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Twenty-five years after he made worldwide headlines, Evel Knievel returned to Twin Falls Thursday and revisited the altar where he tried to jump his steam-powered cycle across the Snake River Canyon. Below, Knievel answers questions from the crowd at a ceremony at the Magic Valley Mall.

FOREVER FEISTY

Knievel, Twin Falls talk over old times

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Evel Knievel came home Thursday, 25 rode-hard years after he departed with a cracked rear-view mirror. "God has not moved the Snake River Canyon one inch, and I don't see daredevils lined up to jump over it," the now stooped, chalk-haired motorcyclist said at a combination news conference and reception at the Magic Valley Mall.

It's a line he has used often before, but it carried some resonance at his first public visit to the site where, a generation past, he tried a leap of faith on a rocket-with-a-seat called a Skycycle.

That was a liver transplant, a divorce and compound fractures ago, but Knievel reports he escaped with no broken dreams. "I always respected his determination to realize his dream," said Warren Barry, a retired Twin Falls retailer who supplied the lumber and nails to build it. "Bob is still a friend."

Robert Craig Knievel didn't exit on cordial terms with everyone in Twin Falls in 1974, but Thursday was an afternoon of good nature. Locals squeezed past the TV news crews from Boise and Salt Lake City to press his hand and share a memory.

"You're the second most-asked question around here," Kent Jutz, executive vice president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, told Knievel. "Right after 'Where's Shoshone Falls?' It's 'Where did Evel

jump from?' And it's old guys like these who ask," he said, pointing to a group of Knievel's local pals.

"I came here to jump the canyon," Knievel said. "I couldn't control who came to watch. But the guy who fought the Hell's Angels before..."

Knievel, who will turn 61 a month from today, blamed technology, bad luck and a death of imagination by those who fear great things ventured.

"I know I was a little out of step with Twin Falls at the time," he said. "But I came here because I didn't have any choice: The government wouldn't let me jump the Grand Canyon."

Knievel and Twin Falls go way back. He made dozens of trips up and down U.S. highways 30 and 93 between his hometown of Butte, Mont., and the scenes of motorcycle stunts in California and Las Vegas.

"When my son, Robbie, was born in Butte, I was here — in jail," Evel said Thursday. "I had been in California, and when I heard Linda was in labor, I borrowed a little Ford from a guy and they caught me going 106 through that speed trap down there (Hollister). I had a (revoked) license, so the old judge threw my ass in jail for five days.

"I got back at him, though," he added. "I didn't have a pilot's license either when I flew over that canyon."

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Ammonia spill was intentional

Avonmore worker pleads guilty to fouling Little Wood

By N.S. Nakkatved Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The discharge of ammonia into the Little Wood River on Sept. 2, 1998, was no accident.

The maintenance manager at the Avonmore West Inc. plant in Richfield on Aug. 31 pleaded guilty to intentionally discharging ammonia to the Little Wood River. The discharge killed 64,000 fish in the 18 miles of the Little Wood from Avonmore West's Richfield wharf processing plant down river to Shoshone.

Walt Woolf, of Gooding, pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor charge of intentionally discharging a hazardous substance on Aug. 31 in U.S. District Court in Boise. Federal prosecutors have asked for a sentence of one year in jail. His sentencing is set for Nov. 3.

Woolf deferred comment to his attorney Larry Werberg of Boise.

Twin Falls-based Avonmore West operates a large cheese processing plant in Gooding, which ships its excess whey to the Richfield facility for processing into protein products.

While working at Richfield plant, Woolf had placed a hose into a ditch that runs along the plant to drain ammonia from the plant's refrigeration system to perform maintenance. Avonmore executive vice president Jeff Williams said Thursday. The ditch eventually drains into the Little Wood River.

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Monday's Evel Knievel will make several public appearances today and Saturday as part of a visit to Twin Falls to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his attempt to jump the Snake River Canyon in his Skycycle X-2.

At 2 p.m. today, Knievel will be at Walderboos in the Magic Valley Mall to sign copies of his new book "Evel Ways," which is being promoted as part of the festivities.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, he'll give a one-hour talk on gun and helmet safety to the mall's A Kids Club and to the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition. Register at the mall's customer service booth.

From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, the public can meet Knievel at the mall and get his autograph on special 25th anniversary souvenirs.

Knievel's visit is sponsored by the Magic Valley Mall.

Weakened Floyd still packs a punch

The Associated Press

MONTAUK, N.Y. — Creating havoc even at half strength, Tropical Storm Floyd raced into the Northeast with gusty winds and torrential rain Thursday, forcing maintenance workers to close school for 3 million students, even postponing a U.N. meeting on war.

Drifting in gush of the East Coast, Floyd raced across Long Island and into New England after rolling through the Carolinas in the morning. By 11 p.m., its winds had fallen below hurricane force to 60 mph.

At least 12 deaths were blamed on Floyd, eight from traffic accidents in the Carolinas and Virginia. Two girls in Delaware drowned after a storm-swollen creek swept them into a sewage pipe, a woman was killed in Virginia after a tree fell on her mobile home, and one man was presumed drowned in the Bahamas.

The storm swept away portions of a bridge in North, Md., forcing 400-furrows downstream to abandon their homes. Four rail tanks holding 80,000 gallons collapsed, though officials were unsure if the oil contaminated.

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More on Floyd — D5

United Way starts new campaign with a kick

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With a flurry of cheers from the O'Leary Junior High School cheerleaders Thursday morning, United Way of Magic Valley kicked off its 1999-2000 fund-raising campaign — The power of U.

The cheerleaders cheered the volunteer teams before they headed out to perform several community projects as part of the United Way's third annual Day of Caring.

Throughout the day the volunteer teams from local companies such as J.C. Penney, Fred Meyer, Costco and United Parcel Service performed community service that included painting buildings, helping with immunizations and delivering backpacks filled with school supplies.

"That's what the United Way is all about," Campaign Director Pam Pozzo said. "That's taking care of our community."

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Mary Emery adds to a stack of backpacks filled with school supplies Thursday at Costco in Twin Falls, helping with the United Way's Day of Caring.

Gunman's rampage doesn't surprise neighbors

The Associated Press

For more — A4, D4

FOREST HILL, Texas — Larry Gene Ashbrook was a jobless loner who exposed himself, screamed obscenities and kicked doors during fits of rage, according to his neighbors in the working-class suburb where he spent much of his life.

"It's the way he looked at you," neighbor Venita "Hedra" said Thursday. "I was scared of him."

In Fort Worth on Wednesday,

Ashbrook, 47, shot seven people to death at a prayer meeting in a Baptist church before sitting down in a pew and killing himself.

On Thursday, investigators were picking through his modest, wood-frame house, which he had ransacked by breaking holes in the walls, pouring concrete in the toilets, overturning furniture and silencing family photos, said Bob Garrity, FBI special agent in charge.

Old journals revealed that he believed "people are out to get him" and was particularly upset about his difficulty in finding and keeping a job, writing Fort Worth Police Chief Ralph Mendosa said.

"I think he was just somebody who was a social outcast," Garrity said. "This has the appearance of being a very troubled man, who for whatever reason in his own mind,

sought to quiet whatever demons that bothered him."

Neighbors said Ashbrook never married or had children, and had peevish habits like leaving his home for an hour each morning carrying a blue canvas bag.

Elderly residents would retreat into their homes when Ashbrook walked down the street, intimidated by his menacing appearance. He invariably opened and closed.

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NATION

Authorities search for identity of amnesia victim

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — She passed from one 18-wheeler to another for days, wandering. When she looked in the mirror, she didn't recognize the face staring back, nor did she recall how she ended up on a dark highway, rain-soaked and bleeding.

Nearly a month after suffering a blow to the head, the mystery woman is staying at a women's shelter with only vague notions about who she is.



This unidentified woman, whom authorities are calling 'Angel,' is staying in Ada, Okla. She can't remember anything about her past and seeks answers.

"It's scary. Indescribably scary," the woman said as she pushed back a lock of brown hair. "I don't know who I am, where I've been."

Workers at the shelter call her Angel, for now.

On Aug. 19 a truck driver brought her to a truck stop near Springer, about 80 miles south of Oklahoma City, and asked a clerk to call for help. When a sheriff's deputy arrived, Angel had only

and can explain their breeding habits, their diets and their muscular structures. But when officials asked whether she perhaps could be a veterinarian, Angel didn't seem to understand what a veterinarian was.

The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has taken over the investigation, partly because Angel appears to be an American Indian and partly because BIA Capt. Larry Holdtubbe has developed a special devotion to this case.

"It's the most bizarre mystery I've worked in 23 years of law enforcement," he said. "We've done everything that good police work says to do, and we've got nothing."

Holdtubbe said the FBI found no matches to Angel's fingerprints, nor did a BIA database in Carson City, Nev. She also didn't match any of the missing persons reports that were checked.

the clothes she was wearing and a \$20 bill in her pocket. She wears a wedding ring but knows nothing of it. She has the scars of a C-section near birth, but can't remember any children. She knows a lot about animals

Clinton denies panel clemency papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Invoking executive privilege, President Clinton Thursday refused to turn over to a House panel documents related to his offer of clemency to 16 members of a violent Puerto Rican nationalist group.

The clemency grants have stirred up a political firestorm, with law enforcement groups and victims of actions by the group accusing Clinton of using clemency to boost his wife's Senate ambitions. The group is known as FALN, Spanish initials for the Armed Forces of National Liberation.

The White House said none of the 16 was convicted of a violent crime.

"With the legal advice of the attorney general, the president is invoking executive privilege over certain documents and testimony relating to the grant of clemency," said Jim Kennedy, spokesman for the White House counsel's office.

Kennedy said the White House would be providing some 10,000 pages of documents related to the decision, including thousands of letters exhorting the president to show leniency toward the prisoners.

One American in ten is born outside country

WASHINGTON (AP) — As America nears the end of the 20th century, nearly one U.S. resident in 10 is foreign born — a proportion similar to that recorded 150 years ago.

During the 1990s, the nation's foreign-born population increased nearly four times faster than that of the native-born population, the Census Bureau says in a report being released today.

Overall, there were 25,200,000 foreign-born U.S. residents as of July 1, 1998 — 9.3 percent of the nation's population. That was up from 13,840,000 in the 1990 census when they were 8.0 percent of the population.

related to Angel's fingerprints, nor did a BIA database in Carson City, Nev. She also didn't match any of the missing persons reports that were checked.

The current share of foreign-born residents is close to the 9.7 percent recorded in 1850, the first year the Census Bureau asked people their place of birth.

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NATION

Gunman sought out church kids

FOUNT WOODRUE, Texas (AP) — Thrumping music from a Christian rock band shook the lobby of Wedgewood Baptist Church in a walk-in stranger dressed in black and smoking a cigarette. "What's the program?" he demanded.

A church maintenance worker approached the tall, gaunt man

and asked him for identification. **Larry Gene Ashbrook, 47**, pointed a semi-automatic handgun, quizzed the worker — and began a shouting campaign that shattered lives as well as the shiny glass windows and the pectoral crosses of the church sanctuary Wednesday night.

Leaving the bleeding pastor crumpled on the ground near the front door, Ashbrook scurried out. "I found two guns and all the ammunition the church kept in its

pockets, he asked where the locks were and continued toward the sanctuary.

But it was Sydney Rachelle Browning the most near, mugged onto a sofa in the foyer. She was the director of the children's choir. She was the first to die. A young man peddling Christian rock CDs in the lobby was next.

Inside, some teen-agers had heard the prepping sounds but assumed they came from the huge speakers.

Then, in a silence of glass, bullets shattered windows flanking the entry. The gunman slung his fist into the glass, hard enough to bust the audience.

Kids fumbled with their paper programs. A girl was scheduled to follow the pastor, and many assumed the gun-tinger meant was an error.

Ashbrook seemed a bit uncertain, pacing on the back of the sanctuary and muttering to himself. Then he began to yell, to curse. Reading stopped slowly through. As Ashbrook began firing into the crowd, people fell, some bloodied, some dying.

Shooting reactions

Fans Washington, D.C. — "Somebody must find a way to protect young people — this will be our own children being targeted," President Clinton said Thursday in Washington, D.C., as he and Attorney General Janet Reno described the latest deadly slaying.

"Right again, we have seen a scary, very violent by-gun violence, taking children's lives with faith and promise and hope before their time," Clinton said, remarks at the White House. "We need to have to act on it if it were our own children being targeted," Clinton said.

Earlier, during her weekly briefing, Reno also described the carnage. "I would hope that people would look not just at what happened here, but at what other things have come to the attention of the FBI in the context of this case, but what programs have come to attention over the last many years, and that the nation would attempt to do some work again and again on

our — asking government to make sure that we take reasonable steps to ensure that guns are not placed in the hands of people who are not lawfully entitled to have them," she said.

The Texas governor

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush said Thursday in Grand Rapids, Mich., that "a wave of evil" — not a lack of gun control laws — is the cause of rampant gun violence in America.

"I don't know of a law — a governmental law — that will put love in people's hearts," the Texas governor said. He toured a local elementary school and met privately with former President Gerald Ford before leaving for Texas.

His eyes red and moist, Bush said: "It's hard to explain how hated lurks in somebody's heart to the point where he walks into a church where children and adults were seeking God's guidance and shoots them."

Religious leaders

A prominent Southern Baptist called the killings a harsh reminder of the need for prayer. Other religious leaders said: Preach the gospel, but get guns off the streets.

The Rev. William Merrill, of the Southern Baptist Convention's executive committee in Nashville, Tenn., endorsed prayer, not gun control, as a response. Violence, he said, is an expression of the heart's inner alienation.

The Rev. Joan Brown Campbell, general secretary of the National Council of Churches in Christ USA, favors gun control. "When you put a gun in the hands of people with problems, it becomes murder," she said.

Bishop Joseph A. Fioretti, head of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, agreed. "God expects us to use both prayer and common sense. It seems to me common sense dictates that gun control would go a long way to keep lethal weapons out of the hands of those who have them."



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Tune in to the upbeat generation

If you read the papers, you'd probably think that our schools are full of kids who shoot each other in the hallways, spend their loose change on tongue rings, can't read and couldn't care less who runs the country. It's easy to assume that the next batch of youth will continue along the path of wanton excess blazed first by boomers and then by Generation Xers.

Some pundits — marketers, especially — are dubbing them "Generation Y," as though these kids are merely Generation X squared. How utterly depressing. And how utterly wrong. Whatever era they are living in, Americans always seem to assume that the future will be a less stressful and less violent place. But that never happens, neither with societies nor with generations.

Back around 1960, most experts thought that the crushing bulge of children known (even then) as the "Baby Boom" would grow up even more pliable and conformant than the gray-flannelled "Silent Generation" just before them. They saw no hint of the youth revolution about to explode.

Twenty years later, pundits began commenting on the emergence of a post-boom "baby bust" generation of youth. What would they be like? More idealistic, more progressive and more rebellious, according to the consensus. An easy verdict at a time when Paul McCartney and Diane Keaton were the biggest-hyped youth icons — but one that would be rudely overturned when the scrappy, pragmatic and free-agent Gen-Xer persona emerged only a few years later.

Today, another 20 years have passed, so it's time for another surprise. There's a revolution under way among today's kids — and it's a good-news revolution. The generation now arriving is going to rebel by being, no worse behaved, but better. Their life mission will not be to tear down old institutions that don't work, but build up new ones that do. Meet the Millennial Generation. Its leading wedge are this fall's High School Class of 2000. By the time they're grown, these kids will change the shape not just of America, but of the entire world.

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Poll 16-year-olds, and you will find that large majorities have a negative opinion of Generation X. They also prefer to call their own generation "Millennial" (the start of something new) rather than "X" (the end of something old). Better than most Americans, they know that the story of the Millennial Generation entirely contradicts the dominant — and negative — stereotype.

Are they cynical? No. They're optimists. Two in three teens describe themselves as "confident," five in six as "happy," and kids are the only age bracket reported to be "getting happier" in the 1990s.

Are they selfish individualists? No. They're cooperative team players. From school uniforms to team teaching to community service, they are gravitating toward habits of group activity. According to a recent Roper survey, more teenagers blamed "selfishness" more than anything else when asked, "What is the major cause of problems in this country?"

Unlike Xers, they believe in their own collective power. By a huge 10-to-1 majority, they believe it's their generation — and not their parents' — who will do the most to help the environment over the next 25 years.

Are they distrustful? They accept authority. The share of teens who report conflict with their parents or distrust of large institutions is declining. Nine in 10 say they get along with their parents, and half say they trust

government to do what's right all or most of the time — twice the share of older people. Remarkably, half of teens themselves believe that lack of parental discipline is a major social problem.

Are they rule-breakers? No. They're rule-followers. Today's kids are disproving the supposed experts who've been predicting a "juvenile crime wave" in the late 1990s.

Over the last five years, rates of pregnancy, violent crime, homicide and suicide among children under age 18 have all plummeted by 10 to 40 percent. Even including the Columbine massacre, there were only half as many violent deaths at schools nationwide last year (25) as there were in the early 1990s (over 50 per year).

Have they given up on progress? No. Today's kids not only believe in the future, they see themselves at its cutting edge. They show a great fascination for, and mastery of, new technologies — which explains why math and science scores are rising the fastest.

If adults have yet to recognize these shifts — and if parents are more likely to see them in their own kids rather than other people's — it's because the Millennial Generation remains bathed in an over-the-edge youth culture not of its own making.

You have to look beneath the surface, just as you had to look to recognize where boomer kids were headed in 1960, or Xer kids in 1980.

Neil Howe and William Strauss have written several books on American generations, most recently "The Fourth Generation."

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WORLD

Clinton sends troops to East Timor as part of international peace force

WASHINGTON — President Clinton gave the order Thursday for about 200 U.S. military personnel to take part in a 7,500-member international peace-keeping force in East Timor.

"I have decided to contribute to the force in a limited but essential way, including communications and logistical aid, intelligence, airlifts of personnel and material and coordination of the humanitarian response to the tragedy," Clinton said.

Speaking briefly to reporters in the Roosevelt Room, Clinton said half the U.S. personnel would be on the ground in East Timor, and the other half elements of the Pacific Fleet to support the mission.

He cautioned that, as with any military operation, there are risks of casualties. But he noted that Indonesia is the world's fourth-most-populous nation and argued for limited U.S. engagement.

"This mission is in America's interest for several reasons," Clinton said. "Indonesia's future is important to us not only because of its resources and its sea lanes, but for its potential as a leader in the region, and the world."

In Dili, East Timor, meanwhile, Indonesian troops picked up brooms and handed out food to refugees as the first international peacekeepers prepared to arrive this weekend in the devastated territory of East Timor. Instead of terrorizing East Timorese, the soldiers gave them sacks of rice and worked to clean up the shattered capital of Dili. Troops fired shots in the air to chase away a few militia members who burned houses.

Leaders turn to tribal healers to help combat AIDS in Africa
LUSAKA, Zambia — African traditional healers — though sometimes blamed for spreading AIDS through unsanitary practices of prescribing a sex-with-virgins cure — are gaining new prominence in the medical community as a weapon against the disease.

Their presence was strong at a major African AIDS conference this week, and researchers there said they have a crucial role to play in caring for the sick and the epidemic sweeps across their continent, killing millions each year.

Zambia's 60,000 tribal healers outnumber Western medical doctors by at least five to one. They are sometimes dismissed as witch doctors in the West, but they argue their centuries-old remedies can help people in poor, isolated communities.

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World in brief

South African soldier kills seven in shooting rampage

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — A black army lieutenant on Thursday went berserk, shooting and killing seven people, all white, in a crime that investigators say could be racially motivated.

Five other people, also white, were wounded in the shootout at Kempe military base, police said. Police spokeswoman Johanne van der Merwe said the dead included a major, several other officers and a civilian employee of the base.

The rampage finally stopped when the 29-year-old gunman, Lt. Sibusiso Madubela, was killed in a shoot-out with military officers at the base, located in Bloemfontein, capital of Free State.

—Compiled from wire reports

ANNUAL RITUAL



An ultra-orthodox Jewish man swings a chicken over his head Thursday in Men Shekar, Jerusalem. He is performing the Kapparot ceremony in which it is believed that one transfers one's sins from the past year into a chicken. The ritual is performed before the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish year. The chicken is then slaughtered and given to the poor.

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SPORTS

Bruins

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on the weekend on a camping trip.

Senior defensive back Pat Hobbs last season's second-leading tackler and a defensive captain, Hobbs returns another month with a broken fibula.

Senior linebacker Ben Byrnes, injured in warm-ups before the opener at Highland, he, too, is out a month.

Junior linebacker Justin Heatwole, A defensive starter and backup running back, Heatwole should be ready tonight. After absorbing a few hard hits against Capital, he underwent a clear CAT scan.

If Brady cannot play, Burks will look for wideouts Shaun Fohlman, who hauled in four passes against Centennial for 56 yards, Ben Thompson, who caught one for 8, and Geoff Barman, whose territory has thus far been limited to the sidelines.

Zach Zigich will spell Orr on offense, John Thomas will continue to fill in on defense, and judging continues in the secondary.

It there is a bright side against the Patriots, who are flourishing under the lead of offensive coordinator Greg Drake, the former head coach who returned to Centennial this fall to oversee 10-year head coach Lee Neumann?

"We're finally playing at home, so they have to get on the bus," Schaal quipped. "We're hoping they'll be down a little bit after winning the big one last week."

Half that battle was won on the ground. Patriot fullback Troy Connors rumbled through the defense over one of the state's elite defensive units for 229 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries, while tailback Scott Kooi added a third score gaining 62 yards on 10 touches. Both will be a lead tonight.

Centennial also toppled Highland — which had not dropped a regular-season contest since 1994 — through the air. Three-year starter Travis Hermer tossed eight of 18 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown.

Centennial's defense was the final piece to the puzzle, leading All-State Rams quarterback Tanner Harris to 350 yards on 11-of-36 passing.

"They got after the Highland quarterback pretty good," Schaal said.

"They forced turnovers and won that game in the trenches."

The outcome sent tremors through the state's Associated Press poll, dropping the Rams to No. 3, moving Capital up to No. 2 and handing the Patriots the top slot.

After extensive game-film review, Schaal sees three keys to winning tonight.

"First, we need to eliminate the mistakes we've made the last two weeks," he said. "Second, we need more consistency on offense. We'd do some good things at times, then we'd have problems."

Jeremy Hudson proved last week that his running can throw a defense off balance. After challenging his senior back to top 100 yards, Schaal watched him gallop for 160 on 30 carries.

The Bruins' air attack sputtered. Harris threw for 166 yards and completed 9 of 22 passes, but tossed a pair of costly picks.

"He had some balls that were dropped, and he had some that weren't there," Schaal said.

Finally, better tackling is still a must. Too often, Bruin defenders

aren't wrapping up, surrendering costly yardage after contact — a rookie error.

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CSI

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opponents 111-34, ending the season with a .374-289 batting average advantage. In one early afternoon here against Treasure Valley, CSI drilled an even dozen.

Felix thought it was great. But on the flip side, the Eagles had provided a textbook example of why critics assail aluminum.

Plus, it was dangerous. CSI witnessed that first-hand, when, in his first start following rehabilitation of a dead bone in his pitching arm, sophomore Josh Gold took a laser shot to nearly the same spot and suffered a season-ending fracture.

"I love the home run, don't get me wrong," Walker said over the summer. "But I think I reached the stage where I'm saying to myself, 'That's probably not baseball.'"

When Walker looks at this season's roster, he swears he counts just one deep threat: Toby Barnett, top freshman catcher from Perth, Australia.

"He's legit," Walker said. "Of the rest, Nick Bullen hit 10 last year. He may hit five. Adrian Thomas might hit one. To compensate, Walker is preaching base running, "the short game" and simple, selfless communication — an element he said was sorely lacking most of last year. Already, he calls this

year's edition much faster than last year's, and says the attitude is coming along as well.

"We've got to be the best base-running team in JUCO baseball," he said. "And we've got to play the small game, bunt and drag. Finally, we've got to learn to win as a team."

On top of that, he's no secret these Eagles lack a Cameron Reimers. Danny Clements, who tossed four perfect innings last weekend, Joey Clark and a once-more rehabbed Gold are projected as the team's top three pitchers. Clark hasn't played yet this month due to tendonitis but Gold has thrown well.

The fourth spot in the rotation is undecided, but may be awarded before the field shuts down Nov. 15.

"Beyond those three, the rest look about 13 years old," Walker said with a laugh.

The team practices at 1:30 p.m. daily, with weight training three days a week. During the winter, that quota will jump to five. The most important part of the team's off-season routine is a series of exercises with means to strengthen the forearm down to the hand — what could well be the difference, Walker says, between a sweet swing with wood and a useless one.

SCORES AND STATS

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ALL BOX SCORES

Table with columns for team names and scores. Includes games like Boise State vs. Idaho State, and others.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



Frank hits an imaginary drive into a bunker and falls two strokes behind in the U.S. Open Air

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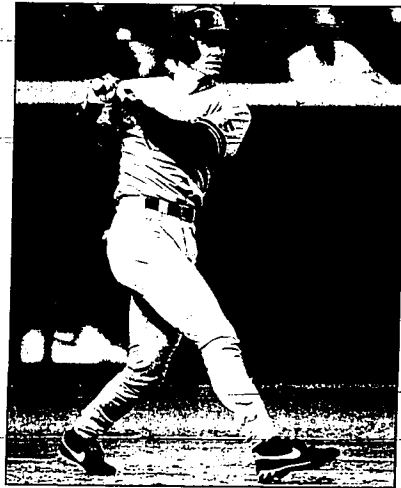
TENNIS

Table listing tennis tournaments and their locations, including the President's Cup and Malibu Open.

TRANSACTIONS

Table listing sports transactions, including player movements and team changes across various leagues.

SPORTS



New York Yankees outfielder Paul O'Neill slams a two-run home run Thursday during the first inning of the Yankees' 9-5 win over the Cleveland Indians.

A-Rod is grand in Mariners comeback

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit his third grand slam of the season in the eighth inning and the Seattle Mariners beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-3.

Rodriguez broke out of a 3-for-33 slump with his sixth career slam, a shot to center field off reliever Esteban Yan (3-4).

Rodriguez's 38th homer put Seattle ahead 4-2 and gave him 103 RBIs. It's the third time he has topped 100 RBIs.

The Devil Rays concluded a season-high 13-game homestand at 3-10. The Mariners won for just the second time in seven games.

Freddy Garcia (15-8) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked three, and is 3-0 against Tampa Bay this year.

Jose Mesa tied the Mariners' single-season save record of 33, set by Mike Schooler in 1989, in getting the final six outs.

Royals 7, Angels 1
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Carlos Beltran hit a two-run homer to become the first AL rookie with 100 RBIs since Mark McGwire.

Jeff Suppan (10-9) pitched a six-hitter for his fourth complete game of the year, striking out five and walking one. Ramon Ortiz (1-3) took the loss.

Tim Lincecum hit a solo home run and rookie Mark Quinn drove in two runs as Kansas City stopped Anaheim's five-game winning streak and snapped its own four-game losing skid.

Beltran became the first rookie with 100 RBIs since Mike Piazza drove in 112 for Los Angeles in 1993. McGwire had 118 RBIs for the Oakland A's in 1987.

Beltran also scored his 99th run on the homer, leaving him one run short of becoming the first rookie with 100 RBIs and 100 runs in a season since Fred Lynn did it with Boston in 1975.

Yankees 9, Indians 5
CLEVELAND — Hideki Iribu pitched seven strong innings and Paul O'Neill and pinch-hitter Chili Davis each had two RBIs, leading the New York Yankees over the Cleveland Indians.

The victory helped the Yankees open a four-game lead over the little Boston Red Sox in the AL East. It also moved New York within one game of Cleveland for the best record in the AL, and home-field

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Are the Colts as good on the road?

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press writer

The New England Patriots were supposed to be crippled. The Indianapolis Colts? Sure they were going to be "improved," but this improved?

Now they're ready for the Week 2 Faceoff at Foxboro, a battle for the lead in the AFC East, the division that's supposed to be the NFL's strongest.

But alas, the Jets were beaten by the Patriots when Vinny Testaverde was hurt, the allegedly powerful Bills were humbled 31-14 in Indianapolis, and New England and Indy are suddenly right up there with Miami.

For a week, anyway. The Patriots are favored, which is their right as the home team. The spread is 4.5 points, which is more than the three points the home team usually gets.

That's probably close to reality — the young Colts can use a little road seasoning. PATRIOTS, 27-21

New York Jets (plus 4) at Buffalo

What a difference a Vinny can make. But so can a Tuna. JETS, 20-17

Atlanta (off) at Dallas (Monday night)
The off is because nobody's quite sure that Chris Chandler WON'T play. Danny Kanell was so bad Tony Graziani beat him out as the backup QB in Atlanta. Without Deion and Leon, Dallas' defense is awful and Jamal should do quite well. But... COWBOYS, 24-16

Denver (minus 3.5) at Kansas City

There's no John Elway to stick pins in a Marty Schottenheimer doll. There's no Marty Schottenheimer either. BRONCOS, 26-11

New Orleans (plus 10.5) at San Francisco

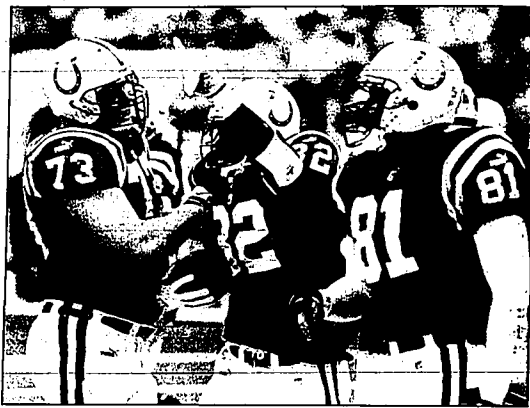
Bill Walsh always complained that the 49ers' spreads were too big. When he coached, he was wrong. Now? 49ERS, 24-23

San Diego (pick 'em) at Cincinnati

Can those unbeaten, AFC West-leading Chargers keep rolling? Can Moses Moreno challenge Ryan Leaf for the No. 3 job? Will Aklil Smith learn his playbook? CHARGERS, 20-19

Green Bay (minus 6.5) at Detroit

The Lions beat Mike Holmgren's new team.



