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Today's forecast:
Rain and thundershowers likely with a chance of snow showers tonight. Highs 45 to 52. West winds 20 to 40 mph. Lows 30 to 35.

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Twin Falls prisoners face Rupert murder charges

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Two Paul residents, already in custody in the Twin Falls County Jail, were charged Wednesday with the murder of a Rupert man, according to the Mindoka County prosecutors office.

Kody S. Butcher, 20, and Jesus F. Diaz, 38, arrested Monday morning in connection with the armed robbery of a south Twin Falls convenience store, also have been charged with the April 11 murder of Blake Morgan, according to a news release from the prosecutors office.

A joint investigation by Rupert Police, Idaho Department of Investigations and the Cassia County Sheriff's office uncovered evidence linking the two individuals to the murder of Morgan, according to the release.

Mindoka County Prosecutor Cara Newman could not be reached Wednesday, and how investigators linked Diaz and Butcher with Morgan's murder is unclear.

Morgan, 41, was found shot to death in his Rupert home at 207 Maple St., on the morning of April 11. Police found shell casings in the home but have declined to disclose the caliber.

Shortly after the Monday robbery of the Circle K store on Orchard Drive West and Washington Street South, police stopped a van containing two people who matched the general description given by the store clerk, according to a police report.

Inside the van, police discovered three handguns, \$80 in cash and various Circle K labeled meat snacks and fruit pies, according to the report.

Butcher and Diaz were charged with armed robbery and bail was set at \$200,000 each.

An official at the Twin Falls County Jail had no information that Diaz and Butcher had been charged with the murder of Morgan Wednesday afternoon, and the bail amount remained the same.

Morgan moved to Rupert from American Falls last December. He was living in the home of his recently deceased grandmother at the time of the murder.

Police found no narcotics at the crime scene, and Newman declined to comment when asked if the home had been robbed.

The body was found by a social worker who went to the residence to conduct a welfare check on a former resident of the home, Newman said.

U.S. West enlarges toll-free call zone

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will consider a proposal to make the Magic Valley a toll-free calling zone.

Instead of long-distance fees, U.S. West Communications and Idaho Public Utilities Commission staff suggest residents in some towns pay up to \$4 to \$5 more each month on their basic phone rates for the benefit of having lower long-distance telephone bills.

More than 12,000 customers had signed a petition proposing a similar calling-zone plan, upset about getting slapped with long distance phone rates every time they called someone in a neighboring city.

If approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, customers who would have intercity local calling rates would include those in Twin Falls, Jerome, Buhl, Castleford, Hagerman, Shoshone, Gooding, Bliss, Kimberly, Eden, Hazelton, Murtaugh, Dietrich.

"I'm really impressed it's really going to become reality," said Marilee King of Jerome, who with her husband and two teenagers makes long-distance phone calls to Twin Falls up to 10 times daily.

"When I look at my bill, I am amazed we made that many calls to Twin Falls," King said.

King helped petition organizers Jean Duffek and Tec Halper of Jerome encourage people to send letters to the commission that explain why the Magic Valley needs cheaper phone service.

"Our local bills may go up 3 or 4 dollars, but it is still a big savings," King said.

If approved, customers in the expanded calling area will receive a



Duffek

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Anti-terror bill gains Senate OK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate overwhelmingly approved an anti-terrorism bill Wednesday — two days before the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing — after turning aside Democratic attempts to expand federal law enforcement powers.

The vote was 91-8 on the House-Senate compromise bill that now moves to the House for final congressional action.

The House was expected to take up the bill today.

New federal crimes

- Committing an international terrorist attack in the United States, punishable by execution if a death occurred.
- Using the United States as a base to plan a terrorist attack overseas.
- Killing or trying to kill any federal employee or former employee because of that person's work, punishable by execution if a death occurred.

The legislation would limit federal appeals by death-row inmates and other prisoners and provide for the death penalty in certain international terrorism cases and for killing a federal employee because of the employee's work.

Republicans disagreed among themselves about whether the bill would deter terrorism.

"We have a measure that will give us a strong upper hand in the battle to prevent and punish domestic and international terrorism," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee.

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Happy day at Hansen



MIKE CALDWELL/The Times-News

On a blustery spring day, 8-year-old Clera Frith of Hansen pauses with her now stuffed bunny while playing at the Hansen City Park on Wednesday. She and her sister, Ashley, 10, were enjoying a sunny afternoon.

GOP brings up base-pay boost

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moderate House Republicans broke ranks and joined Democrats calling for an election-year increase in the minimum wage, a vote Sen. Bob Dole and other GOP leaders have tried to prevent.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey said through an aide that he had no plans to schedule the bill for the floor, but aides in the GOP leadership said the issue was virtually certain to reach the floor of the House.

The proposal would provide for two separate increases of 50 cents an hour, one to take effect 90 days after the bill is signed by President Clinton, and the second boost a year after that.

Clinton and congressional Democrats support a 90-cent-an-hour increase over two years.

Davidian 'history' lures Texas tourists

The Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Valerie Stoina doesn't remember much about the 51-day standoff between federal agents and the Branch Davidians, but she knows something about its fiery end.

"I just know it shouldn't have happened," the Chicago sixth-grader said after she and a cousin knelt to place purple wildflowers on a wooden cross beside the rubble of what was once the cult's compound on the prairie outside Waco. "The way it ended, nobody should have died. I thought we had rights in this country."

"Just broke your heart," said Valerie's mother, Lidia Stoina, who brought her four children to the site during a recent trip to Waco.

The stage unfolded after agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to arrest cult leader David Koresh on weapons charges.

