

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Increasing clouds with light winds and highs in the 30s. Lows tonight near 20.
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Bomb scares

County officials found a homemade explosive device in the parking lot of the Twin Falls County Courthouse Tuesday, while federal officials reported no new leads on mysterious explosion at an electrical substation near Jackpot in November.
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Rare winter visitors

For the first time — thanks to transplanting — the Snake River and the Bruneau Sand Dunes State Park area are wintering 133 rare trumpeter swans.
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There's a possibility the federal government might allow Idaho to employ zone duck hunting, providing the optimum hunting dates for the state's cold-weather and open-water areas.
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It's time to start thinking about taxes again and *The Times-News* provides advice on financial planning and information to make filling out your federal income tax return a little easier.

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Khafji battle in 2nd day



A Saudi army tank sits at the southern entrance to the town of Khafji, scene of heavy fighting Wednesday and Thursday. Smoke rises from a burning Iraqi armored vehicle.

Iraqi enemy emerges from dunes, turning war into personal combat

Los Angeles Times
— EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA — It was no longer an enemy off in the distant dunes, lobbing occasional artillery shells; no longer a high-altitude Nintendo War. Marines looked down the 30-foot-long cannon barrels of advancing Soviet-built tanks. And they heard the roar of guns. For them, the opening moment of the great ground war was upon them. Never mind later assessments that this was an Iraqi reconnaissance in force, a challenge, a probe, an attempt to lure U.S. forces into Kuwait. For these first hours, the tanks and vaulted battle-hardened army of Saddam Hussein bore down, and the 1st and 2nd Marine Divisions were locked in the kind of the close-in combat

that is the specialty, the glory, of the Corps. TOW missiles, the wire-guided tank killers, exploded from light-armored vehicles in the Marine positions. Artillery roared from behind. And overhead, the ugly ducklings of the Air Force, the A-10 Thunderbolt, also known as the Warthog, raced into action alongside Cobra helicopter gunships laden with rocket pods. This moonlight night, the aircraft were not cruising the skies to kill Iraqi "Scud" missiles. They were defending territory miles into friendly Saudi Arabia. Few had anticipated that the opening battle would find the U.S. Marines and Arab troops from Saudi Arabia and Qatar on the defense, and Hussein's trench fighters on the move. In the spinning, surreal black-and-white shadows, amid blinding yellow flashes of

shellfire, the first dozen Marines of the Persian Gulf war fell, and thousands more forgot all about the question that had nagged them for so long: How would they handle battle? To handle it at all left no time to think about answering questions. There were other surprises, too, in the battle. The Marines reported that the first Iraqi tanks of the attack drove toward Saudi positions with their turrets reversed, as if to surrender. All along the coalition front lines, troops have been alerted to watch for demoralized Iraqi troops seeking to defect. By the time the Iraqis met the Marines, though, the long cannons had been rotated to point forward. An American officer issued a deadpan announcement: "They have engaged the Saudis in combat, and we're going to kill them." Please see SCENE/A2

Knight-Ridder News Service

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Saudi-led troops launched a second assault to dislodge Iraqi forces from a deserted border town early Thursday after enemy rockets fired forced allied soldiers, including some U.S. Marines, into retreat. The battle for Khafji — an oil boom town and beach resort about 11 miles south of the Kuwait border — was the last in a 24-hour series of Iraqi attacks inside the Saudi border. Twelve U.S. Marines were killed in the battles; two other Marines were wounded, and two U.S. Army soldiers were reported missing. U.S. Marines said some Saudi soldiers had made it deep into the center of Khafji early Thursday Saudi time — after a 15-hour firefight — but they were driven off by Iraqi fire. The allies regrouped and mounted a second assault.

After a day of fighting, witnesses said Iraqi forces remained in control of Khafji. The status of Khafji is still in question, a U.S. Marine spokesman said. One media pool dispatch said Iraq was pouring reinforcements into the area. During the battle, two Army soldiers apparently took a wrong turn in their truck and drove into the town. They came under heavy fire by Iraqi soldiers, which caused the truck to crash into a wall. The U.S. soldiers were seen running away; but a dramatic rescue attempt by a Marine squad failed.

Despite the occasionally fierce fighting — involving planes, tanks, U.S. artillery, Iraqi rockets and small-arms fire by both sides — allied commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf insisted the occupation was not a military victory because Khafji had not been defended. Schwarzkopf said the Iraqi invaders lost 24 tanks in addition to 15 vehicles. Pilots reported hitting 41 tanks, although they were not all verified, he said. The U.S. losses were light considering the size of the engagement, he added.

Other U.S. commanders said Iraqi losses were heavy.

U.S. commander's assessment

The Associated Press

Here are highlights of Wednesday's briefing in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, by Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the U.S. commander of Operation Desert Storm:

AIR SUPREMACY: Two weeks of bombing raids have forced Iraq to abandon centralized control of its air defense.

SORTIES: 30,000 missions, including combat, reconnaissance, refueling, escort, support.

LOSSES: 19 allied aircraft. IRAQI AIR FORCE HARDENED SHELTERS: More than 70 destroyed.

OTHER IRAQI FACILITIES: Allied forces destroyed all of Iraq's nuclear reactors, half of its biological warfare plants, and chemical storage and production sites.

ALLIED FORCES: Passed a half-million, the highest level yet.

IRAQI NAVAL FORCES: 46 Iraqi ships sunk or disabled.

The Gulf War

A look at the next phase of the land war in the desert — A3

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Marines take island off Kuwait — A3

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Iraqis answer phone call to Khafji — A4

Debate focuses on Wood River use

By Anita Dennis
Times-News writer

BOISE — Blaine County may get a state-mandated minimum stream flow in the Big Wood River, but questions were raised at a legislative hearing Wednesday over whether there is enough water to go around.

The state Senate Resources and Environment Committee heard testimony from several people on setting a minimum flow for two stretches of the Big Wood to preserve wildlife, water quality, aesthetics and recreational use.

Blaine County applied for the minimum flow rights through the Idaho Water Resources Board, and the Legislature can approve or deny the application. If the

Legislature doesn't act, the rights are granted. Committee Chairman Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, put off the committee's vote until Friday, when more testimony may be heard.

Concerns over the relation of surface flow to ground water, the impact of the proposed minimum flow on irrigation and future domestic development and municipal use, and whether the river water is already spoken for dominated the discussion.

"I see it's over-appropriated," said Reid Newby, the river's water master. And water currently only flows down the lower stretch of the river channel at 109 cubic feet per second, he said.

The county wants a minimum flow of 200 cfs in the

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Gorbachev, military sharing power

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is no longer in complete control of his government and is, in effect, sharing power with the military, according to knowledgeable Soviet officials.

In private conversation during Foreign Minister Alexander A. Bessmertnykh's visit to Washington this week, one source told *The Associated Press* the Soviet president "can't make decisions on his own and expect them to be carried out."

"Gorbachev is not completely in control," said the source, who is well placed to observe Kremlin decision-making.

The source said the military high command is pressing

Gorbachev to go along with a nationwide crackdown to restore order in the crisis-torn country. Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov, who is generally viewed as loyal to the president and supportive of his reforms, is not necessarily among those urging the Soviet president to get tough, this source said.

The crackdown has ranged from bloody assaults on separatist government facilities in the Baltics to giving the KGB blanket authority to search foreign and domestic business offices for black-market activities.

A second Soviet official, also speaking on condition he not be identified, said the creation of the new law has become the single highest priority for the Kremlin, taking precedence over the political, economic and foreign

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Oh, say, can she sing the anthem?

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robert Goulet forgot the words; Rosanne Barr should have.

But Whitney Houston's rousing Super Bowl version of "The Star-Spangled Banner" could turn the notoriously difficult national anthem into a Top 40 smash.

"The calls have come in from all over the country. Radio stations have called in. The public has called in. The switchboard here was jammed for two days," said Arista Records President Clive Davis.

Houston's version, riding the patriotic fervor of a nation at war, has been released to hundreds of radio stations around the country. It may also be released to the public as a single, with a portion of the profits going to charity, Davis said.

Houston's much-praised rendition is the exception, not the rule, when it comes to warbling the anthem.

The difficult song with taxing high notes has proved more troublesome than triumph for many who performed it in the past — a red, white and blue-faced bunch which includes Goulet, Barr, Johnny Paycheck and Willie Nelson, to name a few.

"I'm the French-Swift Key Kew when he penned the poem 177 years ago that," *The Star-Spangled*

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Weather

NATIONAL WEATHER

The Accu-WeatherSM forecast for noon, Thursday, Jan. 31.

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

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IDAHO Weather

Thursday, Jan. 31
Accu-WeatherSM forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures.

COEUR D'ALENE 39°
LEWISTON 41°
BOISE 37°
IDAHO FALLS 32°
TWIN FALLS 38°
POCAHONTO 34°

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	61	56	1.58
Atlanta	49	38	0
Boston	25	-6	0
Chicago	45	28	1.5
Dallas	47	28	1.5
Denver	18	-9	0
Des Moines	21	8	0
Detroit	51	32	0
Honolulu	81	67	0
Houston	67	57	0
Indianapolis	28	18	0
Kansas City	25	8	0
Las Vegas	54	25	0
Los Angeles	74	48	0
Memphis	38	33	0
Miami Beach	82	74	0
Minneapolis	16	0	0
Missoula	21	-4	0
New Orleans	65	57	2.58
New York	53	43	0
Oakland	40	15	0
Oklahoma City	40	15	0
Omaha	30	12	0
Phoenix	63	36	0
Pittsburgh	38	32	0
Portland, Me.	41	37	0
Portland, Ore.	44	24	0
Salmon	16	-10	0
St. Louis	25	17	0.01
Salt Lake City	36	6	0
San Francisco	60	43	0
Seattle	42	29	0
Spokane	28	19	0
Washington	56	45	0

Weather summary

Variable, mid- and high-level clouds spread into Idaho Wednesday ahead of a cold front from the Washington-Oregon coast, the National Weather Service said.

High pressure over the state the past few days dipped to the south, resulting in a warmer air circulation into the northwest interior. In addition to the warmer temperatures, rain was expected for the valleys and snow in the mountains later in the week.

Temperatures across the state Wednesday were mostly in the 20s and 30s. Exceptions were Idaho Falls and Soda Springs, where temperatures in the teens were the rule. Lewiston, meantime, reached 44 degrees.

The warmest temperature in the state Wednesday was 46 degrees at Lewiston. Stanley reported the coldest at 22 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 87 degrees at Orlando, West Palm Beach, and Daytona Beach, Fla. The lowest was 25 below zero at Marquette, Mich.

Visible evening planets

Venus, Mars, Jupiter

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:

Increasing clouds today. Highs in the 30s. Light winds. Tonight and Friday mostly cloudy and milder. Lows in the teens to lower 20s. Highs in the lower 40s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:

Increasing clouds today with a chance of light snow late in the day. Highs from 20 to 25. Tonight and Friday mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Milder with lows from 20s to 8 below. Highs from 25 to 30.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho —

Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains each day. Mild with highs in the 30s to mid-40s. Saturday warming to the 40s to lower 50s by Monday. Lows will be in the upper teens and 20s Saturday, warming to the 20s and lower 30s by Monday.

Northern Utah and Nevada:

Utah — Today and Friday partly cloudy. Slow warming trend. Some increase in valley haze. Highs today from mid- to upper 30s. Highs Friday from 38 to 43. Lows Thursday night in the teens.

Nevada — Mostly cloudy in the west and increasing clouds in the east today. Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday. A slight chance of showers late Friday. Overnight lows from 10 to 20 in the east and from 15 to 25 in the west. Afternoon highs from 45 to 55 in the east and in the 50s in the west.

Showers soak Southeast but sun shines over Southwest

The Southeast received heavy rain Wednesday while snow blanketed parts of Pennsylvania and the Southwest had many sunny skies.

More than 6 inches of rain drenched Warner Robbins Air Force Base near Macon, Ga., during the 30-hour period ending 11 a.m. EST.

Thunderstorms along coastal Mississippi produced half an inch in diameter at Biloxi. In east-central Georgia, a tornado at Shingler downed power lines and uprooted several large trees. Strong thunderstorm gusts went to 60 mph at Albany and uprooted several large trees at Isabella.

Showers and thunderstorms extended from southeastern Louisiana to North Carolina.

Light rain and drizzle prevailed from the upper Ohio Valley to south-central Texas.

Showers in central Texas produced enough rain at Austin to push the city's precipitation total for the month to a record 9.15 inches. The previous record for January was 9.13 inches set in 1934.

Strong winds blew over the central Plains.

Snow and freezing rain continued in northern New England. Winter weather advisory was in effect for central Maine and for the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Caribou, Maine, received 3.5 inches of snow by Wednesday afternoon.

Light snow prevailed in the lower Great Lakes region and from southern and eastern Missouri to Indiana and southwestern lower Michigan. A weak storm system over southern Alberta produced light snow across Minnesota.

Drizzle prevailed across the rest of the nation, with sunny skies in the Southwest and from Colorado and New Mexico to Iowa.

Heavy snow fell in parts of Alaska.

Several cities in the lower Missouri Valley reported record low temperatures for the date. Kansas City's 1985 record of 1 below zero was broken by a 6 below reading. St. Joseph's record of 8 below was surpassed by one degree Wednesday.

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Andrus rejects California again

BOISE (AP) — The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors has asked again about diverting water from the Snake and Columbia river basins to the parched Southwest, and has been rebuffed once more by Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus.

Last May, the board voted 3-0 to begin studying the feasibility of transporting water from the Northwest via an aqueduct system. Supervisor Kenneth Haun has written Andrus again, offering to buy water.

"Each day, the Columbia River dumps into the Pacific Ocean 90 billion gallons," Haun wrote. "I proposed the building of aqueducts that would divert just 3 billion

gallons of this surplus from the Columbia River to the California water system."

Haun said California faced the worst drought in 40 years in 1979, and the current situation is even worse. The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California recently implemented a 17 percent cutback in its water supply and that will force many of the jurisdictions to adopt mandatory water rationing, Haun said.

But in testimony Wednesday, Metropolitan Water District General Manager Carl Boronkay said the agency's board of directors will be asked Feb. 12 to cut supplies to 24 percent.

He said the district, which supplies water to 15 million people, will further consider going to its worst drought stage, cutting 31 percent cutbacks, and even creating new stages to make deeper cuts.

"My water experts tell me that one acre-foot of water has a purchase price of approximately \$240. That means we would pay \$1 billion for 3 billion gallons of your surplus water," Haun wrote to Andrus.

"And the people of the Northwest would have this additional revenue for schools, playgrounds or additional law enforcement for your community," Haun said.

River

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spring and summer and 150 cfs in "fall and winter" from the Sawtooth National Recreational Area boundary to the confluence of the river with Warm Springs Creek, nine miles south.

On the lower stretch, the county seeks 189 cfs year-round on 18 miles of river from Warm Springs Creek to Bellevue.

"The minimum flow would be subordinated to future domestic and municipal needs," said Gary Spackman of the Idaho Department of Water Resources. Existing irrigation rights would have priority over the county's minimum flow.

Sen. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, said data from the U.S. Geological Survey dating back to 1977 indicate the Big Wood only has the requested minimum-flow four months of the year.

Spackman said his departmental study measured from a gauge dating back 40 or 50 years and found enough available water.

Blaine County wants the water rights to protect the river in

anticipation that growth in the valley will strain the natural resource.

"We're trying to preserve what we have of the upper Big Wood River as much as we can," Blaine County Commissioner Alan Reynolds said. "We feel this is desirable for our community."

A geologist with the Department of Water Resources, Frank Sherman, told the committee that river flow integrally tied to ground water in the valley. River flow levels correspond to ground water, he said.

But Newby said records don't show that "ground water is actually connected to the river."

"The only opposition to the minimum flow permit came from Gary Slette, a Twin Falls attorney who represents Wood River Properties, Inc., which wants to develop a subdivision between Ketchikan and Halley with 2-acre residential lots."

The Department of Water Resources would permit domestic use for only half-acre parcels and the developer can't acquire new irrigation rights, so dry lots will

develop, Slette said.

The minimum flow should be subordinated to new irrigation water rights, Slette said.

Speaking in favor of the minimum flow, farmer and rancher John Stevenson of Bellevue said the area's growing population poses a threat to agricultural interests.

"I start with water. Everyone wants our water," Stevenson said. "If the bill can curtail well-drilling, it is protecting farmers and ranchers."

Sen. Brian Donlesley, D-Boise, questioned why minimum flow "starts subordinated to future development."

"It seems like we're standing on our head," he said.

Spackman discounted the significance of the domestic and municipal use priority for the river's water.

"I do not think the instream flow will ultimately control what is done in the Wood River Valley," he said.

The conflict between future and existing irrigation rights, Spackman said.

Scene

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them."

Pool accounts from the front lines provided glimpses of sharp skirmishes that flared on and off for 10 hours and more, action at three points extending from the Persian Gulf coast westward to what is known as "the elbow," where the east-west Saudi-Kuwaiti border turns north. Some of the dispatches were first-hand, some second-hand. All of them passed through military censors for approval, and all of them told a singularly one-sided story.

To begin with, the outcome never seemed in doubt. And within hours of the first encounter, Marine officers had joined their colleagues

in the Air Force and Navy in expressing an almost cocky confidence in their command of the battlefield.

"We're going to go up and spank them pretty hard, so they probably ought to call 911 right now," said Maj. Craig Huddleston. "I expect we're going to expel them rather vicariously."

He spoke from a blocking position outside the abandoned Saudi town of Khafji, at the eastern end of the night's actions, as Marines prepared to advance to where Iraqi troops had moved in. Huddleston called the Iraqi attack "absurd."

On the streets of Khafji

Wednesday, a Marine patrol searched vainly for two missing U.S. Army soldiers, who were driving through town and ended up caught in the middle of the fight. The missing soldiers' truck was found, wrecked, its wheels still spinning.

The Army soldiers were listed as missing.

By Wednesday night, though, Khafji remained a battleground. Reports from Marine positions told of smiling Saudi troops, flashing victory signs as they advanced into the town. Less than 30 minutes later, still smiling, the Saudis returned toward the rear.

Gorbachev

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policy reforms that have been the hallmark of Gorbachev's six-year rule.

"This is the most critical moment in the 100 years, perhaps in the millennium of our country's history," the source said, seeking to explain the gravity with which the government regards the situation. He said the union is disintegrating.

under pressure from separatist forces and a breakdown of law and order that followed the easing of traditionally harsh central control over Soviet life.

Plans to establish democratic rule, move to a market economy and pursue a cooperative foreign policy can only be implemented if the government can stave off anarchy and civil war, the official said. He said Gorbachev has been under increasing pressure in recent weeks to halt the drift toward chaos and public disdain for central authority.

has driven political moderates out of the government. But the source said Western news media concentrate only on the confrontation between Soviet authorities and the elected Lithuanian leadership.

A prominent Soviet reformer, Deputy Moscow Mayor Sergei B. Stankevich, told The Associated Press in Moscow on Monday that Gorbachev appears to have fallen under the influence of Communist Party hardliners and militarists as his reformist colleagues have been dropped from power or have deserted him.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly dry highways across the state Wednesday evening, with icy spots and snow at higher elevation.

Conditions:
U.S. 95 — Burley-Coeur d'Alene, dry; icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, dry; Sandpoint-Canadian border, dry; icy spots; Riggs-Mullanville, wet; Mullanville-Hill Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots, high winds; Winchester-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Utah line, dry.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, icy spots.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Boiser Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Carey, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, dry, some icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.

U.S. 21 — Wet, drifts.

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

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

Interstate 115 — Utah line-Pocahonto, dry, icy spots; Malad Pass, dry; icy spots; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Boise, dry; Monida Pass, icy spots.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Wyoming line, dry.

U.S. 91 — Dry.

Idaho 28 — Icy spots.

the situation in the breakaway Baltic republics.

He complained, as Gorbachev has, that the separatist government of Lithuania has trampled on the rights of the non-Lithuanian minority in the tiny republic, refused to negotiate for its independence and

Anthem

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Banner" would become a national anthem set to music few could sing. The tune that put terror in stadium singers' throats was adapted from a traditional English melody.

Even the immortal Nat King Cole offered this advice after doing the anthem before a World Series game: "You do nothing else in your life, not ever sing the national anthem at a ballgame."

Sadly, many ignored his advice.

The Goulet, singing before the Muhammad Ali-Sonny Liston title fight in 1965, got as far as "Oh, say can you see..." before blanking out. He hummed the rest of the tune.

Nelson treated the crowd at the 1980 Democratic National Convention to a special version of the "rockets red glare" adaption of a few other songs. On the bright side, his bandanna looked perfect.

Paychek improvised this inspirational couplet before an Atlanta Falcons game: "Oh, say can you see... cloudy at night, What so loudly we sang, as the daylight's just cleaning."

Jefferson Airplane vocalist Marty Balin was booted off the field at Candlestick Park in 1984 after

forgetting the words.

And Bar... Well, President Bush summed up her screaming, crotch-grabbing July 25, 1990 version of the anthem before a San Diego Padres game: "Disgusting."

Not everyone has botched the anthem: Jose Feliciano's Latinizing version at the 1968 World Series became an instant classic. Huey Lewis and the News'dr. a great capella version. Trumpeter Warren Marsalis has received a great deal of praise for his solo anthem.

Other versions leave the listener either applauding or appalled: Jimi Hendrix's feedback-laced anthem, performed the final morning of the Woodstock festival in 1969, comes to mind.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — The winning numbers drawn Wednesday night in the "Idaho Super Lotto-Lotto America" game are:

8-12-29-40-50-51 (eight, twelve, twenty-nine, forty, fifty, one).

The estimated jackpot is \$4.5 million, lottery officials said.

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Desert Storm



THE CAMPAIGN'S NEXT PHASE

The fighting so far is the first of a three-phase war scenario, experts say

PHASE 2: GROUND FORCES ENGAGE

Goal: To encircle and isolate Iraqi troops in Kuwait by cutting off supply and communication lines and attacking forces from the ground and air.

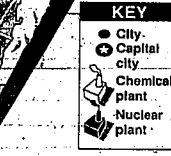
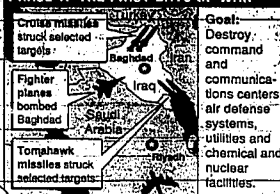
A Strikes continue on Scud missile launchers and other strategic targets in Iraq by a dozen types of allied aircraft from bases in Saudi Arabia and Turkey.

B Allied attack planes and helicopters based in Saudi Arabia soften ground defenses with bombing of Iraqi forces, including supply lines, mortar and artillery positions and troops of the elite Republican Guard in Iraq and Kuwait.

C Ground and amphibious troops advance into Iraq and Kuwait from Saudi Arabia and the gulf coast, confronting elaborate sand-and-concrete border fortifications.

Source: International Institute of Strategic Studies, Center for Defense Information, Center for Strategic and Information Studies, Mercury News wire services.

PHASE 1: THE FIRST DAYS OF WAR



PHASE 3: LONG TERM

Intensive campaign continues to sever Kuwait from Iraq, splitting Iraqi forces and forcing surrender.

Wednesday's events in the gulf

The Associated Press

Here are developments in the Persian Gulf war:
 • Saudi-led allied forces stormed the Iraqi-held Saudi border town of Khafji on Wednesday night, but it was unclear whether they took the town or were driven off by Iraqi forces. Some light armored Saudi forces made it in to the center of the city, but allied forces following those units, including some U.S. Marines, were forced to retreat when pelted by Iraqi rocket fire just south of the city. The retreating allied units later regrouped and apparently launched a second assault on the border town early Thursday. It was not immediately clear whether the allies held the town or were forced out.



• Twelve Marines were killed and two were wounded in the first major ground battle so far in the war. U.S. commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf said Wednesday that more than 40 Iraqi tanks were destroyed by allied forces in the battle in and around Khafji in Saudi Arabia's northeast corner.

• General Schwarzkopf said two weeks of bombing raids have forced Iraq to abandon centralized control of its air defense. He said the allies have supremacy over Iraqi skies. More than 30,000 sorties were flown and 19 aircraft were lost since the war started, he said.

• A Norwegian ship capable of sweeping up 1,400 tons of oil an hour has begun skimming crude from the world's largest oil slick. The ship is believed to be operating north of the world's biggest desalting plant at Jubail, which processes 30 million gallons of drinking water a day.

• The allied military commander threatened to bomb an Iraqi site reported to be the source of a new oil slick in the Persian Gulf. BBC Radio diplomatic correspondent Paul Reynolds said the source of the slick is Mina al-Baker, a large offshore Iraqi terminal northeast of the Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan.

Washington

• President Bush invoked the memory of another wartime president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to rally support for Operation Desert Storm. Speaking to lawmakers Wednesday, Bush said the goal of the Persian Gulf war is the "triumph of the moral order."

Elsewhere

• Iraq, which ordered nearly all Western reporters out after the war began, has begun allowing a small number of journalists from Europe back into Baghdad. The Iraqi Embassy in Amman issued visas Wednesday to 24 journalists, none of them representing American news media.

• Most Americans say the military should increase its control over reporting of the war, according to a poll Wednesday from a news organization. The Times Mirror Center for The People & The Press asked whether the military should exert more control over how news groups report on the war. Fifty-seven percent said yes; 34 percent said no and 9 percent said they didn't know.

Financial

• In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average climbed 50.50 to 2,713.12, its highest close since it stood at 2,748.27 on Aug. 15.

Ground offensive likely to be sudden

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like the U.S.-led air campaign that began the Persian Gulf war, a ground offensive designed to begin Tuesday will likely start with a limited sequence of attacks on a broad front, military planners say. The din of tank clashes, rocket and artillery fire, minefield explosions, hand-to-hand combat, naval gunfire and aerial bombardment is likely to sound across Iraq-occupied Kuwait, from the gulf coasting westward along the heavily defended 110-mile border with Saudi Arabia.

Already, while public attention is focused on the continuing air war, American and allied ground troops are playing a sort of shell game, shifting positions along the front lines, hoping to obscure their intentions and confuse Iraqi commanders. It is the prelude to a land battle that, once ignited, would explode with enormous violence: The speed, power and destructiveness of today's weaponry is unmatched in history.

The allies' battle plan is a tightly held secret. And while it remains possible that Iraq could give up before the tanks start rolling, Pentagon officials say it's almost certain that a land campaign against Saddam Hussein's 545,000 troops will be necessary.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says U.S. troops would be ready for an offensive before the end of February, but he and other officials have studiously avoided saying just when it might begin.

The timing apparently is closely linked to the Pentagon's assessment of how effective the air battle has been.

As in the initial aerial assault that began Jan. 16, allied forces are expected to launch the ground war in

darkness to exploit the superior, night-vision capability of their Apache helicopter gunships, M1-A1 battle tanks and infantrymen.

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Another key to the land battle, as in the air, would be the stealth and deception of U.S. Special Operations Forces — the elite and super-secure commando units of all four military services that are trained in sabotage and clandestine warfare.

"Deception is part of your operational plan" for prosecuting the war, said one senior Army officer who discussed U.S. warfighting strategy in a conference room here Wednesday.

The allies would hope to mask their actual avenues of attack by diverting Iraq's attention to other areas.

This could be done with carefully timed Air Force raids deep into Kuwait and Baghdad, naval shelling of the Kuwaiti shorelines, Army infantry and artillery engagements on the front line and Marine Corps amphibious and helicopter assaults on Kuwaiti or Iraqi beaches.

"You can bring everything to bear on him, and we will bring everything to bear," said one Marine Corps officer.

The element of surprise is especially important for the U.S. and allied forces because they must overcome the multi-layered defensive fortifications built by the Iraqi army in Kuwait.

These include a series of minefields, anti-tank ditches 10 feet deep and 60 feet wide, razor-wire obstacles and sand mounds 15 feet high — all supported by heavy artillery dug deep into the desert sand.

The Marines have about 20,000 men afloat in the gulf — the makings of a major amphibious landing. They could assault Kuwaiti beaches with infantry, helicopters, attack air-

planes, M-60 tanks, armored personnel carriers, artillery and multiple-launch rocket systems, and attempt to retake Kuwait City.

The Marines also have about 80,000 troops afloat in the northeast corner of Saudi Arabia.

Few people besides President Bush and his top aides know the complete battle plan of Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the 755,000 allied forces in the gulf region.

However, it almost certainly has been drawn up on the basis of the U.S. Army's main warfighting doctrine, known as the AirLand Battle, which calls for simultaneously fighting at the front lines and deep into the opposition's rear areas.

An allied drive to retake Kuwait by ground action would mark the first large-scale test of the new doctrine, which was adopted by the Pentagon in the early 1980s.

The main idea behind the AirLand Battle is to use superior U.S. technology, such as advanced airborne radar to identify and track opposing aircraft and ground targets — to stop the opponent from fully reinforcing its frontline forces.