Indianapolis Colts rookie running back Edgerrin James (32) celebrates his first career touchdown with teammates during the first quarter of the Colts' 31-14 win over the Buffalo Bills Sunday.

They usually give his old one trouble, particularly at the Silverdome. PACKERS, 20-19

Arizona (plus 9) at Miami

The Cardinals came back to beat the Eagles. These are not the Eagles. DOLPHINS, 34-10

Oakland (plus 11) at Minnesota

The Raiders drop to the bottom of the NFC Central, as well as the AFC West. VIKINGS, 27-20

Seattle (minus 3.5) at Chicago

Shane Matthews can't do it two weeks in a row? Can he? SEAHAWKS, 23-14

Washington (plus 2.5) at New York Giants

A few more weeks and Dan Snyder might fire his team. GIANTS, 20-9

Pittsburgh (minus 2.5) at Baltimore

The Steelers now try to dispense with the old Browns. STEELERS 17-14

Jacksonville (minus 9.5) at Carolina

These teams have gone such different routes that Tom Coughers now works for the Jaguars. JAGUARS, 41-3

Tampa Bay (minus 6.5) at Philadelphia

Philadelphia's season may have been the first half against Arizona. With Trent Dilfer barely hanging on... BUCCINERS, 19-0

Cleveland (plus 16) at Tennessee

Can the Browns get three first downs? Catch their score? TITANS, 43-7

Last Week: 87 (Spread); 87 (Straight up)

Aggies focus on stopping versatile Utah quarterback

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah State coach Dave Arslanian has a dilemma.

Does he instruct his defenders to go after Utah quarterback Darnell Arceaneux in Saturday night's game? Or does he tell the Aggies to keep the versatile Arceaneux in the pocket so he won't hurt Utah State by scrambling?

The answer is both. "The obvious thing is you don't give him time to pass and you tackle him," Arslanian said.

"Don't let him run across the line of scrimmage. His strength is pulling it down and running."

But Arceaneux also looked pretty good using his arm in Utah's 27-7 victory at Washington State on Sept. 4. He completed 22 of 36 attempts for a career-high 249 yards and one touchdown.

Arceaneux, a junior, improved to 7-0 as a starter and the Utes (1-0) controlled the game before



allowing a late touchdown. Arceaneux showed no signs of shoulder and finger injuries that limited him to four starts last season.

"He has a perfect record as a starter," Arslanian said. "He's a dangerous football player. He's one of the players we have to stop."

The Utes are not one-dimensional. Running back Mike Anderson rushed for 108 yards on 13 carries against Washington State.

Utah State (1-1) lost its opener 38-7 at Georgia, blowing several scoring opportunities. The Aggies penetrated the Georgia 40 seven times but committed five turnovers and had a field goal attempt blocked.

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Bliss water project proceeds on schedule

By Dave Jensen
Times-News correspondent
BLISS - The City Council learned Wednesday that the water improvement project is on schedule.

Plans U.S. Highway 30 and is located west of the same highway stop.
The council is accepting bids for the well lines and tank until Sept. 30. It will award a bid Oct. 12.

The council discussed applying for the grants to improve an area across U.S. Highway 30 south of the station.
Scholarships are available to attend the Community Leadership Forum sponsored by the Idaho Rural Partnership to be held Oct. 19 at the Gooding County Extension Office.

Jerome works on school strategy

By Kelly Bryant
Times-News correspondent
JEROME - A strategic plan for the future of Jerome schools, focusing on what every student needs to know by graduation, will require action both by students and the district.

To learn more
Jerome School District students can receive a copy of the mission statement and the list of goals and strategies by curriculum director Sandra Thompson at 324-8528.
What's next?
At the next Jerome School Board meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome High School auditorium, the district will ask members to form a Facility Advisory Committee.

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DEATH NOTICES

Wally L. Engstrom
BURPETT - Wally L. Engstrom, 82, of Burpett, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, at Memorial Hospital in Burpett. Services are pending and will be announced by Hanson Mortuary-Rupers/Chapel.

Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. No public services will take place. Cremation arrangements under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Home, Twin Falls.

Beth L. Howell
HOWELL - Beth L. Howell, 45, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1992, in Chula Vista, Calif. Services are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

William C. Higgin
KETCHUM - William C. Higgin, 69, of Ketchum, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1992, at his home in Ketchum. Services will be during the 8 a.m. mass on Sept. 20, 1992, at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church in Sun Valley. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Hospice of the Magic Valley, P. O. Box 46221, Ketchum, ID 83740, or to Blaine County Search and Rescue, P. O. Box 98, Buhl, ID 83423. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Buhl, Idaho.

Neomi Walters
TWIN FALLS - Neomi Walters, 92, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 15, 1992, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Donis L. Baker
BUEHL - Donis L. Baker, 80, of Buhl, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, at New Life Living Center in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Michael Bjorklund
NAMPFA - Michael Bjorklund, 86, of Nampa, formerly of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, in Nampa. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

Ruth W. Gregg
REGGIE - Ruth W. Gregg, 85, of Jerome, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, at her home in Jerome. Services are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Walter Cameron
CAMEL - Walter Cameron, 88, of Buhl, died Thursday, Sept. 16, 1992, at the Snake River Rehabilitation and Living Center in Buhl. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Charles W. Talkington
KATHERLYN - Charles W. Talkington, 80, of Katherly, died

Evel H. Hafford
GOODING - Eva Jewel Hafford, 86, of Gooding, died Wednesday, Sept. 15, 1992, at Gooding. County Memorial Hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held on Monday, Sept. 21, 1992, at 1 p.m. at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

B' B' Birell
TWIN FALLS - "B' B' Birell, infant child of Kevin and Julie Birell of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 1992, in Twin Falls. No services are planned. Memorials may be made to Julie Miner at 738-8356 in memory of Allissa Mae Birell and "B' B' Birell. Ms. Miner runs a support group for mothers who have suffered a miscarriage or a stillborn child.

SERVICES

Stancee F. Hall, of Twin Falls, services at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel. Friends may call at White Mortuary from 4 to 6 p.m. today.

M. Lucille Robbins, of Jerome, services at 2 p.m. today at Birve-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

of Mesa, Ariz., and formerly of Buhl, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 1992, at the Wendell Cemetery (Demary's Wendell Chapel).

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
All names are unaffiliated with patient's request.
Admits: Leah Rodriguez of Buhl.
Discharges: Leah Rodriguez of Buhl, and Thelma Thompson

MEMORIAL MEDICAL HOSPITAL

Some names have been omitted at patient's request.
Admitted: Suz Saunders of Methuen.

OBITUARIES

For obituary notices and information, call 738-0822, Ext. 2274, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for Monday publications. Death notices use a time column and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.



Bob Farmer
Bob Farmer, 87, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, September 14, 1992, at Burdette Hospital. He was born March 12, 1905, in Burdette, Idaho, to Frank and Frisby Farmer. He married Thelma Hurd on April 24, 1941, at Borville, Idaho. Bob and Thelma have and worked at the Naval Ammunition Depot in Hawthorne, Nevada, during the war. He was a Hawthorne, Nevada, 1942, 1943, and

son Roy Lynn was born Bob and Thelma moved to Twin Falls in 1952. He worked for the Twin Falls School District as a custodian, retiring in 1974. He survived by a son, Roy Lynn, two grandchildren, Ronald, Candace, and Tony; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 sons, 2 daughters, and several nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his wife Thelma in 1978, his parents, and his 2 brothers and 2 granddaughters. Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, 1992, at White Mortuary Chapel, with Rev. Jerry Sible officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, September 17, at White Mortuary. Thelma suggests that memorial contributions be given to Christiana's United Methodist Church, 205 Madison East, Kimberly, Idaho 83641.

Bob was born April 23, 1920, in Carey, Idaho. He was a member of the LDS Church. He served as Bishop in the Carey Ward, along with several other positions. He was involved with farming and ranching all his life. He was a great supporter of youth activities in the community. Bob served in the A.S.C.S. community for several years. He served in the Army during World War II. He married Thelma in 1941. They lived in the Salt Lake City Temple. They were married in 1952. Bob and Thelma were married on February 11, 1958. He is survived by his four children, Lynn (Gail) Scoble of Salmon, Dick (Debbie) Simpson, and Peggy (Curt) Hill, all of Carey, and Sable Edwards of Clifton, one son, Keith (Sue) Simpson of Twin Falls, 2 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his brother. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 1992, at the Carey LDS Stake Center. Friends may call at the Wood River Chapel in Hulett from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, and at the church on Saturday, one hour before services. Burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery under the direction of the Wood River Chapel.

Barb Carey
Barb Carey, 78, of Carey, Idaho, died Monday, September 14, 1992, at the Wood River Medical Center in Hulett. She was born May 15, 1914, in Carey, Idaho, to John and Mary Carey. She was a member of the LDS Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 1968. She is survived by her son, Roy, and her daughter, Thelma. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 1992, at the Carey LDS Stake Center. Friends may call at the Wood River Chapel in Hulett from 2-5 p.m. on Friday, and at the church on Saturday, one hour before services. Burial will follow at the Carey Cemetery under the direction of the Wood River Chapel.

Cougar suspected in Hailey dog killing

By Barb Newbert
Times-News correspondent
HAILEY - An autopsy of a dog, perhaps killed by a mountain lion, has left investigators with more questions than answers.

lion tracks could be found in the lawn or premises, Olson said. An expert in animal kills from the Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services was called in to complete an autopsy of the dog to confirm a cougar had killed it. However, no puncture wounds could be found that would point to a wild predator.

cougar returned to eat the rest of its kill, Olson said. But questions remain as to why the lion didn't eat the dog in one setting. Mountain lions have been seen in Hailey and Ketchum last winter. A Ketchum homeowner shot and killed a cougar after it came into a backyard and killed a dog. In another incident, a mountain lion killed a cattle dog on the Deer Creek Ranch north of Hailey.

More insurers are changing how they pay doctors

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BlueShield (AP) - An increasing number of Idaho health insurers are changing how they pay doctors. Idaho's example in adopting a new method of paying doctors for their services.

the 30-percent discounts BlueShield previously demanded, said Colleen Evans, owner of Professional Office Management Service. Her company handles the billing for 70 Idaho medical offices.

Beginning Oct. 1, Boise-based Primary Health Plan and Idaho Physicians Network will pay doctors flat fees rather than a percentage of billed charges, resulting in lower payments for many services.

That has resulted in slight pay increases for primary care providers but significant decreases for many specialists, such as radiologists and cardiac surgeons. Many specialists are seeing reductions of 20 percent on top of

What we can do is encourage both BlueShield and the physicians to work together to resolve their differences," Bruce said. BlueShield officials said they expected the new system to be controversial, but their goal was to make physicians' pay more equitable in the long run and improve the health of area residents by paying more for preventive care.

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Burley teacher gathers program support

By Lorraine Casener
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A truckload of mis-directed freight, lots of community support and a \$9,000 grant are helping a Burley Elementary School first-grade teacher give children a better chance to learn.

The Cassia County School District got the grant to pursue what the Idaho Department of Education calls a creative and

innovative instructional method. Dworschak received the money for the program, designed by first-grade teacher Melissa Simmons.

The program has had parents who want to help in her classroom, but didn't know exactly

what to do. "We need to get parents educated about what is when spending time with their children at home," Simmons said.

The resource room will give parents opportunities and resources to learn how to help their children at home. The program got a boost not only from the grant, but from Lee

Farmer, a Salt Lake City businessman who deals in selling misdirected freight at a discount. Farmer had 75 boxes of new



Melissa Simmons sits with several first-grade students, some of the resources she will use to teach parents how to help their children with reading and other schoolwork.

educational books the first. Simmons sell to teachers — using money from the grant — at a 25 percent discount. Each teacher spent \$150 of the grant money and got \$350 worth of books.

Simmons said Farmer donated the 20 boxes of leftover books to the program.

She also bought \$200 worth of new books at the mall for \$50, which will be used for the resource room.

And several local businesses have agreed to give discounts on children's books to Dworschak students.

"The businesses were so willing to be generous to participate

in our grant," she said. Dworschak teachers also were more than willing to help. Each teacher is contributing something, be it help laminating book-marks, or volunteering to speak at a workshop.

Simmons is excited about the opportunities the workshops will offer parents. "I know I will be attending them to learn ideas to help my own children, as well as those in my classroom," she said.

Simmons applied for the grant and is putting the resource room together because she wanted to help children have a better way of life.

"We need a lot of follow-through at home," she said. "Parents care, but maybe don't have the skills and strategies." The resource room will be just one more tool to direct parents.

"I believe that as a community we all need to do our part to help one another in teaching and raising educated and respectful citizens," she said. "We need to work together in shaping a great future for these young children."

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Pilot avoids injuries in Burley landing

BURLEY - An Oregon man who had trouble landing his plane Wednesday escaped injury but struck an estimated \$15,000 damage to his plane.

Harry Baumgardner, 73, of Roseburg, Ore., was landing his plane Wednesday morning at the Burley City Municipal Airport when he turned his plane a little too far to one side, said Kevin Gebhart, airport flight line manager. Baumgardner tried to turn the plane back, but overcorrected and collapsed one of the landing gears. Landing gear cannot handle such a side load, Gebhart said.

The plane went left off the runway, struck a lighted sign board, rolled across a second runway and spun 180 degrees before stopping, a police report said. Damage to the sign was estimated at \$500.

In addition to the collapsed landing gear, the plane had damage to its prop, its underside, and its left wing.

Rupert Potato Fest runs today, tomorrow

RUPERT - The "I Love Rupert Potato Fest" will be held Friday and Saturday on Rupert Square.

Here's a rundown of events:

• Friday and Saturday: Arts and crafts booths will be set up both days. Also both days, the Soroptimist Club's potato bar will be open during lunch hours.

• Saturday, 9 a.m.: The Mini-Cassia Red Cross' Spud-Run Race from Lake Walcott to Rupert Square. Those interested in competing in the 11-mile race can call 436-7339 for more details.

• Saturday, 9 a.m.-ORB will offer 30 pounds of potatoes for \$1. The sale will continue until the truckload of spuds is gone. Proceeds from the potato sale will be donated to the Minidoka County Hospital's Ed Richardson Memorial Fund.

• Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Weekly Rupert Square farmers' market.

• Saturday, 10 a.m.: The third annual car show, hosted by the Gang Resistance Education and Training program. The show will feature cars, pickups and motorcycles from the 1920s through the 1990s.

• Saturday, noon: The Sandee Cloggers and David Bean will entertain audiences with their rhythmic musical shows.

• Saturday, 4 p.m.: ORB will sponsor a prize and gift certificate drawing at the square.

For more information, call 436-0221.

Irrigation District plots to October 15

RUPERT - The Board of Directors of the Minidoka Irrigation District has set October 15 for the tentative date for water to be turned out of the district's canal system.

Compiled from staff reports

Replacement frees up Family Forum director

BOISE (AP) - Dennis Mansfield is not yet an official candidate for Congress, but the hiring of someone to replace him as executive director of the Idaho Family Forum gives him more time to prepare for the race.

Mansfield and Mike Lockman, president of the Idaho Family Forum, introduced Minnesota attorney John Elliott on Thursday as the new director of the group affiliated with James Dobson's Focus on the Family organization.

One of Elliott's first tasks may be distinguishing himself from Mansfield, whose harsh style and uncompromising stance against abortion rights earned him the

disdain of many Republican leaders in the Legislature. "Every man's judged by his own actions, his character and his integrity," Mansfield said. "Whatever they like or dislike about me will go with me, and not with the Idaho Family Forum."

Former state lawmakers upset by his perceived emboldening of the means approach was state Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Tveit, who became an opponent of the bill after seeing his district for Mansfield's tactics.

Mansfield said Elliott will not have to be seen as the political bag man as he continues pressing for legal restrictions on abortion.

"It frees up the Idaho Family Forum, and I think it gives the Senate an opportunity to do what's right rather than do what the personality clash between the pro and anti-abortion would warrant - from his point of view, not mine," Mansfield said.

Resigning from the conservative organization he helped found nine years ago with future Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth and others also freed Mansfield to prepare for a possible campaign to succeed Chenoweth as Idaho's 1st District congressman.

He said he no longer will feel compelled to speak out on every issue that affects families, and

instead will be able to reflect on how to best a GOP primary field led by Lt. Gov. But Otter and including former state Republican Chairman Ron McMurray.

"It gives me an opportunity to further look at this time in my life," said Mansfield, who will work as a consultant on youth issues for a national non-profit group based in Manitowish Springs, Colo.

"I'm 43; I'm going to be 44 shortly. And I've gone through a lot more battles probably than most of the legislators in this Capitol have done in the last nine years, and I've had to take the lead on them."

Woodsman may be missing due to foul play, authorities suspect

BOISE (AP) - Authorities suspect a second man whose name has been missing for nearly two weeks may be the victim of foul play.

Kristofer Owens, 19, has been missing from Moscow, Idaho, since Sept. 5 when he left to scout out a hunting area.

near Anderson Ranch Reservoir. Circumstances surrounding Owens' disappearance are prompting officials to suspect foul play now.

Owens' wife and friends found his car parked at Wilson Creek, about a mile and a quarter in area Anderson Ranch Dam.

The diner's side window was broken. Elmore County Sheriff Rick Layher said. Layher also said a caller told his office last week that she knew who broke the window but declined to provide any additional information.

"I'm looking for him real hard, and I'd rather he call me

than I find him," Layher said. The way the car was parked may also indicate that Owens was not driving, Layher said, because it was only partially off the road.

Owens, who grew up in Oregon, carried a rifle and backpack containing food and at least a gallon of water.

Disposal

The crews use proper protective gear, including goggles, a gas mask with an oxygen tank, rubber gloves and boots.

The crews are also trained to handle any possible spills that may occur.

There have not been any spills

yet, though, Awe said, but he added, "I don't want to brag about that. I should probably knock on wood now."

And the cleanup offered a stark reminder of the dangers of chemicals.

Cleanup crews disposed of the clothes worn by Mack Shinn last

month, when he was doused with the toxic chemical acetone.

Beiser, a school teacher and Twin Falls Canal Co. summer employee, was spraying a canister south of Twin Falls when he accidentally backpedaled over the line with his truck, breaking it and spraying the

chemical into the air and onto the ground.

Beiser died the day after the accident.

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Recovery

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The majority of Northwest fisheries scientists say breaching the dams would give salmon their best chance at recovery.

But Bosse fears that with the federal government in chaos on the issue, it will take years before a resolution is reached.

Meanwhile, Idaho irrigation water will continue to be at risk, million of tax dollars will go to continuing recovery efforts, restrictions on grazing, mining and timber harvest along potential salmon streams.

Protecting Idaho's irrigation water and recovering the fish will take political leadership so far absent, he said. The same legislation that authorizes breaching the dams could take Idaho water off the table.

But Bosse's critics say other proposals should be considered, including an improved way of hatching salmon eggs, better ways to keep fish out of turbine intakes, a system of underwater strobe lights that warn salmon away from hazards, and an artificial stream along the existing Snake River that would bypass the hazards of the reservoirs and dams.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is studying a series of options to improve passage for salmon in the lower Snake River. The Corps' study is expected to be completed in December.

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Batter up: Kevin Costner takes the mound in his latest movie.

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Section C

What's goin' on

17/Today

• Light of the World Productions will present William Mastrosimone's "Bang, Bang, You're Dead" at 8 p.m. in Room 119 of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls. Admission is free.

• A Tribute to Roy Orbison will perform two shows a night at Cactus Poles Resort Casino, Jackpot. The 8 p.m. performance is a dinner show; prices start at \$12.95. The 11 p.m. performance is a cocktail show; there's a \$7.50 cover charge. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

• A cornfield maze is open from 4 p.m. until dusk at the Slevvers home, 3425 E. 3500 N., Kimberly (2 miles south and 3/4 mile west of Kimberly stoplight). Admission is \$3 for adults and \$3 for children 10-15. For information, call 423-4327.

• The Echos will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at George K's Restaurant, 275 E. 3 N., Burley.

• Sweet Country Air will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Lincoln Inn Lounge, 413 Main, Gooding.

• Stone Creek will play at 9 p.m. at Boot Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cover charge is \$4.

• X-IT will play from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Western Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

• Cobalt Blue will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$2.

• Scaplor will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Hot Rocks, 170 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls. Cover charge is \$1.

• 1984 will play 80s music from 9 p.m. to midnight at Muggers Lounge, 516 Second St. S., Twin Falls. No cover charge.

• Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Old Town Tavern, 127 S. Park Ave., Twin Falls.

• Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

• Full Moon Music Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave., Burley.

• Karaoke entertainer-of-the-year contest will be held every Friday with finals on Oct. 17 at the club. Participants can act out their favorite music video or make up their own.

• Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont, Rupert.

• Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main N., Twin Falls.

18/Saturday

• Daredevil Eval Knievel will sign autographs from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls, marking the 25th anniversary of his attempt to jump the Snake River canyon. Free.

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10 BEST-SELLING ALBUMS OF ALL TIME

1. "Thriller," Michael Jackson, 25 million
2. "Eagles: Their Greatest Hits," The Eagles, 24 million
3. "Rumours," Fleetwood-Mac, 17 million
4. "The Beatles," The Beatles, 16 million
5. "The Bodyguard," Whitney Houston, 16 million
6. "Boston," Boston, 16 million
7. "Led Zeppelin IV," Led Zeppelin, 16 million
8. "Born in the USA," Bruce Springsteen, 15 million
9. "Cracked Rear View," Hootie & the Blowfish, 15 million
10. "Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette, 15 million

Source: People magazine

1999 is a year of summing up, so every Friday we present the best or most of something in the arts and entertainment world in the 20th century. Send your comments to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83203, fax it to 734-5536, or email to crump@magicvalley.com

Season of the century



Photos courtesy of Community Concerts



The New York-based Arcata String Quartet will perform in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium on April 14.

Festival of Four combines classical guitar, Andean folk music and Spanish flamenco on Feb. 24 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Community Concerts offer individual event tickets on space-available basis

By Denise Turner
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The new Community Concert season is being billed as "1999/2000: The Season of a Century."

The organization actually began in 1927, as a small network of performing artists. With roots in the Great Lakes region and several Eastern states, it evolved, caught fire and grew. Today, there are more than 400 affiliate Community Concert groups.

Here's this year's lineup for Twin Falls:

Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium: Mark Dubois and Gloria Saarinen perform instrumental and vocal favorites spanning the worlds of opera, Broadway and popular standards.

Jan. 20, 7:30 p.m. Roper Auditorium: Robert Trentham performs a moving and humorous show spotlighting the music that sustained the United States during the Civil War. He performs parlor songs, battle hymns and spirituals of the times inspired by his own family history.

Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium: Festival of Four takes audiences on a musical journey through the worlds of classical guitar, Andean folk music and Spanish flamenco. The group consists of three guitarists and a flutist.

April 14, 7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium: The Arcata String Quartet, founded at the Manhattan School of Music in New York City, has toured throughout the United States and Europe.

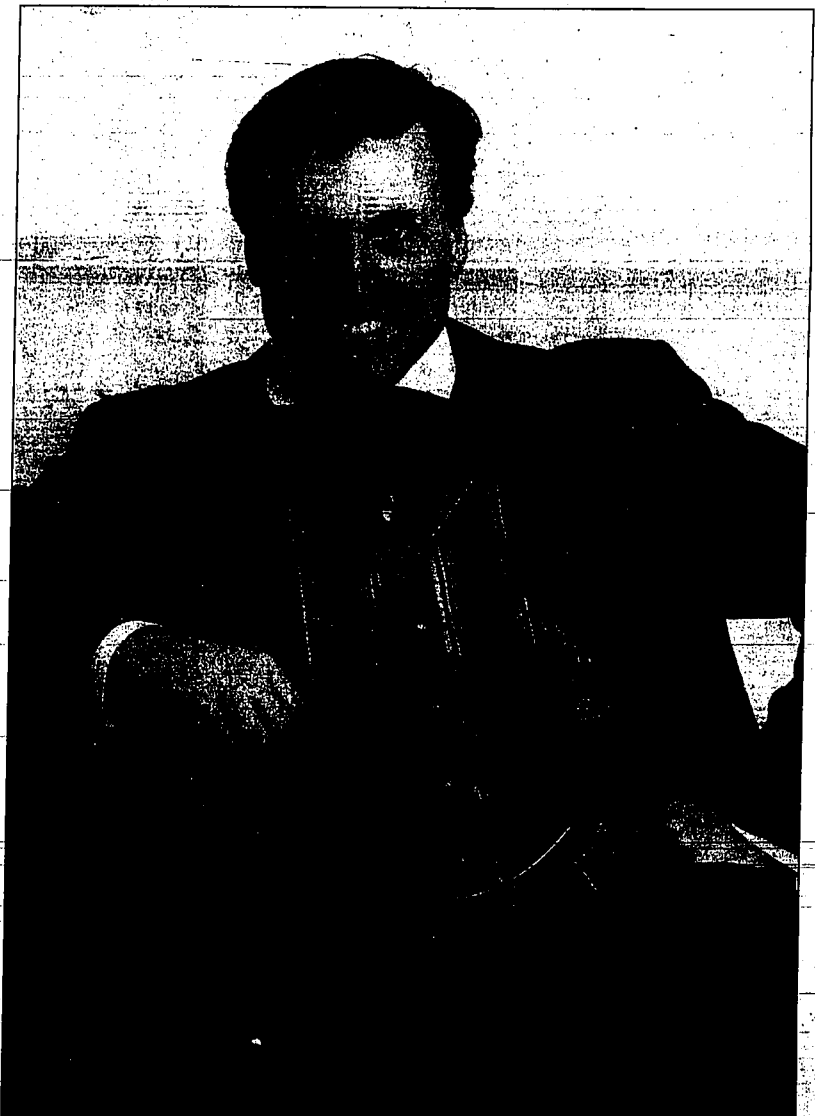
Membership in the Community Concert Association costs \$31.50 for adults, \$15.75 for students or \$78.75 for a family. Members are admitted to all Twin Falls concerts and to other Community Concert Association concerts, space available. Tickets to Twin Falls concerts, priced at \$15, will be available at the door only if space is available.

To order a season membership, make check payable to the Magic Valley Community Concert Association and mail to 524 Sunrise Blvd. N., Twin Falls 83301. Or call 733-8323 or 733-4896.

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Mark Dubois and Gloria Saarinen will sing and play opera, Broadway and popular standards on Oct. 27 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.



American music during the Civil War is the specialty of Robert Trentham, who'll play the Roper Auditorium on Jan. 20.

VIDEOS

Animated 'Prince of Egypt' hits local video stores

Combined wire services

New videos in Twin Falls-area stores this week:

• "The Prince of Egypt" (G) - is "The Prince of Egypt" a good movie or the most expensive Sunday school filmstrip ever made? Really, it's a wonderful essay on the meaning of freedom and the courage it takes to wrestle it from despotism. In that sense, it feels more political and cultural than religious. You don't see faith systems in opposition so much as idea systems.

It is primarily concerned with the first part of the Book of Exodus - you know, the part with all the special effects - it leaves out the rest of the story, the wilderness and, being aimed at families, equally omits the shimmy-shim-sham danced about the bottom of the Red Sea. It begins by watching Baby Moses basket-surf the Nile; to be rescued by an Egyptian princess.

He is raised to privilege in the court of Pharaoh, but when he is to be circumcised, he is to be circumcised. Upon discovering his true Hebrew identity, he suffers a crisis, flees and returns with the Hebrew people. When Pharaoh won't listen, God sends bugs and frogs. The people are ultimately let go, but when Pharaoh goes after them.

There's no revisionist carping about Red/Sea translation confusion. This is the big wet one, baby, and Moses parts it neatly as Elvis parting his first hairdo for Ed Sullivan. When he parts it, he is parting their chariots across the same passage, only Charlie Tuna is around to listen to their complaints.

The movie's proudest accomplishment is that it revises our version of Moses toward something more immediate and believable. This is not the time and the place to bedevil Charlton Heston, who after all can't really invest most of his authority in the unbending paragon of morality, strength and wisdom. Watch the news for seven or possibly as long as 11 seconds and you see how far that one has fallen!

But this Moses, voiced by the less than imperial Val Kilmer, is less a geographic and more a human. This Moses doesn't seem to be posing for Mount Rushmore and you could never see his cheekbones. Wiry and Semitic, he's a man beset with doubts, who feels himself completely unworthy.

When he discovers his secret heritage, he reacts the way Woody Allen at a National Rifle Association president: He gets mopey, depressed and self-loathing. He wants to be hugged.

Without going too far into this matter, it seems clear that this Moses reflects the personality of his creator, DreamWorks co-founder Jeffrey Katzenberg. Possibly he represents a little of Katzenberg's more famous partner, Steven Spielberg, as well. Heston's Big Mo was a vision of the annoyingly Caesarian Cecil B. De Mille, a bald tyrant who stomped around movie sets in jodhpurs and cavalry boots. He believed in the principle of absolute authority - his own - and he directed with the subtlety of a man carving an angel out of a lump of coal with a chisel.



'The Prince of Egypt' brings the story of Moses to animated life.

