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Clinton, Bush score Illinois, Michigan primary victories

The Associated Press
CHICAGO — Gov. Bill Clinton won twin victories in the Illinois and Michigan primaries Tuesday night, cementing his dominance of the Democratic presidential race.
President Bush piled dual landslides atop the faltering challenge of Patrick Buchanan. Clinton's triumphs were a major stride toward the Democratic nomination to challenge Bush for the White House on Nov. 3. "It's almost a done deal," said Democratic chairman John Marino of New York.
Bush said his renomination was "virtually assured" following runways in Michigan and in Illinois. The protest vote clearly was dwindling, and Buchanan seemed to be fading with it. He had centered his challenge in Michigan but had to settle for 26 percent

of the vote. In Illinois, partial returns gave him only 21 percent.
Aides said Buchanan would scale back his campaign and avoid efforts that could harm Bush's chances for reelection — but the candidate himself was concealing nothing.
"We're going to keep on rolling," he told supporters. "They say Mr. Bush is a prodigal son and he's on his way home. I say it's too soon."
The candidate's sister and campaign manager, Angela Bay Buchanan, told reporters her brother eventually "is going to endorse George Bush and he is going to support him and want him to do well."
Clinton won easily in both industrial states, defeating Paul Tsongas and Jerry Brown and overriding critics who said his support was centered only in the South.
"The test of electability is elections," said the Arkansas governor.

Illinois Sen. Alan Dixon was struggling to survive a close contest with Carol Mosley Braun, the Cook County recorder of deeds. If Braun were to win the three-way primary, she would be bidding in November to become the first black woman and the first black Democrat ever elected to the Senate.
Voters ousted outspoken Rep. Gus Savage from his congressional seat, nominating shooting victim Mel Reynolds in a Chicago Democratic district.
In the presidential competition, Clinton won hefty victories in partial returns from both Michigan and Illinois. Tsongas ran second in Illinois, slipped to third in Michigan behind former Gov. Brown of California.
Both losers offered Clinton their congratulations, a polite touch in an increasingly bitter campaign. Both vowed to continue battling to overtake Clinton.

CSI wins initial game

The Times-News
HUTCHINSON, Kan. — The College of Southern Idaho outlasted Illinois' Washash Valley Community College 83-78 Tuesday in the opening game of the National Junior College Athletic Association men's basketball tournament.
The Eagles, making their 16th trip to the JACO nationals, will take on South Plains College of Texas in the second round of the tournament today at 5:30 p.m.
CSI never trailed Washash Valley, but the Warriors threatened often, closing to within two points, at 75-73, with 1 minute, 48 seconds left.
But the Eagles outscored Washash 8-5 in the final 1:20 to clinch the victory.
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Holdin' on the green



Waiting for the start of Tuesday's St. Patrick's Day parade in Twin Falls, Jim Olson uses the bow of his violin to keep his hat in place. The St. Edwards Catholic School teacher said he was dressed as the "Pied Piper of Ireland" with some Pinocchio added in.

Salmon Tract farms face dry, dry summer

By N.S. Nokkenved
Times-News writer
HOLLISTER — Low water is nothing new on the Salmon Tract. The question is, will there be enough water to grow beans this summer?
The Salmon River Canal Co. announced Tuesday evening that it most likely will deliver less than one-fourth of a full share of water.
As of March 16, snowpack in the basin that drains into the Salmon Falls Reservoir was about 59 percent of average for this time of the year.
In a normal year snow accumulation would peak around the first week of April, said Rich Yankey of the Soil Conservation Service. But this year, the peak appears to have been reached already.
The snow monitoring station at Langford Flat in the Shoshone Basin, south of Twin Falls, was bare of snow for the first time in 11 years of record-keeping, Yankey said.
Last year the station measured about 8 inches of snow on March 1.
Weather conditions aren't helping, he said. Warm days and freezing

nights make up what Yankey called "low yield conditions" — more water soaks into the soil than runs off into the reservoir.
Overall conditions look better than in 1977 but not as good as last year. Canal company officials expect to deliver 26 acre-foot of water per share for each of the company's 60,000 shares. That's not enough to grow beans economically, some say.
But the company should allow for other options in case the weather pattern changes and the area gets a lot of spring rain — not unheard of, said John Courtney of Hollister.
Then if May 1 comes and there is more water than planned, it would not be too late to plant beans, he said.
Beans are important in crop rotation. They fix nitrogen in the soil and are usually a good cash crop. But unlike wheat, beans require water late in the growing season.
The perennially water short Salmon Tract canal system is about 48 percent efficient. But efficiency is greatest if everybody uses water at the same time and at one time, said canal company head Tom Kunkel.

Twin Falls woman run over by own car

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls woman was injured Tuesday afternoon when she was run over by her own car.
Lillian Thames, 22, remained in the emergency room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Tuesday evening.
Thames left two children, both about six years old, in the front seat of her idling car while she ran into her house at 239 Richardson Dr., Twin Falls police Cpl. Dave Heidemann said.
When Thames came outside just before 3 p.m., she saw her 1974 Ford Grand Torino driving backwards in circles in the cul de sac, Heidemann said.
"The boy and girl in the front seat apparently shifted the automatic transmission into reverse," drove

out of the driveway and into the neighbor's yard before the car returned to the street and began turning circles.
Thames tried to stop the car, but was knocked down and run over, said Heidemann, the city's top traffic officer.
A neighbor saw the accident and was able to stop the car, Heidemann said, adding that neither of the children was injured.
"The moral of the story is: do not leave small children in a car when it is running," he said.
An accident involving children left in the car happens about once a year, Heidemann said.
People should always take their keys from the ignition when they get out of the car, he said, noting that children should be in proper safety seats or wearing seat belts.
No citations were issued.

Cabinet check confessions are a gift to Democrats

By Mike Feinhaber
The Associated Press
WASHINGTON — The confessions by three Bush Cabinet members that they wrote overdrafts on the House bank while in Congress came as a gift for Democratic lawmakers facing the wrath of the voters.
Now the Democrats can say, along with these three high-profile Republicans, that the law lay with the system, not with them.
Such prominent Republican involvement has the effect of neutralizing the Democrats' political exposure. It takes some of the political sting out of the bad-check scandal, turning it into a bipartisan affair.
It makes it easier for congressmen — at least those with merely dozens rather than hundreds of overdrafts — to say they were

victims of a sloppy bank. That's what the Republican Cabinet members said.
Until now, the scandal has burned Democrats most. While some Republicans in the House have stepped forward, the majority of confessions have come from Democrats, who hold the majority of seats in Congress.
The House ethics committee compiled a list of 24 "worst offenders" — 20 of them Democrats.
In a get-it-over-quickly effort, Defense had insufficient funds to cover his checks. To discuss his "anger and frustration" over finding that he had written either 21 or 25 "problem checks," while a representative from Wyoming.



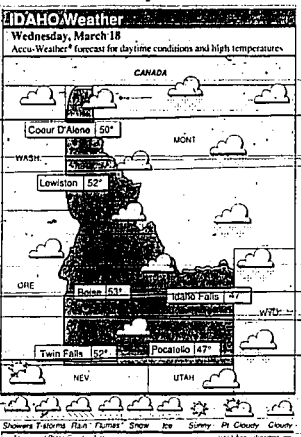
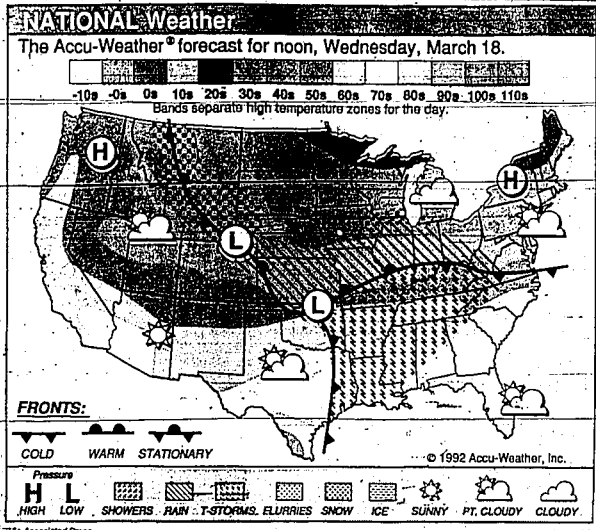
Cheney Madigan
He said he never had been told that he had insufficient funds to cover his checks. Agriculture Secretary Ed Madigan, a representative from Illinois until last

March, said he had 49 checks held for payment, "an embarrassment to me, my family and friends."
And Labor Secretary Lynn Martin, who joined the Bush Cabinet last year after serving as an Illinois representative, said she wrote 16 overdrafts — an "embarrassing episode."
The disclosures were coordinated by the White House. "I called everybody and said if you've got any exposure you ought to deal with it as soon as possible," presidential spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.
The Cabinet involvement "neutralizes the partisan effect" of the affair, commented Thomas Mann, a congressional expert at the Brookings Institution.
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Weather



Temperatures			St. Louis	65	51
Albuquerque	65	40	Salt Lake City	47	34
Indianapolis	60	42	San Francisco	64	51
Kansas City	51	46	Seattle	51	46
Las Vegas	68	45	Spokane	53	37
Los Angeles	69	53	Washington	64	28
Miami Beach	74	49			
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Minneapolis	46	31			
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New Orleans	76	54			
New York	50	29	Burley	-5	35
Oklahoma City	71	59	Hagerman	60	35
Omaha	52	31	Idaho Falls	43	34
Phoenix	74	58	Lewiston	54	44
Portland, Ore.	48	37	Pocatello	49	37
Portland, Ore.	58	47	Salmon	51	39
Reno	57	38	Sun Valley	50	22

Weather summary

The National Weather Service says the state will see a mixture of winter and spring weather.

The upper level trough of low pressure that has been bringing cooler wet weather the past few days is moving through the state. As the trough moves east showers and clouds will decrease from the west.

Conditions have included partly cloudy skies, rain, snow and gusty winds around the state. Temperatures were ranging all or just above normal with thunderstorms for the southern half.

Today looks to be fair and cooler with only a few remaining showers and areas of morning fog.

Tuesday afternoon temperatures around the state included Pocatello 49, Idaho Falls 41, Mountain Home Air Force Base 55, Boise 57, Salmon 49, McCall 37, Lowell 46, Lewiston 53, and Coeur d'Alene 43.

The warmest temperature in the state Tuesday was 42 degrees at Weiser. Dixie and Ketchum reported the coldest at -4 degrees.

Elsewhere in the nation Tuesday, the highest temperature was 87 degrees at McAllen, Texas. The lowest was 2 degrees at Houlton, Maine.

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today partly cloudy. Patchy early morning fog. Highs near 50. West winds, 15 mph. Tonight and Thursday fair. Patchy late night and early morning fog. Lows in the mid to upper 20s. Highs in the mid-50s.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s, tonight and Thursday fair. Lows 15 to 20. Highs near 50.

Extended forecasts: Southern Idaho - Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy Friday. Mostly cloudy Saturday and Sunday with a chance of showers. Highs in the 50s to mid-60s. Lows mostly in the 30s.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Today variable clouds with scattered showers, especially in the afternoon. Slight chance of thunder showers. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of evening showers. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s. Thursday fair and a little warmer. Highs in the mid-50s.

Elko County - Scattered snow showers and a few thunderstorms east clearing overnight. Partly cloudy east with a few mountain flurries northeast, otherwise mostly sunny and a little warmer today. Mostly sunny and a little warmer Thursday. Overnight lows in the 20s to lower 30s. Highs to high in the upper 40s and 50s, warming to the low 50s to low 60s Thursday.

Visible planets

Morning: Venus, Mars, Saturn

pollen count

32; cottonwood

Rain scattered over East; snow dusts West's mountains

The Associated Press

Rain was scattered from the south-central states to New England on Tuesday, and snow fell in the mountains of the West.

Showers and thunderstorms developed along and ahead of a strengthening cold front and were scattered from southwestern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma to western Kentucky.

Showers were scattered from the southern high plains to Louisiana, and over the Ohio Valley and New Jersey, and along the southeastern coast of New England.

Snow showers were scattered from New York state to Maine.

In the West, an upper level weather system produced showers at lower elevations of Utah, with snow in the mountains. Snowfall totals of up to 7 inches were forecast for the mountains of northern Utah, the National Weather Service said.

