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Good morning

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Partly cloudy. Patches of fog or low clouds. Highs 34 to 39 degrees. Lows near 20.

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Higher paychecks

A Senate committee's action has assured that state legislative salaries will rise from \$6,575 to \$12,000 a year.

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Blood donations wanted

The local American Red Cross chapter plans to meet a request for 100 additional units of blood weekly for Operation Desert Shield, but needs more donors.

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Toughest test so far

College of Southern Idaho faces a stern test in its five-year homecourt winning streak when it hosts quick and talented Eastern Utah Friday night.

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Gold over grades

The list of current college underclassmen making themselves available for the National Football League draft is growing with some big names still on the fence.

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Record deer rack

An atypical mule deer rack taken by Hailey guide Jeff Coupe scored 250 on Boone and Crockett and should make the record list.

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Depredation hunt begins

A special depredation hunt to rid Pi-cabo area ranchers of marauding elk started Monday and will continue until the 80-to-100-head herd has been trimmed to more manageable size.

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Gadgets, gizmos galore

Electronic manufacturers showed off their latest products during last week's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas while keeping their hopes up despite an uncertain economy.

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War! Desert Storm breaks



With two sons stationed in the Persian Gulf, Arzy and Mary Lence anxiously watch television news reports at their Jerome home Wednesday evening.

Magic Valley families watch, hope as gulf war erupts

By Brad Bowlin
N.S. Nokes and Mark Kind
Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — The Persian Gulf war struck home Wednesday, as relatives awaited news of their loved ones serving in Operation Desert Storm.

"I'm so scared," said Cecilia Worthington of Jerome, who has two sons, Duane and Scott, in Saudi Arabia.

Worthington fought back tears as she watched television reports of the initial air attacks.

"I just want it to be over. I just want my boys back," she said.

"I hope the U.S. doesn't let up,"

hope we bomb the hell out of them," said Eileen Davis of Hagenham. Her two sons, Sgts. Robert and Gregory Jay, and son-in-law Jeffrey Allmen are all in the Mideast.

Davis' voice cracked with emotion as she watched news reports less than an hour after air strikes on Iraqi cities marked the start of war.

"I hope they just get it over with and bring our boys home," she said, echoing the feelings of parents around the Magic Valley.

"If it's our country's decision to go kick the ass, then let's go in and kick the ass," said retired Lt. Col. Mike Sweeney of Buhl, whose son C. Chris Sweeney is a Marine first lieutenant in Saudi Arabia.

But the elder Sweeney was con-

cerned for his son's safety.

"It makes my gut hurt," he said.

"Nobody wants to see this happen, but if it needs to be done, it needs to be done, I guess," said Connie Raugust of Jerome. Her son, Marine Lance Cpl. Von Raugust, 19, is in Saudi Arabia near the Kuwaiti border, she said.

Roger Ling of Rupert said he agrees that Iraqi troops must be driven from Kuwait, but he is concerned about his son. Robert Ling, 25, is a first lieutenant with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division, stationed somewhere in Saudi Arabia.

"You have general feelings, then you have a little there and it makes you feel a little different," the elder

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Allied planes decimate Iraq air strength

The Associated Press

The United States and its allies hurled a mighty armada against Iraq early Thursday to crush that Arab nation's military power and drive it from conquered Kuwait.

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun," President Bush declared in Washington.

Wave after wave of warplanes, in hundreds of sorties on a starlit night, streaked north from Saudi Arabian bases to punish Iraq for its five-month defiance of the rest of the world.

In Baghdad, reporters said bomb explosions shook the ground of the Iraqi capital. An oil refinery 10 miles away was in flames, and flashes of light brightened the night sky, apparently from anti-aircraft fire, they said.

"Operation Desert Shield" became "Operation Desert Storm" around 12:50 a.m. (2:50 p.m. MST) as F-15E fighter-bombers took off from the largest U.S. air base in central Saudi Arabia. "This is history in the making," said Col. Ray Davies, the base's chief maintenance officer.

The air offensive, aimed at troops and other strategic

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'World could wait no longer,' Bush says

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — President Bush, declaring "the world could wait no longer," told the American people Wednesday night he ordered U.S. troops into combat against Iraq only after exhausting all diplomatic means to reach a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis.

In a nationally televised address about two hours after U.S. warplanes began hundreds of bombing raids on military targets in Iraq, Bush said he ordered Operation Desert Storm to liberate Kuwait and destroy Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear-weapons capabilities.

Bush vowed the gulf conflict would not be a repetition of the Vietnam War, saying military commanders had been instructed to minimize U.S. casualties. He pledged that U.S. forces would not fight "with one hand tied behind their back."

The president repeatedly sought to justify his action to a divided nation and appeal for its support by stressing that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein left him no choice but to order U.S. forces into war in the political tinderbox of the Middle East.

At the same time, Bush rejected criticism that he should have employed more patience in his five-month-long showdown with Saddam, contending the Iraqi president was using the time to dig in his troops, rob and plunder Kuwait and develop nuclear weapons.

"The 28 countries with forces in the gulf area have exhausted all reasonable efforts to reach a peaceful resolution (and) have no choice but to drive Saddam from Kuwait by force," Bush said. "We will not fail."

Baghdad 'center of hell' during attack

The Associated Press

Explosions and colorful bands of anti-aircraft artillery signaled the beginning of the air attack before dawn Thursday on Baghdad, described by one U.S. reporter in the Iraqi capital as "the center of hell."

About two hours after the first Iraqi anti-aircraft fire, Baghdad Radio reported "wave after wave" of warplanes moving over the city of about 4 million residents.

Most of the initial damage was apparently on the outskirts of the city, according to American TV network reporters in Baghdad. Many of the foreign journalists observed the attack

from the Al Rashid Hotel in downtown Baghdad.

Air sirens wailed. The streets were nearly deserted. The air attacks were separated by periods of calm. Some lights were turned on around the city, but most areas remained in darkness.

During the first hours of the attack, some correspondents reported fires in the distance. CNN's John Holliman said an Iraqi refinery was apparently hit and a wave of heat swept over the hotel.

The initial anti-aircraft barrage filled the sky with tracers looking like "fireworks on the Fourth of July multiplied by 100," ABC correspondent

Gary Shepard said.

Holliman described it as "some beautiful tracer fire. There are red blazes, there are green blazes."

"This feels like we're in the center of hell," said CNN's Bernard Shaw.

A Baghdad resident who telephoned a friend in Amman, Jordan, early Thursday said the planes hit the area around the hotel. Hussein Murad, a Jordanian businessman who received the call, quoted the Baghdad resident as saying air raid sirens sounded "much later" after the first bombs.

The riding planes appeared to be flying very and could not be seen, the caller added. The caller described the sky over Baghdad as "black smoke."

Iraqi surprise may be primitive nuclear weapon

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration and some nuclear experts fear that the "surprise" that Iraq claims to have in its military arsenal may be a rudimentary nuclear weapon.

"Certainly the will is there, and probably the capability, for some kind of primitive nuclear device," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Wednesday.

Experts differed, however, on whether the weapon could be a bona fide devastating nuclear bomb, or merely what

one scientist called a "radiological junk bomb" likely to cause only minor and belated casualties.

In either event, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may make an announcement in the next week that his nation has joined the world's nuclear family, according to unidentified administration officials quoted in Wednesday editions of the Washington Times.

Iraq's Defense Ministry newspaper, al-Qadisiya, hinted at a dramatic new weapons development, Sunday, in an article that stated: "We will not be disclosing a secret when we say that Iraq's arsenal

contains surprises which will astonish our enemies and fascinate our friends."

Part of Iraq's "war plan," the report continued, was a weapon that would unleash an unspecified "unusual force."

Some respected U.S. nuclear authorities, like physicist Peter D. Zimmerman, a technical adviser to the U.S. delegation to the START negotiations, believe "without question" that Iraq's nuclear scientists are capable of turning out the combinations of high explosives and electronics necessary to initiate a nuclear explosion.

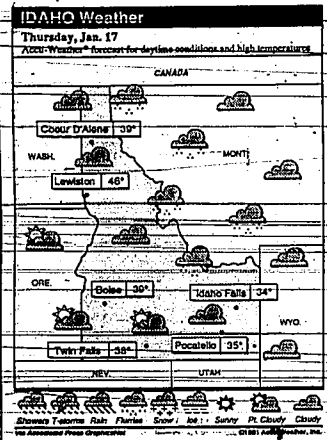
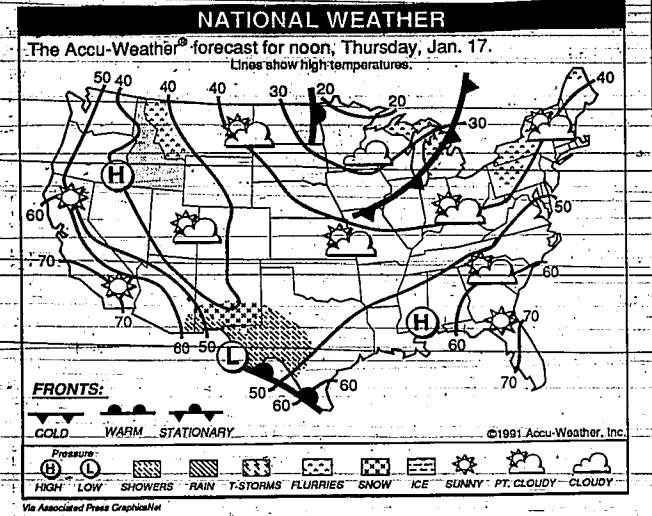
This bomb might be a small one with radioactive cobalt wrapped around it to

increase radiation over the target, Zimmerman said in an interview. Such a device would be particularly effective if used against Saudi oil fields, he said, because "the clean-up would take several months."

But many other experts believe Iraq is a bit short of a nuclear warhead. However, many of their speculate about a device able to spew highly radioactive materials like plutonium over a large area.

Such a device would not stop advancing troops, said physicist Ruth Hopes in Munich, Ind., because it would take months to produce fatalities.

Weather



Temperatures

Albuquerque	48 31	SL	Los Angeles	36 34 18
Albany	38 47 01	SP	Salt Lake City	41 23 21
Anchorage	42 29 14	SA	San Francisco	71 50
Chicago	36 31 46	SEA	Seattle	46 41
Dallas	63 32	SPK	Spokane	38 29 01
Denver	39 20 16	WAS	Washington	53 42 53
Des Moines	24 16 32			
Detroit	37 34 32			
Honolulu	83 65			
Houston	67 38			
Indianapolis	43 34 13			
Kansas City	37 24 16			
Las Vegas	63 47			
Los Angeles	75 32			
Memphis	49 35			
Miami Beach	78 61 42			
Milwaukee	35 26 16			
Minneapolis	30 20			
New Orleans	65 47			
New York	55 36 11			
Oklahoma City	53 28			
Omaha	29 20			
Phoenix	69 45			
Pittsburgh	52 34			
Portland, Me.	41 31 82			
Portland, Ore.	47 40 01			

Twin Falls

Yesterday	38 26	Max Min Pop
Last year	24 28	
Normal	36 19	
Sunset today	5:32 p.m.	
Sunrise tomorrow	8:04 a.m.	
Lunar phase	New 3an. 15	
First quarter	Jan. 21; full Jan. 30.	

Idaho

Boise	40 24	Max Min Pop
Burley	38 28	
Hagerman	45 25	
Idaho Falls	29 4 tr.	
Lewiston	42 18	
McCall	28 6	
Pocatello	32 20 08	
Salmon	38 28	

Evening star

Venus

...nights with lows from 5 to around 20. Highs today mostly up to 30s to upper 40s. Highs Friday mid-40s to around 50 except 10s to upper 30s northeast valleys.

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today and Friday partly cloudy. Patchy areas of fog or low clouds. Light winds. Highs middle to upper 30s. Lows uppers to low 20s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today and Friday partly cloudy. Patchy areas of valley fog. Light winds. Highs upper 20s to mid-30s. Lows 5 to 15.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho — Saturday through Monday, sunny except areas of valley fog Saturday and Sunday. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers Monday. Highs in the mid-to upper 30s. Lows in the teens and 20s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah — Today through Friday mostly cloudy. Increasing haze and fog with locally dense morning fog. Lows near 20. Highs in the mid-30s.

Nevada: Partly cloudy northeast, otherwise fair skies today. Clear tonight and mostly sunny on Friday. Cooler

Weather summary

The National Weather Service in Boise said Wednesday that there were very light and widely scattered rain or snow showers in the Upper Panhandle.

Snow showers also were reported in Grangeville. The brief showers produced only traces of precipitation.

It was chilly across the state Wednesday with afternoon readings mostly in the 20s and 30s and a few low 40s. Mountain Home was warmest at 45 degrees.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 45 degrees at Hagerman and Emmett. Stanley reported the coldest at 3 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 85 degrees at Key West, Fla. The lowest was 9 degrees below zero at Alamogosa, Colo.

Snow scattered across West while rain dampens East

The Associated Press

Snow was scattered over the West and from the Plains to New England on Wednesday, and fell off along the East Coast.

Thunderstorms in Florida spun off a tornado that touched down at Mandarin, but no injuries or major damage were reported, the National Weather Service said.

At midday, snow was scattered in central New Mexico, north-central Arizona, eastern Colorado, southeastern Wyoming, west-central Montana, northern Idaho and southeastern Washington states.

Wind gusts to about 50 mph at Blythe, Calif., and to more than 40 mph along the Colorado River from Yuma, Ariz., to Bullhead City, Ariz.

Snow also was scattered in east-central New England, southern Lower Michigan, west-central Illinois, south-central Iowa and the Nebraska Panhandle.

Freezing rain was scattered in east-central New England, northeastern New York state and southwestern Minnesota.

Rain fell in southern New England, eastern and southern New York state, New Jersey, eastern and northern Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and southeastern Florida, and across West Virginia into southeastern Ohio, north-central Kentucky, Indiana, southern and east-central Illinois and east-central Missouri.

Haviest rainfall during the six hours up to 1 p.m. EST was 2.90 inches at Cape Hatteras, N.C. Hall nearly an inch in diameter fell in North Carolina at Aberdeen and Wilson, the weather service said. Rain also fell in western Washington state.

Wednesday's low for the Lower 48 was 9 below zero at Alamogosa, Colo.

Missiles fired toward Saudi Arabia, but no reports they struck

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Civilians in Bahrain said Iraq fired missiles toward Saudi Arabia shortly after allied air forces launched raids against Iraq on Thursday, but there were no immediate reports of any missile strikes.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney told a news conference he had heard of such reports but that they were unfounded.

A high-ranking Civil Defense official said "one or two" Scud-type missiles were detected heading south from Iraq at about 3:30 a.m. on Thursday. Less than three hours after the allied raid began.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said military installations detected the missiles and passed the information onto Bahrain's Civil Defense.

The official said he did not know where the missiles hit any targets.

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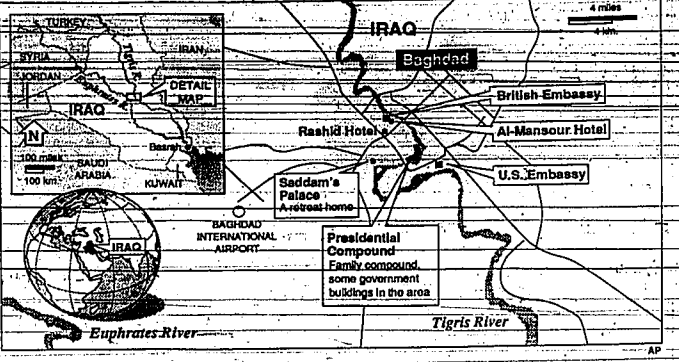
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Attack

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sites in both Iraq and Kuwait included U.S. Air Force planes, British Tornado fighter-bombers, 150 Saudi F-15 and F-16 fighters and aircraft of Kuwait's exiled military, allied officials said.

First reports indicated Iraqi resistance was limited, U.S. defense officials said. Early word on U.S. casualties was "very, very encouraging," said Defense Secretary Dick Cheney. Bush, on U.S. national television, said no ground assault was launched immediately against the dug-in Iraqi army in Kuwait.

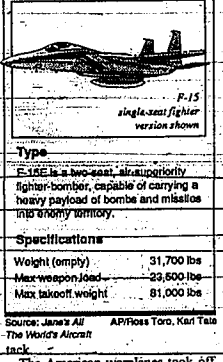
There was no immediate word from Iraq on Kuwait and casualties there or in Baghdad. "No word there or in Kuwait," Cheney said. "We are not aware of any Iraqi missile attack on Iraq, as Baghdad had threatened."

Rumors flew through the Persian Gulf that Iraq launched Scud ground-to-ground missiles against Saudi Arabia, but Cheney called those reports false. An Israeli military official said allied warplanes attacked Saudi missile-launch sites in western Iraq.

The furious early-morning assault was the climax to a crisis that built over more than five months, as Iraq's President Saddam Hussein, whose forces started an Iraqi military invasion Aug. 2, rejected world condemnation and dismissed U.N. economic sanctions designed to force him out of the occupied emirate.

Less than three hours after the U.S.-led coalition launched the Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, a staging base for the U.S. force, said air raid sirens sounded an alert of a possible Iraqi missile attack. The "all-clear" later sounded with no word of an at-

F-15E Eagle



The American warplanes took off in pairs, disappearing in red dots that winked out as they gained altitude. The aircraft were heavily loaded with bombs and underlying fuel tanks for the long trip north—200 miles to Kuwait, 600 to Baghdad.

On their return, ground crews reported that none of the first six jets to land had launched any of their missiles, indicating none of the "over Iraq" involved in dogfights.

There were also reports that none of the Air Force and Navy planes which took part in the attack were lost and that there were apparently no casualties among aircrews.

Some carrier-based A-6 planes landed in Saudi Arabia, then flew on to attack Iraq.

In Washington, a senior military official said the initial U.S. attack also included "a wave of cruise missiles," possibly from U.S. battleships in the Persian Gulf. The missiles apparently were launched to force Iraqi anti-aircraft defenses to turn on their radars and be spotted and destroyed by the attackers.

In Baghdad, ABC and CNN reporters said there were "flashes in the sky." Explosions and machine-gun fire could be heard in the background of their reports. The night sky filled with a hail of bullets from anti-aircraft guns. CNN's John Holliman said.

Almost two hours later, reporters said bombs were still falling. Baghdad radio was off the air, but at dawn Wednesday it could be heard broadcasting the Holy War, "Baghdad, Mother of Holy War," Cheney said the U.S. "focus is on the destruction of Saddam's offensive military capabilities."

The U.S.-led attack came one day after the Tuesday-midnight deadline set by the U.N. Security Council for an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait. After that, the council declared, the assembled international military force would be free to drive the Iraqis from the conquered oil-rich enclave.

Anti-war protests continued around the world Wednesday. Hundreds of protesters blocked traffic in Boston.

About 100 anti-war protesters maintained a vigil outside the White House, as the war began. Their ranks swelled once hostilities began.

Reaction

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Ling said.

Early news reports of successful U.S. bombing runs were reassuring to Ling.

"Everything seems to be optimistic. It seems that everything is going exactly as planned," Ling said.

The Rev. Ellis Keck of Jerome, whose son Rick Johansen, 20, is a Marine lance corporal, reflected on his own wartime service in the military.

"I think it's far easier to go off to war than to be a parent and have a son at war," he said.

Keck heard of the attack on Iraq from one of his first Baptist church parishioners, who phoned him at 4:50 p.m., when the first television reports of war were broadcast.

"We have a lot of young men from our church, in addition to our son, over there and there's a lot of concern," Keck said.

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Correction

Wednesday's story about the Community Library's annual board meeting contained an error.

Only three computers are available for public use. A Macintosh and an IBM computer are available. Each computer is in its own personal computer room and costs \$2 per hour to use.

And the public is allowed to use one Macintosh in the audio visual room for tutorial use.

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Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Here are the winning numbers drawn Wednesday night in the Idaho Super Lotto-Lotto America drawing:

7, 9, 11, 23, 29, 35 (seventy-nine, eleven, twenty-three, twenty-nine, thirty-five).

Estimated jackpot is \$2.5 million.

The Gulf War

Momentous decision to fight came swiftly after deadline expired

By Terence Hunt The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The wait for war was short lived.

The momentous decision to begin fighting with Iraq was announced with a six-word statement by President Bush.

"The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

After the passing of the deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait, the question in everyone's mind had not been if the United States would go to war but when.

Barely 19 hours after the deadline expired, the war exploded.

The swiftness of the attack caught

Analysis

Washington, by surprise, even though Bush had warned that the United States would act sooner rather than later.

Privately, some administration officials had believed Bush would allow a grace period, perhaps 48 hours long, to make a clear distinction between the deadline and the start of conflict.

Such a grace period would have given Saddam Hussein a narrow window in which he could claim he had ignored the 11th deadline and then was making an 11th hour decision on his own to begin pulling

out his troops. However, that had been considered a remote scenario.

Publicly and privately, officials never doubted Bush's resolve to expel Iraq from Kuwait with force.

In making the decision for war, the administration concluded there was no hope that further delay would produce a diplomatic settlement.

Indeed, a defiant Saddam Hussein marked the expiration of the withdrawal deadline by taking command of the Iraqi army and telling his troops they were ready to fight.

More than 425,000 American troops were on full alert in the Persian Gulf, poised for an order from the White House. Military planners

had worried they might lose their edge if the wait were prolonged.

Even before the United States struck, it appeared war was inevitable.

"Most of the pressure on him (Bush) has to be to go quickly, to get as soon as possible, because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow," said University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato.

After all these days that past you've more strain on the coalition of nations opposing against Iraq. U.S. planners also had worried that Iraq might seize the initiative and fire missiles at Israel to transform the showdown with Baghdad into an Arab-Israeli war that could

shatter the U.S.-led coalition.

The Soviet breakdown in the Baltics was another worrisome factor that could disrupt the world.

For the time being, Bush appears to have the support of the public for taking on Saddam Hussein, although two out of three Americans support an attack on Iraq, yet pollsters believe those numbers would evaporate if fighting is prolonged and many Americans are killed.

"I think it's fair to say we've been trying to prepare the American people since Aug. 2 (when Iraq invaded

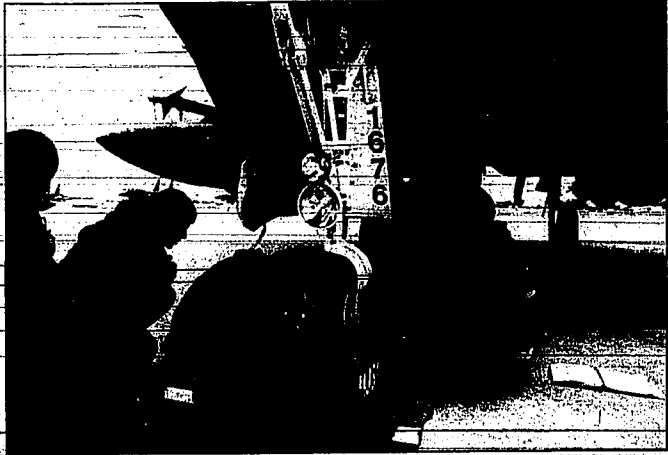
Kuwait) for the possible use of force," White House press secretary

Marlin Fitzwater said.

For Bush, the decision was the biggest one of his presidency.

It could change the map of the Middle East, rock the world economy and shape Bush's place in history.

"It's a decision that if it goes badly would probably destroy his presidency, or certainly make him an out-term president," said Sabato. "If it goes well, it puts him in a stronger position (politically) but does not reflect him. It would create a honeymoon glow but then the focus would come back to the critical issue, the health of the economy."



Crewmen work on an F-15 fighter at an airbase in central Saudi Arabia Wednesday.

U.S. Air Force Eagles, Navy Tomahawks 1st to attack Iraq

Knight-Ridder News Service

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — The Air Force's F-15E Eagle strike fighters, backed by a barrage of ship-launched Navy Tomahawk cruise missiles and carrier-based A-6 Intruder warplanes, struck the first blows Wednesday against Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

An Air Force F-4G "Wild Weasel" planes destroyed key Iraqi radar systems with missiles, while Air Force EF-111 Ravens and Navy EA-6B Growlers filled the skies around the Persian Gulf with radio waves and other electronic chatter designed to fool any surviving radar with false images, and mask the moves of the attacking warplanes, defense officials said.

The absence of any quick Iraqi response — especially early reports that Iraq had failed to fire any but a handful of its Scud ballistic missiles at either Israel or the Saudi oil fields — suggested the Pentagon's plans to strike them with F-117 "stealth" attack planes during the opening moments of an attack had succeeded.

"While the nation's military leaders declined to be specific about the types and numbers of warplanes and missiles used in the initial attack, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said early reports indicated the attack 'appears to have gone very well.'"

The first wave of the attack was conducted entirely from the air, he said. The "initial" reaction from the Iraqis is such that the generally of the opinion that we achieved a fairly high degree of tactical surprise," Cheney said.

Iraq's key military sites, including nuclear and chemical weapon development facilities, were among the targets hit Thursday, Cheney said.

He declined to discuss any U.S. casualties. Other military officials have said that as many as one of every 100 allied planes will be shot down, with their crews usually likely to end up dead, rescued or as Iraqi prisoners of war who soon could be paraded

through the battle-scarred streets of Baghdad.

Gen. Colin L. Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at the Pentagon that "sorties in the hundreds" were flown by the four U.S. military services and the air forces of Britain, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and met little Iraqi opposition. "There has been no air resistance," Powell said as the initial bombing runs ended.

Cheney said the air forces struck military targets throughout Iraq and Kuwait. "Our focus is on the destruction of Saddam Hussein's offensive military capabilities, the very capability military targets, command and control of Kuwait and that make him a continuing threat to the nations of the Middle East," he said. "These are the same capabilities that now threaten America and allied forces in the Gulf."

"We have not been targeting Saddam Hussein," Powell added. "The purpose of our bombing facilities in the area of Baghdad is essentially to go after the command and control system of the Iraqi armed forces, and we're looking at principally military targets, command and control installations, (and) air defense sites that could put our planes at risk."

Powell declined to detail the impact of the attacks on key targets. "I'm not prepared to go into specific target sets and what targets have been hit and have not, because it really is too early to give you that kind of bomb-damage assessment," he said. Pentagon officials said more details would be made public at a Pentagon press briefing, probably mid-day on Thursday.

"We've not had an opportunity to debrief our pilots yet," Cheney added. He added that Operation Desert Storm is likely to run for a long period of time.

The nighttime air assault closely follows the scenario that defense experts both inside and outside the Pentagon had sketched in recent weeks.

for the beginning of a military strategy to eject Iraq's forces from Kuwait.

Two squadrons of about 40 F-15Es, one of the Pentagon's newest weapons, initiated the attacks around Baghdad from a new base in Saudi Arabia closer to the Iraqi capital than any existing base. The base was located so that the planes could fly to Baghdad and back without refueling. Its precise location cannot be divulged under Pentagon war-reporting rules.

Western experts tend to endorse the emerging U.S.-war plan, contending that U.S. allied jets, vastly superior in numbers and technology, simply will overwhelm Iraq. One European military attaché is predicting the allies will rule the skies after just three days of combat, the ground in four to six weeks.

"It is hard to see how the IAF (Iraqi Air Force) can resist any semblance of cohesion after the first three allied sorties," the authoritative Flight International magazine reported last week.

But others disagree and predict that Saddam and his troops will fight on stubbornly. "You may be underestimating this fellow," said one Asian military attaché. "Decimating anyone's war-making potential is not possible. You can degrade it, but you cannot destroy it."

According to defense experts, the massive air raids can be expected to last for several days, and perhaps as long as two weeks. They are designed to convince Iraqi forces to surrender, or failing that, to weaken them — substantially — before U.S.-led tanks cross the Saudi-Kuwait border to battle the Iraqi army.

Some of the 300,000 Iraqi troops dug into deep fortifications inside Kuwait. A better-trained Iraqi force of about the same size is located farther north, inside southern Iraq, where it will seek to blunt any U.S. lunge into Kuwait.

If Desert Storm's air superiority cannot be sustained, Iraq's army will soon find itself without air cover or communications.

U.S. bombers told to try to avoid causing civilian casualties in Iraq

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — U.S. pilots who bombed Iraqi targets were under special orders to avoid civilian casualties if possible, but they were not to avoid killing non-combatants during all operations, according to Department of Defense officials said Wednesday.

Secret rules of engagement issued by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf ordered pilots to avoid killing non-combatants during all operations, according to Department of Defense officials.

"That is our goal, not to hit a single civilian target," a senior administration official said. "If you do hit, he said, 'You've got to hit what you've got to hit' and accept the risks that civilians will get caught in the crossfire. He said that there could also be accidental destruction of religious and cultural sites."

The U.S. planes, missiles and bombs that struck Iraq in the pre-dawn hours Thursday in Baghdad were among the most technologically sophisticated ever used in warfare, and pilots in the Middle East had rehearsed attacks on targets in simulators and over the Saudi desert.

"Modern tactics are to place your weapons within 20 feet of their targets in 50 percent of their bombing runs during tests — a standard measurement of weapons accuracy. During the Vietnam War, U.S. warplanes could put weapons only within 500 feet of their targets at the same percentage," he said.

But war planners and experts, pointing to largely human errors in raids on targets in Libya and Panama, acknowledged significant potential for misses and accidental destruction.

Moreover, many air gunfire systems are not as accurate as generally less accurate than many aircraft-borne weapons. In initial uses, such weapons must be fired six or more times to allow gunnery teams to "walkup" to targets.

However, the Tomahawk cruise missiles, fired Wednesday night from the battleships Missouri and Wisconsin, are among the most accurate in the U.S. arsenal. They were used Wednesday specifically with that feature in mind so as to avoid civilian casualties.

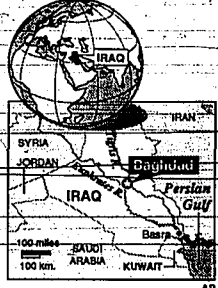
White House: Iraqi capital strategic target

WASHINGTON (AP)

The U.S. coalition forces stated Wednesday that they were to free Kuwait, began that effort by attacking the Iraqi capital of Baghdad to deprive Saddam Hussein's forces of strategic capabilities, the White House said Wednesday night.

Reporters asked a presidential spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, why the United States was striking Baghdad if its objective was to free Kuwait.

"The president said the response would be swift and massive," he replied. "We believe that freeing Kuwait requires attacking the Iraqi forces and their command and control capabilities and apparatus. There are many practical reasons why we have to attack Baghdad for those purposes."



The dangers to civilians were particularly clear in the case of Baghdad, where hundreds of thousands of civilians live and work near many important industrial and military sites. U.S. officials said before the bombing began that such sites would have to be knocked-out to cripple Iraq's military machine at some point, despite their proximity to civilian neighborhoods.

Pentagon officials said that the Iraqis knowingly and in some cases deliberately put key military and industrial sites near densely populated civilian areas.

In downtown Baghdad, the President's Palace, Baath Party Headquarters and the Council of Ministers building are nestled close to residential areas and apartment buildings.

Spokesman says Bush calm as U.S. attacks

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In a small study just off the White House Oval Office, President Bush, "calm and expectant" in the words of his spokesman, watched as television relayed word of the most massive military assault since D-Day had begun.

As ABC correspondent Gary Shephard announced that he could see from his hotel room in Baghdad the first shells destroying an Iraqi communications tower, the president, dealing for fun to watch, returned to the men gathered around him.

"Just the way it was scheduled," he said, with Vice President Dan Quayle, national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and chief of staff John H. Sununu standing by.

Bush then turned to the fourth official in the group, press secretary Marlin Fitzwater, and directed him to officially notify the United States that the liberation of Kuwait has begun.

For Bush, Fitzwater said, the momentousness of the event was a process that had been "five and a half months in the planning."