The Air Force has deployed to Saudi Arabia for the first time its Joint Stars airborne radar system that gives Army field commanders immediate information about troop and tank formations as much as 200 miles behind the front line.

That helps the commander direct air power — such as A-10 Thunderbolt jets that can kill tanks with its Maverick missiles, and Apache anti-tank helicopters armed with Hellfire missiles — to thin out armor formations in the rear echelons.

Saudis, others fight slick

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — A Norwegian ship capable of sweeping up 1,400 tons of oil an hour has begun skimming crude from the world's largest oil slick, salvage executives said Wednesday.

The Al-Waasit, operated by the Oslo-based Norpal Marine Services Co., is believed to be operating north of the world's biggest desalting plant at Jubail, which processes 30 million gallons of drinking water a day.

Salvage experts have speculated that the slick, estimated at 50 miles long and 12 miles wide, would arrive off Jubail on Thursday.

Allied forces say the spill started when Iraq intentionally opened the valves of the offshore Sea Island Terminal in occupied Kuwait. It has

reached 11 million barrels, or 460 million gallons, but U.S. precision bombing of oil manifolds in Kuwait apparently has reduced the flow feeding the slick to a trickle.

A separate slick recently was detected in the gulf, emanating from an Iraqi oil terminal; and the allied military commander threatened to bomb that site too.

BBC Radio quoted an unidentified British military source as saying the spill amounted to "a significant number of thousands of barrels" and that allied authorities are certain it was not caused by bombing.

The last detailed location for the main slick was given Monday by U.S. officials, who said it was off Ras al-Mushabbab, or about 100 miles north of Jubail.

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Marines capture 2nd Kuwaiti island

OVER UMM AL MARADIM ISLAND, Kuwait (AP) — U.S. Marines have captured a second Kuwaiti island after blowing up Iraqi anti-aircraft weapons and artillery.

A U.S. media pool was flown over Umm Al Maradim on Tuesday as a spectacular mushroom cloud of smoke rose from exploding Iraqi anti-aircraft weapons and artillery.

They had apparently been stored on the 1200-by-900 foot spit of sand 12 miles off the coast of Kuwait

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Desert Storm

Marines, Navy Seals preparing for amphibious assault in gulf

Orlando Sentinel
WASHINGTON — The next spine in the war against Iraq could unfold along Kuwait's Persian Gulf coastline rather than its desert border with Saudi Arabia.
 It might surprise Americans, who have learned much about a possible ground war in recent days, that the largest amphibious assault in four decades of U.S. Marine history is in

the offing. Although talkative about a land battle, military officials have quietly pocketed details of an amphibious assault.
 Allied warplanes took a small, preparatory step Monday when they attacked Iraq missile sites on the Kuwaiti coast and nearby in Iraq. The sites featured Chinese-made Silkorm missiles, which are designed to attack ships from long range.

According to Navy Capt. C.S. Abbott, who commands the carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, such missile sites "have to be moved out of our way before we move our naval forces out further in the gulf."
 At least 30,000 sea-based Marines are rehearsing this week to storm Kuwaiti beaches by helicopter, tracked vehicles and state-of-the-art hovercraft.

Independent military experts say a Kuwaiti landing would immediately follow saturation bombing by B-52s and punishing, 2,300-pound shells fired from 25 miles away, by the 16-inch cannons aboard the battleships Wisconsin and Missouri.
 "The Marines are going to be lobbying for a chance to do it," said Greg Grant of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

A Kuwaiti invasion would be the Marines' largest amphibious landing since 70,000 troops assaulted Inchon in South Korea on Sept. 15, 1950 — a battle widely credited with turning the tide of the Korean War.
 While statistics on Desert Storm's ground troops and their military hardware are often volunteered, officials are mum when asked about plans for the Persian Gulf shoreline.
 "We are terring on the side of caution in terms of speculation," said Lt. Col. Robert McClean, spokesman for the Marine Warfighting Center in Quantico, Va.
 McClean acknowledged that military officials say more about a ground war. "They (Pentagon briefers and allied military chiefs)

do seem more forthcoming about what's going on the ground," he said.
 The Navy and the Marines have not always been so reticent about their Persian Gulf plans.
 "You have the entire spectrum of amphibious assault capacity represented in this task force," Rear Adm. John LaPlante, commander of the U.S. amphibious forces, proudly told reporters aboard the USS Nassau in November.
 Without significant naval forces, Iraq is considered nearly as vulnerable to a sea-based invasion as it has been to allied bombing raids. Not until Iraq President Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2 had he ever faced the need to defend a lengthy coastline.
 "It's the first time the Iraqi military has faced such a task and I don't think they're very good at it," LaPlante said. Some military experts worry that the Pentagon will overplay the amphibious option in hopes of making a dramatic strike against Iraq. Such an invasion requires near-perfect planning to avoid massive casualties from hidden enemy fire, they said.
 "I hope we don't go in there and make a big bloody thing of it," said retired Col. James Donovan, a Marine veteran of World War II and the Korean War who advises the Center for Defense Information in Washington.
 Modern assault plans call for dozens of Marine hovercraft and heavy-duty, troop-carrying helicopters to be launched from their

Scuds targeted



Iraqi mobile Scud missile launchers (dark strips) are targeted by an allied warplane just before the launchers were hit by laser-guided bombs, on a videotape presented at a military briefing in Riyadh Wednesday.

'See you in Jerusalem,' say these 'Iraqi soldiers'

EDITOR'S NOTE — The writer, an Egyptian national, is a correspondent for The Associated Press based in Manama, Bahrain.

By Nabila Megall, The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — The first hint of a major ground battle in the gulf war came in what sounded like a prank.

I telephoned the Khafji Beach Hotel around noon Wednesday (4 a.m. EST) to inquire about an Iraqi claim that its missiles had set fire to oil refineries in Khafji, a Saudi city near the Kuwaiti border.

The man on the other end said: "We are Iraqi soldiers! I thought he was kidding."

"Fine, fine," I said, laughing, "can you just please tell me if there is a fire at the refinery?"
 "Who are you? Who are you? Huh? Who? What, Egyptian?" a man at the other end shouted in Arabic, guessing my nationality by my accent on the line.

"Who are you?" I asked, my mind grappling with the thought that something may be awry.

"We are with Saddam; with Arabism!" he shouted.

They then insulted Egypt, which is allied with the United States against the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait.

Moments later, the U.S. military in Saudi Arabia's capital, Riyadh, confirmed that Iraqi forces, backed by tanks and artillery, attacked U.S. Marines and allied forces at the Saudi frontier town of Khafji.

Iraq issued its own communique, saying its troops had entered Khafji midnight Tuesday.

The Khafji Beach Hotel is about 5

miles inland from the border check-point. People at the hotel have often given firsthand information about the border scene.

"This time, there was no slow drawl of the Saudi dialect on the other end of the telephone line. This was an energetic out-of-breath voice."

"What fire? What fire? We don't see anything!" one man shouted.

"See you in Jerusalem," his comrade said.

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Landsbergis: Not all troops leaving Baltic

World

VILNIUS, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Truckloads of Soviet troops left Lithuania's capital Wednesday, but Republic President Vytautas Landsbergis said many sites remained occupied and warned the West not to be taken in by Kremlin promises.

The civilian death toll in the crackdowns in Lithuania and Latvia rose to 19 Wednesday when Jonas Tautkus, 20, died from a gunshot wound to the head he suffered at a military checkpoint Tuesday. One soldier also has died.

Soviet Interior Minister Boris Pugo said all paratroopers already have left the Baltic region and two-thirds of the "black beret" Interior Ministry troops had been with-

drawn. His statement followed an announcement by President Bush on Tuesday that Soviet officials assured him they were reducing the military presence in the region and planning to start talks.

NATO organizing maritime patrol planes

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — NATO military commanders are putting together a force of maritime patrol planes to monitor the Mediterranean and ensure the safety of sea lanes, officials said Wednesday.

Seven alliance ships already are sailing toward the Mediterranean to help guard against mines with rais-

ing Responding to Bush's announcement that Moscow had conveyed a willingness to move away from violence, Landsbergis said the United States should be wary of Soviet promises. He said a troop withdrawal could be the key to renewed negotiations in the southern region.

Relations with the Kremlin, but Soviet soldiers still were occupying the television center and other buildings in the capital in mid-January.

"It is regrettable that the promises of the Soviet leadership are so often broken — brutally," Landsbergis told journalists at his office.

"This is why the United States should not be satisfied that it has received promises once again," Soviet military forces have not yet withdrawn from occupied buildings of the Lithuanian state," he said.

Bekaa Valley shelled

KASHAYA, Lebanon (AP) — Two villages in the Syrian-occupied Bekaa Valley were shelled Wednesday by Israel's as Soviet-made rockets struck Israel's self-proclaimed security zone in south Lebanon for the second time in 24 hours.

No casualties were reported by the authorities although several houses were damaged in the attacks, which marked an intensification of hostilities between guerrillas and Israel in south Lebanon.

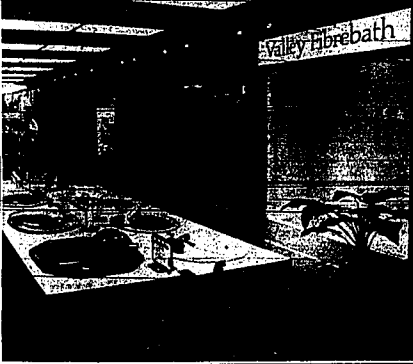
Israel carved out the six- to 10-mile wide zone in south Lebanon after removing the bulk of its forces from Lebanon in 1985. This followed a three-year occupation. The area is jointly patrolled by the Israeli army and the SLA's Christian militia.

The Israeli howitzer barrage started shortly after midnight and targeted Ein Ata and Abu Kamha on the northern edge of Israel's security zone, a police spokesman said.

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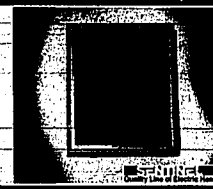
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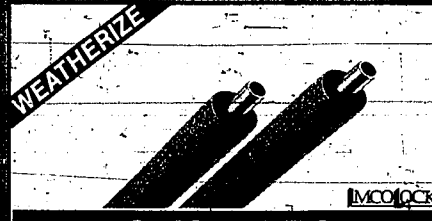
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Opinion

Editorial

State board showed courage in resisting textbook hysteria

The State Board of Education deserves praise for standing firm against the religious hysteria that has been focused on a series of reading textbooks.

Last week the board voted 7-1 to keep the "Impressions" reading series on the list of state-approved books. That doesn't mean that schools have to use it; in fact, we don't know of any schools in this area that do.

It just means that local school boards may use it if they want.

That decision upheld two important principles: Letting local districts share control of their own curriculum; and resisting the attempts of book banners to censor what their fellow citizens read.

Religious activists across the nation have made "Impressions" the target of a holy war. Their basic complaint that the books promote witchcraft and the occult—a familiar charge that seems to be leveled at just about anything that doesn't overtly promote the activists' own theology.

They have other accusations, too. They say the books contain subliminal satanic messages that can only be seen by turning the books upside down, or by connecting the points of a star, or by looking at them in a mirror. Have you noticed that the would-be book banners are always the only peo-

ple who can see or hear these messages? How much time do you suppose they spend turning books upside down, holding them up to mirrors and playing dot-to-dot?

The board last week also was told that the books should be banned because they are controversial. The reasoning was that local school boards will spend too much time arguing about them. It's the old "if he's on trial he must be guilty" logic. Never mind the fact that the opponents created the controversy.

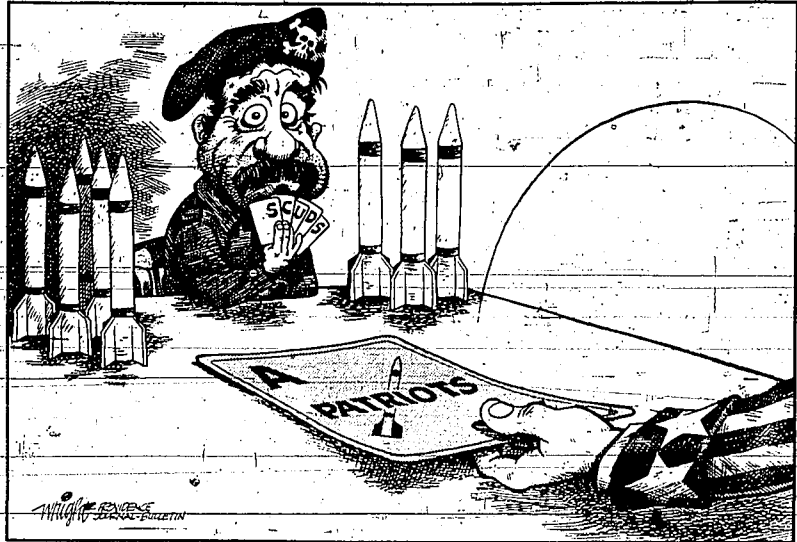
The opponents further argued that the books aren't about real people, and that the characters aren't Americans.

Yes, those are fine reasons for banning literature. While we're at it, let's burn everything by Dickens, Tolstoy and Chaucer. They wrote about imaginary foreigners too.

That last point illustrates the crux of the debate: an attempt to put narrow, culturally myopic limits on what school children are allowed to read.

We're not endorsing this particular series of books. It may or may not fit an individual district's curriculum.

But the books' critics want to ban them for bizarre and spurious reasons. Bravo to the state board for resisting that destructive effort.



Letters

Saddam aims to destroy Israel

This is not a war between Iraq and the United States, and most of you have an uneasy feeling—you already know that. Neither is it a doomsday Armageddon which is hopeless and inevitably catastrophic. And yet, it is mega-serious. It is, when all is stripped away, a war twist good and evil, love and hate.

Let me speak plainly. Saddam is the penultimate madman whose wis make Adolf Hitler look like a rick amateur. If it were a chess game, Hitler would have lost in four moves.

I do believe he is possessed by powers and principles whose sole aim is to destroy Israel. Absolutely nothing else matters. Kuwait doesn't matter, the United States doesn't matter, the Palestinians don't matter. Not even 15 million Iraqi people—or even destroying Earth.

One cursory look at the Bible, even by those who consider it a book of fantasy, leads one—at very least—to the "remarkable coincidences"—foretold there.

Israel is indeed God's chosen people, firstborn among all his children, this was first and foremost about her. Can she turn the other cheek? Can she forebear against anger, wrath and hate in the face of her own sins? Can she forgive those who do her trespass?

Time will tell a tale for all of us and we all have a vital, absolutely vital, stake in it all. If you believe in a god who hears prayers, I would like you to pray for Israel as you never prayed before.

For those of you who, in the quiet of your heart, are able and wish to do more, I have yet another request. Place a classified ad in the newspaper of your hometown of origin. Simply say, "Pray for Israel."

Perhaps (perhaps?) if we are willing to do the ridiculous, God will do the miraculous. I wish you his peace in the days and weeks ahead.

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Letter shows difference of time

A Civil War letter written July 14, 1861, Camp Clark, Wash.:

"My very dear Sarah:
The indications are very strong that we shall move in a few days—perhaps tomorrow. Let I should not be able to write again, I feel impelled to write a few lines that may fall under your eye when I shall be no more."

"I have misgivings about, or lack of confidence in, the cause in which I am engaged; and my courage does not halt or falter. I know how strongly American Civilization now means the triumph of the government and how great a debt we owe to those who went before us through the blood and sufferings of the Revolution. And I am willing—perfectly willing—to lay down all my joys in this life to help maintain this government and to pay that debt."

"Sarah, my love for you is deathless; it seems to bind me with mighty cables not nothing but omnipotence could break. And yet, my love of Country comes over me like a strong wind and bears me irresistibly on, with all these chains, to the battlefield."

"The memories of the blissful moments I have spent with you come creeping over me."

"But, oh, Sarah! If the dead can come back to this earth and flit unseen around those they loved, I shall always be near you... do not mourn me dead. Think I am gone and wait for me, for we shall meet again..."

Major Sullivan Bar was killed at the First Battle of Bull Run. The February edition of "Idaho Channels," KAIT-TV-4, Page 19, carries the complete letter.

It is a safe bet that Major Ballou was not taught evolution or denied access to prayer in school. I doubt that he and Sarah enjoyed a "live-in" relationship or share pre-nuptial agreements.

I wonder what type of touching letter a "modern-day male chauvinist" Major Ballou would be writing to a "modern-day valley

girl" Sarah from Dhahran. Perhaps it would be a quick note asking her to be sure to feed the dog.

ROBERT F. BERENTZ
Jerome

Paper like uninformed parrot

The headline on your Jan. 21 editorial reads, "Gun ruling makes most headway against carnage." One must ask what carnage you speak of. As far as I can ascertain, not one of the legally owned and privately held, fully automatic firearms in America has ever been used in a crime. The Draconian Federal press of legal ownership (which consists of FBI fingerprint check, background check by local police, and a \$200 tax upon the transfer of the weapon) can hardly be construed as an easy-path to ownership.

The Times-News attempts to distort reality by claiming these guns are "The weapons of crack dealers and socialists." I challenge you to prove your statements are true. The facts and figures do not support your emotional tale of woe. For example, a recent response by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury to a Freedom of Information Act request by the National Rifle Association revealed that since 1980, exactly one policeman has been killed in the United States by a drudge armed with a semiautomatic Uzi.

Your paper seems to be a shrill, uninformed parrot of the Sarah Brady mentality that says all guns are bad, all gun owners are bad, and all gun owners must be divided and conquer strategy (if you can't ban all guns, then ban what you can through emotional appeals, no fact).

I reject your weird portrayal of gun owners and NRA members as "gun nuts" (implying that we are not sane, rational people). Your steady job, raise some cattle on the side, haven't committed any crimes, don't do drugs, do vote, and also attend CSI if the evening, working on a degree in accounting. Show me how I am a "gun nut," murderer, or psychopath because I might own or not own weapons of any particular kind.

Your mock affection for Second Amendment rights "hunting and sporting only" holds little favor with me. I believe you would ban all guns in a minute, if you could.

Gun owners of all kinds should not be misled. The common thread woven through our editorials and selective news reporting in The Times-News is simple. No guns.

RICHARD KRAUS
Paul

Protecting symbol hurts freedom

This year, the people of our nation will have prospered for 200 years under the protections of the First Amendment. Americans value the right to express their opinions, even if unpopular, in a free and open marketplace of ideas. It is remarkable that historically the kind of speech which has been given the greatest degree of protection is criticism of the government. The authors of the First Amendment saw the need for this protection very clearly. To appreciate their wisdom, you have only to look at the many places still existing where governments try to preserve themselves by muzzling their own people.

Our state Legislature is about to approve the first ever reversal of rights guaranteed by the First Amendment. The measure will pass easily because the kind of expression at which it is aimed, flag burning, is unpopular.

In your Jan. 24 article, you report that among our local legislators, Mr. Stubbs opposed this reversal of First Amendment freedoms, and Mr. Black supported it.

Mr. Black seems more concerned about protecting the "symbol" of freedom than with protecting freedom itself. It is hard to understand how the symbol can become more important than the thing it symbolizes.

It is permissible, according to Mr. Black, to legislate against conduct that offends community standards. Giving Americans the right to express views which offend oth-

ers is, of course, what the First Amendment has been doing for the past two centuries. If our First Amendment rights, freedom of speech, religion and the press, protect us only until the things we say start to offend others, then the First Amendment means exactly nothing, and so, incidentally, does the flag.

TOM KERSHAW
Twin Falls

NRA is a friend, not the enemy

In regards to your editorial praising the so-called defeat of the National Rifle Association regarding the ownership of fully automatic firearms, I have two points to make: I think you should find interesting.

The Second Amendment has nothing to do with the "sporting use" of firearms. It was meant to provide for defense. Anti-gun groups know there is no way they can get our guns all at once. They have to slowly chip away at it. This is just another chip. If we don't stop this chipping, pretty soon the Second Amendment will fall and the only people with guns will be the military, the police and criminals. Pretty sobering thought. I can almost guarantee that if the Second Amendment falls, the first word to be heard behind a door in other countries proves this fact.

The interesting fact about the automatic weapons that the anti-nerve point out is that there has never been a crime committed with a legally owned, fully automatic weapon.

On the subject of crime and drugs, the anti-gun groups and the media in general greatly distort the facts about the so-called "assault rifle." They constantly claim that this is the weapon of choice for drug dealers and crack heads. This is totally false. In a recent successful raid on drug dealers in Florida by police and the BATF agents, over 600 guns were confiscated. Of these, only four were assault-type weapons. Hardly the "gun of choice." And, incidentally, this statewide raid was coordinated by the NRA, another fact the conveniently gets left out of media stories.

Let's get our facts straight—criminals cause crime, not guns, and the NRA is our friend, not an enemy.

JOHN STEINMETZ
Twin Falls

Saddam nothing-but a butcher

I'm sending this letter in answer to the questions about the war in the Persian Gulf. The world can't let this madman named Saddam Hussein go on any longer. He is nothing but a butcher. Where you kill war and children, the whole world has to find a way to destroy him. He is nothing but a maniac. I wouldn't want him anywhere near our country, or we would be in the same situation the people over there are in.

"I think about it, readers; what would you do? Don't you think it would be a good idea to send the prisoners over there; then we wouldn't have to feed them anymore when there's no money."

MAURICE E. WHITMORR
Twin Falls

St. Edward's School students respond to war with prayers

Editor's note: When we invited area children to write letters about the Persian Gulf war last week, one group of children did something a little different. A class at St. Edward's School, a Catholic school in Twin Falls, was assigned to write prayers. Here is a sampling submitted by their teacher:

Dear Lord,
Please help the troops in Saudi Arabia. Let as few die as possible. We pray for all the others who are in this war. Please let it end soon. Amen
DAVID LOCKWOOD, 5th Grade
Jerome

Dear Lord,
May we the people have peace and not war. That's people not just for America, but all around the world may have peace and not fight over something so childish. I know we got ourselves into this mess, but please help us get out of it. Thank you.
PATRICK KALANGE, 5th Grade
Twin Falls

Letters

Media the newest weapon

The media have become (in two short weeks) the newest weapon of war, and Saddam Hussein seems to be the only young man in a world being run by apprentices. Having forgotten all too soon that the atrocities of Vietnam in our living rooms hastened the pathetic, embarrassing withdrawal of our troops and launched the ensuing wave of genocide our allies suffered.

Genocide only happens in those countries that are out of control (Iraq, Vietnam, Cambodia, to list but a few) and out of rights. Well, I was in Vietnam, and a lot of my friends are still there—or at least they never came home again. So, I'm not so soon to forget.

"Genocide does not occur in a free world (that portion of the globe with free press)—only in those spots on this planet that are controlled by maniacs and mobs of fanatics. Watching our sons or daughters die on TV, or perils even worse, captured and tortured is not what the military or the administration wants—nor me or anyone else in my life. It's worn out, but still true, "War is hell," and ain't very pretty either.

But please, American, understand that there are more than a few fanatics—both Democrat and Republican—who believe the most simple important factor in a free democratic society is freedom of speech, our First Amendment. And first for a reason: the boys knew they blew it by not including it.

Dear Lord,
Please let there be peace, let us all be safe. Please don't let us die in war, for peace would be best on Earth. Let us all be freinds from people to people, nation to nation and sea to sea.
TRACY WAGNER, 6th Grade
Twin Falls

Dear Lord,
Please let there be peace on Earth. Let the soldiers be safe and every-one's godd health. Please watch over every one of them during this time of sorrow. Let President Bush make the right choice.
JERRY HARMON, 6th Grade
Twin Falls

Dear Lord,
I pray for peace in the Middle East and for a fast recovery for operation Desert Storm.
I also pray for the families and souls of the lost soldiers in the war. Amen.
HANK HAFLIGER, 6th Grade
Buhl

Don't restrict that right or encumber it in any way.

Don't restrict that right or encumber it in any way. Turn it off or change the channel, but don't mess with our right to hear all the news or we are doomed to ignorance. Let freedom of speech and a free press during these very dark hours on the world front ring it's bell loud and clear.

Sooner or later, everyone is going to see that we all really are neighbors on the mother ship and we need to help one another—not kill each other.

I learned that in Vietnam and I don't plan on forgetting it—or, or my brothers who never made it home.

God bless America, please.
JAMES F. DALTON
Twin Falls

Send flag-burners to war zone

I take exception to those who insist that the First Amendment gives them the right to burn the flag, the symbol of freedom and a free United States.

I am grateful to have the privilege to display my flag in honor of our sons and daughter who are willing to sacrifice their home life and even their physical well-being in order to protect our national security. I would be 100 percent for sending anyone caught burning our flag to Saudi Arabia to take the place of a soldier who has given his life for the cause of freedom!

CARL ENGELBRECHT
Twin Falls

Group proposes exams for seniors

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nationwide education advocacy group proposed Wednesday that Congress require public and private high schools to administer a standard achievement test to all seniors.

Educate America, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group headed by former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, proposed the nationwide exam as its first initiative in a campaign to "drive the education policy agenda for the 1990s."

The new exam is needed, said Kean, now president of Drew University in Madison, N.J., because current achievement measures do not adequately establish schools' progress toward meeting the education goals established by President Bush and the nation's governors.

The proposal calls for testing all high school seniors in reading, writing, mathematics, history, geography and science.

Test results would complement the high school diploma and transcript and would be forwarded to colleges, the military or employers.

Saul Cooperman, former New Jersey education commissioner, said Kean and founder of the group, said the tests would focus on a student's ability to think critically, analyze and interpret data.

The tests would be administered at no charge to the students each November by a national contractor. All major testing companies would have an opportunity to bid competitively for the job. Cooperman said Congress will be asked to appropriate \$90 million annually for the tests, which would begin three or four years after the enabling legislation is passed.

Cooperman noted that the current nationally administered high school exams, Scholastic Aptitude Tests and the American College Testing program, are only for students bound for college.

Monty Neill, associate director of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing, described Educate America's proposal as "a prescription for educational disaster."

"This proposal represents a major step backward," said Neill. "Educate America is yet another group trying to inflict more tests on the world's most over-tested students."

Neill said a study found there are more than 100 million standardized exams given a year. Research also shows that "high stakes" exams control curriculum and instruction, taking "huge amounts of time away from useful educational activities," he said.

Economic gauge has glimmer of hope

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief economic barometer rose a slight 0.1 percent in December, the first increase in six months, but analysts said it was "a faint ray of light" because it could end by midyear.

Many economists agreed that the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, released Wednesday, suggested that the contraction will not deepen, though they cautioned it was no harbinger of sudden recovery.

"It indicates only that we're through the worst of the downturn," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co.

"It does not tell us the bottom is in sight" although "it is a faint ray of light in terms of second-half recovery."

Six of the 11 forward-looking components of the index had positive showings in December.

The index's higher stock prices, a longer average workweek and orders for new plants and equipment.

Other positive contributors were an improvement in an index measuring consumer confidence, a decline in initial unemployment claims and an increase in unfilled orders at factories.

Negative contributors were fewer factory orders for consumer goods, a decline in building permits, faster business delivery times, a drop in prices of raw materials and a decline in the money supply.

Government economists, both in the administration and on Capitol Hill, gave said the recession will be shorter and milder than the average downturn since World War II, ending sometime during the second or third quarters.

President Bush said in his State of the Union message Tuesday night that while "the largest peacetime economic expansion in history has been temporarily interrupted we will get this recession behind us; and we will get through — soon."

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater greeted the leading indicators report as "encouraging news."

The new figures confirmed the weakness in the forecasting gauge's components during the last half of 1990, but not to the extent the government first estimated.

The November index was revised to a 1.1 percent drop rather than the 1.2 percent decline first reported, while the October index was changed to a 1.2 percent decline, rather than 1.3 percent.

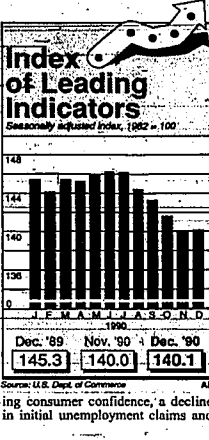
And while the August, and September readings were unchanged at 1.2 percent and 0.8 percent, respectively, the July index was said to have been flat rather than to have declined 0.1 percent as reported earlier.

The various changes left the index at 140.1 percent of its 1982 base of 100 and down 3.6 percent from its level at the end of 1989.

Three consecutive declines in the index are considered a fairly good, but not infallible, sign of a recession.

The department announced last week the gross national product fell 2.1 percent during the fourth quarter of 1990 and many economists say it is continuing its slide during the current quarter.

A recession generally is defined as two consecutive declines in the GNP, the nation's total output of goods and services and its broadest measure of economic health.