The same weather system produced snow showers over parts of Nevada on Monday, with 3 inches of snow on some mountain peaks.

Elsewhere, a few showers were scattered from Washington state to western Montana, and a few snow showers were over South Dakota.

Strong winds blew through the mountain passes of southwestern Texas late in the morning, gusting to 60 mph at Guadalupe Pass, between Carlsbad, N.M., and El Paso, Texas.

Strong northwesterly winds kept afternoon temperatures in the upper teens and 20s from eastern North Dakota to Upper Michigan.

Early morning lows were in the teens or single digits from North Dakota to Upper Michigan, and over much of the Northeast. Freezing temperatures extended as far south as northeastern Florida. Hollywood, Fla., tied its record low for the date at 49. Tuesday's low for the Lower 48 states was 2 degrees at Houlton, Maine.

Parades divide up politicians

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's oldest celebration of Irish heritage became a politicians' referendum on gay rights Tuesday, as officials chose sides between two separate St. Patrick's Day parades up Fifth Avenue.

About 150,000 people marched in the official parade, the 231st, watched by hundreds of thousands of people. Earlier, an Irish gay group that was barred from the main event staged a mini-parade that was punctuated with chants of "We're Here, We're Queer, We're Irish, Get Used to It."

There was no trouble — possibly because of a beefed-up police detail along the route — but plenty of sniping.

"This issue has been grafted onto the parade," complained John Dearie, a state legislator. "It made the side show the main show."

The rival marchers looked much the same, with green scarves, red cheeks and banners proclaiming "England Out of Ireland."

But while signs in the official event mostly introduced Irish county societies, high school bands, Gaelic music, language and dancing groups, the protesters' signs had different messages, such as "No Gays in the Squad," "We're here, we're queer, and so are a lot of you!" the government shouted to marchers from the police Emerald Society and Holy Name Society.

When boppers in kilts walked past, they screamed, "We love men in kilts!"

A federal judge ruled Monday that the parade organizers could exclude a delegation of gay Irish-Americans, setting the stage for the division of official New York into three camps: those who marched in the official parade, those who marched in the gay parade, and those who sat the day out.

Experts contend metal not from Earhart plane

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two former Lockheed employees who worked on Amelia Earhart's plane said Tuesday a piece of a fuselage found on a remote South Pacific atoll could not have come from the lost aviator's Lockheed Electra.

A former airline pilot who has spent 20 years studying Earhart's flight agreed.

Richard Gillespie, executive director of the International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, claimed Monday to have solved the mystery of Earhart's disappearance in 1937 on a flight around the world.

He said a search team found the fuselage fragment, parts of a woman's shoe in Earhart's size and a medicine bottle cap of an NIKKOR lens, which was called Gardner Island in 1937.

But Ed Werner of Santa Cruz, who was an assistant foreman at Lockheed, said he compared the dimensions and shape of the piece of aluminum with a duplicate of Earhart's plane at the Western Aerospace Museum in Oakland.

"It didn't fit anywhere on the plane," said Werner, 82. "Not on the belly where repairs had been made. Not anywhere."

Gillespie said the items he found prove Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan made a navigational error, landed on the island and died there, probably from thirst.

Werner took off from Oakland 55 years ago Tuesday in an attempt to become the first woman to fly around the world. The airplane crashed while taking off in Hawaii and was sent back to Lockheed for repairs.

Two months later the pair took off from Oakland again, but this time headed eastward. They disappeared before making it all the way back.

A plastic template of the 19-by-23-inch piece of aircraft aluminum "was made from information supplied by Gillespie and was compared against the museum's duplicate craft.

"That fragment did not come from Amelia Earhart's airplane or any other Lockheed Electra aircraft," said Elgen Long, a retired San Mateo airline pilot who has spent 20 years investigating Earhart's last flight.

Werner and other structural experts who checked the Oakland plane said the rivet pattern of the Electra differed from that of the remnant Gillespie's group found.

"The rivet holes on the Earhart plane were three inches apart but the ones on the other piece were four inches apart," he said.

Gillespie dismissed Werner's claims, saying the pattern could have been changed when repairs were made after the Hawaii crash.

But that was contradicted by Harvey Christen, 81, of Pasadena, who was in charge of quality control for Lockheed when Earhart's Electra was repaired.

"The repairs would have to match the engineering drawings," he said. "You couldn't make any changes without FAA approval."

Paper says U.S. aware of Pakistan nuclear work

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"My point is you can't reform it unless you put in new management," Vander Jagt said.

Cracks ground B-1B fleet

ABILENE, Texas (AP) — More than half the nation's B-1B Lancer bombers have been grounded because of tiny cracks in a landing gear assembly, Air Force officials said Tuesday.

Of 74 B-1B aircraft inspected Monday at the four U.S. bases where B-1s operate, 50 were found to have the cracks and were removed from service pending a complete analysis, according to the Air Force.

An inspection of all 97 planes in the fleet was ordered after a crew at Dyess Air Force Base found the cracks in the nose landing gear assembly while trouble-shooting a fuel restriction problem, an Air Force statement said.

The Air Force has B-1s at Dyess, Ellsworth Air Force Base at Rapid City, S.D.; Grand Forks Air Force Base at Grand Forks, N.D.; and McConnell Air Force Base at Wichita, Kan.

The cracks are so small they can't be seen without a magnifying device, said Col. Johnny Griffin, commander of the 96th Wing at Dyess. He displayed one of the cracked parts at a news conference Tuesday.

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Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Winning numbers drawn Tuesday evening in the Idaho Fantastic Five game:

8-12-24-26-27 (Eight, twelve, twenty-four, twenty-six, twenty-seven).

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Home building, factory production increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — New home construction surged unexpectedly in February and industrial production rebounded from a four-month stall, the government said Tuesday in reports hailed as unambiguous evidence of an economic recovery.

"The long recession is over," said economist Lawrence A. Hunter of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The reports "signal a clear turning point for the economy," which started its decline in July 1990.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department said consumer prices rose a moderate 0.3 percent in February, pulled up by higher food and clothing costs. And the Commerce Department said the broadest measure of the nation's trade deficit narrowed to \$8.62 billion in 1991, the smallest in nine years.

Housing starts increased a surprisingly vigorous 9.6 percent to 1.73 million units, the highest level since March 1990. Every region of the country registered gains with the largest posted in the Midwest.

The Commerce Department said it was the biggest increase in a year and followed a healthy 6.4 percent gain in January. Most economists had expected only a slight rise — or a decline.

Economist Robert Brusca of Nikko Securities Co. Inc. said builders were responding to increased buyer demand brought on by mortgage rates hitting an 18-year low in January.

"It looks to me like it's real demand. It looks like a real recovery," he said. "The thing that will make this recovery successful, if it is successful, is the consumer. And there's nothing more indicative of consumer confidence than his willingness to buy a house. That's the ultimate big-ticket item."

An improvement in housing is the traditional forerunner of economic recovery. Increased construction boosts employment and stimulates sales for home-related items from furniture to garden equipment.

The Federal Reserve reported that output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities advanced 0.6 percent after tumbling 0.8 percent in January. It was the first increase since September and the strongest since July. Production fell in the three previous months and held steady in October.

The overall gain was slightly less than anticipated. About half of it was concentrated in automobile and truck production, but most categories posted at least modest increases.

In an accompanying report, the Fed said the operating rate at factories, mines and utilities jumped to 78.2 percent of capacity from 77.9 percent in January.

"I think January was the last month of the recession and February was the first month of the recovery," said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch.

Still, he and other economists cautioned against expecting robust growth from a winter normal post-World War II recovery.

"It's going to be a less-than-aver-

Highlights of economic report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are highlights of the government's economic reports Tuesday.

HOUSING STARTS: Construction of new homes and apartments soared 9.6 percent to 1.3 million units in February, the highest level since March 1990, the Commerce Department said. Increases were registered in every region of the country.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: The Federal Reserve reported that total output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities advanced 0.6 percent in February. It was the first increase since September and the strongest since July.

CONSUMER PRICES: The Labor Department said prices rose a moderate 0.3 percent in February, pulled up by higher food and clothing costs. Inflation for the first two months of the year was running at a 2.2 percent annual rate.

CURRENT ACCOUNT TRADE: The broadest measure of the U.S. trade deficit, including investment flows in addition to trade in goods and services, shrank to \$8.6 billion in 1991. It was the best performance since 1982.

CAPACITY USE: The operating rate at factories, mines and utilities jumped to 78.2 percent of capacity in February, up from 77.9 percent the month before, the Federal Reserve said.

REAL EARNINGS: Americans' inflation-adjusted earnings rose 1.3 percent in February, more than erasing the previous month's decline.

age recovery, both in housing and in general," said Mark Obrinsky of the Federal National Mortgage Association. "We still have high debt loads, particularly at the federal government level, but also at the consumer level. I don't think that will prevent consumer spending from increasing, but I think it will restrain the size of the increases we'll get."

The rise in consumer prices, although the biggest in three months, followed a slight 0.1 percent gain in January.

For the first two months of the year, inflation was advancing at a 2.2 percent annual rate, well below the 3.1 percent gain for all of 1991, the department said.

"Right now I'm just tired," he said. "The report of the House ethics committee accused Russ of poor supervision of the bank and said he misused the office by cashing 19 bad checks himself."

It said that when an audit reported problems two years ago, Russ personally promised reforms but either didn't deliver or was "half-hearted in the attempt."

"He is absolutely culpable and responsible," said Rep. John Kyl, R-Ariz., an ethics committee member. "Not only did he run a sloppy operation, knowingly, and neglect to clean it up, but he himself abused the system."

But Russ hadn't started the practice of covering members' personal checks when he was promoted to the political patronage job nine years ago.

The practice in fact was well under way when he began as a House dormman 25 years ago. The ethics report cited audits dating to the early 1980s that said one-third of the House was bouncing checks, some by more than a month's pay.

Though Russ declined to discuss details of the scandal, he is known to have told friends that he did not run the bank, and that its responsibility was delegated to the bank director who was there when he took over the sergeant-at-arms job.

Briefly

U.S.: Africa has greatest needs

WASHINGTON — U.S. aid officials Tuesday pointed to Africa as the continent most in need, and predicted hugely increased demands for assistance because of drought.

"Southern Africa is experiencing a devastating drought, perhaps the worst in this century," said Princeton N. Lyman, head of the U.S. Department's Bureau of Refugee Programs.

He said the end of major fighting in Ethiopia has raised hopes there, but noted that 150,000 have fled recent fighting in Somalia and civil war in Liberia over the past two years, and produced 600,000 refugees. The State Department is asking for \$315 million for the year beginning Oct. 1 as the U.S. contribution to caring for 16 million refugees worldwide, of whom Lyman said 12 million need help.

Ex-Worldwide Way head faces probe

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Former United Way of America President William Aramony has been taken off the payroll of the nation's largest charity and legal questions affecting his pension are being studied, the organization said Tuesday.

Aramony, president of the organization for 22 years, resigned Feb. 28 in the wake of news reports that his compensation, including benefits, totaled \$463,000 a year. Questions were also raised about personal and management practices.

Officials disclosed Friday, during a teleconference linking the national charity and its local affiliates, that his salary of \$390,000 was still being paid. Tuesday's announcement came in a memorandum to members of the United Way staff from Kenneth W. Dam, the organization's interim president.

Indictment sought in Sufadef case

SEATTLE — The FBI says it is ready to seek an indictment in last year's poisonings in which tainted Sufadef killed two people, but prosecutors say more evidence is needed to bring the case to court.

Seattle-based FBI special agent William Gore says he told prosecutors enough evidence has been collected to present to a grand jury.

U.S. Attorney Mike McKay suggested the case is close to going to court, but still needs more evidence before an arrest is made. "I am happy with the progress of the investigation," McKay said.

The cyanide-laced cot capsules killed two Puget Sound area residents and nearly killed a third.

Brothers elude snake handlers' ease

WELCH, W.Va. — Three brothers who burst into a church to rescue a fourth brother from a ceremony involving poisonous snakes were cleared of misdemeanor charges.

Steve, Thomas and Michael Hagerman were charged with disturbing a religious service last October after they entered a service at the Church of the Lord Jesus in Jolo, in southernmost West Virginia, and seized seven snakes.