For more than three weeks, since he retreated to his Camp David, Md., weekend home at Christmas, the president had been working on drafts of a speech that would read later in the evening explaining his decision. "And every Sunday night, as he returned from his weekends at the presidential hideaway, he would meet with top aides to further refine the precise military plan that was being developed via television, in front of his eyes."

The one-minute statement Fitzwater read had been drafted the day before in anticipation of Wednesday's assault. But the decision to strike 49 hours after the expiration of the deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait had been made days earlier on the basis of "military priorities," Fitzwater said.

"For Bush, the fateful day had begun with a routine schedule. Early in the morning, Secretary of State

James A. Baker III, Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Scowcroft gathered at the White House for breakfast. Scowcroft and Baker then joined Bush for his standard morning national security and intelligence briefings, while Cheney returned to the Pentagon to handle final military preparations.

From all appearances, it was a normal day of the White House. Bush kept a low profile, and gave reporters no hint as he attended a briefing with Secretary of Education-designate Lamar Alexander of the momentous decisions he had made.

However, Fitzwater, during his daily briefing for news reporters, warned journalists and other Americans in Baghdad, Iraq, in no uncertain terms to leave town immediately.

The spokesman described the statement as a "last measure of concern by the president and myself."

The president, he said, had spoken to him repeatedly over the last several days, urging him to warn reporters to leave town, but to do so without giving any hint of when an attack would come.

Later in the day, however, in anticipation of the evening's actions, Bush and Baker, his longtime friend from Texas and his most senior adviser, had lunch together with other officials in the White House residence. White House photographers later made a picture of the two men walking on the colonnade that borders the Rose Garden.

"You can see the lines of concern in his face," Fitzwater said, referring to the evening's actions.

Late in the afternoon, the president once again returned to his residential quarters to change clothes and relax.

At 6 p.m., he made the short trip down an elevator to the ground floor to get a message from a man who had strolled back over to the Oval Office, where he turned on the television set in his study and began to call congressional and world leaders to inform them that the attack had been launched.

War catches Dhahran almost by surprise

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)

The war caught this city almost by surprise, in a fitful sleep 24 hours after the U.N. deadline had passed. There was no official announcement of the first strike north into Kuwait and Iraq.

The stillness of the night was shattered by the thunder of afterburners as the F-15E fighter-bombers took off in pairs, becoming red dots that winked out at high altitude.

They carried heavy loads of bombs, wing tanks with extra fuel for the trip north, and missiles and cannon for self-defense.

"We've been waiting here for five months," he said. "Now we finally got to do what we were sent here to do."

Journalists in the U.S. Air Force media pool were awakened by the near-continuous thunder of the jets taking off. When they arrived at the flight line shortly afterward, the parking aprons that had been crowded only Wednesday night were full of empty. Airmen walked across the concrete in pairs during the early morning hours to waiting planes that were fully armed and ready to go. Each plane has a crew of two — the pilot in front and the weapons officer in the back.

An air raid alarm was called at 3:15 a.m. local time after a sudden blackout, and air raid sirens sounded.

The hotel staff at the Dhahran International Hotel, some in a near-panic, herded 700 reporters and hotel guests to the hotel's outdoor pool.

Hotel officials struggled to keep order and one security officer shouted, "Sit down or you will be tried!" Some guests sat silently, then struggled into their gas masks on order. Others joked casually and TV crews continued mapping out coverage.

One hotel official announced that the governor of Saudi's Al-Baha province said Iraq had not reacted to the bomb attack.

Mohammed Khayat of the Saudi Ministry of Information who was in the shelter, told reporters: "There is no reaction from the Iraqi side. Our planes went in but there is no reaction."

The gulf war

What U.S. troops expect to encounter

How Iraqi command and control systems work

ZSU-23 anti-aircraft gun

Armament: Four-barreled 23mm cannon, fires bursts of up to 50 rounds at a time.
Crew: Four
Weight: 41,800 lbs.
Max. road speed: 27 mph

With aid of radar and computer, Soviet-made gun can kill any aircraft that enters its zone.

Cannon elevation up to 85° angle

Turret spins 360°

1 1/2-mile range of fire



SOURCE: Modern Land Combat, The Encyclopedia of World Military Weapons, Modern AF Combat, Research by HOWARD BELL BAKER

Electronic warfare

How electronic warfare works

Electronic warfare is the use of electromagnetic energy to disrupt, deny, degrade or destroy the capability of any adversary to use his information systems.

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- 2. Chaff
- 3. Jamming
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Air power, not perfect option, could be decisive

By H.D.S. Groeneway
Boston Globe

There has never been a war when air power was not overemphasized, said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, reflecting a debate that has been going on ever since Gen. Michael J. Dugan was attacked for suggesting that the Air Force could lick Iraq almost single-handedly.

In general, the concept that air power can substitute for committing ground troops has been debated since the dawn of flight, and, with the United States, its allies and the region still reinforcing their positions in the gulf, the issue shows no signs of abating despite recent attempts to find a peaceful solution.

In testimony before Congress late in 1990, Edward N. Luttwak, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, conceded that air-power proponents had hurt their case by "70 years of over-promising." But he insisted that the "air-power option," in the context of the present crisis, had been "much maligned." "Let me tell you," he said, "air power is supremely contextual. Air power works in some contexts and not in others. The history of air power may be described as a prolonged misunderstanding that an instrument of war designed for the Middle East was applied elsewhere."

Indeed, the first advocates of air power did have something very like the treelike, flat terrain of the desert in mind when they first conceptualized how flying machines could be

applied to warfare. In the best of old-days-of-colonial-warfare, R.P. Hearne, prophesied in 1908 that the "appearance of the aircraft would strike terror into the tribes. It will enable an expedition to be made with astounding rapidity; it will create the most terrifying effect on savage races; and the awful waste of life occasioned to white troops by such expeditionary work will be avoided."

Three years later, on probably the first occasion in which bombs were dropped in anger, the Italians put this prophecy into practice against Arab tribesmen in Libya.

C.G. Grey, a British historian writing between the world wars, observed that "the French, with that intellectual honesty and freedom from hypocrisy which is their chief claim, called it colonial bombing. In fact, they evolved a type of bomber that was officially called 'Type Colonial.'" In the rear, it had a funnel, with the fuselage extending over it so that a machine gunner could sit in the shade with plenty of target "no shoot at the indigènes in comfort."

The British, when Iraq was mandated to them following the first world war, took one look at the terrain and decided to put their new-born Royal Air Force in charge instead of the army.

Iraq gained independence in 1932, but, to quote the 1936 edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica: "The present day problem of the military defense of Iraq under treaties with

Great Britain is of unique interest, in that defense has been entered mainly to British aircraft, thus minimizing the number of troops, and the whole placed under the control of the air force commander."

With World War I came the concept of strategic bombing, whereby bombing the enemy's cities and factories in an effort to break his will and his means of production, as distinct from the tactical use of air power against enemy troops. The German Zeppelins—that-ruled Britain were hardly efficient killers compared with what would follow. The number of British casualties due to air attacks in the 1914-18 war: 1,414 killed and 3,416 injured.

But it was the carnage in the trenches of that war that gave the concept of strategic bombing wings. An early and influential advocate was the Italian Giulio Douhet. In the 1920s, he wrote convincingly that only air power could break the unacceptable cycle of slaughter on the ground that World War I produced, and that attacking behind the lines was the way to break "the enemy's will to resist."

"Now it is actually populations and nations" rather than just armies, "which come to blows—and seize each other's throats," Douhet wrote. British historian Basil H. Liddel-Hart, also writing after World War I, said: "Aircraft enables us to jump over the army which shields the enemy government, industry and people, and so strike direct and immediately at the seat of the opposing will

and policy." This had its echoes in Gen. Dugan's theory of "decapitation," in which Saddam Hussein and his command structure would be destroyed, thus leaving the Iraqi military headless and its will to resist fatally impaired.

World War II brought on the massive behind-the-lines destruction that both Liddel-Hart and Douhet had predicted, but postwar bombing studies showed that strategic bombing had failed to break Germany's will to resist, and that war production actually increased under the inspired stewardship of Albert Speer. In Japan, it was only the atomic bomb that saved the United States and Japan the even-more-costly casualties that would have resulted from a U.S. invasion of the Japanese home islands.

World War II changed Liddel-Hart's mind about strategic bombing. "Airpower had inherent drawbacks as a prime means to victory, because, while tactically it is the most rapid in operations and sudden shock, strategically it is less fitted to produce swiftly decisive effect," he wrote. "Strategic air power is more destructive than decisive," he wrote, and the ultimate devastation when prolonged "may be disproportionate to the damage to the enemy's war potential."

Strategic bombing got "another black eye in Vietnam because it also failed to break Hanoi's will, and it even failed in its mission to successfully interdict the flow of supplies down the Ho Chi Minh trail. Strategic bombing never really made sense in North Vietnam because the factories that made its weapons were in China and Russia and because tree cover made long-term interdiction impractical.

But tactical air power, employed in South Vietnam and its successes. During the Easter Offensive of 1972, when the North Vietnamese poured over the Demilitarized Zone in conventional strength, using tanks for the first time, American "assets" were instrumental in shoring up a demoralized South Vietnamese Army. By that stage in the war, American ground troops were gone, and U.S. advisers, cutting in air strikes from Thailand and from carriers at sea, turned the tide of battle and the Republic of Vietnam lived to fight another day.

No one who has ever witnessed an "air fight" as a B-52 bombing raid was called "in Vietnam," could ever doubt its effectiveness against troop concentrations. Were American air power still available in 1975, the North Vietnamese victory over the South would not have been such a walkover.

So while air-power critics are undoubtedly correct to say that air was never won by air power alone and that, in the end, troops have to occupy the ground, tactical air power—especially in the treeless parts of the Middle East with its usual lack of cloud cover—can indeed provide the firepower necessary to considerably lessen allied casualties, advocates argue.

"Air power is a mechanical instrument, and it can achieve mechanical results," Luttwak told Congress. "It cannot break the morale of populations. The morale of populations is not a physical target, and it cannot be bombed. It cannot be destroyed by air power. It is not a physical target either."

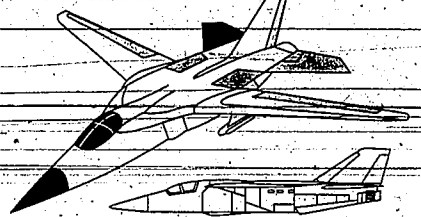
As for "decapitation," Luttwak pointed out that in all the bombing of Germany "not even a fourth-level Nazi leader died. That is because to kill a leader you have to not only bomb the city, but you have to bomb a building, and not only a building, but a room in a building, and not only a room, but a person in a room. If the fellow is going down to the toilet—even leaders do have to go down the corridor—you miss him." This was certainly true when the U.S. tried to kill Moammar Khadafi in his tent.

Whereas "air power cannot do any of these things," Luttwak said, "air power can destroy systematically

U.S. Air Force attack bomber

FB-11F

Type: All-weather attack bomber. Built: 1967 (4973 for F-111F) to present. Armament: A wide variety can be carried, including air-to-air missiles, air-to-surface missiles, a 20-mm M-61 rotary cannon, or internal bay for two 750-lb. bombs. Eight underwing pylons carry a maximum load of 31,500 lbs. Can also deliver nuclear weapons. Max. Speed: Mach 2.5. Crew: One pilot, one co-pilot.



General Dynamics first flew the F-111 in 1964. The aircraft was the first plane to be specifically designed to have variable-geometry (sweeping) wings. This feature combines high performance with long range and considerable payload capacity at both supersonic and subsonic speeds. After initial problems, the F-111 was ultimately successful in Vietnam, combining powerful engines with advanced avionics.

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U.S. Air Force bomber

B-52D

Type: Strategic heavy bomber. Built: 1953 to present. Armament: Rear-mounted 20-mm cannon; internal payload 27,000 lbs.; internal and external capacity up to 70,000 lbs.; can carry up to 20 ALCMs. Max. Speed: 630 mph. Crew: Pilot, co-pilot, bombardier, radar navigator, ECM operator and tail gunner.



Boeing first flew the B-52 in the early 1950s and the plane has undergone numerous revisions in its more than 35 years in service. It was originally conceived as a long-range delivery platform for free-fall nuclear weapons, but with the improvement of Russian air defenses, it was redesigned to stand off and fire air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs). Most B-52Gs have the ability to carry 20 ALCMs, enabling them to stay in service into the next century. The B-52 is used primarily to give tactical support to the U.S. rapid deployment force.

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When the enemy can't be seen

The United States is rushing sophisticated radar-pointed weapons into the Persian Gulf that can be used to attack an enemy over the horizon.

F-14 Tomcat



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AIM-54A Phoenix missile. Radar triggers warhead when target is closest. Radar looks forward for target. Nose cone, transmitter and receiver.

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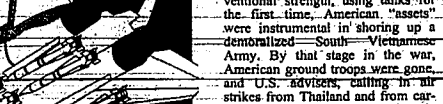
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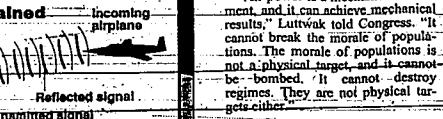


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Allied force awaits 'maddest minute in the history of the world'

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP)—An allied force of more than half a million began the wait Wednesday for what one colonel called "the maddest minute in the history of the world."

Ground troops scrambled to finish preparations, but officers brunged off concern. If war with Iraq comes, must predict it will fall first from the skies in a deadly hail.

"There's no hurry," said Capt. Dana Patterson, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who knows what U.S. bombers can do to Iraq fortifications in the sand.

With a severe enough pounding during the "maddest minute" and the hours and days to follow, commanders are confident they can send in troops to finish the job.

To a reporter driving north toward the Iraqi border, it looked as though war already had begun.

Five-mile-long convoys rolled past abandoned vehicles. A truck jack-knifed across the two-lane road, stopping traffic. It was pushed off into the sand to join other crumpled hulks along the highway.

Empty "low-boy" transports headed south as the tanks they carried churned across the desert toward Iraq. Twin rotor Chinook helicopters, the lumbering workhorses of the sand to join other crumpled hulks along the highway.

The only women drivers in Saudi Arabia handled U.S. Army trucks. Though unveiled, helmets and metal jackets all but concealed their gender.

A British driver grinned from the



At 8 a.m. Wednesday, as the U.N.-imposed deadline passes, Sgt. Tim Lord of the 28th Combat Support Hospital hugs his rifle while waiting to be flown closer to the front.

of a truck painted with a red Tim Hill of Birmingham. The playing American flags and power-rodent, symbol of the Desert Rats. ful portable cassette players in the "You ready to go?" the reporter home. rear windows. Yellow school buses

asked. Racing lines of vehicles were carried platoon in combat gear. But a string of 19 armored vans

made clear this was deadly serious business. Each was painted with a large red cross and a smaller Islamic crescent below it.

M.A.S.H. units — mobile Army surgical hospitals — are deployed near Iraq, just as they were in Korea. Early Wednesday, a large "CASH" unit, the 28th Combat Support Hospital — from Fort Bragg, N.C., also flew north.

"Saddam has had enough fun, his time is up," said Sgt. Desery Harris, 38, of Dorchester, Mass., a nurse. She said she was anxious to do the job and get home to her kids.

Harris was more eager than most to head north. Her husband, Ricky, is a M.A.S.H. sergeant up there.

Few soldiers showed anxiety about impending battle. Instead, they displayed confident bravado.

"Hey," snorted one officer who travels widely among the troops. "You just gotta tell them all the cold beer and hot women are in Turkey, and they'll go through Iraq like a dose of salts." One Army colonel who asked not to be named said heavy bombers and lighter aircraft would engulf Iraq in flames: "You gonna see the maddest minute in the history of the world."

Many went about their work, seemingly oblivious to the clock that began ticking at 8 a.m. their time. That moment was midnight at the United Nations and in Washington — the end of Tuesday and the U.N.-set deadline for Iraq to withdraw

from Kuwait or face military force. As the 28th CASH waited for a

ride north, one woman dozed against her cymbal pack, the barrel of an M-16 rifle nestled on her shoulder and her head resting on a non-regulation pillow: a fuzzy white teddy bear.

'Saddam has had enough fun, his time is up.'

— Sgt. Desery Harris

Private cars were evident over the past few days.

In scattered units, groups of young Americans followed a ritual similar to that of young Iraqis across the border. They sat on the sand and heard spiritual guidance from a man with a book.

Many worried less about the Iraqis than about the state of mind of their families back home. The prospect of war at a time of anticipated peace caught even seasoned military people off guard.

Capt. Rob. Philon, of Columbia, S.C., a company commander in the 8th Marine Tank Battalion, is a reservist who normally works as a security officer at a nuclear plant.

"My four-year-old daughter is too young to know what all this means, so she was dancing around the house singing. You're gonna get killed, you're gonna get killed," Philon said, with a nervous laugh.

He added: "My wife, well, she knows exactly what might happen over here."

Crew wives wait it out, live in fear

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They had hoped their husbands would never see combat with the bat-winged aircraft.

Now wives of members of Stealth fighter units are waiting in fear in homes across this city.

The wife of a Stealth crew chief said Wednesday the waiting is tough.

"My 5-year-old daughter told her kindergarten class that her daddy was never coming home," said the woman, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "I had to explain to her he is coming home, we just don't know when. I don't know why she thinks that."

The radar-evading F-117A fighter is expected to play a lead role in any attack on Iraq, just as it did in the U.S. invasion of Panama in 1989. The fighter was used in Panama to sneak in ahead of attacking forces, knock-out communications and cause confusion among Panamanian forces.

Only a few of the 59 Stealth fighters remain in a secret air base at Tonopah, 200 miles north of Las Vegas. The rest were sent to the Middle East.

"They want to get this over with and get back; get in there, get out and get home," said the wife of another Stealth crew chief, who also spoke on condition of anonymity. "The morale is really high, they're feeling really gung ho."

The woman said she talked with her husband Sunday, and he told her he wouldn't be able to talk to her again for some time.

"They believe this is an awesome aircraft that will do everything it is supposed to do — and that they'll be home," she said, her voice breaking during a telephone interview.

She has three small children and is expecting a fourth in a few weeks. The wives said they felt the thawing of relations with the Soviet Union meant their husbands might never be involved in a war.

Middle East on own time

The gulf region is mostly in a time zone eight hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time, meaning that when it is noon on the U.S. East Coast, it is 8 p.m. in Kuwait.

Here is a look at key Middle East cities and their time differences from EST. To obtain Mountain Standard Time, add two hours to the EST figure.

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Riyadh, Saudi Arabia — EST plus 8 hours.

Manama, Bahrain — EST plus 8 hours.

Kuwait — EST plus 8 hours.

Baghdad, Iraq — EST plus 8 hours.

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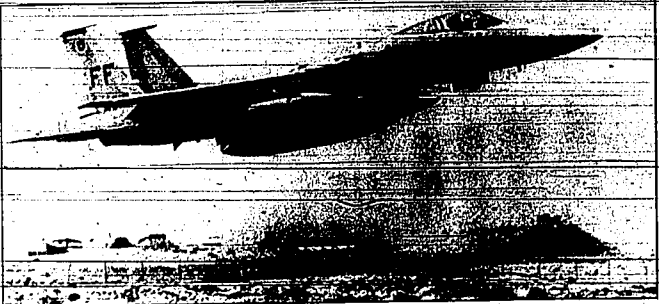
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This U.S. Air Force F-15, shown in a 1990 file photo, takes off from a base in Saudi Arabia during a training mission.

Not exactly like New Year's Eve but 20 pilots cheered 'midnight'

IN CENTRAL SAUDI ARABIA (AP) Twenty fighter pilots counted the final seconds before the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to pull out of Kuwait, cheering as they hit zero. "We rang it in just like New Year's," said Capt. Mike Elliott, 30, of the 49th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

Elliott and his fellow pilots from the 53rd Tactical Fighter Squadron, based at Bitburg, Germany, were gathered around their squadron operations desk, in front of their own "official" 1991 Iraqi calendar, which ends on Jan. 15, midnight in Saudi Arabia and midnight in New York, where the

U.N. resolution was passed, when the fighter pilots started counting down, "5, 4, 3, 2, 1."

"We just yelled kind of a 'Yeah!' Elliott said. "The official 1991 Iraqi calendar had just come to an end."

Indeed, the hand-drawn calendar on the squadron bulletin board says "Time's Up" in the square for Jan. 15. The rest of the month is blank.

Another version of the calendar, posted in another tent, shows an increasing number of bomb bursts from Jan. 16 to Jan. 19, with Jan. 20 blacked out and labeled "Black Sunday."

As one of the last acts before what could be a short, decisive air campaign, the squadron pilots stood for a group photograph in front of one of their F-15C fighters.

"At 9 a.m. we had finally broken down the bureaucracy of how to get a picture. Organizing 40 pilots is a contradiction in terms," laughed the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Randy "Bigs" Bigum, 41, of Springfield, Va.

Capt. Mike Miller, 28, an F-15 pilot from Kingsport, Tenn., who goes by the radio call sign "Jethro" said: "It's like living a dream."

He described the feeling of sitting

in the cockpit: "You look down at that airplane and find live missiles loaded. We never thought we'd be in a major war, what with the Berlin Wall coming down and all."

"I'm a little bit scared. I think if somebody tells you they're not, they're lying to you. But we've trained for this so much, for this type of scenario that we see happening, that hopefully when I get out there and start pushing buttons and making things happen, everything comes as second nature. That's how it ought to come," Miller said.

However, as a typical fighter pilot, Miller's parting shot as he walked down the flight line was: "I want you to send Saddam a message, that the NATO fighters are going to get him."

He was referring to the yellow band with tiger stripes painted on the top of the tail of each of the squadron's F-15Cs, which had been in the frontline of the Cold War.

"In my opinion, in these days he's not going to have a country after this thing kicks off. ... There's not going to be an Iraqi warplane flying after the second day of the war. That's what our whole objective is," Miller said.

Gulf nations preparing for disasters

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Nations around the Persian Gulf are rearing oil booms, fire trucks and clean-up craft in the fear that war could touch off an environmental disaster.

"The potential is there for a huge oil spill or petrochemical disaster. During the Iran-Iraq war from 1980-88, attacks on ships and oil installations dumped millions of barrels of crude onto the shores and waters of the Gulf."

Scientists have warned that if Iraq forces came out they threaten to blow up Kuwait's oil fields in a new war, they will unleash a suffocating 1,000-mile cloud of smoke.

Abdullah Toukan, scientific adviser to Jordan's King Hussein, told a conference in Geneva earlier this month that the explosion and subsequent fire could raise temperatures around the globe sharply and advance global warming by 30 years.

If an oil well were attacked but failed to catch fire, the resulting oil spillage could be even more devastating, polluting the region for many years and proving costly and difficult to clean up, the Geneva-based World Wide Fund for Nature warned in a statement Wednesday.

"The desert would become a no-go area for animal life," said the organization, known as the World Wildlife Fund in the United States and Canada. It said the threat to marine life was especially serious as the Persian Gulf is a shallow sea, used as a feeding and breeding ground for fish, porpoises and rare turtles.

Environmentalists in the region paint a less severe picture, but they nevertheless worry that unchecked oil spills could affect water supplies in a region dependent on gulf-based desalination plants.

Attacks on ships and industries in the gulf-coast petrochemical industry could create deadly ammonia clouds.

And a Saudi plan to transfer oil from tanker to tanker in the open sea in case hostilities endanger their ports, raises the chances of the oil spills.

Already, Wreeland says the large number of warships and their support vessels in the gulf are contributing to pollution in the waterway.

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Lithuanians bury their dead; 1 killed in Latvia



Mourners prepare to bury one of nine people killed Sunday.

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of people bid a tearful farewell in the silence of Lithuania's capital Wednesday to nine countrymen turned martyrs by their deaths at the hands of Soviet soldiers.

In the neighboring republic of Latvia, Soviet forces shot and killed one man as he drove across a bridge in Riga, the capital.

Latvia and the third Baltic republic, Estonia, also are pressing for restoration of their independence, but they have not gone as far as Lithuania to three republics were annexed by the Soviet Union at the start of World War II.

In Moscow, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev cited rising tensions in urging the legislature to take control of the national media. He was particularly unhappy about a critical press account of Sunday's military assault on Lithuania's broadcast center, which left 14 people dead.

Gorbachev, speaking to the Supreme Soviet late on its last day before a month-long break, urged to take temporary control of the media. He apparently was prompted by a critical article about the crackdown in Lithuania in the latest edition of the weekly Moscow News.

Gorbachev's proposal drew angry protests from some legislators. The Supreme Soviet passed a weakened-down version, authorizing a committee and legislative leaders to take unspecified measures to "ensure objectivity" of the media.

A crowd police estimated to be as large as 1 million — almost twice the

population of Vilnius — jammed the city's Roman Catholic cathedral, a square surrounding it and the funeral route that wound through narrow streets to a hilltop cemetery.

A tenth person was being buried in Kaunas, the republic's second city. Ever others were being buried separately.

In a eulogy, Russian Orthodox clergyman Father Khristosom acknowledged that ethnic Russians had been involved in the killings and apologized. "This is a shame for all of us," he said. "Believe me, Lithuanians, we Russians are with you."

Calling for peace, he added, "It is not possible to stop blood with blood."

Lithuania declared independence last March and has been locked in a tense war of nerves with Gorbachev ever since. Sunday's deaths were the first of the standoff.

Men-listening outside the Vilnius cathedral doffed their fur hats during the two-hour service despite the chill wind, and many people held candles, illuminating the overcast northern day.

"They are real heroes," said Vincas Gursky, a 59-year-old schoolteacher who held a candle outside the cathedral. "What else would you call someone who bravely sticks his chest out in front of a tank?"

In Latvia, officials said a 39-year-old man was shot in the head by so-called "black berets," under control of the Soviet Interior Ministry. He was taken to the first Riga Hospital, and died there, Dr. Juris Lange said.

The man, identified as Roberts Mumicks, was driving on a bridge

leading to the northern suburb of Vecmiegulvis, where Soviet military bases are located, officials said.

Black berets have been shooting out the tires of heavy vehicles parked on the bridge to act as barricades, but it was not clear whether Mumicks was killed by accident. No other information was available.

In another incident, black berets stopped a van, forced the occupants onto the pavement and set fire to the vehicle, said Sakari Nupponen, a Finnish journalist driving by at the time.

Latvian President Anatolijs Gorbunovs told a news conference on Wednesday he would consider forming a coalition government with opponents if they dropped demands that Latvia suspend its independence declaration.

Tallinn, the capital of Estonia, remained quiet. But police and home guards protected the parliament building. Fire hoses were ready for use against attackers, and 1,000 gas masks were in boxes inside.

Traffic was halted in much of Vilnius for the funeral cortege. Schools were closed for the third straight day. Many offices and stores also were closed.

But construction workers continued to erect a 15-foot-high barricade of cement, steel and dirt to defend the Lithuanian parliament. The workers tore down an unfinished five-story office building nearby and used the construction materials for the barricade.

A representative of a Soviet government commission sent to Vilnius, Byelorussian President Nikolai Dementiev, told the Supreme Soviet in Moscow that the group had succeeded in establishing contacts between the Vilnius military Garrison and the Landsbergis' government.

Albanians won't vote for awhile

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Albanian President Ruzhica Ali and the fledgling opposition agreed Wednesday to postpone the Communist nation's first free elections, the state news agency ATA reported.

Newly legalized opposition parties want more time to campaign for the elections, originally slated for Feb. 10, because communications in Albania are poor and the Communists control almost all the mass media.

ATA said Ali, opposition leaders and officials of Communist-sponsored mass organizations agreed to postpone the elections until March 31 and to urge a strike ban until May 1.

"It's really positive, at least a partial fulfillment of our demands," Gene Pollo, spokesman for the main opposition Democratic Party, said by telephone from the capital, Tirana.

ATA said that given the "grave economic and political situation," the three opposition parties at the four-hour meeting had agreed to "appeal to inter-

national strikes and demands for wage increases until May 1." ATA, monitored in Vienna, said the strike ban was needed for tranquility and "to realize genuinely free pluralist and democratic elections."

The decisions on strikes and elections were a compromise between the opposition and Ali's Communists.

Israel, Iraq blamed for PLO slayings

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — The PLO on Wednesday linked Israel to the slayings of Yasser Arafat's top two aides by a turncoat bodyguard while an Egyptian newspaper said Iraq sponsored the killings.

The Palestine Liberation Organization's Executive Committee called on Palestinians to escalate their uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israel has said it was not involved in the slayings. The PLO said the bodies of the slain men would be flown to Amman, Jordan, and buried today in Martyrs' Cemetery. It was not known whether Arafat would attend.

On Wednesday, Arafat received the ambassadors of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and other countries offering condolences for the slayings.

The PLO leader appeared depressed and red-eyed during the meetings at a Palestinian school in Tunis. He was flanked by PLO gunmen, and Tunisian police officers outside the school refused to let photographers inside.

On Monday night, a renegade bodyguard shot and killed Salah Khalaf, Arafat's second-in-command,

his bodyguard, Abu Mohammed al-Omari, and Hayel Abdel-Hamid, the PLO security chief.

The PLO and Tunisian police identified the gunman as Hamza Abu Zaid, 30. The PLO said in a communique on Wednesday that Abu Zaid "had contacts with an Israeli intelligence officer in Cyprus."

PLO security sources said Abu Zaid had split from a PLO dissident group led by Abu Nidal, a foe of Arafat, and was hired last year as a bodyguard to Abdel-Hamid. "The Israeli officer asked him to enter in one of the dissident Palestinian organizations and then make a defection to find refuge in the security services of the PLO," the PLO communique said.

Israel has denied any involvement.

Egypt's state-owned Al Gomhoura reported that Khalaf had opposed the PLO's support for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein after he invaded Kuwait.

Khalaf — who was known as Abu Iyad — also objected to Iraq's uncompromising position on Kuwait because he thought it would lead the region into war, the newspaper said. The paper did not identify its sources. State-owned newspapers sometimes publish leaks from government intelligence services.

Widow wants prize returned

MOSCOW (AP) — Andrei Sakharov's widow is protesting the Soviet crackdown in Lithuania, has asked the Nobel Committee to take back Sakharov's peace prize because she does not want his name "in the same row" as that of Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

In a statement to Nobel Committee head Gledske Anderson, human rights activist Yelena Bonner said she did not want her late husband's name to be listed along with Gorbachev as a peace prize laureate. The Soviet leader won the prize last year. Sakharov was awarded it in 1975.

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Colombian drug lord surrenders

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — When Colombia's No. 2 cocaine smuggler surrendered this week, he ended four years of life on the run and saved himself from the U.S. justice system.

Jorge Luis Ochoa, one of the richest men in South America, surrendered to court officials Tuesday in a small town just south of Medellin, headquarters of the world's most violent cocaine cartel.



Ochoa

Ochoa was accused of having signed himself in because he believe in justice and the Colombian government. Ochoa, 41, told reporters.

The drug lord accepted a government offer of lenient treatment in exchange for surrendering.

By confessing to at least one crime, Ochoa is assured that he will not be "extricated" to the United States, according to the government's standing offer to drug traffickers. President's Cesar Gaviria's offer also includes reduced jail terms for surrendering.

Ochoa was accused of having smuggled hundreds of tons of cocaine into Florida, U.S., and Colombian authorities say the Medellin cartel ordered the murders of scores of drug trafficking opponents, including three presidential candidates and an attorney general.

Ochoa had eluded police for the past four years as a fugitive, but other drug lords were not so lucky. Colombian security forces have killed three fugitive cartel leaders in the past year in what authorities said were shootouts.

Ochoa was in a maximum security jail in the Medellin suburb of Itagui. He and his younger brother Fabio, also a reputed cartel leader, are the jail's only two prisoners.

Fabio surrendered under similar circumstances on Dec. 19. Five other low-level traffickers have also accepted the government's offer and turned themselves in.

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Opinion

Editorial

Let us speak of many things, of party heads and kings

Today, a selection of short subjects:

Peeking under a new leaf
State Rep. Kathleen Gurnsey is saying some unkind things about our governor.

