. The Assert and Avenue tank mix is used for control of wild oats in wheat and barley.

"Wild oats are the number one weed competitor to wheat and barley," said John Rabby, market-

ing manager for American Cyanamid. "Wheat and barley growers that want to rotate potatoes can now receive the same effective wild oat control from Assert that thousands of other farmers across the country have seen."

Lower farm prices begin to put pinch on equipment businesses

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Many farm equipment dealers say depressed grain prices, falling livestock prices and other factors caused sales to be disappointing in 1991.

Dealers said that if sales are to increase this year, the economics of farming must improve substantially.

Ron Meyer, co-owner of Stubbendick Implement Co. in Syracuse, an AgCo, White and Ford-New Holland dealership, said 1991 sales were down considerably, perhaps 10 percent to 12 percent.

He blamed the decline on low prices, a decrease in government payments to farmers and a mid-summer drought. Late fall sales were especially slow, Meyer said. Attractive financing packages helped make a few sales, but many customers either carry their financing with a bank or pay cash, he said.

"People just pulled in their horns," Meyer said. "This is a German community. People are

cautious. They don't go overboard very often."

Meyer said he has become more optimistic about 1992 sales.

"We've got some excellent soil moisture, better than in the last two or three years," he said. "We've seen more activity in the last two or three weeks than in all of November and December."

Robert Allen, owner-manager of Carter County Implement, a John Deere and Hesston dealer in Broken Bow, said he expects 1992 business to be about the same as in 1991 and 1990.

He said December sales were down. Lower livestock prices are one reason, but uncertainty over the state's personal property tax situation also might have been a factor, Allen said.

"January sales have been normal, Allen said. "We sold a couple new tractors we didn't get in December. And there's been sales of swathers and other hay equipment. But they're not knocking our doors down to buy," he said.

Mel Wieps, part-owner of the

Kearney Ag Center, a John Deere dealership, said business has been good since he bought into the business in July 1991.

The dealership was able to offer a number of incentives, including 5.9 percent financing on used equipment, Wiens said.

Wiens said crop yields in the area were excellent last year, including many corn yields of more than 200 bushels per acre.

Farmers who were heavily involved in livestock have been hurt by lower prices, but most farmers seem to be optimistic, he said. Perry Case, owner of Southwest Implement Inc., a John Deere dealer in McCook, said his business volume was about 40 percent lower last year than in 1990 and 1991. He is reducing 20 to 25 percent of the dealership's personnel.

Case said farmers' general debt load hurt sales. Bankers made little if any adjustments for lower commercial interest rates, he said, and they resisted borrowers buying new equipment, he said.

Ag-Chem buys Iowa spray-cart maker

Ag-Chem Equipment Co. of Williamsburg, Iowa, has reached an agreement in Ag-Chem's acquisition of the Kinze's Spr-Kart product line. This acquisition includes Kinze's heavy duty 500-gallon, 1,000-gallon, and 1,600-gallon spray carts.

Manufacturing will be in Ag-Chem's 250,000 square foot plant located in Jackson, Minn., and distributed thru Ag-Chem's 16 regional Parts Centers. These regional centers distribute Ag-Chem's line of sprayers and parts to farm equipment and fertilizer dealers for resale to farmers.

Ag-Chem also manufactures the Terra-Gator and Big-A high flotation equipment for fertilizer and chemical application industry. Kinze Spr-Kart joins Ag-Chem's line of pull-type sprayers, saddle tanks, and pickup skid sprayers.

Ag-Chem expects this acquisition to be beneficial in helping expand its short-line equipment and parts dealer organization.

For more information contact Arden Jones or Kim Anderson, Ag-Chem Equipment Co., Inc., 202 Industrial Park, Jackson, MN - 56143, Phone 507-847-2690, Fax 507-847-3334.

Cyanamid sells Vigilante

WAYNE, N.J. — American Cyanamid Company's Agricultural Division announced March 11, that it had agreed to sell the U.S. marketing rights for Vigilante larvicidal boluses to Hoechst-Roussel Agri-Vet Company of Somerville, New Jersey. Terms of the sale were not disclosed.

Vigilante larvicidal boluses are used to control hornflies and face flies in cattle. "We decided to exit the Vigilante business in order to concentrate on our core businesses, feed additives and biologicals, and to prepare for our future growth with the endosteocides and somatotropins," said William J. Murray, president of Cyanamid Agricultural Division.

Cyanamid eliminates 1-way cans

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Old McDonald has a pharm - and sheepish bioreactor

By Karin Davies
The Associated Press

EDINBURGH, Scotland — A sheep called Tracy is producing a human protein in her milk worth \$100 per gram, and her Scottish inventors hope her flock will be one of the most profitable ever. Animals long have been bred to look better, produce more, run faster. Now scientists have turned them into four-legged pharmaceutical factories.

Tracy is a product of a new business called "pharming," using genetically altered animals as biological factories. The animals offer the potential of high production, low operating costs, and unlimited multiplication of the bioreactor. "Bio/Technology" magazine said.

When Tracy was an artificially implanted gene product at Pharmaceutical Proteins Ltd. used a microscopic needle to inject a fragment of human DNA.