WASHINGTON (AP) — The powerful small-business lobby on Wednesday broke from the ranks supporting President Bush's proposed capital-gains tax cut, saying it was not worth the income-tax increase the Democrats likely would demand in return.

"Small business generally doesn't find that (cutting) the capital-gains rate is any great incentive if there is that kind of price to pay," said John Sloan, president of the National Federation of Independent Business.

Bush's renewed call for a capital-gains reduction, sounded in his State of the Union message Tuesday night, drew the expected reaction in Congress: strong support from most Republicans and a cold shoulder from Democratic leaders.

"The chairman has no interest in seeing the capital-gains issue surface in the budget," Patrick Jones, a spokesman for Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., who is head of the House Ways and Means Committee, said.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., agreed that the proposal probably won't fly. "I don't think very reduction is a good idea at this very moment," he said on NBC's "Today."

"The president talked about capital gains in a throwaway line, which should tell you there are divisions within the administration on this one," said Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. "I frankly don't think capital gains is going any place."

Sen. Connie Mack, R-Fla., offered the argument put forth by most Republicans: "A capital-gains tax cut would stimulate an economy weakened by higher gas prices and provide an incentive to create new jobs."

Capital gains, which are profits from the sale of investments, are fully taxed at the same rates that apply to other kinds of income.

Briefly

Senate sends Bush Agent Orange bill

WASHINGTON — The Senate, on a vote of 99-0, sent to President Bush on Wednesday a bill to ensure permanent disability benefits for Vietnam-War veterans suffering from specific illnesses due to exposure to Agent Orange.

The bill codifies as law what had been an administrative program of the Veterans Affairs Department. It was passed by House, 412-0, on Tuesday. White House officials have said Bush will sign the legislation.

Under the legislation, Vietnam veterans who suffer from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and soft-tissue sarcoma would be eligible for permanent disability benefits. Survivors also would be entitled to the benefits.

Veterans who developed chloroma within one year of their military service in Vietnam also would be eligible for benefits.

The bill also requires the Veterans Affairs Department to decide whether former servicemen suffering from other diseases determined as linked to Agent Orange are eligible for the same benefits.

Sen. Alan Cranston, D-Calif., who is in California undergoing treatment for prostate cancer, did not vote.

Nobel Prize winning inventor dies

BOSTON — The man who helped develop the transistor, Nobel Prize winner John Bardeen, died Wednesday. He was 82.

"He had gone to see a doctor and had had exploratory surgery (Tuesday) and seemed to come through it fine," said Dr. Frederick C. Catherlin, Foster of the University of Illinois News Bureau in Champaign, Ill. "But, this morning he suffered cardiac arrest."

He won the Nobel Prize in 1956 as co-inventor of the transistor, and again in 1972 as co-developer of the theory of superconductivity at low temperatures.

Assembly selects first black speaker

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina's General Assembly on Wednesday elected its first black speaker since Reconstruction.

"It is a change of leadership with a new generation of ideas and goals, but it is a renewal of our uncompromising commitment to provide opportunities — economic, education, political and cultural — and treatment to all citizens of this state," said the newly elected legislative leader, Rep. Dan Blue. Blue asked the 120 assembly members "to lay aside confrontive partisanship and political rhetoric" as the state faces its many problems.

Gay soldier to get \$135,000, benefits

SEATTLE — A soldier who was discharged because he is homosexual, says the Army has agreed to give him about \$135,000 in back pay and full retirement benefits in a settlement that concludes years of court battles.

Sgt. 1st Class Perry Watkins of Tacoma said he plans to keep working to get the Pentagon ban on homosexuals overturned.

"Any able-bodied person who gives his life to his country deserves to be judged on the quality of his performance," Watkins said.

But an Army spokeswoman, Capt. Barbara Godono, said Wednesday that the Army's policy against homosexuals remained unchanged. She declined to answer other questions.

Montana may celebrate King Day

HELENA, Mont. — A Montana House committee approved legislation Wednesday that would create a state holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., setting the stage for House debate on the measure Friday.

Montana is one of only three states without a holiday recognizing the slain civil rights leader. The others: Arizona and New Hampshire.

The bill, passed by the state Senate last week, was approved 12-7 by the House State Administration Committee.

If endorsed by the House this week, the bill would face a final vote Monday before being sent to Gov. Stan Stephens, who has expressed no opposition to the legislation.

Wednesday's committee vote reversed a 9-9 deadlock Tuesday when a sponsor of the bill was absent. Two opponents in Tuesday's vote reversed their votes.

Postal Service alert to terrorism threat

WASHINGTON — The Postal Service said Wednesday it is implementing contingency security measures because of heightened concerns about terrorism.

Spokesman Michael West declined to spell out details, but the Wall Street Journal reports the service has quit shipping packages, except for the smallest items, on passenger jets and has suspended its same-day, airport-to-airport Express Mail service.

West acknowledged only that "the Postal Service is implementing contingency plans designed to ensure the continued security of airline passengers and to protect the safety of the American public and postal employees."

Experimental drugs prevent brain cell death

NEW YORK (AP) — Experimental drugs prevented brain cell death in rats that is linked to Parkinson's disease in humans, suggesting a possible approach to fighting the disease, scientists say.

The drugs blocked the toxic effects of a substance that produces Parkinsonlike symptoms in people and kills the same brain cell circuitry that Parkinson's affects.

But scientists cautioned that nobody knows what role, if any, this toxic process plays in Parkinson's disease. So the usefulness of drugs that block the toxic process is unclear.

Parkinson's disease is a potentially disabling condition that can include tremors, rigidity and gradual loss of spontaneous movement. It is caused by the death of specific brain cells, but in most cases, the trigger for that cell death is unknown.

The new study is reported in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature by scientists at a corporation called Schering AG in Berlin.

They injected rats in the brain with electrically charged particles called MPP-plus, which the body manufactures from a substance called MPTP, the chemical that produces the Parkinsonlike effects.

They found that brain damage could be largely prevented if the animals were given drugs called NMDA antagonists, either before or with the MPP-plus injection. The antagonists prevent a natural substance called glutamate from binding to brain cells at sites called NMDA receptors.

The protection was temporary in some cases and apparently permanent in others, depending on how often the antagonists were given.

Alzheimer's researcher criticized

NEW YORK (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has taken its customary silence on experimental drug reviews to bluntly criticize a researcher who found benefits in an experimental drug for Alzheimer's disease.

The criticism, in a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, stops short of accusing the researcher of misrepresenting his work.

The researcher's initial report "led many to believe that a major breakthrough had been made in the treatment of Alzheimer's dementia," the FDA wrote.

"Unfortunately, an FDA investigation... has revealed deficiencies of sufficient importance to raise major questions about the validity of the conclusions."

The investigation "did not uncover clear evidence" that the researcher "had purposely misrepresented his work," the agency wrote.

The journal contains a response from the researcher, Dr. William K. Summers of Arcadia, Calif.

"The letter from the FDA is more in the nature of a personal attack on our group than of a scientific critique designed to advance understanding of the present-day importance of our work," he and his colleagues wrote.

The FDA did not return two phone calls seeking comment. Summers did not return a call to his office.

The drug at the center of the controversy is called tacrine, or THA. In 1986, Summers and the New England Journal set off a stampede for the drug with the publication of a report claiming that the drug produced "encouraging initial results" in 17 patients with Alzheimer's disease.

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Idaho

Delegation praises Bush ideas - on unity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Idaho's congressional delegation was unanimous in its praise of President George Bush's call for national unity in the war against Iraq in his State of the Union speech Tuesday night. But the state's two Republican senators and two Democratic congressmen differed sharply on the president's message on domestic issues, especially on how to turn around the nation's economy.



Stallinga LaRocco Craig Symms

to do the hard work of freedom," LaRocco said in a news release. "But we face a deepening recession unemployment here at home that a thousand points of light can't fix."

LaRocco cited recent layoffs of 400 sawmill workers at the Potomac mill in Lewiston, as well as low silver prices and a stagnant wheat market as examples of economic problems in Idaho's 1st Congressional District that need the administration's action.

Sens. Larry Craig and Steve Symms both lauded Bush's "resolve."

"He spoke to the American people, not just to Congress," Craig said.

"He clearly but eloquently explained our involvement with allied forces in the Persian Gulf," Stallinga doubted Bush's connect-

ing U.S. involvement in the Mideast with the principles of the American Revolution.

"You have to remember, George Washington said in his closing address to avoid entangling alliances," Stallinga said.

"To tie out principles to why we're there is admirable, but I doubt the founding fathers would have been in favor of our being in the Gulf."

Craig said the comparison was proper as a way of "truly Congress and the American people."

"Sometimes we need to be reminded that this nation was founded on principle of human freedom and human dignity, and there is no question that this is part of why we are here," Craig said. "But there's also economic freedom, and economics is part of the reason we're there, also."

Earlier this month, Stallinga and LaRocco voted against a resolution authorizing Bush to use "force" against Iraq to free Kuwait. Symms and Craig voted for the resolution.

Resident halts paving

BOISE (AP) — An environmental appeal by a part-time Yellowstone National Forest to halt its \$8 million project to pave a road along the South Fork of the Salmon River.

Howard Buttgenbach, who also lives in Garden City, appealed the paving project on grounds that Payette forest officials had failed to fully assess the cumulative effects of sediment on salmon and steelhead.

The South Fork is a spawning stream for steelhead and summer chinook salmon, one of five salmon species that have been petitioned for listing as endangered. In August, the U.S. Forest Service listed the chinook as a sensitive species. On Monday, Buttgenbach received papers from Region 4 Forester Stan Tixier indicating his appeal will halt the paving project pending completion of a "biological evaluation" of the project's effect on summer chinook.

Sandpoint incubator gets grant

BOISE (AP) — The city of Sandpoint has been awarded a \$233,403-state economic development grant to help finance a business incubator at the Sandpoint Airport Business Park.

The money from the Idaho Department of Commerce will pay some of the construction costs on the \$560,000 project, which includes office space and support for businesses setting up in the Sandpoint area. The business incubator will be called the Bomor Business Center. It's expected to create 24 new jobs within its first year of operation. Gov. Cecil Andrus authorized use of the economic development funds, which are administered through the Department of Commerce's Community Development Block Grant program.

Crime in Boise on the increase

BOISE (AP) — Serious crime in Idaho's capital city increased 7 percent in 1990, the first increase in four years, according to records released by the Boise Police Department.

But police say Boise is a safe place to live, compared with other cities of similar size.

The number of murders, robberies, aggravated assaults, thefts and vehicle thefts all increased last year over 1989. Robbery showed the greatest rise at 16 percent. And Boise had four homicides in 1990 after none the year before.

Other reported crimes, including burglaries, arson and rapes, declined. Burglaries fell 43 percent, from 1,570 to 1,369.

In all, the eight categories of crimes reported annually to the FBI rose from 6,541 to 7,017.

"The city is a safe city," Boise Police Chief Jim Carvino said. "We're fortunate to have a small number" of serious crimes.

Carvino said changes in the figures were not dramatic.

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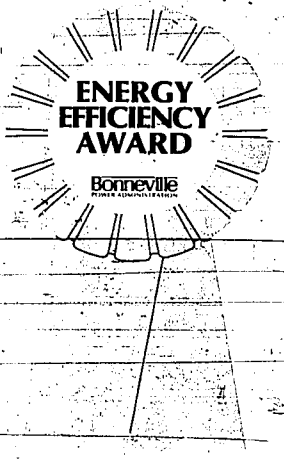
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Around the valley

EPA names Twin Falls attorneys in lawsuit

TWIN FALLS — Two Twin Falls attorneys and a Boise contractor are being sued for improperly handling asbestos during demolition of the Peterson-Burkholder Building.

John Hepworth and John Lezamis, owners of the downtown building, and Gaius Cunningham of C & C Salvage and Demolition, the contractor they hired to raze the building, were named as defendants in the civil suit filed in U.S. District Court in Boise Tuesday.

The suit was filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the suit, the defendants failed to notify the EPA that the demolition — which began in July 1988 — would involve asbestos and improperly removed, stored and disposed of the material.

The suit asks for \$25,000 — in civil penalties for each day of violations — Neither Hepworth nor Lezamis could be reached Wednesday. Cunningham could not be reached either, but his secretary said the case was being handled by Boise attorney Vern Smith. Smith could not be reached Wednesday either.

Jerome man will stand trial on lewd conduct charge

JEROME — A 34-year-old local man arrested Jan. 23 and charged with molesting two boys waived a preliminary hearing scheduled for Wednesday and will be arraigned in 5th District Court next month.

Michael E. Owen faces two felony counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under the age of 16. An arraignment date will be set for Owen, who will be asked to enter a plea when he appears in district court.

2 brothers from Wendell will face felony weapons charges

TWIN FALLS — Border patrol agents arrested two Wendell men Tuesday night in connection with illegal weapons found in their home.

Baltazar Salinas, 21, and his 17-year-old brother were arrested at about 5 p.m. at their mobile home on East 3rd Ave. by two U.S. Border Patrol officers and a Gooding County Sheriff's deputy, said Ted Bader, agent in charge of the local border patrol office.

Salinas was charged with possession of an illegal weapon and failing to register the weapon, Bader said. Officers found a .32-caliber Winchester Special rifle with the barrel sawed off to eight inches, which is an illegal length, Bader said.

The younger brother, who was not named because of his age, was charged with being an illegal alien in possession of a firearm and also with falsifying documents in order to buy the gun at a Magic Valley gun shop, Bader said.

The two will be taken to Boise, where they will face the felony charges in U.S. district court.

Information on December burglaries could net reward

TWIN FALLS — City police detectives are offering a reward for information about a series of burglaries at the Centennial Square in December.

A dozen businesses in the plaza on Blue Lakes Boulevard were broken into the night of Dec. 15 by someone apparently searching for money, Lt. Jim Kistler of the Twin Falls Police Department's detective division said.

"Somebody out there has got to know something," Kistler said.

Information leading to an arrest in the case can earn the informant — who can remain anonymous — a reward of \$100 or more, Kistler said. Callers can contact Kistler at the Twin Falls Police Department at 736-2200.

Hansen police seek owner of wallet found in local park

HANSEN — A wallet containing a large amount of cash was found in Rolling Hills Park in Hansen Sunday.

The owner of the wallet should contact the Hansen City Hall at 423-5158, Monday through Thursday, or call the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office at 733-6171 and ask for Hansen Police Chief Dan Kennedy.

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Explosive device found in courthouse lot

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A shotgun shell with a nail taped to the shell's explosive primer was found in the Twin Falls County Courthouse parking lot late Tuesday afternoon.

"If detonated, the shell could have proven fatal to anyone standing nearby," said Lt. Jim Kistler of the Twin Falls police department's detective division.

"It would be just like shooting a shotgun," Kistler said. "Especially if there were a lot of people around, it could have been very dangerous."

The device could have exploded had it been dropped or thrown so that the nail's head struck a hard surface, Twin Falls police detective Jim Howells said.

"It would have worked if it hit something hard enough," Howells said. "It don't take too much of a blow to set off a shotgun shell."

Although unlikely, it is possible the shell could have exploded beneath a car tire, he said.

Police plan to check the crude device for fingerprints, but say they have no idea where the device came from or why it was assembled.

A memo distributed throughout the courthouse and the neighboring judicial building by Twin Falls County Sheriff James Munn advised all employees to check their vehicles before driving out of the lot.

Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards found the shell near the north end of the parking lot in the exit lane of traffic at about 4:50 p.m., Munn said. He notified the sheriff's office and police removed the shell.

Detectives had not dismantled the shell Wednesday evening, but Howells said it is

probably a standard 12-gauge shell. Investigators weighed the device and determined the shotgun shell is loaded. The 4-inch cylinder is covered with black electrical tape, and the nail is attached and covered with masking tape.

The device looks harmless, but Munn warned courthouse workers not to touch any suspicious items found in the parking lot.

Kistler echoed that advice, adding that anyone who finds a similar device or any other potential explosives should notify the police immediately and stay away from it.



Sherry Gotchy, a 15-year Buttrely employee, hugs customer, Julie Jackson as the store was being prepared to close for good Wednesday.

Twin Falls store closes its doors for good

By Mark Kind
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ortho funginex rose disease control and Sterno fondue fuel were about all that remained on Buttrely Food-Drug Store shelves Wednesday as a handful of shoppers struggled through aisles just hours before the store closed for good.

"Many people hate to see us go," said Manager Rex Stevenson. "They've traded here forever."

The store opened in Blue Lakes Mall in October 1964. The Great Falls, Mont., chain is closing both its Idaho

stores — the other is in Idaho Falls. Corporate spokesmen complained that the store was not making money when they announced the closure in November.

Forty-two stores in other Western states will remain open, however. Twin Falls' 65 Buttrely employees were allowed to apply for positions at other Buttrely Food and Drug stores.

The Twin Falls store sold its remaining merchandise at a 50 percent discount and plans to donate the leftovers — a smattering of goods ranging from furnace filters to Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle nightgowns — to the Salvation Army.

The closure narrows the shopping choices for Twin Falls residents, as well as residents of other nearby towns.

Former Montana resident JoAnne Iszler, now of Jerome, was among those bidding the store farewell. Now she'll have to travel farther to another Twin Falls grocer because she does not like the stores in her home town.

"I've just always liked Buttrely's — I liked it in Montana and I liked it here," she said. "Its vegetables and its meats were always better."

Steering committee recommends river speed limit

By Phil Sahn
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A public steering committee decided Wednesday night to recommend a 5 mph speed limit on the Snake River at the proposed Centennial Waterfront Park.

The committee did not outright recommend banning jet and water-skiing but felt those activities likely would be eliminated with the speed limit. Engine horsepower size should not be restricted, the committee will recommend to city officials.

The committee spent Wednesday night listing advantages of several options: no ski-

ing or speed boating; limited speed activities; or unlimited speed activities.

Committee members decided last week that motorboats should be allowed on the river with restrictions, among which horsepower, speed and wake controls were considered. The committee also considered alternating days motorized and non-motorized crafts will be allowed on the river.

On Wednesday night the committee discussed compatibility of users, effects on the environment, safety and funding concerns.

Committee member Gary Oliver suggested jet and water-skiing be allowed only between Memorial and Labor days. Allowing those

activities on even or odd days might even be acceptable, he said. That way, every kind of boater could use the river.

"I would like to see everyone use the river and coexist. That river does not belong to any one group of people," Oliver said.

Other committee members agreed that a compromise such as this would allow the broadest range of use on the river.

However, some committee members said skiing and speed boating, even if restricted, would harm the canyon environment in the long run.

John Borton, a recreation planner for the U.S. Forest Service, said any activity will af-

fect the environment. But in the long run, a park without skiing or speed boating would have the least effect on the environment, he said.

But Oliver and Jeff Rutherford said that allowing skiing and speed boating probably would not affect the environment any more than if those activities were banned.

Questions of safety brought a range of comments from committee members.

Mary McClellan said it would be easier to enforce regulations on the water if speed-related activities were banned. However, people generally would be on the honor system.

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Developers of proposed shopping area must meet needs of downtown Hailey

By Deborah Shimkus
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — A proposed downtown shopping area, Alturas Plaza, may be completed by the end of 1995.

But the developers must first come up with a development agreement assuring the project will be completed in a manner consistent with the needs of the downtown area.

Three major structures of stucco and brick are planned: an Atkinsons supermarket; a Coast to Coast Hardware store; and a remodeled and restored Hailey Police Department building.

The project includes a 46-foot tower which, according to architect David Waldron, is 90 percent symbolic and will be a clock tower. Hailey's maximum building

height is currently 35 feet.

Central to the development of the Plaza is the use of First Avenue between Bullion and Crox streets — the proposed project would build over it.

The city cannot sell a street, but can elect to "vacate" it for special needs such as development. The plan for the Plaza was scrutinized by the public and elected officials during a special joint City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meeting this week.

Some concern has been raised that the development of First Avenue will shift business up one block from Main Street and leave three more empty businesses on the main thoroughfare.

Tom Richmond was one of only a few property owners who spoke out against vacating First Avenue for the project.

"This town is almost 110 years old, and there have been a lot of city administrators before you, and none of them saw the need to close the street," he said.

While the City Council cannot tag expeditions onto the vacation of First Avenue, it has asked special city attorney Barry Luboviski to provide a written, long-term agreement, detailing the phases and expectations, upon which the street vacation would be contingent.

"This will be presented at the next council meeting on Feb. 11."

"Parking, landscaping and pollution control" were open issues raised during the public hearing for the project. The Plaza is designed to provide on-site parking for 152 cars, including underground employee parking for 32 cars, according to Waldron.

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Goal of 3 new landfills by 1992 depends on permits, finding sites

By Phil Salm
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley counties could open three new regional landfills by June 1992 to meet tougher federal regulations on waste disposal.

But engineering Barry Damschen laid out that ambitious goal Wednesday in presenting a draft report of a regional solid-waste plan for the Magic Valley. Damschen reported his findings at the monthly meeting of the South Central Health District Solid Waste Committee.

At least two important points: finding sites for the facilities and getting permits to open them from the state Division of Environmental Quality.

The draft report includes alternatives for one to four regional landfills in the eight counties. Annual operating costs among the four plans range from estimates of almost \$2.1 million to operate four landfills to a little over \$3.2 million to run just one regional landfill.

Tempers flare over toll-free constituent phone line

BOISE (AP) — The recurrent partisan tangle in the evenly split Idaho Senate flared Wednesday over an announcement that toll-free telephone lines are finally being installed to allow far-flung constituents to call their legislators.

Senate Republican President Pro

tem Michael Crapo of Idaho Falls and GOP House Speaker Tom Boyd of Genesee disavowed any partisan motives in making the mid-morning announcement of the advance that Senate Democrats had been pressing for a decade.

"I don't think it would be appropriate for one party or the other to claim credit for this," Crapo said during a news conference.

He and Boyd labeled the plan an experiment to determine just what kind of telephone service will eventually be needed to meet increasing demand.

But commissioners from Magic Valley counties decided, in November to have a three-landfill plan with facilities in Blaine, Twin Falls and Cassia counties.

The new landfills will be built to meet the Subtitle D regulations proposed by the federal

Environmental Protection Agency. The regulations are designed to protect groundwater and air quality by lining landfills with an impermeable plastic and providing equipment to prevent methane gas from escaping into the air.

No one knows when Subtitle D will come into effect but local officials want to have a plan in plenty of time to meet the new requirements.

Building three regional landfills to meet Subtitle D regulations would cost about \$3.5 million. Officials predict the landfills would have a 50-year life.

No matter which plan the counties choose, a number of transfer sites and stations will be included. People in counties that do not have a landfill can take trash to these stations and dump it. The garbage will be taken from these stations to the regional landfills.

Parent 'starting again' in getting help for learning-disabled children

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A parent who threatened to file a class-action suit against the Twin Falls School District to change its current approach to teaching kids with learning disabilities is taking a different tack this year.

Shawna Fuller says she will seek help from other parents in persuading the School District to change its current approach to teaching kids with learning disabilities.

"We're starting again," said Fuller, who along with her husband, Greg, a local attorney, threatened to file a non-adversarial class-action suit against the district a year ago.

The Fullers also commissioned a special report to the district's approach to helping children with learning disabilities last year.

Charles Drake and his son David, two Massachusetts education con-

Service fee for non-union members nixed

BOISE (AP) — Legislation allowing recognized unions to levy a service fee on non-union members under Idaho's right to work law has been killed by a Senate committee.

In a straight 5-5 party-line vote late Wednesday, the State Affairs Committee refused to send to the Senate floor what was the first significant attack on the ban against compulsory union membership since voters ratified the law in 1986 to make Idaho the nation's 21st right to work state.

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Obituaries

John A. Olsen
KIMBERLY — John Andrew Olsen, 80, of Kimberly, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1991, at his home.

He was born April 21, 1910, in Richfield, Utah, the son of John P. and Hulda Peterson Olsen. He moved to Kimberly with his family at the age of 5 and graduated from Kimberly High School in 1929. He attended the University of Utah for three years and then moved back to Kimberly where he farmed most of his life. He married Dorothy M.ENTRY on Nov. 19, 1937, in Kimberly.

Olsen was a member of the LDS Church. Surviving are two sons, Wayne Olsen of Palm Springs, Calif., and Jon Olsen of Twin Falls; two daughters, Marky Olsep of Cupertino, Calif., and Linda Medley of Hansen; one sister, Violet Brown of Glendale, Calif.; six grandchildren; and one grand-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his wife on Nov. 21, 1990, his parents, two sisters and one brother.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home of the Rev. Brad Worden officiating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Contributions may be left at, or mailed to, White Mortuary, P.O. Box 845, Twin Falls 83403.

Ella M. Holmes
WENDELL — Ella Mae Holmes, 86, of Wendell, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 1991, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Wendell Chapel.

Oscar Jones
ALMO — Oscar Jones, 89, of Almo, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1991, at his home.

He was born Jan. 23, 1902, in Almo, the son of William and Mary Ann Nicholas Jones. He attended schools in Almo and Oakley. The latter

attended Albion State Normal School where he received a teaching certificate under one of the first graduates of Albion State Normal School in 1936.

Surviving are his wife of Almo; one son, William "Bill" Jones, also of Almo; one daughter, Patricia Equilino of Caldwell; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by seven brothers, two sisters and one grand-grandchild.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Almo LDS Church, with Bishop Berry Anderson, officiating. Burial will be at the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery in Almo. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at McCulloch's Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Muriel Lansborough Pew
SHOSHONE — Muriel Lansborough Pew, 85, of Pocatello and formerly of Shoshone, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 1991, in a Pocatello hospital.

She was born March 11, 1905, in Bowbelle, N.D., the daughter of James and Cora Lansborough. She moved to Shoshone with her parents in 1939. She attended school in Shoshone and graduated from Shoshone High School. She later graduated from Albion State Normal School and taught school in Pocatello and the surrounding area for over 40 years. She was married to George Pew and at the time of her death, had resided at the Cotton-Wood Cove Retirement Home in Pocatello.

Surviving are one sister, Luella L. Kinsey, who resides at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, one sister and one brother.

The memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Episcopal Church in Pocatello. A lunch will be served after the memorial service at the church.

Rickley LDS Church, with Bishop Richard Hardy officiating.

Burial will be at the Oakley Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5:30 p.m. today at McCulloch's Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

PAUL — The funeral for Sander Paul, 81, of Paul, who died Monday, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Joseph Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Kenneth Magee officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Friday at the funeral chapel.

BROWER — The funeral for Ray W. Brower, 80, of Paul, who died Tuesday, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis, with Bishop Richard Williams officiating.

Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call this afternoon and evening at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth

Pocatello Quality Inn. Cremation and services are being held at the direction of the Downward Funeral Home in Pocatello.

Lols M. McIntosh
OAKLEY — Lois Maureta McIntosh, 85, of Oakley, died Monday, Jan. 28, 1991, at the Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley.

She was born Feb. 5, 1905, in Paris, Garfield County, Utah, the daughter of Alexander and Lois Ann Campbell Butler. At the age of two months, she moved with her family to Sugar City. They later moved to Oakley, N.D. in 1910 where she had since resided. She married Albert M. McIntosh on May 16, 1927, in Oakley. Their marriage was later solemnized on Feb. 16, 1927, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

McIntosh was an active member of the LDS Church, where she served in both the ward and stake capacities of the primary, Sunday school, mutual organization, relief society, and also served as a music director.

Surviving are her husband of Basin, near Oakley; one son, Roland McIntosh of Salt Lake City; three daughters, Lois Christensen of Burley, Betty Jones of Tucson, Ariz., and Darlene Limb of Salt Lake City; five sisters, The Stewart of Spanish Fork, Utah, Alta Vanless of Lodi, Utah, and Anna Young, Della Ferguson and LuDean Rodriguez, all of Springville, Utah; one brother, Grant Butler of Orem, Utah; 20 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, and one great-granddaughter.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Oakley LDS Stake Center, 201 North Church, with Bishop Richard Hardy officiating. Burial will follow at the Basin Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Cancer Society.

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WENDELL — The funeral for George Elmer Astle, 78, of Grandview and formerly of Wendell, who died Monday, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Grandview LDS Chapel, with Bishop Don Mallory officiating.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Grover Cemetery in Star-Valley. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise.

RUPERT — The funeral for Herbert Plocher, 79, of Rupert, who died Tuesday, will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert, with the Rev. L.G. Metzner officiating.

Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church. The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Services

TWIN FALLS — The funeral for Ernest Fox, 71, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, who died Monday, will be at 1:30 p.m. today at Hansen Funeral Home in Boise. Burial will follow at the Dry Creek Cemetery in Boise.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Mountain States Tumor Institute, 151 E. Bannock St., Boise 83712.