Gurnsey, a Boise Republican, noted Tuesday that the governor wants to kill the Yankee Fork State Park in central Idaho while funding a new Department of Lands Office in McCall. She also noted that the Andrus administration wants to give Pocatello another look as a women's prison site.

Then she pointed out some coincidences: that central Idaho's Lemhi County snubbed Andrus in November; that Democrats gained a legislative seat in McCall; and that Pocatello is Democrat-country from way back.

Well, someone ought to explain to Gurnsey that the New Andrus doesn't operate that way. Maybe Old King Cecil did. But during the fall campaign, the New Andrus said his objective during his final term is to be remembered as a "caring person."

Gurnsey obviously wasn't paying attention.

For the victors, a re-Ward?
Talk about leaving them wanting more.

After leading the Idaho Democratic Party to "impressive gains" in the November elections, Conley Ward says he'll step down in March.

Check this irony: Last month, when Idaho Republicans were looking for a new chief-to-replace-the-battered Randy Ayre, one comment made was that the "GOP" needed somebody like

Conley Ward.
Now, apparently, the Democrats do, too.

Adios, Cisco
Idahoans needn't worry about Cisco, the high-alcohol wine producer that is the subject of national attention.

At 20 percent alcohol, Cisco is a heavy hitter packaged to look like a lightweight wine cooler. Medical authorities are upset because it shows up on convenience-store shelves next to the soda-pop coolers, and consumers may not realize the power of its punch.

In Idaho, however, such a product could only be sold in state liquor stores, according to Jim Baugh of the State Liquor Dispensary. And it isn't—not now, at least.

Baugh said the state gave Cisco a tumble a couple of years back but quickly decided it didn't deserve shelf space.

It's gone. Wise move.

The wheels of justice
Blaine County's prosecutor is one tough cookie.

Not only is Ned Williamson seizing cars used to transport illegal drugs, a common practice under Idaho law. He also seized a mountain bicycle from a Ketchum man charged with cocaine possession.

That's cold, Mr. Prosecutor. Cars are one thing, but taking a Ketchum's two-wheeler borders on cruel and unusual punishment.

(Tow if you must, my motor vehicle.



Tuition shows private school is elitist

The Times-News recently ran a story in which Peter Stevens, headmaster of the Oregon Episcopal School in Portland, declared before the Senate Education Committee that his school is not elitist.

Attending Mr. Stevens' presentation of OES in Twin Falls the other evening, I must vigorously disagree with him.

The students who attend this school come from families which can afford to pay the tuition (\$8,200 per year and room and board (\$8,000 additional). In contrast, in Idaho we spend an average of just \$3,373 per year student.

Terry L. Gilbert Reader comment

The school boasts of providing hands-on computers and even a superconductor. The steep tuition provides a pupil/teacher ratio of one teacher to nine or 10 students. Contrast that to Idaho's ratio of over 20 students per teacher — one of the highest in the nation.

I was struck by the fact that OES is protected from the political battles which dog public education. For instance, the board has mandated that the school achieve a sense of global citizenship. Therefore, Shintoism is as important as Shakespearian; and teaching students to think critically and deeply is an ongoing quest.

Imagine if this were the case in the public schools in the Magic Valley. Certain local commentators would write letters decrying the fact that so-called secular humanism is running rampant in our schools. They would demand that we renege on our sports commitments, thoughts by going back to the basics.

Of course, if our per-pupil expenditures approached OES's tuition, these same commentators would lead a citizens' rebellion against "throwing money at education."

I sensed that the instructors there are highly esteemed by the parents and students. Teachers are treated professionally and are valued for their opinions and given control over their professional lives. Again, this is the end result of a political process which we rarely enjoy in public education.

As one who has worked all my adult life on behalf of public education, I can only hope and work for the day that we will provide the resources and teaching and learning environment for our middle- and lower-class children that upper-class parents can provide theirs.

I reject the notion that we should have superb education for those who can afford it and a mediocre education for the rest.

This letter is not an attack on OES or the parents who can afford to send their children there. The school exhibits a clear mission and the parents communicate a clear commitment to education, virtues which should be exhibited in our public schools.

However, in my opinion, Mr. Stevens was not candid with the Senate Education Committee when he declared that OES was not elitist. In fact, OES is one of the most elite private schools in the country.

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Letters

U.S. will fight 'Bush's War'

Midnight Tuesday is not only K-Day for the U.S. but also the day that the United States is going to war. Historically, it is a unique war. Not since the Mexican War of 1848 or the Spanish American War of 1898 has the United States deliberately started a major war.

To create a wartime atmosphere, the president has caused two great events to become fact. Every speech refers to the great international coalition. There is no international coalition. The war of 1991 is an American war. U.S. men and women will bleed and die and the United States will pay the bill — no one else.

The other myth is even more bizarre. The war will be six- or seven-day "kick butt." President Bush must watch Rambo movies; he uses Rambo language. We are going to swagger over the border and "kick a little butt."

Street responses to talk shows and newspapers are constant. "Get this war over and go home!" The Rambo syndrome is the basis of the war psychosis of 1991. What a hell of a way to lead a country.

All hope will be a seven-day war with only 2,000 or 3,000 casualties. The war might end in seven days or 70 days or 700 days. What then? President Bush has promised daily to pull the Army out immediately upon victory. Who or what fills the vacuum? Wars are usually fought for some firm results and goals. The United States has no goals other than winning. Shoot, kill, get out is no more reason for war than "kick butt."

The economy is in trouble, the savings and loans bank recession, the above all national debt. Bush's war cannot be financed by taxes — "No new taxes!" — and the nation should not add more debt. Japan and Germany sit as "allies" and make no contribution. Their contribution will be to loan the president the money he needs to finance the war.

Wars must have a name. Hopefully, this one will be called "The War of 1991." The president has promoted his great coalition by lobbying, threatening and buying support from the Russians and many others in the Security Council.

The president spent two days on the telephone pleading and threatening senators and congressmen to support his declaration of war. He was successful. "Kick Butt War" sounds properly descriptive for this new American adventure.

LOYD J. WALKER
Twin Falls

provement over the protest displays reserved for us Vietnam vets.

We are envious — not jealous.
MAX HALL
Gooding

Gulf war a fight for freedom

As a child growing up in America, I was taught to believe that everyone should enjoy the rights of freedom. That's why my father fought in Vietnam, wasn't it? So come all I keep hearing is the United States is going to war for oil? What oil?

A recent news release showed that we (America) only import 10 percent of our oil from the Saudi Arabian countries, compared with 20 percent Japan imported. Isn't it time for our anti-war persons to address the real issue here? That issue being that no country should have to stand for being over-run by another and dictated to.

We believe in our country's freedom and would never allow another country to take away our freedom and now, because it's not the United States of America, should we sit by and watch Kuwait lose its freedom while its citizens are crying out for help?

Saddam Hussein has been compared to Hitler, who — as we know — went on a rampage of persecution and poverty which thousands of human beings were slaughtered. Are we to stand by and wait for Saddam to do this before we unite with other countries to stop him? I hardly think so!

It is true that with war the possibility of losing thousands of American lives is inevitable, as I, too, could lose my brother, brother-in-law and now, along with sons, uncles, cousins and friends — most of which are in Saudi Arabia now, waiting for midnight. But if that time should come for my family, at least we will know that they died fighting for what they believed in. That everyone has a right to be free — not that they fought for oil!

I think we should remember the words that all men, women and children are created equal and we all have a right to truth, liberty and justice as our United Nations is trying to prove with world peace efforts and that if this means joining together in a war effort for that peace, the least we can do is support our men and women fighting for that freedom because freedom isn't free — it has to be given and fought for! I sincerely pray that we do not go to war, but if we do, please remember, it's for freedom and peace that we are fighting and not for oil!

JOLEN WHITE
Twin Falls

Times-News editorial staff is just how big does a country have to be before it warrants saving? How many of its people should have to die before American troops should be used? Should we let a million and a half perish, as we did in Cambodia, and then soothe our collective conscience by listening to Ted Kennedy shout, "No more Vietnam!"

The truth is that we should fight Iraq because no country should be allowed to take over another. The world community is finally starting to act just that way as a world community. If we don't support the United Nations and its resolution, we will have traveled back to good old William Borah's isolationist era in which case you should ask yourself an other question. If we had supported Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations, could World War II have been avoided by a strong world community?

Don't blow it off this time. We should not fight for oil or a morsel of land; we should fight Saddam Hussein because it's the right thing to do.

PATRICK TOUCHETTE
Twin Falls

Settle crisis with words, not war

However the Persian Gulf crisis is finally resolved, the American people have been given an unprecedented opportunity to examine our government's foreign policy, our leadership and our attitudes.

Like many Americans, I grew up with John Wayne. For a while, I thought his tough, white-tent style was one of the things which made Americans dominant in the world. In essence, it did. The United States, since the War of 1812, has been projecting its interests and influence around the world through military force. We've cloaked this economic expansionism in various heroic disguises, but the people of other nations understand imperialism when they see it. The Greeks, Romans, Egyptians, British, French, Spanish, Russians and many others did it the same way. None of them lasted very long as an imperialist power.

So, today we look at our military forces ready to kill others like themselves to settle a quarrel between a megalomaniacal dictator and a macho former colonel. Warriors have always fought. Violence is within all of us. So, if Presidents Bush and Hussein feel like acting tough, let's lock them in a room. Let them "dake" it out. Meanwhile, the rest of us can break out of the hypnotic spell we've been under since World War II. Maybe we can realize that powerful ones we've put into war the past few thousand years into seeking peaceful solutions to world problems.

Did America create the John Wayne myth? Not really. It's our old one. We've just

dressed it in military uniforms and cowboy boots and made it our own. We can see it everywhere: urban gangs settle drug disputes with Uzis; drivers rudely cut off other drivers to gain more territory and sports commentators slaver at the thought of "smash-mouth football."

Whatever happens in the Persian Gulf will determine this planet's future. Will America rule the world through force while Arabs and Jews, Catholics and Protestants, Hindus and Muslims, Christians and Communists continue to kill one another? Or could this country provide a visionary, spiritual leadership of the kind envisioned by the men who created the United States?

Peace won't come anywhere until we're all at peace with ourselves. Can we do it?

Sisy tried.
MICHAEL SULLIVAN
Hailey

Real crisis in Washington, D.C.

In defending the Saudis and Kuwaitis, we are not upholding American ideals abroad because they are ruled by medieval and despotic family oligarchies that could hardly be worse. American lives are defending some of the most despicable cutthroats the world has ever known.

Biggest beneficiaries of all are the interlocking powers that control the oil industry and international banks. Israel's main rival will be destroyed or held at bay at the expense of our American boys and girls.

If Texas opens up its oil wells with increased prices as a result of war, Bush forgot to tell you his power base will get a neat share of this profit.

The main enemy facing this nation is located in Washington, D.C. It's ruled over by elected congressmen and women in an unholy alliance with tens of thousands of bureaucrats.

Government is big, big business! The script is written and dedicated to reduce citizens to paupers; especially the middle-class businessman. If everything goes according to plan, you will see a "New World Order" which Bush promises at every press conference and speech.

Presidents have chipped away the Constitution and Bill of Rights to the point that it is possible for them to ignore the judiciary, the will of the people and impose a dictatorship in this country by declaring a national emergency! Which, of course, ends what you now enjoy as freedoms under the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

You will see a merging of the United States, Russia and England. The "state" will own everything! People will work and live where and when the political commissar dictates.

True, Saddam Hussein is a monster, but as I stated before, it took the United States and Israel to create him! Bush and Congress "found a way" to "trim him" at the very time they needed one.

One needs to look past the "controlled press" here in the United States for the real truth in order to learn what really goes on. I was in the South Pacific during World War II and saw many die; that's why I'm sick of seeing innocent, clean, American blood spilled for dirty Middle East oil and for gutless and unwisely elected American politicians!

E.M. BROBY
Twin Falls

Prevent professional politicians

Thank you for your most commendable editorial of Dec. 30, 1990. It was great and to the point. I especially liked your mentioning that they (our legislators) are doing a noble work for Idaho and are modestly compensated. Were their pay doubled, it would devolve into a state job and political career. Congress has demonstrated what a morose career most of them have made of politics and we sure don't need that in Idaho.

We have legislators from every walk of life and they have done a good job. Our Constitution was made by public-spirited men who had a dream of good government and who often worked at great sacrifice and often hardship to accomplish this dream. We honor our Idaho lawmakers and look up to them. I wish we could say the same of our Congressmen as a whole.

Anyway, I urge each of you to write or call your senator or representative and tell them you are satisfied with their work and you don't feel a pay raise is needed at this time.

EMILY TERVDY
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Write to us

The Times-News welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. To make sure your letter is published promptly, here are a few guidelines to remember.

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Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Response to gulf vets proper

The yellow ribbons being worn and exhibited for the Saudi veterans are a vast improvement over the protest displays reserved for us Vietnam vets.

Fighting Saddam a just cause

Re: Jan. 11 editorial
The question I would like to ask, The

Inflation at 9-year high; purchasing power down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soaring gasoline and fuel oil prices helped push inflation to a 9-year high, the highest rate since 1981, and the purchasing power of the average American paycheck took its worst tumble in that nine-year period, the government said Wednesday.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, which tracks with moderate, seasonally adjusted increases of 0.3 percent in both December and November. But the earlier shock to oil prices in the wake of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait helped make 1990 the worst inflation year since 1981, when the rate was 9.9 percent. Prices climbed 4.6 percent in 1989.

Gasoline prices were up nearly 37 percent and fuel oil prices nearly 30 percent. The cost of meat, medical care, airline travel, tuition and tobacco also rose steeply during the year, the department said.

Manufacturers' output at factories, mines and utilities fell in December for the third consecutive month, signaling the recession has not yet bottomed, according to analysts.

The Federal Reserve's gauge of industrial production fell 0.6 percent last month after declines of 1.8 percent in November and 0.7 in October.

"Three months of declining industrial production show the recession has taken a firm grip on the American economy," said economist Martin Armstrong, director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "We think that the recession will last longer than is generally believed."

The Commerce Department said business inventories grew 0.3 percent in November while sales fell 1.2 percent. Rising inventories of goods held on shelves and storage lots are a sign of economic weakness. They could foreshadow production cutbacks and layoffs at factories if sales do not pick up.

A separate Labor Department report on weekly earnings and hours for non-supervisory workers indicates the economy will not be helped soon by a resurgence of consumer spending, economists said.

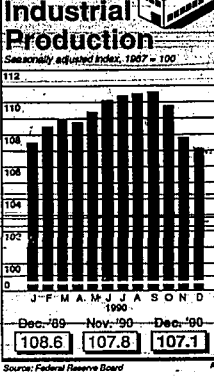
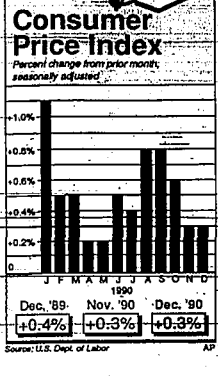
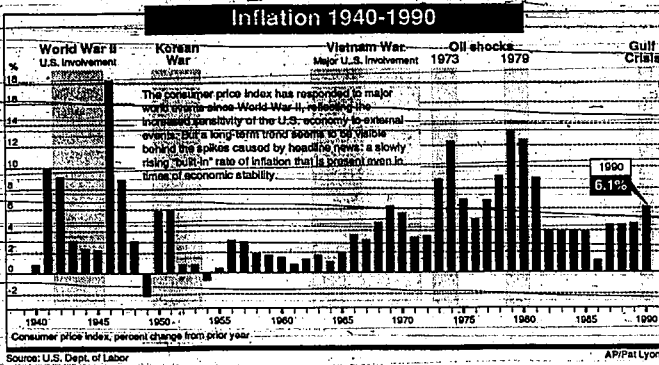
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They were 36.8 percent higher than a year ago.

End oil prices dropped 3.6 percent last month but were up 29.9 percent for the year. Electricity costs, however, rose a modest 1.4 percent for the year and natural gas was up only 1.8 percent.

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For the year, food and beverage costs rose 5.3 percent, roughly in line with the advances during the previous two years. Pork prices rose 16.7 percent and beef was up 8.9 percent. However, egg prices were 4.6 percent lower than a year ago and dairy products rose only 3.1 percent, held in check by a 1.1 percent drop in December.

Prices excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, were up 0.4 percent in December and 5.2 percent in 1990, compared with 4.6 percent in 1989 and 4.7 percent in 1988. This so-called "core" rate is considered a better gauge of underlying inflationary pressures in the economy.

Other price activity reported by the department:

- New car prices rose a seasonally-adjusted 0.9 percent in December, the result of fewer discounts than in past years. But they were up only 1.4 percent over the year in the face of slow sales.
- Clothing costs rose 0.5 percent in December and 5 percent for the year, substantially more than the 0.7 percent in 1989, but in line with increases the previous two years.
- Medical care costs, an area of persistent inflation, rose 0.7 percent for the month and 9.6 percent for the year.
- Cable television costs rose 13.1 percent in 1990. Tobacco was up 10.8 percent, tuition and other school fees, 7.9 percent, and airline fares, 22.7 percent.

AP/Pat Lyons

Briefly

Lawyers argue Keating 5 innocence

WASHINGTON — Defense lawyers argued Wednesday that five senators are innocent of ethical wrongdoing, but there were indications the Senate Ethics Committee would recommend punishment for at least one of the Keating Five.

While none of the lawyers or committee members have predicted the outcome for any particular senator, two-panel members and one defense attorney have indicated they expect some aspect of the case to reach the Supreme Court.

It would likely go to the floor only if there was a recommended punishment for at least one senator. Committee member Trent Lott, R-Miss., said earlier this month that he would be amazed if at least one case didn't reach the floor — although he declined to name anyone.

Board makes emergency rail proposal

WASHINGTON — A presidential emergency board trying to head off a national rail strike recommended Wednesday that railroad workers get annual bonuses but also start contributing for health care.

As much as half of the workers' bonuses might have to go for health care contributions, according to recommendations for settling a 2-year-old contract dispute between the nation's largest freight railroads and 11 unions representing about 200,000 trackmen, engineers, signalmen and other workers.

The unions, which fought to protect a health care package that didn't require workers to contribute, had no immediate comment on the emergency board's 120-page report. Management felt the board's recommendations "go too far on wages and not nearly far enough on work rule relief," said Charles Hopkins, the chief labor relations spokesman for the carriers. A number of other labor relations specialists said earlier this month that he would be amazed if at least one case didn't reach the floor — although he declined to name anyone.

Prosecutor: Allow juries to consider victim

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court could bolster public confidence in justice by allowing jurors to weigh the victim's good character or their families' grief, a prosecutor argued Wednesday.

"This case is about fair and even-handed justice for the accused," Lovrain County, Ohio, prosecutor Jonathan Rosenbaum said in his court filing. "The defendant's family, to their parents' grief, is not a victim of the crime. It is a victim of the justice system."

Rosenbaum said the 1987 ruling in Booth vs. Maryland, which precludes jurors from knowing the actual harm caused, "has caused a loss of public confidence in our system of justice."

We've taken retribution out of sentencing," Rosenbaum argued.

By John Bour-Stokes, a Columbus, Ohio, lawyer representing a convicted killer said the 1987 case and a 1989 sequel "were properly decided and should remain in force."

She said the two rulings were necessary to prevent "unproven opinions" from swaying jurors in capital punishment cases.

The court's decision is expected by July.

Edalberto Huertas was convicted of fatally stabbing Ralph Harris Jr. in Lorain, Ohio, on July 7, 1986.

A jury sentenced him to death after hearing evidence from Harris' mother and father about their son's

churchgoing and how devastating the murder had been on the victim's young son.

In its 1987 ruling, the court split 5-4 in ruling that such victim impact statements "can serve no other purpose than to inflame the jury and divert it from deciding the case on the relevant evidence concerning the crime and the defendant."

The court again split 5-4 in 1989 when it ruled that sentencing jurors in capital cases generally may not be told about a victim's characteristics or standing in the community.

But, of the dissenters in the 1989 case, only Justice Antonin Scalia explicitly called for a reversal of Booth vs. Maryland.

Justice Byron R. White, a dis-

sent in the 1987 decision, hinted in the 1989 ruling that he some day might vote to reverse.

The author of the court's 1989 ruling was Justice William J. Brennan, who has since retired and been replaced by Justice David H. Souter.

During Wednesday's argument, prosecutor Rosenbaum contended that the testimony of Harris' father is not the kind of "reliable and objective evidence of impact" that jurors should be allowed to hear.

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Experimental medicine offers hope

BOSTON — The experimental medicine DDI is likely to become a widely used therapy for children who are infected with the AIDS virus, according to a new report.

The drug, which has already been used extensively in adults, sharply reduced levels of the virus and allowed depleted blood cells to rebound when given to youngsters. "These data confirm that DDI is an important part of the anti-retroviral repertoire," concluded researchers from the National Cancer Institute. The study, directed by Dr. Karina M. Butler, was conducted on 33 children who were infected with HIV, the retrovirus that causes AIDS. The results were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Proposal to fight global warming no help, study says

NEW YORK (AP) — A proposal to fight global warming by dumping iron-into Antarctic waters would do little to cool the planet, even if done for 100 years, a study suggests.

The plan would not significantly reduce the atmosphere's load of carbon dioxide, a chief culprit in causing the expected warming, scientists said.

Carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere trap energy that radiates away from Earth, the "greenhouse effect," that keeps the globe warmer than if the energy escaped into space.

Many scientists believe that increases in these gases will cause further global warming, disrupting agriculture and causing flooding.

Recently, some researchers have proposed the iron dumping to draw carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

The idea is that the iron would boost production of microscopic algae, which would then consume greater amounts of carbon dioxide.

That would draw down atmospheric levels of the gas, proponents suggest.

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Ultrasound could prevent some strokes

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A new ultrasound device enables doctors to prevent crippling strokes in children with sickle cell anemia by identifying the children at greatest risk, researchers said Wednesday.

Up to 10 percent of children with sickle cell anemia, such as strokes that can cause paralysis, said Dr. Robert Adams of the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta.

Until now doctors have had no way to identify the children at risk until the children had a stroke, Adams said at the annual American Heart Association scientific session. "If the stroke is devastating, it's going to be too late," Adams said. The ultrasound machine he has developed "allows you to avoid that first episode," he said.

Philanthropist returned home safely

TAMPA, Fla. — A wealthy businessman and philanthropist, who was abducted from his driveway returned home safely by taxi cab early Wednesday after he was left at a shopping center, the FBI said.

Bob Thomas, 66, was snatched by two or three men Monday morning as he was leaving home to go to Mass. authorities said. He was cut and chained in a snuff and blood stains were found on his car and in the garage, police said. The crutches he must use because of childhood polio were left in the driveway. A neighbor who responded to Thomas' yells as he struggled with the abductors was waved away by a suspect brandishing a handgun, police said. The family was in seclusion Wednesday and police chased reporters away from his home.

Interior secretary's son goes on trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Robert Lujan, 28, son of Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, went on trial Wednesday on charges of raping a female resident of the apartment building where he lived with his parents.

He is also charged with burglary and on a handgun violation.

Before the jury of two men and 10 women was seated, Alexandria Circuit Court Judge Alfred Swersky rejected a defense motion to keep Lujan's previous drug and alcohol convictions from the jury.

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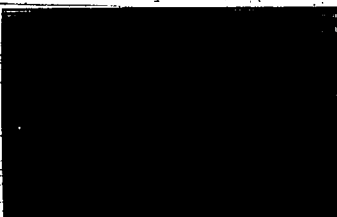
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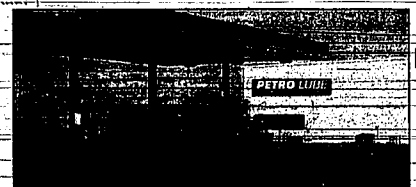
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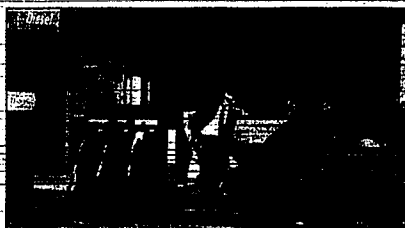
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Word out in Magic Valley for more blood

By Phil Salmon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The need for blood tends to rise with the casualties of war. And before a bomb was dropped in the Middle East, the American Red Cross on Monday asked its local chapters to provide 100 additional units of blood weekly for Operation Desert Shield.



The Snake River Region Chapter, which includes the Magic Valley, plans to meet the request. But this puts additional pressure on the Magic Valley, because blood donations in the area already had declined. The local Red Cross appealed two months ago for more donors.

"Things can get kind of desperate if we go to war," said local Red Cross manager, Ruth Young.

The Red Cross collects blood five times a year in Twin Falls, with the next drive scheduled for March. The local goal is to collect 120 units of blood daily during a drive. Recent drives have fallen far short of this goal, Young said.

With the call for blood for Operation Desert Shield, the daily goal for collecting blood during a drive will be 140 units daily, Young said.

"It's tremendous pressure, not just in Twin Falls but all over the state," Young said.

The Snake River Region of the Red Cross includes nearly all of Idaho, and 100 additional units does not sound like a lot but it is, Young said.

"It is not easy to come up with 100 units," she said.

Young does not expect local blood supplies to be affected by the increased need.

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Around the valley

Meeting set to talk about young drivers

TWIN FALLS — An open meeting on the issue of driving privileges for 14- and 15-year-olds is set for 10:30 a.m. today at the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau office on Kimberly Road.

The meeting, sponsored by the Farm Bureau, will allow residents to air their concerns regarding the driving age.

Raynie Jacobsen, who was involved with drafting the initial legislation, will explain the intent of the law and answer questions.

A 1989 law raised Idaho's driving age from 14 to 16 but allows restricted driving privileges for some 14- and 15-year-olds. Each county sheriff decides who gets a permit and why, and the law has been interpreted differently from county to county.

For more information, call the Farm Bureau office at 733-7212.

Forum scheduled aimed at boosting profits for dairies

JEROME — Dairy managers in the Magic Valley may participate in a forum on management techniques to improve dairy profitability beginning at 10 a.m. today at the Jerome County Courthouse.

"Milk prices are lower now than for several years," said Bob Ohlenschlaeger, Jerome County agricultural Extension agent. "Producers are faced with tough times economically."

Whereas drought in the Midwest in recent years forced dairies there to reduce their herds, with the drought it came over-production of milk — driving prices to all-time lows.

The forum will begin with a presentation on management strategies by Dean Falk, Extension dairy specialist. Other discussions will include "Efficiently Producing Replacement Heifers," "Using Financial Tools-Enterprise Budgets," a status update from the United Dairyman of Idaho, and a panel discussion by a dairyman, a veterinarian, a banker and a nutritionist.

Gulf war prompts Sen. Craig to cancel local town meeting

TWIN FALLS — Tonight's scheduled town meeting at the College of Southern Idaho by Sen. Larry Craig has been canceled because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Craig returned to Washington Wednesday after the announcement of the American attack on Iraq.

Freeze on Skis marathon raises \$2,400 for abused kids

TWIN FALLS — Last Sunday's Freeze of Skis water-skiing marathon raised \$2,400 for the Guardian Ad Litem program for abused children.

The fourth annual event, sponsored by the Magic Valley Jaycees and Century Boatland, attracted 34 skiers who braved 38-degree temperatures on the Snake River. Top fundraisers were Terry Hurlie, Brian Godfrey and Brent Peterson.

Space heater sparks fire that damages Twin Falls library

TWIN FALLS — A small fire caused by a propane space heater caused about \$2,000 damage at the public library Tuesday morning.

The building's regular heat has been shut off during construction on the library, so the space heater is turned on at night, Battalion Chief Wayne Campbell of the Twin Falls fire department said.

The heater ignited a wooden window frame, but no books were damaged in the fire, Campbell said.

Firefighters arrived on the scene at 6:59 a.m. Tuesday and had the blaze extinguished soon thereafter, he said.

Hearing set Friday to talk about Castleford fire district

CASTLEFORD — The city will hold a public hearing Friday to discuss the formation of a fire protection district. The meeting will be held at the school lunch room.

The fire district would encompass the city of Castleford as well as the rural community around Buhl and Castleford that is now served by the Castleford Fire Department.

The city has applied for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant for \$185,550 from the state Commerce Department.

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The Persian Gulf war dominates conversation at the gas pumps Wednesday night as Harry Wilson, left, and Jim McMullen fill their tanks. Several motorists said they were buying with fears of a price jump.

Oil firms want even supply level

By Craig Lincoln
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Oil companies are trying to limit panic buying of gasoline through allocation of supplies — but gas stations still kept busy Wednesday before the outbreak of war.

"I think people are anticipating a price miss," Lynwood Chevron owner Vel Yergensen said.

Major oil companies have implemented a precautionary allocation system on the eve of war that they say will prevent panic buying.

Those companies are limiting deliveries to about the same level or up to 20 percent more than was pumped by each wholesale or retail customer during the same month last year.

The monthly allocation is spread out over the month to maintain an even level of supply.

"We don't want somebody to come in and take a month's worth of supply in three days," Amoco spokesman Randall Couch of Salt Lake City said.

Local jobbers — what the oil business calls its wholesale distributors — were unavailable for comment or didn't return phone calls Wednesday.

But Mobil Corp., Chevron, Texaco Inc., Amoco Corp., Phillips Petroleum Co. announced allocation programs on the eve of war. They wanted to avoid the panic buying that dominated the market place after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August.

"We've been looking at this for several months since the invasion," Chevron

spokesman Bob Osmundson said.

"It's uncertain what gas prices will do now that the war has started in Kuwait, but Osmundson is predicting a price decline.

"Right now in Idaho, there is a good supply in the marketplace and gasoline prices will be coming down quite a bit," he said. "At this point in time, we're not anticipating any shortages."

And Osmundson said the company will show flexibility with wholesalers or retailers who run short of gasoline. If the company can demonstrate good reasons why sales increased, the company will probably deliver more gasoline.

And Amoco is allowing a 6 percent increase in deliveries over last year.

"In fact, demand will probably taper off," Couch said.

Students wear black to mark onset of battle

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hours before bombs began exploding in Baghdad, students at Robert Stuart Junior High School were helping each other understand the consequences of war.

"We wanted people to think what people in Saudi Arabia are going through," 14-year-old Summer Dawn Evans said.

Summer and dozens of her friends wore black clothes to school Wednesday to raise awareness about the crisis that has now become war and demonstrate their hope for peace.

Roughly a third of the children and several teachers wore black.

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Summer Dawn Evans hopes people will think about war's impact.

Idaho congressmen urge prayers for U.S. troops

By States News Service

WASHINGTON — As the nation went to war Wednesday night, Idaho's senators and congressmen here prayed for American troops fighting to oust Iraq from Kuwait.

"The initial reports are encouraging," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, who was headed back to Washington Wednesday night from Idaho to attend an emergency briefing by the Defense Department. "Now is the time to unite in support of our men and women in the Gulf, and to hope for a swift and decisive resolution of the conflict. I pray that initial reports of success hold true."

"I'm praying for our troops in the field," Republican Sen. Steve Symms, R-Idaho, said shortly after President Bush addressed the nation regarding the attack. "Now's the time for all of us to get behind the president

and the troops in the field ... and give them the full-fledged support so that there can be an expeditious, clean decisive end to this war."

Symms' sentiment was echoed by Rep. Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, who encouraged all Idaho's citizens pray for wise leadership in the nation's capital. "I encourage all Idahoans to ask God's protection and guidance be with our president and all of us in the days ahead," Stallings said.

While a divided Congress on Saturday voted to allow Bush to use force to oust Iraq, lawmakers from across the spectrum united to support the president.

Stallings voted against Bush and to give economic sanctions more time to work before attacking, but he said Wednesday night that the president deserves the nation's support.

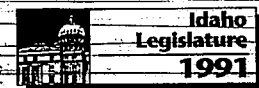
Lawmakers keep pay raise after Senate doesn't vote

By The Times-News and Associated Press

BOISE — The House rejected a legislative pay raise Wednesday, but a Senate committee refused to put the question before a vote in the upper chamber.