Members of that church use rattlesnakes and copperheads during their worship to signify the devil. Their brother, Jeffrey Hagerman, had been bitten three times during services in the months before the incident.

B-2 purchase price raises questions

WASHINGTON — Air Force Secretary Donald Rice Tuesday stood by the service's estimate that buying 20 B-2 stealth bombers will cost \$44.4 billion despite a difference of about \$4 billion from congressional budget figures.

"The numbers you have are consistent and complete," Rice told the Senate Appropriations defense subcommittee in defending the service's totals.

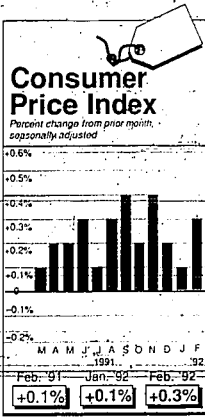
Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., noted that the Congressional Budget Office has calculated the cost of the 20-plane program at \$49.2 billion. The lawmaker questioned whether the Air Force's higher figure includes needed repairs in the aircraft's stealth capabilities.

Bush lauds billionaire as Clinton soil

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — George Bush made his first trip as president onto Bill Clinton's home turf on Tuesday to pay tribute to billionaire Sam Walton as "an illustration of the American dream."

Bush presented the cancer-stricken Walton, the founder of Wal-Mart discount stores, with the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, before an auditorium filled with 1,000 cheering Wal-Mart workers.

Compiled from wire reports



Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor

Russ took care of bank, Demos, Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jack Russ' job was to make life easier for members of the House, Republicans and Democrats alike.

And they wanted to think he did it well — until the House bank scandal came crashing down on them.

Russ, who resigned last week as sergeant-at-arms of the House, is the man at the focal point of the rubber-check controversy that has poured gasoline on the flames of discontent with Congress.

"I'm a citizen now," Russ said Monday, expressing relief that the pressure on him has eased. "I feel like I've taken the last test of law school, or on the last day of high school. I feel good."

As sergeant-at-arms of the House, Russ had responsibility for the House bank and helped run the Capitol police force.

But more than that, he was presiding officer for the system of Congressional perks. He was the fixer—the man who took care of traffic tickets for House members, got them to the airport in a speedy police cruiser, and generally helped ease the rigors of life — even when that meant discreetly covering a bad check.

His resignation last week came just before the House's Democratic leaders bowed to the powerful, inevitable demands for full disclosure of the names of check bouncers. It capped a trying time for the 46-year-old Russ, who has been a House employee since he was 21.

Russ is recuperating from a gunshot wound in the face suffered, he told police, when attackers set upon him near his home a few blocks from the Capitol. They stole his wallet and watch, put a small handgun in his mouth and pulled the trigger, he said.

Russ received only a small wound in the cheek. His stitches were removed Monday, and he said he did not feel like talking.

"Right now I'm just tired," he said. "The report of the House ethics committee accused Russ of poor supervision of the bank and said he misused the office by cashing 19 bad checks himself."

It said that when an audit reported problems two years ago, Russ personally promised reforms but either didn't deliver or was "half-hearted in the attempt."

"He is absolutely culpable and responsible," said Rep. John Kyl, R-Ariz., an ethics committee member. "Not only did he run a sloppy operation, knowingly, and neglect to clean it up, but he himself abused the system."

But Russ hadn't started the practice of covering members' personal checks when he was promoted to the political patronage job nine years ago.

The practice in fact was well under way when he began as a House dormman 25 years ago. The ethics report cited audits dating to the early 1980s that said one-third of the House was bouncing checks, some by more than a month's pay.

Though Russ declined to discuss details of the scandal, he is known to have told friends that he did not run the bank, and that its responsibility was delegated to the bank director who was there when he took over the sergeant-at-arms job.

Mideast relies on U.S. arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A year after the Persian Gulf War, the Gulf states still have not established a collective security arrangement and are relying on arms bought from the United States for their defense, a House subcommittee chairman said Tuesday.

Several attempts to set up a defense alliance have been rejected or ignored, by the small, oil-rich states in the region, said Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., chairman of the Foreign Affairs Middle East subcommittee.

"I have the impression that the Gulf states are relying for their security on individual purchases of arms," Hamilton told Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for the region. "What they are really doing is relying on the United States as their security guarantor. And if they get into trouble again, they are going to blow the whistle."

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World

Briefly

U.N. missile team returns to Iraq

MANAMA, Bahrain — A U.N. missile team plans to go to Iraq on Saturday to make another attempt to destroy Baghdad equipment for building Scuds, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

Germans assert themselves in market

BONN, Germany — Germany, which has gotten some negative American press over its new self-assertiveness, said Tuesday it is putting the finishing touches on an image-boosting campaign targeted at the United States.

Storm causes chain-reaction collision

TOKYO — About 120 vehicles piled up in a chain-reaction collision on a snowy, foggy highway Tuesday, killing two people and injuring 70 others, police said.

Swedish woman freezes to death

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — An 84-year-old woman sat for two months on her balcony this winter before a neighbor discovered she was dead, it was reported Tuesday.

Chinese professor loses out on reform

BEIJING — A Chinese professor has rejected a liberal professor's daring lawsuit against the government for banning him from teaching because he supports democratic reform.

Post-referendum S. Africa faces hurdles

By Barry Renfrew, The Associated Press

Analysis

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Ever since Nelson Mandela walked out of prison in 1990, the world has tended to assume apartheid was dead and democracy simply a matter of time.

But two years after he began dismantling apartheid, President F.W. de Klerk has had to go back to fearful whites and plead for a mandate to continue his reforms to share power with blacks.

The country is a patchwork of bitterly divided political and ethnic factions. Many whites see black rule as the path to chaos, while blacks wonder if they will ever gain power and wealth.

The government and the ANC, which have dominated negotiations on South Africa's future, have shown a style of pragmatic compromise that has kept talks going while the two sides seek solutions.

He says white interests must be protected under a multiracial democracy in what would amount to a "white veto" over any future government.

Mandela's African National Congress, the main black opposition group, opposes special rights for any race or minority.

The government ever comes to power. The ANC and the government also are far apart on economic issues.

Political stability may depend on the ability of the economy to generate new wealth and aid millions of desperately poor blacks.

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Stabbing spree in Israel kills 2, injures 20

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian slashed his way down a crowded street with a makeshift sword Tuesday, killing two Israelis and wounding 20 more, with students going to a holiday party.

The students at first stood by and watched, apparently thinking the assault was part of a stunt for Tuesday's Jewish holiday of Purim, in which children dress up in costumes.

The assault was described as about 6'5" tall and 240 pounds. He wore a traditional Arab headdress.

Moshe Naim told Israel's top radio station the first fatal stabbing in Israel by an Arab since Feb. 21, when a Soviet immigrant was killed by a Palestinian in Kfar Sabab, north of Tel Aviv.

Embassy blast leaves 4 dead

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — An explosion destroyed the Israeli Embassy near downtown Buenos Aires on Tuesday.

At least four people were reported dead and more than 81 were injured, including schoolchildren.

The explosion reduced the central section of the five-story embassy to a pile of cement, wooden beams and debris.

The injured people included some students at a primary school across the street from the embassy, radio stations reported.

President Carlos Menem speculated the blast could be the work of "what remains of Nazism and fundamentalist groups that have been defeated in Argentina."

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An estimated 250,000 Jews live in this city of 10 million — the largest Jewish population of any Latin American city.

It also has a large German population, many of whom came to this country after World War II. The city also has a small Arab population.

Hard-liners claim Soviet Union 'exists'

MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, cheered Tuesday as the Soviet anthem echoed off the walls of the Kremlin, celebrating a meeting by members of the defunct national parliament in defiance of a Russian government ban.

The Soviet Union, which still exists and will continue to exist, former parliament member Nuzhi Uspalov told a crowd that police estimated at 50,000.

She was greeted by chants of "Hurrah" and shouts demanding the ouster of Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Neither the congress nor the rally appeared likely to influence politics in the Commonwealth of Independent States, which replaced the Soviet Union after its collapse in December.

And the passive nature of the crowd reflected the docility with which the general population has reacted to Yeltsin's economic reforms, which have helped drive the inflation rate to higher than 350 percent.

Mission nears end for Russian cosmonaut

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian-German crew bled off Tuesday for the Mir space station to replace a cosmic Rip Van Winkle who's been circling Earth for nearly 10 months while his homeland crumbled.

The German cosmonaut in the first Russian space mission since the demise of the Soviet Union is Klaus-Dietrich Flade, a 39-year-old test pilot, Germany paid \$24 million to send him into space.

Flade's mission will last eight days, but that must seem like the mere twinkling of an eye to cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev, who rooketed into space last May.

While Krikalev was in the heavens, communism faded on Earth. His old country ceased to exist; his hometown of Leningrad was renamed St. Petersburg, and the once-proud Soviet space program went begging.

Krikalev has tried to keep up with events. But there's a lot he's unsure of.

"I have a question: the 34-year-old cosmonaut said in one television interview from space, "Is it true the Russians are going to sell the Mir space station along with us?"

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Charges dropped against Payette pastor

PAYETTE — A judge dismissed a grand theft charge Tuesday against former Payette pastor James Kent, who was charged with stealing a parishioner's car when he staged his own abduction in January.

Payette County Magistrate William Dillon ruled that no crime had been committed and dismissed the case against Kent at a preliminary hearing.

The elderly Idahoan, whose car was allegedly stolen, allegedly was stolen did not want to press charges, but Payette County Prosecutor Bruce Birch pursued the felony charge.

Kent, 44, allegedly had a set of keys made for the car two days before his Jan. 12 disappearance, and took the car without permission.

"They didn't have a case," Kent's attorney, Ralph Erb of Emmett, said Tuesday.

3 arrested on drug charges; 4th missing

POCATELLO — Three Pocatelloans have been arrested on federal drug charges and police are searching for a fourth person named in a grand jury indictment.

Those charged are linked to a major drug trafficking operation, said Ed Gygli, special agent in charge of the state Bureau of Narcotics' Pocatello office.

Taken into custody Monday night were Dyan Patricia Jones, 27, charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute cocaine; Lisa Crystal, 27, three counts of conspiracy to distribute cocaine; and John Andrew, 38, five counts of conspiracy to deliver cocaine.

Police are searching for Stanley Earl Reed, 46, faces one count of conspiracy to deliver cocaine.

ISU eyes successful Boise med program

POCATELLO — An Idaho State University physician hopes to duplicate the success of a Boise program in getting doctors to practice in Idaho, especially the eastern tier.

Boise's Family Practice Residency of Idaho has been training family physicians for 20 years and many of them stay in Idaho. But it is not meeting all the state's needs, said Dr. Joan Martin, director of ISU's fledgling family residency program.

The Boise program trains only eight new students a year. With a similar program at ISU, up to four more could train each year, Martin said.

If the program's accreditation is approved in May, training will begin at ISU in July. The American Council of Graduate Medical Education has already inspected the site and reviewed the curriculum.

The curriculum includes at least three months of training in rural areas. Students will learn what they need to survive in small towns, said Martin, who practiced in Soda Springs and Lava Hot Springs for more than a year before taking charge of ISU's residency network.

Snake River drawdown opponents meet

LEWISTON — Representatives from three area ports and other opponents of drawing down lower Snake River reservoirs, to help save dwindling salmon runs met Tuesday to organize their fight.

Port of Lewiston Manager Ron McMurray said about 17 groups were involved, with the ports of Lewiston, Clarkston, Wash., and Whitman County leading the way.

U.S., Japan must cooperate, move ahead

BOISE — Japan and America must work to understand each other as the countries move into a global economy, a Japanese official says.

Tatsuo Kanamori, vice consul for education and culture at the Japanese Consulate in Portland, Ore., said the countries are alike in many ways. He said misconceptions often lead to misunderstandings between the two world economic powers.

One way to foster a closer relationship between Japan and the United States is through exchange programs, Kanamori said. He spoke Monday at Boise State University about several such programs sponsored by the Japanese government.

Don't tag health care for inmate deaths

BOISE — A Correction Department official says the level of health care had nothing to do with the deaths of four inmates at the state penitentiary near Boise the last two months.