It started with a gun battle that left four federal agents and six cultists dead. It climaxed 51 days later on April 19, 1993, in a blaze that killed nearly 80 cult members, including Koresh and 18 children.

"I want them to remember. I take their picture," Mrs. Stoina said as her children ran amid broken concrete and heaps of metal, peered into a tunnel connected to a buried bus and posed for photographs.

Dave Milam of Canton, Ohio, and his family also veered off the main highway for a closer look at what's left of Mount Carmel, the Davidians' compound.

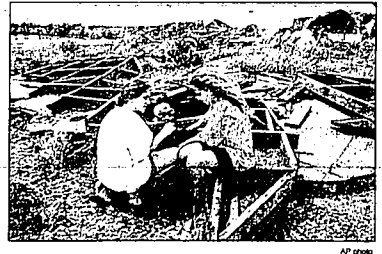
"We wanted to see a little bit of history," Milam said near more than 80 crepe myrtle trees and white wooden crosses that stand in memory of those who died. "It's the same reason why tomorrow we're going to go to the LBJ Ranch and yesterday we went to Dealey Plaza in Dallas where John Kennedy was assassinated."

Clive Doyle escaped from the compound's chapel minutes before it burned to the ground, but his 15-year-old daughter, Shiori, died in the inferno.

A small ceremony is scheduled Friday to commemorate the third anniversary of the fire. Survivors will be given a few moments to speak, Doyle said.

"I think everybody can learn a lesson from this," said the 55-year-old.

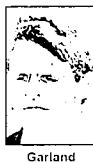
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Valerie Stoina, 12, and Rebecca Ghica, 13, poke through the rubble of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, Wednesday. The girls are from Chicago.

Nation

'Obsessively meticulous' lawyer directs nation's 2 hottest cases



Garland

WASHINGTON (AP) — Merrick Garland traded a plush partner's office in one of the city's powerhouse law firms for a converted brown closet that smelled of old cigarettes... and the chance to put drug dealers and corrupt officials in prison.

That trial experience helped prepare him for his role today as the Justice Department's point man on the nation's two hottest cases—the Oklahoma City bombing and Unabomber.

Peers say if anyone can bear up to the pressure it's Garland — a fast-thinking, quick-talking, consummately organized Harvard lawyer with a good head for details and the foresight to anticipate every conceivable twist and turn.

For 15 years, Garland has bumped back and forth between the law firm and government. A turning point came in 1988 when he took a leave from the firm to help the government prosecute Lyn Nofziger, the Reagan White House aide accused of illegal lobbying. He wanted more criminal cases.

"He was a young partner at one of the best law firms in Washington, with his financial future pretty much set for him," said Lawrence Barcella, who defended Nofziger. "And he gave it up to home his craft. He knew that to be a trial attorney, he needed more experience."

Garland signed up as an assistant U.S. attorney, cutting his pay by more than half, and settled into

a windowless office that once had been a closet and then a waiting room for chomping smokers.

"He was thrown in there with guys who were 10 years his junior,"

said friend Earl Steinberg. "A lot of people looked at him and thought he was crazy."

Now Garland, 43, reports directly to Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick, a friend from their days at Harvard. She, in turn, reports to Attorney General Janet Reno's right hand.

"They rely on his superlative good judgment," said Eleanor Achison, assistant attorney general for policy.

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Jury suggests life for Menendez pair

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lyle and Erik Menendez were spared the death penalty Wednesday by a jury that recommended life in prison for the shooting deaths of their parents.

Jurors reached the decision after 14 hours of deliberations over three days. Their decision was delivered in a courtroom gripped with tension.

There were four separate verdicts in all, two for each brother for the killings of each parent 6 1/2 years ago.

When the fourth "life in prison

without parole" verdict had been read, a large gasp of relief came from the section of the courtroom where members of the Menendez family sat waiting.

The brothers, who entered the courtroom in shirts and ties, their faces paler than ever, showed no reaction to the pronouncements. Erik did sit forward in his chair to listen more closely.

The verdicts were read for Erik first. His lawyer, Leslie Abramson, sat with her shoulder touching his. He leaned back in his chair when his verdicts were completed.

Lyle's attorney, Charles Gessler, appeared overcome with emotion and wiped his eyes.

The jury's pronouncement did not end the legal saga for the brothers. The judge said he would rule in October on appeals. He does not have the option to impose a death sentence in contradiction of the jurors' wishes. Had they pronounced death, he could have reduced it to life.

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One of two ejection seats from an F-14 that crashed Wednesday at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach sits on a taxiway. Both pilots ejected. Another F-14 is in the background.

Another troubled F-14 crashes during training

Newport News Daily Press

VIRGINIA BEACH — Another of the Navy's troubled F-14 fighter jets crashed during training Wednesday morning in the woods just east of a runway at the Oceana Naval Air Station.

The pilot and his only crewman ejected safely. It was the fourth crash in as many months of an F-14 Tomcat, the Navy's top-of-the-line fighter jet. The high-performance jet — which often operates from aircraft carrier decks — has a long record of crashes, which were the subject of a congressional probe on Capitol Hill only a day earlier.

The pilot, Lt. Ross Slavin, 31, of Wilmette, Ill., and the radar intercept officer, Lt. Dean Kluss, 36, of Clarion, Iowa, apparently suffered no serious injuries in the ejection. Both underwent normal post-ejection examinations and were scheduled to be released. Said Lt. Carla McCarthy, a Navy spokeswoman.

The Oceana-based fighter was beginning so-called touch-and-go landing practice when it crashed about 9:40 a.m. MDT, McCarthy said. In such training, aircraft typically approach the runway at low speed as if to land, just touch down and then quickly accelerate to take off again.