BUIH — The funeral for Jennie Goff, 95, of Buhl, who died Saturday, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl, with the Rev. Art Freund officiating. Burial will follow at the West-End Cemetery in Buhl. No viewing is planned.

FILER — The memorial service for Marjorie S. Grace, 84, of Filer, who died Sunday, will be at 2 p.m. today at the Ketchum Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey.

OAKLEY — The funeral for Dell Palmer, 91, of Oakley, who died Saturday, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the

Hospitals

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Gale Killinger, Martha Elodie Newby, Kenneth Poe and Marci Turbeville, all of Twin Falls; Tonya Corle of Hansen; Jason Everitt of Kimberly; Virginia Gehring of Gooding; Elmer Wayne Henstee of Wendell; Charles Noy of Rupert; Del Romer of Jerome; and Jane Whiteley of Oakley.

Released
Darren Czapliski; Daniel Paul Murphy; Sherrie Lynn Oney; Helen Saylor and Earl Walker, all of Twin Falls; Katelyn Marie Field of Jerome; and Paye Hild of Gooding.

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A daughter to Maree and Vance Turbeville of Twin Falls; and a son to Tonya and Don Corle of Hansen.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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Garland Christiansen of Burley; Irma Carlisle of Paul; Karen Edwards of Malta; Winslow Whiteley of Oakley; and Christopher Coates of Twin Falls.

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Helene Coffey; Mary Gonzalez; Mary Harrison, Helena Wilkinson and Helen Hines, all of Burley; Stacey Cranney of Oakley; and Phillip Lara of Heyburn.

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Jerome commissioners advised to keep better account of funds

By H.R. Weikel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome County didn't spend as much money last year as it had budgeted, but the county commissioners have been advised to use several internal controls to better account for funds.

In a letter to the commissioners, the accounting firm of Glines and Condie, said it noted "certain matters involving the internal controls structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants."

Judgment puts limits on company

KETCHUM (AP) — Judgments have been issued against two Idaho mining enterprises charged with violating the Idaho Securities Act and bilking a dozen Idaho investors out of more than \$4 million.

The judgments, entered in 5th District Court by Judge James J. May against Sharma Resources Limited Partnership and Maranatha Management Corp. restrict the Ketchum-based companies' future business practices in Idaho and elsewhere, and call for restitution to investors.

The Idaho Department of Finance sued the two companies in May 1989. The suit alleged that Sharma, Maranatha, and Lawrence W. McGary — general partner of Sharma and president of Maranatha — illegally sold limited partnership interests to investors in Idaho, Texas, and Florida.

The complaint also alleged McGary attempted to force limited partnerships on creditors in exchange for debts owed by Sharma. In addition, promissory notes were issued that could be converted to partnership interests in Sharma.

The judgments against Sharma and Maranatha were entered 25 days after the defendants failed to defend themselves. The suit against McGary, who has indicated he intends to represent himself, is still pending.

Department of Finance Securities Bureau Chief Wayne Klein said the defendants were disconnected from investors in Sharma and his financial condition. In addition, Klein said the stock offering was not registered with the state, nor were the salesmen licensed.

McGary, whose Sun Valley telephone number has been disconnected, first drew attention in 1986 when he recorded more than 5,000 contiguous mining claims in Custer County, just west of Challis.

Although McGary repeatedly declined to reveal what minerals he intended to mine, he said the claims were the result of divine revelation and he was carrying out God's plan for economic growth in central Idaho.

He was unavailable for comment.

ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data.

"In explaining the auditor's findings, Eldon Condie said the same person receiving cash in the clerk's office also records the receipt into the computer system.

"No problem exists at the moment where money was received but never recorded, but it has in other counties," Condie said.

The lack of a method of reconciling account balances was also reported in the audit. Two computer programs, in the clerk and treasurer's offices, do

not have the capability to tie funding transactions together.

As a result, some written authorizations for expenditures have not been recorded in the general ledger and others have been recorded more than once.

"A warning signal needs to be included in the computer programs, Condie said. Other conditions noted were:

- No monthly reconciliation of treasurer's cash to the month end cash report.
- Improved accounting of the am-

balance fund billing is needed.

"Cash and property seized in connection with drug arrests are being deposited into a savings account under the sheriff's control. The auditors recommended the revenues be put into an expendable trust fund to improve documentation of the resources.

• Capital expenditures were not being posted correctly.

In presenting the county with a \$13,623 bill for the audit, Condie recommended the audit be performed several times a year, so problems

found could be solved during the year instead of waiting until an entire year's transactions had transpired.

"Some of our programs are the best, but each year we do a lot to improve the system," Veronica Lierman, the lone county commissioner present Monday morning, said.

The county budget had been amended during the year by court orders as follows:

- The public defender budget was increased by \$11,340, primarily due to added costs to defend Jamie Charbonneau, convicted first-degree mur-

der, according to Commissioner Lierman.

The general accounts increased by \$7,338.

- The ambulance fund increased by \$8,000.
- The weed department budget increased by \$600,000 for contamination cleanup.

The report showed the county had budgeted almost \$3.5 million in expenditures for both the general and special revenue funds. Of that, almost \$3.2 million had been spent, for a difference of \$282,490.76.

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IF IT'S SOFT ALL OVER, THEN IT'S OVERRIPE.

INCIDENTALLY, YOU'RE OVERRIPE.

PEANUTS

ALL I'M SAYING IS THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT SOME DAY LIFE ON THIS PLANET WILL CEASE TO EXIST...

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK BIRDS WILL BE THE LAST TO GO?

WHO SAYS YOU'RE THE CUTEST?

GARFIELD

LOOK OUT I CAN'T STOP

THANK GOODNESS YOU SURVIVED

YOU HAD OODLE A HEAD OF STEAM BUILT UP THERE, GARFIELD.

DONALD DUCK

MIKEY IS THAT YOU? WHY DON'T YOU BUY ME A FUR COAT? I'VE GOT ONE IN THE CITY. I'LL GET IT FOR YOU.

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SHOPPING? WHAT FOR?

I THINK SHE WAS LOOKING FOR A FUR COAT...

A FUR COAT? WHY WOULD SHE WANT ONE IN THE CITY WHEN SHE CAN GET IT FOR HER WHOLESALE?

GOOD QUESTION, HUEY. SHE'S THINKING SHE SHOULD HAVE HER OWN FUR COAT.

BOOO! HISS! SHAME!

HOLD IT. SHE'S JUST COME IN.

HAGAR

CHECKMATE!

PLAP!

WHY IS THE PLOWMAN PUSHING ALL THE SNOW ONTO THE FRONT LAWN?

BECAUSE I ASKED HIM

I WANT TO MAKE A FORT THAT WILL LAST ALL WINTER!

BETTY BAILEY

SLOW \$

CAUTION \$

FORGET IT!

CALVIN & HOBBES

TIME FOR BED, CALVIN.

YOU CAN PUT MY BODY TO BED, BUT MY SPIRITS GOING TO STAY RIGHT HERE. SO WHY BOTHER? WHY SHOULDN'T I JUST STAY UP?

BECAUSE THE BODY IS THE HOME OF THE SPIRIT, AND IF YOU'RE NOT IN BED IN TWO MINUTES, YOUR SPIRIT IS GOING TO BE PERMANENTLY NOMADIC.

HOME! SWEET HOME!

WZARD OF ID

SO THIS IS THE NEW 20-MILLION-DOLLAR LANDFILL?

YEP.

WHY DO THEY CALL IT A LANDFILL?

WOULDN'T YOU PAY TWENTY MILLION IN TAXES FOR A DUMP?

GARFIELD

Hurry, Squeezie! Open it!

Aren't we curious?

I can't wait to see what's inside!

We'll have to! It won't open!

Squeezie!

BORN LOSER

WHATCHA TAKING A MARRIAGE COMPATABILITY TEST?

OH! HOW'RE WE COMING?

I'M DOING FINE...

...IT'S YOU THAT'S THE PROBLEM!

DENNIS THE MENACE

JUST DON'T LISTEN TO THEM. JOEY WERE NOT PLAYING CONVERSATIONS AND NATIVE AMERICANS!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Grandma says microwave meals used to be called TV dinners. But I think it's just one of her jokes."

PLANETARY FORECASTS

DON'T GET TOO CLOSE -- HE'S OVERPOPULATED, YOU KNOW.

CROSSWORD

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8	Ala
13	Sailor's word
14	Foot cover
15	Kind of sheep
18	Water spot near
19	Miles; Mtroas
19	Before
20	Yoko
21	Two identical
22	Response
24	Change
25	Little bit
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30	Spot for
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59	Actress/Kriste
60	Mac -- tung
61	Cozy abode

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Sydney Omarr

Astrological Forecasts

IF JANUARY 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are unorthodox, creative, independent, broke from family tradition, could have been separated from one or both parents at relatively early age. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play important roles in your life. In February you'll be out of obligation not your own in first place. You'll make fresh start in new direction in March. In April spotlight will be on marital status, possibility of going into business for yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Break free from restrictions -- scenario highlights creativity, speculation, personal magnetism. This can be your power day -- you'll successfully meet challenge and deadline. Capricorn plays role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Long distance communication relates to dissemination of information, distance, language, journey. Special relationship, for a time off track, is back on target. Aries figures prominently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stress integrity, daring, willingness to invest in your own capabilities -- accentuate communication with relative who recently "left home." Leo, Aquarius persons figure in scenario.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reunion with family member dominates. Focus on property, security, marital status. What was taken away will be returned prior to 10 p.m. Information received as result of unorthodox procedure.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be asked to entertain, to contact persons regarded as "celebrities." Accept challenge, wear gold and yellow. Previous tricks, limitations no longer apply. Gemini, Sagittarius, play

roles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take special care when handling mechanical objects. Opportunity exists to remodel, rebuild, to get on more solid financial ground. Scorpio involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be in mood to celebrate as circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. Focus on fulfillment, speculation, friends, hopes and financial gain. You'll be saying, "Feels good to be a winner!"

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Family member relates news concerning promotion, receipt of gift that amounts to "money in the bank." Individual who previously appeared indifferent might now shower you with affection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Scenario features abstract design, music, illusion, clandestine arrangements. Look behind scenes for answers. Emphasis also on education, travel, spiritual values. Pices in picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll successfully deal with persons in position of authority. Financial transaction is completed. Emphasis on hiding places, physical attraction. Cancer native plays significant role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): "Relationship tested" -- information "leaked" concerning legal complication. You'll win, although some will insist you were "saved by the bell." Aries, Libra persons figure prominently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You asked for and receive "new deal." Focus on fresh start, creativity, inventiveness, possibility of "new romance." Individual who shares your interests will become strong ally. Leo involved.

L.M. Boyd

What's what?

Only way to go, no?

Q. There are places in this world where you can only move in one direction. Name two?

A. North Pole, South Pole.

A plant fertilizer called "CC-84" came out in 1984. Said to be twice as potent as steer manure. But it didn't do too well on the market. Finally, sellers changed the name to "Krieket Krup." Sales quadrupled.

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Mick Jagger said, "If you get to be a really big headliner, you have to be prepared for people throwing bottles at you in the night."

BLACK

Trendy people wear black. Client asks, "Who started that? Not Christopher Columbus, surely, but those around him might merit the credit. Among Spain's highly clothes conscious of that era, it was the preferred color.

Non African or Asian monkey ever

hangs by its tail.

People who exercise daily also get colds, certainly. But according to Appalachian State University researchers, such exercisers get over their colds a lot more quickly.

SHOPPING

What women most dislike about shopping are long lines and poor selections, researchers say. Men seem most to dislike spending the time and trying on clothes.

Frank Lloyd Wright liked to design houses with front doors you couldn't readily see. Sometimes, couldn't even find.

Not everybody in Fairbanks, Alaska, knows it's against the law there to give beer to a moose.

Farmers say their most troublesome weed is the cocklebur.

Don't suppose you ever thought of the hippo as Africa's most dangerous wild animal, what? Must be, though. Statisticians say it kills more people than any other.

The letter "X" began as a picture of a fish.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS	8 Lower in rank
9 Actress Pappas	10 Egypt, waterway
11 Concludes	12 Coronet's letters
15 Grain	17 Noel
19 Snow affection	23 Stainless
26 Scorches	28 Hunter's prey
29 Individuals	30 Masquero
31 Bear home	32 Buffalo's cry
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Valley life

Closed-casket funeral no comfort

DEAR ABBY: Today I attended the funeral of a friend who had been killed in an auto accident. I had not seen him in several years and was dismayed to learn that the family had decided to have a closed casket. At first, I assumed that the body was not in condition for viewing, but then I learned that this was not the case nor was his family carrying out wishes — they simply decided it would be easier this way.

(Abby, my heart goes out to those people but I feel that they made two mistakes (easy enough to do in their grief):

1. They presumed that no one besides them needed to see the loved one for a visual farewell, denying others the opportunity to cope better with reality. (To make matters worse, this man was an educator who had influenced the lives of many young people. The young people had no focus for their grief. If I can think "Maybe it's all a mistake; I never saw him," what about kids?)

2. The family showed a lack of acknowledgment for the needs of dear friends, some of whom were far closer to the deceased than his kin.

I know that nothing can change this experience for me since I was denied my farewell, but I hope my writing can make a difference to another decision and others' grief.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DEAR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The kin (regardless of how "close" or distant they were to the deceased) always have the final say in such matters, which I believe is appropriate.

Everyone does not need to view the lifeless body to "focus on their grief" or accept the fact that loved.

Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

one is dead. Some prefer to remember that person as he or she was in life.

His family, for reasons of their own, chose a closed-casket funeral. Please do not fault them.

DEAR ABBY: In 1982, my brother borrowed \$1,000 from our mother to buy his fiancée an engagement ring. He has never paid back the loan, or even mentioned it since.

My brother is a wonderful person and would never intentionally forget a loan. Maybe he misunderstood and thought it was a gift.

He now has a job that pays very well and has since bought a home, furniture, new cars, jewelry, etc.

Mother won't mention the \$1,000 for fear of hurting his feelings, and I don't think it's my place to mention it.

Our mother is divorced, retired and living on a fixed income, and could really use the money now.

What should be done here? I really hope my brother reads your column.

—HELPLESS

DEAR HELPLESS: So do I. But just in case he misses it, I think you should jog his memory.

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CSI computer classes starting

TWIN FALLS - Several computer classes start soon through the College of Southern Idaho.

Three sections of "Introduction to Computers" are scheduled starting in February. All will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; and the fee is \$49.

The Tuesday section will meet from Feb. 5 through March 5, the Wednesday class will meet from Feb. 20 through March 27, and the Thursday class is slated from Feb. 21 through March 28.

For more information on these classes, call 733-9554 ext. 266. Pre-registration is required.

In addition, CSI plans four classes for junior high and high school students.

"Keyboard on the Computer" for grades five through eight will meet from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays from Feb. 4 through March 13.

The same class for people in

grades nine through 12 will be held from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 5 through March 14.

The fee for either 11 session-course is \$36, and there are no prerequisites.

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April 1 through April 29. The same class for grades nine through 12 is set from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 2 through April 30.

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Idaho

Briefly

State won't investigate home-schoolers

BOISE - The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will not investigate home-school families simply because they refused to submit lesson plans to school officials.

Health and Welfare Director Rich Donovan made the decision after the Boise School District mailed his agency the names of 23 home-schooling families who had failed to file lesson plans with the district. "We are not routinely going to look into cases that may be strictly a paperwork violation," agency spokeswoman Mary Keltz said Tuesday. "But only cases where it appears that someone is actually interfering with the child's ability to obtain an education."

ISU pay differences not gender-related

POCATELLO - While the average salary of female faculty members at Idaho State University is \$3,900 lower than the median pay for men, a new study of salaries found the differences are explained by many factors other than gender.

The study, conducted at the request of the ISU Faculty Senate and released last week, analyzed the salary framework of 283 academic faculty.

According to the study, five factors account for much of the variation in pay: Whether the faculty member has a Ph.D. or Doctor of Education degree; number of years at ISU; academic rank; department chairmanship; and college in which the faculty member works.

Idaho seeks unclaimed property owners

BOISE - The state of Idaho has about \$9.5 million in unclaimed property and officials want to try harder to find the owners. But those efforts apparently won't feature a picture of Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus.

At the request of the state Tax Commission, the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Wednesday approved introduction of legislation the commission says could make it easier to locate the more than 70,000 people who have rights to unclaimed property.

Experts press state for maintenance

BOISE - State public works experts have urged legislative budget writers to turn more of their financial attention to maintenance of a public building inventory valued at over \$1 billion and growing.

The Legislature's doubling of its maintenance commitment from \$5 million to \$10 million in the past four years "has helped close the gap," Jerry Wray, chairman of the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council, told the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee on Wednesday. "But major problems still exist," Wray said. "The critical maintenance needs are not being met, and little or no maintenance is being done to extend the life of existing buildings."

Compiled from wire reports

Dismissal sought

BLACKFOOT (AP) - A Boise attorney has asked 7th District Judge James Herndon to dismiss a first-degree murder charge against a Fort Hall man accused in a 1964 slaying, contending some key evidence is missing.

William Mauk told Herndon at a hearing Wednesday that prosecutors have no proof John Heveah Jr., 44, killed 16-year-old Susan L. Hansen of Blackfoot.

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Revenue estimate cautious

BOISE (AP) - Despite warnings from a Democrat that it will short-change funding for critical state programs like education, the Idaho House adopted a cautious estimate of how much revenue the state can expect for its next budget.



The votes were 65-13 and 66-13 Wednesday as the House approved a revised revenue estimate for the current budget and a prediction on how much the state will receive in the 12 months starting July 1.

All the opposing votes were from Democrats, and Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise, led debate against the estimates, which go to the Senate for consideration.

Estimates set the limits of spending for the next budget since the Idaho Constitution forbids deficit financing.

"There is ample evidence that the figures in HCR9 (the revised estimate of revenue for the current year) are too low," Robison said. "We are going to have more revenue at the end of this fiscal year by at least \$15 million and perhaps more than has been projected."

But sponsoring Rep. Don Loveland, R-Boise, supported the estimates and said it would be better to wind up with a budget surplus than have to cut programs because of a deficit.

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Legislative log

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Legislative Action Complete
HJM1 (Revenue and Taxation) - Requests that Congress act to prohibit states from taxing the pension income of individuals who worked in those states but have retired in others.

Confirmed By Senate
JL1 Leggett, Coeur d'Alene, to the Commission for Pardons and Parole.

Marianne Endo, Pocatello, to the Human Rights Commission.

Introduced In Senate
SBI026 (Education) - Sets up a bonding plan to underwrite new school construction.

SBI027 (Transportation) - Creates a special license plate for survivors of Pearl Harbor.

SBI028 (Transportation) - Brings state fees for permitting interstate trucks into compliance with federal regulations.

SBI029 (Transportation) - Diverts fees for the centennial license plate to the general highway user fund now that the centennial is over.

SBI030 (Transportation) - Creates a special license plate for members of the

Armed Forces Reserve

SBI031 (Transportation) - Creates a special license plate for recipients of the Purple Heart.

SBI032 (Human Resources) - Clarifies the state employment director's authority to interpret unemployment insurance coverage.

SBI033 (Human Resources) - Provides for retirement credit to be given for military service and makes other revisions in state pension system law.

Introduced In House
HCR12 (Transportation and Defense) - Expresses support of the Idaho Legislature for "Operation Homefront" encouraging U.S. troops serving in Middle East.

HB110 (Business) - Provides for regulation of financial planners as investment advisers.

HB111 (Business) - Allows a 30-day free look (instead of 10 days) provision on individual long-term insurance policies.

HB112 (Business) - Redefines definition of immunity and provides definition of fraudulent insurance acts.

HB113 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Allows Department of Corrections 42 days to take custody of prisoner

sentenced to state prison.

HB114 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Corrects subsection designation in Child Protective Act.

HB115 (Judiciary, Rules and Administration) - Increases term of protective order under Domestic Violence Crime Prevention Act from three months to one year.

HB116 (Resources and Conservation) - Provides exception to definition of utility and guide to certain nonprofit youth-oriented organizations providing services to their members.

HB117 (Commerce, Industry, and Tourism) - Amends funds transfer provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code.

HB118 (State Affairs) - Allows administrator of Division of Public Works to delegate oversight of projects under \$100,000 to state agencies according to guidelines.

HB119 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides that county commissions shall levy the budget amount requested by the county museum board.

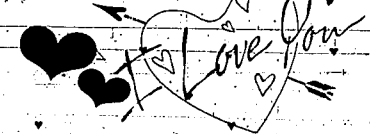
HB120 (Revenue and Taxation) - Provides an exemption from the sales tax for dentures and dental bridgework.

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NOTICE OF PENDING ISSUE OF TAX DEED
STATE OF IDAHO
COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, That a delinquency entry was entered on January 1, 1990, in the records of the County Treasurer as Tax Collector of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, and costs and expenses were that date of said notice at my office at Twin Falls, Idaho, shall thereupon, as recited by law, make application to the Board of County Commissioners of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, for a hearing to be held on February 26, 1991, at Ten o'clock, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, at the County Commissioners office, for a Tax Deed covering the following described property, to-wit: Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, absolute title, free of all encumbrances, except any lien for taxes which may have attached subsequently to the assessment herein reported to:

DELINQUENT ENTRIES SUBJECT TO TAX DEED FEBRUARY 26, 1991

RCPT #	RECORD OWNER	DESCRIPTION	SEC.	TR.	RNG.	1987 TAX AMT
78	George L Zimmers et ux	Buhl Township, Lot 1 Block 57 Property Address: 201 7th Ave S, Buhl, ID 83804	36	9	14	\$1,197.38
4424	Blaine L Rackham et ux	Twin Falls Township, Lot 13 Block 40 Property Address: 629 4th Ave. N., Twin Falls, Idaho	16	10	17	680.50
8286	Velma Springer et al	Twin Falls Davidson's 2nd Subd ESQ Lot 1 Block 1 Property Address: 167 Heyburn Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho	9	10	175W	621.24
8783	Raymond A Rocco et ux	Twin Falls Elm Park, Lot 18 Block 4 Property Address: 437 Locust St., Twin Falls, Idaho	15	10	175W	763.80
12524	Glorin Puhali et ux	Twin Falls North View, 2nd Subd Property Address: 360 Park St., Twin Falls, Idaho	9	10	175E	1,027.04
11308	L James Koutrak Estazo & Rubye Lavonne Koutrak, Gary Koutrak Pars Rep Vera Hansen	Twin Falls Poplar Subd, Lot 7 Property Address: 1277 Harrison St., Twin Falls, Idaho	15	10	17NW	85.53
14580	Raymond A Rocco et ux	Twin Falls Suburban Park, Lot 7 Block 1 Property Address: 1277 Harrison St., Twin Falls, Idaho	9	10	175W	613.56
15018	Urbano Almonarez et ux	Twin Falls Victory Subd, Lots 8 & 9 Block 1 Property Address: 1279 Park St., Twin Falls, Idaho	17	10	17SE	324.80
18687	Jofery Ross Adolt et ux	SE 12 P 9 R 14, N 21E, SW 26, T2N, R14E, S1W, SE 1/4, SW 1/4				227.36
18912	Merlin V Novak et ux	Sec 21 T 9 R 14, N 21E, SW 26, T2N, R14E, S1W, SE 1/4, SW 1/4				508.24
22449	Meadow Ridge % Alex Sinclair % Gary C Fay	Meadow Ridge, Lot 16 Sec 1 T 10 R 17, N 21E, SW 26, T2N, R14E, S1W, SE 1/4, SW 1/4				338.38
22350	% Alex Sinclair % Gary C Fay	Meadow Ridge, Lot 16 Sec 1 T 10 R 17, N 21E, SW 26, T2N, R14E, S1W, SE 1/4, SW 1/4				35.60

Dated at Twin Falls this 15th day of October, 1990.
 For further information contact:
 Bonnie Brunning
 County Treasurer & Ex-Officio Tax Collector
 670 O'Connell, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0008
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Bids will be received for the purchase of a computer hardware system to be utilized in networking certain processes of the city, pay, payroll, and the office of administration and finance. Bids must be submitted on bid forms provided by the City of Twin Falls, Bid Form No. 100, at the City Hall, Room 23, 321 Second Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho.

NOTICE OF LETTING
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006 Personal

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Loan officer/mgmt trainee opening in local bank office... 733-2009 for professional records...

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Small independent school in Sun Valley is seeking an innovative, flexible and highly experienced...

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Let that special person know just what you're thinking with a unique, fun gift suited for any happy occasion. It's easy to do - simply call or come into our office. Our ad-shoppers will be happy to assist you during just the right moment. And it's easier still the coupon out below and we'll do the rest. Just remember...

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See order form for our open rates

Classified Specials: * Fast Cash Ads - \$2.50/line, 10 days, for items priced to \$1,000

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Found & For Adoption... 733-2722

DRIVERS

Need a change? Looking for excellent wages, benefits & equipment? Call us to find out more...

002 Lost & Found

Found at O'Leary brown pup w/black & white face... 733-2722.

002 Lost & Found

Found: Dachshund X, brown & white female pup, registered... 733-2722.

002 Lost & Found

Found: 4 yr old black Lab mix... 733-2722.

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Part-time entry level positions immediately available with no previous experience necessary, flexible work schedules available. If you're presently making less, it's time to consider a change.

SLOT CHANGE ATTENDANTS * \$6.00/hour (average); \$7.15/hour (high)

KENO WRITERS/RUNNERS * \$5.65/hour (average); \$6.00/hour (high)

* Based upon earnings of full-time employees, with a discretionary incentive bonus. For more information on our discretionary bonuses, plus additional employee benefits such as profit sharing and insurance benefits, contact the Human Resources Department at Cactus Pete's, 1(800) 442-3833, extension 6601.



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844 / 30 Days SERVICE DIRECTORY

Your Guide to Professional Services

Grid of service advertisements including: John's Sharpening Service, HANDYMAN: Light electrical, plumbing, painting & carpentry, carpet, roofs, CARPENTRY, DONALD CONTRACTING, REMODEL: All phases, concrete to roof top, Love Const. Remodeling & custom work, FLOORING SERVICES, R & R Floor Repair, CARPET/SANIT TOPSOIL, REMODELING, PROFESSIONAL ROOFING, TREE SERVICES, ELECTRONICS, and more.

Selected offers-Real estate-Rentals-Merchandise

YOUR REAL ESTATE MARKETPLACE THE TIMES NEWS CUSTOMER SERVICE

007-Jobs of Interest

South Central Community Action Agency is seeking a program manager for the Bury-COA Office. Applications and job description available at...

008-Sales People

ROUTE SALES ESTABLISHED BUYING CUSTOMERS Our business is built on a 90 year old heritage of quality acceptance and approval of quality household furnishings...

George McKinley, for a personal and confidential program. Selling approximately \$1,100 to \$1000 in...

010 Professional Services

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REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 191 Addison, Twin Falls 83402. (208) 734-3983

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2 bedroom condo, replace appliances, central air, brick carpet, assumable IFAHO Housing Loan. 77% APN. \$4500 down; balance \$25,500, \$276 per month. Call 734-1241...

SABALA REALTY 733-4321 A BRAND NEW HOME! ONE ACRES. A place to keep growing. A place to call home...

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30 acres w/waterfront site, 1/4 section, 1/2 acre, 1990 acre. Call 423-4424

32-32% INTEREST! 1/4 acre available for the city 2 bdrm home w/gas heat. Basement with finished lower level...

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INVEST TODAY! Invest in building lot now. Located in the heart of Jerome. Call 734-5588...

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987 Miscellaneous For Sale 1960's classic jute horse for office or home. Call Steve Hertz. 734-2031

8 person complete washer/dryer. \$200. Cash and carry. Call 734-4209

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GLASSIFIED YOUR FARMER'S MARKET PLACE

THE LINKS ASSOCIATES CUSTOMER SERVICE

THE ACES ON BRIDGE ROBBY WOLFF

"If we cannot be powerful and happy and pray on others, we invent conscience and pray on ourselves."

"At a recent tournament, I was East and took all the blame for this disaster," writes a reader. "Now I'm having second thoughts. Should my partner have made things much easier?"

West started with the spade deuce and declared, called for the queen from dummy, yanked with a bit of unwarranted emphasis. East covered, as did South, and three rounds of trumps put West on play. East signaling with the club-ace...

The answer is an emphatic yes. West has all the information, he needs to make the right decision. He knows partner has the club ace, he knows that South should have two or more clubs (the opening no-trump bid) and he knows that the trump deuce doesn't have the spade jack. From East's view, the spade trick was the one that might escape, so 100 percent of the blame should go to West.