But a prisoner blames the deaths on poor medical care. And an attorney for Idaho Legal Aid said inmates have complained about the services.

Compiled from wire reports.

Andrus hints at agreement; GOP stands firm

BOISE (AP) — Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus signaled on Tuesday that a compromise might be possible in the stalemate over the level of state aid to public schools.

But House Republican leaders appeared entrenched in their support for no more than \$496.9 million in state aid, a 1.9 percent increase over this year's package and \$5 million less than Andrus has proposed. Any larger financial commitment, they claimed, runs the risk of creating a deficit and forcing a general tax increase.

And there was some doubt that the 24-member Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee could manufacture a majority for any alternative when it resumed consideration of the state's public school budget for the 1992-1993 school year on Wednesday.

"There just isn't the pressure yet to compromise," Senate Democratic Leader Bruce Sweeney of Lewiston said.

The budget committee has already submitted both the governor's and the House Republican leaders' spending levels only to see them rejected. House Republicans defeated the Andrus plan while a coalition of Senate Democrats and moderate Republicans killed the GOP proposal.

Those moderate Republicans objected to the House GOP plan as much because it included no money



at all for school reform as that it effectively reduced the basic state contribution to classroom operations.

They have called for as much as \$3 million to continue the reform effort started this year with less than \$1 million.

Democrats have also supported money for reform initiatives, but their most recent proposal earmarked less than \$2 million for that purpose.

During a routine bill signing in his office on Tuesday, Andrus again said he believed his support level that includes \$5 million for education reform initiatives is the minimum necessary to maintain the state's educational system and begin improvements.

But he also recognized the dispute over the amount of cash available for the state's 1993 budget with Republican legislative leaders taking a more pessimistic view of Idaho's economic future.

He said, however, "They're trying to hammer out a compromise, and I'm not going to get in the middle."

And, he said, "I'm not now or in the future saying it has to be my way."

House approves pair of water drawdown plans

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho House has approved a pair of measures designed to accommodate a plan to flush migrating salmon down area rivers to the Pacific Ocean.

The House voted 78-3 Tuesday for a bill authorizing state water officials to rent water to help flush fish, as long as the water is used for power generation at hydroelectric dams.

Idaho and other Pacific Northwest states are testing plans to draw down rivers in the Columbia-Snake River Basin to help flush migrating salmon to the ocean.

An accompanying measure urges the Northwest Power Planning Council to consider drawing down Snake River reservoirs downstream from Lewiston and possibly building new irrigation storage facilities.

"Both measures go to the Senate," Rep. Judi Danielson, R-Council, criticized the bills as designed to protect farmers in the south-central part of the state from having to use any of their water to help salmon.

"Anyone from the capital city (Boise) north, I have to question why you would support this," Danielson said. "It is protective legislation for the Magic Valley. Anyone in northern Idaho who supports this, you have to question why they are representing."

Rep. Bill Salt, R-Meridian, questioned the effort to save salmon, which he said might just be in a low point of a natural cycle that would be disturbed by meddling.

There's no proof that the flushing is going to do any good for the salmon," he said. "In fact it might harm them."

Sponsor Bruce Newcomb, a Burley Republican and farmer, said the water rental agreement stipulates there must be water available with a willing seller. Up to 457,000 acre-feet could be rented from water banks or other pooling arrangements to meet state obligations for fish flushing, he said.

"It's not possible that plans to protect salmon could cost Idaho and its neighboring states much of the annual flow of 10 million acre-feet of water."

"If you don't think the National Marine Fisheries Service wants to take it for fish mitigation, you're kidding yourselves," he said. "We carry our heads in here, but I can guarantee you will wake up one day and there will be no water left for any of us in the Snake River Basin."

way. Among the potential solutions to the impasse has been splitting the difference with the extra \$2.5 million coming from the \$34.8 million budget reserve account and replenished if the state winds up with a cash surplus at the end of the budget year on June 30.

Lawmakers involved in the negotiations said there were indications of some measurable support for that scheme among House Republicans.

and others said that while the governor would object vigorously, he might not veto such a compromise.

But House leaders have been adamant about preserving the budget reserve account as a way of heading off a tax increase in the future, and with their own budget plan already more than \$6 million higher than the revenue estimate they have set, Speaker Tom Hoyd, R-Genesee, and others have drawn the line on additional spending.

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Opinion

Editorial

Surely ed budget contains \$5 billion for school reform

It's high noon on the third floor of the Idaho Statehouse.

On the House side, Speaker Tom Boyd and his majority Republicans say they'll spend \$496.9 million on the public schools and not a penny more.

Across the rotunda in the Senate, 21 Democrats and three Republican — a majority — say the schools need at least \$5 million more, which is Gov. Cecil Andrus' prescription.

The House Republicans insist that's foolish. The state won't have that kind of tax revenue this year, they contend, and the governor will end up having to freeze spending somewhere else to make up its difference.

They've effectively reached an impasse that threatens to delay the legislative session past its traditional March 31 adjournment target.

While we agree with the three dissenting Republicans in the Senate, including Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, that more money should be funneled into educational reform, we don't think the price tag of the package — a whole should be increased beyond \$496.9.

That's because Idaho's economy will be hard-pressed to support even the Republicans' conservative \$996 million revenue projection.

We're still growing, but that growth has slowed dramatically from a year ago at this time. John Church, Idaho Power Co.'s chief economist, likens it to going from 80 mph to 40 mph.

A 40 mph economy calls for some caution in the midst of a national recession, and we think the GOP approach is the better one.

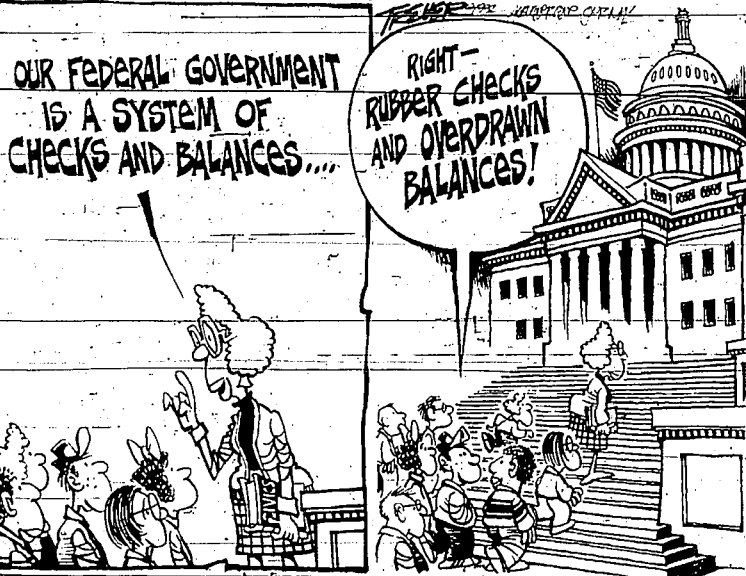
The House passed a "trailer" bill that would kick in an additional \$4 million to state education funding if the tax revenue is there to support it. That's a sensible approach.

But it may be worthwhile to reopen the debate, if only to earmark more of that \$496.9 million for reform.

Noh is correct that the reform efforts begun six years ago by the Legislature deserve continued funding, and that the Legislature made an implicit commitment to do so.

But is there any reason that reform can't be continued without spending more the state doesn't have?

Out of a half-billion-dollar budget, we think the Legislature can find \$5 million for school reform somewhere.



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Letter did disservice to both

This letter is in regard to Ms. Johnson's letter to the editor March 12 when she painted an almost soap-opera version of the events around the Michael McInerney case. Lady, I don't know where you got your fair for fiction, but it needs to be used in something other than this forum.

I will not comment on the guilt or innocence of the former teacher in question. The man had his day in court, and is paying his debt to society. The girl didn't have the opportunity for a day in court, but thanks to your letter and this newspaper, she is paying too. Do you know her? Do you have first hand knowledge of her situation? I know her. So does everybody in Kimberly. Her family is still here. They are paying the debt too.

Regardless of what you or anyone else thinks, the point is the man involved was the adult in this situation. You are dead wrong when you say that I have cannot resist the advances of girls. I have worked for many years with male educators who can and do act responsibly and professionally with minors.

You owe both of the people involved here an apology. First, for the disservice to the man whose name has been re-introduced to the public after his day in court. And secondly, to the young woman for condemning, without personal knowledge, the content her character or actions as in both instances it was not yours to judge.

Your letter angered many of our colleagues and myself. I teach in Kimberly. I hope nothing ever happens that will distort the actions of someone you love the way you did with both parties of this tragic situation.

MARI CALHOUN
 Filer

Tell whole story about accident

We were at the scene of the car/bicycle accident near Dierkes Lake on Saturday, March 14. We saw the accident and assisted in caring for the victims. Victims, yes, because the driver of the car as well as the bicyclist are victims.

The driver was coming around a curve in fits lane. Suddenly, a young teen on a bicycle was coming toward him in his lane. He slammed on his brakes, trying to miss the bicyclist. He watched in horror as the physics of the situation called the bicyclist to hit his windshield and flip over the roof. What a horrible thing for both young men.

The bicyclist had chosen to cross into the oncoming lane near a curve. The driver was put in an impossible situation. Yet, the paper made no mention of the fact that the bicyclist was in the wrong lane. All that was said was that the driver was "going too fast for conditions." Half truths and partial facts serve no one.

We comforted the bicyclist, his father and the driver. All had emotional pain and mental anguish. Making a victim seem a villain is not helpful, kind or fair.

CAROL HAYES
 Billings, Mont.
CHARLENE HAYES
 Bennion, Utah

Still defending the status quo? I'm not an apologist for the Coeur d'Alene School Board, but I get angry when I hear such twaddle from the media whose strongly defended role is to inform their readership of truth.

Is your implied concern for the younger generation merely a facade, for are you willing to go beyond denouncing smugness and really make a difference? Responsibility to America's youth? Look it up.

KATHY H. STANGER
 Idaho Falls

Sex ed simply hasn't worked

It's back to school for you. You flunked Scientific Method 101. Even our elementary school students could figure this one out: If birth control is so effective, why do we have so many babies in the last two decades, if abortions in that population have done nearly the same, if sexually transmitted disease is pandemic and if there has been a 600 percent increase in federal funding to prevent the above, is sex education in America effective? Answer: No.

Solution offered by the "business-as-usual" representatives: Give more information. Give more detailed information. Demonstrate use of condoms in the classroom. Hand out condoms on school campuses. What d'ya mean it isn't working? Any fifth-grade science student could tell you that more of what's not working still will not work.

Information alone does not change behavior. Values clarification programs such as the abstinence-based (hiss, hiss) Teen-Aid do work. It is now possible to measure the effect statistically.

Consider: "Research demonstrates that programs increase knowledge but have little direct impact on ... teen pregnancy," Kirby, 1985, Journal of School Health. (Many more studies from Family Planning Perspectives to the Journal of the American Medical Association confirm.)

In the face of this evidence, why are you

Travelers liked Idaho welcome

Idaho has some wonderful people who are concerned with the welfare of others. This fact was demonstrated on March 12 when we became stranded in Burley near the gasoline station called Mr. Gas.

We had driven up from Ogden and Logan, Utah, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mable Holmes, our aunt, and just before the funeral was to begin, our car stalled. As we were trying to find the problem, with the hood raised, another mini-van like ours drove up and Mr. Orin Howard came up and offered help, saying, "I have one just like it and maybe I can give assistance."

Well, it turned out he nor I could repair the defunct fuel pump and we had to have the car towed to Bonanza Motors. However, the great assistance was when Mr. and Mrs. Howard, with their small children, offered to take some of us to the Pella Chapel while two of us went to rent a car at Bonanza and have our car towed there.

This was a very nice deed and demonstrated to all six of us that no matter where one goes, they can always find helpful and considerate people like Orin and Rosalee Howard and their small children. We thought "how great it is for parents to teach their children that good deeds are character builders and especially with complete strangers."

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Letters

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Hub? Jeanette says to be a little more patient with the system and she claims to represent the deaf? I say we need not be patient because in such an emergency, patience is not favorable for anybody.

We don't have to settle for less just because we are deaf. Instead of being patient or criticizing anybody, we need to volunteer our time and teach the public how to respond to our need.