But this Pharaoh, like the Moses of his opposition, is a man, not a symbol, and in Finnes's reading we hear the tragedy of a king born out of time, shackled to a set of beliefs that are crumbling daily, still in tragic love with a brother who has outgrown him. In the fight of his life, he's overmatched and he doesn't even know it. He's not going against Moses, he's up against the Big Guy Himself.

How do you fight frogs in the billions? And that, of course, gets to the third triumph of this surprisingly short, intense film. It really rides the possibilities of animation out to the limits. The design seems drawn from some of Gustave Dore's scarier prints, and the sense of both the monumental and the inspirational is well evoked. When God sends flames to light up the Egyptian night, they glow with the incandescence of Hell on Earth. When the Red Sea parts, it needs to Heaven, a great backlit wall of undulating, light-diffusing water.

Likewise, the Egyptian architecture has been cleverly created to carry a message. Its geometric mass and density almost beyond human measure apply invoke a world with many followers and but one leader, who in his own mind thought he was beyond human and nearly a god himself. It's the architecture of human delusion, grandly evil in its assumption of the ruler's right to

command the totality of social obedience.

Raise a man in monstrous buildings, and he becomes a monster. So it is with Pharaoh. By contrast, Moses, shorn of the grandeur of architecture that assails Heaven, glimpses man on the horizon and something above. He becomes more human: humbled, doubting, pathetic and, given his persistence in the face of those doubts, truly heroic. That's what "The Prince of Egypt" finally is: a hero's biography.

• "Forces of Nature" (PG-13) - Sandra Bullock, Ben Affleck, Maura Tierney, Steve Zahn, Blythe Danner, Ronny Cox. Unexpected rhythms and an unexpectedly fine performance from Affleck distinguish director Bowen Yegorov's romantic comedy that has its straitlaced its hero torn between fiancée Tierney and free spirit Bullock. PG-13 (sexual situations, profanity) DVD available. (CC) No suggested retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "Cocaine's Fortunes" (PG-13) - Glenn Close, Julianne Moore, Liv Ullmann, Chris O'Donnell, Charles S. Dutton, Patricia Neal, Ned Beatty, Courtney B. Vance, Donald Moffat, Lyle Lovett. Director Robert Altman's sly, shambling tale of characters in a small southern community dealing with the unexpected death of one of their own. No suggested

retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "The Last Days" (PG-13) - Director James Moll's unforgettable and profoundly inspiring film chronicling five Hungarian Jews who survived the Nazi death camps or underground. Produced by Steven Spielberg and Survivors of the Shoah History Foundation. No suggested retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "Children of Heaven" (PG) - Mohammad Amir Najji, Mir Farrokh Hashemian, Funny, suspenseful and deeply spiritual film about a poor Iranian youth who loses his sister's shoes and is determined to get her a new pair. A film about a cross between "The Bicycle Thief" and "Chariots of Fire." In Farsi with subtitles. PG (poverty). No suggested retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "God Said 'Ha'" (PG-13) - Julia Roberts. A film about a woman from Saturday Night Live alumna Sweeney who takes the topic of cancer - it struck both her and her brother in a single year - and treats it with biting humor. Compelling, moving and often very funny. (CC) No suggested retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "The Corrupter" (R) - Chow Yun-Fat, Mark Wahlberg, Yun-Fat's second English-language foray from Saturday Night Live alumna Sweeney who takes the topic of cancer - it struck both her and her brother in a single year - and treats it with biting humor. Compelling, moving and often very funny. (CC) No suggested retail price was set for this video because its supplier deems it primarily for rental.

• "Yellow Submarine" (G) - The voices of the Beatles: Paul McCartney, Peter Dinklage, John Clevis, Dick Emery, Geoffrey Hughes, Lance Percival. Digitally renovated version of the Beatles' surreal, storybook cartoon. Full of warm whimsy and average Beatle songs. Includes a never-before-released sequence, featuring the song "Hey Bulldog." DVD available.

'Blair Witch Project' spawns rental revival

The Seattle Times

Just two months ago, moviegoers were lining up around the block to see Dan Myrick and Ed Sanchez's "The Blair Witch Project." Last weekend, however, attendance dipped to \$800 per theater; the movie is on its way to bargain theaters.

Artisan Entertainment, which doesn't want the picture's momentum to disappear completely, has announced that it will release the video version Oct. 22. The tape sells for \$23; the DVD, which includes the fake documentary, "Curse of the Blair Witch," will go for \$30. "Curse," which was first shown on the Sci-Fi Channel, is also available as a separate \$15 tape. Both the tape and the disc will include "never-before-seen footage," and several Internet sites are already promising the same thing.

Ordinarily it takes a first-run movie several months to hit the video shelves, but "Blair Witch" is being rushed into the market. It's also making its debut on a Friday. Most videos are released on Tuesday. Artisan has decided to push up the date (from Oct. 26) to make it more available as a Halloween release.

The creators of "Blair Witch" have been accused of plagiarism because other movies have used its "mockumentary" format, most notably Lance Weiler and Stefan Avalos' 1997 film, "The Last Broadcast," which Wavelength Releasing and Amazon.com have released as a \$20 cassette. (A DVD version is in the works.)

Both movies deal with three documentary filmmakers who explore the woods in search of a mythical creature, leaving only their footage behind. In "The Last Broadcast," which was shot for \$800 (several thousand less than "Blair Witch"), they're cable-access producers. Weiler

and Avalos think it's a coincidence (both movies were in production around the same time), and they're happy to ride on the more popular partner's coattails.

Also cashing in on the "Blair Witch" phenomenon are the creators of a couple of classic low-budget horror movies that made a fortune when they were first released. Anchor Bay Entertainment has given facelifts to John Carpenter's 1978 thriller, "Halloween," which was made for \$300,000 and became the most successful independent film of the 1970s, and to George A. Romero's 1968 zombie epic, "Night of the Living Dead," which was shot for \$114,000 and grossed at least \$50 million.

Available this week on both tape and DVD, "Halloween" comes in several variations, ranging from a \$15 wide-screen tape to a \$44 two-disc DVD set that includes both the 35mm stereo restoration of the original movie and the edited-for-television version - which features 12 minutes that weren't seen in theaters.

Each tape and disc has a documentary made up of interviews with Carpenter, producer Debra Hill, Nick Castle (a movie director who played the masked killer) and Jamie Lee Curtis, who thought she would be fired during the first day of filmmaking. "I sucked," Carpenter called her that night and assured her that she didn't.

Carpenter also discusses the origins of the deliberately monotonous music he wrote for the picture (could it have been the inspiration for "Eyes Wide Shut's" score?), the word-of-mouth nature of its success, and his justification for the ending: "Evil never dies. You can't kill it."

Anchor Bay's 30th-anniversary "restoration" of "Night of the Living Dead" is also available.

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Costner takes the mound again in 'For Love of the Game'

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Movies playing in south-central Idaho this weekend. Ratings by the Motion Picture Association of America are: (G) general audiences; (PG) parental guidance; (PG-13) parents are strongly cautioned to give guidance to attendance of children younger than 13; (R) restricted, younger than 17 admitted only with parent or adult guardian; (NC-17) no one younger than 17 admitted.

• **"American Pie"** - While eagerly - and grossly - promoting itself as the hottest movie of the summer, this teen comedy (written by East Grand Rapids alum Adam Herz) about four Michigan high schoolers looking to lose their collective virginity on prom night turns out to have a surprisingly big heart, not to mention a lot of appealing young performers. Still, it's not for anyone easily offended or under the presumption that some teenagers think about anything other than sex. And while its honest look at inebriate teens may be commendable, its casual depiction of teen drinking is ill-advised. Rated R for pervasive sexual language.

• **"The Astronaut's Wife"** - Charlize Theron excels in the title role of a woman who begins to suspect that her husband (Johnny Depp), who experienced a mysterious blackout while on a space shuttle mission, has returned not quite the same. Sleek, handsome production value cannot disguise the overly routine nature of the material, but its feature debuting writer-director Raoul Ruwenzel works up some pleasurable suspense. (R for violence, language and a strong sense of sexuality.)

• **"Big Daddy"** - Has anyone been clamoring for Adam Sandler to grow up? Regardless, that's what the infantile comic attempts in this sentimental "Jerry Maguire" sequel, in which he attempts to prevent his girlfriend from leaving by enlisting a two-cute 5-year-old. Instead, Sandler discovers the joy of responsibility and the wholeheartedness that comes with it. (PG-13 for language.)

• **"The Blair Witch Project"** - In 1994, a three-member, college documentary crew making a movie about a murderous serial killer and legend known as the Blair Witch went into the Black Hills Forest to shoot locations. They never came out, but a year later, the footage they shot by accident was discovered. At least that's the premise of this inventive, technically crude, low-budget scare

What's Playing

<p>"American Pie," Liberty Theater</p> <p>"The Blair Witch Project," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"The Astronaut's Wife," Motor View Drive-In</p> <p>"The Blair Witch Project," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"Blue Streak," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"Boyz n the City," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"Daddy Day Camp," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"Deep Blue Sea," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"A Dog of Flanders," Reel Theater</p> <p>"Dudley Do-Right," Reel Theater</p> <p>"For the Love of the Game," Twin Cinema</p> <p>"The Haunting," Reel Theater</p> <p>"Inspector Gadget," Reel Theater</p>	<p>"Limbo," Magic Lantern</p> <p>"Muppets in Space," Liberty Theater</p> <p>"My Life So Far," Magic Lantern</p> <p>"Mystery Men," Liberty Theater</p> <p>"Outside Providence," SixTime Cinemas</p> <p>"The Sixth Sense," Magic Lantern</p> <p>"Star Wars Episode II: The Phantom Menace," Sun Valley Opera House</p> <p>"Suzanna," SixTime Cinemas</p> <p>"This Is My Father," Magic Lantern</p>
<p>"Big Daddy," Darley Theater</p> <p>"Blue Streak," Century Cinema</p> <p>"For the Love of the Game," Century Cinema</p> <p>"Runaway Bride," Century Cinema</p> <p>"The Sixth Sense," Century Cinema</p> <p>"Suzanna," Century Cinema</p> <p>"The 13th Warrior," Century Cinema</p>	<p>"American Pie," Jerome Cinema</p> <p>"For the Love of the Game," Jerome Cinema</p> <p>"The Sixth Sense," Jerome Cinema</p> <p>"Star Wars Episode II: The Phantom Menace," Jerome Cinema</p>
<p>"American Pie," Liberty Theater</p> <p>"The Blair Witch Project," Magic Lantern</p> <p>"For the Love of the Game," Magic Lantern</p>	<p>"The Blair Witch Project," Gooding Cinema</p>

lick, one of the big hits of this year's Sundance Festival. Muchly improvised and always unsettling, it's a long time to take itself seriously. Rated R, language, the violence is all psychological.

• **"Inspector Gadget"** - Jewel thief Martin Lawrence's look is hidden beneath a new police station, so the comic poses as a detective in order to retrieve his cash. (PG-13 for action violence, coarse language and some crude humor.)

• **"Boyz n the City"** - Steve Martin stars and co-stars in this one of the pastures. He plays a loser director who conceals a plan to make a movie with the biggest action star in Hollywood - without the star's knowledge. Eddie Murphy is hilarious as the obnoxious actor and a look-alike stand-in; Heather Graham, Christine



Kevin Costner takes the mound in 'For Love of the Game.'

enough of these movies to know a brother has bad odds, everyone else is too anonymous to seriously bet on. Not that director Renny Harlin would recognize an actual human emotion if it bit him; here, it's hard not to root for the sharks. Rated R; gore, language.

• **"The Dinner Game"** - In this Abbott-and-Costello-style comedy from Francis Veber ("La Cage aux Folles"), Thierry Lhermitte is a wealthy publisher who competes with his friends in a weekly game of trying to bring the biggest idiot to dinner. But what he thinks is his dream winner, a

bumbling bureaucrat who builds matchstick models of monuments, turns out to be his worst nightmare. Not rated; language. 1 hour, 28 minutes.

• **"Dudley Do-Right"** - Squawking Brendan Fraser as the trusty Mountie inspired by the Jay Ward TV cartoon - can't help this tiresome, inept farce that isn't even a fraction as clever or entertaining as it thinks it is. Alfred Molina and Sarah Jessica Parker co-star. (PG for mild comic action violence, and for brief language and innuendo.)

• **"A Dog of Flanders"** - A

Big box office

- Last weekend's top-grossing movies:
- "Suzanna," MGM
 - "The Sixth Sense," Disney
 - "Star of Troves," Arisan
 - "Runaway Bride," Paramount
 - "Boyz n the City," Universal
- Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

clunky film set in early 19th century Flanders about an orphaned boy (played by Jesse James' young son, Jeremy James Kissner) and his faithful companion, a big, black, fluffy Bouvier des Flanders. Those familiar with the book by Ouida, on which this film is based, will be interested to know the ending has been changed, into one much happier. The trade-off for this loss of profundity is a gain in user-friendliness. With Jon Voight and Cheryl Ladd. (PG for some mild violence, mild language and thematic elements.)

• **"For Love of the Game"** - It's big-dedication time for Kevin Costner, a veteran pitcher who's about to be traded by his team and left by his woman. Directed by Sam Raimi ("A Simple Plan"), (PG-13 for brief strong language and some sexuality.)

• **"The Haunting"** - Jan De Bont's cynical, inspired remake of an understated 1963 chiller is yet another glaring example of Hollywood hubris, a haunted house movie that substitutes special effects for suspense and subverts a perfectly serviceable story. Liam Neeson plays a doctor who recruits three unwitting subjects for a psychological experiment in a haunted house. Rated PG-13; violence.

• **"Inspector Gadget"** - Disney's "Gadget" has all the accessories, bells and whistles that money can buy. So why doesn't it go? Because it's an unapologetic mishmash of special effects and slapstick that even the most devoted kid audiences will recognize as a scrambled bucket of bolts. Rated PG; nothing objectionable.

• **"Limbo"** - The latest film from indie pioneer John Sayles puts us in Alaska at the cross-

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Costner declares free agency from latest

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD - In his new film, "For Love of the Game," Kevin Costner plays an aging Detroit Tigers pitcher on the mound for what may be his final game. The 44-year-old movie star looks like the real thing - he even talks like one. He's a right-hander, like a bona fide baseball player.

The only problem: Costner has been writing movies for one of the sport's spried diamond divas (then an old-fashioned hardball) women. Costner, who has an industry reputation as a temperamental, has been primarily teaming with Universal Pictures over the film's length and rating. But last week he went public with his thoughts in a Newsweek interview, lambasting Universal for caring in to the Motion Picture Association of America's (MPAA) Theatrical Rating Board's study of hurting the film, which opens Friday nationwide.

"For Universal, this movie has always been about the length and the rating," he told the magazine. "It's never been about the content. You feel a studio would want to release the best version of the movie, and they don't think appeals to the biggest common denominator... Universal wasn't even willing to try to fight the MPAA. They said it would be an open good. The love of the game, I believe, is wanting (in Hollywood)..."

"It's outrageous, coming before the movie has even opened," infuriated Universal and was a rare breach of the usual "ambiguity" publicity that movie stars do in the release of a new film. "For Love of the Game" director Sam Raimi says Costner was upset

over several lines of humorous, obscenity-laced dialogue that were trimmed or altered so that the film could receive a PG-13 rating.

The MPAA allows only one PG-13 film, and then only if it is not used in a sexual context. One exchange stripped from the film involved an obnoxious sports fan and a feisty female bartender. Responding to the fan's use of a curse word, the bartender barked, "Hey, no cursing in my bar, (expletive)!" In another scene, co-star Kelly Preston, embarrassed that she slept with Costner on their first date, explained that she's not just an easily seduced baseball player. In the finished film, her original line has been replaced so that she now says, "I just don't screw like that."

"I agree with Kevin - I miss the explicit language," says Raimi, who big haul with the bartender's line and it's really a great moment. But the MPAA wouldn't let it, under any circumstances if he wanted a PG-13. Instead, stand Kevin's feelings. It's a very personal film to Kevin - I even own home movies of him and his wife in the 1970s - and he doesn't want it tampered with

in any way.

"But I'm very happy with the film. It's still a very real story about someone who grows as a person and becomes worthy of a woman's love."

(Costner was out of the country and did not respond to requests for an interview for this story.)

Industry insiders say Universal's willingness to stand up to Costner was a rare display of backbone by a studio pitted against an animal industry. Universal has failed to take herd on runaway productions, resulting in such flops as "Waterworld," "Virus," "Meet Joe Black" and "Babe: Pig in the City." But the actions of Universal Pictures co-chairman Stanley J. Jaffe, backed by Universal Studios chief Jeffrey Meyers, seem to send a message that the studio, while supporting director Raimi, is now less tolerant of superstar demands.

"Kevin is not the director, and it's not fair for him to hijack a \$20 million asset," Jaffe says. "I realize this is very much about pride for Kevin, but pride doesn't mean that you never compromise. Our feeling is that we have backed the filmmaker and his name is Sam Raimi, not Kevin Costner."

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Movies

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roads, where we mourn the past, then come back to capitalize on it, and still somehow hope to forget it—that's why they came. Representing the starting-over camp is singer Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio, mother of fallen teen Yanna Marinis. Mastrantonio hooks up with withdrawn handyman and native David Strathairn and gets more adventure than she bargained for. The film's title should be taken seriously, if you only like neat resolutions, this is not your cup of neat. Rated R, violence. 2 hours, 5 minutes.

on a cult-fave comic book, "Mystery Men" sends a hopeless band of wannabe superheroes with marginal powers, such as the Shovel (William H. Macy), the Bowler (Janeane Garofalo) and Mr. Furious (Ben Stiller), into battle against a sneering psychotic supervillain (Geoffrey Rush) to mostly hilarious effect. Best of all, the movie pays you the compliment of assuming you get the gags. Rated PG-13, violence. 1 hour, 48 minutes.



A Mellow moment in 'The Sixth Sense'.

ing, either serious or comical, in this fish-out-of-water/coming-of-age tale, which finds Alec Baldwin in one of his best portrayals ever as a much, embittered single parent. With Amy Smart, George Wendt, Jr. for pervasive teen drug use and strong language including sexual references.

three certifiably great action sequences. Rated PG, violence. 2 hours, 12 minutes.
• "Stigmata" - A priest (Gabriel Byrne) is dispatched by the Vatican to investigate the troubling case of a woman (Patricia Arquette) assaulted by an unseen attacker. (R for intense violent sequences, language and some sexuality.)
• "The Thomas Crown Affair" - The suspense of "The Thomas Crown Affair" is supposed to hinge on whether bounty hunter Catherine Banner (Renée Russo) and art thief Thomas Crown (Pierce Brosnan) are falling in love or simply playing each other. But the film has no real tension, dramatic, sexual or otherwise. It's just glossy high-end fantasy, a riff through a catalog of things you could never afford. Rated R, nudity, sexual situations. 1 hour, 48 minutes.

Goin' on

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• Light of the World Productions will present William Mastrantonio's "Bang Bang, You're Dead" at 8 p.m. in the Room 1100 at the College of Southern Idaho. Fine Arts Center in Twin Falls. Admission is free.

• The Wood River Valley's annual culinary fund-raiser, "Best of the Valley," will be held Saturday from 5-8 p.m. in the Elkhorn Resort Plaza in Sun Valley. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Proceeds go to benefit the Blaine County Youth Task Force. (775) 488-2338.

• The 24th annual Stanley Emergency Services Ball will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Redfish Lake Lodge. Doors open at 6 p.m. Music will be provided by Fat Jatin and the Three Stars. Admission is \$10 per person or \$15 for couples. Five Fat Express will offer shuttle service to and from Stanley, starting at 8 p.m. at Mountain Village Resort.
• The Log Cabin Literary Center Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Log Cabin Library Center, 201 E. Capitol Blvd. (at the Boise Public Library, 715 Capitol Blvd., the Idaho Historical Museum, 670 N. Julia Davis Drive, and at the Boise Art Museum, 670 Julia Davis Drive. All events are free. For information, call (208) 331-4000.

23/Thursday
• Danny Marona will perform at an 8 p.m. dinner show and an 11 p.m. cocktail show, Cactus Petes Resort Casino, Jackpot. Dinner show prices start at \$10.95, there's a \$7.50 cover charge for the cocktail show. For reservations and information, call (800) 821-1103.

• Trippin' Billies will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Weston Plaza, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls. Every week, 'Who's Got' On lists arts and entertainment's events throughout south-central Idaho. To get an item listed in the calendar, send it to Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Deadline is noon Wednesday.

• The eighth annual Episcopalian Evening, a benefit sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation, will be held at 7 p.m. at the Blue Canyon Club in Twin Falls. Tickets, which are \$60, can be reserved by calling the MVRMC Foundation office at 737-2480.

• A cornfield maze is open from 1 p.m. until dusk at the Seivers home, 3425 E. 3600 N., Kimberly (2 miles south and 9/2 mile west of Kimberly stoplight). Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10-15. For information, call 423-4327.

19/Sunday
• A Tribute to Roy Orbison will perform from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.

Big House
• Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.
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• Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne and Bruce Hornsby will perform at the Idaho Center in Nampa at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$27.50, \$37.50 and \$42.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 425-1766.

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Living Dead" (520) has proven more controversial, and with good reason. The credits now read "John 'R. Romero' who wrote the script, was the movie's chief creator, apparently because this version includes 15 minutes of lame, unnecessary new footage, which is recently shot. Romero approved the changes, but they add nothing essential while removing about the same amount of footage from the 96-minute original. Fortunately, Romero's 1968 cut is still available. Perhaps the best version is Anchor Bay's four-year-old double cassette box, which includes the original film's trailers plus Kevin O'Brien's amusing parody, "Night of the Living Bread," in which slices of white bread immobilize the human victims. Plastic sandwich bags are used to counter-attack, and the film concludes with a credit for a "bread wrangler."

20/Monday
• Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. N., Twin Falls.
• Dusty and the Nomads will perform from 8 p.m. to midnight at Spänbauer's Barn on U.S. Highway 93, east of Jerome. Cover charge is \$5. Call 324-7366.
• Järdgich Harvest Dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Hall in Jarbove, Nev. Chuck and Inna Daniels will provide the music with a six-piece orchestra band. For more information, call (775) 488-2318 or ...and out of the valley ...

21/Tuesday
• Big House will perform at 8 p.m. at the Ballroom on the corner of Shoshone Street and Second Avenue. Tickets, which are \$10 in advance at the Music Exchange, are \$12 at the door.
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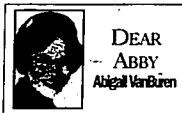
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Son's dream is nightmare for divorced mom

DEAR ABBY: My son is marrying a wonderful lady in a few short weeks. My problem is, he's insisting that I dance with his father, whom I divorced a few years ago. My divorce was very hard on me, but afterward I lived my life without fear - until now. I am engaged to a wonderful man whom my son appears to like. I am so upset over this request that I touch or put my arms around my ex-husband that I don't know what to do. This man put me through pure hell before I left, and my son knows it. When I left I had nothing. My parents paid for my divorce, apartment and my son's college education. His father lied, would bring his girlfriend into our home with us there, never paid bills, even borrowed our son's cell phone, ran up \$500 in charges and refused to pay. When an important event is going on in my son's life, I'm there and always civil to his father. But I will not do that man

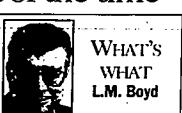


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America were more "tolerant and caring" toward our neighbors, that you remember a gentler time when "America pictured itself more a melting pot and less a patchwork quilt." A gentler time for whom? Certainly not for ethnic minorities, whoever they happened to be at any time in our history. Whether they be Irish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Hispanic, African-American, etc., all were and some remain excluded from mainstream America. The patchwork quilt you mention is a product of that exclusion - and to think otherwise is looking at reality through rose-colored glasses. A glaring example of that exclusion is here in Los Angeles. It is common knowledge that the fall television schedule has all but eradicated any sense of inclusion, with programming almost exclusively comprising white actors. Los Angeles is one of the largest multicultural cities in the world! I certainly agree with you about how this world would be a more hospitable place if attitudes were more inclusive, and I recognize the efforts of individuals and organizations that work toward that goal. But please do not continue to perpetuate the myth about the so-called "gender time."

Prodigies have gift of music - at least most of the time

Prodigies abound, but the most common kind is said to be the boy gifted in music. Second blood is blue. And it's a lot thinner than human blood. Q: How can you be blinded by a blow to the back of the head when your eyes are up front? A: Yes, you are a little like lenses in periscopes. They're not where you actually see. Where you see is at a point just above the back of your neck. The oldest instrument used by humans is thought to be the toothpick. Q: Isn't every hawk a falcon? A: No, but every falcon is a hawk. Q: The firefly flashes its light every eight seconds, right? A: When the air temperature is



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Aries better revise plans; money comes to Scorpio

IF SEPTEMBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are due for luck today. You don't have down challenges, you are capable of being rich, powerful, capricious. Cancer-born people play major roles in your life, could have letters, initials in names. H, Q, Z. Before September is history, you'll have gained financially and lost in your life, could have letters. During October, plan to move for new start in different direction. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plans to travel will be revised, enthusiasm is reawakened. Love plays major role, main players include Leo and Aries. Scorpio is independent course. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on publicity, public appearances, proposals that include child and marriage. Cancer native would like to get in the act. Exercise caution. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go slow. Be a shrewd observer. Spotlight on close emotional ties, marital status. Make decision, follow through on it. Sagittarian figurehead. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some people are afraid of your ambition - they feel you are a threat. Soften this by being diplomatic, making intelligent concessions. Scorpio involved. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You exude an aura of personal magnetism, sensuality, sex appeal. Creative juices stir, pursue endeavor worthy of your effort. Gemini plays role. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around income

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potential, art objects, marital status. Much time will be taken concerning where you live, ability to beautify home. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep track of debts, promises, steer clear of self-deception. Short trip involves relative, you'll be asked to do a big favor. Pisces plays major role. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check Cancer message for added wisdom. Make this your power-play day - you'll be asked to organize assets. Money comes your way, you'll work for it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stress universal appeal, do research on how people live in other lands. Romantic reunion, make the most of it. Burden will be lifted. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is time for fresh start, highlight independence of thought, action. Secret meeting takes place, you'll be taken by surprise. Leo plays dominant role. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Lunar position emphasizes spectacular run of luck. Popularity on the rise, excellent for utilizing powers of persuasion to win friends, influence important people. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Diversify versatility, look beyond the immediate. You realize potential and turn a new leaf. Sense of humor gets you in and out of tight spots.

Demi tries role as guest editor
NEW YORK (AP) - Actress Demi Moore is trying out a new role - guest editor in chief. Moore will oversee the Claire magazine's millennium issue, scheduled to hit the stands Nov. 5. "Demi has a great sense of style, a sense of humor, and a sense of justice. She has beauty and brains," said the magazine's editor in chief, Glenda Bailey. Travolta, Preston expecting
LOS ANGELES - Kelly Preston and John Travolta are co-producing a new project: Baby No. 2. "I'm pregnant!" Preston told host Jay Leno on Wednesday's "The Tonight Show."

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ENGAGEMENT

NORTON-HAYCOCK

BURLEY - Steve and Kathy Norton of North Logan, Utah, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mindy Norton to Cody C. Haycock, son of Con and Vicki Haycock of Burley.

Norton attended Blackfoot High School in Blackfoot and graduated from Sky View High School in Smithfield, Utah, in 1998.

She completed a medical assisting degree through the Academy of Medical Careers and plans to obtain a degree in elementary education from Utah State University in Logan, Utah. She is employed at Western Plasma in Logan.

Haycock graduated in 1995 from Burley High School and the Burley Seminary. He served an Australia Peace Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is attending Utah State University in Logan and is employed by Cusma Fence Co. in Logan.

The wedding is planned for today in the Logan LDS Temple in Logan, Utah. A garden reception will be held to honor the couple from 6 to 8 p.m. this evening at the Norton residence in North Logan.

An open house to honor the couple will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at the Sweetheart



Mindy Norton and Cody Haycock

Manor, Overland Avenue and 2nd Street in Burley.

The couple will reside in Cove, Utah, and continue their education at Utah State University.

ANNIVERSARY

THE GRIFFITHISES

HAZELTON - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Griffiths will be honored at an open house Sunday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Okelberry residence, 1170 S. 1900 E., Hazelton. The couple requests no gifts.

Griffiths and Shirley McClain were married Sept. 23, 1949, in Boise.

The event is being given by their children and grandchildren, Connie (Randee) Martin of Paul, and Cheryl (Mark) Okelberry and Gerald (Sandy) Griffiths, all of Hazelton.



Shirley and Harold Griffiths

'Chill Factor' will leave audience cold; 'Providence' has good music

Combined wire services

'Chill Factor' - Twin Cinema
 For: Mature teens to adults who enjoy a buddy movie.

What it's about: Mason (Skeet Ulrich) is told the two weeks the night shift at a small diner. One night, a new ice cream man, Arlo (Cuba Gooding Jr.), makes a delivery, and the two are hampered by over something, a man (David Paymer) who's been shot stumbles into the diner. With his dying breath he tells the two they have to take a chemical weapon named Elvis (it will blow everything up if it gets too hot, thus the ice-cream truck and lots of Elvis jokes) to a fort 50 miles away and keep it out of the hands of a demented and vengeful former military man (Peter Firth) and his band of terrorists, who want to sell it to the highest bidder.

The good: Gooding is likable and Ulrich has a screen presence. Both are hampered by a limited script. The two try to spur some interest with their verbal sparring, one-liners and frustration with the situation, but given the limitations of the script, they can't carry it off. Most of the action and chase scenes are cliché or borrowed from other movies. This movie relies on lots of explosions, chase scenes, car crashes, a high body count and several "out-of-the-back" kill moments aimed at a male audience.

The not-so-good: Since this is an adventure action thing, a chance that will incinerate human flesh if it explodes, some scenes naturally show that. There also are several scenes that eliminate the bad guys in grisly ways.