The Senate State Affairs Committee Wednesday evening voted to sustain a citizens commission's recommendation that legislative salaries rise from \$6,525 to \$12,000 a year.

The committee's action assured the raise would remain in effect despite the House



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leadership panel in the Senate rejected the plea of Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, to put the issue before the entire Senate for a vote.

Thorne contended the compensation package was too important not to be sent to the floor so every member could take a stand.

"There is a way for each legislator to show where he stands," said Crapo, who has been in the forefront of the effort to boost legislative compensation. "They can either accept or reject it individually."

The pay raise took effect in December when the new Legislature was sworn in. It

could have been overturned only if both the House and Senate voted to do so by Jan. 1.

There has been no indication that any lawmakers have requested the higher salary in the first checks for last month.

In the House vote, eight of the Magic Valley's 12 representatives voted with the House's 55 percent majority to reject the raise.

Rep. Lee Barnes, R-Buhl, who previously had been undecided, voted to reject the raise.

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Gooding commissioners seek public comments

The Times-News Center-to-discuss-current-issues-dell-at-the-American-Legion-Hall... **GOODING**—The Gooding County commissioners will hold a public meeting today at 7 p.m. at the Hagerman Senior Citizens meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 in...

Obituaries



Ross R. Bevan Ross R. Bevan, 77, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 1991, at his home. He died of complications resulting from a broken neck, which he received on Oct. 3, 1971, while playing soccer with his grandchildren.

Mayme Sims Hayes TWIN FALLS — Mayme Sims Hayes, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 14, 1991, at her home.

Beatrice E. Mohrweis TWIN FALLS — Beatrice Ellen Mohrweis, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 16, 1991, at West-Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.

Alda Housley Bird **GOODING** — Alda Housley Bird, 91, of Gooding, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1991, at the Gooding Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit.

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Services

RUPERT — The funeral for Wallace DeWalt Wally Smith, 51, of Rupert, who died Monday, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS Chapel, Eighth and G Streets, with Bishop Lyle Henderson officiating.

BURLEY — The funeral for Aaron Brook Pennington, 16, of Houston and formerly of Burley, who died Saturday, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the St. James Episcopal Church, 2090 Cayuse Ave. in Burley, with the Rev. Roy M. Zieman officiating.

RUPERT — The funeral for Emil E. Isaak, 95, of Rupert, who died Saturday, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church at Denman's, Wendell Cemetery, with the Rev. Roy Halley officiating.

RUPERT — The funeral for Charles Leroy Roy Goodrich, 78, of Rupert, who died Monday, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS Chapel, South Fifth and F Streets, with Bishop Lynn Hunsaker officiating.

BURLEY — The funeral for Edwin David Catfish Millard, 58, of Foley, Calif., and formerly of Burley, who died Jan. 12, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McCulloch's Funeral Home, 32 N. Main St. in Burley.

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Veterans sought

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News is looking for veterans of the World War II... **WALLY SMITH** is preparing a story on desert warfare in connection with its coverage of the Persian Gulf crisis and is interested in hearing from veterans of the fighting in North Africa in 1942-43.

Rupert city offices close in tribute

RUPERT — The Rupert city offices will be closed today from 1:30-3:30 p.m. for a memorial service of long-time employee Wally Smith.

Experts tout safety of farm chemicals

TWIN FALLS — Agricultural chemical users viewed dramatized photos of convulsing poison victims Wednesday and learned how to safely apply those poisons on or near crops.

Experts tout safety of farm chemicals Business with increasing restrictions on agricultural chemicals. McBride's company has backed to the 1800s and created new copper-based fungicides from Bordeaux mixture...

Guard

Continued from B1 "I don't think anybody is ready to go, but we signed on the dotted line, said Kennedy, who was then chief of the Idaho State Guard... **HINTON**, who joined the Navy after graduating from Hagerman High School in 1971, is due to retire in 18 months. He has a wife, Elaine, and a 1-year-old daughter, Farnah, in his home port of Virginia Beach, Va.

His wife Bonnie, and daughters, Jenny, 12, and Chris, 9, are staying with relatives in West Virginia. Parents are Sadie Thornton of Twin Falls and Ivan Thornton of Rexburg. **Clark graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1927. His wife, Thelma, and infant son, Torey, are staying with relatives in Filley. His mother is Sherry Clark of Hansen.**

Black

Continued from B1 eral teachers wore black, but Summer did not know how many did so purposely. "More people wore black than they usually do," Summer said.

Black some," she said. "They asked each other a lot of questions. Now, I think they know that it is because lives are on the line." **One of Melinda's friends** who has a brother in the armed forces serving in the Gulf said she received his wife a few days ago and really said to me because if they're writing will, something's going on," Melinda said.

Pay

Continued from B1 raise. He said, he can afford the job for the present pay, and a vote for the raise would have been for other legislators.

Pay Newcomb, R-Burley; Rep. Ralph Peters, R-Jerome; and Rep. Mark Stubbs, R-Twin Falls. Those who voted against rejecting the raise were Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls; Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer; Rep. Patte Wolfger, D-Wendell; and Rep. Steve Anderson, D-Ketchum.

Blood

Continued from B1 because of the war. As the need for blood increases, more people will donate, she said. "Nonetheless, Red Cross officials are anxious about the near future and the prospect of war."

Blood has had to buy gamma globulin directly from the manufacturer because the wholesaler cannot get it. "The manufacturer said a lot of it is going to the Middle East," Alexander said. **Guaranteed APPLIANCE REPAIR** SINCE 1964 **MOORE'S Television • Appliance** 206 E. MAIN JEROME 324-1330

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Hagerman schools crowded at a time when funds are tight

By Suzanne Huxhold
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — Overcrowding is becoming a problem in this once-idyllic district, but a tight budget and a state funding decrease may prevent the school from adding more space.

Superintendent Kenneth Black told a gathering of 14 parents of fourth-graders that although he is aware of the overcrowding problem in the fourth-grade class, there isn't much he can do about it unless the state provides more money, or the community passes a school bond issue election for additional classrooms.

"The bottom-line just comes down to dollars," Black said. "This year is going to be mighty shaky."

Black told the parents that the district is only half-way through the year, but has already spent 53 percent of its budget.

He said the funding decrease mandated by the state last month cut into the budget and the possible outcome of the funding formula lawsuit brought by the larger Idaho schools could also cut into school funding. The lawsuit asks that schools of every size receive the same amount of funding per student, regardless of the fact that it traditionally costs more money to run small schools.

The Hagerman fourth-grade class currently has 39 students. Under state law, there can be no more than 33 students in a class with one teacher, or 38 students with a teacher and a full-time aide.

Black said the school now has two certified teachers and a full-time aide for the fourth-grade class. "We've covered better pupil-wise, with two teachers and the aide, than we are space-wise," Black said.

The two teachers, "team teach" the same class. Black said. One teacher gives the lesson presentation to the whole group and then the teachers either split the class between them or circulate around the class.

Black said Hagerman is lucky in one respect: the elementary school classrooms have considerably more space than most elementary schools in the state, due

to the fact that it is a fairly new building. Unfortunately, Black said, new students are arriving all the time, and the fourth-grade class is getting more than its share.

"I honestly don't know where all these kids came from," Black said. "And I honestly don't know what Hagerman is doing to support all these families."

Black suggested that a bond issue election might be one way to alleviate the overcrowding — the money could be used to build new classrooms.

Board Chairman Pat Russell, who has a daughter in the fourth-grade, said the board had planned a bond issue election in its long-term schedule.

But the board had hoped to put such a move off until 1994, when the elementary school building will be paid-off.

"We thought it was a possibility down the road," Russell said, "but we didn't think it would come this quickly."

Trustee Lyndon Osborne reminded the gathering that although a bond issue election would allow the district to build, it would not give the extra funds that would be needed to staff the new classrooms.

Black said the kindergarten class for this year has only 23 students, so the board will have to decide whether new classrooms will be necessary after the overcrowded fourth-grade class graduates into the junior high building.

He also reminded the parents that Hagerman has a large fixed-income, retired population, and said a bond issue election might not be easy to pass.

The board said it would take the parents' concerns under advisement, but took no immediate action.

In other business, the board voted unanimously to renew Black's contract for the 1991-1992 school year.

The 1991 Little League schedule was approved. The league will use school facilities for games. The season will run from Jan. 15 to March 11.

The board will spend about \$600 to have an additional relief valve installed on the boiler. The valve has been suggested by the district's insurance carrier.

Eden starts new garbage pay policy

By Rebecca Testola
Times-News correspondent

EDEN — The City Council has voted to allow people 45 days to pay their garbage bills, and to continue garbage pickup service during that time.

The city gives customers the same amount of time to pay their water bill before shutting the water off and the council members said they felt this was an appropriate policy for garbage pickup as well.

Payment for garbage services is due upon receipt of the bill and is considered delinquent by the 10th of the month. But residents are given until the 15th of the following

month to pay a past due bill. Councilwoman Diann McNeil and Sharon Kropp, and city employee John Ellis have been picking up the community's garbage since the city took over the job.

"We've bent over backwards to get people's garbage," McNeil said, adding that there has been only one complaint.

In other business, the city received three emergency calls during the past six weeks.

The ambulances had difficulty locating the houses from which the calls originated because the numbers were not posted on the homes.

The council said it is not the city's responsibility to put numbers on res-

idents' homes and said it would like people to purchase and post the numbers on their houses themselves.

The city's clerk, Edith Utz, mentioned that the numbers are not expensive and said that if residents are uncertain of their exact number they may call her at 825-5776.

"It's for their own protection to put these numbers up," Utz said.

Also, the council was reminded that all council members and city employees can drive the city's equipment, including the tractor, because they are all insured under the city's insurance policy.

No one else is allowed this privilege, however, because no one else is covered.

EPA changes tune, requires permit for U of I fish lab waste

MOSCOW (AP) — The federal Environmental Protection Agency has reversed an earlier decision and now says the University of Idaho will need a federal permit before it can discharge waste from a fish lab into Paradise Creek.

The EPA notified school officials that a discharge permit will be required by the aquaculture laboratory to guarantee that water quality standards are met. The action came after a discharge of waste from a fish lab into Townsend and Idaho water officials

asked for a review. EPA originally said the relative small size of the laboratory made a permit unnecessary. But Townsend and officers successfully contended a permit should be required because the aquaculture is a research facility.

Senate panel to consider expanding protected status of Middle Snake River

By Anita Dennis
Times-News writer



BOISE — A measure to extend protected status to the Middle Snake River in the two years will be considered by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

The committee decided Wednesday to consider a resolution drafted by the committee chairman, Sen. Laird Noh, on Thursday.

"We need time from the Legislature," Gooding County Commissioner Bob Muffley of Wendell told the committee in advocating that protected status be extended.

Muffley is a member of the Middle Snake River Study Group, a coalition of county commissioners and others from Twin Falls, Lincoln, Jerome and Gooding counties concerned about pollution in the Middle Snake River and how to "make it truly a multiple-use river," Muffley said.

"Two years of protection from hydroelectric development from just west of Milner Dam to King Hill expired in July. The Legislature granted protected status as part of the Comprehensive Rivers Planning Protection Act, which is supposed to

provide maximum state control over hydrodevelopment on Idaho rivers," according to the statement of purpose accompanying Noh's resolution.

The Idaho Water Resources Board is studying the situation, developing plans and will report back to the Legislature, probably next year, Director of the Department of Water Resources Keith Higginson told the committee.

Asked what would result if protection is not granted, Muffley responded, "We don't know what would happen and that's part of what scares us."

His study group has spent the last six months, since interim protection expired, fighting interested developers, he said. The study group doesn't want to fight pollution, rather enhance but control it, he said. The group will make recommendations to the Water Resources Board.

"We need time to develop tools so

we can make determinations on ecological and economic impacts," Muffley said.

Protected status doesn't restrict present users, he said.

"Pollution in the river is caused by fish hatcheries and agricultural return flows, compounded by still water promoted by hydropower facilities."

"You can't pin the blame on any one source. You have to take the sources as a whole," Muffley said. He doesn't want permanent protected status yet, "because we don't know if we need it."

The algae is in the river "almost thick enough that you can walk on water," Sen. John Peavey, D-Carey and a member of the committee, said.

The resolution could be debated in committee at the end of next week, Noh said.

Muffley was optimistic about passage.

"If I think we've done a great job of educating all our legislators," he said, "I would think with a united front from the legislators in our area, it should work."

Shoshone granted exception to class size rules

By Cathryn Stephens
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — The state recently accepted the district's application for an exemption from the new student-teacher ratio requirements. The superintendent told the School Board during its regular meeting.

If the exemption had not been granted, the district could have lost \$29,950, Superintendent Stef Palaniuk reported.

Currently school districts are re-

quired to have no more than 20 students to one teacher.

Although some of Shoshone's classrooms have more than 20 students per teacher, the state approved a "one-year-only" exemption.

In other School Board business, Palaniuk reported that the district fared well in the state "school approval process." As a result of the process, several recommendations were made including that the district improve elementary spelling and language programs and that it complete

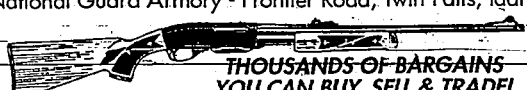
a self-study. Both schools also have at least one non-certified teacher.

The board is considering a proposal to increase the salaries of classified staff such as janitors and secretaries. If approved, the increase would be about 7 percent for the next school year.

The board is considering purchasing a new school bus. According to Idaho laws, no pre-1977 buses should be in use. The district currently has one such bus in general use and one in back-up status.

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Valley life

Valley happenings

Gun show scheduled for Saturday
 TWIN FALLS — A gun show is set from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the National Guard Armory on Frontier Road. The event is sponsored by the Clark, trade, who will buy, sell and trade. Admission-cost is \$2.50.

Singles group plans ice skating trip
 TWIN FALLS — The Singles Under 50 group will drive to Sun Valley for ice skating Saturday. Cost will be \$5 plus \$2 for skate rental. Arriving in the group will have dinner at Exe's in Ketchum. Anyone interested in going should meet at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 260 Shoehorn St. E.

Depew open house set for Saturday
 JEROME — An open house for the 80th birthday of Jewell Depew is set from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the following hall at First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A. Depew was born Jan. 20, 1911, in Cushing, Okla., and she moved to the Magic Valley with her parents in 1912.
 She retired in 1973 from the Jerome Agricultural Stabilization Conservation Service office. The open house will be given by her children, Bill and Cathy Depew, and her grandchildren, Jay Depew of Littleton, Colo., and their spouses and

families. Friends, relatives and acquaintances are invited to attend. No gifts, please.

Winter meal offered to area seniors
 TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer a "Winter Festival" meal for senior citizens in the hospital cafeteria. The menu will feature London broil or baked chicken breast, baked potato, broccoli, whole baby carrots, salad, roll, beverage and a hot cobbler bar. Cost is \$3.90 per person.

Satterwhite to celebrate birthday
 TWIN FALLS — An 80th birthday open house for Frances E. Satterwhite is set from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Satterwhite, who taught in the Twin Falls schools for many years, was born Jan. 20, 1911, in Hansen. The open house will be hosted by her sons, Neil P. Ocellario, Bob of Fairfax, Va., and Larry of Boise.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News, Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Children must know gun safety

DEAR ABBY: In this morning's paper, I read another tragic story about a 10-year-old boy who discovered a gun hidden in his house. While examining it, he accidentally shot himself in the neck, severing his spine, and now he's permanently paralyzed from the waist down.
 Recently, my husband and I decided to buy a gun for our own protection, but first we accompanied a friend who is skilled with guns to a shooting range, so we could learn how to handle a gun. Our attitude about guns quickly changed from total ignorance to great respect for the immense power of destruction a gun holds.



Dear Abby
 Abigail VanBuren

A suggestion to all parents: Children need to learn respect for guns. Just because you don't own a gun doesn't mean that your child will never encounter one. First, buy proper gun protection (a must!), then take someone who has had experience with guns and go to a safe shooting range (some are better supervised and therefore safer than others) and instruct your child on the proper way to hold and shoot a gun. We decided that the potential dangers of keeping a gun in our

home far outweighed the benefits, so we will not be purchasing a gun. We have no children yet, but when we do, they will learn very early how powerful and dangerous guns are when we own one or not.
 — KIRSTEN IN HOUSTON

DEAR KIRSTEN: How wise you are. Children see guns in action on TV, in the movies and in their comic books, so they need to learn that guns are not toys; they are dangerous weapons that have the power to maim and kill people.
 Anyone who is interested in learning — or teaching — gun safety to children should call his local police department and inquire about classes that teach gun safety to children and adults.
 Be assured, dear readers, I am not promoting the sale or use of guns; I am promoting SAFETY in a country

where 250 children accidentally killed themselves, a sibling or a playmate last year.

DEAR ABBY: Here's another "I saw Lindbergh land in Paris" story: In 1927, we were three young women (sisters) living in Paris with our mother. We were at a cocktail party when our friend, Al Laiter, who was the sports editor at the Paris Herald Tribune, telephoned to say: "Get out to Le Bourget; some crazy American has just flown solo across the Atlantic!"
 Luckily, Mother had a car and driver, so we were able to get there in time to see Lindbergh land!
 We are now grandmothers, living in Minneapolis.

Classes are free

TWIN FALLS Parenting classes are being offered free of charge to interested parents in the area.
 The curriculum, "Active Parenting" (AP), is an innovative, video-based parenting education program. In addition to the general class being offered, a new curriculum for "Parents of Teens" is also being offered. In six sessions these classes combine professional video tapes, support materials, structured activities and a caring leader to help concerned adults raise cooperative, responsible, courageous children.
 The classes are free to any interested parent. The required text and child care will also be provided free of charge. The general classes will be held at the Head Start Center located at 296 Falls Ave. West and the classes for "Parents of Teens" will be at Robert Stuart Junior High School, 644 West Caswell Ave. Child care for both classes will be in the Head Start Center.
 Pre-registration is encouraged. Call Doris Fuller at 733-9351. The first of the six-session courses will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

Dogs shots available

HAILEY — Dog licenses and discounted rabies vaccinations will be given from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and again Feb. 16 by the Animal Shelter of the Wood River Valley.
 Clinics will be held at the Sun Valley City Hall and at the Blaine County Sheriff's Office in Hailey. Dog licenses are \$5 each and owners must have proof of current rabies vaccination. Area veterinarians will be on hand to update shots for a discounted fee of \$5.
 By county ordinance, any dog more than six months old must be licensed. For more information, call the Animal Shelter at 788-4351.

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Magic Valley

Buhl boosters seek grant to help build a visitors center

By Bettina L. Redden
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — A grant for \$10,000 is being sought by the Buhl Economic Council to help fund a visitors center.

This money would be used for preliminary architect and layout work for the project.

Buhl has missed opportunities in the past on grants of a similar nature, according to Bill Specht of the BEC.

Councilman Tom Tappen said he would like to see better support from the Idaho De-

partment of Commerce to get through the maze on obtaining grant money. He also said Buhl lacks the grant-writing expertise that other cities have, at this week's City Council meeting.

The concept of a visitor center involves the property located near the Pet Inc. and building a facility there, which would remain city property. The Buhl Chamber of Commerce and Buhl Economic Council would operate the visitor center and would rely on a great deal of volunteers if the visitor center is built.

Other items presented in Specht's report

from the Buhl Economic Council were:

- The Buhl Hotel Committee is completing its survey of senior citizens regarding the renovation of the Buhl Hotel. The small business development center at CSI is working with the hotel committee on the survey.
- Seven people are training in different seminars dealing with team and leadership skills in an effort to get volunteer work done more efficiently.
- The BEC will have its elections this month. The elected president will be the leader for the Local Revitalization Team.
- In other business:

- City Council elected Tom Tappen as council president.
- Mayor Ted Pence gave council members their assignments for the year. Mario Mater was appointed public works commissioner; Tappen, the library, parks and recreation commissioner; Charles Geska, fire and airport commissioner; and Dean Gillett, police and planning and zoning commissioner.
- William Nungesser was appointed city attorney. John Mannson was named prosecuting attorney. Frances McArthur was named city clerk. Sharon Sheats was appointed city treasurer. Tom Owens was named fire chief.

Ron Romero was appointed police chief. Jay Looney was appointed bus inspector and Gary Winn was named public works director. JJB Inc. will service as city engineer. Bob Squires was appointed to the airport board. Howard Hopkins was appointed to the library board along with Judy Bailey, who is completing the term of Geneva Popplewell who resigned.

The Planning and Zoning and City Parks, Beautification committees used, given appointments, but a special council meeting will be called when those committees have their recommendations.

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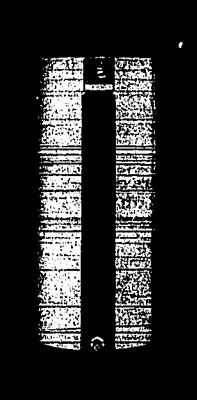
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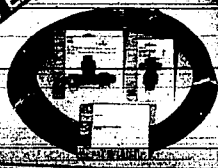


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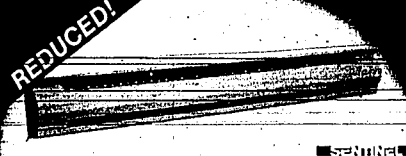


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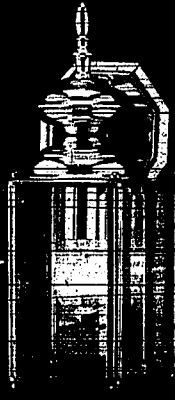
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BONK!

SEE IF YOU CAN CATCH A SNOWFLAKE ON YOUR TONGUE.

BUT LOOK OUT FOR THE HEAVY ONES.

DOONESBURY

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT JUST HAPPENED TO OUR FURROUGH MANT? THE BEAR BEHAVIOR!

I'D FORGOTTEN WHAT A HUMOROUS OPERATION... LOSSTUS AND SUPR... IS! HULL, THERE MUST BE 15 PERSONS FOR EVERY ONE OF US!

I JUST HOPE THEY APPRECIATE THOSE OF US ON THE TOP OF THE SPEAR.

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HAGAR

WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE WHO'S YOUR OWN SIZE?

I WOULD IF I COULD FIND SOMEONE MY SIZE!

GARFIELD

WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE WHO'S YOUR OWN SIZE?

I WOULD IF I COULD FIND SOMEONE MY SIZE!

BEEBLEBRAINEY

WOW! THESE SHEETS ARE COOL!

WIMP!

WHEN THEY GROW UP AND GET TOUGH!

YOU CAN GO TO YOUR OWN BED NOW, OTTO!

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DOT LOVES PRETENDING THAT SHE'S TRYING MOTHER.

I HAVE TO GO TO WORK NOW, DEAR. I'VE GOT A BILLY DAY AT THE OFFICE.

GOOD OL' GRANNY! WILL WATCH YOU UNTIL I GET HOME.

HAGAR

WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE WHO'S YOUR OWN SIZE?

I WOULD IF I COULD FIND SOMEONE MY SIZE!

WIZARD OF ID

I HAVE GOOD NEWS AND I HAVE BAD NEWS.

YOUR WIFE HAS LOCK-JAW.

WHAT'S THE BAD NEWS?

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BORN LOSER

CAN I SPARE A BUCK, ACE?

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DIRTY OLD...

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CALVIN & HOBBES

DAD, DON'T KILL ME! CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS? HELP! HELP!

SINK GOONS! I'VE MADE YOU! THE NEW I'M GOING TO GET. ME, YOU'VE GOT TO GET THEM FIRST! ASK HOBBES!

CALVIN, IT IS AFTER MIDNIGHT! BELIEVE ME, WE WILL DISCUSS THIS VERY THOROUGHLY TOMORROW. YOU GET INTO BED THIS INSTANT.

LIKE I'M GOING TO GET ANY SLEEP NOW.

FRANK & ERNEST

TONIGHT'S TOPIC: HEREDITY VS. ENVIRONMENT

I'D PUT MY MONEY ON HEREDITY --- THE ENVIRONMENT IS FIGHTING ON SEVERAL OTHER FRONTS.

HI & LOIS

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THE LINE

These is OUR brush cleanin' boards we use fo' firewood! You painted them?

In a manner o' speakin'!

Keep your tempera, Lucy!

I-I need an aspirin!

- ACROSS**
- Clock with force
 - Perfume
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Sydney Omarr
Astrological Forecasts

IF JANUARY 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Current cycle highlights marital status, business enterprise, possibility of public acclaim. Your work extremely well under pressure. Are passionate and sentimental—capable of meeting deadlines and you might be anticipating possible addition to family, if single, marriage emphasized in Jan. Capricorn, Cancer persons are attracted to you. Older individuals are comfortable with you, some would become romantic allies.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Attention revolves around friendship that can be transformed into significant relationship. Focus on popularity, art, style, powers of persuasion. Individual concerned with law, politics pays compliment.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You'll encounter stubborn—determined—creative persons — one of these individuals be good — be aware of personal schedules. Scorpio figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis on communication, movement, laughter, sense of individual style. Antelope feelings via written word. You'll be astonished by positive response. Spotlight on discovery, Virgo involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Mild controversy revolves around home, appliances, costs, budget, sale or purchase of luxury item. Family member will request — if you are diplomatic. Otherwise, get ready for "battle royal."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Public reception could be more glib than anything else. Means remember "all that glitters is not gold." You'll receive plaudits but elements of doubts, deception exist. Don't

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overspend. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Some insist you "missed the mark." By 11 p.m. it becomes obvious you hit bulls-eye. Know it, be confident, accept challenges. Go slow, time is on your side. Actions based on impulse prove costly. Refuse to sign on "dotted line."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Unorthodox relationship commands attention. Family member objects, could have valid reason. Go slow, time is on your side. Actions based on impulse prove costly. Refuse to sign on "dotted line."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get ready for fresh start, welcome opportunity for professional approval—invest—property, security, safety measures. Recent fire threat taught lesson — don't ignore it. Leo figures prominently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you leave home there will be repercussions, you'll be called back. Be aware, act accordingly. Attention revolves around family member who insists, "I need you here."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Diversify, check legal requirements, add wardrobe. Movie picture bright — you'll be "handicapped" surprise amount. Long distance may verify opinions. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play roles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Cycle highly obstructed become stepping stones. Judgment, intuition, timing on target. Wear various shades of blue. Scorpio native "big" career business affairs. Accent determination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on study, reading, writing, sharing information. Secret meeting involves what could develop into "romantic relationship." Scenario features adventure, variety, sensuality. Create!

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Origin of Hoosier
 — Q: Why are Indians called "Hoosier"? A: A Kentucky contractor named Samuel Hoosier in the 1820s went north to hire workers in a large labor pool. He created off the best. As "Hoosier's men" they earned a reputation for reliability. To be one of some became a matter of pride.

Bats have the sharpest hearing.
 When you put a 12-month-old baby on your lap, said baby wants to sit on your lap. When you put an 18-month-old baby on your lap, said baby wants to sit sideways. Explain that.

Thirteen percent of the anthropologists queried say they believe Bigfoot is an otherwise unidentified human animal.

LOBOTOMY
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Abreu Egas Moitz (1874-1955) served as his country's Foreign Minister from 1918 to 1919. He won a Nobel Prize in 1949. For his work in medicine, including treatment of then-incurable mental disorders.

A LITTLE MAN
 — Master writer Robert Heinlein said: "Never fight a little man. He'll kill you." It spoke to a buried belief in countless people. The sort of belief that made the actor Peter Loré so effective.

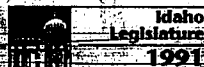
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Idaho/West

Dam would have helped salmon



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That battle has shaped up as a fight between upriver and downriver interests, each focusing on the water serving the other as the solution. Had that been approved, 900,000 acre-feet of water would have been available for fish flush, and we would not now be in a position where we would be arguing whether we can keep the slides, American Falls and other reservoirs for use in Idaho.

Because of the committee's action a year ago, Higginson said, the agency did not renew its request for money to pursue the project.

Officials of the Water Resources Board, which had backed the dam, predicted the project's demise could doom deteriorating salmon runs.

Since then, petitions have been filed with the federal government to have five different salmon species declared endangered species. Officials have been scrambling to find some way to save the runs with that declaration that could devastate the runs of Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

BOISE (AP) — State Water Resources Director Keith Higginson says a dam to protect Idaho water could have been approved if lawmakers had agreed to fund an investigation of the controversial Galloway Dam.

"I could have said, 'I told you so,' Higginson told legislative budget writers Wednesday when asked the status of the \$120 million Water River project they closed the books on a year ago.

Last March, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee voted 13-10 against providing another \$263,000 to determine the ultimate feasibility of the dam.

The dam would have created 900,000 acre-feet of stored water for use in flushing fish down the Snake and Columbia rivers to the ocean.

Legislative log

Declared by House
HB33 (Bongsoe, Ahrens) — Limits salary increase for state legislators to \$7,000.
HB34 (Lanning) — Limits salary increase for state legislators to \$8,400.
HB35 (Grimsey) — Limits salary increase for state legislators to \$12,000.

Introduced in House
HB41 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides that no attorney for any other person shall represent a party at any trial in small claims court.

HB42 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) — Provides that no attorney for any other person shall represent a party at any trial in small claims court.

HB43 (Resources and Conservation) — Provides authorization to Outfitters and Guides Association to accept administrative duties to its executive director.

HB44 (State Affairs) — Limits contribution to candidates for public office.

HB45 (State Affairs) — Declares that negotiations on a new Idaho wilderness bill shall be exempt from public meeting requirements.

Introduced in Senate
SB1001 (Commerce and Labor) — Eliminates requirement for annual hearing on examination and license fees by Real Estate Commission.

Briefly

Community college vote delay mullied

IDAHO FALLS — A measure to create a community college in Idaho Falls might be postponed until fall. A committee proposed creation of Eastern Idaho Technical College into a full-blown community college, including programs leading to associate degrees. It passed delaying the vote Wednesday until September or October. A vote tentatively was scheduled for May.

Mayor Tom Campbell, who formed the advisory panel, said committee members are concerned about conflicts with school override elections and possible changes in state law to allow creation of community college taxing districts.

Move on to kill Boise prison site

POCATELLO — Having already won Pocatello another chance at becoming the home of a \$10 million state women's prison, Blamock County legislators now want the site south of Boise picked Friday by the Idaho Board of Correction disqualified from the competition.

Lawmakers wanted the 160-acre site near Gowley Field in an air quality "non-attainment area," the same problem that prompted Corrections to give up its favored Philbin Road site northwest of Pocatello.

Allegations about the Boise site surfaced Wednesday, just hours before state Division of Public Works officials were scheduled to begin a tour of these proposed locations in Pocatello. The sites included a 70-acre parcel north of Pocatello on the city's West Beach, some property in South Fifth south of Pocatello, and an undisclosed location further south, near Jackson.

High court upholds death sentence

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court has upheld the conviction and death sentence of double murderer Gerald Pizzuto, rejecting 18 of the 19 challenges he raised in a bid to save his life.

Wednesday's decision, written by Justice Larry Boyle, did uphold Pizzuto's contention that he was improperly sentenced to an additional life term without possibility of parole for robbery on grounds that it violated the double-jeopardy prohibition of the federal and state constitutions.

The court said the crime of robbery was a lesser and included offense in the murder charges against Pizzuto and vacated that portion of the sentence.

Compiled from wire reports

House votes against pay increase

BOISE (AP) — Here is the roll call vote by which the Idaho House voted 46-38 Wednesday to reject a pay increase from a citizen commission.

A yes vote rejects the pay increase.
Republicans yes (39) — Antone, Barnes, Bell, Bengson, Ahrens, Boyd, Childs, Crane, Davis, Deal, Field, Farris, Gaddes, Gould, Gunsey, Infanger, D. Jones, Kempton, Linford, Looisli, Loveland, Mahoney, McPoy, Montano, Parks, Peters, Reynolds, Reynolds, Richardson, Sell,

Schaefer, Sessions, Sorenson, Steele, Steyer, Stone, Stubbs, Sutton, Tippetts, Democrats yes (7) — Gannon, Hall, Hansen, Johnson, Luzzochko, Reid, Robison.