Just because I am deaf, I don't need to be patient and settle for less when it comes to emergency.

If Jeanette encourages patience among the deaf, then I would like to share a factual story with her. A couple of years back in California, there was an elderly deaf couple. The husband of the couple experienced some problem with his heart and the wife hurried to the TDD and tried to call 911 and the police department.

As she tried continuously, the police however failed to respond with TDD equipment. Her husband who was also deaf waited for help to arrive when in fact no help was on its way in the first place. He couldn't handle the lengthy wait and died on the scene.

The widow took the whole system to court and won quite a handsome amount of money and benefits.

And the president of the Magic Valley Club for the Deaf encourages patience? Well, I wouldn't take her advice. I would much rather volunteer an hour or two of my life in teaching the public because my life may eventually be at stake!

BARRY SEWELL
 President,
 Hearing Impaired Society Development Inc.

Deaf have right to service

I couldn't resist responding to Jeanette Lancaster's article on March 10. Do the deaf really receive service? I disagree with her because she does not represent the Gooding deaf community.

If she lives in Twin Falls and has no problem with the Twin Falls police's answering courtesy toward the deaf, then I commend the Twin Falls police. But we are referring to Gooding's problem.

I am not a member of the Magic Valley Club for the Deaf organization she represents because they don't send me invitations to any of their meetings or activities. They are more or less a membership-based organization; therefore,

Happy with living center

My wife and I would like to commend The Times-News staff for the recent article on Robin York, the manager of the new branch of the New Life Living Center.

My mother, Hazel Reid, has been living there for 1 1/2 years. Whenever my wife and I drop in for a visit (always without any warning), we always find the establishment neat and clean and that the staff are all friendly and helpful. We feel that this is due to Robin's influence and leadership. She is truly a "winner."

BOB AND JEAN REID
 Friday Harbor, Wash.

Doonesbury

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Reports help stocks rise

The Associated Press NEW YORK—Stock prices rose Tuesday on buying related to technical

pressures along with new reports showing moderate inflation and brisk growth in new-home construction. The Dow Jones average of 30

industries rose 19.68 points to close at 3,256.04. Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 8 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume on the Big Board totaled 187.30 million shares as of 4 p.m., against 151.32 million during Monday's session.

Stocks moved higher after the consumer issued positive reports on consumer prices, housing starts and industrial production.

Markets

Dow Jones
NEW YORK (AP)—Final Dow Jones averages for Tuesday, Mar. 17.
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NEW YORK (AP)—Sales, closing price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues, trading regularly at more than \$1 million.

Grains

Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prices are for 100 bushels, unless noted. U.S. No. 1 hard red winter wheat is the most active.

Local interest

NEW YORK (AP)—Local interest in the grain market. Prices are for 100 bushels, unless noted.

Potatoes/onions

NEW YORK (AP)—Potatoes and onions. Prices are for 100 bushels, unless noted.

Closing futures

NEW YORK (AP)—Closing futures prices for various commodities including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

Beans

NEW YORK (AP)—Closing futures prices for various types of beans.

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Sugar

NEW YORK (AP)—Sugar futures trading on the New York Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange.

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Stock listings

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NEW YORK (AP)—Listings of various stocks including AAPL, AMZN, and others.

West

Energy Department appeals WIPP ban

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge's ban on shipments to a New Mexico nuclear-waste repository involves the U.S. Department of Energy's ability to resolve the issue of radioactive waste disposal, Energy Secretary James Watkins said Tuesday.



the WIPP site, the department argued. "This is an extremely important case that involves DOE's capability to resolve the national issue of radioactive waste disposal," Watkins said in a news release. "I remain hopeful that the court will render a favorable decision in the very near future, or that Congress will take the necessary action through legislation so that we can move forward in this critical area."

The Energy Department late Friday appealed the ruling by U.S. District Judge John Garrett Penn, contending he did not have enough information to make a decision.

Arguments filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals by the department's lawyers contend Penn should not have ruled against the department's administrative takeover of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant site near Carlsbad, N.M.

The department also argues Penn should not have ruled against the agency under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The agency objects to his ruling that WIPP jobs not have the same status under the act that would allow it to store waste needed for testing.

"That plutonium-contaminated 'transuranic' waste would be shipped to New Mexico from the Energy Department's Idaho National Engineering Laboratory."

Penn "erroneously concluded ... that radioactive waste would not be retrievable from WIPP during the test phase, thus substituting his judgment for that of DOE, the agency charged by Congress to operate

The judge also said a required land transfer of the site from the Interior Department to the Energy Department should have had congressional approval.

Energy Department attorneys said they were confident it would be overturned on appeal.

WIPP is an Energy Department project designed to bury plutonium-contaminated waste from the nation's defense industry 2,150 feet below the surface in salt beds 26 miles southeast of Carlsbad.

Society of Separationists wants prayer injunction

PROVO, Utah (AP) — A group that forced the Salt Lake City Council to forego prayers at public meetings, now wants a preliminary injunction barring graduation prayer in the Alpine School District.

The Society of Separationists claims a 3rd District judge's ruling that the Utah Constitution prohibits prayer in Salt Lake Council meetings affirms the group's six-month-old case against the Utah County district.

In a September 1991 lawsuit filed in 4th District Court, the separationists said Alpine violated the Utah Constitution by allowing prayer at last year's graduation exercises and by encouraging prayer at future ceremonies.

The Alpine District filed a third-of-the-court brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in support of a Rhode Island school district that was sued for permitting prayer at commencement.

The society claims that brief also ran afoul of the state constitution, and also contends the district violated Utah's Open Meetings Act when it approved the brief in a closed session.

The separationists filed a motion Monday asking for the preliminary injunction against Alpine. Brian Barnard, attorney for the separationists, said the March 2 ruling by 3rd District Judge J. Dennis Frederick supports the separationists' position and suggests they are likely to prevail.

Prosecution rests in beating of motorist

SIMIL VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — The prosecution rested its assault case against four white policemen Tuesday without calling the black motorist they are accused of beating.

Defense lawyers argued that the prosecution had not presented sufficient evidence to support a conviction of the officers. But Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg disagreed and denied motions for acquittal.

The defense said it would begin calling witnesses Wednesday.

Sgt. Stacey Koon, 41, and Officers Timothy Wind, 31, Theodore Briseno, 39, and Laurence Powell, 29, are charged with the March 3, 1991 beating of Rodney King, who had been stopped after a high-speed chase.

The beating was videotaped by a neighborhood resident and its broadcast sparked national outrage over police brutality. The case also heightened racial tensions in Los Angeles.

The last of 21 prosecution witnesses was a police detective who identified Briseno on the tape and pointed out where he kicked King.

The absence of King on the prosecution's witness list led to speculation that defense attorneys will call him as a hostile witness, trying to prove he incited the attack.

"The videotape is Rodney King's testimony," said Steven Lerman, King's attorney. "He can't add anything beyond what is on the videotape. He was too busy getting his head pounded."

The prosecution case, presented over nine days, focused heavily on Powell, who is ac-

cused of striking most of the baton blows against King.

In the arguments for acquittal, lawyer William Kopyev, representing Briseno, said other officers at the scene were using excessive force while "Briseno was acting in proper King against excessive force from others."

Briseno is charged with a single action — stomping his foot on King's head — and Kopyev told the judge Briseno caused no injury to King.

The judge replied: "Assuming somebody was on the ground and the accused walked up with a shoe foot and stomped as hard as he could but (the person) moved slightly and was not injured ... would that not be assault with a deadly weapon?"

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Sports

Eagles win tournament opener

By Dana McBratney
Special to The Times-News

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — When Craig Tyton buried a dunk with 20 seconds left, College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Fred Trenkle walked the length of his bench-slapping players' hands.

No. 10-ranked CSI overcame 26 turnovers and held off Wabash Valley College of Mount Carmel, Ill., 83-78 Tuesday afternoon in the opening game of the National Junior College Athletic Association Men's Basketball Tournament.

With the win CSI, 32-3, advances to the quarterfinals of the tournament and will play Texas Southern College at 5:30 p.m. MST today. Wabash Valley, 24-12, takes on Houston's San Jacinto College in a

loser-out-game at 2:30 p.m. today.

Twin Falls radio station KEZI-PM (95.7) will broadcast the CSI game live.

"You know a guy told me after this game that we played better four years ago and got beat, so you better be glad with this one," Trenkle said. "You got to win your first game and your bad game and we're, hoping our first game was our bad game."

The Eagles did everything right except hang on to the ball. They shot 63 percent from the field and outrebounded Wabash Valley by 10, 40-30. But 26 turnovers allowed the Warriors to stay in the game and to make a late run.

"We just turned the ball over too much all night," Trenkle said. "When you turn the ball over that much, you usually get beat. We're only averaging 10 turnovers a

game this year and we usually handle the ball better than we did. I think it was just first-game-of-the-tournament stuff."

The Eagles never trailed in the game and led by as many as 12 points several times. But, once a 44-lead went to 12, Wabash Valley kept charging back.

CSI led 73-62 with 5 minutes, 40 seconds left in the game and seemed to be in control when Trenkle put the Eagles in a delay-game. But the Warriors forced some turnovers, converted some shots and it was 73-69 with 2:41 left.

Tony Harris broke the CSI drought with a bucket at the 2:14 mark to make it 75-69, but four straight Wabash Valley points cut the CSI lead to two, at 75-73, with 1:48 left.

That's when the delay came off and CSI

began breaking Wabash Valley's press for easy points. LaRny Shepard got a dunk with 1:41 remaining to make it 77-73 and the Warriors turned the ball over on Jamal Dockery's offensive foul, his fifth personal foul.

"That was a costly foul for us," said Pat Smith, Wabash Valley's coach. "We needed a big play at the end of the game and we didn't get it. A couple of the three-point shots go in and we're playing in the winner's bracket."

After Dockery's foul, CSI outscored the Warriors 8-5 in the final 1:20 to walk away with the win.

"We shot the ball very well," Trenkle said. "We also rebounded well."

CSI got a 20-point performance from Tyson to build a 47-37 halftime lead.

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Morning line

Sportslate

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NEWS COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 10:30 p.m. - Grand 11 JCI Tournament teams IBA
 11:30 p.m. - Channel 22, NBA basketball Philadelphia at Houston

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 10:30 p.m. - College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Tournament, Tyler, Texas, 10:30 a.m. Thursday

Sports on TV

11:30 p.m. - Channel 13, Tennis, Lipton International
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Briefly

Rick Bloxham scores hole-in-one at Springs

TWIN FALLS — Rick Bloxham of Twin Falls used an 8-iron to knock down a hole-in-one on the par-3 eighth hole at Canyon Springs Golf Course, Monday.

Kerry and Ruthie Kawamoto; his wife Sally Bloxham, and daughter Heather Bloxham witnessed Bloxham's ace on the 129 yard hole.

Jason Meyerhoffer, Bob Adamson win in best ball

BURL — The team of Jason Meyerhoffer and Bob Adamson beat the 72 team field with a score of 133 gross Saturday and Sunday at the best ball at Clear Lakes Country Club.

The championship flight net winners were Jim Welch and Glenn Eastman.

Woeful first half dooms CSI women against Tyler

The Times-News

TYLER, Texas — The miracle never happened.

The College of Southern Idaho's women's basketball team needed one to overcome a 27-point deficit in the second half of their opening-round game at the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.

Come back the Eagles did, but not

enough to prevent a 72-58 loss to Phoenixstanding Tyler Junior College.

The setback sends CSI into the losers' bracket to play Crowder College of Neosho, Mo., at 10:30 a.m. MST Thursday. Twin Falls radio station KEZI-AM (1450) will broadcast it live.

Tyler will take on No. 1-ranked Lousburg College of North Carolina today.

"They must have gotten a scouting report from someone," CSI Coach Ben Stroud said of Tyler. "We couldn't have played

worse in the first half."

But in the second half the Eagles cut the Apaches' lead to 11 points, outscoring Tyler 44-36.

"We went back to doing the thing that got us here," Stroud said. "We played with pride and got back into the game."

Shirley Stepan hit a three-pointer with 14 minutes left in the game to get the Eagles going.

She struck again with 2:40 remaining to pull CSI to within 11.

The first half proved to be the cause of Eagles' downfall. They shot only 33 percent from the field and committed 10 turnovers.