Offensive language: Yes, mostly crude dialogue and sex.

Sex: None

Violence: Human flesh melting from a chemical explosion; men killed, run over, shot, stoned, one of the deaths is a woman who ditches it out and gets killed in the process.

Parental advisory: This is an action adventure that older teens might be interested in, but the violence makes it suitable for mature audiences only.

Entertainment value: C

'Outside Providence' (R) - Twin Cinema, SKiTime Cinemas of Ketchum.

Best for: Baby boomers who'll find a story set in the '70s with a great soundtrack.

What it's about: A Pawtucket, R.I., blue-collar kid, Tim "Duh" Dunphy (Shawn Hatosy), gets in trouble with his low-life friends by smoking dope in a car and running into the back of a police cruiser. His brother Baldwin pulls some strings and gets him into a prep school. After some tough trials at school with his new friends and a girl, he grows up.

The good: The best thing is the soundtrack full of wonderful songs from the '70s. There are a couple of sweet scenes between boy and girl and some funny lines at school between friends.

The not-so-good: Baldwin's annoying fake accent and crude character are among elements that ruin the movie. There's a side plot about Duh's kid brother, who uses a wheelchair, but that, too, is clumsily handled. This is a crude and crass look at a blue-collar kid who makes good by going to prep school, but the problem is we never buy the fact that he's smart enough to pass or bright enough to snag the girl at school and most popular girl at school.



Except for the great soundtrack, this one's worth missing. Offensive language: Frequent. Sex: Only alluded to, no nudity or anything shown.

Violence: A few scuffles between the boys in the class. Parental advisory: This is not a movie for kids. Teens might enjoy the dope-smoking scenes filled with music, romance, the sight gags of friends doing bizarre disgusting things, the unattractive hero who gets the popular girl and the idea that a poor student can make it in a prep school. There are scenes they will find funny, but overall it's not a good movie.

Entertainment value: D

...also...

'Big Daddy' (PG-13) - Adam Sandler is the living embodiment of the PG-13 rating. Just think of his movies as crude-humor without taste. In "Big Daddy," he gives a young kid a try, but parents need to worry about anything such as adult sexuality learning - a bad example is as obvious as Sandler's Sexxy Knofax get. Brevast jokes abound, however, and wait until you hear this movie's idea of perfect parenting (Beverly Hills Cop).

'Bowfinger' (PG-13) - Kids who loved Eddie Murphy in "Doctor Dolittle" and "The Nutty Professor" should be warned that "Bowfinger" is a different sort of animal. There are satirical portions of sex and satire. One of the movie's funniest moments involves the character running across a crowded Los Angeles freeway. Don't try that at home, kids. (94 minutes) (Twin Cinema)

'The Dinner Game' (PG-13) - Not really for kiddies, this broad French comedy from the director of "La Cage aux Folles" got its rating for language and decidedly adult themes including adultery. English subtitles. (90 minutes) (Magic Lantern of Ketchum)

'A Dog of Flanders' (PG) - Despite departures from the original text, director Kevin Brodie's tender adaptation of Marie Louise de la Ramee's children's book should delight fans. There is brief violence as brutal dog owner accidentally dies in a scuffle. But the movie deals mostly with love and the power of dreams. (100 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

'The Day After Tomorrow' (PG) - A tame, live-action adaptation of the Jay Ward cartoon. It has no sex or swearing, although it does show the hero using (and firing) a machine gun on his motorcycle. Its brevity is suited to a parent's patience and a child's attention span. (75 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

'The Hot Chick' (PG-13) - This film gives parents and teachers headaches and their kids nightmares. It's filled with the ghosts of dead children, ominous furniture and sleep deprivation and strange nocturnal noises. None of it is scary for grown-ups, but young kids definitely will get nervous. (129 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

'Inspector Gadget' (PG) - There's not much in adult content to make parents worry about. The cartoonish "Zorro," and a kiss on the cheek makes the hero's heart flutter. But as a cartoon-based creation, Inspector Gadget does R. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Cinema of Burley)

has his hand crushed by a bowling ball. (75 minutes) (Reel Theater of Twin Falls)

'Mickey Blue Eyes' (PG-13) - Proper Englishman inadvertently gets involved with the mob. This funny screwball comedy has brief profanity, some violence and a bit of sexuality. (105 minutes) (Twin Cinema)

'Muppets in Space' (G) - Young sci-fi fans should revel in this witty spoof of "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "Men in Black" and "Close Encounters." Adults may also appreciate the sweet message at the heart of the story. (82 minutes) (Liberty Theater of Halley)

'My Life So Far' (PG-13) - Picturish coming-of-age tale in 1927 Scotland hinges on a father and his 10-year-old son becoming rivals for an uncle's young French fiancée. The precocious kid amuses himself with his late grandfather's library of sexy engravings. (93 minutes) (Magic Lantern of Ketchum)

'Mystery Men' (PG-13) - Frenzied, brainless superhero send-up features a flatulent and neurotic Sody, gas passing passes for humor these days, especially in PG-13 movies. Some minor violence and comic weirdness, but the message - stick together and be yourself - is actually a winner. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Liberty Theater of Halley)

'Nothing Hill' (PG-13) - This one has all the earmarks of a great date flick. Parents should know that it contains a few naughty words and does not take a tsk-tsk attitude toward pre-marital sex. Instead, it takes a warm and accepting view of the future, in all its unpredictable whims.

'Nothing Hill' tells the story of a mild-mannered book merchant (Hugh Grant) whose life is turned upside down when a famous movie star (Julia Roberts) walks into his shop. They fall in love, but there are complications along the way. (75 minutes) (Grand-Vu Drive-in of Twin Falls)

'Runaway Bride' (PG) - A movie with real people instead of cartoon figures. What a concept - for adults and kids. Plus, this chemistry-laden romantic comedy with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere is a good date movie for teens. (Twin Cinema, Grand-Vu Drive-in of Twin Falls)

'The Sixth Sense' (PG-13) - Older teens may enjoy this chilling ghost story/psychological drama, but scenes of children seeing and hearing as ghosts will definitely upset some youngsters. (Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Magic Lantern of Ketchum)

'Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace' (PG) - The younger your kids, the more they will enjoy this entertaining one. One of the hero's is a 9-year-old Anakin Skywalker, and he gets to enter one of the most exciting action scenes in the entire George Lucas canon. Parents may have trouble explaining to their younger children that this likable young boy grows up to be the nefarious Darth Vader. Most of the violence is of a bloodless, comic-strip manner, not meant to be taken seriously. (130 minutes) (Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Sun Valley Opera House)

'The 13th Warrior' (PG) - This is a family-friendly like "Zorro," and because of the bloody, intense fight scenes and mature themes, it's for mature audiences only. Directed R. (Reel Theater of Twin Falls, Cinema of Burley)

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Pearl Jam's front man opens up about his success

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — The trouble with leading the most durable, charismatic and intriguing rock band of the '90s is that it makes you a rock star.

"Being a musician feels natural," Pearl Jam's Eddie Vedder says in a very rare interview. "I always knew I wanted to do it. The hard part was the rock-star thing. I didn't understand it. I didn't understand the attention. It's like — there's nothing you can do with it. You lose your privacy. You lose your ability to observe situations without changing them simply by entering."

But Vedder, in town for a benefit with Pete Townshend, isn't complaining. It's more like he's thinking out loud — something fans will recognize from Pearl Jam records. He likes to look at all sides of things, and he doesn't always choose just one.

If Vedder usually never talks about his offstage life, he'll casually mention the personal connection he felt during an earlier collaboration with Townshend at a multiple-sclerosis benefit.

"My dad had MS, too," he says.

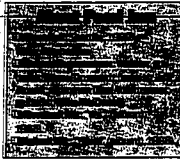


Pearl Jam has become one of the most successful rock groups of the '90s. Eddie Vedder, left, has mixed feelings about his success.

"I didn't get to know my dad. I just bumped into him a couple of times."

If he laments his lost privacy, few rock records of the '90s have

shared open the veins of a bloody childhood like "Ten," the 1992 Pearl Jam album that soared on the charts for five years and sold 10 million copies.



If the impressed rock fans by saying, "I don't think it means anything," whom he accepted Pearl Jam's 1995 Grammy, his remark also made some wonder why the band was onstage accepting in the first place.

Right now, because it's the 1998 album "Yield" didn't soar to multi-platinum levels as fast as its four predecessors — which collectively sold more than 30 million copies — Vedder is hearing murmurs that Pearl Jam is finished, that maybe they've hit their last record.

That's what Vedder is second about music. He signs a record deal on an oral sell order, but Pearl Jam's 1998 tour was a rousing success, and their next

record is already under way.

To Vedder, this is opportunity — not crisis.

"Right now, I'm in a good space," he says, sitting on a long couch surrounded by a guitar, a portable CD player, a well-worn composition notebook and a small wine glass into which he neatly places American Spirit cigarette butts. "I'm making music for music's sake, and I have an audience I'm proud of."

Nor is Pearl Jam slipping out of sight. They have a track called "The Whale Song" on the new "Music for Our Mother Ocean" benefit CD that comes out Tuesday. And Vedder sings two songs — "Heart to Hang On" and "Magic Bus" — on a Townshend CD that benefits the Maryville school for abused children. That's due out Sept. 21.

Then there's "Last Kiss," a song the band produced just for its fans last year. It exploded into a top-10 national radio smash this summer.

That last development seems to leave Vedder bemused. What can he say?

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Boise Cascade Corp. completes acquisition

BOISE - Boise Cascade Corp. said Thursday it has completed the acquisition of Furman Lumber Inc., a privately held building materials distributor.

The acquisition adds 12 regional distribution centers in Eastern, Midwestern and Southern states to Boise Cascade's existing 16 building materials centers primarily in the Western half of the nation, the Boise-based company (NYSE: BCC) said.

Terms were not disclosed. "We are proud to have Furman as part of Boise Cascade's expanding building materials distribution system," said Stan Bell, vice president for Boise Cascade's Building Materials Distribution Division. "Adding Furman's expertise and distribution centers allows us to serve a growing number of customers on a nationwide basis."

Furman Lumber, founded in 1956 and headquartered in Billerica, Mass., recorded 1999 fiscal year sales of \$574 million, Boise Cascade said.

AT&T forms alliance with British Telecommunications

LONDON - British Telecommunications plc said Thursday it has linked with AT&T Corp. to form a new global alliance to provide seamless mobile communications.

"The companies' wireless businesses cover 17 countries with a total market population of more than one billion and have a customer base of 41 million. "Our joint vision is to be global leaders in mobility by providing seamless, best-value, leading-edge services to our rapidly growing customer base around the world," said Sir Peter Bonfield, BT's chief executive.

The alliance is the latest in a series of joint initiatives between BT and AT&T over the past 14 months. Their \$10 billion global venture to provide data, voice and video services to business customers worldwide, announced in July 1998, still is awaiting regulatory approval.

Developing new services for global travelers and multinational enterprises will be a major focus for Advance. The alliance will have the largest-ever mobile coverage footprint.

H.J. Heinz considered ready for major merger deal

PITTSBURGH - Speculation intensified this week that H.J. Heinz Co. could soon strike a deal to merge, though maybe not with its first choice. The Pittsburgh-based ketchup king has been in intense negotiations in recent weeks to combine with a listed U.S. food company. Wall Street analysts said the most likely bedfellow was Englewood Cliffs, N.J.-based Bestfoods, maker of Skippy peanut butter and Hellmann's mayonnaise.

Bestfoods, however, issued a statement denying the talks, saying "no significant acquisition or combination discussions are in progress."

Heinz declined comment. "Some observers took Bestfoods' statement to mean talks had broken off but could pick up again. The denial also led some to believe Heinz's negotiations were with another company, such as Campbell Soup or Quaker Oats, though both are significantly smaller than the \$9 billion-a-year Heinz.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Playing along - in style

Entrepreneur's colorful idea shows up in retail outlets

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - It's one of those products that makes clever investors hit their heads and say, "Why didn't I think of that?" Michael Nostrant did and he's clearing up.

His idea? Extension cords in 17 colors. No, not exactly a new computer operating system or bioengineered drug. But his cords satisfy every Martha Stewart wannabe looking for a way to hide the power cord running to a television.

Got a fuchsia carpet? No problem. Nostrant's got a fuchsia cord. Not only fuchsia, he's also got emerald, powder pink, pewter and smoky blue. He's also got Christmas-themed cords. He calls them his Jelly Cords.

"I knew it was a good idea when people said either they've already seen it out there or why didn't I think of that?" Nostrant said.

His company, SNS International in the Torrance section of Los Angeles, sells them to big retailers such as Linens 'n Things, Bed Bath and Beyond and scores of smaller stores. The cords are priced from \$1.99 to \$2.99.

"He has tapped into a need where people recognize they want an attractive living room and they don't want a black extension cord messing it up," said Marilyn Raymond, director of marketing for New Product Showcase and Learning Center in Atlanta, N.C., a new products consulting firm. "This can be a small addition that enhances (the home) without being expensive."

The key to a product's success is for it to be "truly innovative and something consumers perceive as a need," she added.

In July, Jelly Cords hit the market. In one month, they sold 294,000 units.



Michael Nostrant holds a selection of his Jelly Cords that come in 17 colors, from fuchsia to smoky blue. Nostrant's company, SNS International in Torrance, Calif., sells the extension cords to retail stores such as Bed Bath and Beyond. In just one month, Nostrant sold 294,000 units.

Earnings at Pier 1 Imports sink 68 percent

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas - Strong sales in August helped Pier 1 Imports Inc. recover from a midsummer slump, but not enough to keep second-quarter earnings from dropping 68 percent.

The Fort Worth-based gift and home furnishings chain, which has a store in north Twin Falls - reported sales of \$291.5 million for the quarter that ended Aug. 28, an increase of 3.7 percent over the same period last year.

But sales at stores open more than one year declined 1.5 percent, and second-quarter earnings dropped to \$11.9 million, or 12 cents a share, from \$17.5 million, or 17 cents a share, in 1998.

The earnings report was expected. Earlier this summer, Pier 1 shares traded in the \$10

to \$12 range, but plummeted to half that value in early August when the company announced second-quarter earnings would not meet expectations after an image-driven marketing campaign failed to draw expected customers.

Now, Pier 1 is focusing on its core business with merchandise-specific marketing, "value pricing" and expense maintenance, said Marvin Girouard, Pier 1's chief executive.

"It may take time to regain our momentum," he said, adding that the experts to see flat to low single-digit same-store sales growth into the third and fourth quarters.

Analysts said Pier 1's summer performance was disappointing, but expect Girouard's strategy to yield improvements.

"They're getting focused on what they need to fix," said Dennis T. Brown of the Bank

Breedlove Wesneski investment firm in Dallas. Eyan Derrick of the Sanders Morris Mundy firm in Houston agreed.

"I think they need to continue to play to their strong points," she said. "They do a great job on getting merchandise that is unique ... stylish but affordable."

In July, Pier 1 saw same-store sales down 9.9 percent from the same month last year. But August sales increased 9.5 percent, with same-store sales rising 4 percent over last year.

Part of the July slump came from furniture shipping delays and low inventory, Girouard said, adding that those problems have been corrected.

In coming months, marketing will focus on specific products for the fall and holiday season. Pier 1 also is expanding its ongoing value pricing strategy,

which requires competitive pricing for select merchandise. "Papyrus chairs, for instance, are a known Pier 1 item," which the company helped popularize, Girouard said. Though other stores now offer similar versions of the circular chair, Pier 1 wants to maintain its edge with such staple sellers.

Pier 1's new strategy also calls for expense trimming; as a result, the company has canceled some store remodeling plans, said Chief Financial Officer Charles Turner. He added that nearly 95 percent of Pier 1 stores are new or already remodeled, and that most future remodeling would be to expand existing stores.

Pier 1 opened 13 stores and closed five stores during the second quarter, and plans to open 31 stores and close three by Dec. 1.

Overall, the bank's employee count of about 1,000 has risen 10 percent in South Florida, including 4 percent in branches, said Gwynn Cochran Virostek, senior vice president of consumer banking, who is based in Lake Worth, Fla. And with its systems conversions - and related problems - behind it, the thrift is concentrating on boosting its personal services.

Analysts attribute the thrift's ability to attract new accounts largely to one basic, but perhaps ingenious product: free checking.

Fertile ground

Seattle-based thrift grows in south Florida

Knight Ridder News Service

MIAMI - Florida has been good - very good - to Washington Mutual, the Seattle thrift that stormed the state two years ago with free checking, mortgages and other consumer-oriented products.

In the past year, South Florida has become Washington Mutual's fastest-growing market, in terms of net growth in households and accounts. The nation's largest thrift and Florida's fifth-largest financial institution now has \$6.8 billion in deposits statewide, or a 3.45 percent market share, according to Florida Bankers Association figures.

Meanwhile, Washington Mutual - which also has a branch in Twin Falls' Blue Lakes Boulevard - has more than doubled its share of the mortgage market in Florida, from 1 percent to 2.3 percent, and increased its share of the adjustable rate market to 7.7 percent.

Now, with 122 branches in the state, the bank plans to build on its local stronghold, aggressively expanding by adding five to 10 branches each year in the state, with an emphasis on South Florida, said Chairman, President and Chief Executive Kerry Killinger, who visited the area recently.

"We're growing very rapidly," Killinger said. "And from everything we can see, the opportunities for significant growth are excellent."

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"That's a product that people gravitate to, and that is bringing in customers," said Martin Friedman, banking analyst with Friedman Billings & Ramsey in Arlington, Va. "And once you have checking, you can cross-sell other products."

What's more, Washington Mutual retains the advantage that free checking remains fairly rare in the Florida market.

With its model the traditional savings bank, Washington Mutual concentrates on consumer products, including mortgages and personal loans. Its strategy is to lead with the checking account, then offer a

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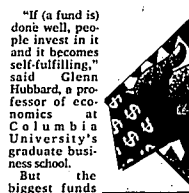
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SAFETY IN NUMBERS

Analysts say giant mutual funds provide investment reflecting general stock market

By Joyce M. Rosenberg THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The Fidelity Magellan fund has become the first mutual fund to reach \$100 billion in assets...



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Magellan made it past \$100 billion in July as the stock market itself soared to record levels and investors poured billions of dollars into mutual funds...

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In second place behind Magellan is Vanguard Index Trust-500 fund, with assets of \$92.6 billion as of June 30...

Greenwald noted, is that these large funds are prominent — and subject to outside scrutiny — simply because they are so big.

continue to grow.

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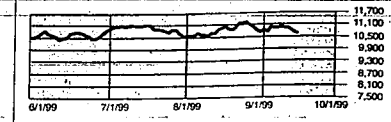
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Stormy day ends with mixed results for stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks ended mixed Thursday, bouncing back from a broad sell-off on profit warnings from several companies...

Volume was relatively light as Hurricane Floyd headed up the Atlantic coast, producing heavy rains that kept many New York traders out of work.

Friday kept many others on the trading floor to clear their portfolios. Friday also marks a "triple witching" session...

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NATION



Three young women embrace as they react after the shooting at the Wedgwood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, Wednesday. At least eight people died, including the gunman, and several others were injured.

Shooting at Fort Worth church leaves families in shock, anguish

The Dallas Morning News

FORT WORTH, Texas — Terri Ramirez was sitting near the front of Wedgwood Baptist Church's sanctuary, head bowed in prayer, when she heard what sounded like gunfire rip through the sanctuary.

"Everyone thought it was a skit," the 13-year-old said. "I thought it was a skit, too, and then I saw the girl in front of me get shot."

Even at that point, a feeling of unreality lingered. "I couldn't believe it," said a wide-eyed Terri, standing in the safe embrace of her father after the bullets had stopped flying.

All over town came the same refrain, the same sense of helplessness, the same hopeless hopes and unanswerable questions.

Chris Hightower expressed all the agony of the survivors in a single word, howling it over and over when he and his mother finally found one another hours after the shooting:

"Mom," the 15-year-old cried, standing in the street, locked in her arms. "Mommimmmmmmm."

Finally he composed himself enough to explain, and to wonder.

"I just saw my best friend get killed," he cried. "Why did this have to happen?"

Rachael Shipp, 18, sobbed as she left a nearby elementary school after learning that one friend had shot to death and another seriously wounded. A third had not been located.

"I'm frantic, I'm in shock," she said, her mom comforting her.

"You would think a church would be the safest place for children, especially in Wedgwood."

Shipp lives a few blocks from the church, and her family used to be members there.

"In Wedgwood, they are real tight and close together," she said. "You just never think this would happen here."

"And besides, this is a church. It is where you praise God."

A former youth ministerial assistant at Wedgwood, Jeremy Evans, stood at a police blockade, trying to get scraps of information.

"I've never very well understood these kind of things," said Mr. Evans, now a college minister

at Glenview Baptist Church in Haltom City. He said the shun down a Wednesday night event there as soon as he heard about the rampage.

"I don't understand the shooting at this church," he said. "I don't understand the Jewish community center (shootings in Los Angeles). It just doesn't make any sense at all."

No one wanted to believe how bad it was.

"I thought maybe someone had a heart attack," said a pastor who had seen two men running from the church with mobile phones in their hands. "Then I heard the sirens."

Witnesses, friends recall victims in aftermath of church shooting

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FRONT WORKER, Texas — Justin Stegner was a high school senior and an angry child, described by a friend as "just the nicest and sweetest guy."

Sudney Rachelle Browning was the 36-year-old director of the children's choir at Wedgwood Baptist Church and was apparently the first person to encounter a gunman who opened fire at the church about 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The gunman, described by police only as a white man in his 30s, killed Stegner and Browning and several others before turning the gun on himself. The apparently random shooting transformed what was intended as a hopeful gathering of young people into a scene of horror.

Stegner and about 150 other teenagers were attending weekly services at the red-brick Baptist church in an older neighborhood of modest brick homes in southwest Fort Worth. Many of the teens had arrived for "See You At the Pole" ceremonies Wednesday morning at their schools.

The annual ceremonies, at which students affirm their faith and commit to the problems of society by holding prayer time around their schools' flagpoles, began in 1990 as an effort of the Texas Baptist Convention. The event takes place on the third Wednesday of September.

Damon Hernandez, 36, and her husband, Kenneth, age volunteer Sunday school teachers at the Wedgwood church. They and their 7-year-old son, David, were at the church when the shooting began.



Justin Stegner

Browning was David's choir teacher.

"I was in the prayer meeting that was around the corner from the sanctuary," Tamra Hernandez said. "We heard shots ... we thought they were hammering on the wall."

"We have a lot of construction at the church. But one of the men who was shot came down the hallway. He said he was shot, that he wasn't joking — that he was shot. I'm in shock. Just realizing that someone had been shooting in our church and people were hurt. And you realize they're people you know."

David was upstairs when the shooting broke out, his mother said.

Several young people who were in the sanctuary when the gunman walked in said that Browning casually greeted the man and that he shot her in the head.

Among the wounded were Jeff Lester, a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and a custodian at the church; Mary Beth Talley, a senior at Southwest High School; Marc Parr, a junior at Southwest,

who is also a kicker on the football team; Nick Skinner; Cassie Griffith; and Kevin Galey. Galey and his wife, Leslie, are parents of three children, including a baby born last year after experimental surgery in the womb to correct spina bifida. The family's decision to risk the surgery was chronicled in stories in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram last year.

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Residents in Outer Banks deal with familiar evacuation routine

The Virginian-Pilot

MANTEO, N.C. — In the lobby of the Elizabethan Inn, a small television set was fixed on The Weather Channel. As folks walked past into Anna Livia's Restaurant, they'd stop to glance at the ominous, churning Hurricane Floyd, then shake their heads.

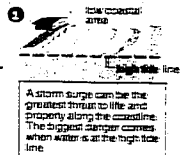
Just outside, on U.S. 64/264, a steady stream of cars with headlights blazing rolled slowly but steadily toward points west after Dare County, N.C., officials ordered a mandatory evacuation at 7 a.m. Wednesday. An estimated 10,000 residents and visitors were believed to be in the coastal county.

Mandatory evacuations were ordered for the Currituck Outer Banks, as well as lowlying areas in Currituck, Camden and Pasquotank counties in North Carolina. Schools were closed Wednesday throughout the region.

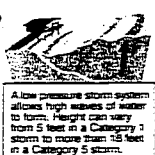
Evacuations off the Outer Banks went slow but steady Wednesday.

"We've had some backups in places like Kitty Hawk, because

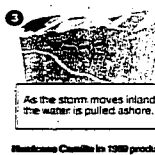
Pounding storm surges



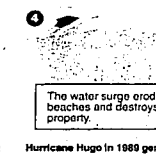
A storm surge can be the greatest threat to life and property along the coastline. When a big surge comes, it can be as high as 15 feet.



A low pressure storm system allows high seas to occur. Height can vary from 5 feet in a Category 1 storm to more than 15 feet in a Category 5 storm.



As the storm moves inland, the water is pulled ashore.



The water surge erodes beaches and destroys property.

Source: Federal Emergency Management Agency

of people coming in off the side streets," said Dare County spokeswoman Dorothy Holt.

In Kill Devil Hills, N.C., firefighters went door to door along Bury Drive, asking people to leave. Along the bypass, some businesses had already boarded up windows.

"While some residents decided to stay, many more decided to flee.

uncertain and fearful of Floyd's next move. In one case, it took two hours for a man to travel the seven miles from Manteo 7 to the Wright Memorial Bridge.

"I think people are definitely complying with the order," Holt said.

Power crews were on standby Wednesday. If there are disruptions in service, residents can

expect to be in the dark a bit longer than during Hurricane Dennis, Holt said.

Patience was tested at local banks, grocery and hardware stores Wednesday. At 11:30 a.m., residents and tourists crowded into Generra Bank in Hags Head, one of the few banks left open.

"The line has been out the door since about an hour ago," said

sales assistant Doris Dencke. Some business owners came in with envelopes of money. Others left with neat stacks of bills.

As they waited to get to the counter, William White and Emily Elkin said they couldn't decide whether to go or stay. Floyd has made them a lot more nervous than Hurricane Dennis. They hunkered down

for Dennis in their trailer. "The whole trailer was shaking last time," Elkin said. "We were going to go to Greenville, but that might be worse. Where should we go? I guess we'll be stuck on the road together."

Some who chose to sidestep traffic were making reservations at Manteo's Elizabethan Inn. "Our switchboard's been lit up like a Christmas tree," said Martha Pitts, co-owner of the Elizabethan. "It's absolutely crazy. I don't know what we have. We're urging our visitors to evacuate. And we're going to try to take care of our own people, employees and local people who have to remain here because of the emergency."

Inside the restaurant, over bacon, eggs, grits and coffee, locals said they planned to ride out Hurricane Floyd. "I'm not going to go anywhere," said 54-year-old Bill Walker of Wanchese, N.C. "I've blocked up stuff and gotten everything down. Everything runs on gas in my house, so that's all right. If it gets really bad, I'll turn the gas off."



A destroyed home with its roof tipped off on the Grand Abaco Islands shows the results of Hurricane Floyd, Wednesday. Floyd struck the Bahamas on Tuesday with winds estimated at more than 110 mph.

Floyd flattens homes, villages in Bahamas

MANISH HARBOR, Bahamas (AP) — Seemingly residents of Abaco Island salvaged remains of possessions from flattened homes Thursday as the relief effort for Hurricane Floyd's victims slowly gathered steam. Survivors of Floyd's 145 mph winds poked at wallboards flopped over eroded beaches and seas of sand where tiny coastal villages once were. Hundreds of wooden homes were exposed to the elements, their roofs tipped off like paper during the storm's passage.

Like other Bahamian islands, residents of Abaco and the tiny keys on its periphery, population 11,000, faced the prospect of going weeks without telephone, electricity or reliable water service. The 700-island archipelago

reported one presumed death: that of a Freeport man swept out to sea from Grand Bahama Island. Authorities said they had no word of anyone who was critically hurt.

Bahamians had heeded storm warnings and stayed out of barns's way inside churches and government buildings-turned-shelters.

"The trees were skinned like bananas," said Michelle Rolle, a resident of Abaco's Sandy Point. "This hurricane was by far the worst we've seen, but at least everyone is safe."

Some Abaco residents reported seeing tornadoes.

Hundreds of homes were flattened, roofs or otherwise damaged in Abaco, Eleuthera and Cat Islands. In Grand Bahama,

Freeport's international airport was closed because of flooding.

In Cat Island, two medical centers lost their roofs, and 2.5 miles of the coastal road were washed away, said U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Lee Martinez. Officials with the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance helped Bahamian authorities assess damage and relief needs, Martinez said.

"There is a great need for fresh water and food," she said.

From Florida and Great Inagua Island, the U.S. Coast Guard dispatched patrol boats, a C-130 aircraft and helicopters to survey the northern and eastern islands hardest hit by Floyd and deliver medical supplies and communications gear, including a mobile

communications trailer to Nassau.

On northern Eleuthera island, where winds reached 110 mph Tuesday, many homes were left without roofs and half the cemetery was washed away.

On Abaco, entire neighborhoods were flooded by storm surges whipped up by winds gusting to 190 mph, said Chris Loyd, of the Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association. In some places, homes looked as though they'd been randomly shoved together.

Club Med arranged flights out of the Bahamas for 380 guests who rode out the storm at its San Salvador resort and another 350 on Paradise Island near Nassau. Both resorts were temporarily closed for repairs, said spokeswoman Carol Boubard.

Typhoon York shuts down Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AP) — Typhoon York roared across Hong Kong on Thursday — the first direct hit by such a powerful storm in 16 years — knocking windows out of skyscrapers and yanking trees from the ground as the normally bustling city collapsed into a chaotic mess.