Five months later, the black-faced-Friesian-cross sheep was born with that slice of humanity. That makes her a transgenic animal.

Tracy's milk contains alpha-1-antitrypsin, a protein approved as a replacement therapy for individuals with a genetic deficiency that puts them at risk of life-threatening emphysema, characterized by a chronic shortness of breath.

Bayer

Such patients now receive AAT derived from human blood plasma, but quantities are insufficient to meet demand.

Also, the human product carries a risk of deadly viruses, including hepatitis and HIV, the AIDS virus.

The German chemicals firm Bayer signed an agreement in February for about \$17.5 million to use the animal-produced protein, PPL's marketing director, Martyn Breeze, said.

The 5-year-old firm estimates the potential market for AAT produced by Tracy and others with her slightly human characteristic at \$100 million.

The transgenic AAT won't be available commercially until at least 1997 while tests are conducted, Breeze said.

Bayer estimates that 100,000 patients in Europe and the United States could benefit from transgenic AAT.

Each would need a dose of up to 200 grams of the protein per year, for which several hundred genetically engineered sheep would be needed.

The transgenic flock on a 200-acre farm outside Edinburgh numbers 20.

A batch of lambs is expected this spring, and each has a 50-50 chance of replicating the human trait, Breeze said.

Luck

Tracy is the flock's biggest producer of AAT, 30 grams, or a little more than an ounce, per liter (a little more than a quart). Each sheep produces at least a gram per liter of milk, a level that is commercially useful.

Breeze said the reason Tracy produces so much AAT is partly

due to luck. Scientists have little control over the particular chromosome into which they inject foreign DNA.

"So it could end up in a bit of chromosome that is a bit sheepy ... that doesn't make much protein," Breeze said.

With Tracy, the DNA hit "something that's always very active, say an enzyme involved in skin repair that's always churning out lots of protein," he said.

PPL prefers using sheep to produce milk proteins, because sheep can be bred at any time and so produce milk year round. They do not object to transgenic animals such as Tracy, which yield a beneficial product without harm to the animal.

"Although some people say we shouldn't be doing this, it's playing God ... on a pure animal welfare point of view those animals are going to be treated extremely well," said Martin Potter, deputy chief of the RSPCA's farm animal section.

"The goose that laid the golden

egg is going to have a better life than a farmyard hen."

Don Hyman, manager for public relations for Bayer's U.S. affiliate, Miles Inc., said Potter is right. "We want them to live the longest and healthiest lives possible. It's to our advantage."

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at the University of Minnesota, said pharm animals are bound to cause controversy as researchers develop more products.

Among the topics for consideration are whether a patient has the right to know that his medication is derived from an animal rather than a flask. Also, objections may surface if animals begin to displace laboratory workers, Caplan said.

"I think it is actually going to aid the health and welfare of a lot of people," Caplan said.

"I don't think it should be banned or prohibited, but I think we need to shape it by regulation and that is the government's role."

Golden goose

Animal welfare groups, including the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, do not object to transgenic animals such as Tracy, which yield a beneficial product without harm to the animal.

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California

GenPharm in California has calves that produce a human milk protein that may help patients with weakened immune systems. The French National Institute for Agronomy Research developed rabbits that secrete Factor 7 for treating hemophilia and erythropoietin for anemia.

Genzyme Corp. of Cambridge, Mass., engineered goats to produce tissue plasminogen activator, a protein that dissolves blood clots and extends the lives of cardiac patients.

Their work has been relatively free of controversy.

The White House on Feb. 24 asked federal agencies to adopt a

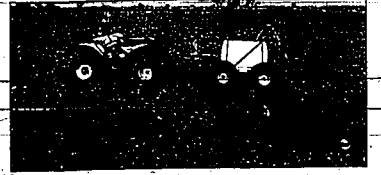
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Squish! Beware of the box elder bug

They're baack.

In the food, the bathtub, the tight fixtures, they're buzzing, squirming, creeping over everything, everywhere I look. The side of my red farmhouse looks as though it's moving in slow motion; only upon closer inspection does one realize, with some horror, that the siding is covered with something alive.

The twice-yearly plague of box elder bugs is here for its spring scourge.

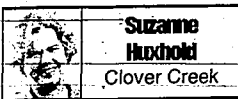
It's impossible for anyone to fully understand Idaho country living without at least one spring and one fall with the box elder bugs.

The change from cold to warm in the spring and back again in the fall brings them out from wherever they live during the rest of the year.

I guess, from the name, that they come from the box elder trees in front of our barn, although I've inspected those trees, and for the life of me, I've never seen a single box elder bug in front of my house.

They appear one at a time, kind of like children; soon there's so many of them you can't walk through the house without stepping on one.

Also like children, they take over the



Suzanne Household
Clover Creek

house in about a week. Completely. Once the box elder bugs are here, until the time they inexplicably disappear a month or so later, they rule the roost.

There are three on my computer as I write this, seventy-five or so on the wall. Millions on the south-facing picture windows; so many that they dim the room and make patterns on the carpet, like tiny shadow puppets.

There are two bugs in my water glass, and at least one inside my stomach, from when I swallowed it earlier without looking before I drank, a rookie mistake. And one on each leg, and one on my neck.