- NORTH: ♠ A-K-Q ♣ 4 ♦ K 8 8 5 ♠ K 7 3 ♠ Q J 2
- WEST: ♠ 10 8 8 2 ♠ Q 3 2 ♠ 7 1 2 ♠ K 10 8
- EAST: ♠ 9 2 3 ♠ 7 ♠ 10 3 ♠ A 9 7 5 4
- SOUTH: ♠ A 3 ♠ 10 4 ♠ A Q 9 8 5 ♠ 6 2

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South The bidding: South-West-North-East 1 NT Pass ♦ North Pass 2♥ Pass ♠ East Pass 3♠ Pass ♠ East Pass 4♥ Transfer, promoting five or more hearts

BID WITH THE ACES

- South holds: ♠ K 9 7 3 ♠ J 7 ♠ 10 3 ♠ A 9 7 5 4
- North: ♠ South 1♥ 2♦ 2♠

ANSWER: Two hearts. Take the preference to opener's first suit. Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 1234, Dallas, Texas 75201, with self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

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102 Cattle Complete dualpurpose... 103 Dairy Equipment 1000 gallon Deter-Kool milk tank...

104 Horses Arab, mare (2) 10 yr old... 105 Horse Equipment

106 Horse Equipment 1974 Ford 1 ton, factory... 107 Sheep/Goats

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HYDRAULIC HOSE SPECIAL 3/8 INCH \$159 PER FT. 1/2 INCH \$189 PER FT. TWIN FALLS TRACTOR & IMPLEMENT

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090 Pats & Supplies AKC Black Lab pups, 7 weeks... AKC Golden Retriever female pup...

090 Pats & Supplies Reg. 10 mo. old male, German Shepherd... Farmers Market

090 Farm Seed Frontier Russet seed for sale... 007 Hay, Grain & Feed

007 Hay, Grain & Feed 100 ton of 1 ton bales stock... AKC registered Lab female...

007 Hay, Grain & Feed 1st, 2nd, & 3rd cutting alfalfa... AKC registered Retriever pup...

007 Hay, Grain & Feed 25 ton of 1st cutting hay... AKC registered male, good looking...

007 Hay, Grain & Feed 3rd cutting alfalfa, 500 a ton... AKC registered male, good looking...

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082 Building Materials 2 Storage sheds for sale... Graco airless paint pump...

083 Garage Sales Moving Sale Indoor... 084 Tools 1-10" table saw with extension...

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Waxlake, Call 924-5858.

Recreational


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1978 Charger sail boat, Bury
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1978 Chrysler 17 ft inboard
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for Hal 734-5564.

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Horse, low hrs, w/lock trim,
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1975 Yamaha GP338, runs
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24' Dreamer, excel cond,
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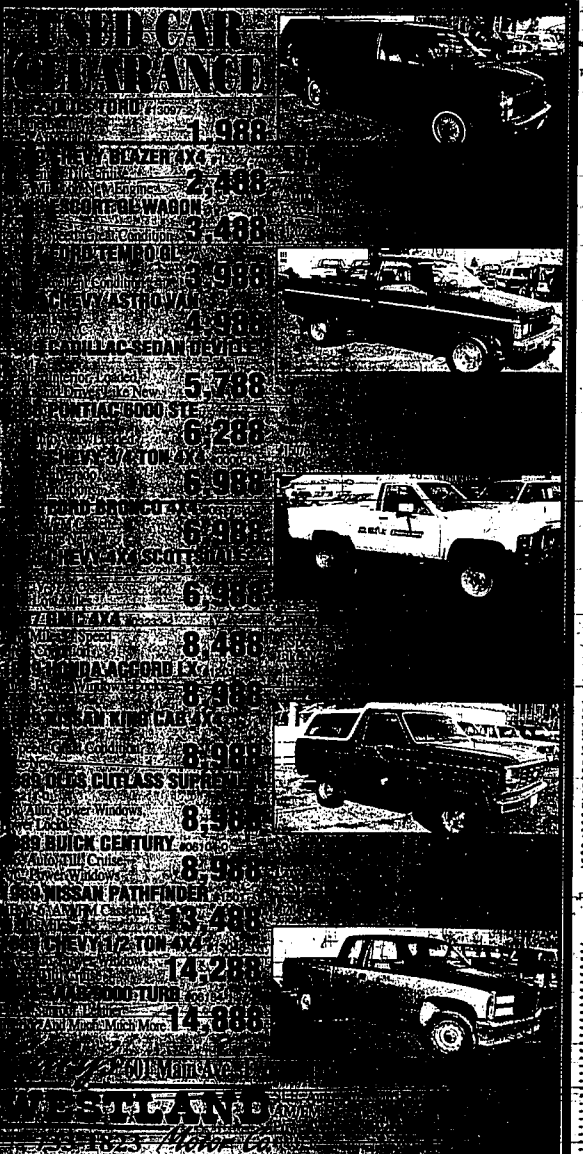
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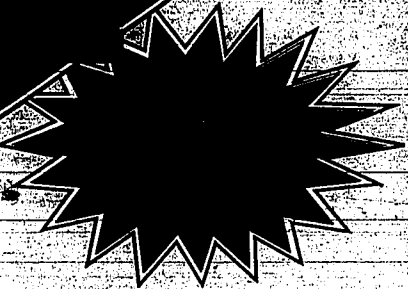
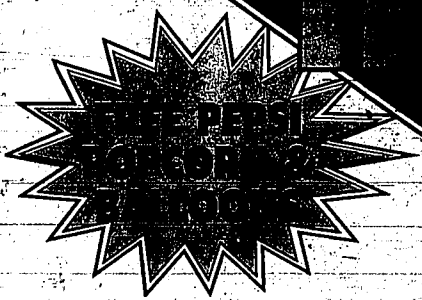
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Prep

Boys
 Woodlake 56, Mirabe 40
 Hagerman 63, Oakley 28
 Carey 65, Pines 58

Girls

Championship game
 at Wendell High School
 Declo 51, Glenns Ferry 44 (winner to state, Glenns Ferry to playoff at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in American Falls against PHS District opponent)

Wrestling

Prep
 Twin Falls 33, Buhl 23
 Snake River 50, Jerome 18

Sportslate

Today

Baseball
 College Men
 Montana at Boise State, 7:30 p.m.

Prep

Wood River at Jerome, 6:30 p.m.
 District 4 Class A-1
 1:30 at Twin Falls, 7:30 p.m.
 Class A-1 Player
 Oakley vs. District 3 third-place 7 p.m. at Mountain Home

Wrestling

Twin Falls at Piner, 7 p.m.

Sports on TV

2 p.m. — Channel 2, pro. Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 5 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Ohio State at Michigan State
 7 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, North Carolina at Clemson
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Briefly

Jerome men's annual bowling tourney set

JEROME — The Jerome men's annual city bowling tournament will be held February 2, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 10 at the Jerome Bowling Alley, 159 W. Ave. A.
 All members of the men's bowling association are eligible to enter. Call 324-4468 for more information.

Legion Baseball Boosters meet in Twin Falls Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls American Legion Baseball Boosters will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Farm Bureau Insurance office on Kimberly Road.

Marinovich's father says son hasn't decided on NFL yet

LOS ANGELES — Southern California quarterback Todd Marinovich's father on Wednesday denied a report that his son has hired an agent and will definitely announce this week he will enter the NFL draft.
 "Marv Marinovich said his son had never hired an agent nor reached a decision about the draft. He's going to make a decision in the next couple of days," the elder Marinovich said.
 The deadline for underclassmen to enter the NFL draft is Friday. Marinovich technically would become the first sophomore ever to enter the draft pool.
 Compiled from staff and wire reports

Sportsquote

“Money is in first place in life in America. The dollar is the biggest thing you can see here.”
 Jiri Tatal, Czech player on the NHL Flyers.

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Boise, Valley, Shoshone atop basketball poll

The Associated Press

Boise has ended Madison's six-week reign atop the Associated Press high school boys' basketball rankings in Idaho.
 The Braves, 13-1, moved up from second to first in voting of the state's sports writers and broadcasters, supplanting the Rexburg school.
 The Bobcats lost for just the second time in 14 games last week, bowing to Highland of Pocatello.

Bishop Kelly of Boise, Valley of Hazelton and Shoshone kept the top spots in the other three divisions.
 In A-1, Boise got nine of the 11 first-place votes cast and 53 of a possible 55 points, followed by Coeur d'Alene, which advanced from third to second with one first-place vote and 42 points.
 Madison was third, followed by Capital of Boise, which moved up from fifth to fourth, and Burley, which dropped from fourth to fifth.

In A-2, Bishop Kelly got seven of the 11 first-place votes cast and 47 of a possible 55 points, followed again by Bear Lake of Montpelier with four first-place votes and 44 points. Salmon stayed in third place, but St. Maries moved up from fifth to fourth and Jerome moved into the ratings in the No. 5 position.
 Wood River of Hailey, ranked fourth last week, fell from the ratings for the first time in six weeks.
 In A-3, Valley got seven of 11 first-place

votes cast and 50 of a possible 55 points, which moved up from third to second with three first-place votes and 40 points.
 Sugar-Salem advanced from fourth to third, while Malad dropped from second to fourth after losing to Soda Springs. Declo moved into the ratings in the fifth spot, replacing North Fremont of Ashton.
 In A-4, unbeaten Shoshone won unanimously.
 Please see POLL/D2

Heavier weights lift Buhl to win

By Ron Gates

Times-News writer

BUHL — The Twin Falls Bruins squandered a 15-point lead over the final five weights Wednesday to slip into a 33-33 non-conference wrestling tie with Buhl.
 It was, in the end, Mark Montoya's second-round pin in the heavyweight finale that drew the Indians even.
 "I thought our kids wrestled just as hard as they could," said Buhl coach Pat Milligan after it was over.
 "Twin Falls is a heck of a wrestling team."



Jay Galentine of Buhl twists Bruin Dave Barker in the 125-pound match.

The Bruins held a 30-15 advantage after Reed Tucker's pin of the Indians' Shawn Hunsaker in the 145-pound classification.
 Buhl's Chad Wright cut the deficit by three in the next match — but before things came apart for Twin Falls.
 That 160-pound Ron Hunsaker recorded a fall for the Indians was damaging enough in itself.
 A one-point deduction, the penalty for foul language at the end, ultimately proved disastrous.

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| 125 — Jay Galentine, B, dec David Barker 17-14 | 152 — Chad Wright, B, dec Troy Scofield 6-4 |
| 130 — John Harrell, TF, pinned Mike Kuffak, 2nd | 160 — Ron Hunsaker, B, pinned Kolin King, 2nd |
| 135 — Travis Corrie, TF, pinned Roman Garcia, 2nd | 171 — Caleb Wright, B, dec Travis Durham 13-10 |
| 140 — Brian Chivers, B, pinned Matt Dickman, 1st | 180 — Mike LaPray, TF, dec John Vilam 20-7 |
| 145 — Reed Tucker, TF, pinned B. Hunsaker, 2nd | Hwt — Mark Montoya, B, pinned Jeff Pierce, 2nd |

Calab Wright then brought Buhl to 27-29 with a 13-10 decision against 171 and John Villano limited the Bruins' undefeated Mike LaPray to a four-point victory to set up Montoya.
 "We wrestled without any intensity tonight," said the Bruins' Wiley Dobbs.
 "I am, to be honest, embarrassed. Not to take anything away from Buhl though. They were hungry and wrestled hard. The way we did last year."
 "There's going to be a little change in our practice schedule," he continued. "I thought we were disciplined enough to handle ourselves, but we came in here totally uninspired and overconfident."
 The Bruins travel to Filer this evening to face the Wildcats in another non-conference contest.

Teams seek revenge in Big Sky matchups

The Associated Press

It's a week filled with hopes for home-court revenge as the Big Sky Conference basketball season's second half begins with three of the league's top teams on the road.
 Montana (15-5 overall, 7-1 in the Big Sky) visits Jekyll and Hyde Boise State (10-9, 3-5), and Montana State (10-9, 5-3) travels to Ogden, Utah, to seek some revenge against rejuvenated Weber State (7-10, 2-4) on Thursday.
 Montana State also visits Pocatello to take on Idaho State (7-11, 3-4) on Friday, hoping to clean up after the 24-point drub-

bing Nevada handed the Bengals in Reno on Monday.
 And on Saturday, Big Sky co-leaders Montana and Nevada do both are on the road. The Grizzlies take their turn at Idaho State while the Wolf Pack (11-10, 6-1) makes the long trip south to Flagstaff to face cellar-dwelling Northern Arizona (3-15, 0-7).
 The only other Big Sky game this week

is Weber State at Boise State on Saturday. Eastern Washington (6-11, 2-6) hosts Cal State-Northridge on Thursday and U.S. International on Saturday, and Idaho (10-8, 5-3) hosts Southern Utah State on Saturday in non-conference games.
 Montana and Nevada will be trying to stay atop the league standings when they travel this week. But for Montana State, losing at home last week to both Montana and Weber State provided another incentive for the road trip.
 "Right now, coming off of the weekend.

Buffalo looks to build dominating defense

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Buffalo Bills, taking a lesson from the team that best them in the Super Bowl, will try to build a physically dominating defense next season.
 "I don't think our defense is a dominating, shut-you-off defense of the nature of the Giants," coach Marv Levy said at his annual preseason news conference. "We can get physically stronger, and we will

look to get physically stronger on our defense."
 Levy refused to cite specific positions that need strengthening or discuss in detail how the Bills plan to handle this year's draft and Plan B free agents.
 On offense, Levy said he remained satisfied with the no-huddle approach that helped make the Bills the NFL's highest scoring team, despite the massive advantage in time of possession that it can give an opponent.

"There've been games when we've gotten a lead, when we've gotten a pretty good lead, that we come right out of it and really burn the time off the clock," Levy said.
 "I didn't think the flow of the game last Sunday called for us to do that."
 Levy said the fact that the New York Giants held the ball for more than 40 minutes in the Super Bowl, and the lack of turnovers during the game, were the major reasons the Bills lost 20-19.

O'Meara hoping Pebble Beach good to him a 3rd straight time

The Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Mark O'Meara is trying to do what the San Francisco 49ers couldn't.
 The 49ers' quest for a "three-peat" as NFL champions came to an end a couple of weeks ago. But down the coast, O'Meara's attempt at a similar goal, an unprecedented third consecutive triumph in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — is very much alive in an old tournament with a new look.
 "Three-peat?" O'Meara responded to a question about his chances in the unique event that begins Thursday on the Monterey Peninsula. "I'd be nice. I'd love it."
 "Obviously, this place has been very good

to the," understated O'Meara, who has collected half of his six career victories in this event.
 In addition to his 1929 and 1930 victories, he also won the tournament, once known as "the Crosby Clambake," in 1985. His history of success, however, is nothing more than that history — coming into this year's edition of golf's oldest pro-am.
 "I have to look at it as a new year, a new challenge," O'Meara said. "Especially with Poppo Hills in the rotation."
 Therein lies the new look.
 The tournament still retains its bulky field of 180 pros, each of whom will play three rounds with an amateur partner.



Mark O'Meara practices on the Pebble Beach Poppy Hills course.

Kidd paces Hornets to district title

By Jeff Hoskinson

Times-News writer

WENDELL — Last year the District 4 Class A-3 crown was a stepping stone to the state title. This year the Declo Hornets hope it happens again.
 Declo, the defending state champions, made its way back to the tournament with a 51-44 win over the Glenns Ferry Pilots.
 "It was a good game for us going into the state tournament," remarked Hornets coach Lynn Payne. "You have to give them credit, they are a good team."

The Hornets, who picked up their third-straight district title, now move on to the A-3 state tournament next week at the College of Southern Idaho. The Pilots must travel to American Falls on Saturday for a playoff game at 1:30 pm with the winner of that game moving into the state tournament.
 The Pilots started quickly with Gerry Meyer hitting from three-point range to get her team on the board first. Kristen Smith followed that with a 16-foot jumper to make it 5-0 before this Kidd lit things up.

Kidd, who led all scorers with 30 points, first hit a pull up shot from the foul line, picked up her second basket on a drive and added a free throw after being fouled. She rounded things out with a 6-foot pullup to give the Hornets a 7-5 lead.
 Meyer put the Pilots back on top with her second three-pointer and Kristie Brown hit one of two foul shots to give Glenns Ferry a 9-7 first quarter lead.
 The second quarter belonged to Kidd. She picked up 11 of the Hornets' 22 points, including an 8-0 run of five first quarter, to give them a 19-17 halftime lead.
 "I think they played tough defense and our offense was too keyed up," said Pilots coach Deanna Brock of her team's play in the first half. With the Pilots offense starting to score and the defense holding Kidd to only three points on six shots, Glenns Ferry kept things close.

Meyer provided the spark for the Pilots' offense scoring six of her team's 14 points in the quarter.
 The Hornets finally got points from someone other than Kidd with Gina Miller picking up four points and Rena Muller and Katherine Hamilton adding two each.

At quarter's end the Hornets held a slim 32-31 lead. "We knew we were running out of time and that we had to pick up the pace and go for the steals," said Brock of the fourth quarter.
 The Pilots were able to pick up the pace but they ended up putting the Hornets on the foul line most of the quarter. Declo went 12 for 16 from the charity stripe with the back breaker for the Pilots came with just over five minutes to play.

Trailing by only two points and having kept Kidd from being a factor in the second half the Pilots looked ready to take over the game. Enter Hamilton. A freshman she connected on a three-pointer from the top of the circle to take the momentum away.
 "That was very important," said Payne of Hamilton's shot. "That shot and our assist she had right before that were key."

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 Glenns Ferry 8 17 31 44
 Declo 102 77 72 30, RL Miller 1 2-4 4, Hamilton 2 0-0 0 5, Derrington 1 1-2 2 0, Miller 4 1-4 4, Bell 0-0 0 0, Tossie 13 10-27 13 81.
 Glenns Ferry: K. Bunting 0-0 0 0, Allen 0-0 2 1 0, Bell 2 1-3 0 6, Young 0-0 4 10, Costa 0 1-2 1 1, Warner 1 0-0 0 2, Meyer 5 0-4 15, M. Smith 1 1-3 5 9, Penrose 1 0-0 2 0, Tossie 13-22 42 22.
 Three-point goals: Kidd 2, Hamilton 2, Meyer 2.

Outdoors

Opportunities for duck hunters looking up

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It is not a fact by any stretch of the imagination but for the first time there seems to be some national encouragement that Idaho's duck hunters will get their fair shot at migrating birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, at a recent meeting with Idaho Department of Fish and Game people, has agreed to give serious consideration to the age-old request of this state to allow "zoning" that would

let Idaho conduct waterfowl seasons at optimum times. "This is something we've been trying to do for years," says Biologist Randy Smith. "We don't have a final decision but it is the first time we've been told that the Fish and Wildlife Service would be receptive to a zoning proposal from our Fish and Game Commission." Most of the actually attacks is the geographically-caused climatic problems in this long, high state. The length of the state means that ducks

are at their largest populations in northern Idaho during the early- to mid-fall weather. AS the weather worsens, the ducks start heading south. At the same time, eastern Idaho runs into late-fall, early-winter freeze up, which pushes the ducks and geese either south or down the Snake River drainage into Magic Valley or western Idaho. Those two areas prefer duck hunting to go as far into January as possible because that's when the ducks are there. In years of plenty, there is some inconve-

nience for Idaho hunters because of those factors but not enough to raise a loud ruckus. But recent declines in the continent's duck population has reduced the number of hunting days allowed along with curtailed bag limits. Two years ago the problem polarized the then five-man Fish and Game Commission directly down weather lines. An attempt to compromise through split-season seasons put the three cold-weather

Please see DUCK/D4

Most hunting weapons not for self-defense

According to a 1989 poll of dealers across the nation, 35% of all guns are for self-defense. I would suspect that in a state such as ours with a vast array of hunting opportunities, most guns are purchased primarily as hunting firearms. However, when not in the field, one of these firearms may be used to fill the roll of a home defense firearm.



David Hocklander
Hunting

But is the typical hunting firearm well suited for the role of home defense?

A firearms market research report on seems to say no. One problem is that hunting arms create a situation of OVERKILL—too much ballistics for the situation.

This is serious because there are some legal and liability consequences to using more force than is required to defend one's home.

The use of high powered hunting firearms for home defense creates another problem with the unbelievable destruction and penetration of walls, room to room, including exiting the dwelling in some instances. This can lead to the injury of family and even a neighbor or passerby.

The .44 magnum revolver, for example, has the capability to not only knock down an intruder, but pass into the next room where the children are sleeping.

The loud report and heavy recoil of hunting arms can also be intimidating to all but the experienced shooter. Family members who are not well trained in the use of the rifle or handgun may be reluctant to even pick it up.

And if they do muster enough courage to fire the weapon, the predictable "flinch" will likely send the round astray.

To be useful, a home defense weapon must be functional in the hands of all responsible members of the family.

And finally, the hunting firearm, especially the handgun, is difficult to shoot well, under the best of conditions in a predictable hunting situation.

Think how much more difficult it would be to place a round on an intruder when half asleep, with glasses off, the room darkened, while combating emotions of surprise and fear.

A firearm selected for home defense should avoid as many of the above pitfalls as possible. What is perhaps even better is a specialized weapon selected for the sole purpose of home defense.

Research seems to point toward the shotgun for this purpose. But the upland bird or duck gun is not the answer. A 28" full choke 12 gauge shotgun possesses all the drawbacks previously mentioned—heavy recoil, loud report, wall penetration, accuracy of shot, and overkill.

What the firearms industry research now recommends as the perfect combination, is the 410 shotgun with a short barrel—18 to 20 inches—with little or no choke.

This type of weapon would have only one single use—home security—but it would serve the owner well if needed.

First, the 410 has proved to carry sufficient knock down power while limiting the threat of secondary injuries.

Second, the light, short gun is easy to store, access, and handle under stressful situations.

Third, the lighter recoil and report is less threatening even to the inexperienced shooter.

Fourth, the short barrel with no choke prints a larger pattern at short distances allowing more room for error on the part of the shooter.

This strategy for home defense then necessitates the purchase of another firearm.

If one really believes that at some time in the future the safety of your family may depend on a single firearm, then the selection and purchase of that firearm deserves serious consideration.

Several manufacturers have responded to the demand for such a firearm by marketing home defense model shotguns.

One last advantage to having a specialized shotgun for home defense is that it will be where it is supposed to be when needed instead of in the truck or gun room.

As with all firearms, great care should be taken in decisions where to keep a home defense firearm, especially when small children are around.

None of us ever want to be in a situation where deadly force may be needed to protect our homes, but that is not always possible.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.



Fish and Game moved 179 trumpeters to the Snake River from Henry's Fork to prevent starvation.

Trumpeter swans haven't left while geese numbers down, count reveals

By Stu Murrell
Idaho Fish and Game

JEROME — Magic Valley's portion of the Snake River became one of the major trumpeter swan wintering areas in the country, according to the mid-winter waterfowl and bald eagle census conducted by the Fish and Game Department.

The aerial count indicated that duck numbers remained very close to the five-year average while the number of Canada geese was under the five-year norm.

Biologist Randy Smith observed 153 swan, including 133 marked trumpeters, on the river while flying that portion from Massacre Rocks to C.J. Strike reservoir.

"A total of 179 trumpeters were moved into this area from Henry's Fork in eastern Idaho the past fall and early winter. It was feared they would starve near Harman's State Park due to limited habitat."

Biologists did not really know how they would behave since this was the first attempt at a winter trapping and moving program.

Smith said one observation has given rise to hopes the swan will not return to eastern waters. Two marked birds released in the Sand Dunes area almost im-

mediately flew east and were identified at American Falls Reservoir.

But cold weather caused some freeze up in that area and the two swan immediately retreated back downriver to their release site.

The fear was that the swan would continue east to Henry's Fork.

Most of the trumpeters seen were concentrated near their release site at the Brunau Dunes state park and Indian Cove. A few were observed in the Thousand Springs section.

It appears the extensive aquatic vegetation available in Snake River is favorable swan habitat and the birds like their new home.

The next point-of-interest—and test for the relocation—will come next spring if they remain in Region 4 to nest.

The opportunity to view these rare swans would add to the tourist attraction in southern Idaho.

Smith counted a total of 39,678 ducks while the Canada goose count of 3,234 was down somewhat from the last five years' average.

However, geese hunters in Region 4 had an excellent season last fall and the lower numbers are probably a reflection

of the severe winter conditions pushing a good share of them south.

Most of the river and reservoirs were frozen from Milner Dam upstream.

The mid-winter counts are completed on the same census routes each year throughout the United States.

They provide a trend in waterfowl population and are useful in setting next year's waterfowl seasons.

Breeding and nesting surveys will be conducted this spring to add to our knowledge of waterfowl populations in the Pacific Flyway.

A total of 35 endangered bald eagles were observed on the Snake River flight and by U.S. Forest Service and conservation officer ground observers in the Wood River/Silver Creek drainages and south of the Snake River.

This is close to the last four year's average numbers.

The bald eagle is making an excellent comeback in Idaho with 53 nesting pairs and 800 wintering eagles recorded last year.

Stu Murrell is Region 4 conservation educator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Endangered bird suffers major setback

The Associated Press

AUSTWELL, Texas — Six whooping cranes have apparently died since they arrived in Texas for the winter, the worst setback for the endangered species since 1982, a biologist said Tuesday.

"And the winter's not over yet," said Tom Stehn, staff biologist with the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge north of Corpus Christi. "It's not a good trend at all."

There are believed to be 140 whooping cranes at their winter home at the refuge and adjacent coastal areas, down from the 146 counted in December after the annual 2,400-mile migration from the birds' Canadian nesting grounds. There are 79 cranes in other flocks of wildlife centers.

The refuge staff has found nine carcasses, but Stehn speculated that either disease or predators caused the deaths. Predators include bobcats, coyotes, prairie falcons and great horned owls. Avian tuberculosis killed a 3-year-old whooping crane in 1989.

Biologists reported that 142 whooping cranes left the refuge last spring for Canada. Whooping cranes have made steady gains since their world population dropped to a low of 16 in 1941. Habitat disturbance and hunting by humans caused the decline of the whooping crane, the tallest bird native to North America.

The flock's population has not declined since the 1981-82 season, when the population dropped by five to 73.

Thirteen chicks were born last summer at Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada's Northwest Territory, bringing the flock up to 155.

But nine chicks and adults died between last summer and the flock's fall arrival in Texas. It is normal for some to die each year.

An additional 13 whooping cranes live in an experimental group that migrates with a flock of sandhill cranes between Idaho and New Mexico, but efforts to breed those whooping cranes have failed.

Thirty-five others live at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center at Laurel, Md., 30-are kept at the International Crane Foundation at Baraboo, Wis., and one is at the San Antonio Zoo.

Grizzly numbers still dangerously low, officials says

The Associated Press

KALISPELL, Mont. — It will be at least 10 more years before grizzly bears in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem can be taken off the federal list of Threatened and Endangered Species, the regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says.

Federal officials had estimated last year that delisting might come by 1992.

"We were probably more optimistic than conditions warranted," Galen Buterbaugh, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

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Early last year Lorraine Mintzmyer, regional director of the National Park Service, said she hoped to see grizzlies delisted in the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem by the end of her term. She was beginning a two-year term as chair of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, composed of government officials.

The lower 48 states' population of grizzlies has grown from about 700 in 1973 to about 1,000. An additional 10,000 to 15,000 grizzlies are in Canada, and about 35,000 in Alaska, where they are not protected.

In October, the Fish and Wildlife Service released a revised Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan that had been developed as the grizzly bear committee was developing a strategy to manage the bears after delisting.

Buterbaugh said working on both plans at the same time saved years of work but also confused the public.

The recovery plan sets target population and mortality rates for grizzlies in each of

four ecosystems: the Northern Yellowstone Divide, in Montana; the Greater Yellowstone, in Montana and Wyoming; the Cabinet-Yaak, in Montana and Idaho; and the Selkirk, in Idaho and Washington.

The grizzly bear committee is evaluating the North Cascades of Washington and the Blitteroot in Idaho as possible places for future bear recovery. Those evaluations are due next fall.

In addition, the committee may add the San Juan mountains in southern Colorado as a seventh ecosystem. That decision will be made sometime next spring.

"As it turns out, the revised plan will be Please see GRIZZLY/D4

Fisheries programs budgeted most

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Fish and Game budget for the fiscal year that ended July 30 showed expenditures of \$29.6 million, with fisheries and wildlife program, administrative services and enforcement taking the major portions.

Winter feeding, information and education programs, engineering and coordination accounted for the remainder.

The issuance of 977,972 licenses and permits generated \$9.2 percent of the fund.