For a nine-minute span, CSI did not score. With seven minutes gone, the Eagles had only four points. With four minutes left in the first half, CSI still had only four points.

Tyler scored 30 at the end of the same stretch.

Please see WOMEN/5

NCAA matches giants, upstarts as tournament nears opening day

The Associated Press

Now it's Syracuse's turn to deal with the frustrations of opening Pete Carlil and Princeton in the opening round of the NCAA tournament.

The Ivy League champs are the team everybody else wanted to avoid after the Tigers threw huge scares into Georgetown, Arkansas and Villanova the last three years.

Syracuse (21-9), winner of the Big East tournament, drew the short straw and gets Princeton (22-5) in an East Regional game that is perhaps the most intriguing first-round pairing. It was almost as if the NCAA, already investigating the SU program, was imposing a preliminary sanction on the Orangemen.

"It's a tough matchup and it's a challenge," Syracuse coach Jim Boheim said. "But there are no easy games in the NCAA tournament."

Certainly not those against Princeton, which has lost its last three first-round games by a total of seven points. Carlil's throwback basketball — a deliberate, good-shots-only, take-the-full-45-seconds-if-you-need-it game — drives run-and-gut teams to distraction.

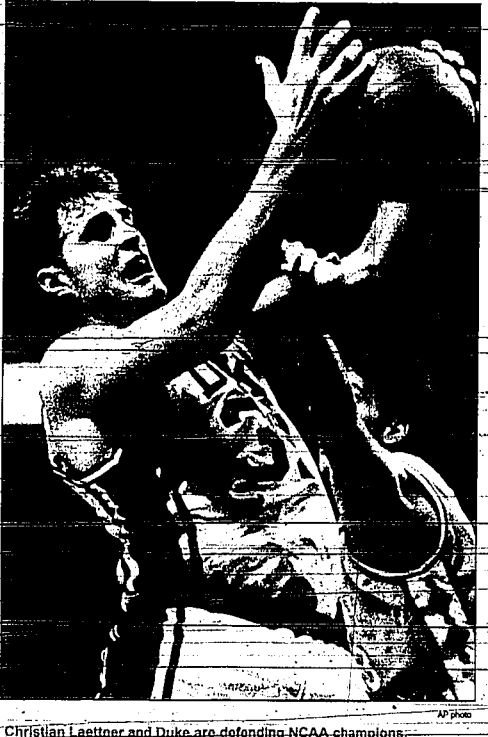
The irony here is that Syracuse has discarded its traditional breakneck, mchorse style this season and become a perimeter team, an approach more suited to its current personnel. "They're not very big," Carlil said. "That's one good thing."

The tournament gets started Thursday with 16 games at four sites.

In the East or Greensboro, N.C., Scion Hall, (21-8) plays LaSalle (20-10); Missouri (20-8) faces West Virginia (20-11) defending national champion Duke (28-2) takes on Campbell (19-11) and Texas (23-11) plays Iowa (18-10).

In the Southeast at Cincinatti, North Carolina (21-9) meets Miami, Ohio (23-7), Alabama (25-8) faces Stanford (18-10), Ohio State (23-5) plays Mississippi.

Please see NCAA/5



Christian Laettner and Duke are defending NCAA champions.

Former Idaho coach booted by Oregon

The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — Former University of Idaho coach Don Monson was fired Tuesday after nine years as head coach of the Oregon basketball program.

Athletic director Bill Byrne announced at a news conference that the former University of Idaho coach will not return next year after posting the worst year for the Ducks in 21 years.

Byrne said Monson will be reassigned within the Athletic Department, but his duties have not been worked out yet.

His contract paid him \$79,468 a season, not counting fringe benefits and revenue from his radio show.

Byrne said he decided reluctantly to replace Monson, and praised the coach for running a clean program and following the rules.

The main factor in his decision to fire Monson was that "our future does not look any brighter."

"Our level of performance seems to be dropping and the Pacific 10 Conference seems to be getting stronger and stronger," he said.

He said public support for Oregon's basketball program was dropping rapidly.

"Asked what qualities he wanted in a coach, Byrne said: "I want him to be able to walk on water and not scare the fish."

Monson, 58, is the first coach to be fired at Oregon since Byrne became athletic director in 1984.

Pirates send Twins Smiley

The Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — John Smiley, one of four 20-game winners in the major leagues last season, was traded Tuesday from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Minnesota Twins for two minor leaguers.

Smiley, who agreed to a \$3.44 million contract after filing for arbitration, is eligible for free agency after this season.

Pittsburgh, which agreed to pay approximately \$500,000 of Smiley's salary, received pitching prospect Danny Neagle and minor-league outfielder Midre Cummings in return.

"I'm surprised and shocked by it," said Smiley, a 27-year-old left-hander. "I had no idea this was coming. I had no desire to leave Pittsburgh. This is the only organization I've ever known. I'm very disappointed. I'm going to miss these guys."

Smiley, who tied Atlanta's Tom Glavine, Minnesota's Scott Erickson and Detroit's Bill Gutsen for the major-league lead in victories, had a 3.08 ERA last season and was third in voting for the NL Cy Young Award.

"I would have been willing to stay here for a fair price," Smiley said. "I'm not a big money person."

"If they would have made me a reasonable long-term offer, I would have gladly stayed. They didn't even make me an offer, though."

"Maybe they can get by with a \$2 million payroll. Maybe that's what they want. I think they're breaking up a good thing here with this club."

Sportsquote

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

I think we probably know as little about them as they do about us. We're about as far away as we can get from one another and still be in the same country.

— Montana coach Blaine Taylor on Florida State, the Grizzlies' first-round opponent in the NCAA tourney

Office March Madness pools offer plenty of opportunities to lose

By Dick Jerardi
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA — Stop looking at the brackets. Now. Forget what Dick Vitale screamed at you on ESPN or what Billy Packer said on CBS. None of it matters.

Just start filling out your NCAA Tournament pool. There are 63 empty lines staring at you. As we all know, the odds are for amusement only, so what are you waiting for?

Some pools are more complex than others, giving you one point for each team you advance to the second round, two points to the third round and so on. Others are more democratic, assigning one point for each team advanced, 63 points being a perfect (and impossible) score.

You are now officially ready to fill out your brackets. Feel free to follow some of my advice or none of it. Given my track record in little-known races such as the Kentucky Derby, it might be

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advisable to ignore all specific advice. But put the general stuff to use.

Write "Duke" in as many times as you wish, but do not write the Blue Devils all the way to the national championship. The vast majority of your competitors in this for-amusement-only contest will go with the favorite. Who needs to be trendy?

Beating the favorite is a time-honored tradition. And favorites hardly ever win this thing anyway.

To simplify things, just move all the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds over a spot. Because Syracuse is not a No. 2 this year, that's 55 guaranteed winners.

There are 32 possible winners at the first round. If you have any hope of getting into this for-amusement-only contest, you must get out of here with between 26 and 28 winners. Otherwise, you are left with too few teams and too few chances in the second round. And

you must not lose any of your Final Four teams in the first round. If you do, go directly to the Norm Stewart school of pooling. You're gone.

East Tennessee State traveled to Tucson in the 1990 preseason NIT and nearly upset mighty Arizona. The teams hook up again in Atlanta on Friday.

No. 3 Arizona is basketball's version of the \$3 million yanking that looks great in the showing, dominates overwhelmed opponents in allowance races and folds up when challenged by a horse with more heart.

Clearly, No. 14 East Tennessee might be another overmatched foe. But I just don't like Arizona. Coach Lute Olson looks too perfect.

By the way, Arizona is as much as a 12-point favorite.

If there is any justice left in America, Princeton will beat Syracuse. Everybody knows the deal on the Tigers. They play everybody in the NCAA close and lose in the end. Good stories can't keep ending that way or people will stop reading and watching.

Features

Food facts

Meat Board kitchens offer recipe brochure

Get a head start on outdoor cooking with the help of a new recipe folder from the Meat Board Test Kitchens. "Marinate and Grill Beef Recipes."

Cooking meals outdoors is a breeze when you follow the recipes and guidelines found in this brochure.

The recipes featured in the brochure team up the robust flavor of economical beef cuts such as top blade, chuck eye, shoulder, blade or 7-bone and bottom blade steaks, as well as shoulder steaks strips for kabobs, with three flavorful marinades.

To receive a single, free copy send a stamped, self-addressed business-size envelope to: Meat Board Test Kitchens, Dept. M&G, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

Candidates tell AP what meals they cook the best

What would the major presidential candidates cook for you if you went to their homes for a meal?

The Associated Press recently queried their campaigns to ascertain the best dish each contender says he can cook.

Jerry Brown is the hippest of the lot, making a simple favorite: pasta with olive oil, garlic and basil.

Mainstream Bill Clinton says he makes a mean omelet.

Penny-pinching Paul Tsongas cooks healthful, affordable vegetable soup.

Conservative Patrick Buchanan is a ham and eggs man.

Ex-KKK leader David Duke says he cooks eggs, but he wouldn't say how.

President Bush reportedly declined to participate in the survey.

Magazine compiles advice about fruit refrigeration

It's a game played out at many homes with citrus fruit. Which fruits need to be refrigerated and which belong on the counter? It depends on whether the fruit is picked before it's fully ripe. Cooking Light magazine compiled this list:

Do refrigerate: Apples, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, grapes, pomegranates, raspberries, strawberries, tangerines.

Don't refrigerate until fully ripe: Avocados, bananas, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, mangoes, nectarines, papayas, peaches, pears, persimmons, plums.

Refrigerate on preference: Grapefruit, lemons, limes, oranges, pineapples, tangelos, watermelon.

Restaurant asks what foods you eat with your fingers

A recent survey of American eating habits conducted by Jack in the Box restaurants revealed that more than one-third of the women polled confessed to eating uncooked cookie dough with their fingers.

One-fourth of the men also admitted to the practice. Half of the younger respondents — those 18 to 24 years old — said they ate raw dough manually. Those over 50 were much less likely to admit eating food with their fingers.

Most interestingly, the survey asked 1,000 Americans to reveal odd foods they had eaten with their fingers. Among the more entertaining answers: green beans; calamari (or fried squid); Jell-O; ice cream; mashed potatoes; spaghetti; ravioli and the perennial favorite, peanut butter.

Company introduces tasty variations of canned tuna

You don't have to eat the same old, bland tuna anymore. Bumble Bee has introduced two quite tasty variations on the canned tuna theme. Bumble Bee Hickory Smoke-Flavored Tuna is sort of the tuna equivalent of smoked salmon or oysters.

The new jalapeno-pepper-flavored tuna is a treat for hot-food fans. There's a definite strong bite to the product, making it a nice change of pace in tuna salads. It's designed to be used in such things as seafood tacos. Both flavored tunas are a little more expensive than regular tuna.

Compiled from staff and wire reports



Take in your daily servings of fruit with, from top, Oriental Slaw, Winter Fruits with Nectar and Vineyard Crouton Salad.

High fives for health

Five is the magic number these days when it comes to healthy eating. The 5-A-Day program, recently introduced nationally by the Produce for Better Health Foundation and the National Cancer Institute, suggests a minimum of five servings daily of fruits and vegetables.

The following recipes meet the guidelines established by the National Cancer Institute for the 5-A-Day Program. They are low in fat and cholesterol, high in vitamins and other nutrients and contain valuable dietary fiber.

VINEYARD CROUTON SALAD

- 2 cups tom romaine lettuce leaves
- 1 cup watercress sprigs
- 1 cup seedless grapes
- In a small container, whisk together oil, vinegar, apple juice, mustard, shallot, garlic, herb seasoning, salt and pepper. In salad bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Toss with dressing just before serving. Makes 6 servings.
- 2 teaspoons olive or other vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar or vinegar-based dressing
- 3 tablespoons apple juice, unsweetened
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 shallot or green onion, chopped
- 1 small clove fresh garlic, pressed
- ¼ teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
- ¼ salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 cups torn cubes bread, oven roasted until crispy

Nutrient value per serving:
Calories — 68.42; fat — 2.10 g; protein — 1.63 g; carbohydrates — 11.85 g; calories from fat — 27.60 percent; calories from saturated fat — 11.85 g.