Republicans no (17) — Black, Crow, Dantelton, Delaney, Duncan, Hansen, Doug Jones, M. Jones, Lance, Loertscher, Lucas, Mortensen, Simpson, Taylor, Timan, Wilde, Wood.

Democrats no (2) — Adams, Alexander, Beaudoin, Black, Chamberlain, Decelle, Flandro, Hofman, Horvath, Jenkins, Judd, Judd, Launen, Nancy, Severson, Stenness, Sletoff, Vandenberg, Vickers, Vincent, White, Wright.

Quadruplets return home to Rexburg

REXBURG (AP) — Quadruplets born Dec. 22, a Rexburg couple have come home, and Kathy and Ralph George are learning to cope with the reality of caring for four babies.

On Monday, Rebecca and Natalie George joined their brother and sister, Erica and Alex, who were brought home earlier by their mother and father. All the babies were flown to Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center on Jan. 7 from the University of Utah Health Sciences Center where they were born.

The quadruplets are the Georges' first children.

The father said Tuesday that he and his wife are assisting in the difficult task of feeding, diapering and monitoring the breathing and heartbeats of all the infants. Erin and Alex both are receiving supplemental oxygen, he said, and all four are hooked up to monitors that beep whenever their breathing or heartbeats vary.

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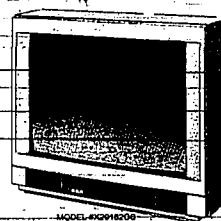
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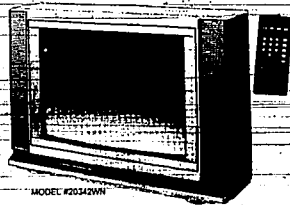
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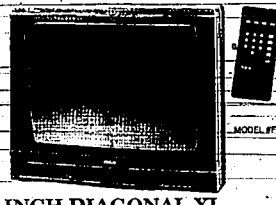
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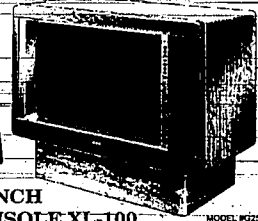
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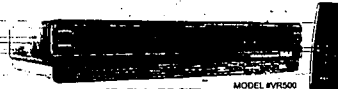
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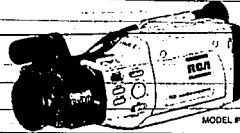
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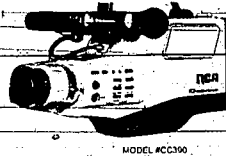
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U.S. spies pore over myriad of photos daily of Iraqi moves

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of American spies are watching Iraq like hawks from two vast and virtually windowless buildings a mile south of the Capitol.

The National Photo Interpretation Center, it's called. Its analysts capture and analyze hundreds of photos transmitted daily from seven U.S. imaging satellites that nowadays are passing 250 to 500 miles over Saddam Hussein's head about every two hours.

The center's reconnaissance is "absolutely essential" to any military action against Saddam, said John Pike, director of the Federation of American Scientists' Space Policy Project, in an interview.

"Initially, in the air campaign, everything we bomb will have been precisely targeted on the basis of satellite photos," Pike said.

"Later, in the ground campaign, our basic strategy will be to outmaneuver Saddam: to attack somewhere else when we've seen what positions he's reinforcing," Pike continued.

"That information, too, will come from satellite photos."

Were Saddam to launch a surprise attack, Pike said, the system would provide a 12- to 24-hour warning.

CIA spokesman Mark Mansfield, whose agency runs NPIC, declined comment on its methods.

"As a matter of policy we don't comment on our intelligence capabilities," he said. "But we do have employees monitoring the situation very closely."

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John Pike, space expert

satellite are the most productive intelligence providers.

Their pictures can be on the president's desk in "minutes," according to Pike. Pilots about to fly important bombing runs can study equally fresh images of their targets.

Fresh reconnaissance also provides targeting information for Tomahawk cruise missile guidance systems.

Advanced KH-11 satellites take 12 pictures a minute, day or night, in any direction — straight ahead, down or sideways, according to published accounts.

From several hundred miles away, they produce photos sharp enough to count oranges.

Remote ground stations in places such as Thule, Greenland; Alice Springs, Australia; and White Sands, N.M., receive images broadcast digitally from the satellites.

They transmit them to Fort Belvoir, Va., just south of Washington, and on to NPIC's two eight-story, block-square buildings on the Anacostia River inside the brick-walled Washington Navy Yard.

Iraq's missile-launching sites, airfields and air defenses, as well as government buildings and residences

in Baghdad, are NPIC's most closely watched targets, Pike believes. Fresh images of them arrive every two hours.

New images of lesser or less mobile targets, such as Iraq's dug-in units on Kuwait's southern border, are provided at least every three days. The Committee on Overhead Requirements, a panel of reconnaissance intelligence users, picks NPIC's targets.

New images are archived in an NPIC image library bigger than the Library of Congress. They also are transmitted to places such as the CIA and the Pentagon — for further, specialized interpretation.

"Certain people at the center concentrate on airfields and airplanes," said Pike. "Others track missiles. Others keep track of Saddam Hussein."

Ideally, an analyst will have available many images of the same target, taken regularly over a long period, so changes stand out and can be charted.

Last July 29, for example, U.S. analysts noticed shadows thrown by the antenna of a long-idle Soviet-built air defense radar system in southern Iraq had changed length.

They concluded the antenna had been turned on and issued what proved to be the first substantive warning of the Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

Other evidence came from a parallel reconnaissance system that saves drops on Iraq's military radios, radars, and phone conversations that use satellites.

It is operated by the National Security Agency located at Fort Meade, Md., and plays a lesser but important role in keeping track of Iraqi forces.



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Army Capt. James King, Ft. Bragg, N.C., of the 28th Combat Support Hospital, waits for a flight to the forward lines at a Saudi Arabian air base.

Islam's influence in different Arab countries varies

The Associated Press

The crisis that has gripped the world since August unfolded in a region of Islamic fervor and sectarian friction. Here is a look at the crucial role of religion in the Muslim heartland.

IRAQ
Saddam Hussein told a conference of hand-picked international Islamic leaders Jan. 11 that he is preparing a "jihad," or holy war, against the U.S.-led military alliance trying to force Iraq out of Kuwait.

Trying to portray the conflict as a battle between faithful Muslims and infidel intruders, the Iraqi leader has struck hard at Muslim concerns about the presence of foreign troops in Saudi Arabia, where Islam's holiest shrines are situated, at Mecca and Medina. He said King Fahd of Saudi Arabia deserved the title of "Traitor of the Two Holy Mosques."

But Saddam's religious credentials are disparaged by most of the Muslim world. As leader of the secular Arab-Baath Socialist Party, he has cracked down on Shiite fundamentalists in his own country, and said one rationale for the 1980-88 war

against Iran was to stop the spread of fundamentalist Islam.

A Sunni Muslim, Saddam must hold together a fragile religious coalition in his country, where more than 60 percent of the 17 million residents are Shiite.

Shiite Muslims revere the martyrdom of the prophet Mohammed's grandson Hussein in 680 in an Islamic factional war from which the Sunni and Shiite branches of the faith developed.

Sunnis make up about 80 percent of the world's 850 million Muslims, but Shiites have become a potent political force internationally since the 1979 revolution in Iran, which is overwhelmingly Shiite.

A Shiite fundamentalist movement, the Iran-backed ad-Dawa Islami, or Islamic Call, has assassinated scores of Iraqi diplomats and senior officials. Saddam in turn has refused to give the majority Shiites greater authority, and has executed hundreds of members of the Dawa party, including the former Shiite spiritual leader of Iraq, Imam Mohammed Baqir Sadr.

Christians, including Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, comprise up to 10 percent of Iraq's population. The Christian community persuaded Saddam to moderate some of

his earlier rhetoric comparing the U.S. intervention to the Crusades in the Middle Ages to recover the Holy Land from the Muslims. But Christians still remain fearful of reprisals in the event of war.

SAUDI ARABIA
Islam is the official state religion in Saudi Arabia. The religion was first revealed to the prophet Mohammed 1,400 years ago in Saudi Arabia, and the faith's holiest shrine is in the Saudi city of Mecca, his birthplace.

The desert kingdom of 13 million is ruled by a monarch whose official title is, first, "guardian of the holy places," and only after that, "king." Saudi leaders are followers of a puritanical Sunni sect, the Wahhabis, which adheres strictly to the Koran, the holy book of Islam.

The Koran in general forbids the presence of armed non-Muslims on holy land, but some Islamic scholars have ruled the presence of U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia is permitted under an exception allowing outside help to repel an aggressor.

Still, the continuing presence of foreign troops is distressing to conservative Muslims who worry about the influence of for-

bidden Western cultural and religious practices. Even liberal Muslims find it hard to accept that non-Muslims are needed to defend the faith's holiest land.

The tension will increase as the annual pilgrimage to Mecca and Medina begins in the spring. Two million pilgrims normally visit the shrines during the pilgrimage known as the "hajj," which every Muslim is expected to make at least once.

In addition, deep suspicions divide the ruling Saudi sheiks and the Shiite minority, who live in relative poverty and contend they are discriminated against out of fear of their sympathies with revolutionary Iran. In Saudi Arabia's eastern province, site of much of the desert kingdom's oil installations, almost half the population is Shiite.

IRAN
Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has called for a holy war against the United States because of its military presence in Saudi Arabia. But he has also run deep between Iran and Iraq, who recently fought an eight-year war that left an estimated half-million dead on each side.

In Iran, where Shiite Islam is the state re-

ligion, religious leaders have long called on Iraq's Shiites to overthrow their secular government. During the war, Iran was host to a dissident Iraqi government-in-exile headed by fundamentalist clerics.

But Iran, with a population of 54 million, also has its religious differences with Saudi Arabia, where Sunni Muslims rule over a Shiite minority. Iranian leaders have long demanded that Mecca and Medina be wrested from the control of the Saudi royal family and put under an international commission. For the past decade, the Saudis have been battling Iranian-sponsored terrorism, including attempts by Iranian Revolutionary Guards disguised as pilgrims to smuggle explosives and weapons into the kingdom.

KUWAIT
In judging who could properly call a holy war in the conflict, the Muslim World League, based in Mecca, agreed in September that the exiled Kuwaiti leadership had the right "from a religious point of view" to declare a jihad to oust Iraqi troops. Forty-four Muslim countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization are members of the league.

Iraq claims history, Palestine cause on its side in Kuwaiti seizure

Balance of Power in the Gulf

Pentagon estimates of the forces in the Persian Gulf region fluctuate constantly. Here are U.S. Defense Department figures released January 15 for some of the men and equipment in Iraq's military and in the multinational force:

	IRAQ	U.S.	ALLIES
Troops	555,000 regular army 480,000 reserves (Iraq has deployed 545,000 of these troops to Kuwait and southern Iraq)	415,000 (35,000 short of no goal)	268,000 (approx.)
Tanks	5,500 Including: ■ 500 T-72s ■ 1,000 T-62s	1,000 (approx.)	1,753 (approx.)
Warships	No significant navy	60 (approx.)	95 (approx.)

Note: Turkish troops not included. Some countries deployed planes to Turkey; these are also not included.

The Associated Press

Iraq's justification for its seizure of Kuwait has gone through two stages: territorial claims and charges of economic conspiracy before the takeover; Palestine and the Muslim cause since then.

When Kuwait gained independence from Britain in 1961, Baghdad claimed it was part of Iraq. British troops went to the emirate to protect it against possible Iraqi invasion.

In 1963, Iraq recognized Kuwait's sovereignty. But the border was never marked.

Despite the historic claim to Kuwait, Saddam Hussein and Arab ministers in Baghdad in 1988 that Arab nationalists should be "a large tent" over all Arab states.

"This large tent will not damage our national interests, whether in Iraq, Kuwait, the U.A.E. or the largest or smallest Arab country," he said.

On Aug. 2, Saddam trampled Kuwait's tent. He resurrected the Iraqi claim, which is based on an argument that Kuwait was artificially created by British colonialists.

The Iraqis say Kuwait was part of Basra province under the Ottoman Empire; before the British took over Iraq and Kuwait after World War I, Basra is the center of modern Iraq's southernmost province.

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Saddam Hussein, May 1990

economic breakdown had thus become, literally, a matter of life and death.

Saddam demanded that Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates stop producing beyond their OPEC production quotas to force oil prices up to the target of \$18 a barrel.

He told Arab leaders in Baghdad in May that Kuwait is part of Iraq's Basra province, and "in kind" war against Iraq.

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On July 10, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates agreed to abide by their quotas. But it wasn't enough.

Iraq said Kuwait had stolen oil worth \$2.4 billion from the Rumailah field that straddles the border.

On July 18, Saddam demanded all war loans be forgiven, Kuwait repay the \$2.4 billion and that a "Marghali Plan" be created to rebuild Iraq.

He said the other Gulf oil producers should pay for the Iraqis' losses for the sacrifices in protecting them from Iran's Islamic revolution.

Kuwait's official reply was that it would not yield to "threats and extortion."

Karsh said Saddam, driven by his desperate economic plight, was outraged by what he saw as impudent disrespect from a tiny state.

Because of Iraq's historic claim to Kuwait, he saw the prospect of being hailed at home as liberator of usurped Iraqi lands, with Kuwait's appropriated wealth making him leader of the Arab world.

Since the invasion, Saddam, in an effort to maximize Arab support, has widened his justification to include appeals to Muslims and backing for the Palestinian cause.

On Aug. 12, he proposed a solution to the crisis, saying "arrangements for the situation in Kuwait" must be linked to an Israeli pullout from occupied Arab territories and a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon.

He said the U.S.-led multinational force should be replaced by an Arab force and that the U.N. embargo against Iraq should be lifted.

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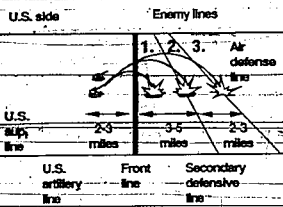
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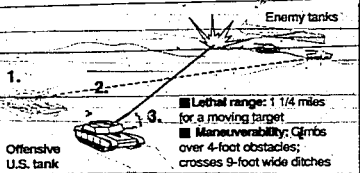
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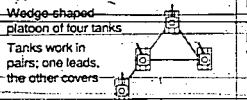
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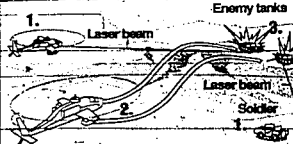
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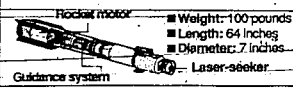
Killing enemy tanks

Primary weapon: Hellfire missile

- Helicopter can launch missile without seeing target
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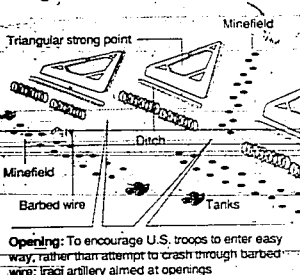


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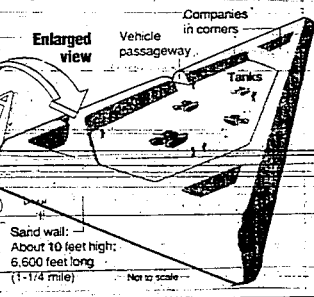


What U.S. troops expect to encounter

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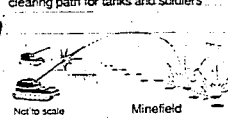


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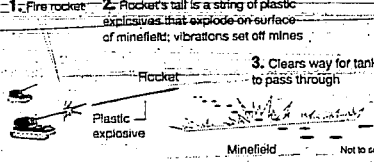


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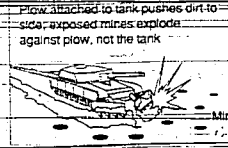
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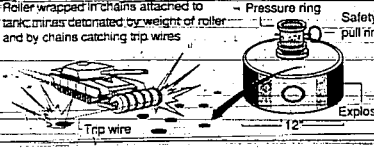
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Tanks



Antitank mine



SOURCE: U.S. Army; Modern Land Combat; International Defense Images; Modern Fighting Helicopters. Project on Government Procurement Research by BILL BAKER, LILY DOW and FRANK GRAVE

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U.S. led forces braced for lightning-fast gulf war

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

WASHINGTON — American-led military forces have braced for a war with Iraq so swift that, as one U.S. defense analyst put it, "only an 18-year-old has got the reflexes to follow it."

"If everything goes well — six days, lightning war," said reserve Army Lt. Col. Piers N. Wood, an analyst at the Center for Defense Information, a private think tank in Washington staffed by former top military officials.

"We'll be in their back rear areas (surrounding them), and they'll be surrendering in droves."

This theory of a lightning-quick war is popular in Washington military and political circles, and military planners have been studying the 1967 Six-Day War between Israel and Egypt as a model for a possible desert war with Iraq.

But some other independent strategists and an increasing number of military officials caution against such video-game-like projections of how such a war could be fought and won quickly, and with few casualties.

"These more cautious defense analysts say that Iraq's large, battle-tested army and its greater than 2-to-1 advantage in tanks could stymie the multinational forces' superiority in air power, technologically advanced weaponry, electronic intelligence and ability to move troops and artillery rapidly."

Even Wood's own best-case scenario, developed for the Center for Defense Information, predicts that a 90- to 120-day war could occur if numerous risks and unknown

factors mitigate the chances for an early surrender by Iraq.

"If these technological advantages don't come to pass — we'll take 10,000 casualties (killed and wounded), get bogged down in 10 hours," Wood said.

Regardless of whether analysts expect the war to last six days or six months, they agree that the first days of the conflict will bring massive bombings of industrial, military and political command targets inside Iraq and Kuwait unseen since the heaviest bombing raids of the Vietnam War.

Most analysts also foresee a bloody land war, with heavy casualties, to rout Iraqi infantry and artillery from Kuwait — one of President Bush's initial objectives — behind the quick and massive U.S. buildup in the Middle East since Aug. 2.

Achieving one of the president's other goals — removing the Iraqi military threat in the Middle East — would require heavy bombing inside Iraq to destroy the country's nuclear, chemical and germ warfare factories, as well as military installations and communication and transportation networks. Pursuit of this goal could also require a ground invasion of Iraq by U.S.-led troops.

Defense Department officials declined requests for interviews about projected scenarios for war with Iraq mapped out by independent defense analysts and former military leaders. These scenarios, however, are based on troop movements and the public statements of military commanders in the Persian Gulf region, as well as those by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.

Although members of Congress have complained about the United States' domi-

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nant role in the conflict, this apparently has not created any problem so far among the other countries making up the multinational force.

"We invited them to come to the defense of Saudi Arabia," said Habib Shabeeb, spokesman for his country's embassy in Washington. "Everybody is there at the invitation of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

While U.S. military strategists and analysts appear confident of the superiority of this "coaly" weaponry, they nonetheless show uneasiness about the risks of going to war with Iraq. The risks and concerns include:

- The performance of the multinational forces' sophisticated tanks, artillery and aircraft, which have never been tested in battle and which performed with only mixed success in non-combat conditions.
- The combat capabilities of the battle-green all-volunteer Army, which, for the first time in U.S. military history, will put women soldiers on the battle lines.
- The dependability of the allied coalition of Arab states, especially if Israel enters the

war in response to a threatened missile attack from Iraq on the first day of the war.

The ability of Iraqi soldiers, weaponry and civilians to withstand saturation bombings in the first days of the war without fleeing.

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Unease in the United States about the steadiness of the Arab coalition within the multinational allied ranks may have lessened somewhat when Iraq, which is not in the coalition, recently announced plans for massive military maneuvers along its borders with Iraq to coincide with the United Nations-imposed deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

Some war scenarios envisioned a hope that Iraq would move troops along the border of its barracks — a scenario which it fought an eight-year war during the past decade — to force Iraq to keep troops in the northern part of the coalition and away from the southern front in Kuwait.

On Wednesday, however, Iraq announced it was postponing maneuvers in three provinces bordering Iraq.

Iran has pledged to remain neutral if conflict broke out after the Jan. 15 deadline authorizing the use of force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

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respected Washington think tank staffed by former top government and military officials, said if Iraq enters the war on the side of Iraq, the United States could be forced to turn to the Soviet Union.

At present, Soviet officials have expressed support for the multinational force but have not supplied weapons or soldiers.

"I don't think an offensive campaign can succeed unless the allies are with you," Blackwell told the House Armed Services Committee last month. "If it's just Americans, the numbers are against us."

In testimony last month before the House and Senate armed services committees, Cheney and Powell disclosed some indications of how the air and land wars might proceed. They also did not challenge scenarios

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The gulf war

Pentagon turns to civilian help for war games

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

WASHINGTON — When commercial war-games designer Mark Herman got the news that Iraq had invaded Kuwait, he immediately played out a simulation of the takeover.

Within two hours, Herman had determined that the invading forces had already captured Kuwait's capital. By the end of the day, his game predicted, the invaders would be in control of the entire country and would have moved troops to the Saudi Arabian border.

The real battle turned out exactly as Herman's game had predicted. He is one of a handful of commercial war-games creators who, despite their civilian status and lack of military experience, have been called in by the Pentagon to design and conduct highly classified war games being played by top-ranking generals, admirals and diplomats.

The presence of these non-military, commercial-gamers in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's war games room is still rare. But defense analysts and historians familiar with these games, played at the Pentagon and at the nation's war colleges, say the military over the past 13 years or so has turned to outsiders for advice.

Herman, whose skill at designing commercial war games led to a job with a leading defense contractor, kept playing his board game in August to test the possible outcome from the U.S. troop buildup in the Persian Gulf.

By September, he had determined that additional U.S. forces would be needed in the Gulf region to ensure victory by the multinational forces. Herman, designer of 29 commercial war games, declined to say whether he is a participant in the Pentagon's war games involving conflict in the Persian Gulf region.

But soon after Herman came to his conclusion, President Bush ordered another 200,000 U.S. soldiers sent to the Persian Gulf by mid-January.

Jim Dunningan, a Wall Street financial analyst and designer of more than 100 commercial-war-games, also has been consulted by military officials.

"Herman and Dunningan bring a degree of realism in the game that the Pentagon alone would be unable to bring in," said Thomas B. Allen, a military historian and author of the 1987 book, "War Games."

"For instance, they would have no

hesitation to sink an aircraft carrier. But in the Navy, the doctrine says you can't sink an aircraft carrier," Allen said. "The Navy doesn't like to remind people that an aircraft carrier is a great big thing that can be sunk."

War-games, as opposed to computer simulations, are played out on large boards or maps over a period of several days, and people instead of computers make the battlefield decisions. War games date to the Napoleonic period.

Advocates of war games, in and out of the military, say the commercially sold games are accurate predictions of what might happen under certain battle conditions because the games are based on the lessons of military history that Pentagon planners often ignore.

The commercial gamers also search published reports for details on the accuracy and range of weapons, Allen and others said, instead of relying on the manufacturers' specifications.

"His (Herman's) games are just as good as some of the powerful computer games," said Tony Quattromani, a former defense department official who helped design and run war games for the military brass. He once hired Herman to conduct a game involving the outbreak of World War III.

"The only difference is, he doesn't use classified information," Quattromani said. "Joint Chiefs of Staff officials are reluctant to discuss their war games, particularly the one Allen, Quattromani and others think is going on in the depths of the Pentagon to constantly feed information on possible battle-scenarios to Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region."

Quattromani said Schwarzkopf's staff has a reputation for using war-games to determine how many troops and military weapons—and what kind—are needed to plan operations and to evaluate those plans.

"Just by putting forces in motion, even on a table top, you learn things that you just can't learn another way," Herman said. "It cuts out all the really obvious, stupid mistakes." "It's very easy to say we should go to war," he said. "But a guy who's played a war game and thought about it is far more sober than some guy who is just shooting his mouth off."

How a war with Iraq might unfold

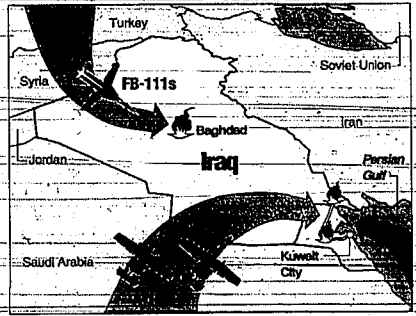
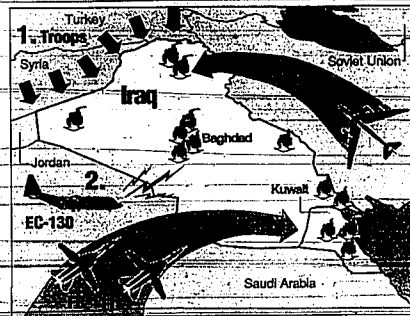
Actual circumstances for a war cannot be predicted. This scenario presumes invasion of Iraq, Saudi consent; Israeli neutrality and allied success at each step in the sequence depicted here.

Establish air superiority

1. Turkish, Syrian forces threaten invasion from north
2. Satellites and reconnaissance planes pinpoint Iraqi airfields and air defenses, missile sites, command centers, tank concentrations
3. Jam communications; by night, destroy Iraqi air defense radars, missiles, anti-aircraft gun emplacements, airfields, aircraft and their ground service centers and crews; find and disable ground-to-ground missiles

Attack Iraq

4. After Iraq's air defenses are destroyed, attack command centers, missiles, armor and mobile forces held in reserve to defend Kuwait, Basra and Baghdad; disable known chemical and biological weapons depots
5. Decapitate Iraqi leadership by killing President Saddam Hussein and senior leaders with air assaults; psychological effect important, even if objective fails
6. Sever key Iraqi supply line, possibly with Marine amphibious landing

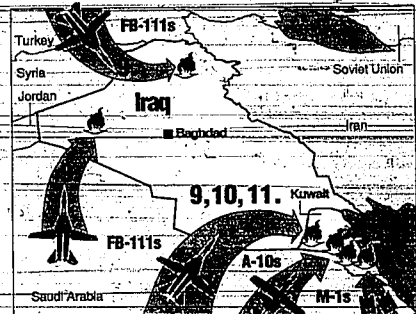
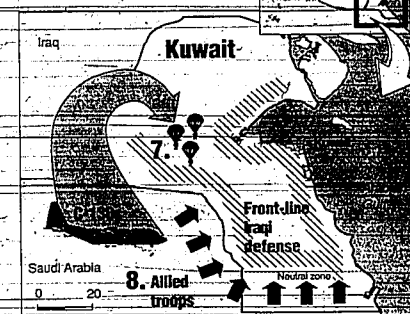


Cut off Kuwait

7. Flank Iraqi defenses in Kuwait with paratroopers and mobile forces striking behind and west of Iraqi lines; attacks will block Iraqi retreat
8. Pin Iraqi defenders in Kuwait by moving north a Marine-assisted, allied Arab force

Pound Iraqi defenders

9. Destroy massed Iraqi tanks, mobile reinforcements; divert Iraqi commanders with attacks in the north, west
10. Assault Iraqi defenses in Kuwait with round-the-clock air attacks; add artillery and armor as possible
11. If Iraqis do not surrender, attack defenses in Kuwait with armor and ground forces; simultaneously threaten Baghdad with ground assault to force surrender



SOURCE: War game designer, James F. Dunningan; Iran-Iraq war expert Edward Luttwak, David Segal and British Gen. Eddie Furseon, retired; Center for Defense Information; Research by Frank Grove, Knight-Ridder national correspondent

Scenario

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mapped out by other witnesses. An air war, according to depictions before Congress by present and former top military commanders, would be designed to establish the multinational forces' control of the skies during the first few days of fighting.

The air war also would be carried out to demoralize Iraqi soldiers entrenched in Kuwait, to cripple Iraq's ability to resupply its troops and to kill Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, retired Air Force Gen. Charles Donnelly, former commander-in-chief of U.S. air forces in Europe, said the bombing death of the Iraqi dictator could bring a quick end to the war.

Iraq has some 650-675 fighter planes, compared with nearly 1,100 U.S. planes and another 450 fighter aircraft from multinational force countries. But the Iraqi air force includes deadly French-made Mirage fighter jets and Soviet MiGs, plus the U.S.-made F-15s, which are the only fighters to have taken the invasion of Kuwait, or purchased through other nations.

Much of U.S. confidence about its chances in an air war stems from the belief that Iraq lacks critical spare parts and replacement for weapons, particularly the French, Soviet- and U.S.-made missiles and anti-aircraft weapons. Donnelly said multinational combat pilots may try to tempt Iraqi air defenses to get them to fire their more potent missiles. "We may have to take the first few rounds in the teeth in order to have victory in the air," Donnelly testified before Congress.

Some analysts suggest that Saddam might try to hide his planes and missiles until the land war starts to minimize his firepower. Since the goal of the air war is to destroy as many Iraqi planes on the ground as possible, and to bomb runways and make it difficult to get the surviving aircraft into the air for battle, the launching of the air war will be timed in hopes of catching Iraq by surprise.

The heaviest bombing likely

would occur in southern Iraq along the Kuwait border to keep Iraq from sending fresh troops, weapons and supplies into Kuwait.

A land war, which could be launched during the first few days or as late as the second week of fighting, would pit the untested U.S. forces against the strength of Iraq's military force — its combat-capable army and sizable tank corps. Some military analysts, in and out of the Pentagon, are already predicting the greatest tank battle in the history of warfare.

To rout Iraqi forces from Kuwait, U.S. forces also could be drawn into an urban war with soldiers fighting hand-to-hand with the enemy in the streets and buildings of Kuwait City.

Because of the difficulty and cost in terms of deaths and wounded in pushing entrenched Iraqi troops out of Kuwait, some analysts advocate an end-run by multinational forces around Kuwait to get behind enemy lines in the desert in southern Iraq. Some of these scenarios also feature a market or Baghdad by U.S.-led multinational forces to force Iraq's military short on replacement parts to fight on several fronts.

"You don't destroy Iraqi armored divisions with air alone," said the Center for Defense Information's Lt. Col. Wood, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War.

"Somewhere along the line, you have to get around those divisions and get in their soft rear areas, or get completely by them and go for Baghdad," Wood said.

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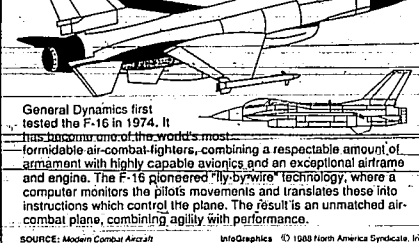
Most military analysts do not expect Iraq's air force to be a significant weapon, if used, to be much of a factor.

"If you think they will be used," retired Army Col. Trevor Dupuy, a highly regarded war-fare historian, told the House Armed Services Committee last month. "If they are, they will not have a great effect, but they will slow things down."

Confidence key trait of U.S. jet pilots

U.S. Air Force fighter F-16 Fighting Falcon

Type: Air-combat fighter. Built: 1974 to present. Armament: One 20mm cannon, up to six AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles, or 11,000 lb. weapon load. Max. Speed: Mach 1.95. Crew: One pilot.



General Dynamics first tested the F-16 in 1974. It has surpassed all other world's most formidable air-combat fighters, combining a respectable amount of armament with highly capable avionics and an exceptional airframe and engine. The F-16 pioneered "fly-by-wire" technology, where a computer monitors the pilots' movements and translates these into instructions which control the plane. The result is an unmatched air-combat plane, combining agility with performance.

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"Most of them aren't all that thrilled by winning. They expect to win," Jernigan said. "But they hate to lose at anything. The kind of guy you want in a jet is not someone who has self-doubts or is satisfied to be seventh-best."

"They're hard to live with sometimes, because they know the best way to do everything. It's like having a bunch of thoroughbreds. You got to ride herd on them a little bit. But when you got them pointed in the right direction, they're a pretty awesome force," he said.