The jet, at that point flying about 300 feet above the runway, wobbled and banked to the left before crashing into the woods, one eyewitness said.

"We really didn't think it was going to crash when we first saw it," said Airman Cedric Harris of Attack Squadron 75. "Then we saw the parachute."

The cause of this crash, during a routine training mission, in daylight and in clear but gusty weather, was still unknown, McCarthy said.

The plane had just returned to base from a reconnaissance training mission over south-central Virginia and north-central North Carolina, according to Cmdr. Kevin Wensing, spokesman for the Navy's Atlantic Fleet Naval Air Force.

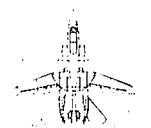
The aircraft had its wheels down and was approaching the runway for its first touch-and-go when it crashed and banked to the left. As for further details of what happened then or why the two aviators ejected, Wensing said he could not say until completion of a

F-14 profile



It's a sportsman, ten-engine plane designed to attack enemy aircraft from sea level to 70,000 feet in all weather conditions and at night. Length: 62 ft 8 in (19.0m); Wingspan: 64 ft 11 in (19.8m); Range: About 2,000 miles; Thrust: Two 11,000 lb; Manufacturer: McDonnell Douglas Corp., Huntington Park, Calif.

The F-14, nicknamed Tomcat, is the Navy's first line, twin-engine fighter aircraft. It sports and tracks enemy positions from a far greater range than other fighters. It launches six missiles at six different targets simultaneously, while tracking 24 others. It's trained for both long-range missions and close-in dog-fights.



Source: Jane's All The World's Aircraft

Home bases: All 45 of the Navy's F-14 squadrons are based at Oceana Naval Air Station, near Norfolk, Va. (AP/Wide World)

through investigation — which was already underway. The plane, worth about \$40 million, broke apart on impact and ignited some small fires in the woods that were quickly extinguished, McCarthy said.

A hose rescue worker suffered a fractured ankle and cuts in a fall while trying to help the pilot, whose parachute was caught in trees, McCarthy said. The rescue worker, whose name was not immediately released, was also treated at Virginia Beach General Hospital, McCarthy said.

The F-14 and the Marine Corps' Harrier jet were under scrutiny on Tuesday by the House National Security Subcommittee, which raised questions about whether the administration's reduced defense spending forced the military to choose between combat upgrades and safety improvements.

Navy officials told the subcommittee they would make safety improvements to the F-14s and revise pilot training. They also said the causes of three F-14 crashes earlier this year were

Crash comes day after testimony

Newport News Daily Press

WASHINGTON — Wednesday's crash of an F-14 fighter jet in Virginia Beach, Va., occurred just 24 hours after Navy officials told Congress they would add new safety equipment to the F-14 and reducing the plane's accident rate.

Capt. Dale Snodgrass, commander of the Oceana-based Atlantic Fighter Wing, and other Navy offi-

cers on Tuesday told the House subcommittee investigating F-14 crashes that there was no single problem causing the mishaps.

Budget constraints prevent the Navy from making some safety changes, such as replacing the troubled engine on earlier versions of the jet with a more powerful model, Navy officials said. Such improvements are too costly to make on a plane that the Navy will be phasing out in 2001.

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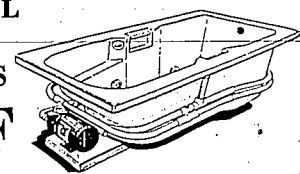
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Nation

Clinton praises Japan ties despite trade differences

TOKYO (AP) — President Clinton celebrated America's ties with Japan as "better and stronger than ever" Wednesday despite unresolved trade frictions between the world's two richest economies.

He planned to tell Japan's parliament that trade must be free and fair.

Winding down a state visit, Clinton was to address Japanese lawmakers today and visit a Chrysler showroom to underscore U.S. efforts to pry open Asian markets. Afterwards, he was to fly to Russia for a four-day stay.

By all accounts, Clinton hit it off well with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, the fifth Japanese leader during Clinton's three-year administration.

The president, talking with his staff, described Hashimoto as a "leisty and unexpectational." A "leisty" textile worker, Hashimoto won a reputation as a tough trade negotiator with the United States before becoming prime minister.

In other discussions, Clinton and Hashimoto "did not see quite eye-to-eye" on trade issues, but the matters were not discussed in detail, said Sandra Kristoff, the chief Asia specialist on the National Security Council.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan declined last year for the

first time since 1990 but still totaled a staggering \$59 billion, giving Republicans election-year ammunition to attack Clinton's record.

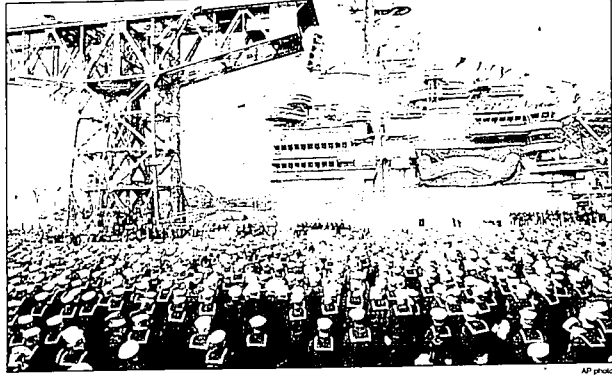
Both leaders expressed hope for progress in disputes over film, semiconductors and insurance. There also were differences on civil aviation. Hashimoto said Japan wants to renegotiate an existing agreement; the United States does not.

At a joint news conference with Hashimoto, Clinton declared that trade relationship to be "on the right track" and said the two sides would handle disputes in a "patient and pragmatic manner."