One man died after being struck by flying debris, three people were injured and at least 493 people were injured — 11 seriously — as York pounded Hong Kong with hurricane-force winds for nearly 14 hours.

The typhoon triggered floods across the territory, cutting off power to remote villages. It blocked roads with uprooted trees, huge shards of glass and bamboo scaffolding that was ripped violently off of buildings.

Ferry services were suspended, some 450 flights at Chek Lap Kok airport were canceled or delayed and schools, financial markets and most businesses stayed shut as people huddled in their board-up homes.

Firefighters had to rescue nearly 400 people trapped in elevators in high-rise apartment buildings.

And Hong Kong emergency crews staged a dramatic rescue mission, slicing off in a helicopter as the calm eye of the storm passed to rescue five Chinese seamen from a sinking boat just outside Hong Kong waters.

The typhoon, packing maximum winds of more than 90 mph, also struck the neighboring Portuguese enclave of Macau, 17



A woman negotiates with a taxi driver as an almost deserted street in downtown Hong Kong, Thursday, as Typhoon York pounds the territory with a direct hit. It was the worst storm to hit the city in 16 years.

then moved west toward southern mainland China, making landfall near the city of Zhuhai late Thursday night.

It had been milder when it struck the Philippines earlier in the week, although it caused

injuries Monday that killed 18 people.

Typhoon York was the most vicious tropical storm to slam into Hong Kong since Typhoon Ellen struck on Sept. 9, 1963, the government said.

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HEALTH CARE ERRORS

Industry's self-policing gets in way of mistake fixing

Knight Ridder News Service

The nation's health-care industry is making small-scale efforts to address medical errors in hospital care.

New training programs, some of which include the use of simulation devices, have been put in place at some medical centers to focus on avoiding errors.

Systems are being developed to encourage medical professionals to report errors.

Information technology has become available to reduce the risk that hospital patients will receive improper medication or treatment.

But these efforts have been limited, and there is no comprehensive initiative by the industry to minimize the occurrence of errors, despite growing data and warnings in recent years that have made the industry increasingly aware of the high frequency of errors.

"I am puzzled that senior clinical leaders and boards of trustees seem not to understand the degree of opportunity for improvement," said Donald Berwick, president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Boston. "There's such a long list of areas that can be improved that you don't have to think hard."

But the industry's lack of progress is its carefully guarded system of self-policing, an honor system that makes insiders say is ineffective. At its roots is what doctors and researchers describe as a culture built around blame, in which medical professionals face intense pressure to deny or rationalize failure, lest they be ruined.

And little is being done to change that culture.

Though the health-care industry represents one of the largest sectors of the American economy, it has failed to strive for the higher standards required in comparable industries. Health care costs the country an estimated \$1.2 trillion a year and accounts for 14 percent of the gross domestic product. In Philadelphia, the industry is a significant engine of the regional economy and one of the largest sources of jobs.

In addition to injuries and deaths, the financial costs of medical errors are enormous. Testimony during a 1997 congressional hearing estimated that hospital mistakes cost the nation \$51 billion a year. Though hospital executives,

doctors and nurses complain about the burdensome requirements of regulations and licensing, in practice they have embraced and cherished the tradition of autonomy when mistakes occur.

"It's very clear that the medical profession has been leath to police itself," said Jay Krakovitz, a physician and medical director for Aetna U.S. Healthcare's mid-Atlantic region.

"There is absolutely no reason for them to sweat," said Charles Inlander, president of the People's Medical Society, a health-care advocacy group in Allentown.

The result, according to Inlander: "This stuff just grows and grows and they never correct these problems."

Most experts on medical errors view the prospect of a government forerunner even harder to bring down as counterproductive. Punitive action, they say, will only drive the problem further underground as hospitals and health-care professionals seek to avoid sanctions and shame by not reporting errors. That, in turn, would make information about errors even harder to obtain, and solutions harder to find.

The focus on patient safety, based on insiders, is the failure of systems, not individuals. Experts agree that there are incompetent and irresponsible health-care providers who should be punished and sued for their negligence, but they say that the incompetent doctors are not the majority of those who make mistakes at patients' expense.

"If we could find a way to deal with error that didn't deal with so much individual accountability, we might do better in the long term in dealing with error," said David Blumenthal, a professor at Harvard Medical School and director of the Institute for Health Policy at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The task of monitoring the quality of hospital care has been led chiefly by a private group, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. The commission, based in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill., is an arm of five professional groups that also represent the interests of doctors, dentists and hospitals. In many states, hospitals must be accredited by the

commission to receive reimbursement from government and private health plans, which gives the commission significant authority.

Joint Commission committees composed of doctors, dentists, nurses, pharmacists and hospital executives visit and survey the commission's 5,000 member hospitals in the United States every three years. Experts say that the commission has done little to change the rate of medical errors. Its visits to hospitals rarely come as a surprise.

Hospital administrators spend months readying their staffs for accreditation committee visits, directing them in memos on bulletin boards,

meetings, internal newsletters, and on signs posted in corridors to assure optimal conditions when the visitors arrive. In a report issued in July, the inspection committee noted that the federal Department of Health and Human Services harshly criticized the commission's cozy relationship with the hospitals it accredits and its failure to aggressively monitor standard care and incompetent doctors.

Patricia Roberts, a commission spokeswoman, said hospitals are not required at the time of surveys to open their incident report files or inform the committees of medical errors. Rather, when serious incidents occur, she said, "We ask them to self-report. What we're doing is creating a database of errors."

What is in that database? After nearly five years of existence, very little. Even though the commission has assured members that it will not automatically revoke accreditation and will return or destroy sensitive documents, hospitals have largely ignored its encouragement to send in reports of errors. Since the policy took effect in 1995, the commission has received fewer than 300 incident reports from its 5,000 member hospitals. More than that number of errors, experts say, would be expected to occur in one large hospital in that period.

Hospitals do not send state health departments and licensing authorities any more information about errors. In the case of the Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital, for example, none of the most serious medical errors contained in the

hospital's internal insurance report — those that led to death or permanent disability — was included in three years of reports that the health department provided to The Inquirer. No sanctions or fines were levied either.

MCP internal report was made public in its former owner's Bankruptcy Court proceedings.

A health department spokeswoman said reporting requirements that took effect in June 1998 now require Pennsylvania hospitals to report 14 types of events that seriously jeopardize patient safety or lead to death.

Among them are fatal medication errors, wrong-site surgery, and hemolytic reactions following blood transfusions. She said the department cannot release figures for individual hospitals because the information is considered confidential. However, Philadelphia's 35 hospitals reported to the department one death and five other incidents during the year ended June 30, 1999.

New York state began requiring hospitals to report similar information to its Department of Health in 1993, in an effort to better understand the causes of errors. Two years ago, the Office of the Public Advocate for the City of New York successfully sued to obtain those figures for New York City hospitals and found "unexplainable reporting disparities," according to a report issued by the office.

For 1995-1996, Montefiore Medical Center filed 469 patient event reports, and Mount Sinai Medical Center filed 321. In contrast, St. Vincent's Hospital/NY filed two event reports, and Beth Israel Medical Center filed 17.

"The ones that report the most are just the most honest," said Bertrand Bell, a professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

That the health-care industry and its regulators have failed to take action to prevent errors is not lost on insurance companies.

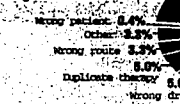
"Who pays for costs stemming from errors?" "We do," said Krakovitz of Aetna, which insures more than 21 million Americans.

The costs eventually are passed to employers and patients.

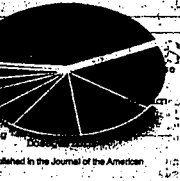
"It's remarkable that people are blindly writing checks for crappy quality," said David Nash, associate dean and director of the Office of Health Policy and Clinical Outcomes at Thomas Jefferson University.

Drug-Related Errors

In 1998, 1.5 percent of all medication errors were the most common type of drug-related error.



NOTE: Does not equal 100% due to rounding. SOURCE: Study of 600 medication mistakes published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, 1997.



Doctors issue wrong drug for victim with head injury

Knight Ridder News Service

During a heavy rainstorm on Dec. 9, 1991, the car that Lisette Molina, 49, was driving collided with another at 27th Street and Ridge Avenue in Philadelphia. Bystanders pulled her from the

vehicle, which had caught fire.

She was taken by ambulance to MCP Hospital and admitted for a head injury. Emergency room doctors noted that she was having seizures. The next day, she was prescribed the antiseizure medication Dilantin.

After the developed a rash, her medication was changed on Dec. 23 to the anticonvulsant drug phenobarbital and the antipsychotic drug Haldol.

In papers filed in a lawsuit, lawyers for Molina's mother said that Haldol had a known complication of inducing seizures in patients with head injuries.

Haldol, according to the Physicians' Desk Reference, should be used with caution and with adequate anticonvulsant drugs in patients with histories of seizures.

According to the lawsuit, Molina was not given the prescribed dose of phenobarbital on Christmas Eve but was

given Haldol. On Christmas Day, she suffered a prolonged grand mal seizure, did not regain consciousness, and required a breathing tube.

A day later, Molina died. The cause listed on her death certificate was "closed head injury complicated by seizures."

The manner was considered an "accident," and referred to the automobile crash. No autopsy or inquest was conducted. Daniel Weinstein, director of brain injury rehabilitation at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, wrote a report on the case after lawyers for Molina's mother requested his opinion. In his report, Weinstein concluded:

"Had the intervening medical events not occurred, it is my opinion that Ms. Molina would have been discharged from MCP to an acute rehabilitation facility within 7 days. She would have had an otherwise normal life expectancy."

Her mother, Enid Iriazary, settled a lawsuit for \$500,000 last year. In its response to the civil case, MCP Hospital denied liability for Molina's death.

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— Report by Daniel Weinstein, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital

Medical error expert irks some colleagues

Knight Ridder News Service

In the last decade, Lucian Leape has quietly risen to prominence as one of the world's most knowledgeable experts on medical error and prevention — and as one of the American health-care system's most candid critics.

His research has sometimes provoked the ire of his colleagues in medicine. But instead of being ostracized from his profession, the professor at the Harvard School of Public Health has won respect for raising issues his peers were content to overlook.

Leape, 69, was a pediatric surgeon for 20 years before turning his focus to medical error in the 1980s.

He has published 130 articles in medical journals, including 50 on error and prevention. The Harvard Medical Practice Study,

published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1991, and "Error in Medicine," published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1995, brought him national recognition.

After enduring early scorn, Leape is now frequently consulted and invited to speak in some of medicine's most orthodox settings. He is a member of the American Medical Association, an American Medical Association-led group, appointed him to its board. Foundation president Nancy W. Dickey, who completed her term as AMA president in June, said Leape's work has raised national awareness about error.

"It may just be that the Lucian Leapes of the world have finally gotten enough data to wake people up."

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Rescue workers toll around a crater marking the spot where a devastating explosion destroyed an apartment building in the city of Volgograd, close to Russia's volatile Caucasus Mountains region, Thursday. At least 17 people died.

Another explosion kills 17, destroys building in Russia

VOLGODONSK, Russia (AP) — Facing a political crisis because of his apparent inability to put a halt to a wave of bombing attacks, President Boris Yeltsin insisted Thursday he has "the strength and resources to wipe out terrorism."

His statement came after the fourth explosion at a Russian apartment building this month killed at least 17 people Thursday morning and injured more than 180 others.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin gave government agencies three days to come up with plans for strengthening security in industry, transport, communications and energy installations, as well as in residential areas.

During a meeting of his Cabinet, he turned to the television cameras, and appealed to citizens to protect themselves.

"I want to turn to military veterans, police veterans. Take the initiative on yourselves," he said.

The bomb, hidden in a truck or an underground pipe, sheared off the front of a nine-story apartment building in the city of Volgograd, about 500 miles south of Moscow, around dawn Thursday, officials said.

The blast left a crater 16.5 feet deep in front of the building and severely damaged a nearby police station and about 20 other buildings, Interior Ministry officials said.

Traces of explosives were found in the wreckage, the Federal



Security Service said. The force of the blast was equivalent to about 100-300 tons of TNT, it said.

At least 17 people, including two children, were killed, and 184 others were wounded, with 69 of them hospitalized, officials said. Volgograd, a city of 250,000 people, is close to the volatile North Caucasus Mountains region, where Russian forces have been battling Islamic militants since early August.

Authorities have blamed the previous apartment explosion — one in the southern city of Buinaksk, and two in Moscow — on the militants. Those blasts together claimed at least 275 lives.

In a condolence telegram to Vladimir Chub, the regional governor, Yeltsin wrote that "no attempts have been made to intimidate Russians, to spread fear and panic. But terrorists will never attain their goals. They will not break us."

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Russian police scour streets to find terrorists suspected of bombings

MOSCOW (AP) — Two barrel-chested riot policemen dragged the small, dark man Wednesday from his meat pie stand at Moscow's sprawling Luzhniki market as other vendors and shoppers nervously huddled nearby. One officer pinned the man's head to the side of a police truck as the other fingered through his identification documents.

Everything was in order; they let him go.

The vendor, an Azerbaijani who gave his name only as Sasha, said it was the fourth time he had been stopped in three hours. Seconds later, the two troopers were questioning another frightened man.

"Who else but Chechen terrorists kill our Russian grandmothers?" asked Vladimir Khomich, a riot police commander directing raids on Moscow markets.

The 200 officers in Khomich's unit detained 200 people in one hour — in all, thousands were picked up in Wednesday's raids. The inspections are part of a massive security sweep aimed at lifting the fear gripping many Russians in the wake of suspected terrorist attacks that have killed more than 275 people. Two apartment buildings in sleepy

Moscow residential neighborhoods were shattered by suspected bombs during the past week.

On Thursday, another bomb exploded in Volgograd, killing at least an additional 17 people.

Russians nervously discuss the explosions at work, at bus stops and on the subway, wondering who is responsible and when the next explosion will come. Most Russians live in the same kind of grim, nondescript apartment buildings as the two buildings shattered by blasts in Moscow.

"We don't know if it will be us next. We live awake at night and worry," said Vladimir Busov, a merchant.

Police have detained 27 people suspected of being accomplices in Monday's blast or another apartment explosion last week.

Alexander Vildyayev, deputy head of the Moscow police, told a news conference.

The first claim of responsibility came Wednesday, when an anonymous caller told the ITAR-Tass news agency the blasts were in response to Russian attacks on Islamic villages in Dagestan and neighboring breakaway Chechnya. The caller claimed to be from a little-known group called the Dagestan Liberation Army.

Checkpoints have been set up on main roads leading to Moscow and hundreds of police and Interior Ministry troops swarm through railway stations and the city's subways. They demand to see identity documents and harshly question whomever they deem suspicious.

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NASCAR this week

Points battle highlights final racing night of century

Northwest Tour hits Magic Valley Speedway for season-ending NAPA 150

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In a night of championship racing, this one takes the cake.

The champagne will fly as the Reybestos Brakes Northwest Series NAPA 150 highlights three championship races Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway's season finale with the Western Custom Race Trucks and Budweiser Street Stocks determining class champions.



Joe Benediti
Top roadster driver

rent tour driver Garrett Evans has had the most success.

Evans' Magic Valley Speedway experience includes two top-five finishes, including a win in last year's race.

But the big boys will be the focus of action Saturday, as 69 points separate three drivers - current points leader, Tom Sweatman, runner-up Pete Harding and Chris Hart - for the tour's title.

The crowning race, the third annual NAPA 150, will decide the winner of the tour's closest points race ever, as a possible field of 24 Winston Cup look-alikes, who may top at 100 mph down both straightaways, will vie for the win on the Speedway's 1/2-mile asphalt oval with over \$35,000 in award money up for grabs.

Burley driver Clint Kidd is also expected to participate in the highly anticipated race.

Coming off a heated race Sept. 5 at West Richland, Wash.'s Tri-City Raceway, where defending tour champion Gary Lewis claimed his second season win by acing out Sweatman, Hart and Harding respectively, the tour comes to Twin Falls, where cur-

Several drivers have made a stop on the tour only to go to bigger arenas. Drivers such as current Craftsman Truck points leader Greg Bille, who won the inaugural NAPA 150 in 1997, and NASCAR Winston Cup racer Chad Little and Derricke Cope have paid their dues as well.

This year's class sees Sweatman, 36, holding a 14-point bulge over Harding, 49, but as close as their points chase is, it isn't the slimmest in series history.

Evans led Basse's John Dilken by 14 points going into the last race in 1989. The two finished 1-2 in the race while in 1987, Tobey Butler led Jerry Bowers by a mere one point heading into the finale, with Butler eventually winning the title by 27 points.

This season's racing has been as close as ever with more different race winners and a dozen different Bud Pole victors. Driver Joe Benediti is on pace to win the tour's Rookie-of-the-Year honors while Hart can wrap up the Bud Pole award with the

fastest qualifying time. The current track qualifying time is held by Kelly Tanner, who ran at just under 67 mph at 86:57.0 in 13.784 seconds on Sept. 27.

Biffie holds the race records with an average speed of 68.574 mph, finishing in 49 minutes, 21 seconds.

Most of the race participants will appear today at the Super 8 Motel at 1250 Blue Lakes Blvd. to show off their cars from 2 to 5 p.m.

As for the Street stocks and

Northwest invasion

Tom Sweatman
NAPA 150
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About the Reybestos Brakes Northwest Series Tour

Series: 15th year, part of the Sun Am All Pro Series, Summer Begins April 3 with 18 regular races at 10 different tracks throughout California, Montana, Oregon, Washington and concludes Sept. 18 at Idaho's own Magic Valley Speedway.

Class: Race cars are straddled down versions of

trucks, their points races are as tight as ever, with Jeffrey Meads holding a four-point lead over Dale Miles and Thomas Powell and Norman Hauke deadlocked 11 points behind Meads. All have a legitimate shot at taking the title, as each has won a race (Miles leads the way with four wins).

It would also be the first title for either Meads, Miles or Powell. Hauke, who has run virtually every year at the track since its opening in 1986, won a track

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Pete Harding
Burma, B.C.
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Chris Hart
Valley, Wash.
2,036

Joe Benediti
Everett, Wash.
1,698

Top 25 Northwest Series points leaders

1. Tom Sweatman
2. Pete Harding
3. Chris Hart
4. Joe Benediti

5. Kevin Martin
6. Steve Bille
7. Tom Pritchard
8. Kevin Bennett
9. Joe Benediti
10. Kenny Rich
11. Dave Johnson
12. Wiley Dudley
13. Garrett Evers
14. Jerry Flisk
15. Ken Kalkschmidt
16. Ray Wallace
17. Rick Sauer
18. Garrett Evers
19. Wilbur Bruce
20. Zach Messner
21. Harold Raczynski
22. Greg Bennett
23. Darren Shaw
24. Ed Watson
25. Ron Edton

Driver	Points
Stanwood, Wash.	1,894
Woodville, Wash.	1,815
Elizo Ground, Wash.	1,801
Aburn, Wash.	1,778
Aburn, Wash.	1,754
Bulae, Idaho	1,728
Kalowa, B.C.	1,726
Olympic, Wash.	1,705
Adelwood, Wash.	1,692
Woodville, Wash.	1,679
Marion, Mont.	1,672
Olympic, Wash.	1,654
Estevado, Wash.	1,630
Mesa, Wash.	1,490
Tacoma, Wash.	1,490
Moyal City, Wash.	1,337
Carroll, Wash.	1,264
Royal, Wash.	1,207
Portland, Ore.	984
Mt. Vernon, Wash.	971
Tacoma, Wash.	941

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TOP TEN

- Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Durton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.
- 1. (2) **Dale Jarrett** Back on track
 - 2. (1) **Jeff Burton** Loudon may be his best track
 - 3. (5) **Bobby Labonte** Gave Coach Gibbs a sweep
 - 4. (8) **Tony Stewart** Now he's done it all
 - 5. (3) **Mark Martin** Lost sight of Jarrett
 - 6. (4) **Jeff Gordon** No title this year
 - 7. (6) **Dale Earnhardt** Fine second half
 - 8. (9) **Rusty Wallace** One win is not enough
 - 9. (-) **Sterling Marlin** Fourth on a short track
 - 10. (-) **Mike Skinner** Second pole

1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Sept. 26	Dover Downs International Speedway	Dover, Del.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.

1999 POINTS STANDINGS

1. Dale Jarrett, 3,858	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,759	Greg Bille, 3,232
2. Bobby Labonte, 3,548	Jeff Green, 3,444	Dennis Setzer, 3,098
3. Jeff Burton, 3,416	Eton Sawyer, 3,172	Mike Wallace, 2,961
4. Dale Earnhardt, 3,291	Jason Keller, 3,031	Andy Houston, 2,864
5. Terry Labonte, 2,891	Randy LaJoie, 2,797	Mike Stone, 2,836

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ON THE SCHEDULE

WINSTON CUP SERIES

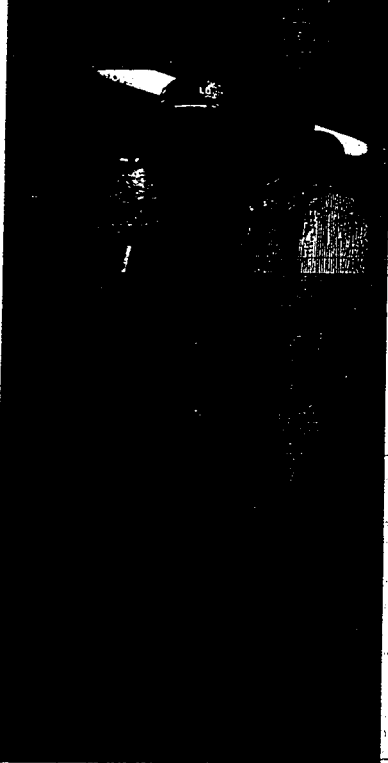
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Winston Cup Series
International Speedway, Loudon, N.H. (1.058-mile track), 300 laps/

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When: Sunday, Sept. 19
Defending champion: Jeff Gordon
Event qualifying record: Ken Schrader, Chevrolet,

129.182 mph, Sept. 12, 1997
Race record: Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 112.078 mph, Aug. 30, 1998
Notable: Gordon has

won both the races since New Hampshire got a second date in 1997.
 Only Gordon, with three wins, and Jeff Burton, with two, have won more than once here.

PROFILE



Trackside Trivia

1. Who was the Canadian rookie who won a race at Martinsville in 1974?
2. What is the maximum number of points a driver can earn for winning a Winston Cup race?

and 5 for leading the most laps)
 1. Earl Ross; 2. 185 (175 for winning, 5 for leading)

ANSWERS

Who's Hot... Who's Not

- HOT:** Tony Stewart moved up to fourth in the standings with eight top-10s in his last nine races.
- NOT:** Richmond problems caused Jeff Gordon and Mark Martin to take big hits in the season standings.

Fan Tips

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Store sells lingerie store to the stars but don't ask them too many questions

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Where do L.A.'s most public personalities shop for their most private garments? The Trashy Lingerie store, located on La Cienega Boulevard, is the preferred destination for stars seeking push-up bras, naughty nighties and scanty panties. Celebrities and their go-fers have shopped for movie costumes for more than 500 films, the owners said. Other stars have relied on Trashy's tops for music videos or for roles on television's "Melrose Place," "Beverly Hills 90210," "Bonnie's Closet" and "Suddenly Susan." Still others come in search of the perfect little something for private moments. "Daryl Hannah was here and bought some black lingerie with stockings. It was for a special night, though I can't say with whom," said co-owner Mitchell Shirier. "Every-

body comes in. It's Hollywood. That's why it's such a madhouse." Gwyneth Paltrow confided herself in a cumciple with garters, G-string and marabou slippers, all in lipstick red. Liv Tyler, Winona Ryder and Drew Barrymore are "very, very good customers," said Shirier's daughter-in-law Mary Shirier, who works in the store. The trio, she said, all swear by "50s-style undies with modest proportions." Dolly Parton dropped \$8,000 in one spree, snapping up corsets as well as dresses, jackets and shoes. With about 8,000 items in stock, customers like Cher, Janet Jackson or Fran Drescher are certain to find something to their liking. "When I decided to sell lingerie, instead of calling it The Best Lingerie Store in the World, I decided to go the other way," said Shirier, a large, white-bearded man who

favors Hawaiian shirts. "I'm still somebody 'Trashy Lingerie' and they never forget it." Before his wardrobe turned casual, Shirier wore a tuxedo daily, accented with black leather waistcoat and watch belt. Shirier founded the store in 1974 on the same site where he and his wife had been designing and selling sexy slims that "barged to be worn with stockings and a garter belt. Soon the couple was offering these necessities to meet our demand." The store's celebrated window displays combine with the comic and erotic. Two examples: a jumble scene of mannequins clad in sedate hats and purses making snay out of a trunk made in a pur and an "Austin Powers" window concerned with the gogo dresses and windowes scrawled with "Shag me, baby" and "Shagapic."



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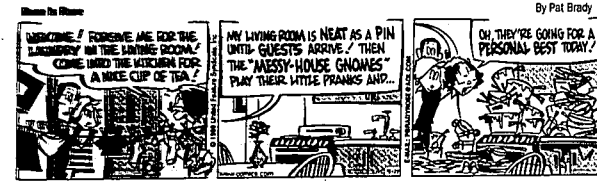
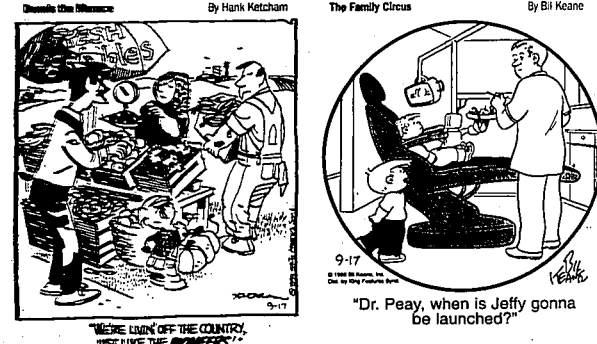
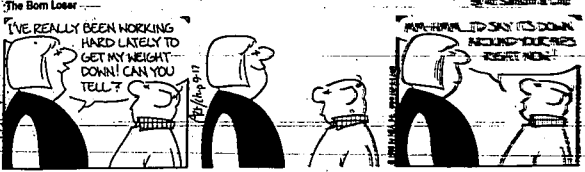
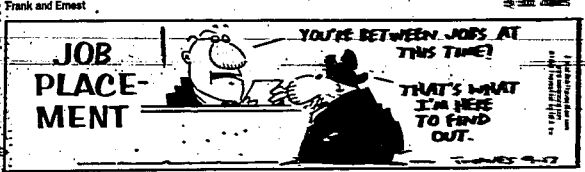
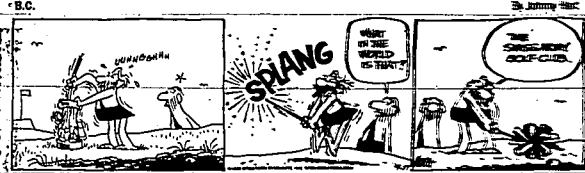
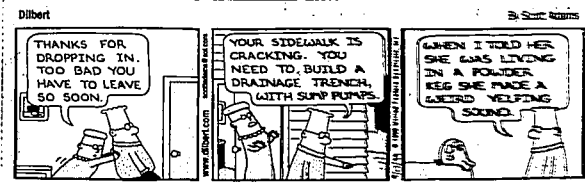
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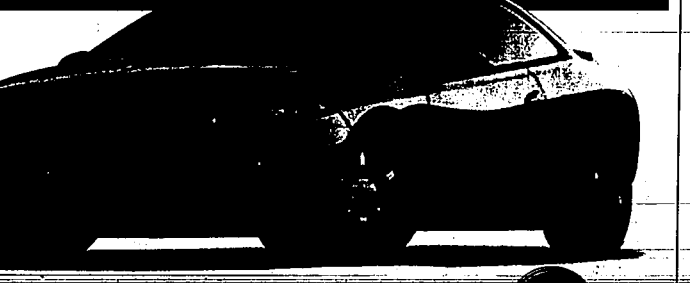
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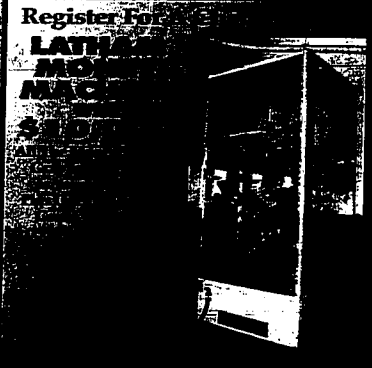
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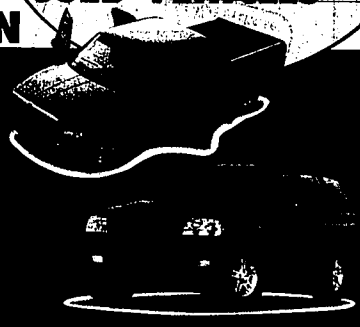
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Norkotahs take hold of market

By Carol Ryan Daams
Ag Weekly editor

The growing popularity of french fries and a shift to a rising star in the fresh market has 1999 shaping up to be a real balancing act in the marketing spuds.

As usual, there's good news and not-so-good news. The good news is heavy demand in the french fry industry. The not-so-good news is that Russet Norkotahs — with plantings nationwide and a higher pack-out than Idaho's famous Russet Burbank — are gaining market share and filling orders with less acreage.

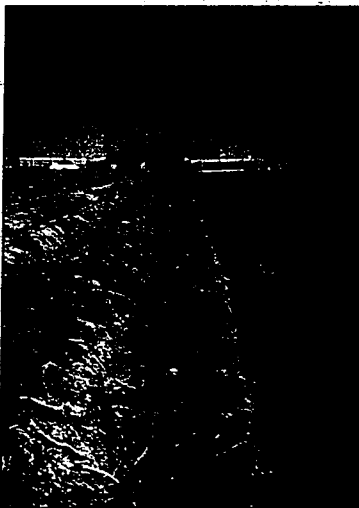
The latter is the reason the market collapsed in the last few weeks, according to industry insiders. An early variety table spud, Norkotahs socked the market, before most Russet Burbank growers even started thinking about vine kill.