Their sleek gun-metal gray fighters look like birds of prey on the runway. Their cockpits are a maze of screens, scopes and dials that help them find and lock onto enemy targets.

The \$16 million F-16s cut through

the sky at 1,688 feet per second with the afterburners screaming, and they can fly hit-to-air combat missions or drop bombs on targets.

Lt. Col. Bob Gray, 49, of Asheville, N.C., retired last year as a real estate consultant. But he's prepared to take on Iraqi pilots in aerial combat, once called dogfights but now known as swirling furballs because of the dizzying speeds.

"Your engagement lasts maybe 30 seconds at the most. Either you win or lose in that length of time," Gray said. "Things happen in a hurry these days."

The Swamp Foxes arrived just before New Year's. Like other elements of Operation Desert Shield, they have been hoping for peace but planning for war if Iraqi forces didn't pull out by Tuesday.

"The worst thing you can probably do with any pilot or serviceman is, take him somplance and sit him there, and let him be a weapon of policy," Seawell said. "We're warriors. We're trained to fight and fly. Use me or send me home."

Like all fighter pilots, the Swamp Foxes are confident to the point of being cocky. In their taut flight suits, they seem to strut even when standing still, and they relish being jaunty.

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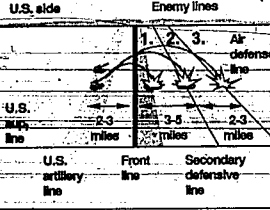
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Battlefield's principal weapon

One way to kill an enemy tank

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Typical offensive formation

Wedge-shaped platoon of four tanks. Tanks work in pairs; one leads, the other covers.

M1A1 Infantry troops

Infantry fighting vehicles

Wedge-shaped company (three platoons)

Tanks

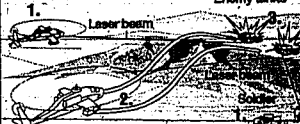
Enemy tanks

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Killing enemy tanks

Primary weapon: Hellfire missile

- Helicopter can launch missile without seeing target
- 1. Secondary helicopter projects laser spot on one target; soldier projects laser spot on another
- 2. AH-64 launches missiles
- 3. Laser-seeker steers missiles toward spots on targets; enemy tanks destroyed

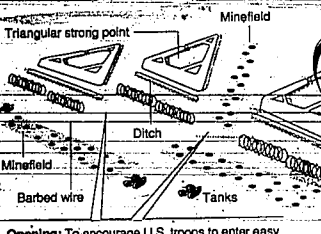


Hellfire missile: Blasts through heavy armor

- Rocket motor
- Weight: 100 pounds
- Length: 64 inches
- Diameter: 7 inches
- Guidance system
- Laser-seeker

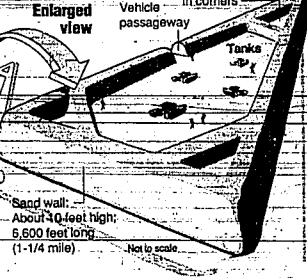
What U.S. troops expect to encounter

How Iraqis are positioned along border



Opening: To encourage U.S. troops to enter easy way, rather than attempt to crash through barbed wire; Iraqi artillery aimed at openings

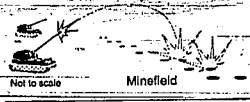
Iraqi battalion-sized defense



Sand wall: About 10 feet high; 5,800 feet long (1-1/4 mile)

How mines are cleared

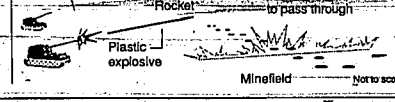
By artillery: Fire artillery to set off hidden minefields, clearing path for tanks and soldiers



Tanks: Plov attached to tank pushes dirt to side; exposed mines explode against plov, not the tank

By rocket

1. Fire rocket
2. Rocket's tail is a string of plastic explosives that explode on surface of minefield; vibrations set off mines
3. Clears way for tanks to pass through



Antitank mine: Pressure ring, Safety-pull ring, Explosive, Trip wire

SOURCE: U.S. Army; Modern Land Combat; International Defense Images; Modern Fighting Helicopters; Project on Government Procurement; Research by BILL BAKER, LILY DOW and FRANK GREVE

U.S. led forces braced for lightning-fast gulf war

Fort Landerale Sun-Sentinel

WASHINGTON — American-led military forces have braced for a war with Iraq so swift that, as one U.S. defense analyst put it, "only an 18-year-old has got the reflexes to follow it."

"If everything goes well — six days, lightning war," said reserve Army Lt. Col. Piers N. Wood, analyst at the Center for Defense Information, a private think tank in Washington staffed by former top military officials.

"We'll be in their back rear areas (surrounding them), and they'll be surrendering in droves."

This theory of a lightning-quick war is popular in Washington military and political circles, and military planners have been studying the 1967 Six-Day War between Israel and Egypt as a model for a possible desert war with Iraq.

But some other independent strategists and an increasing number of military officials caution against such video-game-like projections of how such a war could be fought and won quickly, and with few casualties.

These more cautious defense analysts warn that Iraq's large, battle-tested army and its greater than 2-to-1 advantage in tanks could stymie the multinational forces' superiority in air power, technologically advanced weaponry, electronic intelligence and ability to move troops and artillery rapidly.

Even Wood's own best-case scenario, developed for the Center for Defense Information, predicts that a 90- to 120-day war could occur if numerous risks and unknown

factors mitigate the chances for an early surrender by Iraq.

"If these technological advantages don't come to pass... we'll take 10,000 casualties (killed and wounded), get bogged down in 10 hours," Wood said.

Regardless of whether analysts expect the war to last six days or six months, they agree that the first days of the conflict will bring massive bombings of industrial, military and political command targets inside Iraq and Kuwait since the heaviest bombing raids of the Vietnam War.

Most analysts also foresee a bloody land war, with heavy casualties, to rout Iraqi infantry and artillery from Kuwait — one of President Bush's initial objectives behind the quick-and-massive U.S. buildup in the Middle East since Aug. 2.

"Achieving one, only, of the president's other goals — removing the Iraqi military threat in the Middle East — would require heavy bombing inside Iraq to destroy the country's nuclear, chemical and germ warfare factories, as well as military installations and communication and transportation networks.

Pursuit of this goal could also require a ground invasion of Iraq by U.S.-led troops."

Defense Department officials declined requests for interviews about projected scenarios for war with Iraq mapped out by independent defense analysts and former military leaders. These scenarios, however, are based on troop movements and the public statements of military commanders in the Persian Gulf region, as well as those by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman.

Although members of Congress have complained about the United States' domi-

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nant role in the conflict, this apparently has not created any problem so far among the other countries making up the multinational force.

"We invited them to come to the defense of Saudi Arabia," said Habib Shabeen, spokesman for his country's embassy in Washington. "Everybody is there at the invitation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia."

While U.S. military strategists and analysts appear confident of the superiority of this country's weaponry, they nonetheless show uneasiness about the risks of going to war with Iraq. The risks and concerns include:

- The performance of the multinational forces' sophisticated tanks, artillery and aircraft, which have never been tested in battle and which performed with only mixed success in non-combat conditions.
- The combat capabilities of the battle-green all-volunteer Army, which, for the first time in U.S. military history, will put women soldiers on the battle lines.
- The dependability of the allied coalition of Arab states, especially if Israel enters the

war in response to a threatened missile attack from Iraq on the first day of the war.

- The ability of Iraqi soldiers, weaponry and civilians to withstand saturation bombings in the first days of the war without fleeing.
- "It's not just that we don't know about the Iraqis," said Eliot Cohen, professor of strategic studies at Johns Hopkins University. "We don't know how we'll perform. Although I'm sure we're much better, we don't know how much better."
- "We won't know that until the fighting starts," Cohen said.

Unease in the United States about the steadiness of the Arab coalition within the multinational allied ranks may have lessened somewhat when Iraq, which is not in the coalition, recently announced plans for massive military maneuvers along its border with Iraq to coincide with the United Nations-imposed deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait.

Some war scenarios envisioned a hope that Iraq would move troops along the border of its neighbors — a country with which it fought an eight-year war during the past decade — to force Iraq to keep troops in the northern part of the country and away from the southern front in Kuwait.

On Wednesday, however, Iraq announced it was positioning maneuver units in three provinces bordering Iraq.

Iran has pledged to remain neutral if conflict broke out after the Jan. 15 deadline authorizing the use of force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

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respected Washington think tank staffed by former top government and military officials, said if Iran enters the war on the side of Iraq, the United States could be forced to turn to the Soviet Union.

At present, Soviet officials have expressed support for the multinational force but have not supplied weapons or soldiers.

"I don't think an offensive campaign can succeed unless the allies are with you," Blackwell told the House Armed Services Committee last month. "It's just American numbers are against us."

In testimony last month before the House and Senate armed services committees, Cheney and Powell disclosed some indications of how the air and land war might proceed. They also did not challenge scenarios

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The Gulf War

Pentagon turns to civilian help for war games

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

WASHINGTON — When commercial war-gamemaker Mark Herman got the news that Iraq had invaded Kuwait, he immediately played out a simulation of the takeover.

Within two hours, Herman had determined that the invading forces had already captured Kuwait's capital. By the end of the day, his game predicted, the invaders would be in control of the entire country and would have moved troops to the Saudi Arabian border.

The real battle turned out exactly as Herman's game had predicted.

He is one of a handful of commercial war-games creators who, despite their civilian status and lack of military experience, have been called in by the Pentagon to design and conduct highly classified war games being played by top-ranking generals, admirals and diplomats.

The presence of these non-military, commercial gamemasters in the Joint Chiefs of Staff's war games room is still rare. But defense analysts and historians familiar with these games, played at the Pentagon and at the nation's war colleges, say the military over the past 13 years or so has turned to outsiders for advice.

Herman, whose skill at designing commercial war games led to a job with a leading defense contractor, kept playing his board game in August to test the possible outcome from the U.S. troop buildup in the Persian Gulf.

By September, he had determined that additional U.S. forces would be needed in the Gulf region to ensure victory by the multinational forces.

Herman, designer of 29 commercial war games, declined to say whether he is a participant in the Pentagon's war games involving conflict in the Persian Gulf region.

But soon after Herman came to his conclusion, President Bush ordered another 200,000 U.S. soldiers sent to the Persian Gulf by mid-January.

Dunnigan, a Wall Street financial analyst and designer of more than 100 commercial war games, also has been consulted by military officials.

"Herman and Dunnigan bring a degree of realism in the game that the Pentagon alone would be unable to bring in," said Thomas B. Allen, a military historian and author of the 1987 book, "War Games."

"For instance, they would have no

hesitation to sink an aircraft carrier. But in the Navy, the doctrine says you can't sink an aircraft carrier," Allen said. "The Navy doesn't like to remind people that an aircraft carrier is a great big thing that can be sunk."

War games, as opposed to computer simulations, are played out on large boards or maps over a period of several days, and people instead of computers make the battlefield decisions. War games date to the Napoleonic period.

Advocates of war games, in and out of the military, say the commercially sold games are accurate predictions of what might happen under certain battle conditions because the games are based on the lessons of military history that Pentagon planners often ignore.

The commercial gamemasters also search published reports for details on the accuracy and range of weapons, Allen and others said, instead of relying on the manufacturer's specifications.

"His (Herman's) games are just as good as some of the powerful computer games," said Tony Quattromani, a former defense department official who helped design and run war games for the military brass. He once hired Herman to conduct a war game involving the outbreak of World War III.

"The only difference is, he doesn't use classified information," Quattromani said.

Joint Chiefs of Staff officials are reluctant to discuss their war games, particularly the one Zoltan, Quattromani and others think is going on in the depths of the Pentagon to constantly feed information on possible battle scenarios to Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region.

Quattromani said Schwarzkopf's staff has a reputation for using war games to determine how many troops and military weapons — and what kind — are needed to plan operations and to evaluate those plans.

"Just by putting forces in motion, even on a table top, you learn things that you just can't learn another way," Herman said. "It cuts out all the really obvious, stupid mistakes."

"It's very easy to say we should go to war," he said. "But a guy who's played a war game and thought about it is far more sober than some guy who is just shooting his mouth off."

How a war with Iraq might unfold

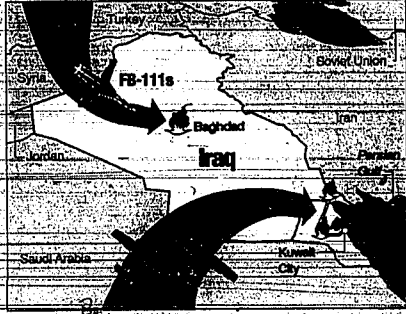
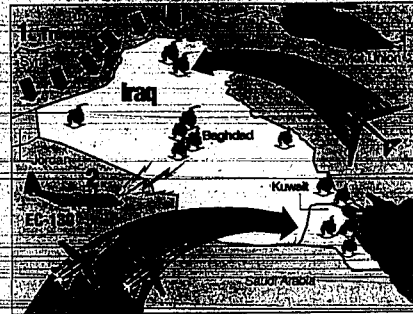
Assuming the scenario of a presumed invasion of Iraq, Saudi consent, Israeli neutrality and U.S. military superiority, the following scenarios are possible here.

Establish air superiority

1. Turkey, Spain and other nations from north
2. Satellites and reconnaissance planes pinpoint Iraqi airfields and air defenses; missiles sink oil tankers; tank concentrations
3. Joint command of U.S. and Saudi air defense radars, missiles, and aircraft carriers, aircraft, aircraft and their ground service centers, and crews; find and disable ground-to-ground missiles

Attack Iraq

4. After Iraq's air defenses are destroyed, attack command centers, missiles, armor and mobile forces; reserve to defend Kuwait, Basra and Baghdad; disable known chemical and biological weapons depots
5. Decapitate Iraqi leadership by killing President Saddam Hussein and senior leaders with air assaults; psychological effect important, even if objective fails
6. Sever key Iraqi supply line, possibly with Marine air support landing

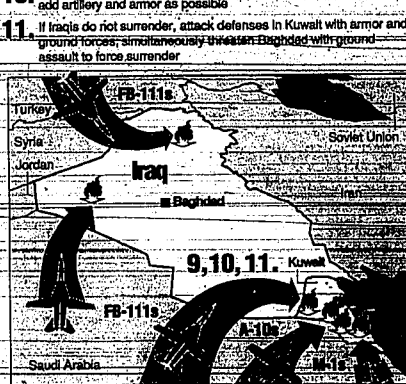
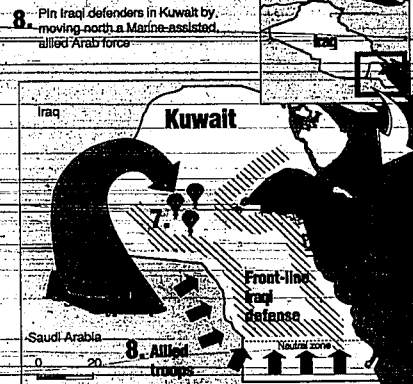


Cut off Kuwait

7. Flank Iraqi defenses in Kuwait with paratroopers and mobile forces striking behind and west of Iraqi lines; attacks will block Iraqi retreat
8. Pin Iraqi defenders in Kuwait by moving north a Marine-assisted allied Arab force

Pound Iraqi defenders

9. Destroy massed Iraqi tanks, mobile reinforcements; divert Iraqi commanders with attacks in the north, west
10. Assail Iraqi defenses in Kuwait with round-the-clock air attacks; add artillery and armor as possible
11. If Iraqis do not surrender, attack defenses in Kuwait with armor and ground forces; simultaneous Western Baghdad with ground assault to force surrender



SOURCE: War game designer James F. Dunnigan; Iraq Iraq War Report Edward Luttwak, David Sogal and Brian GAC; Eddie Furlong, retired; Center for Defense Information; Research by Frank Geyro, Knight-Ridder national correspondent. IRTN Intographics/BILL BAKER.

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mapped out by other witnesses.

An air war, according to depictions before Congress by present and former top military commanders, would be designed to establish the multinational forces' control of the skies during the first few days of fighting.

The air war also would be carried out to demoralize Iraqi soldiers entrenched in Kuwait, to cripple Iraq's ability to resupply its troops and to kill Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Retired Air Force Gen. Charles D. Dunlap, former commander-in-chief of U.S. air forces in Europe, said the bombing death of the Iraqi dictator could bring a quick end to the war.

"Iraq has some 650-675 fighter planes, compared with nearly 1,100 U.S. planes and another 450 fighter aircraft from multinational force countries. But the Iraqi air force includes deadly French-made Mirage fighter jets and Soviet MiGs plus French U.S.-made Hawk missiles that Iraq obtained in the mid-1970s, either through purchase or through other means."

Much of U.S. confidence about its chances in an air war stems from the belief that Iraq lacks critical spare parts and replacements for weapons, particularly the French-made Mirage fighters. Dunlap said multinational combat pilots may try to turn Iraqi air defenses to get them to fire their more potent missiles early on.

"We may have to take the first few rounds in the air," Dunlap testified before Congress.

Some analysts suggest that Saddam might try to hide his planes and missiles until the land war starts to maximize his firepower. Since the goal of the air war is to destroy as many Iraqi planes on the ground as possible, and to bomb runways and make it difficult to get the surviving aircraft into the air for battle, the launching of the air war will be timed in hopes of catching Iraq by surprise.

The heaviest bombing likely

would occur in southern Iraq along the Kuwait border to keep Iraq from sending fresh troops, weapons and supplies into Kuwait.

A land war, which could be launched during the first few days or as late as the second week of fighting, would pit the untested volunteer Army against the strength of Iraq's seasoned army and sizable tank corps.

Some military analysts, in and out of the Pentagon, are already predicting the greatest tank battle in the history of warfare.

To rout Iraqi forces from Kuwait, U.S. forces would be drawn into a urban war with soldiers fighting hand-to-hand with the enemy in the streets and buildings of Kuwait City.

Because of the difficulty and cost — in terms of deaths and wounded — in pushing entrenched Iraqi troops out of Kuwait, some analysts advocate an end-run by multinational forces around Kuwait to get behind enemy lines in the desert in southern Iraq. Some of these scenarios also foresee a march on Baghdad by U.S.-led multinational forces to force Iraq's military to abort combat placement parts to fight on several fronts.

"You don't destroy Iraqi armored divisions with air alone," said the Center for Defense Information's Lt. Col. Bob Gray, a combat veteran of the Vietnam War.

"Somewhere along the line, you have to get around those divisions and get in their soft rear areas, or to get completely by them and go for Baghdad."

"You have to threaten something that will get them out of their entrenched positions," Wood said. "Then you will expose them to our air power."

Most military analysts do not expect Iraq's chemical and biological weapons, if used, to be much of a factor.

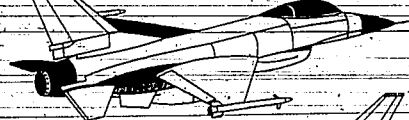
"I do not think they will be used," retired Army Col. Trevor Dupuy, a highly regarded warfare historian, told the House Armed Services Committee last month. "If they are, they will not have a great effect, but they will slow things down."

Confidence key trait of U.S. jet pilots

U.S. Air Force fighter

F-16 Fighting Falcon

Type: Air-combat fighter. Built: 1974 to present. Armament: One 20mm cannon, up to six AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missiles; or 11,000 lb. weapon load. Max. Speed: Mach 1.95. Crew: One pilot.



General Dynamics first tested the F-16 in 1974. It has become one of the world's most formidable air-combat fighters, combining a respectable amount of armament with highly capable avionics and an exceptional airframe and engine. The F-16 pioneered "fly-by-wire" technology, where a computer monitors the pilots movements and translates these into instructions which control the plane. The result is an unmatched air-to-land plane, combining agility with performance.

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"I think the U.S. Air Force is the finest in the world and we beat them to toe with anyone."

Maj. George Jernigen, Air National Guard fighter pilot

Like all fighter pilots, the Swamp Foxes are confident to the point of being cocky. In their test flight suits, they seem to strut even when standing still, and they're talking jauntily.

"A pilot's job is to make a passenger jet like a family bus, so they don't feel the landing or the takeoff. Here, our job is to find, fight and destroy the enemy. There's a tremendous difference."

Capt. Dave Seawell, Air National Guard fighter pilot

the sky at 1,688 feet per second with the afterburners screaming, and they can fly air-to-air combat missions or drop bombs on targets.

Lt. Col. Bob Gray, 49, of Asheville, N.C., retired last year as a real estate consultant. But he's prepared to take on Iraqi pilots in aerial combat, once called dogfights — but now known as swirling turnbale because of the dizzying speeds.

"Your engagement lasts maybe 30 seconds at the most. Either you win or lose in that length of time," Gray said. "Things happen in a hurry these days."

The Swamp Foxes arrived just before New Year's. Like other elements of Operation Desert Shield, they have been hoping for peace but planning for war if Iraqi forces didn't pull out by Tuesday.

The worst thing you can probably do with any pilot or serviceman I take him someplace and sit him there and let him be a weapon of policy," Seawell said. "We're warriors. We're trained to fight and fly. Use me or send me home."

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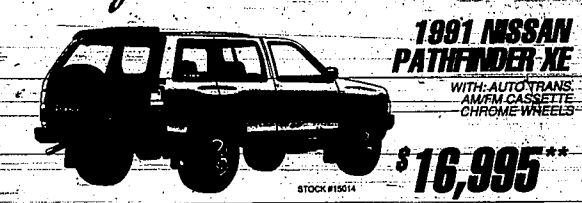
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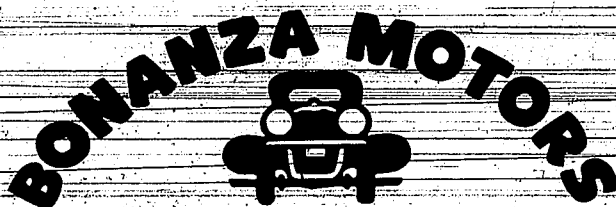
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Sports on TV

5:30 p.m.-Channel 8, PGA golf, Westwood Golf at Wisconsin
 7:30 p.m.-Channel 23, college basketball, BYU at Colorado State
 7:30 p.m.-Channel 13, college basketball, Houston at Texas
 10 p.m.-Channel 11, college basketball, Idaho at Montana

Sports report

San Valley—The snow report: 15 inches, Snow-C, 11 in. on ground, 24 top-layers 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. This is the 50th week of San Valley.
Power—Ten inches of new snow for a total of 60 inches at the top. Hours 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Open for Martin Luther King Day Monday.
Ryder Mountain—Six inches of new snow for another week. Open Wednesday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bus service Saturday will be free. Skiers are: Twin Falls-Fort 7:30 a.m., Jerome Lincoln Plaza Hall 8 a.m., Wendell 8:15 a.m., Mountain Home at Clifton 8:30 a.m., Wood River at Gooding State 9:15 a.m., Hansen at Oakley 9:15 a.m., Rati River at Marlough 9:15 a.m.

Briefly

Kuna aiming for 4th Buhl wrestling title
 BUHL—Three-time defending champion Kuna is expected to make it four in the 17th annual Buhl Wrestling Tournament this weekend.
 Some 16 teams will participate in the two-day event that begins at 2 p.m. Friday and continues with a second session at 6 p.m. Action resumes at 11 a.m. Saturday with the finals scheduled for 5:30 p.m.
 Teams participating will be American Falls, Buhl, Burley, Declo, Filer, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Jerome, Kimberly, Kuna, New Plymouth, North Fremont, Twin Falls, Weiser, Wendell and Wood River.

A's 3rd baseman undergoes arthroscopic surgery on knee

OAKLAND, Calif.—Oakland A's third baseman, Lanceford "Lance" Johnson, underwent exploratory arthroscopic surgery Wednesday on his left knee, which he injured in a New Year's Eve snowmobile accident.
 A magnetic resonance imaging test showed probable damage to the medial collateral and anterior cruciate ligaments, but the results of Wednesday's surgery were not immediately available, team spokesman Jay Alves said.
 Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportsquote

“When I get down on myself or depressed, it's nothing for me to pull over to Taco Bell or McDonald's and spend \$12.”
 —Michael Carter, 322-pound nose guard for the San Francisco 49ers

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Bo likely won't go in Sunday's playoff game

The Associated Press

EL SECCONDO, Calif.—Bo Jackson probably won't play in Sunday's AFC Championship game because of his injured left hip.
 “Bo Jackson's sore, he has a limp in his giddy up,” Raiders coach Art Shell said yesterday. “He's getting constant treatment. He's doubtful, but you never know.”

Jackson was injured when tackled by Kevin Walker at the end of a 34-yard run on the second play of the third quarter in last Sunday's 20-16 Raiders victory over the Cincinnati Bengals in a second-round playoff game.
 Jackson said afterwards that he intended to play against the Buffalo Bills Sunday, but underwent a magnetic resonance imaging test on Monday and hasn't commented since that time.

“He has some swelling in the (hip) area,” Shell said. “They didn't find anything else.”
 The Raiders listed Jackson as doubtful on the injury list submitted to the NFL on Wednesday. Three other players were listed as probable for Sunday's game—defensive end Howie Long (broken thumb), safety

Eddie Anderson (calf injury), and corner back Lionel Washington (hamstring).
 The Bills filed no injuries.
 Shell said he didn't believe Jackson would be able to test his injury in practice for at least a couple days.
 Running back Greg Bell, placed on the injury list three months ago because of a sprained ankle, will be activated before Sunday, Shell said.

CSI home-court winning streak will face tough test

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—If your spouse only gives you enough spending money for one basketball game a season, you might want to chance it all this Friday night at College of Southern Idaho.
 College of Eastern Utah, ranked by CSI Coach Fred Tenkles as having the best athletics in Region 18, will put a major test on the Golden Eagles' 111-homecourt winning streak.

These are the pluses that Tenkles finds in the CEU roster this year.
 “Freshman” Antoine Davison, a 6-8 Chicago product who originally signed out of high school with UNLV and currently is committed to University of Utah next year.
 “Davison is the best athlete in the league. He's averaging 19 points per game. It's a great leaper/rebounder. He possesses great quickness for his size, indicated by the fact UNLV signed him. Twice this year he has played a left-handed dribble loss off the dribble off the backboard and followed with a slam dunk from the other side of the basket,” reports Tenkles.

“There are other teams in the region that could beat us but this game appears to be the perfect match of similar philosophies,” says Tenkles. “It will not be a slow-tempo game.”
 That game will be followed by a Saturday engagement with Colorado Northwestern, which brings in the No. 3 and No. 4 scorers in the region.
 The CSI women will be playing prior to each men's game, both games starting at 7:30 p.m. But the weekend women's foes haven't, the credentials the men's team will face.

• CEU has five returning starters—but two of them are on the bench.
 • CEU holds a 14-point decision over Dixie, the team that beat CSI.
 • CEU might have a stronger bench than CSI.
 • Through the top seven people, CEU is considered a quicker team than CSI.
 That is a bunch of pluses that seems better by the fact CEU will come into Twin Falls.
 Please see CSUD2

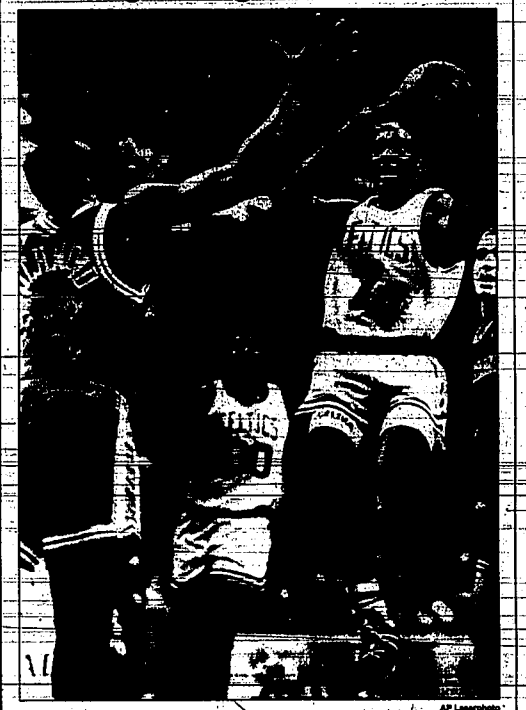
Notre Dame loses leading scorer for rest of season

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Laphonso Ellis, Notre Dame's leading scorer, was declared academically ineligible for the rest of the season today.
 “It will be a big loss for us,” coach Digger Phelps said.
 Ellis' loss aggravated one of Notre Dame's toughest positions—the depth of talent in the backcourt. The team is 6-9 after losing seven consecutive games in their worst start since Phelps' first season.
 The 6-foot-9 junior from East St. Louis, Ill., scored a career-high 32 points Tuesday in Notre Dame's 84-70 victory over West Virginia. Ellis is averaging 15.3 points.

courses but failed to maintain the 2.0 cumulative grade average Notre Dame requires for athletes to compete. “I think he would admit he has no one to blame but himself,” Phelps said.
 Ellis was academically ineligible for the first semester of the 1989-90 year and missed seven games. He returned the second semester to average 14 points and 12.6 rebounds per game.
 Ellis became the third player—lost to the 1990-91 team. Sophomore forward Monty Williams, who started 18 games last season and averaged 7.7 points, left the team with a heart problem before the season began and senior Jim Singleton was sidelined with a disc problem on Dec. 1, but is now back with the team.

Coming through



Boston's Dee Brown (7) drives between Golden State's Mitch Ritchmond, left, and Chris Mullin during the Warriors' 110-103 victory over the Celtics. Boston's Robert Parish (00) gets set to enter the action. For more NBA details turn to page D2.

First undergraduates begin declaring for NFL draft

The Associated Press

Facing a Feb. 1 declaration deadline, some college football undergraduates are beginning to apply for early entry into the NFL. That doesn't mean they'll all get there.
 Thirty-eight undergraduates applied for the draft last year, the first time the NFL offered that option, but only 18 were selected. Of the remaining 20, only 16 had played college ball in 1989 and four of them were under some sort of academic suspension when they applied for the draft.
 Michigan tailback Jon Vaughn, who reached 1,000 yards

faster than any back in school history, took the plunge Wednesday, joining a pair of Clemson teammates, All-American placekicker Chris Gardner and cornerback Dexter Davis.
 Earlier Auburn offensive lineman Ed King, North Carolina State safety Jesse Campbell and running back Randy Baldwin of Mississippi had declared.
 Baldwin, an all-SEC running back, said he decided to declare following the Gator Bowl. “My father and I sat down and discussed the matter seriously,” the 23-year-old said. “We agreed that I wasn't getting any younger and

that I'm a couple of years older than everyone else ... we both strongly believe that it's time to move on.”
 On deck was Texas A&M tight end Robert Wilson, expected to formally announce for the draft after he meets with Aggie coach R.C. Slueman, who was out of town on a recruiting trip. “The one thing I want to do now is help my family,” Wilson told the Houston Post.
 He could be joined by a couple of teammates, linebacker Anthony Williams, who was the team's second leading tackler last season, and cornerback Kevin Smith. “It's

exactly what will be in the arsenal at tip-off time Friday or Saturday.
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 Highland's other solid scorer is 6-2, two-year starter Gary Anderson and the Rams have another return sunter in Marc Kemp.

Shoshone remains atop A-4 prep basketball poll

The Associated Press

Madison of Rexburg, Bishop Kelly of Boise, McCall-Donnelly and Shoshone stayed atop the four high school prep divisions in this week's Associated Press boys' basketball poll.
 In Class A-1, Madison got nine of the 10 first-place votes cast and 48 of a possible 50 points, followed by Wilder with one first-place vote and 39 points. Kendrick remained No. 3, while Hagerman moved into the rankings in the fourth spot and Carey dropped from fourth to fifth. Leadere, last week's No. 5 team, slipped from the top five.