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Rich miniature desserts will hold down calories

By Alison Arnett
Boston Globe

A taste of something sweet seems obligatory to cap a festive dinner or even a family meal. Going without dessert may be righteous, but it isn't very satisfying.

But what's a cook to do when so many guests look askance at a confection called Death-by-Chocolate and the alternative fat-free cheesecake recipes are so drab?

One culinary sleight-of-hand is to offer dessert in miniature — small cookies or cupcakes or small frosted cakes. Although the ingredients are rich, the diminutive size will hold down calories.

We tend to think of cookies and cupcakes as children's treats or tea accompaniments, but a biscotti studded with milk chocolate and almonds or a square of toffee-topped shortbread can be elegant and just as satisfying to an adult as an OreO is to a child.

To persuade the diner that less is more, though, presentation is everything. So arrange the cookies on fancy dessert plates and bring out the heirloom tea or coffee cups. And if more substance, as well as drama, is required, the sweets can be paired with ice cream or frozen yogurt or fresh fruit.

TOFFEE SQUARES

These are very rich and should be cut small. But the toffee is irresistible, so the dessert eaters might be back for more. Vanilla frozen yogurt or a tart fruit sorbet — grapefruit or lemon — would be a good partner.

Shortbread base:
1 cup unsalted butter
½ cup sugar
3 cups flour

Cream butter with an electric mixer until fluffy. Add sugar gradually and then continue beating until fluffy and light. Gradually stir in the flour. You will have a stiff dough. Turn onto a lightly floured board and knead with floured fingers until smooth.

Butter a 9-inch square pan or a cookie sheet. Pat dough about ¼ inch thick into the pan or onto the center of the cookie sheet.

Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Meanwhile make the toffee layer.

Toffee:
2 cups blanched sliced almonds
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons water
½ cup butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon baking soda
4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, broken into pieces.

Spread the almonds on a cookie sheet and bake in the lower rack of the oven, under the shortbread, layer, for 8 to 10 minutes, until golden.

In the bowl of a food processor, pulse the almonds until finely chopped but not powdery.

In a heavy-based saucepan, combine the brown sugar, water and butter. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly until the mixture reaches 285 degrees on a candy thermometer. This is the soft-crack stage. A little of the mixture, dropped into ice water, will separate into threads that are hard but not brittle.

Immediately remove the saucepan from the heat and add the vanilla and baking soda. Add half the chopped nuts.

Take the shortbread layer out of the oven and place on a rack. Quickly spread the toffee over the shortbread. Then sprinkle the chocolate pieces evenly over the top of the toffee. Press the chocolate into the toffee. Allow to sit 5 minutes.

Spread the now-melted chocolate over the toffee and sprinkle the remaining nuts on top.

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Cook's profile

Evening up Lenten dishes

By Joan Bean
Times News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The Hispanic Lenten dishes Rita Jackson used to help her mother prepare have become a tradition in her own family.

And while meatless Mexican recipes diversify the menus for days of abstinence, the Jacksons eat the usual American standbys as well. "I make a lot of tuna casseroles during Lent," she says.

But coming up with interesting meals this time of year is not really a problem, she says, because there aren't all that many meatless days — just Ash Wednesday and Fridays. "Although it seems like those Fridays are the days we crave a Big Mac worse than any other time during the year," she says.

Her favorite Lenten recipe, called *Tortitas de Camaron* (shrimp patties), she says is probably not the healthiest in the world, because it's made with eggs and fried in oil. "But Lent only comes around once a year, so I think it's OK," she says.

These shrimp patties, she describes as almost like mini-omelets, but lighter. "They are just like little puffs," she says.

specially section of some grocery stores, such as Waremart and Swansons.

½ cup chopped green onions
Beat the egg whites until foamy. Add the cream of tartar and beat a little until foamy. Then continue to beat until pretty stiff. In a separate bowl, combine the egg yolks with the salt and pepper. Beat until nice and lemony. Gently fold the shrimp powder, along with the green onions, into the egg yolk. Combine the whites with yolk mixture.

Put 1 inch of oil into a skillet and when it is very hot, drop in about ¼ cup of egg mixture at a time. When the edges become golden, flip them over, and they are done in about 30 seconds.

Drain on paper towel. Serve plain, with salsa, enchilada sauce or red chili sauce.

Jackson says these are easy to make, but one must be careful working with the hot oil.

"They have a strong shrimp flavor, but also the egg," she says. "Then when you serve it with the red chili sauce it's a really interesting contrast."

Serve them with tortillas, rice and beans. For dessert, try this traditional Lenten bread pudding.

CAPIROTADA

Serves 10
Cut loaf of French bread into ½ inch slices, and toast in a 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes, until golden brown. Then make a syrup by combining the following in a saucepan:

4 cups water
1½ cups brown sugar, or Mexican piloncillo — a strong

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MIKE SALSURVITTO/Times News

Some of the Hispanic Lenten dishes Rita Jackson likes to prepare include Capirotada, left, and Tortitas de Camaron. Easter Bread is also a family favorite.

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Woman's head, heart do battle over love with married man

DEAR ABBY: I am 21, and my boyfriend is 40 and married. I am trying to decide what to do about this relationship. The age difference is not the problem. My mother and others close to me tell me that this is an unhealthy relationship (once a cheater, always a cheater), and I should break it off. Half of the time, I think they're right because being in love with a married man has me sneaking around like a criminal. Then there are times when our love is so beautiful, it's worth all the pain I go through, and all the thoughts of breaking up go right out the window.



Dear Abby -
Abigail VanBuren

I realize that only I can make that decision, but your advice would help me immensely.

- IN LOVE, BUT CONFUSED

DEAR IN LOVE: You have answered your own question: Break it off now and tell him to get in touch with you IF and when he is able to make a commitment.

DEAR ABBY: I recently spent four days with my daughter, son-in-law and baby granddaughter, 11 months old, who live in

another state. Maybe I'm behind the times, but I would like your opinion of the following: My son-in-law works until 11 each night, and my daughter feels that the baby should be kept up until Daddy comes home so they can have some "quality time together." Translated, I believe that means that they want to sleep late mornings and not be awakened by a hungry baby at 6 or 7 a.m.

The baby wakes up about 8:30 a.m., is given a bottle and put back in her crib until 10 or 11 a.m. She is then bathed, dressed and fed breakfast at noon. She has a little afternoon nap. Lunch is fed to her around 5:30 or 6 p.m. She then takes a nap until 8:30 or 9 p.m. She is then awakened, fed supper, plays until her daddy comes home, and is put to bed for the night between 11 p.m. and midnight.

The baby also suffers from non-stop

colds. Other than this situation, I can't find any criticism. She is adored by both parents and I'm sure will never be abused. However, I don't believe her present eating/sleeping pattern is healthy for her. How do you feel about this? My feelings will not be hurt if you tell me it's none of my business. Please be honest.

- NERVOUS NANA

DEAR NERVOUS NANA: Thank you for telling me that your feelings will not be hurt if I tell you it's none of your business - because it isn't. However, the night schedule may be convenient now, but the baby may have some trouble adjusting to a day schedule when it's time for preschool or kindergarten.

DEAR ABBY: I own a retail service business. Lately, I have noticed that many elder-

ly people who call us to order merchandise won't give their credit card number over the telephone.

Abby, they have confused this credit card fraud issue. Will you please remind them that if they call the merchant, it is all right to give their credit card number over the phone, but if a stranger calls them soliciting business and asks for their credit card number, they should not give it.

- A RETAILER, MEDINA, OHIO

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Adventure springs from Elderhostel catalog

The spring catalogs are arriving, heaped with everything from kites to kayaks, rose gardens to flowered hats, fishing tackle to frying pans. Perfect dream books for dull March days.



Aging
Lucille S. deView

But the dreamiest is the Elderhostel catalog.

What an enticing invitation to study and vacation with adventurous 60-and-older adults.

The catalog starts memories. Last year, I joined a group of hostellers on a Navaho Reservation in northern Arizona. There, in the pink glow of the Painted Desert, we immersed ourselves in American Indian history and culture.

We tramped through canyons and Hopi mesas; watched silversmiths create elegant jewelry; trod in the footprints of three-toed sloths and other dinosaurs who roamed the

region when it was an ancient swamp.

We explored Pueblo ruins at Wapiti where Sunset Crater erupted in 1068-69, destroying the community where the Shosone Indians had lived for 400 years. The wind meandered through the empty 100-room pit houses huddled in a heap in the vast, soot-pocked desert.

And on the last evening, students from the Indian Club at a nearby high school danced for us - and with us - to the drumbeat and songs of their forebears. And this year? Where to go?

Must write to my friend, Rosemary, in Indiana. We met at the hotel. And after a heavy snowstorm en route home I were marooned together in a darkened airport terminal, waiting for the power to turn back on and the runways to be cleared.

Rosemary plays the organ in her West Lafayette church, and manages the farm she and her husband ran together before he died. Her Christmas card contained a news clipping about a son's ordination into the priesthood.

We write of going on another Elderhostel some day, Rosemary, and I leaf through the catalog, overwhelmed at the choices:

The Bard in Montgomery (and a performance of "King Lear"), Alaska Native Music and Dance, Evolution of "All That Jazz," Horseleathers and Applesauce Dinner Theatre, Canoe-

ing Maine Waters, Radio Daze, Wildflowers of the Piney Woods, Ballroom Dancing-Lesam-Weaving-Detective Fiction.

We could plan for gold, visit Civil War sites, explore ghost towns, walk through the Catskills, see filips of the '20s and '30s again, study the poetry of Emily Dickinson. Hostels are held abroad, too.

Whether or not we manage a trip this year, Rosemary and I have made the nicest discovery about Elderhostels - friendship.

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Dream on.

Lucille S. deView, the writing coach for The Orange County Register, writes a weekly column on aging.

Letters of thanks

Returned purse shows presence of honest people

Thanks so much to the nice people who found my purse at Hoagy Mag. the other morning.

It answers does my heart and soul good to find good, honest people in today's world.

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ho Stage Band; to Burt Huish and Lori Van Rinsum and the "Andrew Sisters"; Jean Hovey, Esther Nicholson and Auden King; as well as those helping behind the scenes.

Dennis McCracken and Jean Hovey, co-directors of the show, deserve special thanks. Proceeds from the event provide support for our Hotline (733-0122), emergency medical funds, and education about mental health.

We also want to thank First Federal Savings Bank, which graciously provided programs and tickets for the variety show.

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The Twin Falls Mental Health Association expresses appreciation to the many talented persons who participated in our annual Variety Show, as well as to the many patrons, sponsors, trustees who provided financial support and all who attended.