"The (Norkotah) harvest season started the second week of August, and prices have been in a massive downfall ever since," said Steve Trevino, general manager at Kolland Jones Potatoes in Rupert.

The early crop Norkotahs are coming in with good yields, good size and good quality, he said. And with an estimated 80 percent pack-out of No. 1s, the crop presents serious competition to the Burbank that only boasts a 55 percent pack-out. Widening the gap is the fact that about 60 percent of those No. 1 Norkotahs will make carton grade, while only about 35 percent of the No. 1 Burbanks will make it into the box.

"Certainly Norkotahs have put more pressure on the fresh market," Trevino said.

That reasoning seems to bear out in The Idaho Grower Return Index, which reflects prices across the crop to growers with open spuds. According to Bruce Huffaker, publisher of North



CROP, FROM DAAMSDAAMS/STAFF

Norkotahs see the light of day as Dave Dossinger harvests spuds on land he rents near Peltone Road in Twin Falls. The early fresh variety is gaining in popularity not just in Idaho but nationwide.

American Potato Market News in Idaho Falls, the IGRI has dropped by nearly half since Aug. 19. At \$8.65 per hundredweight on that date, the price this week is about \$4.50.

"Supplies were extremely tight in early August, and it pushed prices higher for fresh russets,"

he said, adding that prices came down when harvest kicked in.

Prices that hovered at about \$32 for 70-count cartons on Aug. 16 have tumbled to about \$15 as of Monday, according to the Federal State Market News in Idaho Falls.

But there's more to the

equation, Huffaker said.

"Buyers have not been aggressive," he said. "Shipments have not been that heavy, from Idaho or nationwide. They are much lighter than they have been for the last two or three years." And that has shippers fearful that perhaps they've lost market share, he added.

"Shippers are dropping prices, accepting less, taking orders to be priced later. That makes for a weak market," Huffaker said.

Trevino agrees, and says shippers are justified in facing lost customers. It all boils down to "way too many potatoes," he said. "We keep piling the market with too many sheds, running too many potatoes — the price keeps dropping."

While acreage dropped this year in Idaho, from 625,000 acres last year to 490,000 acres this year, there are still too many potatoes hitting the market at the same time, he said. And with Norkotahs replacing the acre — with both a higher pack-out and widespread plantings in regions closer to retail markets — Idaho's fresh shippers is under even more pressure.

Adding to the problem is a transportation crunch in which shippers, who would rather truck the spuds to market, are having to transport them by rail and bear the brunt of a two-week delay.

"A lot can happen in a market in two weeks," Trevino said, adding that buyers expect shippers to drop off the age-old open price if the market price has decreased. While there are laws that guarantee price protection, demanding the original price when the market has fallen is economic suicide.

"There are so few buyers out there and so many people trying to sell potatoes, you do that and it's the last time you'll sell to that buyer," Trevino said. "That's the reality of the market."

But there's more to the game than the fresh market, and french fry demand seems to be the silver lining this year, according to both Trevino and Huffaker.

"There's reason to believe prices will improve substantially," Huffaker said. "Demand by processors is extremely strong, especially in the french fry sector."

While buyers in the fresh market seemed to have taken a hiatus this summer, processor demand has been extremely aggressive, he said. That means more of the supply than usual will be gobbled up by the end of harvest, and because the Russet Burbank easily fits in either channel, growers will stand in good stead to play whichever market is more profitable. Norkotahs grown in competing states, on the other hand, always go the table route, he said.

"That play is a major determinant of prices nationwide," Huffaker said, adding that french fry demand has driven the market below.

"What usually happens, prices will go up till there is an equity, a balance between the french fry market and the fresh market, and prices are pretty much the same," he said.

It's likely to be late in the harvest season before the market reflects that effect, but Huffaker said the current disagreement in spud fields is unwarranted. While prices fell pretty hard, the seasonal collapse has passed, and the year is shaping up to be one of tight supply, he said.

Despite the challenges of the fresh market, Trevino agrees. "Aznide has a lot to do with it," he said. "I think when this thing (the west) gets under cover, it'll be different. Growers will tighten up, availability will tighten up, and we'll see an increase in price."

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Ag profile



This 15-year-old followed his grandfather's example by always trying to do the right thing.

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Food initiative is rich in potential

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

BOISE — Farmers have always fed the world, but now they're being asked to join in a national program to literally feed their neighbors.

Launched earlier this year by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, the Community Food Security Initiative seeks to expand grass-roots partnerships that build local food systems to reduce hunger, and Idaho's farm community is expected to play a major role here in the Gem state.

Dick Rush, executive director of the Farm Services Agency in Idaho has just been named Idaho's CSF liaison, and while he questions his appointment to the position, he is excited about the program's potential.

"This is definitely a coordinator position," he said. "I take no credit for being an expert in this area."

Well versed in farm programs



that lend themselves to assisting farmers in hard times, however, Rush said the CSF and farmers have the ability to help the broader community in hard times as well.

"These are very difficult times in agriculture, prices are extremely low. And at the same time we have people struggling to put food on the table," he said. "The Secretary wants to make sure the USDA helps as much as it can."

Rush said it only makes sense, considering that for more USDA funding goes to domestic food programs than to farmers. Programs such as food stamps, school lunches and food for women and infant children

claim a large portion of USDA's budget, and still people are going hungry, he said.

But there are many ways to address the problem, some traditional, some innovative.

"FSA, last year, developed a number of gleanng programs," Rush said. "Farmers allowed fields to be gleaned, with food going to food banks and such."

FSA would like to continue that effort this year, and Rush encourages farmers who want to participate to contact their local FSA office as soon as possible.

In addition, Rush is charged with aiding in a network of food donation and distribution in the

state to better serve those efforts. He asks that any organization involved in such efforts contact the state FSA office. The USDA is trying to identify those organizations to strengthen that network nationwide.

Rush said a National Food Security Summit is set for Oct. 15 in Chicago, and the USDA would like to get the word, and invitations, out to as many food donation organizations as possible.

Rush emphasized that the initiative is a low-key effort and in no way a bureaucracy. There's no reason for people to be leery of participation, he said.

"We want to make sure we're feeding our own people, and do a better job of that," he added.

Even during tough times, Idaho's farm community as a vast potential to meet people's most basic need, according to Rush, and in doing so they also help themselves.

"The (gleaning) program was in its infancy last year, but the farmers who participated felt good about it," he said, adding that they said they'd rather see their products feed somebody than to go to waste. And because it is the rural community that hurts first when the ag economy suffers, they're helping their neighbors, he said.

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Opinion

Vandalism costs dignity, respect

Advocates for a moratorium on animal feeding operations in Twin Falls County lost their campaign Wednesday as county commissioners voted to deny the moratorium.

They also lost some dignity and credibility. When serious discussion on the issue fell short of supporting the case to put an immediate halt on any new operations, someone responded with childish vandalism, firing the courthouse banister with dairy waste.

County Commissioner Dennis Maughan has taken the high road in deciding not to pursue the vandals and thus make martyrs of them. But it doesn't take a genius to figure out that the smeared dairy waste was related to the moratorium decision.

And these folks want to be taken seriously? The vandalism did nothing more than hurt the anti-livestock cause.

While livestock operators take valuable time out of their 24-hour-a-day operations and incur additional expense to prepare for and attend hearings, activists simply proclaim the whole process a "sham" if things don't go their way.

In fact, whoever perpetrated the staircase smear job doesn't deserve the designation of "activist." Webster's defines "activist" as "taking positive, direct action to achieve an end." Wednesday's putrid assault on the Twin Falls County Courthouse was anything but positive.

Unfortunately the sophomoric actions of some discredit the efforts of others with legitimate concerns. The state's environmental-health, economic-viability-and-citizens'-rights are all important issues deserving of rational, educated consideration. Vandalistic acts such as Wednesday's charade compromise an important debate.

Let's also fly in the face of any meaningful effort to bring all players to the table to find solutions. We have one more aside: We'd like to see those folks grow up.

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Farmers need action – now!

Guest Comment Ron Rayner

Now that Congress is back in session, one of its first items of business is a relief package for American agriculture.

Before the August recess, the Senate voted on a measure to assist farmers. It's a part of the agriculture appropriations bill for the budget year that begins Oct. 1.

Although the House had earlier passed an appropriations bill for agriculture, it did not address the current farm crisis with any type of short-term assistance. A House-Senate conference is likely to convene soon to begin reconciling the two bills.

Most people might think the need for such relief for agriculture was resolved in 1996, when the current farm law – the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, or FAIR – was passed.

Under that legislation, farmers receive a declining annual payment for the seven-year life of the law to help them make the transition from a government-supported program to a market-oriented program.

But the law referred to as "Freedom to Farm," decouples farm program benefits from plantings and permits farmers a big step toward ending government subsidy of cropping flexibility.

In theory, the idea had some merit. And all that farmers, I don't like being reliant on government support. I favor the

freedom to respond to the market. I like the flexibility to plant alternative crops.

The law provided me with some new possibilities in managing my land, and I am responsibly trying to manage the associated risks.

Prices for most commodities were relatively high when the FAIR Act was passed and, with world population continuing to grow, it looked like there was substantial opportunity to export what U.S. consumers didn't use. The absence of a safety net was our biggest concern in the debate over FAIR, however.

Some would argue that changes are needed in FAIR to get the safety net back into U.S. agriculture to make us competitive against foreign producers that are heavily subsidized by their governments.

I think most cotton producers would agree that such a change needs a careful review, but not at this point. Passing the agriculture relief assistance program should be Congress' first priority before it attempts to make any long-term adjustments to law.

For the rest of us in agriculture, needs an emergency assistance package now. Agriculture is our

nation's No. 1 industry and contributes enormously to our economy, producing a stable supply of food and fiber.

The production and processing of cotton alone, for example, employs more than 440,000 Americans. U.S. cotton, its suppliers and customers account for one out of every 13 U.S. jobs.

The \$7.8 billion Senate package that was added to the agriculture appropriations bill for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, would provide meaningful short-term assistance to our vital agriculture sector, one that is failing from a combination of factors over which it has no control.

It is imperative for the House and Senate to reconcile differences quickly and deliver timely relief to America's farmers and ranchers.

From my perspective, certain components are absolutely essential in the final package that Congress will approve.

- A substantial increase in supplemental income payments.
- A modification of current income support programs so that commercial-size farmers can market their commodities rather than forfeit them to the federal government.

Ron Rayner, a cotton producer in Goodyear, Ariz., is president of the Midwest National Cotton Council of America.

Letter

If your belly's full, hug a farmer

I would like to address the comments currently being made about the agricultural community in Idaho. The people in Idaho have at their disposal the highest quality, safest and lowest-priced food in the entire world. The average household spends 13 percent of its income on food. Now remember, I said FOOD – not soap, diapers, etc. That 13 percent includes all the food you can eat, whereas most of the people in the world spend 50-60 percent of theirs on food. And, and some stand in long lines to get whatever is available.

People in agriculture are tired of the whining about sprinker water and tractors on the road, smoke from burning ditch banks, odors from dairies, feedlots and feed mills and farmers always using too much water and spraying fields. What people forget is that the ag people live here too, and also want solutions to these problems. Most ag people live in the middle of their operations and are the most informed on how to solve the problems. The average person in agriculture is just as concerned about the environment as non-ag

people and is actively working on a solution to all the REAL problems.

There are some people who want their personal agendas accomplished and will stop at nothing to brainwash the general public. They do not tell you of the great strides made by these farmers, dairies, feedlots, cattlemen, and food processors in solving the problems in each business. Each group of producers or processors is spending millions of dollars to solve the problems.

Dam busters, who call themselves the champions of the people, would like to see the dams taken out of the rivers, reservoirs drained, and the farm ground dried up. They think that they would have their perfect place to live, but that is not reality. Reality is that ag people must expand to some degree or perish. Ag people would love to need only 40 acres, or milk 10 cows, have a few beef and/or a fish pond and make a living, but the consumer does not want to pay 300 percent more for his food.

There are a lot of people who say that the economic benefits of the "60-acre myth." If that is true, why do they all shop at the

mega supermarket or the mega cart? To get lower prices they will drive past the local Walmart and Pop grocery store on the way to the supermarket. Meanwhile, the local Walmart and Pop drives up. Now all in a sudden, mega stores are just fine because everyone is saving money. These same people complain with their mouths full when the person expands to produce the lowest cost food for that supermarket.

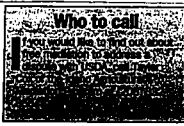
It seems to me that the people who like to live in the country have to understand that there is blowing dust, accidentally sprinkled roads, and that there are feed mills and dirt and big tractors on the road. These inconveniences are just a part of progressive farming that will ensure the low prices households are enjoying today.

It is bad enough to face the long, hard hours and low selling prices without having to face condemnation by a few radicals who do nothing to enhance the overall quality of life. So, if your family is full today, go hug an ag person and be thankful you are not the 8 percent of the population raising the food for the rest of the country.

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Program offers free mediation

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor



Who to call

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develop certified mediation programs. Funding, however, has been an issue with actual funding falling short of the annual appropriations laid out in the Act.

Initially the Act provided for mediation of ag credit disputes and later include crop insurance issues as well. The 1994 Reorganization Act expanded authority further to also provide for disputes involving wetland determinations, conservation compliance, rural water loans, grazing on national forest lands, pesticide issues and more.

Cox said the program has worked very well in the other mediation programs.

"It saved time and money for both the agency and the grower," he said, referring to reports from coordinators of programs in those states.

Dick Rush, director of the Farm Service Agency in Idaho,

said FSA has had a mediation producer with a dispute can appeal to the county FSA committee, the state FSA and a national appeals board. If said producer desired, he could hire a trained mediator outside the appeal processors, but there was no federal money to provide for that.

Rush thinks the county committee route is a good one, but says the state mediation process is also a viable option. And if a producer goes through the mediation process and doesn't like the results, he can still go through the appeals process.

"He does not lose that right," Rush said, adding that the state may have a windfall of takers due to an economic climate that breeds grievances.

"I think a lot of the interest will be on our loan program" he said. "These are tough times, and there is a lot more concern right now on those types of issues."

Cox said that in addition to providing certified mediators, the program can also provide counseling and job training. The services can be requested by producers, their creditors, or other persons directly affected by USDA's regulatory or financial actions.

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Public Lands Council annual meeting and range tour, Idaho Falls. For details call the Idaho Cattle Association 208-343-1615.

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Magic Valley Team Sorting Association FINALS, Time and location to be announced. For more information call Delwin Army, 487-2247.

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Magic Valley Racing Association Jackpot, 1 p.m., Shoshone. For more information call Holly Cook 886-2023 or LuAnn Axelson 886-7050.

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Connections '99: Ground Water Technical Workshop, Boise Centre on the Grove, Boise. Registration is \$65 on or before Sept. 17, \$80 after. For more information call 208-885-6429 or e-mail fern@idahoeu.edu.

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Monthly meeting of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, 7 a.m., Depot Grill, 545 So. Shoshone St., Twin Falls. Speaker: Ed White, General Manager Lamb Weston, Twin Falls. Topic: The Future of potatoes in Idaho. For more information call John C. Haight, 734-7345 office or 734-2302 home.

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Idaho Industrial Commission 1999 Annual Workers' Compensation seminar, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Boise Centre on the Grove. For more information contact Kim Day, 208-334-6013.

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Second National Small Farm Conference "Building Partnerships for the 21st Century," Regal River Front Hotel, St. Louis, MO, 573-681-5520. For more information, contact Denis Ebdogathe, USDA at (202)401-4385, fax (202)401-5173, e-mail debdogathe@reusda.gov.

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Side square off over proposed hog regulations

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

TWIN FALLS — Sifting through the abundance of commentary offered at a hearing on proposed rules and regulations for hog and poultry operations Wednesday night, one thing is perfectly clear — there are two sides to every issue.

Those outside of agriculture want every assurance that livestock operations will neither smell, expand nor explode.

Those inside agriculture want any assurance at all that they won't be run out of business by needless regulation.

The two sides almost came together, haphazardly, at certain junctures — such as when environmental activists

prophesied the enforcement of "industrial farms" without strict regulations, while livestock advocates prophesied the likewise unfortunate advent of corporate takeover under such strict regulation.

There seems to be an arguing that everyone is working from the same line drawn in the sand. Whether that helps the Division of Environmental Quality in its case somewhat that livestock rules seems to be seen. The public comment period closes Oct. 1, and the agency is scheduled to present its recommendations to the Board of Health and Welfare in November.

Lewie Ekers, executive director of the Idaho Livestock Association, said the permitting regulations were far too stringent and costly.

estimating the enforcement would cost a small producer in excess of \$30,000.

"Why can't we, in common sense, say (dairies plants) have to be approved by, rather than approved by," engineers and professional biologists?" he asked. "What happens when we get the costs of these things unreasonably high is we're forcing megacorporations to take over," he said. "I think we've a little leecher than we need to be."

Marti Bridges, water policy director for Idaho Rivers United, says the rules aren't stringent enough. She would like to see the state "take the bull by the horns" and have an all-out prohibition of factory farms.

Bridges said the regulations are lacking in maximum sanitary farm water sources, waste containment and treatment requirements, standards for animal fair components related to odor, consistency with other state thresholds for livestock regulations, standards for storm

water, specific best-management practices, and sufficient bond requirements to guarantee cleanup of an operation went belly up.

Greg Garman, a Meridian contractor and vice president of the Idaho Cattle Association, commented that there's no evidence that livestock operations are the pollution contributors they're made out to

be. Golf courses and residential areas contribute a huge amount of nutrient to the environment, and to mention municipalities and leaching septic tanks, he said. "How do we know they may not be our greatest polluters?" he asked, adding that livestock operations are not necessarily the largest polluters. "We better find out before we start shutting industries."

Kimberly pork producer Dave Boyer took it one step further, challenging those present to look at the way the city of Twin Falls handles waste and compare that to his own operation's records. While he admits waste and land applies to specific ratios, the city puts sludge on open land and only "reduces" levels, before releasing waste water into Rock Creek.

Carla Olson, representing Jefferson Area Coalition for Clean Air, however, said the regulations missed the point. Animal units per acre is far more relevant than animal units per operation, she said.

Twin Falls livestock grower Jack McCall added that management was more important than numbers. Waste, odor, flies, and dust can be a problem or not for any-sized operation. The important thing is that all operations be held to the same standard.


"If we're going to play by these rules," he said, "let's all play by the same rules."




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Borrowing base lending, as it is commonly referred to in the industry, is a process whereby the borrower and lender agree to certain advance rates on collateral that is pledged. These advance rates govern how much the lender will advance against specific types of collateral intended for liquidation within the operating cycle. Typically, they include market livestock and feed, less payables, and accounts receivable.

For example, a lender may loan up to 75 to 85 percent against qualifying accounts receivable (often this means accounts receivable less than 60 days old), 65 to 75 percent against qualifying market livestock, and 50 to 75 percent against feed inventories. The borrowing base arrangement may also dictate how often collateral updates on livestock holdings, feed holdings, and accounts receivable have to be reported to the lender. Additionally, a lender and borrower may have very specific agreements as to how the collateral is valued.

Depending upon the financial circumstances, borrowing base certificates (a form that outlines collateral, advance rates, debt outstanding, and borrowing availability) may be completed as frequently as twice each month or at each advance. Borrowers should ensure that they are familiar with the particular form their lender uses.

The importance of understanding how the borrowing base works and how changes in the market value of the collateral pledged can impact borrowing availability cannot be understated.



Borrowing base lending, because of its specialization, is not understood by every loan officer.

Borrowers should make sure their lending officer is able to explain clearly and precisely how each aspect of the process works. Unfortunately, past experience has taught that incomplete or incorrectly prepared borrowing base certificates can get undetected for quite some time before an error is discovered.

Assuming the borrowing base certificate is completed correctly, the lender focuses on whether or not the monies loaned are equal to or less than the sum of the maximum advance allowed on livestock, feed, and accounts receivable. This is commonly referred to as being "in compliance." "Out-of-compliance" situations are also determined from the borrowing base. Out-of-compliance loans, much like other agricultural loans, will have the lender asking for a plan as to how and when the loan will get back into compliance.

For feedlots that provide custom feeding services, as with feedlots that own their livestock, the lender will pay particular attention to the accounts receivable. A common

problem is when a feedlot owner, in good faith, provides services and bills for those services but later has to make adjustments to their bills due to rapid market changes or competitive pressures. This is commonly referred to in the lending industry as "dilution" of receivables. If downward adjustments are material, it can result in an out-of-compliance situation.

Borrowing base certificate financing is usually limited to feedlots that demonstrate strong financial responsibility, as the lender must have substantial faith in the feedlots reporting integrity and ability. On occasion, lenders will send out an inspector to perform a collateral evaluation. This means livestock counts, feed inventory reviews, and a review of accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accounting systems. These are generally good times for the borrower to gain insight into the lending process as it applies to the particular operation.

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Pasture	15 AUM/yr	\$13.00/AUM	\$2.00
Handling	8,000 head/yr	\$18.16/head	\$144.48
Shedding	8,000 head/yr	\$5.00/head	\$40.00
Shedding, conc	8,000 head/yr	\$2.00/head	\$16.00
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Dock, insurance	8,000 head/yr	\$1.85/head	\$14.80
Wagon, conc	8,000 head/yr	\$2.75/head	\$22.00
Cost supplies	8,000 head/yr	\$4.50/head	\$36.00
Dry feed	2,700 head/yr	\$ 3.00/head	\$8.10
Veterinary Medicine	2,500	\$ 2.00/head	\$5.00
Machinery fuel	\$457.60		\$7.29
Lubrication, repair		\$1	\$4.46
Vehicle fuel, repair	\$291		\$7.59
Equipment repair	\$252.50		\$1.25
Housing, improvement	\$9,600.00		\$1.77
Hired labor	2,400 hrs	\$6.50/hr	\$15.60
Owner labor	496 hrs	\$6.50/hr	\$3.24
Interest operating capital	\$52,794.80	\$ 3.00	\$15.23
Total operating costs			\$97.27
Income above operating costs			\$138.89
Operating costs			
Capital recovery			
Purchased livestock	\$6742.54	\$1	\$6.74
Housing improvement	\$1825.74	\$1	\$1.83
Machinery	\$662.83	\$1	\$1.85
Vehicles	\$1833.79	\$1	\$1.84
Interest on financed livestock	\$57,500	\$6.00/head	\$15.63
Taxes, insurance	\$664.00	\$1	\$1.66
Overhead	\$180.00	\$1	\$1.51
Total ownership costs			\$23.62
Total costs			\$120.89
Return to risk and management			\$18.52

What you'll receive

Gross receipts			
Fed lambs	250 head	\$ 2.00/lb	\$500.00
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Cull ewes	150 head	\$ 2.20	\$330.00
Cull rams	8 head	\$ 4.00	\$32.00
Cull ewes, conc	40 head	\$ 2.50/lb	\$100.00
Wool-conc	8,000 head	\$ 0.90	\$72.00
Wool-cash	30 head	\$ 2.00/lb	\$60.00
Total receipts			\$1,594.00

Source: Commodity Digest

Congress considers milk price overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) - The political battle over milk is heating up as Congress nears consideration of whether to toss out the Agriculture Department's overhaul of milk-pricing policy.

The plan will take effect Oct. 1 unless Congress blocks it. It is intended to smooth regional disparities in the prices farmers get for their milk, but it would benefit the upper Midwest to the detriment of producers in the South and East.

"Over the last six years alone, Wisconsin has lost over 7,000 dairy farmers," said one lawmaker who backs the Agriculture Department plan,

The plan will take effect Oct. 1 unless Congress blocks it.

GOP Rep. Mark Green of Wisconsin. "Without reforms, we will continue to see the wholesale departure of these family farms throughout our state."

New Englanders - with support from parts of the Northeast and the South - have regrouped in wake of the Senate's refusal last month to extend their region's dairy compact, which expires Oct. 1.

They are fighting the new plan but also working, through a

separate agriculture spending bill, to reauthorize and expand the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact.

Lawmakers heard from about 250 farmers, from Mississippi, Maine, who pressed their case Wednesday on Capitol Hill.

"We all know the clock is ticking," said Sen. Jim Jeffords, R-Vt., a leader of the pro-compact coalition.

The department's proposal won overwhelming support from dairy farmers in a

referendum last month. Critics say farmers only supported it because the alternative - deregulation of milk prices - was worse.

The plan would scrap the federal government's Depression-era system for setting minimum prices for fluid milk based on a farm's distance from Eau Claire, Wis. Farmers who lived the farthest away could charge the most.

At the time, the government wanted to encourage milk production in areas of scarcity. But today, many say the system is outdated.

The department wants to consolidate the 31 regions for

setting milk prices into 11 and scrap the Eau Claire method of pricing.

Legislation by Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., would block that plan and implement an alternative closer to the current pricing system. A vote on the bill, which has drawn many cosponsors, must come in the next two weeks.

Meanwhile, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has proposed an amendment to extend and expand the Northeast compact. New Englanders hope it will be included in a House-Senate bill to fund agriculture programs in fiscal 2000, which starts Oct. 1.

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Uniform Price (Aug.)	\$13.11	\$13.33

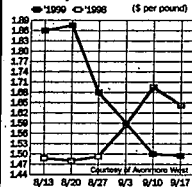
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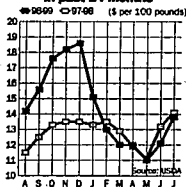
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Payments can vary with BFP quote

By Linda Robinson
Ag Weekly correspondent

Producers whose risk management strategy includes BFP milk futures and orders may have noticed that the "mailbox check" they receive is slightly different than the USDA BFP.

According to the CME Dairy Market report, BFP futures and options are based on the monthly USDA Basic Formula Price for milk. But when dairymen receive the mailbox check for their milk, it often varies from the USDA BFP on a dollars-per-hundredweight basis.

"Milk is sold on a per hundredweight basis," explains Wilson Gray, University of Idaho extension livestock economist

"The reason for the mailbox price is that the price paid by processors isn't what the dairymen gets."

The reason for the difference, Gray said, is because of various charges and fees that are deducted before the checks are issued. So the mailbox price is actually closer to what the dairymen see when their checks arrive.

When using futures and options to hedge milk prices, CME reports that variables within particular milk marketing orders will affect the mailbox price.

Jim Daugherty, Pacific Northwest Milk Marketing administrator, reviewed the July assessments for an example of

the price differences. These are not what he turns over to the Department of Agriculture.

"For July figures, the gross number of pounds of milk was 13,495, which is an average for all handlers," Daugherty explained. "Hauling charges were \$32.96, co-op dues were \$0.6390, and a federally mandated assessment of \$0.155 that goes to the National Dairy Promotions. So the final check would be in the area of \$12.625." Daugherty said these are all based on a butterfat content of 3.45 percent and separate pricin of 3.16.

Although it is not essential to include the mailbox differential, according to CME, the hedge will be much less accurate without it.



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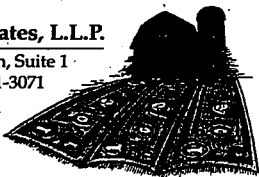
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Canada opens border to feeder cattle

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

BOISE— Idaho cattlemen have lassoed a formally off-limits market with Canada's decision to allow feeder cattle into that

country. And that's good news—even if the timing is a bit suspect, according to Sara Braasch, executive vice president of the Idaho Cattle Association.

News of the decision was sent to the Idaho State Department of

Agriculture on Sept. 10, just about two weeks after Idaho had registered for the export allowance, and Braasch, for one, doesn't think the fast turnaround is coincidental.

"We think that the WTO negotiations are in the near future, the Canadian government seems to be able to move a lot faster," Braasch said. "Hopefully they will approach all trade issues with the same sense of expediency."

Nonetheless, she said, "the cow-calf producers in Idaho will have one more person to bid on their calves."

At issue was a medical restriction that prevented feeder cattle from entering the country without a test for anaplasmosis, a blood disorder that breaks down red blood cells, according to Idaho's assistant state veterinarian, Kendall Eyre, DVM. The disorder, caused by a blood parasite, causes anemias in cattle, and in extreme cases can cause death through hypoxia, which results when tissue is deoxygenated.

"But we just don't see that much of it," Eyre said. "Most of the time we only see titters, blood

levels that shows they (animals) were exposed to it in the past." In fact, he said, regulations are based on tests that are aimed at measuring antibodies in the blood to detect past exposure.

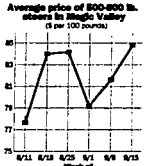
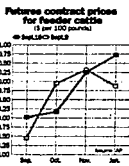
"Testing for anaplasmosis is prohibitive in the feeder market where a few dollars makes a big difference," Eyre said. The test cost about \$5,500 per animal, and that doesn't take into consideration the veterinary fee for administering the test. The time factor involved in running the animal through the clinic an extra time, waiting for results and processing paperwork was not appealing either.

But, like brucellosis and tuberculosis, the low prevalence of anaplasmosis in Idaho has negated the requirement for testing—at least at certain times of the year, Eyre said. For several years, the states of Montana and Washington have worked with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency through the Northwest Project to eliminate the testing requirement, a feat just completed last year, he said. Idaho applied for inclusion in January, but was turned down. Now, updated

data—which shows Idaho's prevalence level at .018 and below Canada's, a standard was submitted with a re-application in late August, resulting in Idaho's acceptance.