"The leaders agreed to keep the focus on security issues where they readily agreed that a strong American military presence is needed in Asia."

Hashimoto said Japan wants the 47,000 American service personnel stationed here to remain. Clinton pledged to reduce the number that U.S. bases put on Japan's citizens. But he said the United States would keep 100,000 U.S. troops in Asia to maintain stability.

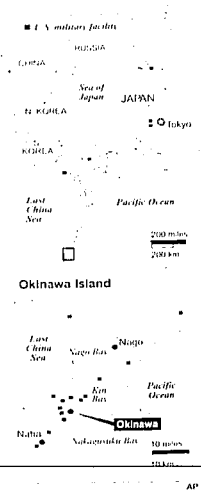
"I believe that our presence is needed here as long as people have any fear at all that some countries might seek to dominate others," Clinton said, apparently referring to tensions between



Crew members of the USS Independence crowd on the deck and listen to President Clinton's speech aboard the aircraft carrier in Yokosuka U.S. Naval Base near Tokyo Wednesday.

North and South Korea and between China and Taiwan. "We are seen as a source of stability by our mere presence here," the president said.

A powerful example of the U.S. presence, the aircraft carrier Independence, was berthed in Tokyo Bay at Yokosuka U.S. Naval Base. Three weeks ago, it was sailing off the coast of Taiwan as a symbol of "sands of soldiers, Marines and family members."



President praises auto gains at Tokyo showroom, pushes for more

TOKYO (AP) — Realizing it was having trouble getting Japanese dealerships to stock its cars, Chrysler took matters into its own hands.

It spent \$100 million to buy its own chain of dealerships.

The result is both a success story and an illustration of the difficulties of doing business in Japan. President Clinton is likely to stress both points today when he visits Chrysler Setagaya, one of the dealerships in the new chain.

Buying a network was much more costly than striking accords with individual dealerships. But it allows Chrysler to run the outlets directly and ensures their models aren't shortchanged.

So a Chrysler Setagaya, the Jeep Cherokee gets star billing, its rugged appeal strongly promoted. With 12,500 models sold nationwide last year, the Cherokee is a blockbuster hit for an American auto in Japan.

At a time when U.S. auto sales in Japan are climbing — by 37 percent since last summer — the sluggish growth in dealerships selling U.S. models remains a sore note. Only 30 new major dealerships have signed on to stock and sell American cars.

The Setagaya dealership, which opened last November, is one of 10 gained by Chrysler Japan Sales when it purchased a network of dealerships. Chrysler's Japanese division

also has 123 outlets under contract and sells its Jeeps through Honda's 1,800 outlets.

Chrysler is trying to give the dealership a different look than Japanese car showrooms, which are typically festooned with banners and posters. The Setagaya dealership is all shimmering lights, polished metal and wall-to-wall glass.

"We have a beautiful, clean, intelligent design, neat and free of clutter," said Chrysler Japan Sales spokesman Hiroaki Kobayashi.

But there's more than show to the showroom game. With 20,000 rival outlets nationwide, the competition is tough.

Both jeeps and minivans — a

craze Chrysler started in the United States — are popular in Japan. Recreational vehicles make up about 40 percent of the 5.1 million-vehicle market, according to the Japan Automobile Dealers Association.

"American cars are becoming more popular with Japanese buyers, previously wary of Detroit's oversized cars and slow repairs."

"Maybe it has to do with growing up watching 'Combit', but I had this special thing about the Jeep," says Tokyo bar owner Fayuki Ogawa, 46, who bought a Jeep Cherokee last month. He finds it handy for loading his son's motorcycle.

The Cherokee Sport sells for 2,778

million yen, or \$25,700. Dealers are trying to appeal to a sense of rugged individualism in pitching the vehicle.

"Assertive people who have a mind of their own are buying up Jeeps," said Kozo Otsu, manager at a Yokohama Chrysler dealership.

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Senate readies agreement to extend Whitewater probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ending weeks of acrimony, the Senate extended its Whitewater hearings Wednesday after Republicans and Democrats reached agreement to wrap up the investigation by mid-June.

Whitewater committee chairman Alfonso D'Amato, R-N.Y., said the agreement calls for the Senate to finish its hearings by June 14. If substantial issues remain to be explored by the deadline, said D'Amato, Republicans and Democrats would have to seek an accommodation.

The extension was approved on a voice vote. Since the Whitewater committee expired Feb. 29, the issue of extending the probe has been embroiled in presidential politics.

Republicans wanted to extend the hearings indefinitely. Democrats sought to end the probe well in advance of the election season.

D'Amato had planned to use the Senate Banking Committee for Whitewater hearings if Democrats continued their refusal to extend the investigation of the special Whitewater committee.

Before the Easter recess,

Republicans and Democrats had agreed to extend the Whitewater committee's investigation to mid-June. But Democrats wanted a guarantee that there would be no further extensions — a promise Republicans were unwilling to give.

On Tuesday, Senate Democrats blocked the latest Republican effort to extend the Whitewater committee indefinitely.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., made clear that any new agreement must bring a swift end to the Whitewater investigation.

"The more it extends into the political year the more politicized it becomes," Sarbanes said Tuesday.

D'Amato said that "in the past 24 hours we have continued a process that may evolve" into an agreement to resume the Senate Whitewater Committee probe.

D'Amato wants to look into the Clintons' involvement with financial institutions in Arkansas — particularly the savings and loan owned by the Clintons' Whitewater partners. D'Amato also wants to look into Hillary Rodham Clinton's former law firm in Little Rock.