When I first started finding box elder bugs on my body, some springs past, I was obliged to squeeze them between my thumb and middle finger to kill them. But now I just flick them onto the rug and go about my business, knowing that if I don't get around to vacuuming them up, they'll go away eventually.

I can flick a box elder bug so far, one who chooses to sleep over? Or course, and so accurately, that I can change the channels on

the TV just by aiming a bug at the set.

People are generally upset about this box elder thing if they haven't been through it before. I remember one spring when a group of friends stopped—by-on-their-way-to-a-spring-ski-trip in Sun Valley: I asked them to sleep over. In the middle of the night, the whole house was awakened by the screams of one of the guys. A box elder had dropped on him from the light fixture above his bed and crawled up into his nose while he was sleeping.

Another time, my mother watched in horror while I calmly plucked two live box elder bugs from my toddler's mouth. She got so upset that I didn't have the heart to tell her I'd been sitting on a dietary snack for practically a month.

You really have to live with box elder bugs to understand them. I'm sorry if the people who come to my house during the unfortunate months of box elder bug season are not equipped for post-Old Testament pestiferousness.

But can I be expected to throw out a perfectly good salad just because the raisins appear to be moving, and really they're not raisins after all? Can I be expected to check everybody's drinks for crawly things before they swallow? Can I be expected to provide mosquito netting and nose plugs for everyone who chooses to sleep over? Of course, and so accurately, that I can change the channels on

particular destination, like your underwear drawer or the butter dish, so they aren't already festering around like flies. And, though they have been known to bite, they don't do it very often, and it wouldn't kill you anyway if they did.

And I've known plenty of people who've swallowed them or had them crawl through their sinuses at night, and not one of those people has died.

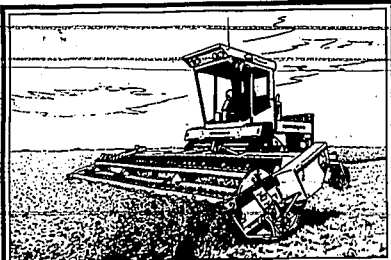
For a few months out of the year, though, one should take precautions. I'll give you a list I've compiled. Though certainly not complete, it will allow you to live in relative peace with box elder bugs.

Cover everything you drink with a book. It won't keep them from crawling up the side of your cup, but you won't have to get your fingers wet trying to fish them out, and it's easier to flick them off your lips than your esophagus.

Due to taped openings to your house with you inside, and conduct your business over the phone, if you can, during the summer months.

Scratch itches with some caution. If the itch is lumpy and moving, you can safely bet it's a box elder bug and you can exercise one of two options. Either squish it right there and risk getting a spot on your clothes, or pinch it out and toss it at your spouse.

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



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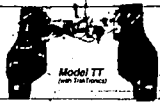
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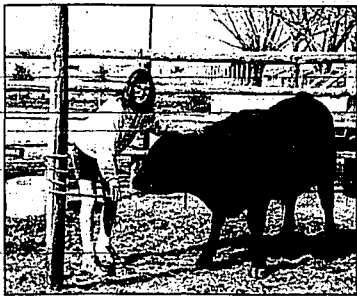
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Torri Archer checks her Black Angus steer that some day could become part of her recipe for a steak dinner.

4-H girl from Jerome offers delight for lovers of beef

By H.R. Weitzel
 Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME - Torri Archer, a member of the Snake River 4-H club, teams up with her mother, Vicci, to make the family's favorite beef dish that "can cook until everybody gets home to eat." Torri is raising an Angus steer to show and sell this year as her 4-H project.

MOTHER'S QUICK BEEF HELPER

With this recipe, use as many steaks and potatoes as needed for your family.

1. Put beef steaks in bottom of cake pan.
2. Scrape potatoes with a scratcher.

3. Cut potatoes into fourths and place in pan around steaks.
4. Sprinkle powdered gravy mix over steaks and potatoes (beef-flavored gravy mix is Torri's favorite).
5. Pour 1 cup water over gravy mix.
6. Cover cake pan with tin foil or cooky sheet.
7. Place in oven and bake at 350 to 400 degrees for 1 1/2 hour (depends on thickness of steak) if you need the meal in a hurry. Or if you need to run the kids to a meeting or do the outside chores, or go for a drive with your husband, Torri's mother says to bake the meal for an hour or more at 200 degrees - this will make real tender meat.
8. Heat up a green vegetable, and your meal is ready to serve.

Transplanting flowers can be risky business

MOSCOW - Growing flower transplants gives a home gardener access to a far wider variety of species than can usually be found at the local garden shop. But obtaining plants from seeds so small that several thousand of them look like a pinch of dust is not always easy.

A University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System publication, authored by seed physiologist Dale O. Wilson, Jr., and Extension horticulturist W. Michael Colt offers helpful hints:

- Start seeds in 1/4 to 2 inches of finely-milled potting mix in clean plastic trays or clay pots. Plant seeds thinly to allow plants plenty of room to grow.

- To avoid washing tiny seeds away, don't water from the top. Place the pot in a pan of water just until the surface of the potting mix becomes moist, and then remove the pot and allow it to drain.

- Because the temperature on windowsills can fluctuate greatly on sunny spring days, don't set the seed trays there until the seeds have germinated.