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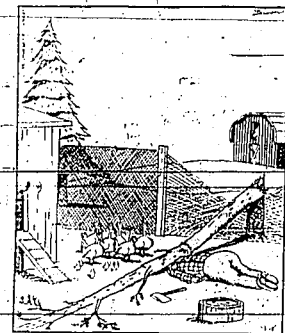
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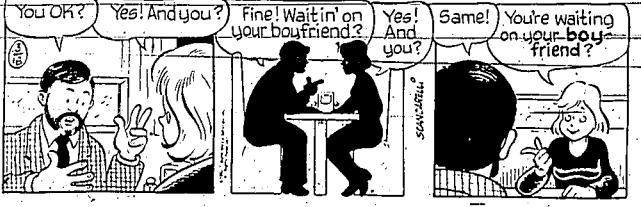
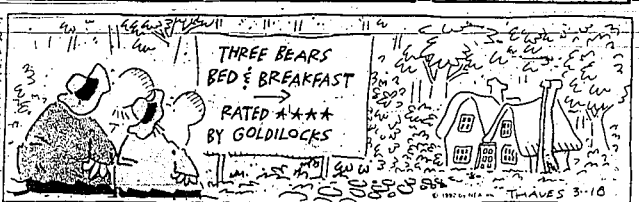
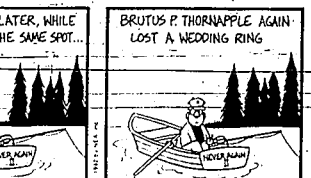
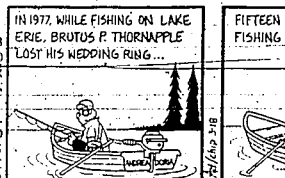
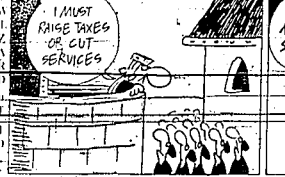
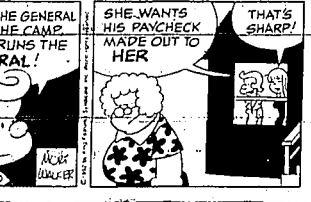
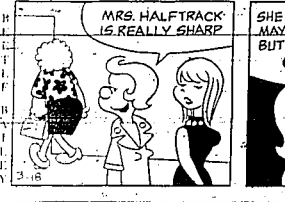
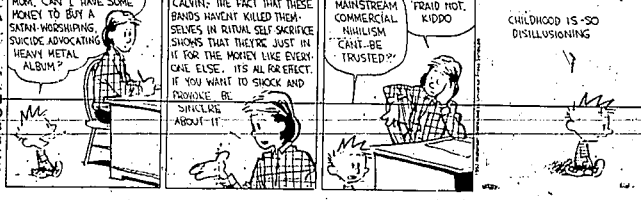
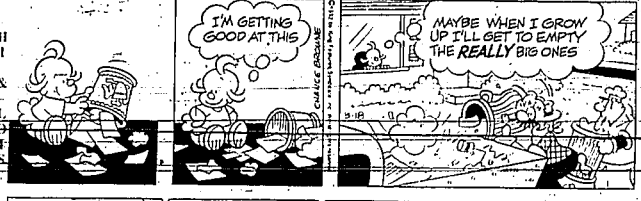
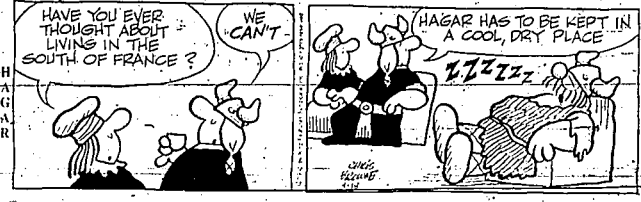
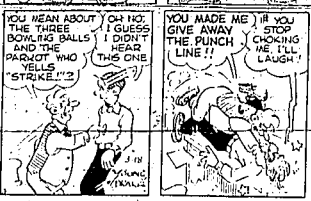
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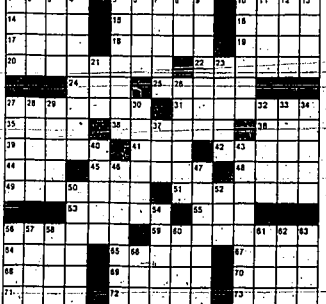
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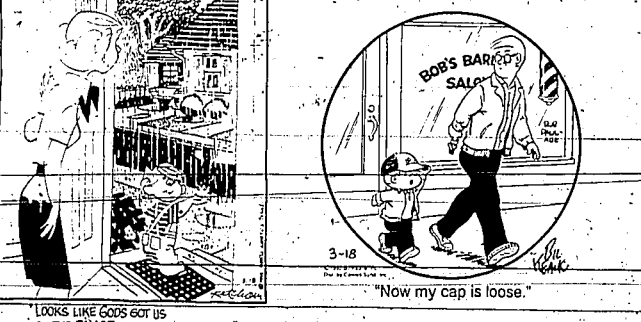
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Horoscope

following short trip. By tonight you'll assert, "I see the light!" Leo, Aquarius persons play meaningful roles.

LEO (March 21-April 20): Full Moon position coincides with completion of financial agreement — results in greater degree of security. Intuition proves reliable — learn through process of teaching others. Aries involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What previously caused concern, fear, doubt, suspicion will now be eradicated as result of "enlightenment." Full Moon position emphasizes communication with one confined to home, hospital.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): New approach necessary in "negotiating" with relative. Lost documents will be found

L.M. Boyd

Most every house in early San Francisco had a nail next to the front door on which to hang the daily delivery of sourdough bread. Credit Isidore Boudin, a French immigrant via Mexico City, for the baker who in 1839 first introduced some sourdoughs obtained from a gold prospector with his own French bread. Sons of ministers are a creative lot. Take Isaac Taylor whose father 170 years ago overtook a London church house invented the breakfast cereal? A University of Edinburgh researcher gave nine young men enough whisky to make them unstable, then put them on treadmills to take the equivalent of eight-mile walks. Blood alcohol levels lowered, but no more so than they have lowered in that much time without the exercise.

It was Max West who revitalized the old bird-in-the-hand line. Except what she said was, "A man in the house is worth two in the street."

What the water bear County in the Navy? A Royal Navy, yes. He got a medical discharge, qualified for government-

as if by magic many of your fondest aspirations become realities — sudden, beautiful, scenic — features — romantic, style, chance meeting that is meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Check Scorpio message. Individual who says, "I feel I have known you in the past" is serious. Emphasis on home, security, family, marital status.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Full Moon aspect highlights travel, publishing, communication — completion of "mission." Maintain aura of mystery, intrigue, glamour.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Popularity rating moves up, those who previously could not find time for you will be at your doorstep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Scenario features added recognition, possibility of overseas journey. Lunar position also highlights public image, partnership, credibility, marriage.

Home/garden

Here's what you can plant early

The unusually warm weather has stimulated gardeners to get outside and plant. Except in higher elevations, the frost is already gone from the ground a month or more ahead of normal.

Many garden tasks can be done early, such as cleanup, raking, pruning and fertilization. However, the most satisfying is planting.

Trees and shrubs can be planted the earliest. Most trees and shrubs sold in our area are grown in warmer climates and shipped to our area. Many nurseries and garden stores do not have their full selection available yet.

Bare root trees and shrubs are usually the first available. These are dormant plants which were dug last fall after the leaves dropped. Bare root plants are usually stored in bins with their roots covered with sawdust or with roots individually wrapped.

Plants available bare root include shade trees, flowering shrubs, roses, fruit trees and other fruit plants such as raspberries and strawberries.

Bare root plants are the most economical to buy because you are not paying for pots, soil and time for the plants to become established.



Allen Wilson Gardening

Perennial flowers (which live for more than one growing season) are the first available in nurseries and garden stores. They are sometimes available in individually wrapped dormant plants which could be planted now. Potted perennial flowers are usually available in greater abundance later. However, where available, they will generally withstand the cold night temperatures of early spring.

Pansies are the most cold tolerant of annual flowers. They can be planted as early as perennials without danger of freezing. It would be better to wait until late April or May to plant most other annual flower plants. Nurserymen can advise which varieties should wait until all frost danger is past to plant.

Although it is still too early to plant most vegetables, there are a few which can be planted very early. Lettuce and spinach seeds will sprout when soil temperature is 40

degrees. Peas and most of the root and leaf vegetables require a soil temperature of about 45 degrees.

You can check the temperature by sticking the bulb of a thermometer into the soil an inch deep. Soil warms up more quickly after it has been tilled or spaded.

Tomatoes and all other tender vegetables should not be planted outside until frost danger is past unless they can be protected.

The Wall-O-Water plant protector gives the most frost protection. It is a series of interconnected tubes which are filled with water. Placed around plants, it will protect them to temperatures below 20 degrees.

I have written a book on vegetable gardening for the Intermountain area which includes appropriate planting dates and methods for all the major vegetables. For a copy, send \$10.95 to Allen Wilson, P.O. Box 343, Rexburg, Idaho 83440.

Allen Wilson teaches horticulture at Ricks College. His column appears every Wednesday in The Times-News.

Home improvement TV shows offer valuable redecorating tips

New York Daily News

So you're not really about to build a log cabin in the woods, remodel the kitchen or put in a second bath. You can dream, can't you?

And that's just what many of the home improvement shows on TV encourage.

"It's wish fulfillment," says Mary Jane McKiven, spokeswoman for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

"People who never go into the kitchen watch cooking shows," she continues. "Even if you never tackle drywall, the fantasy aspect exists and the shows present a real 'what if' situation."

Daydreaming aside, nesting is a fact of life in the '90s and people are doing a lot more renovating. Home improvement shows, says McKiven, provide a reality check. They teach you the questions to ask a contractor.

And they provide lots of good ideas, not only for serious renovators, but for would-be decorators, as well.

On "HomeWorks," for example, which airs weekday afternoons on The Discovery Channel, hostess Lynette Jennings translates designer looks into do-able, affordable projects. Her tips range from the purely practical to the offbeat.

For instance, brass hardware is worn, but the accompanying screws often are not, she tells viewers. To prevent tarnishing, give the screws a few coats of colorless nail polish. Jennings advises. A few minutes later, she shows how to make an unusual wall hanging for a youngster's room.

Glue candy wrappers and peanuts to a poster and encase it in a Lucite box frame.

We asked Jennings for simple, inexpensive but effective room makeover tricks. Here are her suggestions:

- Pull furniture out from the wall a few inches. Although you lose a little floor space, you add depth and therefore a feeling of space.
- Keep draperies and sheers pulled back in daytime and make sure your windows are sparkling clean. Lots of natural light will make a room appear larger and more inviting.
- Turn any south-facing room into a summer garden with indoor window boxes. Choose the type of planter used on porches. Face it with lattice, paint the box white and fill with a mixture of flowering plants.
- Use inexpensive broadloom to create a distinctive area rug. Pick a favorite color and have the dealer cut it into an oval, kidney shape or a free-form design and bind the edges for a finished look.
- In place of an area rug, stencil a large bouquet of flowers in the center of a wood floor.
- If you have lots of books, create a designer-like library by painting the back walls of the bookshelves a rich, neutral color.
- Shut on bookcases? Store books in both square and rectangular boxes. Stack them in a grid design or stagger them in a stepped arrangement.
- If you have a staircase, make the most of it. In place of a carpet runner on the stairway, stain the treads natural and then paint and stencil the risers. Check flea markets for stair ornaments of brass, bronze or carved wood to decorate flat-topped stair posts.
- Hang a shelf around the perimeter of a room a foot from the ceiling and edge it with decorative molding. Use this place rail to display decorative objects.
- To add architectural interest to a plain wall, put built-in bookcases on two sides of the wall, joining them across the open center with a valance.

Painting over wallpaper takes preparation

Q. Is it possible to paint over wallpaper? What precautions should I take? — M. Bordetsky

A. It is sometimes possible to paint over wallpaper successfully, but I don't recommend trying it.

There are only a couple of situations where it might make sense. If the wall is constructed of wallboard that was not primed and could be ruined by removing the wallpaper, or for temporary redecoration of a room that is to be rebuilt or remodeled.

Otherwise, I recommend removing the paper with a chemical stripper, steamer or by scraping. Supplies and equipment for wallpaper removal are sold at most wallpaper stores and home centers.

Keep in mind that if the wallpaper is painted, the paper could be even more difficult to remove if the effect is not satisfactory.

Some things that can go wrong when painting over wallpaper: the paint won't adhere well and might peel or blister, the paper can come loose in spots, and patterns can bleed through the paint.

Do it yourself Gene Austin

As a test, try painting a relatively small, inconspicuous area such as a piece of wall behind furniture. A flat finish alkyd- or latex wall paint will probably give best results.

Wait several weeks before judging whether the results are satisfactory. If paper adhesion is loose, or there is poor adhesion, I'd abandon the idea of painting. If pattern bleed-through appears to be the only problem, do an other-test area and use shellac-based primer before painting.

Other preliminary steps: Clean the surface with a detergent and water, using well-wringing cloths or a damp sponge, and let dry. Glue down any loose seams or corners. Fill holes or gouged areas with spackling compound, and sand smooth.

Q. I'm thinking of replacing the counter tops in my kitchen. Is polished marble a good choice? — D. Wainwright

A. Marble is not usually considered a good choice for kitchen counters, since it is porous and rather easily stained. Marble also can be etched or marbled if substances containing acids, such as some fruit juices, come in contact with it. It is possible to protect the surface somewhat with wax or sealers, but very careful maintenance would be needed.

If stains of marring do occur, marble is also tricky to clean and repair. A marble appearance for kitchen counters can be obtained with more-suitable materials, especially solid plastics such as Corian and Nevamar. These materials stand up well under kitchen conditions and are easy to maintain and repair.

Granite, which is denser and less porous than marble, is also sometimes used for counters.

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