"Testing is not a big deal in feeder cattle will be shipped here. It is through April 1, offsetting the discontinuity of the winter (ticks) to Canada's, it's critical," Eyre said. The cattle will be treated with antiseizure after they cross the border, however. While anaplasmosis is not a big deal here where cattle have been exposed to the parasite—typically having only minimal effect on calves—it does have potential to kill quite a few head in Canada where exposure has not previously occurred, he added.

Braasch said she doesn't know what immediate interest there'll be in shipping to Canada now that the restriction has been lifted. But she said a few head from Montana and Washington were shipped to Canada during the same time period this year. "Overall, we're really excited with the approval," she said. It's potentially another place to solicit bids, if one sells cattle.



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Court halts Marvel's campaign

Ag Weekly

TWIN FALLS— Activist Jon Marvel has suffered a setback in his bid to block a federal grazing permit transfer.

An administrative law judge with the Interior Department's Board of Land Appeals has ruled to block the transfer of nine allotments over tens of thousands of acres of public range as part of the sale of the Gerald Tew's cattle ranch to

the J.R. Simplot livestock operation.

James Terry rejected Marvel's claim that there would be irreparable damage done to the range if the transfer was allowed before his official protest of the transaction is settled by the Board of Land Appeals. That court will see the case in five years.

Marvel claims the Bureau of Land Management failed to adequately assess the

environmental impact of continuing to graze the range in the Justice Resource area of eastern Oregon and western Twin Falls counties, allowing degradation of the land to continue.

But Terry found that new conditions imposed on the grazing permits upon transfer would result in a net greater protection for the range.

Marvel belittled Terry's decision, issued earlier this month, while Tew's continued again that all the Ecology architect has done "is harass us."

The Bureau of Land Management has argued that it followed the law to begin with and that the Simplot operation will be held to more stringent environmental standards of the allotments.

Already imposed on the permits are changes in the seasonal use, the method of use on pivots, rotation, herding and fencing. And bureau officials said additional measures are possible, such as imposed, depending on the results of a new round of assessments.

So far this year, Marvel has commissioned a federal judge to order federal grazing leases in southwestern Idaho but not to be renewed unless environmental measures are met. He has seen the state Supreme Court side with him in two instances.

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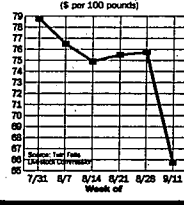
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Lamb and hog prices

Twin Falls	Fat lambs	Fat lambs	Ewes
	\$65-67.5	\$63.50-67	\$119-120
Twin Falls	Feder hogs	Fat hogs	
	\$32-36	\$34-38.50	

All prices per 100 pounds

Average price of feeder lambs at Twin Falls saleyard (\$ per 100 pounds)



Saleyard report

Jerome

320 lb.	\$72	Culler/Carner cows	\$30 to \$35
365 lb.	\$70	Slaughter buls, \$40	\$67-70
410 lb.	\$69.50	\$46.75	\$71-72
458 lb.	\$72	Dairy Sale	\$72-75
506 lb.	\$69.50	Head count = 222	\$68
567 lb.	\$68	Top springer, \$1780	\$76
501 lb.	\$67	Top 10 springers,	\$68
526 lb.	\$68	\$2450	\$76
577 lb.	\$61	Top 50 springers,	\$72
600 lb.	\$67	\$1480	\$76
659 lb.	\$65.50	Top 100 springers,	\$76
805 lb.	\$64.50	\$1330	\$76
671 lb.	\$64.50	Breeding buls, wt.	\$62 to \$65
757 lb.	\$64.50	Fresh heifers, \$900	\$62-75
781 lb.	\$61.25	\$75-8250	\$62 to \$65
785 lb.	\$61	Short bred, wt.	\$62 to \$65
703 lb.	\$58.50		\$61 to \$65
815 lb.	\$61.50	Open heifer sale	\$64
800 lb.	\$61	Friday, Sept. 24	\$62 to \$65
876 lb.	\$61		\$64
855 lb.	\$56.75		\$68

Twin Falls

Choice steers	813 lb.	\$74.50
389 lb.	\$96.75	\$83
380 lb.	\$98	\$79
388 lb.	\$94	\$86 lb.
481 lb.	\$95	\$85
410 lb.	\$84.50	\$81.50
402 lb.	\$94	\$85 lb.
435 lb.	\$94	\$82 lb.
426 lb.	\$92	\$82
529 lb.	\$87	\$98 lb.
580 lb.	\$82	\$90 lb.
612 lb.	\$76.50	\$74
613 lb.	\$76.50	\$74
658 lb.	\$83	\$78 lb.
710 lb.	\$79	\$71 lb.
728 lb.	\$77.50	\$77
765 lb.	\$75	\$75
759 lb.	\$76	\$75
787 lb.	\$72	\$65 lb.
810 lb.	\$72	\$62 lb.
853 lb.	\$72	\$63
893 lb.	\$71.25	\$63
901 lb.	\$68.75	\$66 lb.
900 lb.	\$67	\$703 lb.

Choice heifers	582 lb.	\$63
322 lb.	\$81.25	\$79
412 lb.	\$80	\$79.50
483 lb.	\$80	\$80
470 lb.	\$72	\$118
527 lb.	\$79.50	\$85
506 lb.	\$73.25	\$85
580 lb.	\$73.75	\$86
565 lb.	\$73	\$87
528 lb.	\$71	\$84
624 lb.	\$74	\$84
640 lb.	\$73.25	\$84
647 lb.	\$73	\$80
643 lb.	\$67	\$84
703 lb.	\$71.50	\$82
787 lb.	\$68	\$82
751 lb.	\$67.75	\$84
887 lb.	\$69	\$84
906 lb.	\$68	\$84
990 lb.	\$66	\$88

Other:		
Hol. Bul calves, \$10	821 lb.	\$68.75
to \$40 ho; Hol; heif.	712 lb.	\$73.50
calves, \$180 to \$310	728 lb.	\$72
hd.;	717 lb.	\$68
Started bud, steer	723 lb.	\$72.75
calves, \$50 to \$240	726 lb.	\$72.75
hd.;	707 lb.	\$66.75
Util/Com. Cows, \$36	745 lb.	\$75.50

E. Idahoans complain against lax farm rules

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Residents who spoke at a hearing on proposed rules that would govern hog farms said the rules are not strong enough and urged "state environmental officials to adopt an outright ban on the farms.

"I've looked at these regulations, or really the lack thereof, in some detail," Patrick Rafferty said during the meeting Tuesday. "There are absolutely no requirements for detection of odors. It says you have to provide a plan. I think I'm a farmer trying to make money. I would say my plan is to let them stink."

Most of those who spoke, from farmers to veterinarians to scientists, were skeptical that any regulations could protect Idaho from the environmental problems that other states with

factory hog farms have experienced.

The proposed rules were written partly in response to overtures from a company that considered locating a hog farm in eastern Idaho, and were drafted by a task force of state legislators, county officials, hog and poultry operators and two environmental groups.

The Division of Environmental Quality is accepting public comments on the rules until Oct. 1. They must be approved by the Board of Health and Welfare and the Legislature before they go into effect.

Those attending the meeting said the regulations, which would require new hog farms with more than 5,000 adult hogs to apply for state permits, would not prevent companies from

using outdated, cheap technologies. The rules do not specify what kind of systems must be used to treat the animal waste.

"Russ Brown, a physicist from Idaho Falls, said anaerobic digesters, commonly used in hog farms to treat manure and wastewater, are not recommended for cold climates. The bacteria that break down the waste quit working during the winter.

Brown also said unlike "industrial plants, farms cannot be shut down if something goes wrong."

"This type of facility is like a 100-mile freight train with no brakes," he said. "If you have a lagoon leak, if you have a serious violation, they don't stop. The pigs don't take a vacation."

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Bean prices

Prices received by farmers

Idaho	Pinto	Great Northerns	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
	\$17-18	\$17	\$16-17	Id. \$16-17	Id. \$18

Prices received by dealers

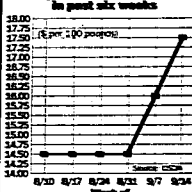
Idaho	Pintos	Great Northerns	Reds	Pinks	Small whites
	\$23-24	not estab.	Id. \$25	not estab.	not estab.

Prices elsewhere

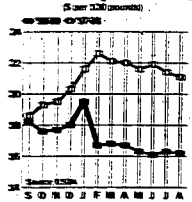
Pinto Beans:
 Northeast Colorado, \$17-18; Western Colorado, New Mexico \$18; Kansas, \$17. E. Wyoming, W. Nebraska, \$17-18; North Dakota, Minnesota, \$15.

Other Beans:
 Small reds, Washington, \$17-19.
 Great Northerns, Colorado, Nebraska, Wyoming, \$19.
 Prices per 100 pounds quoted by USDA Bean Market News Tuesday afternoon survey of warehouses. Local dealers have more recent information.

Prices received by Idaho pinto-bean farmers in past six weeks



Prices received by Idaho bean farmers in past 24 months



Mexico's bean auction brings heavy bidding

Linda Robinson
 Ag Weekly correspondent

After several announcements and sporadic cancellations, Mexico has finally held the auction for bean import permits. Delays in the auction, possibly to give Mexican farmers time to harvest and sell their crop, may have resulted in more bids than ever before. Record bids from Mexican companies to import U.S. beans were received, according to Armando Orellana, manager with the State of Idaho Mexico Trade Office during the Aug. 30 auction.

SECOFI received a total of 222 bids from a total of 90

In order to avoid any one company from monopolizing the industry, Mexico allows each company to make bids up to three metric tons only.

companies, the largest ever since NAFTA was signed. Of the 222 bids received, 201 were actually valid, with the remaining being disqualified for a variety of technical reasons. From those qualifying, only 79 were actually awarded import permits while the other 122 offered too low a bid, Orellana said.

Prices offered for the bids ranged from \$0.01 pesos to \$2.53 pesos per kilogram, Orellana told the Idaho Bean

Commission in highlights of the auction. The final price awarded for the import permit was \$0.97 pesos per kilogram. Considering the current exchange rate of \$9.40 per U.S. dollar, Orellana said, the price awarded is \$0.103 per kilogram, or the equivalent of \$4.73 U.S. dollars per hundredweight.

This is the price the Mexican companies will pay to the Mexican government to import beans in the United States, in addition to paying market value for the beans. The total quantity awarded was for 48 million kilograms, or 48 metric tons. Orellana indicated many officials in Mexico seemed to be surprised by the number of bids presented and by the final price the importers paid.

In order to avoid any one company from monopolizing the industry, Mexico allows each company to make bids up to three metric tons only.

Orellana explained. Companies bid for any market class of beans including blacks, reds and pintos and often the companies split their bids among several bid offers in the hope that most are accepted.

"It's to assure the best participation at the best price," Orellana said.

"The companies submit the price that they will pay to the government for the right to import beans. They are real bids, a real auction."

At this point, the Idaho Mexico Trade Office will contact the companies that were awarded permits and make sure they have copies of the Idaho Bean Directory and Idaho contracts for bean purchases. From there, companies will buy and sell as any other transaction.

"Yes, our companies receive leads two or three times a week from Mexico's office, as well as the National Dry Bean Council

and Idaho Bean Commission," Carter Wilson, manager of J.P. Wilson, verified. "We have the option to access the Mexican market for each."

In response to rumors of Mexican farmers being discriminated by the auction, Orellana said he's heard nothing on that regard. Bean producers in Mexico had a good crop this year, and producers here, not being happy because the oversupply of beans in the market has pushed the prices down. Currently, Mexican prices are 5 pesos per kilogram or 53 cents U.S. with a 10-cent import fee, totaling 43 cents per kilogram. The consensus of prices goes continuing, but after during the month this equates to approximately \$24.38 per pound or \$24.00 per hundredweight.

Also puzzling the problem for Mexico's farmers is yield. At nine bags per acre going for \$29 per bag, farmers may only receive \$260.00 per acre for their crop.

"Producers may be concerned," Orellana said. "But prices of beans are so low, exporters won't hurt them much. In fact, it will be hard for the U.S. to compete at 63 U.S. cents per kilogram."

Laura Johnson, marketing manager with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture Marketing Division has been frustrated by the bean auctions for Idaho growers. With the auctions put off until the end of August, she says almost an entire year of trade negotiations have been lost.

"It's very frustrating," Johnson said, referring to the earlier delays of the permit auctions. "We're into 1999 because... Beans coming in Mexico will want to import 2500 cwt."

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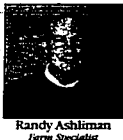
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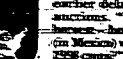
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Wendell Elevator	\$4.10

Prices elsewhere

Ogden	\$3.75
Pocatello	\$3.80
Portland	\$4.45

Dollars per 100 pounds barley

Quoted Thursday afternoon - Prices subject to change at any time.

Wheat prices

Pitchfork Products, Wendell	\$2.50
Ranger	\$2.25
Road Grain	\$2.36
Simplot Agri-Source, Burley	\$2.30
Wendell Elevator	\$2.24

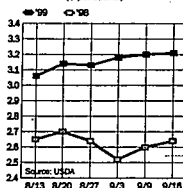
Prices elsewhere

Ogden	\$2.80
Pocatello	\$2.36
Portland	\$3.21

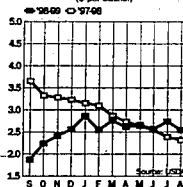
Dollars per bushel soft white

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Portland soft white wheat prices in past six weeks



Prices received by Idaho wheat farmers in past 24 months



Expected grain yields inch up

Report offers good news to producers

By Cindy Snyder
Ag Weekly correspondent

TWIN FALLS—Looks can be deceiving, even in a barley field. A cold, late start to the growing season followed by lodging problems had barley growers and field representatives in the Magic Valley expecting low yields from the 1999 crop. But when the combines started opening up the fields, many of those naysayers were pleasantly surprised—overall, yields were a bit better than expected.

That may be the reason that the Sept. 1 grain report shows a 2 bushel per acre increase in expected barley yields over the Aug. 1 report. The latest Idaho Agricultural Statistics report projects a 76 bushel per acre barley yield across Idaho, up from 74 bushels a month ago.

Jim Mai was one of those surprised by the actual yield. All growing season, as he's filled out his crop reports as a

field representative for Great Western Malt Co., he's called the crop "average." As it turns out, yields are going to be average to a little above average, but the quality is very good this year.

Less disease pressure and less insect pressure this year, combined with good growing conditions after the initial 10-day delay in planting are probably responsible for the better than anticipated crop.

"That's good for Idaho," said Kelly Olson, administrator for the Idaho Barley Commission, "and it's good for Magic Valley producers."

Uncooperative weather the last two years has hurt both yield and quality in the Magic Valley. Even with the slight increase in projected yield, total barley production in Idaho is expected to be 12 percent less than last year. Nationwide, barley production is expected to be 20 percent less in 1998.

Projected spring wheat yields have also been adjusted upward by 2 bushel per acre from a month ago to 77 bushels per acre. That's equal to the

1998 yield per acre. But increased acreage is projected to push total spring wheat production up by 25 percent over last year. When winter wheat is figured in, total production falls 1 percent from last year.

Nationally, total wheat production is forecast at 2.31 billion bushels, down less than 1 percent from the August projection but 10 percent less than last year's production. Spring wheat production is expected to total 508 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month and down 4 percent from 1998.

There's a glimmer of good news hidden in those statistics. Less production and a projected slight increase in domestic use meant wheat stock carry-over will remain stable if the United States does a good job of exporting, said Dave Sparrow, administrator of

the Idaho Wheat Commission. Some bright spots do exist in the export market. U.S. wheat export commitments to Japan are at 35 million bushels, up 7 million bushels from last year. Commitments to Brazil, the European Union, Morocco, Taiwan and former Soviet Union countries have also increased. Egypt has commitments for 28 million bushels of U.S. wheat, down 8

million bushels from last year. Egypt has become an important market for Pacific Northwest wheat, but Sparrow isn't alarmed by the decline.

"It's just a drop in the bucket," he said, adding that Egypt often plays soft white wheat against soft red wheat. Egypt, historically a price buyer, is probably just waiting to see what the market is going to do, Sparrow said.



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Idaho farmers enjoy prime harvest weather

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Cool temperatures and minimal precipitation across Idaho created ideal harvest conditions. With harvest wrapping up in some areas, fall field work has begun. The Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service reports farmers had an average of 6.9 days suitable for fieldwork. Agricultural activities for the week ending Sept. 12 included monitoring for disease, harvesting cereal grains, potatoes, hay, mint, lentils, dry peas, oats, onions, hops, sweet corn, and fruit, and beginning fall field work.

For the fifth consecutive week small grain harvest is behind both last year and the five-year average. Producers continue to kill potato vines and monitor for disease. Stratowide potato harvest is slightly ahead of the five-year average. Eastern areas reported frost for the second



week in a row. Harvest of fourth cutting alfalfa continues in southwestern and south-central areas. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 7 percent below short, 37 percent short, 55 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Range and pasture are reported in good to fair condition. A lack of precipitation throughout the summer has created fire hazards on the range. Cattle and sheep are being brought down from the high country.

In Oregon, temperatures were below normal for most of the state. A few areas had normal to

above normal temperature readings. The coastal areas had about normal temperatures with light precipitation recorded in some areas, ranging from 0.02 to 0.11 inch. The western valleys temperature average ranged from 5 degrees above normal to 2 degrees below normal. The central areas of Oregon ranged from 7 degrees above normal to 6 degrees below normal. In eastern Oregon the temperature average went from 3 degrees above normal to 5 degrees below normal.

Small grain harvest was nearly completed in most areas of the state, Klamath and Willows counties still have grain to be harvested. Haying continued in many counties in eastern Oregon, with quality looking good. Mint harvest was winding down. Fall field preparation was well under way in western Oregon. Red clover seed and hay harvest continued. Washington County reported that field corn was maturing fast.

Livestock mostly good, some fair. Western pastures have mostly reached summer dormancy except where irrigated. In eastern Oregon, range conditions poor to fair, except in Klamath and Willows

counties, where mountain ranges still look green. Some cattle movement has started.

Roadside stands in western Oregon had a large variety of produce on hand. In Clackamas County, harvest of processing green beans was nearing completion. Washington County onions were being pulled with excellent drying weather. Sweet corn harvest was ongoing and most potatoes were dug. Half of the potatoes in Klamath County were knocked down and potato harvest had begun. Umatilla County reported slow progress of fresh potato harvest due to low prices and slow movement.

In Colorado, the spring barley harvest is winding down with 97 percent of the acreage combined, ahead of the progress made by this time both last year and the five-year average. Farmers continued to harvest spring wheat which currently stands at 64 percent complete, still slightly behind last year's and the average pace. Oats harvested is now 93 percent complete, 11 points ahead of the average.

Corn continues to develop in mostly good to excellent condition, with 93 percent of the acreage at or beyond the dough

stage, 59 percent of the acreage denting, and 6 percent of the crop mature. Development remains behind the usual pace, due mostly to planting delays in May. The sorghum crop remains slightly ahead of schedule in mostly good to excellent condition with 72 percent of the acreage turning color beyond and 8 percent of the crop mature.

Dry bean acreage cut is currently 36 percent complete, with harvest advancing to 19 percent. Dry beans and sugar beets are rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Onions harvested is currently at 58 percent complete, still slightly behind the usual pace. The potato crop are rated in mostly good condition, as farmers dug over one third of the summer potato acreage last week reaching 82 percent complete by week's end. The fall potato harvest advanced to 10 percent complete as San Luis Valley farmers have yet to dig in earnest.

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Potato prices

Prices received by Idaho farmers
 Fresh pack quality French fry quality
 no report \$3.50

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

Prices received by Idaho farmers

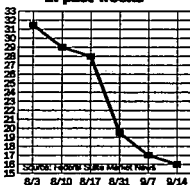
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 \$14-18 \$6-9 n/a

Prices elsewhere

Place	Grade	Price per 100 pounds
Colorado	Russets, 50 lb. carton	\$13-16
Oregon	Russets, 50 lb. carton	\$5-7
Washington	Russets, 50 lb. carton	\$5-7
Wisconsin	Russets, 50 lb. carton	\$13-18

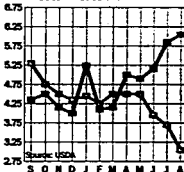
Prices were reported Thursday afternoon by USDA.

Prices to Idaho farmers for 70-80 count cartons in past weeks



Prices received by Idaho potato farmers in past 24 months

● '98 ● '97 ○ '96 (¢ per 100 pounds)



Heinz looks at merger

NEW YORK (AP)—H.J. Heinz Co., the maker of Ore-Ida french fries, and Bestfoods, the maker of Hellman's mayonnaise, are negotiating a deal that would create the nation's second biggest food company, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

The proposed transaction, which may be a merger rather than an acquisition, would combine Pittsburgh-based Heinz, which has annual sales of

\$9.3 billion, with Bestfoods, of Englewood, N.J., to form a company with annual sales of nearly \$15 billion. The merger would create the third largest food company in the world behind Europe's Nestle SA, with \$52 billion in sales, and U.S.-based Kraft Foods, with \$27 billion, the newspaper reported.

Heinz and Bestfoods are similar in size, and it is not clear

which would be the combined company. The move could spur major consolidation in the food industry, the newspaper said.

Among other products, Heinz is the maker of Starkist tuna and Heinz Ketchup. Bestfoods makes Entenmann's baked goods, Skippy peanut butter and Knorr soups and sauces.

Officials for Heinz and Bestfoods declined to comment on the deal.

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Purchasing Your New Truck

If there's a basic truth about transportation in the United States, it's that an automobile is a necessity, and who can resist the lure of a brand new car or truck? The right choice at the right price can bring lasting satisfaction. But with more models, options and prices than ever before, how can consumers make an informed decision in this highly competitive market?

The National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA) and its 20,000 dealer members have prepared this step-by-step guide to make your purchase of a

new car or truck as easy and pleasurable as possible. **Before You Begin**

As with any major purchase, it pays to do your homework before you head for the showroom. The most important things to think about before you begin to look for a new car are:

- What kind of car or truck is right for you?
- What you can afford to spend

Selecting the Right Kind of Vehicle

You must be happy with your purchase. But even a snazzy sports car won't bring lasting happiness if what you really need is a truck. So the first rule here

is to know your everyday transportation needs.

Do you need a large vehicle, with four doors and lots of load space, or is a small, economical, easy-to-park two-door model the best for you? What features and options do you require, and which ones can you live without? All add to the overall cost of the car, so always ask yourself, "do I need it," "can I afford it" and "can I live without it?"

Make a list of all the makes and models you're interested in, including features and options you want, and do some homework on those cars.

The Test-Drive

The only way to get a proper feel for the performance, handling, ride and comfort of a new car or truck is to drive it. The test drive is a perfect opportunity to ask any remaining questions you may have about a vehicle. The following tips may be helpful:

- Test drive all the models you are considering.
- Drive the cars on different types of roads.
- The test drive should last long enough for you to get an accurate feel for acceleration, braking, steering and overall stability.
- Listen to the radio for sound quality but turn it off during the test drive so you can listen to car, wind and road noises.

What You Can Afford to Spend

It's human nature to want more than we need or can afford, but long-term satisfaction is far more likely with a car or truck that does not end up being a constant strain on your budget. Remember, there is a wide selection of new cars and trucks today in all price ranges. All offer aerodynamic styling, high technology systems and better performance, handling and longevity. So be realistic and honest with yourself.

Buy or Lease

Increasing numbers of people are leasing vehicles as an alternative to buying them. Leasing is the renting. There are two types of automobile leases: closed-end and open-end.

With a closed-end lease, at the end of the lease term you simply return the vehicle; you don't owe any additional money unless the car or truck shows more-than-normal wear and tear, has been damaged or has been driven more miles than are specified in the lease.

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Trade-In Value

The market sets the real value of a used car; yours may be worth more or less than the average value for the year and model. If you are planning to trade in your present car on a new one, you can find out the approximate value by checking asking prices listed in the classified sections of local newspapers or, better still, those listed in NADA's Official Used Car Guide or similar publications, available at many libraries. The NADA Official Used Car Guide lists average trade-in, lease and retail prices offered by franchised new-car dealers. But remember, this is just a guide. The region of the country where you live, the time of year, the condition of your car and the current market climate can affect these suggested prices. The best way to determine the actual value of your trade is to visit more than one dealership in your area.

While you may not get quite as much for a trade-in as you would by selling the car yourself, you gain the ease and convenience of a one-stop transaction and avoid the hassle and cost of advertising and dealing directly with another buyer.

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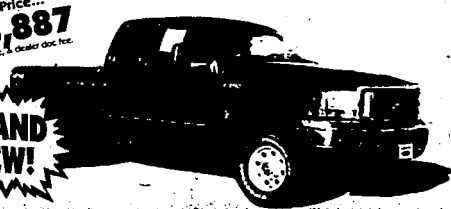
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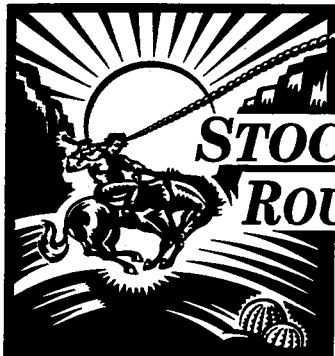


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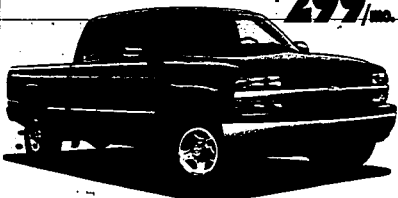
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Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Oct	Sugar	6.81	6.68	6.77	-.04
Sep	BFP Milk	15.90	15.78	15.89	
Oct	BFP Milk	13.30	13.25	13.25	-.15
Nov	BFP Milk	12.80	12.75	12.75	-.05
Dec	BFP Milk	12.70	12.65	12.67	-.08
Jan	BFP Milk	12.10	12.10	12.10	-.15
Feb	BFP Milk	11.99	11.90	11.95	+.08
Oct	Live cattle	67.95	67.30	67.37	-.30
Dec	Live cattle	68.95	68.15	68.22	-.70
Feb	Live cattle	68.75	68.05	68.22	-.50
Apr	Live cattle	70.12	69.60	69.60	-.60
Jun	Live cattle	67.62	67.10	67.12	-.55
Sep	Feeder cattle	78.40	79.00	79.02	-.18
Oct	Feeder cattle	80.10	79.12	79.17	-.80
Nov	Feeder cattle	81.02	80.10	80.25	-.77
Jan	Feeder cattle	81.35	80.60	80.72	-.70
Oct	Live hogs	43.45	41.60	42.52	-.25
Dec	Live hogs	42.47	41.02	41.67	-.10
Feb	Live hogs	46.25	45.45	46.02	+.07
Apr	Live hogs	48.25	47.72	48.08	-.05
Feb	Pork belly	55.15	53.20	54.27	+.25
Mar	Pork belly	54.15	53.00	53.62	+.32
May	Pork belly	55.82	55.50	55.82	+.32
Jul	Pork belly	55.50	55.50	55.50	+.48
Sep	Wheat	2.63 1/2	2.58	2.63 1/4	+.01 3/4
Dec	Wheat	2.76 3/4	2.71 1/2	2.76 1/4	+.01 3/4
Mar	Wheat	2.92 1/4	2.87 1/2	2.91 1/2	+.00 3/4
Sep	Soybean	4.88 1/2	4.82	4.88	+.02 1/2
Nov	Soybean	4.93 1/2	4.86	4.93	+.04
Sep	Corn	2.01	1.97 3/4	2.00	+.00 3/4
Dec	Corn	2.13	2.10 1/4	2.12 3/4	+.00 1/2

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Wetlands, recharge displayed during tour

By Cindy Snyder
Ag Weekly correspondent

RUPERT — Declining ground water levels and spring flows are a concern to many people in southern Idaho, but the problem hits few irrigators as hard as those on the A & B Irrigation District.

Over the last 10 years, ground water levels on the project have fallen 17 feet. The 177 deep well pumps that supply water to the irrigation district near Rupert average 270-280 feet in depth.

"Everyone says go deeper, but that's not always the answer. Dan Temple told fellow irrigation managers and users Wednesday, "We've spent hundreds of thousands of dollars chasing water and we can't find it."

And the power costs to bring the water to the surface are eating into farmers' profits at the cost of about \$70 an acre. It's one of many challenges that make the A & B Irrigation District different than some of the other irrigation districts and canal companies in southern Idaho.

Those differences were on display during the annual Water District #1 tour that was held in the Magic Valley this week. Most years the tour heads to eastern Idaho to take a closer look at the series of reservoirs that supply water to the area.

Irrigators across the region, but this year's tour offered a chance to look at systems closer to home.

The annual event gives irrigators a chance to look at

storage and delivery facilities and to become familiar with the facilities are operated.

"They all have a common interest in the best water management practices," said the Bureau of Reclamation's Steve Brawley.

Accurately measuring water use and finding ways to get the maximum use out of the available water are among the practices tour participants were most interested in. Efforts to identify potential managed recharge sites were also on the agenda.

For most of the A & B Irrigation District's 50-some year history, tail water from the project was pumped back into the aquifer using a system of 78 injection wells. Unlike the private canal company systems in Twin Falls and Jerome counties, there was no way to collect the drain water from the A&B project and return it to the Snake River.

Years of monitoring show that the injectate meets drinking water standards, but increasing awareness of potential environmental concerns have led A & B and the Bureau of Reclamation to develop an alternative plan for dealing with tail water. Under the agreement, the Bureau is paying for 60 percent of the cost to close the injection wells and A&B is picking up the rest of the bill.