Mother avoids death penalty in slayings

OLATHE, Kan. (AP) — A doctor accused of killing two of her children in an arson fire and trying to poison her husband with a toxic derivative of castor beans pleaded no contest Wednesday in exchange for a life prison sentence.

Debra Green entered the plea on five charges after the state agreed to drop its request for the death penalty. Green, 44, was charged with aggravated arson, two counts of capital murder and two counts of attempted murder.

Green, who used to practice oncology, was accused of setting the Oct. 24 fire at her house in suburban Kansas City that killed her 15-year-old son, Tim Farrar, and 6-year-old daughter, Kelly Farrar. Her 11-year-old daughter, Kate Farrar, escaped.

Prosecutors said she tried to kill her estranged husband, cardiologist Michael Farrar, by putting a toxic derivative of castor beans in his food several times before the fire.

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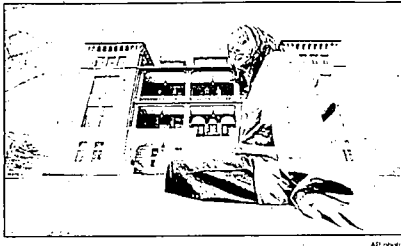
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WHERE TO GET IT.

Honored suffragette now accused of racism

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Carrie Chapman Catt, a crusader for women's suffrage and founder of the League of Women Voters, had the right feminist credentials for Iowa State University to name a building after her.



AP photo

Iowa State University student Meron Wondwosen sits outside the Carrie Chapman Catt Building in Ames. She said Catt made racist statements and is protesting Catt's name on the building.

Her views on race are another matter. Now the university is under pressure to reconsider its decision to honor Catt, an Iowa State graduate who died in 1947 at age 88.

The debate focuses on a statement Catt made in a losing effort to win ratification of two Southern states of the amendment giving women the vote: "White supremacy will be strengthened, not weakened, by women's suffrage."

Catt supporters say she was a product of her times who made the statement simply to win Southern support.

Some students and others say the school cannot shelter Catt's remark and others like it. Catt also

critique every time I hear that remark," said Meron Wondwosen, a black sophomore from Silver Spring, Md. "People treating people with dignity is not something that is bound by time. It's a basic principle."

It was Catt who envisioned the state-by-state strategy to build momentum for the woman's suffrage amendment that was ratified in 1920. She also founded the League of Women Voters.

Neither Iowa nor the university had done much over the years to honor the school's most famous women graduate. Previous efforts to name buildings for her were laughed off by those who didn't want a "Catt house."

Last fall, on the 75th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the university renamed Old Botany and renamed Carrie Chapman Catt Hall. It houses the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Catt's controversial remarks were no secret when the university renamed the building. In fact, the school held a seminar on Catt's life and views.

Martin Jischke, the university president, said the school has no plans to change the building's name. He noted Catt's support for the League of Nations in the early 1920s, and later, for the United Nations.

"While I don't support everything that Carrie Chapman Catt did or said, I believe her contribution to women's suffrage and world peace are worthy of the recognition that the university has given her," Jischke said.

Women in the Iowa Legislature agreed, 26 of 27 signed a letter supporting Catt. But the Ames chapter of the NAACP took the other view.

"The university needs to publicly acknowledge that sometimes good people can do bad things,"

said chapter president George Jackson. He said the university must change the name so that it can say, "I will not tolerate racism in any form or fashion."

The debate over Catt's legacy has both sides poring through thousands of her speeches, trying to find passages to strengthen their position.

Jane Cox, a theater professor who wrote and performs a one-act play on Catt's life, said Catt rejected racism both before and after the controversial statement.

"That was a speech she made in 1915 in Mississippi and also in South Carolina," Cox said. "I view this as one of the ways she used to try to persuade white Southerners. It was a waste of time, of course. Neither of those states voted for it."

But Wondwosen, one of 600 blacks on the campus of 24,000 students, said Catt didn't work for change, either.

Study questions use of antacid drug

BOSTON (AP) — Long-term use of a widely prescribed heartburn drug may be hazardous if people are also infected with a common germ linked to both stomach ulcers and cancer.

The drug, Prilosec, is often given to suppress stomach acid. While this does a good job of relieving severe heartburn, the lower acid levels also allow certain stomach bacteria to cause more inflammation.

These bacteria, Helicobacter pylori, are the leading cause of stomach ulcers and also may cause stomach cancer. About half of all Americans are infected with H. pylori, although most suffer no apparent harm.

In a new study, doctors found that years of Prilosec treatment in victims of severe heartburn disease led to precancerous changes in the stomach lining if they were also infected with H. pylori. Prilosec was harmless in those who were not infected with the germ.

Researchers say the study suggests doctors should check patients for H. pylori infection

and cure it with antibiotics before starting them on long-term Prilosec treatment.

The study was conducted in the Netherlands and paid for by Astra Hassle, a Swedish subsidiary of Prilosec's manufacturer. It was published in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Dr. Ernst J. Kuipers and colleagues from Free University Hospital in Amsterdam studied 105 patients who were treated with Prilosec for reflux esophagitis, a common condition in which stomach acid escapes from the stomach and irritates the esophagus.

"They checked the patients for atrophy of the stomach lining resulting from inflammation. After five years of Prilosec, one-third of the patients infected with H. pylori had developed this atrophy. None of the patients got stomach cancer, and it is unclear just how great a hazard it represents. Nonetheless, atrophic gastritis, as it is called, is recognized as an essential step in the progression toward stomach cancer."

Buchanan rejects 3rd-party presidential run

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican rebel Pat Buchanan all but ruled out a third-party run for the presidency Wednesday, calling his chances as an independent candidate increasingly unrealistic as November's election nears.