- "Success with Very Small Seeds" can be ordered through local Cooperative Extension offices or by writing Agricultural Publications, Building J-40, Idaho St., University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho 83843-0916. Orders can be placed by phone by calling (208) 885-7982. Ask for C.I.S. No. 881. The cost of the publication is 35 cents.

Sweet corn can be grown organically

MOSCOW - Idaho gardeners who want to grow sweet corn organically - without using chemicals - were given the green light by University of Idaho College of Agriculture specialists.

"Production of corn without pesticides and even without synthetic fertilizers is more feasible in Idaho than in most other parts of the country," said the authors of a new UI publication.

Thanks to Idaho's dry climate, diseases that attack sweet corn in much of the country are seldom troublesome in the Gem State, the specialists said. Non-chemical methods do a good job of checking insects and weeds, they added.

"Weeds can be controlled by cultivating and mulching, the experts pointed out.

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To discourage earworms, some gardeners place a rubber band or clothespin on the top of the corn ear's husk to keep it shut.

Other gardeners "squirt a few drops of mineral oil over the silks at the tip of each ear when the silks start to dry. The oil suffocates the tiny worms," the UI publication said.

The six-page bulletin, "Sweet Corn Production for the Small Market Grower and Home Gardener," offered these suggestions

in regard to the use of organic fertilizers for corn production:

- Green manures such as alfalfa, peas or soybeans can supply the nitrogen the corn crop requires.
- Large amounts of animal manure or compost also can supply the needed nitrogen.
- Home gardeners often apply natural nitrogen products such as fish meal, cottonseed meal and blood meal.

- The use of pest control chem-

icals and synthetic fertilizers is discussed in the bulletin. Soil preparation and other cultural practices are covered.

"The best way to plant corn is to thoroughly water the prepared planting area and then allow it to dry slightly. The soil should crumble when you dig the furrow," the bulletin states.

Late April is usually a safe time to plant corn in southwestern Idaho. Wait until the danger of frost is past in the northern, eastern and high-altitude regions of the state.

The publication, No. 910 in the CIS series, can be ordered from county offices of the UI Cooperative Extension System. Priced at 50 cents, it is also available from Agricultural Publications, University of Idaho, Moscow 83843.

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Pony club makes Dutch girl feel at home

By Terrell Williams
Ag Weekly correspondent

JEROME - When Liesbeth Gaasbeek arrived at Southwind Ranch on August 9, she found 25 Pony Club children and their horses camped out around the house for three days.

"She just put on her boots and britches and came out right in the middle of everything like a typical, older pony clubber should," recalled Elaine Dawkins, who is keeping Liesbeth at Southwind for this school year. "She was there to help do everything and she fit right in like she'd been there her whole life... Right then, I knew I was going to like her."

In Holland, Liesbeth rode in Pony Club from the time she was 13, learning dressage methods and teaching some of the techniques on a bicycle for miles, carrying all her tack and leading her horse, to catch a ride with friends to go to a show.

Riding with Pony Club members at Southwind is the same as in Europe, she said, but this country has more variety of riding styles.

"They don't have any Western over there," she said. "Well, they have some, but I don't know anyone who rides it."

Pony Clubs in Holland are popular, she said, and competitions are held every Saturday in the various host towns.

Liesbeth, 18, signed up with the ASPECT foundation last year to live with a host family and attend college in the United States.

"When I applied, and I wrote down that I like horses and I like skiing," she said, talking with a wide smile



Liesbeth Gaasbeek of Holland feels right at home in Jerome.

in fluent English. "It's really much fun here. I am really happy."

At the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Liesbeth studies Spanish, economics, child psychology, karate and micro-computers.

At Southwind, she gives riding lessons to younger riders to help prepare them for regional competitions this summer.

"It's sometimes kind of hard to

explain things in English," she said, "but they find out most of the time what I mean."

Dawkins said she is happy to have Liesbeth, one of several students she has hosted in her home.

"Liesbeth is just a super-neat gal," Dawkins said. "She's smart and funny, outgoing and helpful. You can put her in a bunch of people and she's at home, even if she doesn't know them."

As a rider, she added, Liesbeth has had the classical training that is consistent among Europeans who ride.

"She has a good independent seat, good hands, and good knowl-

edge of what she is trying to do and how to go about it," Dawkins said. "Jumping was her favorite thing with her own horse (in Holland). She went to a lot of competitions and did very well."

Pony club

From age 8 to 21, young equestrians can learn a lot in Pony Club.

This international riding program teaches knowledge of horse care, stable maintenance and rules of safety, as well as English-style riding skills.

"They can compete from any level of ability," Dawkins said.

But that's not all. "Pony Club develops a lot of responsibility in the kids," she explained. "They learn to face problems and solve problems. They are competitive, but they help each other."

As they advance to higher levels, the more experienced riders teach the younger riders, Dawkins said. The riders have goals to work for and those who are committed to the club turn out to be skilled horsemen and all-around leaders.

Pony Club, founded in 1928, is the leading junior equestrian organization in the world, with about 125,000 members in 27 countries. Most Olympic riders have been longtime members of Pony Club, Dawkins said.