One solution was to build three large wetlands at the end of the district's three largest drains. Pumping stations and pipelines pick up return water from outlying areas within the

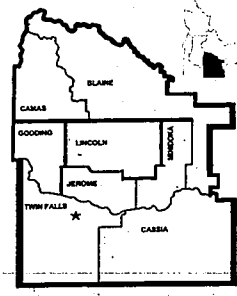
drain and move the water to the main drains. Recharging the water can be costly. Moving water from one drain to the next is a job that costs with a price tag of \$380,000 to lift 20 cubic feet per second of water and move that water about 2,400 feet, Temple said.

The project's newest wetland, an approximately 100-acre wetland designed to hold the return flow and storm water runoff from about 12,000 acres was one stop on the tour. Already the district has learned it's too small to handle the amount of water coming down the drain.

Converting between 200 and 300 acres north of the wetland to use tail water instead of ground water is one option for dealing with the larger-than-expected amount of return flow, Temple said. Cost is one deterrent, another is the unpredictable nature of tail water. A & B has not yet perfected a system to guarantee irrigators will have the water they need, when they need it, using tail water.

Another benefit seen from the wetland has been that some water filters through the clay loam soil on the bench and percolates back to the aquifer. From the new wetland, that worked out to about 25 acre-feet per day, but Temple expects that to slow down. Fine silts carried by the tail water are settling off bottoms of the first wetlands constructed on the project so that the water is still standing in those areas up to two months after irrigation season ends, he explained.


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Twin Falls resident has eye for good taste

Presentation is half of the fun



Recipes
Rebecca
Tateoka

Anne Guthrie probably doesn't have time these days to cook, since she's involved in so many other projects, from helping to start and serving on the board of Valley House to advising a sorority at CSI and volunteering with a support group for unwed mothers.

She does these humanitarian deeds because she wants to help the community where she reared her three daughters and spread some of the charity she has in her heart.

"I really miss those days, when my girls were young," she said. "I was active in their schools, but then they were through and I thought, 'Now what?'"

One fond memory Anne shared was how she sat at the table for dinner, even if she hadn't actually started the meal yet. It was a tip someone shared with her at the start of her marriage.

"If you have the table set nicely when your husband walks in the door, then he'll think you're really doing something special," she said.

It's a philosophy that has worked for Anne for many years and a tradition she truly enjoys. She said she loves to bring out the cloth napkins and napkin rings and have the table looking

really pretty.

The eye Anne has for detail also led her into a small interior decorating business venture she shares with a friend. She really enjoys the creative, detailed work in the home.

"I do like to fuss and do nice things," she said. "I don't think of myself as a good cook ... but I love to entertain."

That eye for detail apparently extends down to Anne's taste buds, because she has been known to fall in love with a dish at a restaurant, only to go home and recreate it without a written recipe.

"You just have to sit down and say, 'Now what did I put in this? What spices did they use?' Then you try it at home," she explained.

The first two recipes below are the recreations of favorite restaurant dishes that Anne has tasted, figured out, and changed to suit her palate. They must work, because she has been asked to share her homespun recipes with friends.

But for Anne, putting together a dish with all the little bits of flavor she can unlock, served on a great table setting, is just a little bit of heaven.

Trying these recipes, you might agree.

CHICKEN LASAGNA
3 Alfredo sauce mixes
1 onion, chopped
1 small package lasagna noodles, cooked
fresh mushrooms
1 chicken, boiled in salt water and shredded
Shredded mozzarella
Shredded Parmesan
1 tub ricotta cheese
1 small box frozen, chopped spinach.

Italian seasoning
Prepare Alfredo sauce according to package directions, adding the onion for flavor. (Anne uses 8 individual serving dishes, about 6" wide by 2 1/4" deep, but thinks a 9x13 pan will work). Spread a little of the Alfredo sauce in the bottom of the pan(s). Next, layer the cooked lasagna noodles, fitting them to the dish. Put a layer of mushrooms and chicken on top of the noodles, spreading sauce over the meat. Layer more noodles, and add a light layer of the shredded cheeses.

Next, spread a layer of the ricotta cheese mixture, topping again with a layer of noodles. Add another layer of chicken and mushrooms, then noodles and the remaining Alfredo sauce. Sprinkle a little more shredded mozzarella cheese on top. Heat the mixture (even in the microwave) until cheese is brown and pretty.

POTATO CHEESE SOUP
8-10 medium potatoes
1 large onion
2 ribs celery

Peel and dice the potatoes and place in a large pot. Dice the onion and celery and add to the pot. Add enough water till just covering the vegetables; add salt and bring to a boil. Allow to cook till tender. In the meantime in an electric milk melt:

3/4 c. butter
3/4 c. flour
Stir and let cook for a minute. Slowly add:
1 quart milk OR half-and-half
Stir till thickened. Then:
1 lb. Velveeta cheese (or enough to taste), diced
Add the Velveeta cheese cubes and allow to melt, stirring occasionally. Drain the boiled potatoes, reserving water. Add the cheese mixture to the potatoes and add the potato water to adjust the thickness. If the soup will be served right away, do not add all the reserved water; if the soup sets a day, it will usually take all the water (it'll be thicker the next day). Season to taste with:

Salt
Garlic powder
Garlic cloves
1/2 tsp. to 2 Tbsp. sugar
1 lb. bacon
Sprinkle in the spices and stir. Cook the bacon till "right under the burning point" until the fat is cooked off, adding very little. Serve warm.

NOTE: Anne suggested that you add the sugar, although it may seem strange in this sort of recipe. She said it enhances the flavor in a way she never imagined.

SHEPHERD'S PIE
"This is just how my mother served this," said Anne.
"It took me a while to realize it was the same dish everyone made, only served differently."

Prepared mashed potatoes
1 lb. hamburger
1 onion, diced
1 can green beans
1 can tomato soup
Place mashed potatoes in a serving bowl and set aside. Drain the beans, reserving the juice. Heat all the remaining ingredients together, adding the juice from the green beans if you like more juice. Pour over mashed potatoes as you would a gravy. Add ground cheddar cheese to top, if desired.

FROZEN OVEN CREAM PIES
"I like a lot of stuff in every bite, so I probably double all the cherries, walnuts, bananas and pineapple," said Anne.

20 to 25 Dine cups, 3 oz.
1 pint sour cream
2 Tbsp. lemon juice
3/4 c. sugar
1/8 tsp. salt
1/4 c. chopped mandarin
1/4 c. chopped walnuts
3 sliced bananas
1 1/2 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained well
Mix all together and pour in cups. Freeze. Then, set out a minute before serving to melt. Serve after a meal as a dessert, or as a treat for the kids.

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Perennial weeds are ripe for killing during the fall

Now is the best time of year to kill perennial weeds growing in lawns, vegetable gardens and flower beds. Perennial weeds are busily transferring food down into their underground storage organs for next year. Any weed killer applied now will be quickly transferred to the underground roots and rhizomes and kill the entire plant.

Lawn weed killers can be applied to dandelions and other broad leaf weeds any time because they are selective. If you haven't looked lately, you probably have had some dandelions come up in your lawn, even if you did a good job of killing them this spring.

There are both liquid and granular lawn weed killers available. If you have not applied fertilizer this fall, I suggest using a weed feed product that will do both jobs with one application.

Fur weeds in other places you may want to use Finale or Roundup. These are not selective weed killers and will kill any plant you spray them



Gardening
Allen Wilson

onto. However, right after you have finished harvesting all your vegetables or the frost has killed the annual flowers is a good time to kill perennial weeds such as quack grass, bind weed (wild morning glory), Canada thistle, and other weeds that keep coming up again and again after you remove the top growth. This can be done any time during the next month or so as long as the temperature is above about 50 degrees.

If you have these same pesky weeds around woody plants, you may be able to apply weed killer after they lose their leaves. Or—use a paint brush to apply weed killer to the weeds while you hold back or shield the woody plants.

It will not hurt to get Finale or Roundup on the bark, and if you do happen to get some on a leaf of a desirable plant, just

remove the leaf.

Even annual weeds should be removed from your landscape and garden before winter.

If left so all the seed scatters, there will be even more weeds to contend with next year. Weeds that have gone to seed (which is almost all of them this time of year) should not be put in the compost pile, but they do not scatter seeds.

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, you probably should reduce the amount of water applied now. Days are getting shorter and temperatures cooler (especially at night), so plants need less water. However, deep watering of trees is still appropriate if you have not done so this month.

Allen Wilson teaches horticulture at Ricks College. He has also written two books, *Intermountain Flower Gardening* and *Intermountain Vegetable Gardening*. You can write to him at P.O. Box 343, Rexburg, ID 83440.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th 11:00 am
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th 7:00 am
Heavy Silos - Irrigation
Collectors - Scales - Loads
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th 11:00 am
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th 11:00 am
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Tuesday, September 22nd 3:00 pm
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Sunday, September 19th 4:00 pm
Antique - Furniture - Household
Auctioneer: Stephen Zorn
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Wednesday, September 22nd 4:00 pm
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Auctioneer: Tom Jones
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Sunday, September 19th 6:00 pm
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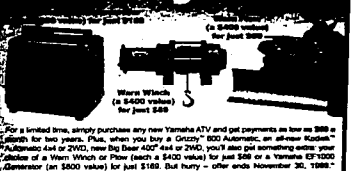
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Some say it's cooler than usual for this time of year. Those who keep track of the weather say, ah, not much. But the birds know. And they're heading for southern sunshine.

This week, meet Pat. She's from Heyburn, and she's positive we're heading into an early fall.

Heyburn

Even though Pat hadn't seen hummingbirds in her garden all summer, they've been visiting in droves lately. "I don't have any feeders up for them, just a lot of flowers, and it seems like a lot more of them just in the last month." Must be a flock of them on their way to Mexico.

There's been a frost or two on the east side, turning the tomatoes and squash brown. And there have been a lot of geese moving in formation.

"Makes me feel like we need to get out the Halloween decorations," she said.

there were the throngs of people, the heat and humidity, and they hand out cards telling visitors about the diseases mosquitoes carry. "It's the state bird back there. They can keep the whole thing," Larry said.

Glad to be back home, Larry found the garden doing well, still producing enough tomatoes to can and new little shoots to prune off and root in the greenhouse for winter production. Magpies ate the corn, though.

North of the Snake River

Though not many have left yet, Bruce says the sand hill cranes are beginning to migrate.

Seen a bird up north of Fairfield that looks like a blue jay? Probably a Stellar's jay, Bruce said. "They sure were vocal about our invasion of their territory."

Male antelopes are feeling their oats right now. One seen north of Gooding was keeping such a tight rein on his harem that if one female strayed just a few steps

away, he'd push her back into the circle. "They're rutting now," Bruce explained. "Then when the hormones drop off in October they'll mellow out some." Another sign of colder times to come: Look for big groups - like the gang of 50 or 60 Swainson's hawks seen in Jerome County - congregating, mapping out their Mexican vacation.

Out and about

The grasshoppers have stopped eating so much. "Probably because they've laid a bunch of eggs and they're laying around doing nothing right now," Bob said.

Hobo spiders are lurking in basements and running along kitchen baseboards again this year, Bob said. Go to be quick to smack 'em.

Old Creek Town

Iva's been picking what plums the yellow-jackets haven't already dined. She wants them to dry for the winter. Same with the peaches she'll ripen downstairs.

"Looks like an early fall," she said. "The willows along the creek are getting some yellow leaves, and we've had such cool evenings. Seems cooler than usual."

Jerome

Larry visited the Minnesota State Fair. "Second largest in the country," he said. A "gigantic" ag building, quality and quantity of produce such as an Idaho boy has never seen. Then

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Farrier shoes for proper balance

By Terrell Williams
Ag Weekly correspondent

BURLLEY - A thoroughbred colt, 15, stumbled out of his trailer and limped in obvious pain.

"He was lame on all four feet and his whole body was disjointed," said owner Julie Staker, horse program manager at the Idaho Youth Ranch in Rupert. "He had no heels. He had very poor hoof walls on the front feet. Of course, I knew he had laminitis."

Staker took her horse Sunday to the clinic of Dick Ohnstad, a certified master farrier. Following his instruction, farriers worked on 11 horses, learning how to shoe them for proper balance and movement.

"(Staker's horse) was fractured and soon footed," said shoeer Jim Robinson of Hansen, explaining that the feet were set in front of the cannon bone. As a result, the weight was on ligaments and tendons, stretching them and making them sore.

Ohnstad directed Robinson to put four-degree wedge pads to lift the hind heels, then to put rim pads and wedge pads on the front feet to make them flat. "He was really crippled ... and that horse was trotting when we got through," Robinson said. "He was feeling really good when he left there."

Staker agreed, saying, "He came away a very happy horse."

South Dakota native Dick Ohnstad, 53, grew up riding, then training and shoeing horses. He moved to California in 1960, then to Washington in 1976, where he has become a nationally recognized quarter horse breeder. He went to clinics by Tony Cassady, founder of proper balance and movement shoeing methods, and later worked with him. Ohnstad now works with veterinarians and his friend, trainer Richard Strake, to take on horses with lameness and behavioral problems caused by physical pain.

"My whole life is horses," he said. "We raise them. I make my living with them. They feed us, take care of us, they do everything for us, and I feel it's my duty at least once to try to teach people how to remove their pain and make them sound."

CHAM REACTION

When a horse is not in proper balance, Ohnstad said, it will not square. A saddle or even the square will relax to one side. A horse becomes moody or evasive. It won't take a certain lead and the head is held unusually high.

Ninety-nine percent of the time, Ohnstad told people at the clinic, the root of any physical problem—even a sore front foot—



At his clinic Saturday and Sunday in Burley, Dick Ohnstad showed farmers where to measure a hoof so it can be trimmed and shod in proper balance. Below, before shoeing, Ohnstad measured the stifle, which was pulled downward because of the horse's low heels. After the shoeing the hind leg was wider, more relaxed and moving with greater range of motion.



is in the hind feet. And the most common problem in the hind feet is heels that are too low.

"Trainers think their horses need short heels and long toes to slide, but just the opposite is true," he said. "Anytime you see that coroner band (circling the top of the hoof) pointing to the ground, that horse doesn't have enough heel."

He explained that when a horse does not have enough heel and the shoe is too far forward under a foot with a long toe, then the whole foot—the base of the horse—is out in front of the leg. Consequently, there is no support under the fetlock, which drops down, causing the hock to come forward and the stifle to come back. This in turn pushes the tail end of the pelvis upward, causing the horse to open its shoulders, drop its hind end, raise its hind in order to lift the hind feet off the ground. The result is soreness and pain, a dropped shoulder and more

weight shifted to the front end, causing laminitis and navicular bones in the front feet.

"All we're doing is putting stuff back where it's supposed to be," he said.

ANALYSIS

To examine each horse, Ohnstad led it to level ground. Sliding his fingers down both sides of the tail, he felt for the end points of the pelvis bone, called the ischium. In all the lame horses at the clinic, one side of the ischium was higher than the other. As each horse was led, Ohnstad had his class stand behind and watch the action of the top of the hip. And sure enough, the horses had pelvises that were tipped up with one side higher than the other. Ohnstad then showed how the chest was uneven, caused by a dropped shoulder that was pushed down by the crooked pelvis.

"It's like a car with a flat tire,"

heels can be corrected with proper shoeing. These problems are caused by misalignment of bone structure, which breaks down suspensories and causes bone to rub against bone.

Always fit the hind end first, he said. Temporary wedges will raise heels, level the coronet band and level the ischium. Wedges are removed as the horse's body returns to proper position. Ohnstad said he makes sure the shoes extend back under the bulbs of the heels.

To horse owners at the clinic, he said, "Every day the shoe moves and pretzels forward. That's why it is so important that these horses stay on a regular (six to eight weeks) shoeing schedule."

Ohnstad also rolls the toe of each shoe up about three degrees to allow the foot to break over more easily and land flatter on the next stride.

Kimberly Farrier Mike Zebarth shod a lame gray horse that was stiff from calcification in the pastern area. It had long sloping sooves with heels that touched the ground ahead of the cannon bone. Ohnstad had Zebarth trim the rear heels and put wedges under the rear heels to give the hooves a steeper angle.

"It sure seemed to work," Zebarth said. "I thought it was interesting how the hoof angle affects the skeleton. Especially the back feet, how they affect it all the way through to the front feet hit the ground."

In Oregon, veterinarian Bob Anderson said he refers horses to Ohnstad and has seen spectacular results.

"A lot of navicular problems are just a matter of too much pressure on navicular bones," he said. "Dick uses a shoeing method and philosophy that is much greater than just concentrating on the shoe. He concentrates on the entire animal with the shoe as a major adjunct."

Ohnstad said he plans to put on another clinic in Burley at the end of November or early December.

Tony Cassady of Heyburn was one of several horse owners who thanked Ohnstad for his help.

"I'm not going to shoe my own horse," Ramsey said, "but I want to know what I'm looking at when I watch that guy do it."

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Ohnstad said laminitis, navicular lameness and stifled



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Doing business by divine design

By Julie Pence
Ag Weekly correspondent

FILER — Hugo Meyer spent much of his childhood at his grandfather's side, listening to the stories of the old man who had come from Germany to reside in the Clover Lutheran settlement near Filer. Meyer says his grandfather came to Idaho because he wanted to farm. The only way he could get a farm in the old country was to marry a woman who would inherit land. But he planned to marry for love — not land. He saved his money and came to America where he could live a life that he believed in.

Grandfather's stories were filled with the wisdom of a life of learning and the morality of a deeply spiritual man.

Those stories inspired Meyer to lead a life of integrity, thus garnering many of his own stories to pass on. In his jailhouse ministry and other organizations he teaches his life's lessons. And, of course, his grandchildren hear how God's plans always prevail.

Meyer's stories of doing the right thing start back in the early fifties when as a young farmer he became involved in a number of organizations. He knew early on he could get more done by working with others — he credits Farm Bureau for his training and insight — but he said before moving ahead on a project he would always make sure he was doing something good.

"It has to be right with the Bible," Meyer said, "not necessarily what Hugo wants."

One story is about the South-central Idaho Bacterial Blight



JULIE PENCE/Ag Weekly

Hugo Meyer of Filer has always tried been a trendsetter in his philosophy of farming, but he makes sure his thinking is aligned with biblical teachings.

Association. In order to control halo blight and brown spot blight in the local snap-bean industry, he and others promulgated a plan to encourage farmers to plow up fields with blight while compensating them. Because of the "efforts of the Blight Association, the state to this day sends crews out every summer to look for blight. Meyer said in the first year of implementing, 15,000 acres of blighted beans were found. Blight is an ongoing problem that must always be checked.

"It blows up, and we get it down to nothing," he said, "and it blows up, and we get it down to nothing."

Meyer admits during the first year, farmers were hostile.

"People shot holes in my mailbox and hurled curses at us," he said, "but the next year, they walked across the street to thank me."

After 35 years, Meyer is director of the organization, but he has been involved in starting other movements, too. Through the Commodity Marketing Association (CMA) he worked toward establishing floor prices for crops during the early 1970s. Even now some form of the concept is used by the federal government. He believes the deficiency payments farmers receive these days come from the



CMA formula.

Another group Meyer helped start was the Magic Valley Vegetable Grower's Association, which strengthened the farmers' position with the large companies who processed corn, peas, and beans. For one year in the early 1980s the growers refused to grow those crops. Meyer's abiding faith in God convinces him the Lord was on the farmers' side. When one of the corporations decided they didn't need the farmers and planted their own corn, a devastating hail storm ruined the crop. He figures the company would have come around anyway, but the convenience of a favorable resolution for the farmers.

"We had to get tough with them," he said. "We taught them you have to respect the ground." His stories about miracles are countless and include his own private adventures. He said when he started farming during the early 1950s, the farm economy was in a down cycle. He needed extra money, so he made a deal with the Lord. He promised he would give half of the profit he made with a certain self-propelled combine he had been wanting, but the thing was Meyer needed to be able to buy the machine at half price. When he went to auction, after just two bids, his request for a half-priced combine came true. He kept his bargain by giving half the profit to the Lutheran Home and used the other half to buy his first farm. And because he could harvest faster and with less waste with the new design of combine, he had to turn down work.

Meyer retired in 1988, but he helps his sons when he can. A few years back his sons sold off a rocky piece of ground that the

family never could seem to farm profitably in a dozen. In two ways the Meyer family benefited. They got rid of some land that was hard to farm, and they created a market for a new product called carbide, which his sons now grow and process near door to the dairy. It also makes it possible for the Meyers to sell the product directly to the consumer, thereby eliminating the middlemen who seem to take so much profit these days.

Another story he has about retaining more profit is about how he said his sons' alfalfa seed himself rather than sell to a company that would only give the Meyers half of what it took to grow it.

"We stayed in business," he said, "and that was all we were after."

Besides cutting out the middlemen, spraying crops and off-the-farm jobs are two ways Meyer sees how farmers can beat the current encroachment of costs.

"Do something the rest of the neighbors aren't doing," he said. "And find something that will help yourself and the neighbors at the same time." He throws out the example of his son, Larry Meyer. Buying a sprayer at half price recently, buying his own sun to spray, and offering the neighbors spraying at a convenient time. The sprayer is paying its way, Meyer's grandson had an extra income, and the neighbors were happy.

But he does think things are worse in the farm sector than any time he knows of and wonders if any small farmer can stay in business indefinitely.

"I don't know if in the history of man there has ever been a group that controls things the way they do today," he said. "I don't see any future in agriculture unless there is an act of God. And He can make a fool out of the whole system. I hope I'm around long enough to see how it all shakes out."

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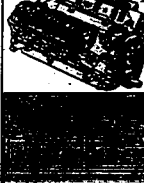
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Heifer program posts price record

By Sarah Sklar
Ag Weekly correspondent

FILER - Averaging \$3,500 on 36 head of springer heifers set a new record for the Magic Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Program.

Emily Ogden, a member of the Bovine Brigade club of Twin Falls, shows the grand champion springer - with Rocha Dairy topping the bids Sept. 4, at \$5,120 for the Halliger-bred heifer.

Now in its ninth year, the award-winning educational effort is making big dividends in the sale ring, but the biggest returns don't necessarily have dollar signs attached, as knowledge, relationships and understanding are forged between area youth, their families and the Magic Valley dairy industry.

"This year's prices were unbelievable," said Bob Ohlenschelen, Twin Falls County/University of Idaho regional educator, and one of the program's leaders.

Ohlenschelen and volunteers are quick to point out that the sale is an important part of the program, but the overall objectives are much broader.

"We didn't intend to just create another market animal sale," Ohlenschelen stresses.

"We wanted to focus a high level on education. We want to increase enrollment in dairy projects among 4-H and FFA students here in Twin Falls County, and in the program counties of Gooding, Jerome and Blaine. We also want to increase the educational value of the projects, and continue building dairy industry involvement in the program."

Pooling ideas

Ohlenschelen, Bill Stouder, Hank Halliger, Mike Quessel, and others pooled ideas to create the revolutionary dairy education program nearly a decade ago. From seven initial participants, enrollment is now maxed at 40. The national award-winning program is a model for youth education, committee effectiveness and industry involvement, and has been the inspiration for similar programs in the Treasure Valley and elsewhere.

"The real success of the program is in the committee structure," explains Ohlenschelen.

Dairy and allied industry leaders volunteer time to serve on committees to screen applicants, find heifers, work with allied industry representatives, coordinate the show, the sale, and other details.

Interested youth apply in



Youngsters in the Magic Valley Dairy Replacement Heifer Program show their year's work at the Twin Falls County Fair.

early December. Each student - who must be registered in 4-H or FFA in one of the four counties - begins a two-year commitment of time and effort in April, with the heifer selection day.

Weeks earlier, the Heifer Selection Committee approaches dairymen with top purebred and registered Holstein-Friesians, willing to provide Sept/Oct. calves for sale to the students. According to a random draw for order, the youth select from a pen of three calves who have had all breeder identification tags removed. The student pays a purchase price of approximately \$1,200 per pound, plus an additional \$50 if the heifer is registered. After all selections are complete, students are notified as to the dairy of origin of their calf, which is paid for the animal.

Students agree to keep records (which are reviewed periodically) to manage their heifer appropriately and to participate in four mandatory educational days each year, where guest speakers discuss nutrition, breeding, animal health and other topics. Older program students teach fitting and showing skills. These clinics also allow program coordinators to monitor the progress of both the calves and the students.

During the second year, the heifers are bred to artificially inseminated sires.

Each student shows his animal as a yearling and again as a springer heifer - at his respective county fair youth

show and again in the MVDHP showmanship and quality classes at the Twin Falls County Fair. The springers are then sold at auction following the show, with a small portion of the proceeds going back into the program, the bulk to the student. One additional heifer is sold each year, with all proceeds supporting the MVDHP activities.

Matter of pride

"It's a matter of pride to have good quality calves available at the selection," said Reagon Hatch, steering committee chairman. "The dairymen support this program is a huge way. They offer really good stock, and it's not unusual to see them all at the sale, sometimes buying back that heifer to return to their own herd."

Recognizing top breeders during the sale has sparked additional interest among participating dairies. This year, Halliger Dairy, Buhl, received a plaque as breeder of Emily Ogden's champion springer, while a second tribute was presented to Northside Dairy, Jerome, as breeder of Katie Roman's champion yearling calf.

Ohlenschelen characterizes the dairy heifer program as one of the most demanding among the livestock offerings.

"It's a lot of work," agrees Karrie Rose James, mother of Cody and Dusty James, both program participants. "It is definitely rewarding though. It teaches the kids responsibility and respect. Raising the dairymen are really helpful,

and really support the educational days these kids go to."

Hauling youngsters and cows to four activities a year is a big commitment, and James emphasizes that parents have to be as involved and committed as the youngsters are.

"It's not cheap either," she adds. "There's the feed, and hauling, and vet care, and hoof trimming and all that stuff. But, there's no question it's worth it. We're really glad to have our kids involved."

Carol Ray Goeck, the James boys' grandmother, comments on a broader impact.

"This program builds understanding between the dairymen and the youth and their families. It smooths the way when there might be some question about what the industry does for the community.

"These kids and these families all know dairymen now, and have a better idea what is really going on."

Program graduates have the opportunity for another big payoff - over \$16,000 has been awarded in scholarship monies since the program began, with those enrolled in an Idaho college eligible to apply.

This year Kimberlee Branch, Filer, received the Avonmore, \$1,000 scholarship. Terry Krul, Buhl, received the Neil DeWitt Memorial Scholarship of \$500, and MVDHRP scholarships were awarded to Sonja Votrubeck, Wendell, for \$1,000, and to Kristin Neilsburg, Twin Falls, for \$500.

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Scoular Company opens Jerome office

Ag Weekly

JEROME — The Scoular Company has opened a new Commodity Marketing Division office in Jerome. Denise Rucker is the commodity sales representative of the new office.

"Scoular's move into the Idaho dairy shed is a natural extension for the company and will provide our customers with a competitive advantage. Furthermore, it is one of many moves that Scoular is making to be closer to our customers," said Mike Thomas, a director for Scoular's Commodity Marketing Division.

Scoular's core focus in Idaho will be to supply dairies in the

"Scoular's move into the Idaho dairy shed is a natural extension for the company —"

— Mike Thomas, Scoular Company

Magic Valley and Treasure Valley with whole condensed, hominy, distilled grains, protein sources and local grain products. Scoular's direct relationships with grain processors, millers and transportation/logistic companies will allow the company to provide these products direct to dairy farmers at competitive prices, Thomas said. The Scoular Company has been trading in the Idaho

market since 1990. Continued growth and expansion of the dairy industry in Idaho has prompted many dairymen to seek out companies that provide bundled products and services. Scoular's new office plans to provide this type of bundling to their customers.

Rucker, the commodity sales representative for the new office, is an Idaho native with more than 10 years' experience

trading in the Idaho market. Prior to joining Scoular, Rucker was employed with Koch Industries and Evans Grain.

The Scoular Company, a privately held firm headquartered in Omaha, Neb., focuses on trading and selling agricultural products throughout North America. Including the newly opened Idaho office, the company operates 17 trading offices throughout North America. In 1998, the company was ranked in the top 100 largest privately held corporations in the United States in gross sales by Forbes magazine.

The company's Grain and Commodity Marketing Divisions merchandise grain

and grain byproducts throughout North America. The Commodity Marketing Division is a major participant across the United States in merchandising whole seed, hewers, wheat midds, cream pulp and distilled grains. Scoular's Commodity Elevator Division operates grain elevators in the Midwest. The Services Division includes TSC Freight Services, a truck freight brokerage, and Hackney Ag Associates, an Omaha-based livestock marketing business. International Financing Corporation of St. Paul, Minn., also a division of The Scoular Company, trades specialty feed and feed products worldwide.

Tough new flush valve cleans up sand

Ag Weekly

The waste management experts at Agro Inc. introduce a new flush valve specifically designed for dairies that plan to use sand bedding. The Sand Handler valve is engineered to deliver high flow rates that effectively move sand out of lands and into the recycling system. "Studies have shown

that to move sand you've got to have water flowing at 8000 to 9000 gpm," Agro General Manager Rick Petty said. "Few valves on the market can deliver that kind of power, but ours does."

There are other advantages to the new valve. "When you clean with the Sand Handler valve, the movement of sand won't cause wear on your flush

system," Petty explained. "You just can't wear that water out. On the other hand, if you scrape clean, it's like running your equipment over sandpaper."

The full-flow, pop-up flush valve is pneumatically operated, designed to eliminate leakage, and available in hot-dip galvanized or stainless steel finish.

Because this model consists flush with floors, cattle and vehicle passage are unobstructed. It works equally well in housing, feeding and transfer lanes. For total waste management in sand-bedded operations, this valve was designed to work in conjunction with sand resistant pumps and separators by Agro.

The valve is best suited for installation in new facilities, those originally constructed for flush cleaning or those undergoing extensive remodeling. Flush systems supplied by a sewer authority and adequate slope are recommended. The valve provides cleaning power that is safe to operate with animals in place.

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