The conservative commentator, who conceded the GOP nomination to Sen. Bob Dole last month, also told reporters that he will nominally remain in the Republican race despite a decision to cancel two weeks of planned campaigning in Pennsylvania, the next state to hold a primary.

His campaign is now about pushing issues, Buchanan said. "If the question is, 'Are we now pursuing a third-party option,' the answer is no. Each week that goes by makes it less realistic that it can be effective," he told a morning news conference.

Buchanan was accompanied at the appearance by top aides but none of the "Buchanan for president" posters that adorned previous events.

It is a race dominated by discussion of his political future. Buchanan's appearance was meant to announce his push to deny trade preferences to China — part one of a new drive to be a Republican player on key election-year issues.

Buchanan also planned to push Republicans on adopting "America-first" trade and defense policies, rolling back legal immigration, ending affirmative action and hunting abortion. The often caustic Buchanan, who once derided

Dole as the "bullpup of the Business Roundtable," was careful Wednesday not to assail the Senate majority leader (for his past support of unconditionally granting "most-favored-nation" trade status to China).

Instead, Buchanan called on President Clinton and congressional Republicans in general to punish China for its record on human rights, nuclear proliferation and aggression against Taiwan.

"This is not any effort to damage Senator Dole," Buchanan said. It was one of several remarks in which he appeared interested in mending fences after a particularly divisive primary campaign that ended in speculation Buchanan would bolt the GOP.

Dole said Tuesday he wants to watch developments over the next couple of months before deciding how to proceed on future trade benefits for China.

Buchanan, himself cool to the notion of a third-party bid, nonetheless flirted openly with the possibility for several weeks at the urging of his sister and campaign manager, Angela "Bay" Buchanan.

He left that door barely open Wednesday, saying he planned to write to some 140,000 supporters next week and ask their advice. He also said he planned to attend August's GOP national convention as a Republican and added, "We hope to leave it as a Republican."

Buchanan cast this summer's congressional vote on China's trade privileges as a referendum on "the heart and soul of the Republican Party" — a line he frequently used to define his presidential campaign. He called the disapproval of favorable trade status for China a "moderate step and acknowledged that he would prefer an outright American embargo of Chinese goods."



Buchanan



Roscoe Patton, Branch Manager and associate, Darlene Wolsman, in Downtown Twin Falls office.

Roscoe Patton Attends Investment Management & Research National Conference

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Roscoe Patton was one of over 500 Investment Management & Research, Inc. (IMR) financial advisors to attend the company's National Conference March 26-31 in San Antonio, Texas.

Roscoe Patton is a member of IMR's Executive Club, an elite group comprising some of the firm's most successful financial advisors. Patton was recognized for his achievement during IMR's Awards Banquet the final evening of the conference. An Idaho Falls (New Sweden district) native, Patton has been a licensed securities broker for over 30 years. For 21 of those years he has been serving Magic Valley residents. He joined IMR in 1986. Earning degrees from the University of Arizona and U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Patton started in the education-electronics industry in New York and New England.

"I have a responsibility to my clients to be educated and informed about economic and financial issues that may affect their investments," said Patton, Branch Manager at the IMR Office, Downtown Twin Falls. "This conference allowed me to learn valuable information which I can put to work for my clients."

Financial advisors spent a busy week attending seminars and workshops on a wide variety of investment and financial subjects. Topics included asset allocation, retirement, estate and tax planning, social management, international investing, insurance, mutual funds, and fixed income investing.

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Patton has gained broad insights and traveled with C.E.O.'s, Treasurers, etc., and has lived for meaningful periods in 5 states. He worked on the semiconductor industry's "Foundry" project at Sanders. With this extensive background, he has successfully traded in the stock market. Roscoe and his wife, Laraine, gardeners, James and Andrew Patton and son, Charles Holcomb, enjoy spending time on 4-H Club projects with their Appaloosa horses.

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Opinion

Editorial

Who needs protecting — the kids or the abusers?

The name "Earl Lee Vinsant" isn't a household word, but maybe it should be.

This three-time loser, currently facing trial in a case that could become his fourth sexual conviction, is someone you definitely should keep your children away from.

But how can you, if you don't know about him? That question should trouble the Idaho Legislature.

Back in 1993, the Legislature passed the Sex Offender Registration Law. It requires Vinsant and other convicted sex offenders to notify their local sheriffs about where they are living.

Does such notification help law officers? Probably somewhat. But with more than 13 dozen sex offenders on file in the Magic Valley, our local sheriffs can be forgiven if they don't keep close tabs on them all.

That's how innocent and his wife came to be babysitting children in the Twin Falls apartment building where they lived. That's how he came to be facing charges of molesting five children.

Of course, Vinsant has a right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty. It'll be up to a jury to decide whether he molested those five children.

But Vinsant's guilt or innocence on the current charges isn't the point. The point is, those children's parents would never have entrusted their children to Vinsant if they had known about his past. Not if they had known he was convicted of abusing a girl in Hagerman in the late 1980s. Not if they had known of

his two other convictions in Utah before that.

But they didn't know about those things.

Theoretically, they could have found out. If you're an exceptionally savvy parent, you know that you can take your baby-sitter's name and Social Security number to your local sheriff, and the sheriff can tell you whether the sitter is a registered sex abuser.

But most parents aren't that well-informed or that careful. Most parents need more proactive help from authorities.

What kind of help? Short of hanging a scarlet "M" on a molester's chest, or putting up signs in his front yard, the state could empower police to send letters to neighbors. A few states have done that.

Naturally, civil libertarians object to infringing on the privacy of child molesters. Public identification marks a person for persecution and can even lead to vigilante violence, they say.