In the United States, there are about 480 clubs with 10,440 members.

The national governing body of Pony Club, Riding Practices, is supervised by volunteer adult instructors - runs from spring to fall, depending on weather. Other clubs in this region are in Hailey, Boise, Nampa, Elko, Nev., and Jackson Hole, Wyo.

The national, regional, and local Pony Club dues include insurance coverage and total \$75 per year.

The year's first competition among clubs is a "Know Down," a team contest of questions and answers to measure horse knowledge.

Next is the regional tetrahion in May. In this event, entrants swim laps in an indoor pool, run cross-country, shoot pellet guns at targets and then ride their horses over jumps.

"It's like the Olympic pentathlon, except they left out the fencing," Dawkins said. "This used to be all the things a messenger might have to face delivering a message on horseback."

During the summer, "rallies" with other clubs offer contests of dressage, stadium jumping and cross-country jumping.

Parents are not allowed in the stable area, Dawkins noted, so the riders must depend on themselves and on each other to prepare for each event.

"They learn they can't count on Mom for everything," she said. "But over the course of a three-day rally, you see a real growth in the kids. They suddenly think, 'I can do this. If there's a problem, I can solve it.'"

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FFA meet draws teens

By Clark Miller
Ag Weekly writer

TWIN FALLS — Hundreds of teen-agers sporting the blue and gold FFA jackets gathered at the College of Southern Idaho campus last week for Idaho's 61st annual state FFA convention.

The convention got underway April 2 as winners from the Idaho's nine FFA districts began competing in events ranging from agriscience management to parliamentary procedure to public speaking, said Rachelle Owsley of Bliss, state FFA reporter. The 154 official convention delegates also

attended the 31st annual state FFA coordinator, said over 800 members from Idaho's 78 chapters attended the annual gathering.

New officers were elected April 3, replacing Owsley, Reynolds, President Marci Hyatt of Payette, Vice-President Stephen Kuzler of Minico, Cathy Evanson of Genesee and Treasurer Renee Southwick of Glens Ferry.

Idaho FFA Farmer Degrees were awarded to 95 members, the highest state honor a member can receive. Burris said the awards are given in several fields of agriculture and offers "hands-on" experience to the high school students.

The annual FFA convention returned to Twin Falls this year after a one-year stay in Idaho Falls. Burris said the group hopes it will settle in Twin Falls for the next few years because the CSI campus offers ample facilities for the sprawling affair.

Briefly

Miss Teen Rodeo rides into Gooding County

GOODING — Gooding County has been chosen as the new home of the Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho Pageant. Contestants from Idaho will compete for the title during the Gooding County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 19-22. Contestants are age 12 to 16 and are judged on horsemanship, appearance and personality.

Three years ago, the Miss Rodeo Idaho Inc. executive board created the Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho Pageant to build a better foundation of contestants to compete in the Miss Rodeo Idaho and Miss Rodeo America pageants. The Miss Rodeo Idaho Pageant will remain in conjunction with the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo.

Crowning of the 1993 Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho will be the main event of the rodeo, Aug. 22.

Kimberly Williams is the reigning Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho. She is also the reigning Gooding County Rodeo Junior Queen and Miss Deaf Idaho Teen.

She is a student at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding and Gooding High School. Contact Denise Gill at 934-8102.

Enter now for queen, junior queen of rodeo

GOODING — Entries are now being taken for horsewomen between the ages of 12 and 23 to compete for the Gooding County Rodeo Queen and Junior Queen titles. The pageant will be held June 27.

New queens will be eligible to compete for the Miss Rodeo Idaho and Miss Teen Rodeo Idaho pageants. New queens will be announced June 27 but will not assume duties until the Gooding County Fair and Rodeo in August. Contestants will be judged on

Youth news

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For pageant information, please contact Denise Gill at 934-8102 or Billie Wilson at 934-8423.

Locals earn recognition in FFA rendezvous

REXBURG — Risk College agriculture students hosted approximately 460 Future Farmers of America (FFA) students from area Idaho and Utah schools during the annual FFA Rendezvous competition March 25.

The top three winners in each of the nine categories were awarded scholarships in addition to other prizes. Judging was based on hands-on and written tests.

Winners in the competition include:

CROPS
Keith Calkins of Richfield High School in Richfield, second; Carrie Wells of Oakley High School in Oakley, third.

HORTICULTURE
Karen Goehner of Burley High School in Burley, first; Karen Marchant of Oakley High School in Oakley, second; Carrie Wells of Oakley High School in Oakley, third.

AG-BUSINESS
Calkins of Richfield, third.
FOOD PRODUCTS
Stacy Ann Gardner of Oakley High School in Oakley, third.

MEATS
Cabe Rains of Richfield High School in Richfield, first;
Trevor Ward of Richfield High School in Richfield, second;

Dayle Anderson of Richfield High School in Richfield, third.

Simmental summer schedule announced

BOZEMAN, Mont. — The American Simmental Association will conduct five Regional Classics during the month of June, and has scheduled its "Summer Classic XII," for July at the Association's National headquarters in Bozeman, Mont.