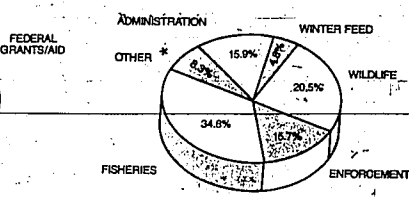
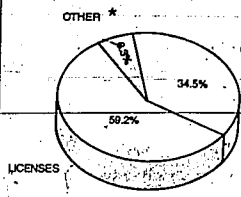
Another 34.5 percent came from federal grants and aid, mostly from excise taxes levied on hunting and fishing equipment.

A minor portion, 6.3 percent, was derived from sale of publications, civil penalties for game law violation, private or local funding and other miscellaneous sources.

In a major administrative change, the Fish and Game Commission was increased by legislative action to six members. The commissioners are Richard

FY '90 DEPOSITS TO FISH AND GAME FUND
\$28,516,688.46

FY '90 EXPENDITURES BY MAJOR PROGRAM
\$29,642,682.37



* PUBLICATIONS (0.3%)
CIVIL PENALTIES (0.2%)
PRIVATE/LOCAL (2.0%)
MISC. (0.8%)

* ENGINEERING (2.0%)
PROF. COORD. (1.1%)
INFO. COORD. (4.3%)

Hassen, Bayview; Keith Carlson, Lewiston; Norman Galt, Boise; Richard Meiers, Boise; Louis Racine, Pocatello; and Wesley Rose, Jerome.

Species management plans for 1991-1995 were written and publicly reviewed and changes recommended for commission action.

For deer, elk, antelope, moose and bighorn sheep, bird hunters enjoyed a good year for some species and declines in others.

Success in fishing winter waters more likely with slower pace

The January thaw gives fishermen a chance to go out and test the water, especially in the Magic Valley. Some winters, when the water is available, fishing is good at places like Magic Reservoir. But, in these drought years, that outlet is largely lost or at least greatly reduced.

We are quite spoiled in the Magic Valley. There are not many places that have a major river that stays open to fishing, even fewer that are laced with a variety of springs and seeps to help freshen. This provides decent average everyday fishing. Chambers of commerce aside, our water is not the romantic hyper-grade fishery of western legend. I like that quality about our water.

Local fishermen do better than tourists; it takes a little experience and some time to learn you can fish from Crystal Springs to the Bliss bridge in a North Owyhee, but the catch rate will vary from spot to spot according to the time of year, time of day and method used.

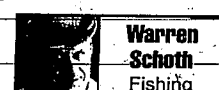
Yes, I know we have to drive a long way to a trophy lake fishery or to the Bliss ribbon stream with predictable hatches — Silver Creek notwithstanding. In fact, some of our fishing is just too difficult — amount that, not easy enough — to satisfy the expectations of some fishermen that wish Henry's Lake or the South Fork of the Snake were within our eight-county area or closer.

I believe that in the best climatic conditions, the best water conditions and ideal environmental conditions, our local angling can be much better. It is also possible that effective carrying attention by its official stewards, state and federal, that an effective management and enhancement program could significantly improve the fishing quality and enhance everything from the size and quantity of fish to general water quality.

Those things are not going to happen until the people of this valley get very, very angry, very knowledgeable and politically involved. The weather and climatic conditions, of course, no one controls and we can all be thankful for that.

It is not the ideal fishing world of Magic Valley potential that concerns me this week, however. It is the fishing that is here now and maybe how to utilize it.

I like to fish the creeks, springs and small waters that feed the Snake. When I fish the river, I prefer the shallower areas, the riffles, the rocky bottoms, the little channels that take years to learn.



Warren Scoth Fishing

I don't tell people — not even friends — where they are. I say, take someone once in a while to those places on the main river, but people I take are always disappointed. The big river is fickle and inconsistent and frankly, badly used. It's fishing satisfactions are won by persistence and over time — a lot of time. It takes curiosity, inventiveness and sometimes a certain degree of physical effort or discomfort to catch fish in the river.

If you know a good river fisherman, a fairly consistent one, you know a very good angler indeed.

One of the fine moments of the year is the few hours steadily and methodically covering all of the water as you slowing work up stream.

The smaller waters that feed the river are generally more predictable but they also require special knowledge. Physical access is a problem, many, some are only fishable when irrigation is not taking place; some only produce well during spawning periods of fish from the main river.

Once you find that piece of water that sometimes fishes well in the January thaw — maybe you overheard someone at the fly club meeting or saw a guy packing a few fish to his car while scouting around — you have to fish it.

You have to fish it enough to give it and yourself a chance to discover the particular small miracle, the moment of magic that makes it a viable Magic Valley fishery. If you won't spend the time, you won't catch the fish — even if you have found the water.

The small waters present some unique problems as winter fisheries. If it gets very cold very long, some of them freeze over for miles. If it thaws very quickly, you have a weekend of ice flows and quite likely, silt water — or even a miniature pre-spring that raises turbidity.

In those conditions, a bait fisherman can sometimes do fairly well — especially if he is a drifter, not a plunker type.

Old-time spinner fishermen do well in these conditions. If you don't know about light spinners and even ultra-lite spoons, you may be in-

clined to throw a weighted spinner, such as a Mepps. You won't do as well, you will lose a lot of lure money and you will be frustrated. You will go home and claim there are no fish or they don't bite and besides that, you prefer the Superbowl to freezing to death.

A fly fisherman can utilize a lot of text book techniques this time of year in our small waters.

For the example of silty water, a free-drift nymph — not too small — is a deadly technique.

One of the little moments of the year is the few hours steadily and methodically covering all of the water as you slowing work up stream. Part of the wonder is discovering where the fish are, in what depth of water, what type of bottom they prefer in those conditions.

Things slow down in the winter.

Taking the clue and adapt it to your fishing. Slow, take time with each cast, fish it completely through. In nymph fishing, you must conduct yourself with heightened awareness because strikes may be very light, not repeated and sometimes few in concentration.

If you miss one good fish, you may have missed the magic moment for the day, possibly until the next trip or even the next January thaw.

Last year, I caught fish on a dry fly in a small stream that I call Winter Creek. It has another name — but I don't tell, remember? I had been nymph fishing and saw a swirl of two. I always carry a few dry flies, even if I expect to be nymph fishing.

Like so often happens, it was the fish that told me what it wanted to do. After a long winter searching bottom, those trout wanted to play with bugs on the surface.

Because it was about 38 degrees F, a few bugs were also seeking the sun.

Bug met fish, fish met fisherman. Fisherman accommodated the trout. We shook hands and parted company, both of us enjoying the day and agreeing to do it again sometime.

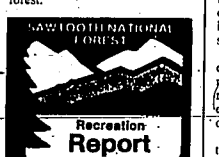
I think I'll go look him up and remind him that though things could be better, we are lucky to be alive in this place and this time.

Warren Scoth operates a fly fishing business in Wendell.

Unstable snow still a hazard

TWIN FALLS — Avalanche hazards for this week in the Sawtooth National Forest are rated at low to moderate.

High winds, gusting up to 65 miles per hour, have created some pockets of avalanche hazard in the northern part of the forest.



This is especially true near ridgelines and on the southeast exposures.

Cross country skiers reports excellent conditions on various parts of the forest.

Tracks have been set on the Albion Division and in the South Hills of the Twin Falls districts.

The Laurence and Soldier Creek trails have been groomed as well as North Fork, Bear Creek, Murphy Bridge, Redfish Lake and Stanley Ranger station trails.

Saturday is the annual Gatorade Boulder mountain ski tour, a 30-kilometer race that begins at Galena Lodge and ends at the Sawtooth National Recreation area headquarters.

Snowmobiling is good in the Mt. Harrison area.

The Howell Canyon road is rough but has been sanded and plowed.

Snowmobile trails have been groomed in the South Hills and the Fairfield district, reports good snowmobiling on roads and marginal off roads.

The trail over Couch Summit has been groomed.

Snowmobiling opportunities on the recreation area include Smiley Creek to Stanley, Stanley to Lowman, Lowman to Bear Valley and Baker Creek.

Magic Mountain ski area is hosting the regional special winter Olympics today.

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Briefly

Ducks Unlimited schedules crab crack

JEROME — The Jerome Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual crab crack Saturday, Feb. 9 at St. Jerome's Catholic Church parish hall. The social starts at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Local artists Brian Crider, Larry Heiner and Gary Stone will be featured. Door prizes will be awarded, including the grand prize of a three-day silver salmon fishing trip for two to Alaska. Another Alaska trip will be awarded cash to raise money.

Tickets are \$40 per couple, which includes membership in DU. The group encourages advance reservations. To order tickets or for more information, call 324-4000 or contact Dale Turnipseed at 324-4350.

Roaming moose moved near Fairfield

FAIRFIELD — A lone bull moose calf that wandered into Shelley last week has been transported to Camas County by the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

The calf was released in the Willow Creek drainage, reports biologist Randy Smith. He said any more wandering animals will be transplanted as the department tries to expand moose range in southern Idaho.

The calf numerically replaces a cow that was poached and left to rot in Camas County last fall during the hunting season.

Snowmobilers set Poker Run for Feb. 9

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Snowmobilers Association will conduct its fifth annual Poker Run at the Diamondfield Jack's parking area on Feb. 9.

Registration begins at 10 a.m. with competition to start an hour later. The Poker run offers \$50 for first place and awards to second, third and "worst hand." The dice roll will split between high throw and low throw. Prospective riders are reminded it is not a speed event.

Waterfowl stamp artwork to be judged

BOISE — Artwork that could turn into Idaho's fifth migratory waterfowl stamp will be judged at 1 p.m. Saturday in the public meeting room at Fish and Game headquarters.

Judging committee members are Tom O'Connell, Boise; Merlin Berger, Coeur d'Alene; Gail Siemen, Pocatello; Ed Robinson, Boise; Kent Henderson, Lewiston; Dr. Gene Sullivan, Boise, and Bud Purdy, Picoabo.

In the first four years of its existence, the waterfowl stamp and art program has averaged \$207,342 for restoration of habitat.

Compiled from staff reports

Ducks

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commissioners on the side of more hunting days with an earlier start. The two cold-water commissioners wanted a shorter, later first session and a longer later-starting second hunt that would lead into the first weekend or so of January.

On the three-two count, the cold weather areas in Idaho have had supposedly the best of it. Idaho's only previous experience with zones came back in the 1950s and 1960s when the Treasure and Magic valleys were declared "Columbia basin bonus mallard" territory.

This gave area hunters larger daily limits and more hunting days than the rest of the state and flyway. It ran up Snake River to the point where Raft River meets Snake River.

But that "surplus" mallard population swelled dramatically when a combination of newly opened farm land and warm-water lakes around coal-fired electric plants began shortstopping southern migrations along the Columbia River in the Pendleton area.

Southwestern Idaho ceased to be a migration terminus. In about a five-year period, the waterfowl counts at Deer Flats Refuge near Nampa dropped from sometimes five to six-hundred thousand birds to less than 50 thousand.

As the success of the Hagerman Wildlife Management area stopped having those 250 to 300-hundred thousand cold-spill counts.

Smith said the current department thinking would put the southern Idaho zone split perhaps at Minidoka Dam because Lake Walcott very often freezes over relatively early in the year and would more logically belong in the "cold" zone.

The suspicion is that the zone idea will not be allowed by the federal agency for the coming season, when the department is hopeful of having it within three to four years if at all.

Grizzly

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out this spring and will be in place long before we have the conservation strategy ready," Buterbaugh said. "Issues have come up that will slow the strategy down."

One of the main stumbling blocks is funding for states to manage an animal still under the wing of a federal agency. Montana in particular is demanding assurances that long-term funding is in place before delisting.

Federal funding, however, is at the whim of Congress. "Other issues are more internal," he said. A drafted conservation strategy must have legal review, and that process is going slower than we had hoped.

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Features

Environment, war may boost trend toward telecommuting

You work at home and communicate with the office by computer and telephone. (Or you'd like to.) It's called telecommuting.

Sylvia Porter
Finances

In the past those of you who worked at home encountered barriers, and you still do, such as zoning and taxes. Are you conducting business in a residential area? If you have the option of commuting to a conventional business office, can you take the home office deduction on your tax return?

Now many of those barriers may be swept away. Why? Credit the environment and war. At first the connections may seem strained, yet the Environmental Protection Agency has come up with some compelling statistics. If 5 percent of the workers in Los Angeles did their work at home, nearly 50,000 tons of pollutants would be eliminated from the atmosphere there each year. That's just from the reduced use of automobiles. More than 200 million miles of travel would be eliminated, saving as much as 10 million gallons of fuel.

The telephone companies, long the leading advocates of telecommuting, now have an ally in the federal government. All are trying to find ways to make it easier to telecommute. The departments of Transportation and Labor and the General Services Administration have joined the EPA in an organization called Telecommunications Solutions for America (TSA).

"There is no reason telecommuting can't be done locally, and soon," says Rich Thomas, who set the wheels in motion for the organization with the head office. "Technology is all here. We just need to do it."

Consulting firms estimate that more than 20 million Americans already do some work from home offices, about one-sixth of them full-time.

TSA is seeking ways to encourage telecommuting, by promoting it and doing what it can to help make the process easier. As a start, each member organization has pledged to employ telecommuting in its own operations wherever possible.

On the face of it, the task should be easy. An employer who has physical presence isn't absolutely essential could do his or her work at home, with the computer hooked up to the main office, wherever it may be. When AT&T pioneered telecommuting it recognized that much of its work already was being done in offices where the employee interacted with other employees on another floor or across the world, without ever leaving the desk.

The work gets done. In fact, studies of home offices suggest that both the amount of work and its quality increase when the employee doesn't have to face morning and evening commutes.

These same studies established that telecommuting is effective only among those who are self-starters, who are not surrounded by distractions at home, and whose work doesn't require face-to-face interaction with co-workers.

"It's hard to brainstorm through a problem any place but in person, sitting back, relaxing, kicking ideas around," says a Department of Energy engineer. "We all anticipate spending some time in the office, keeping in touch. But we might end up coming in to work only two or three days a week on average."

There are some issues that need to be resolved between workers and their employers. For instance, telecommuting may require a second phone line. Who picks up the tab? And some managers may feel their authority is weakened with the absence of those who work under them.

It's true, too, that a widespread movement away from centralized offices could have unimagined economic ramifications. Support businesses, from coffee shops to newsstands, might suffer downturns.

Those are among the issues the TSA is likely to address in the coming months. The environmental issue is a compelling reason to give telecommuting a new look. It is, of course, impossible to determine the effects of the war, specifically as it involves fuel prices.

But telecommuting could turn out to be a big money saver. Plus, companies that have offered the telecommuting option to employees report that those employees seem to be happier. It has been one way for companies to keep valued employees during long pregnancy leaves. Other employees have been coaxed out of retirement through a work-at-home offer.

The income tax issue continues to be a serious concern for home office workers. If telecommuting takes off the way TSA believes it will, new tax law regulations may follow.

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of interest to consumers. Her columns appear in the consumer/finance and business sections of The Times-News.

War shouldn't be major factor in investing

By Jerry Morgan
Newsday

The war in the Persian Gulf looks like it is going to last longer than earlier hopeful expectations, but however long it lasts, experts say that it should not be a major factor in investment plans.

Now is the time, say the professionals, for investors to see through the fog of war to the equally depressing state of the economy beyond. It is on that basis they should make their investments.

"Don't buy because of the war, and don't get sucked into the defense stock rally," said Charles Clough, chief investment strategist for Merrill Lynch & Co. "We really think the rally will be a short one and that defense stocks are not a good long-term investment."

What war news does is make the stock market more volatile. The Dow rose more than 100 points on news of early victories, and slid as the illusion of instant success evaporated.

So investors need to look to the economy. "My clients and I feel the same way that the economy is still sick and that 1991 is going to be a difficult year," said Joel Isaacson, head of the financial planning department at Weber, Lipshie & Co. "We aren't trading on war news and are being cautious and conservative because of the economy."

One of the dichotomies of the economy is that billions of dollars have continued to flow into money-market mutual funds even as short-term interest rates have fallen sharply. The rates paid by taxable money funds have dropped a quarter of a percentage point since September, while funds that invest in government securities and tax-exempt bonds have declined by almost one percentage point since September.

Uncertainty about the economy and the war is why people kept cash in money market funds, which hit a record \$531 billion last week, according to IBC-Donoghue, which tracks the money fund industry. But some of the money began to move out of money funds into stocks immediately after

the war began, stoking the equity mutual funds as the rally began. And more is expected to flow back into the stock and bond markets as interest rates come down on cash investments like money funds and certificates of deposit.

"The Fed (Federal Reserve Board) is going to ease rates, and people who were scared by the economy and put money in money market funds because it is a no-brainer are eventually going to see short-term rates come down to about 5 percent," said Peter Prentis, a vice president and financial planner at Prudential-Bache Inc. "As the interest rates come down, people will take money out to invest, and that will keep the stock market chugging along," he said.

Low interest rates do not work for investors when taxes take 28 percent to 33 percent of the money you make, and inflation not only wipes out the rest, but leaves you in the hole. Higher-yielding, long-term bonds may be an answer. "We are saying that you might want to get out of cash and

be invested," Clough said, "but put a dollar in bonds for every dollar in stocks."

Prentis, who said that he "likes to err by being long in bonds," said that he tries to "ladder" Treasury bonds, buying bonds that mature each year for the next 10 years, so there is always money coming due to invest at current rates or in the stock market. "I am not going to invest on my ability to predict interest rates or which way the stock market is going," he said.

The standard, and often correct, line from financial planners is that you should make investments based on what you need and at a risk level with which you are comfortable. So, they say, individuals should try to meet their needs for growth, income or a combination of the two, which is an investing, not a trading, mentality.

But if stock prices come down hard because of the war and the economy, it may present a good buying opportunity. "We will increase buying stocks when things get a little nastier (in the stock market)," Isaacson said.

Apple wants part of radio bandwidth set for computers

By Lee Gornes

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Already, personal computers have become so portable they don't need to be plugged into the wall in order to operate. Soon, they won't need to be plugged into other computers in order to communicate.

Apple Computer Inc., as part of its attempt to catch up in the booming portable computing market, has asked the Federal Communications Commission to set aside a portion of the increasingly crowded radio bandwidth to be used by personal computers to talk to each other.

If the FCC approves Apple's petition — which could take years — then the cables and connectors that are now the backbone of a typical office computer network could be eliminated. In their place, each computer would contain a "transceiver" that would transmit and receive radio signals over the assigned frequency over an effective range of about 150 feet.

Bill Stevens, manager of wireless communications research at Apple, said he did not expect such radio-based systems to completely replace those using cable, since cable systems will probably always be cheaper and better-performing.

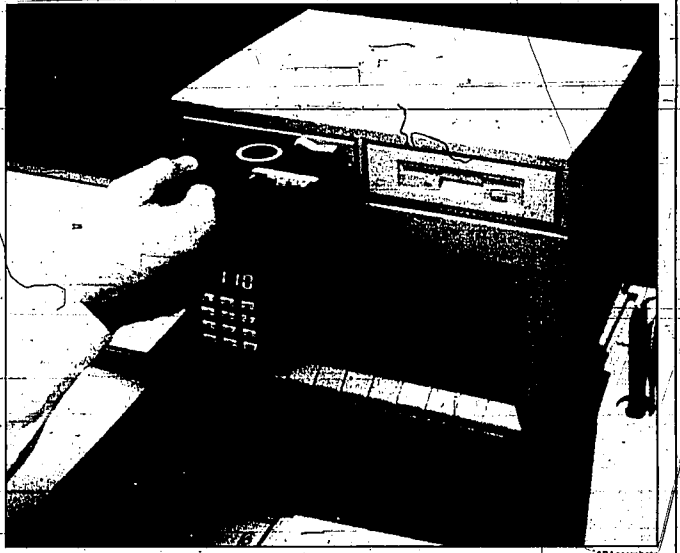
He said, though, that radio networks could be useful in situations, such as schools, factories and many offices, where flexibility and mobility are prized.

Apple's interest in radio-based networking has been well known in the industry and matches an overall trend toward making computers less bound to the desk top. "The saying now is, 'If it plugs into the wall, it's a bad investment,'" said Reese Jones of Farallon Computing Inc., an Emeryville, Calif., firm that makes software and hardware for computer communications.

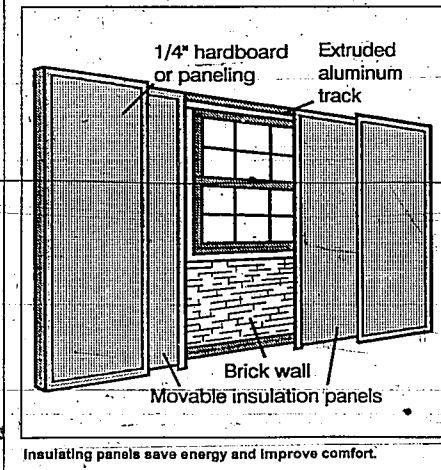
The portable computer market is one Apple has largely missed out on, most notably with its portable Macintosh, which has received an unenthusiastic reception. Stevens said Apple is planning radio-based networking products.

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Top of the line



Eastman Kodak Co. introduces three new high-tech copy products including this top-of-the-line 2100 series copier. The machine will turn out 110 pages per minute and has the capability of reading a mailing list from either MS-DOS or Macintosh format floppy disks in the control panel, shown here, for adding addresses to each page. The digital machine will sell for as much as \$95,000.



Insulating panels save energy and improve comfort.

Insulated boards can save heat loss from brick walls

Q. We remodeled our old attached garage into a den. It gets plenty cheap, but in the winter, we feel cold near the outside brick wall. We like the appearance of the brick. What should we do to feel warmer? L.T.



James Dullely
Cut your utility bill!

A. You feel chilly because of radiant heat loss to the cold brick wall. Even though the room air temperature is high enough for comfort, your body is radiating heat to the uninsulated cold brick wall. The brick wall is quickly conducting that heat outside, so it stays cold.

You have two general options to reduce this problem. You either have to keep the wall warmer with external insulation or cover the inside of the brick wall to block the radiant heat loss to it. Just hanging opaque drapes a couple of inches from the wall often helps.

The drapes stay fairly warm because the heated room air is circulating around them. Therefore, your body won't be radiating heat directly to the cold wall, but to the warmer drapes instead.

Although you feel warmer, that uninsulated brick wall is still robbing you of a lot of energy

dollars. Adding rigid foam insulation board covered with siding, to the outside walls will keep the entire wall warm and reduce the heat loss. There are also special complete retro-fit external wall insulation systems with a durable stucco-type coating.

Another option is to make movable interior insulating wall panels. One set of the insulation panels can slide behind the other so you can have at least half of the attractive brick wall exposed when you prefer.

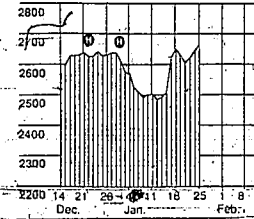
You can easily make attractive indoor movable whole-wall insulating panels yourself. This entire wall system consists of four simple panels that are filled with 3/4-inch-thick rigid foam insulation board.

You can cover these panels with any attractive material.

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Dow Jones average

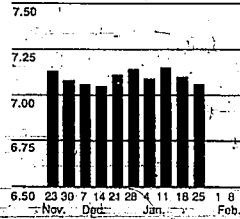
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SOURCE: Chicago Tribune

Bond Buyer Index

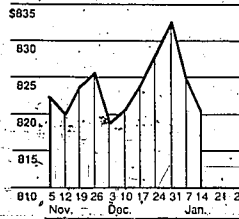
20 municipal bonds; Friday close



SOURCE: Bond Buyer

Money supply [M1]

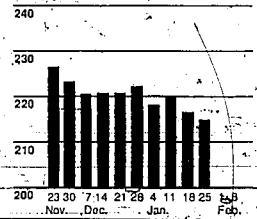
in billions of dollars; Monday close



SOURCE: Federal Reserve

Commodity futures index

21 key commodities; Friday close



SOURCE: Commodity Research Bureau; Knight-Ridder

Vacation 'prizes' really no bargain

BBB Staff

Q. My neighbor and I received post cards from two different companies offering the same prizes, which was a guaranteed choice of four trips. Have you heard of the Notification Card, the Yarn Co., or the Fairhill Marketing Corp. out of New York?

A. We did not get Atlanta, but we did get the information on Fairhill out of New York. They would like your credit card number to pay for magazine subscriptions. The charge is \$100, but this amounts to \$100 for a year. The guaranteed prize works like this: The consumer pays for one Y-fare ticket (Y fares are the highest). The company pays the other fare, plus five nights in a hotel in Walkita, three blocks from the beach. What you don't realize is that one Y fare costs more than two discount air fares plus hotel on the beach. So, you'd be better off paying for your own trip.

Q. I have some coupons from a photo company called Traditional Industries. Are they still in business?

A. Traditional Industries and its subsidiaries, American Industries and Shooting Film Club (national-wide-sellers of photo products), have been found in contempt of court for violating a 1989 Consent Decree with the Federal Trade Commission. All photo contracts—between Aug. 16, 1989, to Oct. 15, 1990, are voidable. These companies are ordered to satisfy all complaints from customers or cancel the amounts still owing on their contracts. The Consent De-



Better Business Bureau

three settled charges that the companies made false claims regarding the quality and value of the photographic services and violated the FTC's Cooling-off Rule and the Truth in Lending Act. The Court ordered Traditional to pay approximately \$140,000 owed the commission and to refund overpayments made by pre-decease customers.

Q. I'm confused about something and I hope you can clear up the matter. Do you handle complaints against firms who are members of your bureau or do you just take their side?

A. Yes, we do take complaints against businesses who are members. We don't take sides; but rather, we act as mediators between business and the consumer. We get both sides of the story and try to get the best solution for both parties involved. Please understand that we have no legal authority to force the company to do anything. Most complaints are handled satisfactorily for the customer because businesses do not want to lose valued clients.

The Times-News is a member of the Better Business Bureau of Southwestern Idaho and publishes this weekly column as a community service. General business inquiries or complaints may be made by calling 1-800-339-8737; for inquiries involving automobiles, call 1-800-632-7864.

Levi Straus recalling 36,000 girls belts

WASHINGTON (AP) Levi Straus & Co. will recall an estimated 36,000 red leather belts for girls, the first recall in the giant clothing manufacturer's history, the Consumer Products Safety Commission said. CPSC said metal buckles on some of the belts may detach. It is small enough to be swallowed by a child

and could cause choking. The belts were sold nationwide last summer and last fall along with two styles of the company's "Little Levis" denim jeans and skirts, which were sold in sizes 2-4T and 4-6. CPSC said the belts were embossed with strawberry designs and had silver-colored metal trim.

Radio

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but would not discuss them. Other companies have also targeted the wireless network market, principally Motorola Inc., which last fall proposed its own system to the FCC. A more sophisticated version than Apple's, it involves high-frequency microwaves. In addition, International Business Machines Corp. has begun to take steps toward commercializing a system it uses to stay in touch with its field service network.

For all their appeal, wireless networks have a number of daunting, albeit solvable, technical problems, said Jamie Lewis, an analyst with the Clark Burton Corp., a Salt Lake City research firm. Chief among these is security, he said, because the broadcast is made over the open airwaves.

You can get a transceiver and hook up to a Compact portable and walk into someone's building, theoretically you are on the network," he said.

Apple petitioned the FCC to set aside the space between 1850 and 1910 MHz for all computer companies to use for networking systems. That portion of the bandwidth is already used by several industries, including railroads and utilities, for their in-house communications.

Dozens of other companies have already come to the FCC with their own

ideas about what the frequency space should be used for. Many of them involve improvements to the telephone system, Stevens said.

Apple's FCC application only asked that the frequencies be set aside; it did not cover other topics like software communications protocols, though Stevens said he expected they would be similar to those already in use.

Some companies are already selling networks that communicate with infrared beams, like those found on home remote-control units. While such technology does not need to be broadcast, it does not travel through walls, the way radio beams do.

Lewis said that a number of small companies now sell low-frequency radio networks but said none of them has been fast enough to accommodate the communications needs of large organizations.

The move to wireless networks, Jones said, is not something that will put traditional networking companies out of business. "It's a gradual shift that most any company should be able to recognize," he said.

Stevens said the system Apple envisioned could simultaneously accommodate three or four networks in a small area, each about the speed of the Ethernet networks that are popular in research and business settings today.

Twin Falls Realtor Honored As "Realtor Of The Year"



Ralph D. Eslinger pictured here with Norman Flynn, President of The National Association of Realtors, is a member of the Twin Falls Board of Realtors, who selected as the Idaho Realtor of the Year for 1990. The state-wide Realtor of the Year competition, sponsored by the Idaho Association of Realtors to recognize and award Realtors for outstanding effort and service expended in the interest of the community, the real estate profession and the Realtor organization.