How's your kid's sportsman? Basketball team (first place votes in parentheses):
 CLASS A-1
 Team W L Pts
 1. Madison (9) 11 1 48
 2. Boise (1) 11 1 31
 3. Kendrick (1) 11 1 27
 4. Carey (1) 11 1 23
 5. Hagerman (1) 11 1 22
 Also receiving votes: Idaho Falls (8-3), Twin Falls (4-7)

CLASS A-2
 Team W L Pts
 1. Salmon (8) 10 0 42
 2. Wood River 10 0 31
 3. Wood River 10 0 31
 4. Deer Lake 10 0 31
 The Bonners Ferry (10-0), Madras (8-2), Jerome (7-2), Wynona (6-1)

CLASS A-3
 Team W L Pts
 1. Madras (7) 10 1 42
 2. Valley (3) 10 1 39
 3. Hagerman 10 1 39
 4. St. Paul 10 1 39
 5. Canyon 10 1 39
 Also receiving votes: Hamlet (12-2), Richfield (8-7), Lakeside (8-3), Leadere (8-2), Troy (5-2)

In A-4, undefeated Shoshone got nine of the 10 first-place votes and 48 of a possible 50 points, followed by Wilder with one first-place vote and 39 points. Madras followed in third place, while Bonner-Salem slipped from second to fourth and North Fremont of Ashton remained in the No. 5 position.
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Region III Class A-1 teams adopt new postseason plan

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—A new district-regional concept for post season play was adopted this week by Region III Class A-1 members.
 Under the new plan, Minico, Burley and Twin Falls will go to a double-climination playoff to limit their numbers to two. Those two then will advance against Pocatello and Highland in a first vs. second pairing in the regional to determine which one and one-half teams will advance to state playoffs.
 The second-place regional team will have a playoff against the Idaho Falls-area third place team for the eighth berth in the state finals slated for Pocatello this year.
 “As has been the case in the past few years all regional games will count in the tournament seedings.”
 Twin Falls Bruins will continue preparation for those battles by hosting Borah-Friday night and traveling to Highland Saturday night.

“The Borah game gives Twin Falls a chance to average one of its loss. Coach John Astorquia saying ‘I felt our game up there was one of the worst we've played all year. We had a ton of turnovers. If we can handle the ball better and execute, we can have a good chance of winning this one.’
 Borah relies heavily on the outside scoring of Vaughn Bair and there have some players in the 6-4 and 6-5 area who hurt us worse than they should have last time,” Astorquia said.
 The problem for Twin Falls is knowing

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Idaho meets Montana tonight on ESPN

The Associated Press

Big Sky Conference basketball gets a national spotlight this week with two of the league's top teams going head-to-head on national television. Montana (11-5 overall, 3-1 in Big Sky play) hosts two-time defending Big Sky champion Idaho (8-5, 3-1) tonight in Missoula. The game will be televised live at 10 p.m. MST on the ESPN cable network.

"Every recruit we've got will have been called and asked to watch," Montana coach Steve Morrill said. "They'll get a chance to see our crowd and our team."

The week's Big Sky schedule starts tonight with Boise State (8-6, 1-3) hosting Nevada (8-9, 3-1) in a battle of the conference's top two scorers. Boise State's Tanoka Beard is averaging 18.5 and Nevada's Ric Hertz is 18.3 points per game. Both are sophomore centers.

In other league games this week, Montana State (8-7, 3-1) hosts Eastern Washington (6-7, 2-2) and Idaho State (4-10, 1-3) entertains Northern Arizona (2-12, 0-4) on Thursday. Nevada visits Weber State (6-7, 1-1) on Friday.

On Saturday, Boise State hosts Northern Arizona, Montana hosts Eastern Washington, Idaho visits Montana State and Idaho State travels to Weber State.

Montana brings a 7-2 home record into its game with Idaho, and the Grizzlies are 2-0 in Missouri this season against Big Sky opponents. But the Vandals are 2-0 on the road in league play, so something will have to give.

The game matches the Big Sky's top two teams in scoring margin, even though Montana's 7.6 points-per-game margin leaves Idaho's 2.3 points in the dust. The Grizzlies also lead the conference in the field goal percentage they allow opponents.

defensive rebounding and rebounding margin. Idaho, meanwhile, is a notch above Montana in scoring defense.

Idaho means to score three-point shots. Three-point field goal percentage is a strength for Idaho, and three-point field goals made on the strength of swingman Ricardo Boyd's long-range accuracy. Because of the matchups, the Grizzlies' Morrill said he was confident attendance would not suffer as a result of having the game televised.

"I hope our people will respond," he said. "Idaho has always been a big rivalry, and I know our administration has budgeted for a big crowd because it's Idaho."

The Vandals' opposite number on the arduous Montana-Montana State road swing is Eastern Washington, which will try to break out of a two-game road losing skid starting Thursday at Bozeman.

John Wade, the Eagles' first-year head coach, said a road breakthrough would be very important against the up-tempo Bobcats to a team that has been playing "acceptable basketball" but not getting any breaks.

"The biggest problem we have right now, we're not just really getting outscored from the line," Wade said. "It seems like on the road those things happen. We just need to keep people off the line I guess."

Montana State's first-year head coach, Mick Durham, said the Bobcats will not be taking anything for granted against Eastern Washington as they begin a four-game home stand.

"I respect what Eastern's doing. They beat us twice last year, and they're coming to play every night," said Durham, whose team has ridden the shooting of its two backcourt Johnnies — guards Mack and Perkins — into the Big Sky lead in scoring offense, three-point field goal percentage and three-point field goals made.

Mack is third in the league in scoring and Perkins is third in the league in scoring and

Perkins leads the Big Sky in three-point field goal percentage.

In February, Idaho State will continue its roller coaster season under the tutelage of controversial first-year coach Herb Williams. He was reprimanded by the Big Sky this week for threatening to pull his team from the floor during a Jan. 3 game at Montana, alleging his players were being subjected to verbal abuse.

The Bengals split two home games last week and continue their stand at Holt Arena on Thursday before traveling to Ogden to face Weber State on Saturday. But they will be doing it without 6-6 reserve center-forward Kirkland Ivory, who was ruled academically ineligible this week.

"We'll miss him," Williams said. "He added some things to the ball club. But as always, you must hit the academic end before you hit the athletic end, and that's one of the things he has been having trouble doing."

Idaho State is not the only team with personnel problems. Northern Arizona announces Tuesday that 6-6 junior forward Archie Tolliver, the Lumberjacks' top rebounder, had been suspended for the season because of a fight with a teammate. He had averaged 7.6 rebounds and 11.5 points in 13 games.

Lucky for them, the Lumberjacks might not need an overwhelming presence on the boards to out-rebound Boise State Saturday night. The Broncos are over the line in the Big Sky in offensive rebounding and rebound margin, trailing their opponents by an average of 7.3 boards per game.

That has coach Bobby Dye fit to be tied, especially with talents like 6-9 Tanoka Beard and 6-6 leaper Billy Filkes working inside.

"Rebounding and I'm real die-hard about it," Dye said. "We would improve immensely if we started doing a better job."



San Francisco's Jerry Rice didn't like what the New York Giants did to stop him in their encounter earlier this season.

Media bothering NEL's top receiver

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jerry Rice explained his behavior by saying "I'm not really social" because he was virtually shut out last time the San Francisco 49ers played the New York Giants.

"So do we," someone replied. "Then he was asked if he would do something different against the Giants in Sunday's NFC championship game. When the two teams met Dec. 3, San Francisco won 7-3 but Rice, who had 100 catches this season, was held to just one for 13 yards."

So it took "one less than coach George Seifert to make Rice come out and hit to the media after he bolted after he didn't like the second question he was asked."

"You guys ask some stupid questions, you know," Rice retorted. "I don't worry about the past, only the future."

It was receivers' day at the 49ers' camp — instead of giving the media access to all players, the Niners have specified specific times for players at specific positions to talk. John Taylor, who never talks, wasn't there, and Rice, the game's top receiver, was absent.

"I'm not really social," Rice said. "I watched the film of what they did the last time and I didn't like what I saw. They wanted to take me out of the game and they did."

"Five minutes," the game's best receiver said to the more than two dozen reporters surrounding him.

"I hate it, man," he said of the horde of reporters surrounding him. "I hate this time of year. It's almost like being chased by fans."

"I can shoot, but I'm not a pure shooter. I've been shooting a lot within the offense because it's necessary, but I'm trying to get into the flow of finding other people and mix my game up where I can score 18-20 points and give out 11 assists. That's the kind of game I'm comfortable with."

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"I'm trying to get double-doubles like I did last year. I'll be happy when they score, but I've been away from what I'm normally capable of doing. That's just not me. I have to do more for this team."

"I really doesn't affect me too much because I'm going to go out and do my job whether I make the Pro Bowl or not," he said. "I feel in my mind that I'm the best in the league right now and I try to prove it every time I step on the field."

Buffalo's anonymous Odomes out to make mark on the field

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Cornerback Nate Odomes has started every game since joining Buffalo as a second-round draft pick in the season's first game. He is the most anonymous starter on the Bills.

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"I'm playing on a team with a lot of media stars and when it comes time to talk with somebody here, it's obvious who the people are they want to talk to."

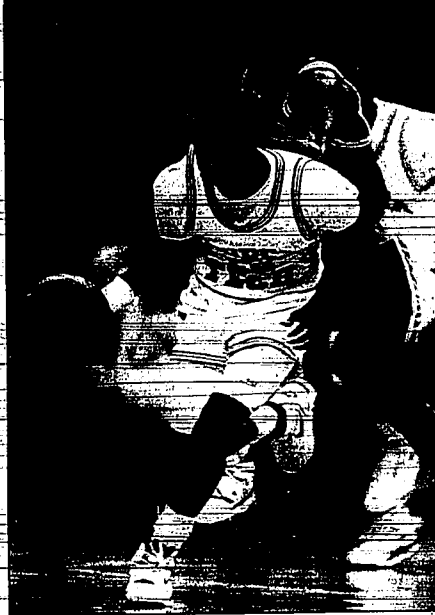
"This week in the AFC Championship — against the Los Angeles Raiders, that probably means Willie Gault, who Odomes covered in the Bills' 35-24 victory over the Raiders Oct. 7."

"That doesn't mean Odomes, who led Buffalo defensive backs with 42 tackles and was second with 16 sacks, defended, doesn't know he has an important role on the team. He's the Bills' top-rated defensive back and as such usually draws the opponent's top receiver."

Gault and Odomes had several spirited exchanges in that game during which Gault caught six passes for 90 yards. "It was a very competitive game," he said. "I'm not out there to fight. There was a situation where two line ballplayers were out there playing a game as tough as they can play. I don't expect nothing less from him this week. He's going to come hard and I'm going to come hard too."

Georgia Tech star scoring more, enjoying it less

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Georgia Tech's Kenny Anderson is scoring more and enjoying it less this season.



"I'm not a scorer," Anderson said after a 90-83 loss to North Carolina State last weekend in a game where he had just 19 points. "This year, there's just so much put upon me to do certain things. I've been away from my role because of the personnel."

Georgia Tech's Kenny Anderson says scoring is not his style.

The Yellow Jackets are without two players from last year's "Lethal Weapon '83," having lost Dennis Scott and Brian Oliver. So it's left to Anderson to run the team and score the key points, too. He's responded, scoring 50 points in one game and 40 in another. But he's uncomfortable in his dual role.

He scored 40 points in a 112-105 triple-overtime triumph over Georgia. He followed that with 50 points in a 135-94 victory over Loyola Marymount. Anderson scored only 19 points against Tulane, but Georgia Tech won in the next three games. He had 115 points and Andre-Atlantic Coast Conference. In the six games, Anderson averaged 37.3 points per game, but in that same stretch, he had only 35 assists, 5.8 per game.

"Everybody now thinks I'm a scorer," Anderson said. "That's not my style."

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Cheech Bobby Cremins knew it would be a let-down for his sophomore guard, and it showed at the start of the season. Cremins understands Anderson's plight, but he still wants him to handle both jobs.

Six regular-season games remain, even the playoffs. "I don't think anybody in the student body looks at (the players) with sympathy," says athletic director Thom Loomis. "I guess some might look at them and think they're crazy for going out for the team. But nobody says that. By and large, everybody in the school has been supportive."

"A lot of it has to do with the new players," Cremins said. "I think at times he feels he needs to try and score more to help more. It throws us a little out of sync."

Second-year head coach Russ Hagerby was not available for comment due to a death in his family. Times are tough everywhere — at Bettsville.

"I can understand why he feels that way, and sometimes he has to do that. But the most important thing is I'm trying to get him to relax and be himself and play. He feels a little pressure, especially when we lose, and he wants to win so badly and particularly after 'last year' when things went so well for him. I just hope he hangs in there though."

"He was a little frustrated early because we lost four out of our first six."

Ohio girls basketball team extends losing streak to 122 games

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — They say records are made to be broken. This one might take some doing.

ago. Ironton St. Joseph's boys lost 71 in a row. But the beat goes on in Bettsville, a community of 750 located between Tiffin and Fremont on Ohio 53. On Tuesday night, the Bobcats lost to North Baltimore, 64-24, to fall to 0-14 on the year.

For the last six years and 122 games, the Bettsville High School girls basketball team has been winless. That's right, 0-122.

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Not since beating Seneca County League rival New Riegel in January 1985 have the Bobcats celebrated after a game. That zero on the left side of the record just won't budge.

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The 122-game losing streak is believed to be a national record. Candace Sacred Heart (Pa.) ended a 120-game losing streak a year ago. Several other teams have lost as many as 100 games in a row.

Loomis coaches a 1-12 boys team that is taking its lumps with a freshman and two sophomores in the starting lineup. Last year the boys team went 3-18 but lost eight games decided by one or two points. Loomis, in his third year at the school, says there is no secret to why the girls program in particular is going through such drought. "One huge reason is that there are only 47 girls and 42 boys in the student body."

The Bobcats locked up what is recognized as the state record for basketball futility a couple of years ago.

"We have no big numbers to draw from," he says. "And, going along with that, we do not have a lot of big kids. In basketball, big kids help."

"It probably won't happen, but I think it would be great if we could build get there again," Kite said Wednesday before a practice round.

"Being such a small school, the kids are stretched pretty thin. We have some that are in the band, are cheerleaders and are trying to play basketball. At other schools they don't have to do that."

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41-year-old golfers look to resume rivalry this weekend in Honolulu.

HONOLULU (AP) — Lanny Wadkins and Tom Kite look to resume their longtime rivalry at the Hawaiian Open.

"I'd just like the outcome to be little different."

Two weeks ago, the 41-year-old Wadkins shot for the final round of the Tournament of Champions, with Kite holding off Wadkins by one shot to win the PGA Tour's first event of the season.

"Kite and Wadkins still has a lot of goals to reach this season."

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Outdoors

Hailey man's trophy will make record book

The Times-News

HAILEY — Because of his local knowledge, Hailey's Jeff Coupe will be appearing in the Boone and Crockett record book with an atypical mule deer taken on the last day of the hunting season.

But he will have to wait a year because the trophy organization requires the qualifying measurements be taken only after the antlers have been allowed to dry for a year.

"It was measured by a Fish and Game Department man out of Challis and it went 250 points," said Coupe. "He said that would be enough to get it on the record list."

Coupe has been a professional big game guide in central Idaho for the past seven years and as such knows a few spots that deer like.

One such is located north of Stanley. "I was familiar with this spot where the deer tend to gather in the rut or latter part of the season," Coupe said. Because of his background as a guide, Coupe said, "I've seen a lot of deer and one look instantly convinced me this was the biggest rack I'd ever seen."

Trouble was, the buck was about 600 yards away and it moved into the woods as Coupe stalked down to a rock outcropping about 200 yards above the clearing. "I know if I waited it probably would come back," he said. "I waited I guess about an hour when it showed up again."

The atypical rack had 11 points on one side and nine on the other and ran 39 inches between the farthest points available for measuring.

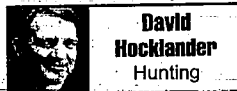
"Surprisingly, it was a very normal size buck body," Coupe said of the buck, "certainly not what you'd expect from a rack this size. But its teeth were worn down and it was an older animal, which probably would not have made it through a normal winter again."



Jeff Coupe displays the atypical mule deer rack taken on the last day of hunting season.

Treat hunting as a privilege, not a right

The challenges which 1991 may have in store for us are hard to predict, but one which seems to be lurking in the shadows takes the form of a threat to our tradition of hunting.



David Hocklander Hunting

The anti-hunting movement in California has been disturbingly effective. Perhaps we have already experienced our first taste of hunting loss with the new restriction on bear baiting.

However, the future of hunting may not fall into the hands of either the hunters or anti-hunters, but into the hands of the non-hunter majority who have yet to take sides on the issue.

We may not be able to change the position of dedicated anti-hunters but the large majority of non-hunters here in Idaho can and will be influenced by the image which hunters present.

With this thought in mind, perhaps now would be an appropriate time of the year to analyze our individual actions as hunters during the past year to determine how, in the coming year, we can enhance the image of the hunter.

An obvious step in building a favorable hunter image is for hunters to adhere to the laws and regulations set by the legislature and the Fish and Game. Few things can deteriorate support for hunters faster than reports of poaching.

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F&G threatens to cut water off to development

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Fish and Game Department has threatened to cut off water it allots to creeks in a high-priced housing development over failure by its homeowners to maintain fish-spawning habitat.

But members of the River Run homeowners association said the action was based on a misunderstanding and it's cooperating with the department to protect the creek as a unique brown trout fishery.

Small streams fed Loggers Creek later

River Run, a trendy Southeast Boise subdivision. For several years, River Run has been helping develop a brown trout fishery in them.

A May 1989 agreement between the River Run Development Company and Fish and Game said the water diverted from Loggers Creek was for fish and wildlife purposes during the winter. The homeowners' association later took over the pact.

Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley sent the association a letter Dec. 10 warning the department would stop diversion of

water from Loggers Creek unless an acceptable plan to restore their habitat was forthcoming in 14 days.

Conley said a contractor hired by the association removed grass and other non-shrubby vegetation by the creek this year, eliminating "vital streamside vegetative cover for juvenile fish."

Fish and Game Region 3 Supervisor Stacy Gebhardt said the letter was sent to get the homeowners' attention and the deadline was extended to 60 days.

Recent tests show no fish were found in

River Run channels where the vegetation was "manned," he said.

Ron Graves, a Boise lawyer who heads the association, said enforcement action resulted from a misunderstanding. He said the homeowners initially were unaware of the commitment to Fish and Game, and the agreement didn't contain standards for maintaining the vegetation.

Gebhardt said he expects the association and agency will end up with mutually acceptable plan for maintaining the vegetation.

Briefly

3 men fined \$17,000 for wildlife violation

BOISE — Three Washington men have been fined a total of \$17,000 for charges associated with killing a mountain lion out of season in Washington and then trying to pass it off as a legally taken animal in Idaho, federal officials say.

Maurice Ellsworth, U.S. attorney for Idaho, said Friday that John Wayne Rodius, Steven Lee Dziubak and Carl Winford Stump, all from the Shelton, Wash., area, were convicted of violating the federal Lacey Act, covering wildlife crimes.

Ellsworth said the three men killed the cougar out of season in Washington, then tried "laundering" it by tagging it with bogus Idaho tags. Ellsworth said "laundering" was necessary to get the "laundered" cat to Rodius, who is closely monitored by federal authorities.

Dziubak was sentenced Dec. 19 by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge to a \$5,000 fine, three years probation and loss of hunting privileges for that period. Stump also was fined \$2,000 with three years probation and loss of hunting privileges.

Ellsworth said Rodius was fined \$10,000 by Lodge on Tuesday, with five years probation and loss of hunting privileges. He said Rodius illegally killed the animal and negotiated sale of the "laundered" cat to Dziubak.

Sun Valley Trekking's Jones to conduct telemark lessons

TWIN FALLS — Bob Jones from Sun Valley Trekking will conduct telemark lessons at 11 a.m. Sunday on Magic Mountain.

A \$15 fee will be charge. More information may be obtained by calling Sports Country in Twin Falls.

Protest fails to faze trappers association regional director

GRANGEVILLE — An anti-trapping protest staged outside a fur sale in Grangeville has failed to faze an Idaho Trappers Association representative, as much as the fur industry's current slump.

Donald Jenni of Orofino, who served as the association's regional director until last year, said the women protesting the sale did not pose much of a threat.

"As far as I'm concerned, I don't care. I went out and tried to sell them some raffle tickets," Jenni said.

Protestor May Ann Davidson of Grangeville said the demonstration was intended to call attention to trapping. About 20 trappers attended the sale as fur buyers inspected the pelts and bid on them.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



The Idaho Department of Fish and Game doesn't plan to back down from an approved five-year management plan for elk.

Sportsmen oppose spike-only regulation in 5-year elk plan

The Associated Press

BOISE — Despite growing criticism, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has no plans to back down from an approved five-year management plan for elk.

There are certainly no plans to change it on our part," Herb Pollard, regional Fish and Game director in Idaho Falls, said. But Fish and Game Commissioner Lou Racine of Pocatello, who represents Region 5, was less definitive.

"I think there is a possibility that the commission will consider a moratorium on some of these plans," Racine said, referring to all the big game five-year management plans.

The five-year elk management plan has been under attack almost since it was passed by the Fish and Game Commission in October. Outfitters, ranchers and sportsmen all have voiced concerns.

The target of the complaints is a spike-only restriction in the elk plan that prohibits shooting branch-antlered bulls.

Criticism also has been leveled at the bear-baiting ban and changes in opening dates and season lengths for elk and deer.

The five-year plans for elk, deer, bear and mountain lion were a major topic of discussion by 50 sportsmen Wednesday night at the Region 6 Idaho Wildlife Council meeting in Idaho Falls. They called for the Fish and Game Commission to rewrite all the five-year big game management plans.

"There is no public support for the five-year plans and they do not reflect the inter-

ests of sportsmen in Idaho," said Kent Marlor, chairman of the Region 6 Idaho Wildlife Council. "They do not incorporate public input from sportsmen's groups."

Marlor will make his proposal to the commission at a public hearing Tuesday in Boise. The regular commission meeting is Wednesday.

During an emotional meeting Jan. 2 in Rexburg, more than 200 hunters criticized the spike-only rule and bear-baiting ban.

In the Pocatello area, the five-year management plans for both elk and deer are under attack by ranchers. Some southeastern Idaho landowners are signing petitions threatening to "close" more than 450,000 acres of private land to hunting if the management plans are not changed.

The ranchers' petition states in part that earlier big game starting dates and longer seasons proposed by Fish and Game make the season "longer than we are willing to tolerate people running over and through our property."

The spike-only restriction is the heart of the 1991-95 elk management plan. Spike elk are defined as yearling bulls with at least one antler longer than six inches and no branching on either antler, and still tolerate people running over and through our property.

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Study finds severely damaged fish habitat in Columbia Basin

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Man has naively done more harm than good to salmon and steelhead habitat in the Columbia River Basin over the past 50 years, according to a U.S. Forest Service study released Wednesday.

"In tributaries outside wilderness areas, 50 percent to 75 percent of the large pools now known to be critical for steelhead and salmon survival have been destroyed," the study found.

Researchers with the Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station, as well as those at the University of Washington, conducted the study.

The study came out as certain wild salmon runs are being considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act.

"The fact that there was such a decline in habitat surprised me and also the pervasiveness of the loss surprised me," James R. Sedell, one of scientists who put together the new study, said at a news conference. "We were very naive about what fish habitat was and how to manage it."

The Northwest Power Planning Council has estimated that salmon and steelhead populations in the Columbia River

Basin were between 10 million and 16 million before the region's extensive system of dams was built.

"The population is now thought to fluctuate between 2 million and 4 million, a decline of 60 percent to 87 percent."

There are fewer wild salmon and steelhead because they've been killed while going through dams, they've lost habitat and they've bred with hatchery stock.

Sedell said that in order for salmon and steelhead to thrive, tributaries must have deep pools, where spawning adults can rest and young fish and grow. Without deep pools, rivers and streams may dry up in a drought or freeze during cold weather and the fish are more vulnerable to predators and disease.

The pools are formed when trees and boulders fall into rivers or beavers build dams.

When the original study was done, the Columbia River Basin was crisscrossed with fallen logs, boulders and other natural obstructions that provided deep pools. Steelhead and salmon have the natural ability to get around or jump over such obstructions.

However, over the last fifty years, human activity near rivers has caused sedimentation.

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Fish and Game will conduct desert elk depredation hunt

By Larry Hovey Times-News writer

PICABO — The problem of having a desert elk herd sharing living space with civilization has necessitated a "rare" elk depredation hunt this winter.

Under the emergency legislation that allows the Fish and Game Department to conduct reduction hunts against nuisance animals, a 10-permit hunt began on the 80- to 100-head elk herd in the eastern portion of the Piabo Hills Monday.

Region 4 Wildlife Manager Graig Kvale said that while the Jerome office has received very few depredation complaints this year, the elk — believed an eastern expansion from the high prairie herd west of Magic Reservoir — have been particularly bothersome for Piabo area ranchers.

"We received complaints last spring and summer and since it is obvious we are experiencing an expansion of that herd there is little reason to believe these problems

will go away with the winter," he said.

He said current plans call for a series of five hunts, each with 10 antlerless permits, running through late February. However, if hunter success is higher than expected, the hunts will be curtailed.

"The goal is to reduce back the size of the herd," Kvale said in explaining the antlerless limitations. "In addition to landowner problems, our concern is that the Piabo (Hills) herd serve as winter range for mule deer. It has never been our aim to build an elk population there."

Kvale said the current warm spell has not helped permit holders in their quest.

"The first thing that happened is with moderating weather and the first sign of pressure, the elk left the problem areas and went into the hills."

He noted muddy and slushy roads plus an off-road vehicle closure invoked in the area by the Bureau of Land Management has severely limited a hunter's means of chasing the animals.

More owls found won't change management plan

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The northern spotted owl will continue to be considered an endangered species even though more of the birds than ever have been found in U.S. Bureau of Land Management forests.

"I probably won't change our management plan," said Bill Neitro, who coordinates spotted owl studies in Oregon for the BLM.

"I don't think it will change, the Fish and Wildlife Service concurs either," he said Monday. "Because it's the amount of habitat you have, and if you manage to reduce the habitat, that's the key."

Last year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife designated the northern spotted owl a threatened species due to the loss of its old-growth forest habitat to logging. The decision sent shock waves through the Northwest timber industry, because it means severe cutbacks in timber supplies from public lands.

The inventory of BLM forests in Western Oregon conducted last summer turned up 486 pairs of spotted owls and 329 young.

That compares with only 340 pairs and half as many young counted in 1989.

"They have good reproductive years and bad ones," Neitro said. "This is evidently a good one. It's certainly the highest number we've encountered in young."

The increased numbers are primarily due to more people looking for owls in more places, and represent only a small increase over the five-year average count of 431 pairs, Neitro said.

The results are well within current population estimates for the red-tailed owl, he added. Biologists have estimated 5,000 pairs of spotted owls from Washington to Northern California.

Neitro estimated BLM had covered 70 percent of its owl habitat, searching for spotted owls and individual BLM districts had covered 40 percent to 90 percent.

BLM lands form a checkerboard pattern mixed-in with private land west of the Cascade Range.

BLM also banded 362 spotted owls this year, more than ever before in a single year. The banding allows biologists to learn more about how long-spotted owls live, and where they go during their lives.

"Future banding and monitoring efforts will attempt to track spotted owl population trends over time," Neitro said. "Minimally, a 10-year time span must be studied in order to better understand the dynamics of the population."

The information will go into developing BLM's plans for managing spotted owl habitat, included in the agency's 10-year management plan due in 1992, and help the agency design timber sales. It will also be shared with the Fish and Wildlife Service, which is to prepare a spotted owl recovery plan.

Biologists will be back in the woods in April searching for more owls in more places, Neitro added. "We'll see whether we keep coming up with higher numbers," he said.



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Judge gives state go-ahead to continue killing bison

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge late Tuesday gave Montana permission to continue killing bison on the National Park, saying the slayings are warranted to keep disease from spreading to domestic livestock.

U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell's decision represented a second consecutive victory for the National Park Service's effort to keep the animals from being killed.

An attempt two years ago to get Lovell to order an end to the slaughter was denied and 569 bison were killed that winter by hunters and wardens from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, raising a national outcry.

"It's obvious that we've lost this round, but the fight is hardly over," vowed Wayne Pacelle, national director of the New York-based 200,000-member fund. "We will consider an appeal and we will certainly apply pressure by every other means possible to stop this 19th Century-style buffalo massacre."

Gov. Stan Stephens, who has tried to force the federal government to accept more responsibility for bison management, said Lovell's ruling substantiates the state's position and "an affirmation of the policy we have been applying."

"The ruling, he said in a statement, 'points out what we have said all along—it's a park problem. It sent a

strong signal to the Park Service that it is their problem."

K.L. Cool, wildlife agency director, said he believed the ruling was in the state's best interests but cautioned that "this case isn't completed yet."

Lovell said he would further explain his ruling at a later, unspecified date. Just last week, the U.S. Department of Agriculture rejected a request from Montana to issue a formal quarantine order to keep bison inside the park. Officials said such an order would be impractical and the ideal solution would be to wipe out the "pool" of disease carried by Yellowstone animals.

Lovell said, "the hunting and shooting of bison may continue under the interim plan," a reference to a proposal that includes the first-ever use of National Park Service rangers outside the park to kill trespassing bison.

The temporary plan calls for hunters, wardens and rangers to kill the bison, cows, calves and bulls once they cross into Montana. In some instances, calves would be captured and sterilized and then sold at public auction.

The final version of the plan, adopted two weeks ago, allows the department not to use citizen hunters in situations where the bison slayings would promote the interests of anti-hunting groups.

Dust off that old tackle box, and see you on the creek

It is wet, slippery and messy but it is definitely warmer.

We are in the midst of the traditional January thaw and after record cold of record duration, it is truly welcome.

The last day of duck season the fish were rolling in Snake River, begging for attention. The fly rods were home. I know I could have caught more fish than I could shoot ducks.

Do you even remember where you put your tackle?

Get out the box or the vest and rummage around and check your inventory. Pretty sorry sight for most of us, the dirty carry-all were so proud of in June needs a friend.

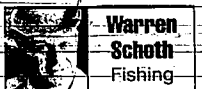
Shake out the old worms and salmon eggs or pull the warty files out of the fleece patch. If you got a new tackle box or fly vest for Christmas, do the honorable thing with your old one—shoot it and bury it with full honors.

Transfer the recyclable items to the new vest. Heft the new tackle box or pull out the fly vest and fight. You will feel off center, out of balance.

Most of us, the first time or two this happens, think it is because we discarded too much of the old tackle and set out for trash to recover some of last year's hooks—the ones with the petrified worms still attached.

We seem to recall that was the last half of the last worm of the last can on the final day of our previous season.

You see it isn't the physical weight of that stuff the new vest or tackle box is missing. It is the hours you spent with the old one. Nostalgia and memory have left and substance. Every angler knows that there is the only sport that allows the quarry to grow and prosper each day after its apparent physical demise. It is practically a religious experience how Sunday's trout grows be-



Warren Schöth Fishing

twice catching and Monday morning's coffee break.

Of course, an old experienced angler knows all of this but like all matters of faith, it requires occasional testing.

Therefore, temptation forces the fisherman down to the tackle store just to see if physical weight can add proper balance to what is spiritually missing.

Among the bright lights and temptations of a well-stocked tackle store, we anglers feel that faith may be renewed with proper questioning. Perhaps a professional explanation of our deficiencies.

"What's new?" triggers a whole natural cycle in the tackle store. The proprietor perks up and starts reading trade magazines, or he starts reading trade magazines to exotic cities like Billings, Denver, Idaho Falls. It becomes a drumbeat that cannot be silenced until something new is offered.

To silence the incessant query the tackle stores confuse the question and talk of fishing of going, doing and new hot spots or environmental threats to old ones.

Then and there the angler knows what is really wrong with the new vest or tackle box. They have no memories tucked into their revives and seams.