"Our youth program is somewhat limited," says Bob Smith, executive vice-president of the organization, said ASA executive vice-president Brian Kitchen. "The Regional Classics are mini-versions of the national event, designed to involve our junior members on the local level with Simmental and Simbrah cattle."

Summer Classic XII is being held for the first time at ASA's national headquarters in Bozeman, July 12-17. Facilities at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Montana State University, the ASA office building and various Bozeman hotels will be utilized.

The Classic is being combined with ASA's annual Summer Conference.

Individuals interested in additional information should contact ASA at 1 Simmental Way, Bozeman, MT 59715 or by calling 406-587-4531.

Genex boosts money set for school scholarships

ST. PAUL — The Cenex Founda-

tion scholarship program, which to date has provided 117 Idaho agricultural students with assistance of nearly \$74,000, has received a financial contribution that enables it to expand its educational aid.

The Cenex Ltd. Board of Directors recently presented the Cenex Foundation with a \$500,000 contribution.

That donation brings to \$1 million over the past two years the contributions Cenex and its subsidiaries have made to the foundation, a private, non-profit organization. Cenex Ltd. is a subsidiary of Cenex, the regional agricultural supply cooperative.

The Cenex Foundation was established in 1947. In addition to the scholarship program, its missions include assisting rural youth programs, cooperative and conserva-

tion programs.

The Cenex Foundation scholarship program has awarded \$1.3 million in aid to more than 2,000 students. The program recently was expanded to provide 155 scholarships annually, ranging from \$500 to \$750 each, to students enrolled in agricultural programs, including cooperative studies, at selected vocational/technical colleges and universities.

In Idaho, scholarships are awarded at the University of Idaho, Moscow in addition to a number of eligible vocational/technical and community colleges.

For additional information on Cenex Foundation Scholarships, contact the financial aid offices of participating schools or Mary Kaste, Cenex Foundation Scholarship Program, 5500 Cenex Drive, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077.

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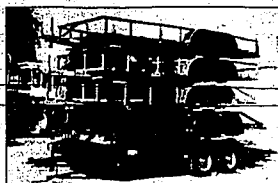
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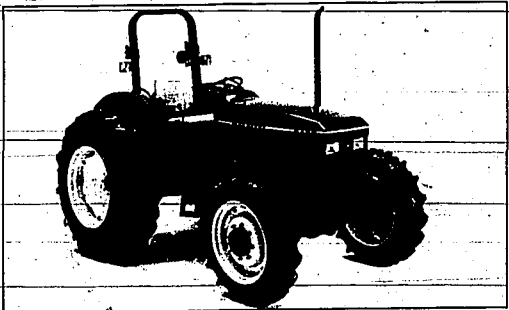
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Lawmaker suggests testing grazing fee

The Associated Press

Southwestern Wyoming could be a test site for a proposal to tie federal grazing fees to rebates for ranchers.

U.S. Sen. Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming has suggested that the U.S. Interior Department use the southwestern portion of the state as a testing ground for the new plan, the Casper Star-Tribune newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan has suggested tying any increase in federal grazing fees to a program that would give rebates to ranchers who make improvements on public land.

In the face of continued efforts to reduce the federal grazing fee, Sen. Wallop also has suggested scrapping the current fee formula for a plan that would charge ranchers the prevailing private grazing fee in their area.

The ranchers then could deduct

the cost of such improvements as building fences.

The current grazing fee on public lands is \$192 per animal unit month. An AUM is the equivalent of the amount of forage eaten by one cow and her calf, by one horse or five sheep.

On the average, private grazing fees are more than \$8 per AUM.

Mike Ratliff, a Bureau of Land Management spokesman, said the agency still is drafting the grazing fee proposal.

He said BLM officials probably would agree to test the program in Wyoming if Wallop is still interested after the proposal is completed.

James Budge, Wallop's press secretary, said the senator's proposal also believes in scattering

Wyoming would be an appropriate test site because the land is a checkerboard of public and private land used by large numbers of livestock and wildlife.

Farmers return from Armenia

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah dairy farmers have returned from a weeklong trip to give Cache Valley milk to Armenian children.

The four flew into Salt Lake City

Monday after accompanying 150,000 pounds of donated Utah and Idaho milk to schools and hospitals in the former Soviet state.

Leon Savage, Gordon Zilles, Ted Kingard and Jack Carter followed the military transport plane that carried the milk to the Armenian capital of Yerevan to ensure it was would not be sidetracked into the black market, Savage said.

Upon landing in Armenia a week ago, the four went straight to the warehouse where the 300,000 half-pint cartons had been stored. They later saw it loaded onto delivery trucks, and watched as bedridden children — some of them injured in the country's clashes with Azerbaijan — took a nourishing gulp.

"It was probably the first time they had fresh, safe milk," Zilles said amid a jubilant Salt Lake airport reception. "Or at least they hadn't seen it in months and months and months."

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Ag secretary suggests which ASCS offices to close

By Jennifer Dixon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Agriculture Secretary Edward Madigan, under growing pressure to cut waste at the Agriculture Department, promised Wednesday to close and consolidate some of the thousands of field offices that have served farmers since the 1930s.

Madigan also appealed to members of the Senate Agriculture Committee for help in quelling the political firestorm that is bound to erupt when farmers and employees see their local offices shuttered.