Eslinger was honored at the state association's annual convention in Kisslegg, Sept. 15, 1990 and at the national convention in New Orleans, Nov. 13, 1990, according to Dee Jamison, President of the Idaho Association of Realtors Inc. Eslinger has been a licensed Realtor since 1977. He has served as the Director of M.L.S., Director, Vice-President and President of the Twin Falls Board of Realtors. Eslinger is an Associate Broker with Gern State Realty, a Twin Falls real estate firm. The Idaho Association of Realtors Inc. is one of more than 1,800 local boards and state associations that comprise the National Association of Realtors, the nation's largest trade association and The Voice for Real Estate, representing nearly 800,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

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New ultra-slim alarm clocks travel well

Germany's Braun Co. is manufacturing a new ultra-slim quartz travel alarm clock — less than an inch thick — with a protective cover that lists worldwide time zones, so no matter where you roam, you will know what time it is there and at home.

The compact black clock, which is 4 inches wide, 2½ inches in height, comes in two models — one that activates a snooze function by voice; the other by reflex. You can tell it to turn off, or you can simply wave your hand in front of it. It will then reactivate the alarm every four minutes. The clock takes two AA batteries and there is also a flashlight built into the side.



LARRY BESSLER/Los Angeles Times

Braun's new travel alarm clock features a reflex control which activates the snooze alarm by just waving a hand.

QuickWash, a concentrated cleaning solution that takes only a capful — half an ounce — in 2 quarts of water, to clean your car. You don't have to hose down the car first or rinse it afterward.

The new liquid cleanser has "catalytic agents that loosen and lift dirt off the automobile's surface as you towel it on," according to Rick Melior, president of the Santa Barbara, Calif., company that markets QuickWash.

A 16-ounce bottle will provide 32 washings of a mid-size car. You can order it for \$4.99, plus \$1.95 shipping and handling, from Santa Barbara Promotions Inc., 925 De La Vina, Suite 101, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93101.

The Intelligis Group, a "lifestyle-

New and useful

Lynn Simross

enhancement products" company in Danville, Calif., has introduced a limited-edition mint that keeps fresh for about two hours, releasing mint extract into your mouth as it dissolves.

The mints are made of natural ingredients and contain no sugar.

Intelligis Group representatives say a bottle of 700 tablets — costing \$30 — is a great gift for breath protection. To order Intimints, call (800) 695-MINT. Shipping and handling costs \$4.95 more.

Lynn Simross welcomes readers' comments and suggestions for columns. Because of their volume, she regrets that she cannot respond individually to calls and letters. Write to Lynn Simross, Consumer Column, Los Angeles Times, Times Mirror Square, Los Angeles, Calif. 90053.

For those who lost jobs, move quickly to launch search

By Gary Deasler Knight-Ridder News Service

In the past week or so, Eastern Airlines and several other firms have discharged thousands of employees.

For those who haven't had to look for a job before, the written reference and about how your potential employers can contact him or her. And do NOT take a vacation: Get right to work on your job search.

• **YOUR SAFETY NET.** First, make sure you've got as much of a safety net in place as possible. From your former employer, insist on any vacation and severance pay to which you are entitled. Clearly your profit-sharing and pension rights, sign up for the extended medical and hospital benefits to which you are probably entitled under the Federal COBRA law, and apply for unemployment insurance benefits.

Also speak to your former supervisor about getting a written reference and about how your potential employers can contact him or her. And do NOT take a vacation: Get right to work on your job search.

• **OFFICE DETAILS.** You will need an organized place to work on your search and certain basic job-search tools. If your former employer will give you office supplies for free, fine. If not, set up a room or corner in your house as your job-search office. Get stationery printed and get an answering machine to take calls while you're out. Make sure you do not record one of those goofy greetings. Set up a file so you can keep track of people contacted, ads

responded to, answers received and things yet to do.

• **NARROW YOUR FOCUS.** Do not write your resume yet. Instead, compile a short list of the jobs you want to apply for, along with the sort of companies you'd like to work for. Simply want the same job you had at your last employer? That's fine. But you might also want to increase your options by identifying transferable skills you learned on your last job.

For example, a reservations agent might use his or her people skills and patience to pursue positions as a customer-service rep, employment interviewer or travel agent.

Look through the Sunday want ads or in the back of a book such as "Discover What You're Best At" by Barry and Linda Gale to review job titles and, in the case of the latter, brief job descriptions. In your library, you should also find the "Dictionary of Occupational Titles"; it contains one-paragraph job descriptions for thousands of jobs you might be interested in.

• **SUMMARIZE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.** You're going to want to put together a resume that emphasizes your accomplishments. So in terms of the problems, your solutions and the results, write up as many of your work-related accomplishments as you can. For example, did you boost sales? Save your company money? Set up a new program? Write a training program?

• **WRITE YOUR RESUME.** Now, write your resume. To go after the same job you had before or one closely related to the standard chronological resume should do. Include (in order): name, ad-

dress and phone number; work experience, including two to three-line job summaries with two or three accomplishments for each; job education; a personal statement ("I am a dependable..."); and a professional skills section where you can itemize computer skills, technical training, etc.

• **TO GO AFTER A NEW TYPE OF JOB,** you might start off with a job objective that clarifies the job you want and what qualifies you for it (two sentences maximum). You can follow that with a general summary or skills list emphasizing, say, your communications skills and where you developed them.

• **LIST CONTACTS.** Make a master list of everyone you know who could help in your job search. This includes friends, relatives, former bosses, colleagues, subordinates, former vendors, customers, lawyers, bankers, accountants and professors — to mention a few.

• **LIST COMPANIES TO APPLY TO.** Look through the yellow pages, trade magazines and sources such as Standard & Poor's to produce a list of specific companies you can apply to. Call, visit in person or write a letter briefly summarizing your experience.

• **LIST OTHER JOB-SEARCH VEHICLES.** These include employment agencies, executive recruiters, state job-service offices, college placement offices and your professional or trade association.

• **START ANSWERING ADS.** For each ad, write a cover letter and include your resume. • **DON'T DENY ON ONE APPROACH.** Remember that most people who get jobs eventually get them through people they know. However, unsolicited inquiries will prove valuable, too.

Dulley

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the facing material to match the decor of your room. The center insulating panels slide on tracks. To close them, you just pull and slide them out from behind the stationary end panels that are attached to the walls and floor.

These insulating panels should totally eliminate that cold feeling and the energy savings can help pay back the material costs. In the summer when they are opened, the center half of your brick wall and your windows are exposed for natural ventilation.

If you still prefer the entire brick wall exposed, mount all the panel supports with screws, not nails. Then you can simply remove the panels and store them in your new garage until next winter.

You can write to me for **UTILITY BILLS UPDATE #358** showing do-it-yourself instructions and diagrams for making sliding insulating wall panels. Please include \$1.00 and a self-addressed STAMPED BUSINESS-SIZE envelope — to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

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Q. I am trying to figure how large a furnace I need for my house. I had a heat loss analysis done, and I want to determine how much heat is given off by electrical appliances? B.P.

A. You are referring to what is called intrinsic heat in a home. It is waste heat from electrical appliances, lights, hot water, and your own body heat. With a large family, it can be a substantial amount of heat.

You can calculate the heat given off by appliances and lights by multiplying the wattage ratings by 3.41 Btu per hour (BtuHr). For example, a 100-watt light bulb gives off 341 BtuHr. A 1,200-watt hair dryer gives off about 4,100 BtuHr.

"Cut Your Utility Bill" appears in The Times-News every Thursday. Please address questions to James Dulley, The Times-News, 6906 Royalgreen Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244.

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Richard G. Irwin

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by Curt Smith



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Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

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Residential Election Campaign Fund

Do you want \$1 to go for the Fund? Yes No

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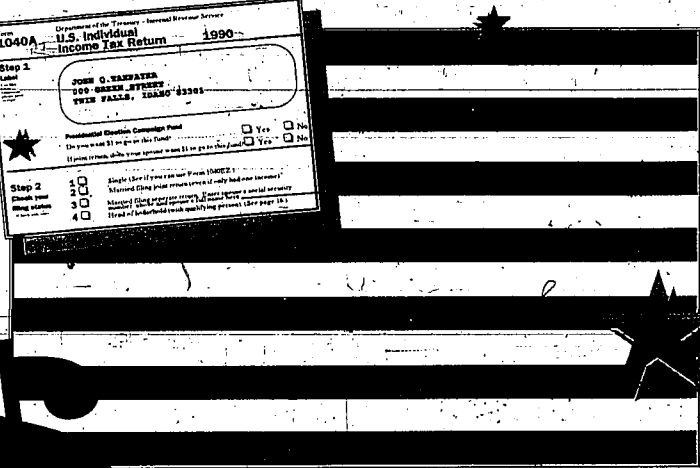
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1 Single (Use if you are not a member of a MARRIAGE)

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3 Married (File your return once if you have a marital deduction)

4 Head of household (with qualifying persons, also page 18)



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COVER DESIGN BY MARK A. BROWN

Advisers offer help to compile a portfolio that's crisis-proof

Boston Globe

If you're an average investor, you know by now that it is next to impossible to compete in the stock market with full-time traders during a crisis like the war in the Persian Gulf.

Indeed, some investors have been staying up through the nights since the war started, buying and selling stocks through after-hours markets with the help of brokerage firms that trade on exchanges in London, New York and Tokyo.

Most average investors would rather spend their nights sleeping. In fact, they would rather be able to sleep through as many political, military, economic and market crises as they can. They're looking for a portfolio that doesn't need crisis intervention.

Why should most investors try to crisis-proof their investments?

For one thing, the average investor is up against professionals and men who can shift money around in seconds. By the time most people hear or read about a company that makes a weapon being used in

the war, the professionals have already weighed its significance and have executed their trades.

"Especially in times such as these, then, people should have portfolios that need almost no tinkering, according to three investment advisers interviewed last week.

For Jonathan Pond, president of Financial Planning Information Inc. in Watertown, Mass., a "sleep-at-night portfolio" is equally divided between stocks and interest-bearing securities, with each half also equally divided between direct investments and mutual funds. Assuming you're investing \$30,000, Pond would put \$7,500 in each of the four categories.

Pond thinks an investor should have at least \$25,000 to \$30,000 for adequate diversification. If not, he advises mutual fund purchases.

In the stock mutual fund group, he suggests putting \$2,500 in the Fidelity Fund \$2.50 in the Scudder International Fund and the same amount in the Twentieth Century Select Fund.

In the fixed-income bond fund

category, Pond would put \$2,500 in a Treasury money market fund offered by several mutual fund companies, \$2,500 in the Sun-Roc Managed Municipal bond fund and \$2,500 in the Neuberger & Berman Limited Maturity bond fund. All of these funds are no load, with no sales charge.

As for direct investments in stocks, Pond believes investors building a hands-off portfolio should look for solid companies with long histories of positive earnings and strong brand names. Westinghouse and Borden fit those standards, he says, and he would split the \$7,500 in this category

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Dialing Up Tax Answers

Are you confused about your taxes? Do you need a question answered or to order a publication?

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Stocks in for bad year, according to early warnings

Orlando Sentinel

The year is not off to a very good start for common stocks — not if you believe in the "early warning system" based on what happens on Wall Street in the first five trading days of the year. The Dow Jones industrial average opened the year at 633.66, and the Standard & Poor's 500 at 320.22. Both tumbled in the troubled five days.

According to the Stock Trader's Almanac, the first five trading days of January give investors a glimpse of what lies ahead for stocks. Although the early warning system is not infallible, it has been right about 85 percent of the time since 1950.

But the beginning of this year shouldn't count, it seems, because of extenuating circumstances. There has never been a year quite like this one — in which President Bush has warned Iraq President Saddam Hussein to get out of Kuwait by sundown or face a shootout. It has also been a few years since the new year was ushered in by news that a recession is under way or just over the horizon. The stock market fears uncertainty as much as a horse fears a rattlesnake, and bad news is pouring out of Washington these days like water through a crack in the dam. It is no simple task to make investment decisions during a week in which a war is looming, the Bank of New England was taken over by the federal government, Pan Am Corp. — one of the nation's oldest airlines — filed for bankruptcy protection, and Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced it would cut 21,000 jobs.

Even Dow Theory Forecasts, a stock market and securities report on trends, has turned its search toward "resilient" issues that should "buck the downward slide in the business climate." Meanwhile, the 30 leading advisers are split evenly on whether to buy or sell. As of Monday, 45 percent of the experts were advising clients to buy, 45 percent, to sell; and 10 percent, to hold.

With the deadline less than a week away for Hussein to get out of Kuwait or be thrown out, investors are indeed in a quandary. In such times, investors might tend to shoot the works on a bet one way or the other based on whether they believe the standoff will result in a war.

While such perilous times can be profitable for those who guess right, they can also be disastrous for those who guess wrong. Dow Theory Forecasts, for example, es-

timates that a peaceful resolution in the Persian Gulf could send the Dow to 2700 or higher almost immediately.

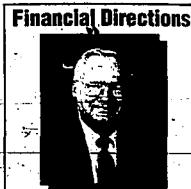
The mistake, of course, would be to assume that such a move would mean clearing the air for the Dow — which tried and just failed to crack the 3000 mark before Iraq invaded Kuwait. A peaceful solution wouldn't even come close to clearing up the economic woes of the world — which range from mean the end of domestic woes, including the troubled U.S. banking system and the awesome debt burden of the U.S. government.

The bulls reason that investors shouldn't pay attention to the early warning system this year because the Dow can't finally pass the 3000 level because inflation, rising low, interest rates are heading down and the market has developed an almost supernatural

ability to handle bad news.

The bears counter that it doesn't make sense to talk about a major market uptick when we have only seen previews of things to come during a recession. The bears even surmise that investors might start to sell stock aggressively once they see just how bad the economy can get.

Consequently, buying stocks based on speculation about the Middle East is just that — speculation — not investing. As the Dow Theory sees it, the risk/reward ratio is still toward the unfavorable side and the best idea is to stay with a cautious approach.




James R. Love,
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER

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ously. Generally, the two companies.

The fourth quarter of the portfolio contained a \$200,000 bond certificate to deposit with maturities of six months, one year and two years. "You will continually roll over the CDs (replace them with CDs of the same maturity when each one expires), so you're not playing both on the direction of interest rates," Pond says. The CDs, of course, should be in federally insured banks.

"The individual should be a low-maintenance investor," says Richard Young, president of his own money management firm in Newport, R.I.

Young and the others emphasize that low-maintenance does not mean no-maintenance. An investor's circumstances change and today's winning investment can easily become tomorrow's loser. Bank stocks are a good example.

"Bank stocks have been a major, major disappointment to put it mildly," he says, meaning this is an area where investors might have been smart to start selling bank stocks when the bad news began hitting the headlines.

"But in general, he argues, you don't want to be an event-of-the-day investor."

Apart from the danger of being "whipsawed," buying stocks you think are going one way while the markets are pushing them the other way, there are some significant costs involved in frequent trading, Young says. First, capital gains taxes have to be paid when stocks are sold, unless they are part of a tax-deferred vehicle such as an individual retirement account. Then, there's the brokerage commission, 2 percent on average, to buy a stock and another 2 percent to sell it.

Meanwhile, Young says, the average total return on stocks is about 9 percent, so subtracting 4 percent in commissions leaves you with about 5 percent, less than a passbook savings account pays at

a bank—without the security of deposit insurance.

Since security is important in Young's "low-maintenance" portfolio, about half of it is in three types of Treasury securities. The first is bills in maturities of 3, 6 and 12 months. "You should always vary the maturities," Young says, to take advantage of changing interest rates.

The second component is Treasury notes, which mature in 2 to 10 years. "These are ideal for people in the retirement mode," Young says. "They have rock-solid principal and you get two-to-year interest payments."

The third component is zero-coupon Treasuries, bonds that pay no current interest but are sold at a deep discount to their face value, which is paid in full at maturity. "These can be purchased in maturities from a few days to several years, he says. You can buy Treasuries directly through the nearest Federal Reserve Bank, or through a stockbroker.

On the equity, or stock side, Young looks for companies with a history of increasing their dividends by at least 5 percent a year. "If the dividends increase 5 percent a year, the stock will generally increase 5 percent a year," he says.

While he would not name specific companies, Young narrows his choices to "companies that aren't going to go out of business." He admits this sounds fanciful, but since people will continue to use water and make telephone calls, water utilities and several telephone companies have good long-term dividend histories, he says.

The total portfolio should be at least \$25,000 and the stock portion should have at least eight stocks, Young says. If that's not possible, the investor should find a mutual fund with a good long-term record, or one that performs as well as the market as a whole, such as the Vanguard Index Fund, he says.

In normal times, says Thomas

Mudge, a research analyst with Ballard Rich & Kaiser, a money management firm in San Mateo, Calif., a low-maintenance portfolio would have more money in real estate, such as a real estate investment trust. Of course, these are not normal times, so Mudge believes average investors should avoid real estate for now, although investors who know what they're doing can find some undervalued REITs.

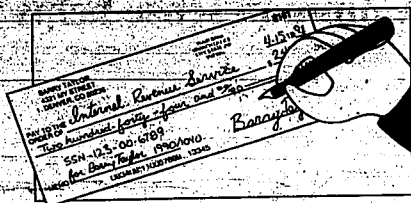
Leaving real estate out, then, Mudge would split the portfolio evenly among Treasuries, international stocks, domestic stocks and cash equivalents, like money-market funds.

Mudge's stock portfolio includes "core holdings" of companies such as Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co., PepsiCo Inc., McDonald's Corp. and Pfizer Inc., a pharmaceutical company. All of these companies have "stable earning histories and strong franchises," with a large market share and well-known brand names.

While investors should have international stocks in their portfolios, Mudge does not think they should try to pick overseas companies on their own. Instead, they should let the manager of a mutual fund do the picking for them. He suggests the T. Rowe Price International Stock Fund or the T. Rowe Price International Discovery Fund; both have managers with several years of good performance. The latter fund invests in smaller companies "for those people who want a little more risk," Mudge says.

In addition to security, there are other good reasons for including Treasuries in the portfolio, Mudge says. "Include corporate bonds and many municipal bonds. Treasuries can't be called, or redeemed early by the issuer, which means the expected income keeps coming.

Also, Mudge says, income from Treasuries is free of state income taxes, an advantage that's becoming more and more attractive as more and more states keep boosting income taxes.



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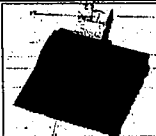
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Common sense helps teach kids how to handle money

By Dick Madlowe
Orlando Sentinel

How much do your children know about money?

They probably know that two or three quarters will get them a soft drink and that at a movie will cost up most a \$10 bill — after they throw in the obligatory popcorn.

But what do they know about HANDLING money and the relationship between earning it and spending it? In recent years, I suspect most savers in the world. I suspect one of the main reasons is that as

children and teen-agers we don't seem to learn much about handling money.

Going to the movies is a good example. In the 1940s, I could earn 50 cents an hour on odd jobs and get into the best theaters in town for a quarter. After I got a real job, I could earn the price of three movies in one hour. To the best of my recollection, a box of popcorn cost a dime or 15 cents.

Today, with minimum wage about to go from \$3.80 and hour to \$4.25 an hour, an entry-level worker must work almost two hours to earn the fare of one movie — even

longer including popcorn. Most movies last up to an hour and 50 minutes these days, and no one could be expected to go that long without nourishment.

What the movie-and-popcorn industry shows, I suspect, is that workers have lost their understanding of the relationship between how much they earn in an hour and the cost of things. Archival who is given how many hours a worker would have to flip hamburgers to pay for it.

The handling of money is being taken seriously by people other

than those of us who have earned reputations as penny-pinchers. Psychologists are peeling into the issue, and confirming that young adults spend everything they get; their hands on because they don't know better.

Even money managers and brokerages are finally realizing that if Americans spend all their money as soon as they get it, they won't have anything to save or invest. Possibly because of that reason, Oppenheimer Management Corp. has conducted a survey to determine how well parents are educating their children about money.

About half of American parents feel they are doing a good job, while the other half rates itself as only "fair" or "poor." Most experts agree that children can't learn anything about spending if they don't have any money to spend. The generally accepted theory is that the way to handle that problem is to give them money.

There are no hard rules about how to teach children about handling money. Common sense often works best. The theory of "monkey see, monkey do" is also important to remember in teaching money. Please see HANDLE/Page 5

Ways to make your money work for you

By Glenn Burkins
Knight-Ridder News Service

Nineteen-ninety sure went fast. So fast, in fact, that you hardly had time to keep the New Year's resolutions you made. Like the promise to get serious about your money.

Well, 1991 offers a new challenge. That's the beauty of each new year. But be careful. When it comes to finances, waste will have a way of catching up with you.

Here are some money tips that can help almost everyone in 1991 or any year:

• Set goals. For most working stiffs, financial security doesn't just happen; it takes planning.

"I think the number-one thing that anyone should do is sit down and write out three or five objectives — short-term or long-term goals," said Ronald D. Torretti, president of Mid-Atlantic Cos., a financial-planning firm in Mount Laurel, N.J.

Say, for example, that your near-term goal is to buy a house. Decide first on a reasonable timetable. Then estimate how much cash you will need for a down payment and closing costs.

Then set a goal for saving the amount you will need to meet your timetable. If the target date is years away, set monthly or six-month goals to keep you on track.

For longer-term goals such as retirement, it's not enough to say you plan to retire by a certain age. You must decide what type of lifestyle you will want and how much cash you will need to save each week, month or year to meet that goal.

• Increase savings. Once your goals and saving plan are set, you should be designed to help you get there. Saving part of your income is the first and most important step.

Financial planners often recommend that families save at least 10 percent of take-home pay. If that is not possible, start where you can and work your way up.

There are no painless ways to save, but some methods are easier than others. If your employer offers a payroll savings plan with automatic deductions, use it. (That goes doubly for plans in which the employer adds money.) Have money from each check put into a bank, credit union or mutual fund. Once

in the habit of saving, you are likely to continue.

Look for places to cut expenses, then bank the amount saved. People often are surprised by how quickly money adds up. Coming up are some tips on ways to cut expenses and start saving.

• Avoid consumer debt. Pay off consumer debts, such as the balances on credit cards and department-store charge accounts. It could be one of the smartest things you do in 1991, or any year.

Credit cards are an expensive way to borrow. Most have annual interest rates of 18 percent or more. And, beginning next year, you get no tax deduction on the interest you pay.

Paying off consumer debts will free more income for saving and investing. If you must borrow from a credit card, at least use cards that charge relatively low interest rates.

Bankcard Holders of America, a consumer group, has a list of cards that charge annual interest of 14 percent to 16 percent. For that list, send \$1.50 to BHA, 560 Herndon Parkway, Herndon, Va. 22070. If you have extra cash earning 7 percent or so in a savings account, why not use that money to pay off credit cards on which you are paying 18 percent interest? Be sure, however, to keep enough cash in savings to handle emergency expenses.

Another option that could save money is to take out a home-equity loan to pay off consumer debts. Such loans often carry lower interest rates than consumer debt, and in most cases the interest payments are fully deductible from income for tax purposes. But be careful. If you can't repay the loan, you could lose your home.

• Maximize employee benefits. "I don't think most people spend enough time with the benefits programs they have" at work, said

Mark Murray, a benefits consultant at Hewitt Associates in Philadelphia.

That's too bad, he said, because employee benefits offer great opportunities to save money. Two of the most underused programs are 401(k) plans and flexible spending accounts.

A 401(k) plan allows workers to set aside money — before income taxes are taken out — for retirement savings. The savings and any interest or other income earned on the money are not taxed until the money is withdrawn, usually after retirement. Many companies contribute money or stock to the accounts, matching part of the workers' contributions.

A flexible spending account allows workers to set aside money — again, before taxes are taken out — to pay for medical care and dependent care. The tax savings basically stretch your money for such expenses much further.

Tuition-reimbursement programs are another often-overlooked benefit. Many companies provide such a program, you would not be taxed on money you received for taking undergraduate courses. And for 1991, he said, the tax-free status also applies to graduate-level courses. In past years, such reimbursement for graduate courses.

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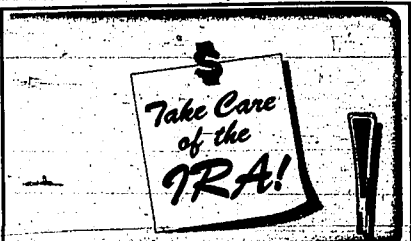
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school courses was considered taxable income.

Medical insurance is another case where that often is wasted or used improperly. Working couples should be sure that their policies do not duplicate, and families with children should cover them under the policy that is most cost-effective in such matters as deductibles.

Shop for insurance. The potential for saving money in buying insurance is large. Whether you are looking for auto, homeowner's or life insurance, the first rule is to shop around. Rates often vary greatly from one company to another.

Many insurers offer lower rates for customers who have taken safety-driving classes or who buy cars equipped with air-bags, automatic seat belts or anti-lock brakes.

Compare yields. Americans punters invest in money market funds to passbook or statement savings accounts that pay interest rates of 5.25 percent or less. Many people could earn considerably more simply by moving that money into another type of account at the same bank.

To earn the most from the money you have, you must know what choices your bank offers and you must shop around for better deals at other banks.

If a certificate of deposit matures, don't automatically roll it over. Check around at a few other banks to see if you can get a higher yield.

Also consider alternatives other than banks, such as money-market, mutual funds or Treasury securities. Many funds are not federally insured, but they tend to pay slightly higher interest than CDs and give you greater access to your cash.

Treasury securities not only are federally guaranteed, but their interest is exempt from state and local income taxes.

Trim investment costs. You can cut the commissions you pay when buying or selling securities. If you know what you want to buy or sell, consider using a discount stockbroker rather than a more expensive full-service broker.

But not all discount brokers are equal. "There are discounters, and there are discounters," said John Markese, director of research for the American Association of Individual Investors. "You need to see what your costs will be based on the size of your transaction."

• Cut taxes. Outsourcing the tax man has gotten a lot harder under the new tax laws, but it's not impossible.

"For most people, it's a matter of maximizing deductions," said Richard Stevens, director of personal financial services in the Philadelphia office of Price Waterhouse, the accounting firm.

For example, medical expenses can be deducted only to the extent they exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. By bunching as many of them as you can into one calendar year, you might exceed the 7.5 percent floor.

Tips for fund investors

Los Angeles Times

Many investors find themselves frustrated when they try to shop for mutual funds. Where do you go for information? Some ideas:

- The Mutual Fund Education Alliance, a group sponsored by funds that sell their shares directly to the public, offers an Investor's Guide to Low-Cost Mutual Funds. Price: \$5. Write 1900 Erie, Suite 120, Kansas City, Mo. 64116.
- The American Association of Individual Investors offers

various guides and kits. For prices and other information, write 625 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

- Mutual Fund Values newsletter offers timely updates on the fund industry. For trial subscription information, write 53 W. Jackson, Chicago, Ill. 60604.

- If you know the name of a particular fund or fund family, but do not know how to reach it, check if the fund has a toll-free "800" phone number. Phone 800-555-1212 for toll-free directory information.

Tax publication available just for military personnel

Publication 3, Tax Information for Military Personnel, is available to help the nation's three million members of the Armed Forces with their federal tax returns.

Major tax issues discussed are: items included in gross income, such as basic pay, bonuses for reenlistment, and special pay for aviation career incentives and hazardous duty; items excluded from

gross income, such as certain allowances for living, family, moving, and travel expenses; dependency exemptions; sale of a home and itemized deductions. Examples are used throughout the booklet to illustrate filing instructions and tax advice.

Publication 3 can be ordered by using the order blank in your tax package or by calling toll-free 1-800-829-3676.

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habits to youngsters. Spendthrifts seldom produce frugal offspring.

Teaching good spending, saving, buying and working habits to children — and the relationship between

all of them — is a good investment in itself.

There are few things that prove more expensive over the long haul than a child who never got the hang of any of them.

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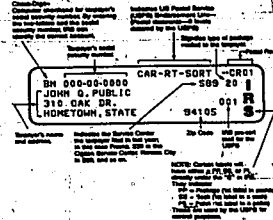


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Early withdrawal penalty, alimony may be written off

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some deductions, known as adjustments, may be claimed by taxpayers where, or not they itemize. But using them requires the filing of a long Form 1040.

For example, if you paid a penalty for early withdrawal of funds from a savings account, that penalty may be written off. So, too, may alimony payments you made in 1990, so long as you write on your return the name and Social Security number of the recipient.

Jury-duty fees that you turned over to your employer in return for continuing your regular pay may be subtracted from income.

These and other adjustments, including deductible contributions to Individual Retirement Accounts and expenses of producing rental income, are entered on Page 1 of Form 1040.

Some other items to consider as you prepare your 1990 return:

If you have a bone to pick with the federal government, think twice before using your tax return to make your point. The law imposes a

\$500 penalty for filing a frivolous return. Should you carry a fight into Tax Court, you could be liable for another penalty of up to \$2,000.