All the new tackle in the world will not put the right fit, feel and balance into the new item. It takes repetitive acts of faith to instill confidence. In articles of faith and to once more it is time to renew the cycle, to go fishing. See you on the creek.

Warren Schöth operates a fishingly business in Wendell.

Snowfall improves conditions for winter fun

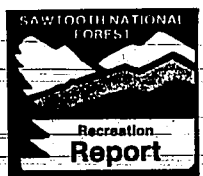
TWIN FALLS — Recent snowfall has improved conditions for winter fun on the Sawtooth National Forest.

However, strong winds accompanying the storm have deposited new snow on top of lighter layers which has created some pockets of moderate avalanche hazard on easterly and northeasterly exposures.

Winter recreationists are advised to keep aware of changing conditions and use good judgment when planning a backcountry trip. Check with the nearest Forest Service office for current conditions or call the 24-hour information number 622-8027 for a daily update on avalanche danger and forecasted weather conditions.

Fifteen inches of new snow fell on the Twin Falls Range district since the weekend. Magle Mountain Resort reports a top measurement of 50 inches with 42 inches at the lodge. The resort is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Call 423-6221 for more information on scheduled bus service.

Pomperelle Ski Area on Mt. Harris has received 10 additional



inches of snow bringing top snow depth to 80 inches. The resort is open Tuesday through Sunday. A telemark clinic will be held Saturday. For more information contact the resort at 638-5559.

Snowmobiling opportunities have improved on the Burley district. The cross country trails will be set by the weekend.

Soldier Mountain reports six inches of new snow. The area is open Wednesday through Sunday. The new snow report line is 764-SNW.

Fairfield district crews plan to groom the Soldier Creek and Lawrence Creek Nordic trails by the weekend. The Wells summit

and Couch summit roads are reported in good shape for snowmachines. Snowmobiling off roads on the district is rated marginal.

Six lifts are now in operation on Mt. Baldy with two lifts running on Dollar Mountain. Snow depth at the 9,000-foot elevation is 24 inches, 9 inches on the valley floor.

Smokey Bear will be skiing in the second annual Sterling Cup races Jan. 18-19 to benefit physically-challenged Idahoans. The races start at noon Saturday. Contact the Boulder Mountain Hotel at 726-5000 for more information.

Snowmobile trails on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area are being groomed and conditions are reported excellent. Baker Creek has been groomed as well as the trail from Stanley to Bear Valley. Over Galea Summit, the trails beginning at Smiley Creek are groomed to Stanley and Lower Stanley.

The cross country trail at Prairie Creek has been groomed, the trail from Prairie to Owl packed and packing has started on the Boulder Mountain trail.

Environmentalist fumes over campfires along shores

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Shireene Sementi burns every time she discovers that somebody has made a campfire on the shore of a lake or stream.

She's an environmental health specialist. She knows that ash left on beaches washes into streams. That carries phosphorus into water, promoting algal growth and speeding

lake decline.

The seemingly harmless act, burning along a shore, is one of the many ways people unknowingly contribute to the deterioration of Panhandle lakes, she says.

"We would make an awful lot of headway if people understand how their actions affect the lake," Sementi, project coordinator for the

Idaho Clean Lakes Coordinating Council.

Builders don't recognize that runoff from their construction sites damages lakes, she said. Lakeside homeowners don't know the fertilizer they put on their yards end up feeding algae in the water. And campers don't realize that washing their hair in the water adds pollution.

Fish

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ment to build up and fill in these pools, thereby reducing the availability of trees and boulders that might form new ones.

Logging, agriculture and construction of roads and houses have all contributed to the problem, Sedell said.

Ignorance about fish habitat also added to the problem, he said.

In the past, Forest Service workers typically removed trees that had fallen into rivers. In recent years, the

Forest Service and others have gone so far as to anchor logs and boulders in streams to create pools.

The reduction in the number of pools varied throughout the basin.

For example, the number of large pools on the South Fork of Catherine Creek off the Grande Ronde River was 17.6 per mile in 1941 and 2.4 in 1990, an 85 percent change.

The South Fork of the McKenzie River off the Willamette River had an 82 percent reduction. The Lewis

and Clark River had a 60 percent reduction.

"In summary, relatively unharvested subbasins in the Columbia River Basin in 1937 had frequencies of large pools exceeding 15 percent," the study said. "The present pool frequency in these streams averages less than seven per mile."

Areas examined by the inter-study were the Middle Fork Salmon River, Grande Ronde River, Willamette River, Lewis and Clark River and Yakima River.

Elk

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The five-year elk plan also calls for a 10- to 15-day season tentatively set to begin Oct. 15. The changes in the season correspond to changes in the opening dates of the deer season.

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Polford said the spike-only regulation is a compromise in the best interest of both the hunters and the elk population, especially on the Targhee National Forest where thousands of acres of elk habitat have

been lost to logging.

"We wouldn't have made this proposal if we didn't feel like it was the best way to help people more hunting days while still helping the elk population," he said.

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Bill assuming most of us have faithfully followed the legal hunting guidelines, let us look at actions which, though legal and within the rights of hunters, serve to turn non-hunters off our treasured sport. Most non-hunters who live in Idaho have a special affection for the wild animals which populate the state. They may not object to the hunting of these animals, but they will often be offended if bagged game is treated with disrespect. This could be in the form of a bloody silk head tied to the roof of a pickup truck as it passes through town or pheasants tossed in a heap in the back of a pickup.

I am reminded of a recent incident in which beer cans were impaled on a deer's antlers. This action—any action that humiliates or humiliates the animal—has been taken in Idaho recently, but the non-hunters who live in Idaho have a special affection for the wild animals which populate the state. They may not object to the hunting of these animals, but they will often be offended if bagged game is treated with disrespect. This could be in the form of a bloody silk head tied to the roof of a pickup truck as it passes through town or pheasants tossed in a heap in the back of a pickup.

The graphic conversation of kills in the company of non-hunters can often produce a negative impression of hunters. Few individuals will object to hearing that you have taken a nice buck, but a detailed description of the exit wound will have the opposite effect.



On more than one occasion I have overheard conversations by hunters in the grocery line that I found offensive. What often adds to the impact of such indelicate conversation is the dress of the individuals involved. I observed a hunter paying for his groceries with bloody hands while bragging of his success. I thought not a witty, such actions are insensitive and offensive.

The exhibition of firearms can also damage the image of a responsible hunter. Wearing a handgun into a store may be legal, but does little to promote a favorable image of hunting.

people who may not be hunters. What they find and see as a result of hunting can go along way in forming their opinion on hunting.

I remember seeing an abandoned hunting camp just 25 yards from the road which contained a pile of 24 deer legs, no doubt left as a monument to the departed hunters' skills. Imagine the impression such a sight would leave on anyone stopping to spend a night in the great outdoors.

Again these types of actions are not illegal and they do fall within the rights of individual behavior. But the consequences of such exhibition of personal rights may be the eventual loss of support of non-hunters whose political power may be used to determine the future of hunting in Idaho.

So take a few minutes and scrutinize your own actions as a hunter during the past season, to determine if there are any that can be modified to better promote the favorable image of hunters and our sport.

We may feel that hunting is a right, but we may lose it if we do not treat it as a privilege.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding-High School.

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Features

Electronics show features gadgets galore

By John Amiczak
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Need to jot a note but you don't have a pen? Toll your wrist watch. Tired of never being in your own home videos because you're operating the camera? Turn on your ultrasonic belt transmitter.

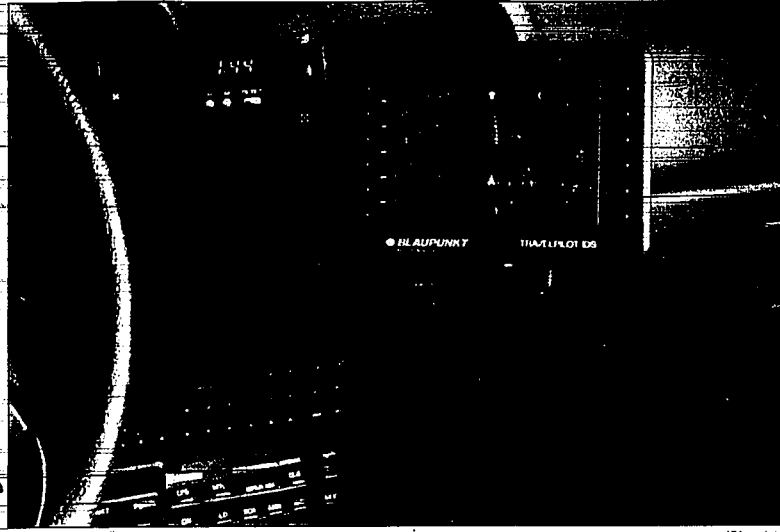
The 1991 winter Consumer Electronics Show offers among 300,000 square feet of displays a few products to pique the interest of a generation that might be on the verge of becoming blasé about amazing little electronic boxes.

The wrist-mounted ChatterBox, promoted at the four-day show that began Thursday, can record voice messages up to 15 seconds long on memory chips and then play them back on demand.

For the other wrist there is Saitick Ltd.'s Sunwatch, which can be programmed with the wearer's skin type and protection factor of a sun screen lotion. It monitors intensity of ultraviolet light and indicates when "safe sun time" has expired.

A gizmo that will tug at camcorder enthusiasts is In The Picture. The device mounts between a tripod and a video camera and tracks the signal from a transmitter on a subject's belt, making the camera follow the signal.

For the audiophile with any space left on the rack, the Kenwood Co. is showing a prototype of a home compact disc changer that records on blank discs. The blanks can only be recorded once, but unlike other recording CD systems these discs can be played on any CD player. Professional sys-



Please see GADGETS/D7. Blaupunkt Bosch Telecom Introduced TravelPilot, a vehicle navigation system at the Consumer Electronics Show.

Incentives help small businesses

If you own a small business, there's a good chance that you are eligible for a Small Business Administration guaranteed loan of up to \$750,000. In fact, you may be eligible if you're planning to start up such a business.



Sylvia Porter
Finances

The SBA doesn't itself lend the money. Instead, you borrow from an ordinary lending institution. The SBA then guarantees that the loan will be repaid.

Unfortunately, the softening economy may make your bank less willing to lend to you. Or it may find it unprofitable to make a loan in the small amount you require.

Because the vitality of small-business is essential to economic recovery, the SBA is putting in place incentives to encourage your lender. There is a 2 percent guarantee fee in a small-business loan. The banker now is allowed to keep half of that. In recent weeks the agency has proposed also that lenders be permitted to charge slightly higher interest for loans under \$50,000.

What are the rules governing SBA loan guarantees? One that you invest in your own business, much like the down payment required on a home mortgage or auto loan. This usually is from one-third to one-half the value of the business.

If you're borrowing to expand an existing business, you must show that you do not have back taxes that the business makes money; and that the loan will not put you over the company's head in debt.

What doesn't seem like a small business to you qualifies as one in the eyes of the SBA. Some manufacturers, for example, may employ up to 1,000 people and still be considered "small."

But not all businesses qualify. The SBA does not guarantee loans to businesses that form or affect public opinion. Nor can you get an SBA-guaranteed loan to speculate in real estate or securities, open a bank or become a partner in a business.

Does your business — or the business you hope to start — qualify? There's a simple and inexpensive way to find out.

A nonprofit organization, the National Business Association, in cooperation with the SBA, has produced what it calls First Step Review. This is a computer program that you or your accountant can run. It is easy to use. All you need to do is answer questions that flash on the screen.

After you've run the program, it gives you a score of zero to 100. While the organization makes no guarantees, the rule of thumb is that if your score is 70 or above, it's probably worth your while to apply. The chances of your application request being granted are good (the SBA approved 19,000 loans worth billions of dollars in the 12 months ended last Sept. 30).

You then make formal application. In this, the SBA wants to know many of the things your banker will ask. The purpose, of course, is to be reasonably sure that the loan will be repaid.

If you're serious about going into or remaining in business, then you already have a business plan. You need to demonstrate:

- Your projected profits and losses.
- What you expect your cash flow to be.
- The market for the goods or services you will offer, and your "niche" for believing you'll appeal to that market.
- Your qualifications for running such a business, or the qualifications of those you've hired to help you run it.
- Why you need the money.

Be prepared to provide both personal and business financial information.

Characteristics of loans are tied to the prime rate and are for terms that vary, based on the purpose of the loan. Working capital must be repaid in from five to seven years, equipment loans can be for as long as 10 years, and loans for a new plant or the property on which to put it can run for as much as 25 years.

To get a free copy of First Step Review, drop a note to the National Business Association, P. O. Box 870728, Dallas, Tex. 75287, or phone the NBA at (800) 456-0440.

The NBA has a variety of services to aid small businesses, from helping to get government insurance rates for even very small businesses to providing help in business planning and management. You may want to ask about these services as well.

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of interest to consumers. Her columns appear in the consumer finance and business sections of The Times-News.

Electronics industry used to shaking off recessions

By Robert Macy
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Recession and the threat of war present a "challenging" but not unprecedented set of circumstances for the consumer electronics industry, delegates to the giant Consumer Electronics Show were told last week.

The recession of 1981-82 raised similar questions about how long it would take the industry to recover. "It indeed would recover at all," said Richard A. Kraft, president of Matsushita Electric Corp. of America.

"We had our fair share of doubting Thomases who told us that recovery would be very slow and that in the '80s we couldn't hope to equal the records we had set in the previous decade," Kraft said in a keynote address.

But the industry shook off the effects of the severe two-year recession and proved

doubters wrong, Kraft said. "One new electronic product after another created demand that hadn't even been dreamed of in the previous decade," he said at the opening session of the winter show.

The convention is a parade of high-tech electronics, gizmos and gadgets that consumers will find on store shelves in the spring and summer months.

Products on display range from tiny accessories to huge multiroom custom audio and video systems, as well as car audio products, car and home security systems, TVs, VCRs, home computers, fax machines, telephones and cellular products.

The show, which runs through Sunday, is expected to draw a record 1,584 exhibitors whose wares will cover nearly 20 acres of exhibition space at the city's convention center and four hotels. In all, 70,000 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers are expected to attend.

Show promoters have expressed hope that the recession and the threat of war in the Persian Gulf will not put a damper on the twice-a-year show.

Kraft echoed that sentiment. "From walking the show floor this morning I can assure you that, despite the discouraging news we are hearing, the level of confidence in the long-term prospects for our economy is strong here in Las Vegas — in fact, probably a lot stronger than it is in Washington right now," Kraft said in prepared remarks.

"But then again that's nothing new," Kraft said. "Political leaders often have trouble focusing on the long-term picture."

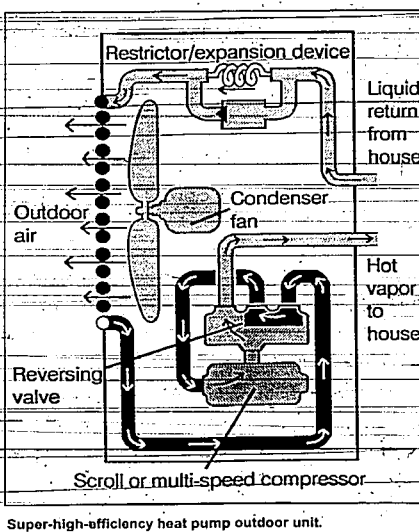
Kraft admitted consumers and businesses have been cautious about spending on electronics this past selling season. The industry's double-digit growth of the mid-1980s has slowed to 3 percent to 4

percent a year, according to industry officials, who said sales totaled \$33 billion in 1990.

But Kraft said consumers were cautious about buying nearly everything — from housing and automobiles to electronics.

"Uncertainty over the economy and falling housing prices in many previously booming areas have left many American consumers feeling poorer and more reluctant to spend," Kraft said. "And of course, the shadow of war in the Middle East has added to these concerns our worries for the safety of our fighting men and women in that region. This is a challenging but not unprecedented set of circumstances."

Kraft said, however, personal savings are rising and Americans are becoming thrifter, building nest eggs in the process. "These consumers are postponing spending until the economic outlook begins to look rosier," he said. "When this pent-up demand is uncorked, watch out."



Super-high-efficiency heat pump outdoor unit.

New heat pumps can cut bills for heating, air-conditioning

Q. I need to get a new super-high-efficiency heat pump to lower my sky-high electric bills. I also want one that is quiet and reliable. What types are available? What do all the heat pump terms mean? G.Y.



James Dullely
Cut your utility bill

A. Switching to a super-high-efficiency heat pump can cut your heating and air-conditioning bills by 30 percent or more. Some can provide \$3 worth of heat for each \$1 you pay your electric company. Many of the new designs use special compressors and "infolots" that are very quiet and reliable.

The most recent innovation is the scroll compressor design for heat pumps. Scroll compressors operate differently with very few moving parts. Without the reciprocating pistons and hardware of a standard compressor, scroll compressors are quieter.

As these few scroll parts wear over years of operation, they actually seal and operate smoother than when they were new. They are very reliable and should continue to operate at high efficiency levels as they age.

Some of the "highest-efficiency" heat pumps use two-speed or variable-speed compressors and blowers to fine tune the heat output to your house's changing requirements. This not only saves electricity, but it improves your comfort level. Special high-efficiency fan motors are used.

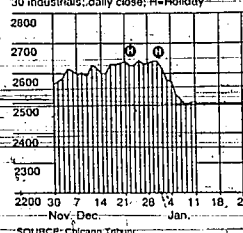
On milder days, or on sunny winter afternoons, the heat pump runs at the slower speed. Therefore, it doesn't have to cycle on and off as often as a single-speed compressor. This reduces overall inefficiencies. It also reduces temperature fluctuations in your home and provides more run time for your furnace-mounted air cleaner or filter.

Even if you now have a gas or oil furnace, you may consider installing a heat pump instead of just a central air conditioner. Depending on your local electric rates, it may be less expensive to operate a heat pump than your furnace during milder weather. Always have a contractor do a payback analysis before purchasing any new system.

Several of the common heat pump terms you will encounter are: Coefficient of Performance (COP), Heating Season Performance Factor (HSPF), and Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER). The COP compares the heat output of a heat pump to that of an electrical-resistance used.

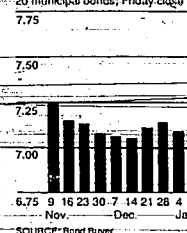
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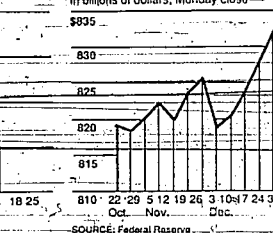
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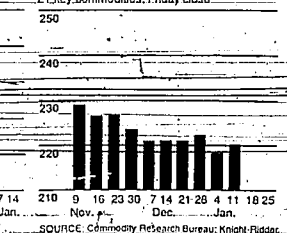
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SOURCE: Commodity Research Bureau; Knight-Ridder

Look for driest wood available

BBB Staff
Q. How can you tell if you got a real cord of wood?
 A. A standard cord of wood is defined as a well stacked pile of logs 8 feet by 4 feet by 4 feet. This is the equivalent of 128 cubic feet of wood and weighs about 2 tons. Wood is usually cut into desired lengths and sent as a "face cord" or "2-foot face cord." Be sure to understand which type of cord is being purchased and at what price. If you buy firewood by the weight, look for the driest wood available. There is no point in paying for extra water weight. Inquire of your neighbors if they are satisfied with the wood. The Better Business Bureau to check to see if we have any complaints. We do not keep records on people's names so unless there is a business name, it's better to ask around from people you know before buying.



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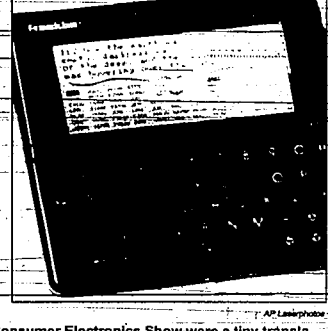
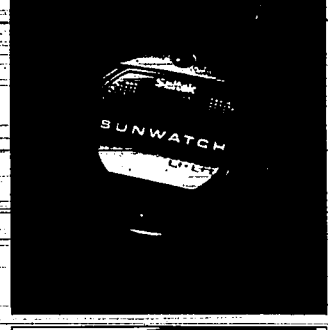
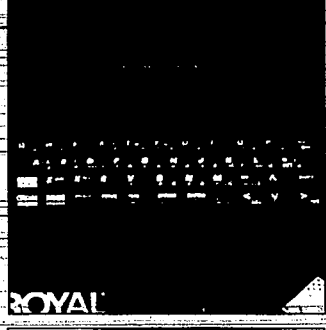
there may be a major problem that needs to be fixed before all power is lost.

Q. Have you heard of any zany complaints in 1990?
 A. Yes, we have a few. A company offered an all-terrain vehicle as a prize. It turned out to be a lawn chair on wheels. An ad said "Solar Clothes Dryer—easy to assemble, saves energy, \$10." The company was selling clothes lines. Then there was the lady who wanted a muffler shop to pay her more than \$800 for her car that had died of carbon monoxide poisoning. She didn't tell the Better Business Bureau that she had left the car locked in the trunk of the car while work was being done on the car's exhaust system!

In their publication, Do we have to answer them?
 A. Not unless you desire to do so. The American Veterans Magazine is sending unauthorised invoices to businesses in Idaho for advertising in their publication. The BBB advises bookkeepers to watch out for this company and similar operations.

Q. I seem to always be resetting the digital clocks around my house. Are they as reliable as the older clocks used to be?
 A. There can be tiny interruptions in the electrical current caused by interference from a tree limb, a curious animal or even the weather, and these are enough to set your digital clocks flashing. Power supply equipment usually resets itself after these split-second interruptions. However, if your clocks are on the blink repeatedly during nice weather, call the power company. It means

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Among the gadgets that surfaced at this year's Consumer Electronics Show were a tiny translator, upper left, a watch that helps you measure the amount of sun you receive, upper right, handheld video games, lower left, and a palm-sized electronic Bible, lower right.

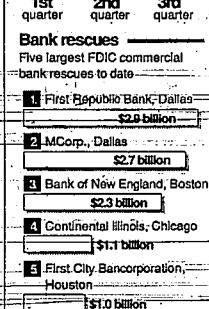
Banking system raises calls for reform

By Janet L. Fix
 Knight-Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA—Not since the Great Depression has America's banking system been so weak, says Lawrence Mason, who at age 71 fears history is about to repeat itself. "I'm scared," the Philadelphia bank customer said. "If you can't trust banks, where can you turn? A tin can in the garden?" Because the banking system depends upon the confidence of savers like Mason, politicians, regulators and bankers are calling for an overhaul of how banks operate, how they are regulated and how their deposits are insured.

1990 bank income declines

The income of U.S. banks decreased in the first three quarters in 1990, primarily due to losses in real estate investments. Quarterly net income of FDIC-insured banks, in billions:



Bank rescues
 Five largest FDIC commercial bank rescues to date:

- 1 First Republic Bank, Dallas — \$2.8 billion
- 2 MCorp., Dallas — \$2.7 billion
- 3 Bank of New England, Boston — \$2.3 billion
- 4 Continental Illinois, Chicago — \$1.1 billion
- 5 First City Bancorporation, Houston — \$1.0 billion

SOURCE: Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., American Banking Association

But tinkering with a system largely unchanged for five decades could mean more bank to the edge and further shake the consumer confidence the system's built on. "It's the wrong time (to reform) because there's already too much uncertainty and worry," warns Anthony Terraciano, chairman of First Fidelity Bancorp. of Lawrenceville, N.J., New Jersey's largest banking company.

There may be no choice. Here's why:—The nation's 12,400 banks, confined by laws restricting interbanking and inefficiently splitting the available business to many ways. There are 50 banks in the United States per 1 million population compared to 1.2 banks per 1 million in Japan, or 2.5 banks per 1 million in Canada and 9.7 banks per 1 million in Italy. More than 900 banks have failed since 1985, double the number that failed between 1924—when deposit insurance was created—and 1979.

The fund that insures \$2-trillion in bank deposits is at an all-time low: It contains only 45 cents for every \$100 insured in banks. Federal law says the fund should have \$1.25 per \$100 in deposits. —If 180 banks with assets of \$70 billion fail next year as projected—by regulators—the fund would be left with only \$4 billion—about 18 cents for every \$100 insured.

Even the \$4 billion could be wiped out if a recession hits harder and lasts longer than is expected. —So if all that stands between depositors and potential disaster is a sinking insurance fund, and their faith in the banking system, is it time to stash your cash in the mattress?

No, is the unanimous verdict. Although the banking system is hurting, it's far from dead. And any reform should make it stronger, analysts say. Indeed, the full faith and credit of the federal government has always stood behind depositors who have accounts of up to \$100,000 and sometimes more.

"There's no reason for the public to be alarmed," said Paul Getman, economist with Regional Financial Association in West Chester, Pa. "People believe—and rightly so—that the government will back their deposits."

"If something calamitous were to happen, if a major bank were to go under the tubes," the government is on the hook." —Of course, that would leave taxpayers—already saddled with a \$130 billion-plus tab for rescuing the nation's thrift industry—stuck with the bill. Which is why bank reform has taken on a sense of urgency. —By all accounts, the nation's banks are in better shape than the savings and loans were when they crashed.

For one thing, the banking industry as a whole is still profitable. Banks will continue to be safe—as long as something is done now to help banks, experts say.

"We have to reform the system to prevent a crisis similar to that which hit the savings and loan industry," said Jeremy J. Siegel, professor of finance at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. "But in the short run, reforms may involve more pain at a time when the industry is fragile or is doing poorly."

Of course, there's always the risk that political meddling could make the system worse. "The industry needs to be reorganized, but are the politicians going to say, 'You guys made a mess of things, so we'll restrict you death'?" said Roger Hillis, chairman of Meritor Savings Bank.

Small steps already have been taken by regulators to shore up the industry, but at a cost to already slim bank profits. Regulators have required banks to strengthen by 1992 their capital base, the cushion used to cover potential losses from loans or other investments. Regulators also are thinking up ways to force banks that make the riskiest loans to pay more for insurance or set aside more in capital to cover their extra risk.

But it's hard right now for bankers to raise extra cash for capital: With bank stocks depressed, banks find it hard to entice investors to buy new shares.

Last month, R. Dan Brumbaugh Jr., an economist who wrote "Thrills Under Siege," told the House banking committee that the bank insurance fund was "in an economic sense insolvent today."

The bank insurance fund will bring in only \$29 billion to \$32 billion over the next three years, under the current schedule for fees from banks, but cleaning up failed banks in that period could require \$43 billion, he said.

One option is for the FDIC to make banks pay higher insurance premiums: 23 cents for every \$100 in deposits, which would inject \$130 billion into the fund, according to L. William Seidman, chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which runs the deposit insurance fund. That's up 18 percent from the rate of 19.5 cents per \$100 in deposits that banks will have to pay starting Jan. 1.

While banks were hit with an additional one-time fee of \$1 for every \$100 in domestic deposits, the fund could raise \$24 billion extra, Seidman said.

Gadgets

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 tems are already being sold overseas to radio stations, but Kenwood did not indicate when the home unit might be marketed.

NEC is featuring TurboExpress, a handheld portable video game that is compatible with a home system.

Royal is exhibiting a Travel Translator, which translates travel-related words and sentences in six languages—English, Spanish, French, German, Italian and Dutch.

The industry's winter show at the Las Vegas Convention Center had more than 1,500 exhibitors. Major trends were obvious in huge displays of so-called home theater products and home office devices.

In addition, it clearly demonstrated the explosion of cellular telephones and accessories. The sponsoring Electronics Industries Association noted that cellular exhibition sales had increased 50 percent over last winter's show.

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"The industry experienced double-digit growth in the mid-1980s. Growth has slowed to 3 percent to 4 percent a year, industry officials report, producing \$33 billion in sales in 1990."

Like Kraft, exhibitors also are optimistic.

George Kunz, representative of electronics distributor Viatech Ltd., showed off an Italian-made Roman-Cyrillic typewriter that switches between the two alphabets with the push of a button. It could do well at about \$800 retail, he suggested.

"Today, with connections with Eastern Bloc countries, I think there will be a lot of use," he said.

Yugo owners most likely to let passengers light up

Knight-Ridder News Service

Here's a tip for your two-pack-a-day types: Don't take a drive in your friend's Bimmer. You might have a nicotine fix before you get where you are going.

BMW and Saab owners, it turns out, are the most anti-smoking car owners, according to a new study by the automotive marketing gurus at J.D. Power & Associates, based in Health-Crested California.

The firm said 84 percent of the BMW and Saab owners surveyed didn't allow folk to light up in their cars. Other big non-smoking nameplates: Mercedes-Benz, Volkswagen, Porsche and Audi.

The most permissive drivers were Yugo owners, with about 50 percent allowing in-car smoking. Others high on the list of those permitting puffing: Hyundai, Isuzu, Chrysler, Dodge and Plymouth.

Overall, owners of European cars were the most against smoking, with 78 percent forbidding smoking; owners of Asian cars came next, with 72 percent saying no; and do-

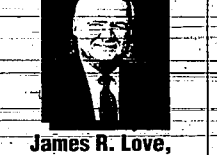
estic car owners were last with 68 percent.

More than 23,000 car owners responded to the survey, which also asked about smoking accessories in cars. J.D. Power said 55 percent would prefer cars equipped with something other than lighters, and 53 percent said they wanted something other than ashtrays.

Only 31 percent of respondents allow smoking in their car at all. Among those who do allow smoking, the most permissive owners also tended to be the youngest ones.

The Power organization, known mostly for its influential surveys of car quality and customer satisfaction, asked the smoking questions as part of a larger survey, says spokesman Bill Ferraro. It only released the smoking info because the PR department found it intriguing, he says.

Financial Directions



James R. Love, CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER

Money Answers

Q: I'm single, 39 and have inherited \$10,000. How should I invest it?

A. Before you invest, pay any consumer debts because consumer interest isn't tax deductible next year. Next, establish an emergency fund—enough to cover three months of living expenses in case you get laid off. Invest that cash in funds such as balanced funds, which generally keep a portion of their portfolios in bonds as a cushion against market downturns.

Q: I have a small business with one employee. I'd like to start a modest retirement fund for him. Any suggestions on how to do it?

A. Your easiest option is probably a Simplified Employee Pension Plan, a type of individual retirement account that allows the employer to contribute as much as 15% of the employee's salary or \$30,000, whichever is less. SEPs are fairly easy to administer, and you're not required to make a contribution each year. The plan must extend to most employees, however, so you should consider that provision if you plan to expand.

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 furnace. This can be as high as three times as much as the same amount of electricity usage.

The HSPF is another more comprehensive measure of heating efficiency. It takes into account the startup inefficiencies, defrost losses, etc., for a typical house. SEER is similar to HSPF, but for the cooling operation.

Now the water from the shower does not feel as warm as before. Can the showerhead make the water cooler? E.R.

A. Some designs of low-flow shower heads produce extremely small droplets to get a forceful spray. This can result in cooler water, but at a waste of energy. A smaller droplet has greater surface area for its volume than a larger droplet. Therefore, it cools off quicker in the air before it gets to your body.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

Richard G. Irwin

RENTING OUT YOUR HOME

QUESTION: What are the tax consequences involved in renting out my home?

ANSWER: Your home becomes a business if you rent it. The costs of running the property are subtracted from the net to determine the net income from the "operation" just as you would in any other business. Among the expenses that can be charged off are interest on the mortgage, maintenance and repairs, agent's fees, utilities, if you pay them, insurance premiums, annual depreciation and improvements. Tax-wise, renting out your home is a win-win game, especially when it comes time to sell. I suggest you put your return in the hands of a good accountant.

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THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Curtis Smith



Joe: "I can't decide whether to go to a mild radiator or a palm reader."
No: "Better make it a palm reader. You know you have a palm."

Our friend had the ceiling panel removed from his car. He got tired of running to the garage all night to answer it.

If there really is reincarnation, do you have to return the insurance money?

You can assure your dog on the right track if it's uphill.

Chicken to another: "If you cross the road, everyone will want to know why."

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