True. Yet we know that a sexual predator will abuse children throughout his life. Prison time and psychiatric treatment have no effect on a lot of these guys.

So it becomes a question of picking the lesser of two evils. Do you protect the abusers, or do you protect the children?

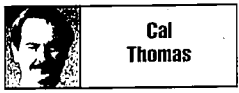
In our view, it's no contest.

If Vinsant is sent to prison on his current charges, he'll get out again someday. A new group of children will be waiting for him. How will Idaho keep them safe?



Senate committee banks on Whitewater

The decision by the Senate Banking Committee to pick up the stalled Whitewater investigation into events collectively known as Whitewater will ensure that the public gets the full and complete investigation it has paid for. Even The Washington Post — no friend of committee chairman Alfonso D'Amato of New York — criticized Democrats for filibustering to keep the Whitewater Special Committee from completing its task. Said a Post editorial, "Senate Whitewater committee Democrats have behaved less as seekers of truth than as ball bouncers at every turn for embattled Clinton officials and associates."



ing to, among other things, Madison, Whitewater and Capital Management Services, Inc. (CMS), and, third, the activities of Madison, Whitewater and CMS, the chairman of the Rose Law Firm, the bond underwriting contracts between the Arkansas Development Finance Authority and Lasater and Company, and the lending activities of the Perry County Bank in connection with Bill Clinton's 1990 reelection campaign as governor of Arkansas.

Senate Democrats say the nearly year-old investigation (more if you count the tame "investigation" led by Democrats before the 1994 election transferred power to the Republicans) has gone on long enough, longer than any previous similar probe. True, but this one is unique in that it seems to involve the paranormal — the power of someone to make documents materialize and dematerialize at will.

"There are outstanding areas of inquiry that need investigation and closure," says the Post editorial.

D'Amato says until Democrats shut down the hearings Feb. 29, "substantial progress" was being made on three critical areas of inquiry: first, whether White House officials engaged in improper conduct in handling documents in Vincent Foster's office following his death; second, whether the White House improperly interfered with any investigations or prosecutions by various federal agencies relat-

ing to, among other things, Madison, Whitewater and Capital Management Services, Inc. (CMS), and, third, the activities of Madison, Whitewater and CMS, the chairman of the Rose Law Firm, the bond underwriting contracts between the Arkansas Development Finance Authority and Lasater and Company, and the lending activities of the Perry County Bank in connection with Bill Clinton's 1990 reelection campaign as governor of Arkansas.

In reviewing the hearings, the Senate Banking Committee will try to complete the investigation in several remaining areas. These include:

- (1) The lease of Madison office space to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFAS). Was there a connection between this lease and James McDougal's personal and political contributions to Gov. Clinton?
- (2) The 1985 Madison fund-raiser for the Clinton campaign for governor. Were Madison funds diverted to the campaign?
- (3) The discovery of a copy of Rose Law Firm billing records in the White House residence. How did they get from Little Rock to Washington? Who had them? Who left them in the White House book room? Why were these subpoenaed records not turned over to investigators for two years?

(4) The funding of Whitewater. If the Clintons and McDougal were 50-50 partners, why did the McDougal's invest \$158,000 in Whitewater, while the Clintons invested less than \$50,000? Were there any other investors?

(5) Did the Clintons manage Whitewater after 1986? Did they misstate their financial condition in seeking extensions of Whitewater loans? Did the Clintons receive any preferential treatment from banks extending Whitewater loans? If so, why?

(6) Did Gov. Clinton pressure Judge David Hale to make an improper Small Business Administration loan to Susan McDougal? Were funds from Capital Management improperly diverted to Whitewater?

(7) Did Gov. Clinton manipulate the award of state bond underwriting contracts to Dan Lasater? If so, why?

(8) Did the Clinton campaign for governor violate federal law by not filing required reports for cash withdrawals over \$10,000? Did the owners of the Perry County Bank make illegal campaign contributions to the 1990 Clinton campaign? Was there a connection between these contributions and any appointments to state office?

These are questions that need to be answered, not only because the law might be satisfied, but so the voters will have a complete picture of the character of Bill and Hillary Clinton.

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Letters

Inspirational stories could help

Thank you, Times-News, for scenes and stories of our wonderful Shoshone Falls and area in your paper.

In my youth, seeing pictures of Niagara Falls, I dreamed of visiting it, which I finally did on a New England Retirement Tour. It was beautiful but no comparison to our most exciting and majestic Shoshone Falls!

Ken visiting from Indiana marveled at its stupendous and spectacular showing of "nature's good works." Being photographers, they took views from many points. It and other interesting scenes and stories are a wonderful release to me after all the crime stories. Seeing so many youthful offenders, I think, "That was an innocent child at one time! What went wrong?"

I often wonder if reading more of and seeing more inspirational news and entertainment could be a significant "power of suggestion" to choose a better path in life than drugs and other crime temptations.

IRENE BURKS
Jerome

Let voters decide on gay rights

Regarding the Moscow-Pullman Daily News editorial that you reprinted on April 15:

Here is another example of liberal editorialism. Crying again because the "Idaho Citizens Alliance and other conservative groups are pushing their anti-gay initiative on the people of Idaho."

What's wrong with these groups uniting to have a measure put on the ballot? Don't other groups do the same thing? I was always taught that if need be, that was our responsibility as citizens in a democratic society.

The only hate that was present over

Proposition 1 in 1994 was caused by editorialists like this one. Just because Christian conservatives and others like-minded know right from wrong, you go around hating them for trying to do their civic duty.

Those on the conservative right have no need to promote fear and hate. We let those liberal editorialists do that. And they also are quite good at letting the people of Idaho know how they (the people) should think.