Your employer should send you a W-2 statement of wages earned by Jan. 31. Failure to receive the form does not relieve you of the liability to report your income and pay tax on it.

You will meet the deadline if your return is postmarked by midnight April 15. Failure to file on time can bring a penalty of 5 percent of the tax due per month or part of a month, up to 25 percent, plus interest. If you file but don't pay all that is owed, the penalty is 0.5 percent of the unpaid balance per month or part of the month plus interest. Once the IRS contacts you and demands immediate payment, the penalty rises to 1 percent.

If you are unable to complete your return by the deadline, file a Form 4868 and get an automatic four-month extension. But that form will have to be accompanied by a check for the tax you estimate will be owed once you file.

A sure way to get into trouble with the IRS

these days is to fail to report interest or dividends on your tax return. The bank or other organization that paid you already has reported that to the IRS. When IRS computers detect the discrepancy, you will receive a notice that you owe taxes plus penalty and interest.

On occasion a broker or other payer will erroneously report your tax-exempt interest to the IRS and to you on a Form 1099. If that happens, list that as part of your interest on Schedule B, Line 1 (or on Schedule 1, Line 1 if you are filing Form 1040A). Then write in "tax-exempt interest" and subtract this amount from your total interest that goes on Line 2.

A day after mailing your return you realize you failed to report a dividend check or neglected to claim a deduction for medical expenses? File an amended return, Form 1040X.

Did you work for two or more employers last year? If your wages exceeded \$51,300, you may have had too much Social Security tax withheld from your paychecks. Anything over \$3,924.45 (for one spouse) may be subtracted on Form 1040, Line 59, from income taxes owed.

Unemployment compensation is fully taxable, as is sick pay. Worker's compensation for job-related injuries is tax-free.

Keep your tax records for at least three years. Any record relevant to ownership of property, especially your home, should be retained permanently.

One small step for simplification: round off figures to the nearest dollar.

Sometimes a portion of the expenses of using part of your home for business may be deducted but limitations are tight. As a starting point, the home must be your principal place of business for any of your trades or a place where customers deal with you in the normal course of business. See IRS Publication 587.

There is a persistent story that using the stick-on mailing label from your tax-forms package sets you up for an audit. The IRS says that is nonsense, and includes in this year's package an explanation of the coding on the label. The label expedites processing, the agency says.

IRS offers several forms of assistance to taxpayers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service spells a lot of effort to make its forms and instructions more understandable but a glance at your 1990 tax package might lead you to believe the job is still not done. If, after getting down to work on your return, you get into questions that do not seem to be answered in the instructions, the IRS offers several forms of assistance.

You may take your questions to your local IRS office or use the toll-free telephone number for your use that is listed in the instructions. The process will work best if you make your questions as specific as possible and have available records that will help you respond to queries from the IRS person.

IRS telephone assistants gave the correct answer 77 percent of the time last year, an improvement from 64 percent the previous year. But if you don't trust them, consider using Tele-Tax. This is a system of taped-recorded answers to questions on 140 different tax topics, ranging from how to claim the earned-income credit to what you should do when you receive an IRS notice of tax due.

The toll-free number for Tele-Tax in you

area is in the back of your tax package, along with a list of tax topics.

If you start work on your tax return early enough, you should have time to order specialized IRS publications that provide considerably more detail than the instructions in your tax package. These publications and tax forms are available free of charge and may be ordered by mail or telephone.

Among the more helpful publications:

- 334, a guide for small business.
- 504, for circumstances peculiar to divorced or separated people.
- 521, job-related moving expenses.
- 523, selling your home.
- 527, residential rental property.
- 554, information for older Americans.
- 575, pensions and annuities.
- 587, business use of your home.
- 929, special rules for children and dependents.
- 936, home mortgage interest.

1040 form has many running for help

By John Schmelzler
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The Internal Revenue Service estimates it will take the average taxpayer nearly nine hours this year to complete a Form 1040 income-tax return and the accompanying Schedule A for itemized deductions.

That's reason enough for many people to seek out a professional to do it for them. "It's nine hours of time, a day on the weekend, and it frustrates a lot of people," says Bill Behr, owner of Behr & Co., an accounting firm in Bloomington, Ill. He expects to spend many late nights this year now and April 15 preparing tax returns for people who don't want to spend the time or deal with the frustration.

"The general public is afraid of the tax return. They're afraid of what they don't

know," says Dennis Marx, a partner at Ernst & Young, one of the Big Six accounting firms. "They're afraid they will miss something."

The IRS expects more than 110 million returns to be filed this year. About half, according to Mike McGrail, an IRS spokesman, will be prepared by professionals — tax lawyers, accountants and some insurance agents.

By significant revisions of the 1040A schedule — there also is a 1040EZ along with the fact that there were virtually no changes to the 1040 form this year, could increase the number of taxpayers who attempt to prepare their returns themselves, McGrail said.

H&R Block, the nation's largest tax preparation firm, and the small accountants provide a necessary service to the small

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Report your income table with 7 rows and 2 columns (Dollars and Cents). Row 1: Total wages, salaries, and tips. Row 2: Taxable interest income. Row 3: Adjusted gross income. Row 4: Can your parents for someone else claim you as their return? Row 5: Subtract line 4 from line 3. Row 6: Enter your Federal income tax withheld. Row 7: Tax. Total tax: 1,294.00.

YOU MUST CHECK "YES" OR "NO" HERE. IF YOU CAN BE CLAIMED AS A DEPENDENT, PLEASE USE THE WORKSHEET ON THE BACK.

Figure your tax table with 7 rows and 2 columns (Dollars and Cents). Row 1: Total wages, salaries, and tips. Row 2: Taxable interest income. Row 3: Adjusted gross income. Row 4: Can your parents for someone else claim you as their return? Row 5: Subtract line 4 from line 3. Row 6: Enter your Federal income tax withheld. Row 7: Tax. Total tax: 1,294.00.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN AND DATE HERE.

Sign your return section with name, address, and date. Signature: Jade Arlene Roberts, 2-4-91.



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Your tax instruction package contains the information needed to complete the form. This Signal Sheet is simply an aid. It alerts you to things you don't want to miss. If you find it helpful, please use it along with your tax instructions.

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FILL IN LINE 8 IF LINE 6 IS LARGER THAN LINE 7. THIS IS YOUR REFUND.

IF LINE 7 IS LARGER THAN LINE 6, THE AMOUNT YOU OWE GOES ON LINE 9.

A new W-4 may be in order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Is your tax refund too large? Will you have to send a check with your tax return?

Either case could be costly. A huge refund means you have been allowing interest-free use of your money. Having to fork over a hefty sum when you file could subject you to a penalty for failing to pay enough tax in advance.

You may correct either problem by filing a new Form W-4 with your employer. This form, with its accompanying work sheet, is used to calculate how many withholding allowances you want to

claim. In 1991, each allowance will avoid withholding on \$2,150 of income.

In figuring allowances, you must take into account how many dependents you have for tax purposes, the size of your itemized deductions and whether you claim any tax credits, such as for child-care expenses.

Taxes generally are not withheld from some types of income, including earnings from self-employment, most interest and dividends and capital gains. If you have such income you may have to make quarterly estimated-tax payments to avoid owing the gov-

ernment a large sum when you file your return.

As a rule, for 1991 you must pay in advance — through withholding: quarterly payments or a combination of the two — 90 percent of your 1991 liability or 100 percent of 1990 liability, whichever is smaller. The rule does not apply unless your estimated liability for 1991 is \$500 or more.

Quarterly payments are due April 15, June 17, Sept. 16 and next Jan. 15.

See IRS Publication 505 for more information on withholding and estimated taxes.

Seniors, blind may find tax saving

People who are 65 or older or blind and do not itemize deductions may be entitled to take a higher standard deduction on their tax return for 1990.

The table below shows how to determine the amount of their standard deduction. Those who can be claimed as dependents cannot use this table.

STEP 1:
Check the correct boxes below for you and your spouse:

You're 65 or older _____
Blind _____
Your spouse is 65 or older _____
Blind _____
Total boxes checked _____

To find the amount of your standard deduction, total the boxes checked and compare the result to

the standard deduction chart below.

1990 Standard Deduction Chart

STEP 2:
If you are SINGLE

TOTAL BOXES	STANDARD DEDUCTION
1	\$4,050
2	\$4,850

If you are MARRIED FILING JOINTLY or QUALIFYING WIDOW(ER) with dependent

TOTAL BOXES	STANDARD DEDUCTION
1	\$6,100
2	\$6,750
3	\$7,400
4	\$8,050

If you are MARRIED FILING SEPARATELY

TOTAL BOXES	STANDARD DEDUCTION
1	\$3,375
2	\$4,025
3	\$4,675
4	\$5,325

If you are HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD

TOTAL BOXES	STANDARD DEDUCTION
1	\$5,550
2	\$6,350

For additional information, including details on a dependent standard deduction, see IRS Publication 501, Exemptions, Standard Deduction, and Filing Information. This publication can be ordered free by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Medical expenses may be deductible

Prescription drugs or the annual dental check-up may be included in a medical expense deduction.

To deduct qualified medical expenses, taxpayers: 1. must itemize their deductions, 2. have unreimbursed medical costs that exceed 7.5 percent of their adjusted gross income and 3. have paid for the allowable medical services.

The costs of most visits to the doctor and dentist qualify as allowable medical expenses. Medical insurance, special care equipment and cost of transportation to obtain medical care may be considered medical expenses. Also, all medical payments for dependents and spouse may be included.

A record of all medical expenses should be kept so that you can decide whether there are enough expenses to itemize or to support the deduction on the tax return. Some pharmacies will provide monthly and year-end statements for charge customers that distinguish between medical and non-medical expenses. For tax purposes, receipts, canceled checks or a log are acceptable forms of record keeping.

For the specifics on medical expenses, order free IRS Publication 502, Medical and Dental Expenses. An order form is included in the tax package.

Home expenses reduce tax bill

Taxes can hit you right where your live. But if you own your home, many of your expenses can reduce your tax bill.

Buying your home
Basis Basis is a way of measuring your investment for tax purposes. It is important to know your basis when selling a home or figuring a loss-as-a-result-of-a-casualty.

An explanation of "basis" may be found in Publication 551, Basis of Assets.

Points — You may deduct qualifying points if the loan is used to buy or improve your main home. The additional requirements that

must be met to take this deduction may be found in IRS Publication 530, Tax Information for Homeowners.

Closing costs — Your portion of property taxes paid at settlement is deductible.

Owning your home
Home improvement and repair records — Keep receipts for your home improvements. They will be added to your basis. Repairs for ordinary upkeep such as painting or gutter repair are not deductible.

However, if you pay these costs as part of a remodeling or restoration.

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W-4 Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate

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Did you
Marry or divorce?
Gain or lose a dependent?
Or,
Did any of the following change?
Your income level, interest, dividends, capital gains, etc.
Your family wage income (more than one job or both spouses work)
Your itemized deductions (if a significant change)...

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions or you need extra tax when you filed your 1990 return, you may need to file a new Form W-4 by Feb. 1991. See your Employer for a copy of the "1001" Form or call toll free at 1-800-829-3676.

How is the time to make next year's taxes less taxing. Check your withholding.

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Claiming business expenses

In the course of business, employees sometimes incur expenses which may be claimed as itemized deductions. These expenses must be both ordinary and necessary in the employee's trade or business. Careful records must be kept to verify business expenses. Business

records include receipts and a detailed log of dates, places, business persons attending and other relevant information. For more information call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) and order Publication 463, Travel, Entertainment and Gift Expenses.

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IRS begins new deposit penalty system

Businesses that do not make federal payroll tax deposits on time are subject to a new penalty system.

The amount of penalty IRS charges depends on the size of the firm it takes to make the required federal tax deposit.

The new penalty system is four-tiered. Beginning in 1990, the failure-to-deposit penalty rates are as follows:

1. Two percent for the first five days,
2. Five percent for the 6th through the 15th day,
3. Ten percent for more than 15 days and
4. Fifteen percent if the deposit is not made within 10 days after IRS issues the first notice demanding payment.

A penalty is charged for delin-

quency or for depositing an insufficient amount. A penalty may also be assessed if the federal tax deposits are improperly mailed or delivered to IRS offices rather than to authorized depositories or Federal Reserve banks.

More information about payroll taxes is in Publication 937, Business Reporting. Call IRS toll-free 1-800-829-3676 to order your copy.

Some education assistance from employers taxable

After Sept. 30, 1990, employees who received educational assistance from their employers may have to include the assistance as income on their 1990 tax return.

Previously, educational assistance up to \$5,250 was automatically excluded from employees' income. After the expiration date, employer-provided educational assistance must be included in an employee's income unless it is considered an ordinary and necessary business expense for that trade or business.

Generally, educational assistance need not be included in income if the same education paid by the employee would be deductible as an ordinary and necessary employee business expense.

Deductible employment-related educational expenses:

- Maintain or improve skills required by an employee in his or her present work or
- Are required by the employer to maintain the employee's salary, status or job.

Employees should always check

with their employers on how to handle educational assistance for tax purposes. Some employers offer an educational assistance plan that is part of a larger package of fringe benefits. The tax status of educational assistance under these plans may differ.

For more information on employer-provided educational assistance, call 1-800-829-3676 (1-800-TAX-FORM) to order IRS Publication 508, Educational Expenses, and IRS Publication 525, Taxable and Nontaxable Income.

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Selling Your Home Postponement of tax - Generally, paying the tax on the gain from the sale of your main home may be postponed if you buy a new home within two years before or after the sale and if the purchase price is at least as much as the adjusted sales price of the old home.

Each of these situations increases the complexity, and often the number, of forms an individual has to prepare for submission to the IRS.

The purchase of a home creates an opportunity to itemize deductions, such as mortgage points and interest and real estate taxes. An unexpected gain or loss will change a person's tax liabilities and require the filing of an additional form.

"It will either add a schedule, or change the way you deduct things," says Behr. "So many things on a return are interrelated."

For instance, he says, the purchase of a home, besides creating an opportunity to itemize, will change the way a person files in subsequent years.

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taxpayer, just as Ernst & Young provides a service to the 2,500 and 3,000 corporate executives for which it prepares returns, says Marx.

Last year H&R Block charged an average of \$51.25 for each of the more than 15.2 million returns it handled, according to Yvonne Smith, a spokeswoman for the Kansas City-based firm. Stegand and his firm had no estimate on the number of returns it would handle this year.

An accountant is likely to charge four times that amount, according to Behr. Individuals should turn to a professional whenever they buy or sell a house the year they get married or divorced, the year they have their first child, when they have a death in the family or when they realize an unexpected gain (such as an inheritance or lottery win) or an unexpected loss, he said.

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IRAs offer late break on taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most wage-earners are still eligible to have tax-deductible Individual Retirement Accounts, although fewer than 6.5 million claimed the deduction on returns filed in 1989. Like most tax breaks, this one is still available for last year's earnings. If you qualify, you may make a deductible contribution until midnight April 15, the deadline for filing your 1990 return.

For IRAs was 1985, when deductions exceeding \$38 billion were claimed by more than 16 million—couples—and individuals. Then along came the 1986 tax overhaul, which eliminated deductible IRAs for middle- and upper-income workers who are covered by a company pension plan.

That still left a deduction available to the largest portion of the work force — all workers not covered by a company pension plus covered single people earning less than \$35,000 and couples under \$50,000.

However, the 1986 law made IRAs less attractive to many workers by sharply cutting the number of income-tax rates. That reduced the likelihood that a worker's tax on IRA withdrawal — would drop significantly when he or she retired.

A worker who qualifies for a full deduction may put into an IRA up to 100 percent of 1990 wages or \$2,000, whichever is smaller. A limited account known as a spousal IRA is available for a non-earning spouse. In either case, no tax is paid on the deposit or interest it earns

until withdrawn at age 59½ or later.

Even if you don't qualify for a deductible IRA, you still may make a non-deductible contribution. The annual limits are the same as for a deductible IRA. And, as with any other IRA, interest earned on a non-deductible account is tax-deferred until withdrawn.

You must file a Form 8606 with your return if you make a non-deductible contribution. And you must keep all records relating to your IRAs until three years after you have withdrawn all your accounts. Failure to do so could subject you to taxation on all your IRAs including those on which you already have been taxed.

Here are the basic rules:

NO DEDUCTION: You get no deduction for an IRA if you (or your spouse if you file jointly) are covered by a company pension and your income is \$35,000 or more for a single person, \$50,000 or more for a couple filing a joint return or \$10,000 or more for a married person filing separately.

FULL DEDUCTION: You qualify for a full deduction if neither you nor your spouse is covered by a company pension. Or, if you or your spouse is covered by a company plan and your income before figuring the IRA is no more than \$25,000 (single) or \$40,000 (couple).

A PARTIAL DEDUCTION is allowed if you or your spouse is covered by a plan at work and income is between \$25,000 and \$35,000 (single) or \$40,000 and \$50,000 (couple filing jointly).

The allowable deduction is 20 percent of the difference between your income and the higher figure for your filing status. For example, a single person with \$32,000 would subtract that from \$35,000 and multiply the \$3,000 difference by 20, yielding a deduction of \$600.

It is more complicated for a two-earner couple. If both spouses contribute to an IRA in 1990, they must subtract that from \$35,000 and multiply the \$3,000 difference by 20, yielding a deduction of \$600.

For example, if one spouse earned \$21,000 and the other earned \$20,000, each would figure the allowable deduction by subtracting \$41,000 (total income), from \$50,000 and multiplying the \$9,000 difference by 20. That would produce a maximum deduction of \$1,800 for each spouse.

YES—another calculation is necessary if one spouse had no earnings or chose a spousal IRA. If the husband in the above example had zero earnings and his wife had \$41,000, they would subtract \$41,000 from \$50,000 and multiply the \$9,000 difference by .225.

The resulting \$2,025 deduction could be divided between the spouses in any way so long as neither claimed more than the \$1,800 allowed a couple at their income level.

When calculating a partial deduction, you may round up to the next \$10; thus, \$314 would become \$320. If the figure is at least \$1, round up to \$200.

Taxpayer rights include privacy, assistance

Your right to be treated fairly, professionally, promptly and courteously by the IRS is protected by the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. A summary of your rights appears in Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer. Highlights include:

- Privacy and Confidentiality.
- Personal and financial information must be kept confidential.
- Free information and help in preparing returns.

- The IRS provides free publications, telephone and walk-in assistance.

Payment of the correct amount of tax.

You are liable only for the least amount of tax due under the law. If your return is questioned, the IRS must send you a letter requesting more information or state a reason why a change needs to be made on your return. You have the right to ask that the time and place for an audit of your return is convenient for both you and the IRS. You also have the right to have an attorney, certified public accountant, enrolled agent or other authorized person to represent you or be present during an interview.

Cancellation of penalties.

If you received erroneous advice from IRS employees, you have the right to request that certain penalties you do not wish to be canceled. You must show that your reliance on the advice was reasonable and

that you filed your return after you received that advice. According to the IRS, information that assists in determining whether there is reasonable cause with regard to erroneous advice includes such matters as: whether the taxpayer tried to find the answer to the question (publications); the question asked and the specific facts given to the

IRS employee; the answer the taxpayer received; the employee's name; and the date and time of the call.

Appeal of examination findings.

You have the right to appeal if you don't agree with the examiner's audit findings. Publication 5, IRS Forms, Instructions or Appeal Rights and Preparation of Protests for Unagreed Cases, explains your appeal rights in detail.

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Not all scholarships exempt from taxes

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Only degree candidates may exclude any scholarship or fellowship payments from income. There are several restrictions on the exclusion, including both the types of qualifying expenses and the types of payments received.

The "qualified" amounts that are not taxable include payments that cover enrollment, tuition or fees and course-related expenses on for books, fees, supplies and equipment. Any other amounts, such as for room, board, travel or incidental expenses, must be reported as income for the year received.

Many scholarships and fellowships also include pay for past, present or future services. Any payment received for services is taxable for the year of receipt, even if the service is required of all candidates for a



particular degree.

Students who are not candidates for a degree must report all scholarship and fellowship amounts as income for the year received.

Those who received scholarships or fellowships awarded before Aug. 17, 1986, should continue to report these payments in the same way they were reported in the past.

For more detailed information, call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) for a free copy of IRS Publication 520, Scholarships and Fellowships.

Extensions available if time runs out

If you're running out of time to file your federal tax return, you may qualify for a four-month extension. Remember, however, filing Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, only extends the date you are required to file. You still must pay the federal taxes you owe by April 15, 1991. Underpayment of your taxes will result in interest and sometimes penalty charges.

To get a four-month extension:

1. Send in Form 4868 with
2. any taxes owed by April 15, 1991.

Once you are ready to file your return:

1. Use Form 1040 and remember to list any payment you made with your extension on line 58 by August 15, 1991.

2. Use Form 1040A and write "Form 4868" on line 28d and list any payment you made with your extension by August 15, 1991. Call IRS toll-free at 1-800-829-3676 to order Form 4868 if you need the automatic four-month extension.

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The following are common questions and answers prepared to help farmers with federal income tax laws.

Q: A flood damaged my farm this year, and I understand our part of the country is a disaster area. What does this mean?

A: If your area warrants federal disaster assistance, you may elect to deduct your loss on your federal income tax return for the preceding tax year.

Q: I'm a farmer. Can I take investment credit on any of my property?

A: The Tax Reform Act of 1986 repealed the investment tax credit for property placed in service after December 31, 1985, except for property covered by transition rules.

Q: I plan to hire short-term laborers, sometimes for just a day or two. Do I have to take out taxes?

A: Generally, you must withhold income and social security taxes only when you have paid an employee \$150 or more in cash wages during the year or when you have paid cash wages of \$2,500 or more

during the year to all your employees. Exceptions are explained in Publication 225.

Q: I fixed the roof on my barn. Is this a repair or a capital expense?

A: A repair simply restores an item but neither adds to its value nor increases its useful life. A capital expense, on the other hand, does add to the value or does increase the useful life. If, for example, you merely replaced some shingles, you have repaired your roof. If you put an entirely new roof on the barn, you have a capital expense. Repairs are deductible business expenses. Capital expenses are not deductible but in some cases may be depreciated over the life of the asset.

Q: I plan to sell my farm. Is there anything special I should keep in mind?

A: When you sell your farm, you are selling business property (the land, buildings, etc., used in farm operations) and possibly non-business property (your personal residence, etc.). The tax treatments for the sale of business property and non-business property are different. See Publication 544, **Sales of Other Dispositions of Assets**, and Publication 523, **Tax Information On Selling Your Home**, for more information. Both are available by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-3676.

Q: I sold my farm for a large profit. Can I still use the estimated tax rules for farmers?

A: To pay estimated tax as a farmer, at least two-thirds of your

total estimated gross income for the tax year must be from the business of farming, or at least two-thirds of the total gross income shown on your return for the preceding tax year must have been from farming. The taxable gain from the sale of your farm is part of your gross income, but it is NOT from the business of farming.

Q: When do I report income from a Commodity Credit Loan?

A: You may, include Commodity Credit loans in income in the year the crop is sold, or you may elect to include Commodity Credit loans in income in the year in which the proceeds of the loan are actually received. Once you report these loans in the year received, you must continue to report all succeeding loans in the same way unless you get permission from the IRS to change methods.

Qualifying farmers given choice when to pay taxes

Qualifying farmers have an option on when to make estimated tax payments.

Estimated tax payments are generally made if the total estimated income tax and self-employment tax is \$500 or more.

- If you qualify as a farmer, you may:
 - Pay all of your estimated tax by January 15 and file your Form 1040 by April 15.
 - File your Form 1040 by March 1 and pay all the tax that is due.

- Pay your estimated tax quarterly, and then file your income tax return and pay any balance due by April 15.

- In order to qualify as a farmer, at least two-thirds of your total gross income, including non-farm income, for the last tax year must be from farming. You must expect that two-thirds of your total gross income for the current tax year will be from farming. On a joint return, a spouse's gross income must also be included to determine if at least two-thirds of the total gross income is from farming.

Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) to order IRS Publication 225, **Farmer's Tax Guide**, which has details on estimated tax payments for farmers.

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Generally, you are considered an employer of farm workers if you employ workers who:

- Raise or harvest agricultural or horticultural products on a farm;
- Care for your farm and equipment, when most of the care is done on a farm;
- Handle, process or package any agricultural or horticultural commodity if you produced over half of the commodity;
- Do work related to cotton ginning, turpentine or gum resin products; or
- Do housework in your private

home if it is on a farm that is operated for profit.

Crew leaders are also considered employers of farm workers. A crew leader furnishes and pays workers who do farm work for the farm operator. This can be done on his/her own behalf or on behalf of the farm operator. You are a crew leader if there is no written agreement between you and the farm operator stating that you are his/her employee and if you pay the workers.

IRS Publication 51 (Circular A), **Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide**, has more details. It can be ordered free by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Employers should keep records 4 years

All records relating to employment taxes should be kept by employers for at least four years.

after the return's due date or the date the taxes were paid, whichever is later.

Records, such as employees' names and social security numbers, cash payments for farm work, deductions for income tax and social security tax, and any unpaid or nonpaid wage payments, should be kept four years

More record keeping advice is available in IRS Publication 225, **Farmer's Tax Guide**. Other tax tips for employers can be found in Publication 51 (Circular A), **Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide**. Call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676) to order.

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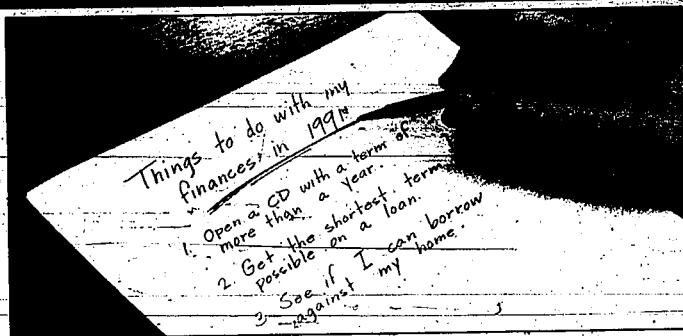
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Make your money do more for you in 1991

The economic slide of 1990 is turning into the recession of 1991 and could well last through that year. And that will have a big impact on your pocketbook.

By January or February, you could be earning one half of a percent less on your new CDs than you are now. That would cut \$50 more off your interest earnings on a \$10,000 account, even as you continue to fork out more than you should to borrow.

Will you be caught in a pinch? Many consumers will have to revise their financial game plans to survive lower savings rates, tight credit conditions and the possibility of a layoff or salary freeze. Let's face it, the Federal Reserve's chopping of the discount rate Dec. 18 won't be enough to stimulate business. More reductions will be needed.

To help you manage your money next year, the Dec. 31, 1990 issue of *100 Highest Yields* has put together 10 financial and banking tips:



1. Go long on your saving. With interest rates falling,

short-term CDs are poorer investments than those with maturities of longer than one year. By extending the term, you'll miss the bottom of the current downcycle and catch rates on the way back up.

2. Go short on your personal borrowing. Pay off credit-card balances monthly.

3. Look to your house for a loan. If you need money for a good purpose such as the education of a child, open a home equity line of credit or home equity loan. The rate should be lower than that on consumer loans—around 11.5 percent—and has a chance of dropping once the banks decrease their prime rate. And the interest is 100% tax deductible, while you'll get no deduction for personal loans next year.

4. If you don't have a house consider buying one. A home is one of the biggest and possible investments you can make in your lifetime. Unlike cars or other consumer goods, homes generally appreciate in value. You might even want to wait several months for lower rates and better deals on real estate.

5. Pay closer attention to your bank. While your savings and checking accounts are federally insured, you need to know whether your institution is on the endangered list. Also keep an eye on your monthly statements; they will alert you to

unannounced drops in savings rates and other actions that could impact your accounts.

6. Check out your other financial firms, too. Your insurance company or brokerage may also be experiencing troubles, given the weakness of the economy and recent Wall Street scandals. If that's the case, you need to decide whether you need another provider of coverage or financial advice.

7. Re-evaluate all your investments. Could you be earning a higher return elsewhere?

8. Negotiate every deal. With a weakened economy, sellers of homes, cars and other big-ticket items are likely to be more flexible. You can probably arrange more favorable terms than you could have six months or 12 months ago.

9. Avoid nickel-and-dime fees on bank accounts. If an institution is charging you account \$10 per month for "maintenance," or a quarter per check if you write too many in a month, consider changing institutions.

10. Put your personal/family finances first. No matter how tight your budget, force yourself to tuck away a little money from each paycheck into a savings account. As a rule-of-thumb, you should try to set aside at least 5% of your gross income. If you can't discipline yourself, find an institution that will. A growing number are offering forced-savings accounts. The initial interest rate may be low, but should grow with your balance.



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