The head of one farm group, the American Agriculture Movement, quickly criticized attempts to save money by aiming the budget ax at local services to farmers.

"If they want to look at a bloated bureaucracy, they could start right here in Washington, D.C.," said David Senter, the group's national director.

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Madigan, in a hearing before the Agriculture Committee, said he has asked the directors of three USDA agencies with thousands of field offices to justify the need to keep each one open or to recommend changes.

After he reviews their findings, Madigan said, "I plan to proceed by closing and consolidating those offices that can no longer be justified."

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service has 11,000 offices, the Extension Service has 2,874, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. has 2,214.

administration and the Soil Conservation Service — are not under a deadline.

According to the General Accounting Office, the ASCS had 2,874 field offices in 1989, the SCS had 3,026, and Farmers Home had 2,214 county offices.

Two other USDA agencies also have field offices that serve farmers — the Extension Service, with 2,928, and the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. with 32.

Yet only 516 of the nation's 3,150 counties are considered farming counties.

Streamlining USDA's network, Madigan said, will require the backing of Congress. Legislative groups are worried about the ser-

vices they receive. Senators and congressmen will be concerned about the impact of such changes on their states or districts," said Madigan, a former Illinois congressman.

Sen. Richard Lugar, who has been pushing for reforms in USDA, gave the secretary another nudge Wednesday when he released a list of 92 field offices run by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service that spend as much or more on overhead than they do in benefits to farmers.

Madigan said some offices may pay few benefits because they serve peanut or tobacco farmers, who receive no direct subsidies although they must comply with conservation requirements or other regulations.

Lugar's list, however, shows that each one of the 92 offices is considered to have a relatively small and simple caseload. According to the General Accounting Office, consolidating the most inefficient offices would save \$90 million a year.

Two offices spent nearly \$30 for each of the 11 employees in Bremer County, Iowa, and Price County, Wis. Other offices in Iowa, Wis., and

Measure would mandate fish inspection to check for safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of senators has introduced legislation to establish a mandatory fish inspection program.

"No longer will American consumers have to guess whether or not the fish they eat is safe," said Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., and a sponsor of the bill.

For the first time, supermarket shoppers will be able to buy seafood that they know passes the safety test.

Similar legislation passed the

Senate in 1990 but died in the waning hours of the last session of Congress.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- Mandatory Agriculture Department inspection of imported seafood and foreign processing plants.
- USDA sampling of fish sold in supermarkets for bacteria, pesticides and other contaminants.
- Food safety standards set by

the Food and Drug Administration to reduce contamination in fish.

• Tough FDA criminal and civil penalties for the sale of contaminated fish.

• State inspection of domestic processing plants.

• Authority for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to close contaminated state waters to fishing.

• NOAA authority to board and inspect fishing vessels at sea.

Send ag gift packs overseas

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. agricultural exporters may find a bonanza of opportunities in overseas markets for gift packs, say Agriculture Department trade specialists.

"In some countries, such as Japan, the United Kingdom and Hong Kong, gift packs and baskets are big business," says an article in the April edition of AgExporter, put out by USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service.

"In Germany, where there is a definite gift-giving tradition, the idea of U.S. food and beverages in a gift pack is a novel one worth exploring," it said.

But it is Japan that offers the best opportunity for sales of U.S. food items in gift packs, according to the article.

"It seems there is always an occasion to give a gift in Japan," the article said.

"The annual retail gift market there is worth \$70 billion; the value of imported gifts is \$8.3 billion."



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Secretary of agriculture seeks to cultivate farmers, consumers

By Carole Sugarman
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - There's a giant copy of a newspaper headline hanging on the office wall: "Ed Madigan says 'being the secretary of agriculture is easy'."

A question mark has been penciled in at the end of the sentence. Edward Madigan did it several months ago, for comic relief.

Since then, the job of agriculture secretary certainly hasn't gotten any easier - or funnier - for Madigan, who recently revealed that he was the cabinet's top check-bouncer in the House of Representatives' banking committee. Madigan wrote 49 bad checks totaling \$30,000 during a three-year period while he served in the House.

Two days later Madigan made the news again when he announced sweeping regulatory reforms for the USDA. Among them was a one-year postponement of mandatory nutrition-labeling of processed meat and poultry products.

All of this criticism is a change for Madigan, perhaps the cabinet's least visible member, and a man who is repeatedly described as low-key.

It has also been a break from his usual routine as agriculture secretary, a job that consists largely of giving speeches and holding meetings with his constituency - every one from cattlemen to canal growers to consumer groups.

Agriculture is America's largest industry, and the USDA is the federal government's fourth biggest agency, with a budget of \$5.4 billion - more than the total national budget of most countries.

From its main offices here, 10 miles of penitentiary-like hallways wind through a bureaucracy that is frequently criticized as being inefficient and antiquated.

While much of what the USDA does relates to the needs and interests of the nation's 2 million farmers, more than 50 percent of the



Edward Madigan Oversees huge budget

As for his nutrition initiatives, "I can't raise the money to buy window dressing," said Rodney Leonard, a USDA official during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. But at least it's more than his previous Republican predecessors did, Leonard added.

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sense of humor that probably keeps the "conventioners" chuckling.

Consumer activists say he has done nothing to improve the department's image among consumers, that he has done little to enforce the environmental measures in the 1990 Farm Bill and that he has failed to address anti-hunger issues adequately.

As for his management style, sources say that he depends on only a small group of longtime staffers, and that his efforts to control top managers hastened the departure of some of the top-making officials who have left the agency since he became secretary a year ago.

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USDA woos foreign officials with trinkets

By Jennifer Dixon
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Agriculture Department spends \$125,000 a year wooing foreign dignitaries with pens, powder and even rides on a Florida cruise boat.

The department's high-ranking officials have also entertained their foreign counterparts with dinners at upscale Washington restaurants, a buffet in Montpellier, France, and breakfast on the beach in Hawaii, doleouts show.

The entertainment expenses come out of the department's so-called representation allowance, which Congress increased from \$144,000 a year to \$125,000 beginning in fiscal 1991.

A USDA official said businesses do the same thing, and there's no reason government can't operate in a similar fashion. "We are conscientious about how we do it. It's something that we keep hidden."

Nevertheless, The Associated Press was able to get detailed information about how the money was spent only by filing a Freedom of Information Act request to the department.

"It's a small but indispensable tool we extend as a courtesy to visitors when they come here," said the official from USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We're extended the same courtesies abroad."

Shortly after Edward Madigan took over as secretary of agriculture last March, doleouts show, he ordered a walnut pen holder with 50 pens, each in a glass tube, for his desk, ready to be given to for-

eign visitors to his office. The set cost \$539.

Three months later, Madigan ordered polished pewter items, including Jefferson cups and glass paperweights, worth \$1,518. A few days later, he decided to buy more gifts to have on hand for foreign dignitaries, including copies of the book "Country USA," Zippo high-polish chrome lighters, button covers and pens with USDA logos. The bill came to \$2,446.

And in September, Madigan put in another order for 1,500 worth of Jefferson cups, jewelry boxes and paperweights.

The order also gets an additional \$8,000 for receptions for visiting officials or media breakfasts and lunches. The chief of the Forest Service gets \$1,500.

The \$125,000 allowance is administered by the Foreign Agricultural Service, but can be tapped by anyone who is meeting with a foreign official in a "very cautious and responsible" manner to expand exports, promote U.S. food and farm products or to discuss trade issues.

Two-thirds of the allowance is split among USDA's agricultural attaches in 78 countries; the rest is used by Washington officials.

The entertainment ranges from catered receptions at department headquarters to restaurants such as Washington's upscale Mr. K's and Maison Blanche, the Ripe Tomato in Fresno, Calif., La Louisiane in New Orleans, the Hotel Intercontinental in Paris and the Kalasaki Beach hotel in Lihue, Hawaii.

One event was a \$603 luncheon honoring an Iraq delegation on Oct. 5, 1989 - 10 months before Iraq invaded Kuwait. At the time, Iraq was a big customer of U.S. farm products.

Deadly plague in East has beekeepers abuzz

By Sue Anne Pressley
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - In Virginia apple orchards this year, there are few honeybees for hire.

This is the crucial period in pollination, when the apple trees are in blossom, and normally 10,000 bees would be trucked into the orchards for a two-week frenzy of infestation between the bees and the trees.

But unbeknownst to the general public, a plague is devastating the U.S. honeybee population.

And though that might sound good to those who consider a bee as something merely to swat or to flee from, it also could mean a pretty puny-looking crop of apples.

Not to mention all those misshapen cucumbers. The buzzword these days in beekeeping circles is "mite."

The tracheal mite, a European import that has struck bees across America for the last three years and robbed them of their ability to breathe, has killed as much as 40 percent of the so-called captive bees in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland this spring. Some specialists are calling the affliction "honeybee emphysema." And there's been nothing like it, they say, since the 1920s, when a larva disease practically destroyed the beekeeping industry.

Obviously, beekeepers are, well, abuzz about the whole thing. Mites were the leading topic at a beekeeping summit in Berkeley Springs, W.Va., last week, and Virginia's 7,000 beekeepers (West Virginia has 6,000, Maryland, 1,800) are talking about little else. "The only way you can tell is by an autopsy," said Dana Hannum, an Arlington, Va., beekeeper. "You just yank the head off, pull off the trache tube and put it under a microscope."

Combating the mite is a more difficult task. A chemical called Amitraz is considered most effective, but it hasn't been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Beekeepers are making do with menthol, which is put into the hives and helps the bees breathe, and patties made of Crisco and sugar, which confuse the intruders. Tracheal mites go after the young tender bees - the

breathing tubes in the older bees are too tough to penetrate - and something about the Crisco mixture makes it hard for the mites to distinguish between younger and older bees, officials say.

"They can't zero in on the young bees, so it slows them up," said Frank Fulgham, the Virginia state apiarist, or bee specialist.

The mite kills the bees only when they emerge from their winter rest for the spring pollination season, when they are "run down" from the stresses of winter and the stresses of being crowded together in the colonies," Fulgham said. As a result, their numbers may well be replenished during the summer, as each queen bee lays 1,500 eggs a day, and the mites may have little effect ultimately on the supplies of honey.

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