As far as I can see, Proposition 1 was trying to clarify the law. No rights were being taken away from anyone. It was supported by concerned citizens.

Kelly Walton is just another concerned citizen. He is utilizing a system that was set up in this republic more than 200 years ago. A system that relied upon God's guidance, as taken from the Bible.

The liberal left has its own book. One that says homosexuality/flesheism is normal. One that says the government should raise and educate our children. One that says it is OK to murder helpless babies as they are being delivered from the womb.

I believe Kelly Walton has the right, as a citizen of the United States of America, to get an initiative on the ballot if he so chooses. Let the voters pass it, or not.

I also believe that he is a caring person. He is concerned that homosexual lifestyles not be foisted upon innocent children in our classrooms. That parents should have a say in where their tax money goes for educating our children. Is this hate?

As a Christian, Kelly Walton need not be answer to a higher authority. One who will be around a lot longer than any of us. In the meantime, if it means going to the Statehouse, so be it. Let's get some more conservative Christians in there.

God bless you, Kelly Walton.
RAYMOND MILLER
Declo

A perspective on assisted suicides

If I, a 33-year-old married Harvard graduate with a new baby daughter, threatened to end my life off a tall building, would an emergency medical team respond? And if one did, would it be offered counseling — or card non-suicide? I was born with a neuromuscular disability and use a wheelchair. With all the recent euthanasia news — Dr. Jack Kevorkian's acquittal and new trial and two federal court decisions favoring assisted suicide — I don't feel safe.

It may be constitutionally protected, but the right to die seems dangerous to those of us who are not ideal physical specimens.

I am not terminally ill. Both the April 2 decision by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York and the March 6 decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco permit assisted suicide only for "a competent, terminally ill adult."

Judge Stephen Reinhardt, writing for the majority in San Francisco, went on to say that death is more humane than continuing to live in "a childlike state of helplessness." They are not the same thing, though, this "state of helplessness" and being terminally ill. I have lived my whole life in such a state, needing assistance for eating, bathing, using the toilet. The language thing to do is to help, not presume that my life isn't worth living.

Kevorkian isn't concerned with whether his clients' conditions are terminal. On Aug. 4, 1993, for example, after his medi-

cal license had been revoked in Michigan and California and Michigan's law against assisted suicide was in effect, Kevorkian aided the suicide of a 30-year-old who had recently become quadriplegic. Thomas Hyde wasn't terminally ill, not really ill at all. Nor was he in pain. His condition was roughly the same as mine.

In the new trial, Kevorkian stands accused in the death of Marjorie Wantz, 58, who, Kevorkian admits, was not terminally ill. Rather, Wantz "relapsed" after a series of surgeries to the suffering intense vaginal pain that they (prosecutors) contend was psychosomatic." The New York Times reported.

Granted, the people seeking assisted suicide want to die. And I believe in autonomy and self-determination; I am pro-choice.

But what happens when able-bodied people attempt suicide? Why is their choice considered irrational? Why is a disabled person's suicide choice more readily judged sane?

Kevorkian would argue that he is ending suffering for people with no options. Tell that to Stephen Hawking, the physicist who has advanced amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, writes best-selling books, travels around the world and recently divorced his wife to marry his nurse. To say someone has no options just because doctors are stumped is medical arrogance. Quality of life is determined by more than physical condition.

To be sure, not everyone can be a Stephen Hawking. Which is precisely why Kevorkianism is so frightening. Does Kevorkian realize how hard it is for the average disabled person to feel valued in this society?

What I'm calling for is clarity: The right to die is appropriate only if it isn't clouded by fear and ignorance of disabilities. The dangers are potentially enormous. Euthanasia, after all, was one step toward the Holocaust.

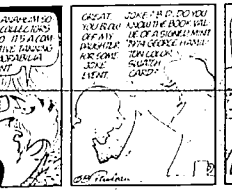
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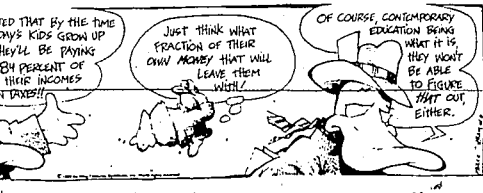
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Nation

Justices question lawyers on double jeopardy case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seizing property from criminally prosecuted drug traffickers does not soundly punish them twice, the Clinton administration argued Wednesday to the Supreme Court.

Civil forfeiture never has been deemed so punitive — as to constitute a prosecution or punishment under the Constitution's double jeopardy clause, Justice Department lawyer Michael Dreeben argued.

He urged the justices to reverse two double-jeopardy rulings in which federal appeals courts found fault with civil forfeitures of drug-connected property in Michigan and California.

The high court's decision, expected by late June, likely will determine the fate of the double-barreled strategy employed by federal and state prosecutors in the war on drugs.

A major obstacle to a government victory is the court's 1993 decision that said drug dealers may not be fined or forfeit so much property that it violates the Eighth Amendment's ban on excessive fines.

Justice Antonin Scalia asked Dreeben how forfeitures that result from civil lawsuits could be deemed punishment under the Eighth Amendment but not under the double-jeopardy clause. "If it's punishment enough to be sometimes excessive, why isn't it punishment enough that you can't do it twice?" Scalia asked.

Justice David H. Souter added, "Where is the principle of coherence?"

And Justice Stephen G. Breyer asked, "If this looks like a punishment — what then is the reason for not treating it like a punishment?"

But two criminal defense lawyers con-

fronted at least as many vexing questions to rein in such government power.

Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg most persistently challenged assertions by lawyers Jeffrey Finner of Spokane, Wash., and that civil forfeitures and criminal convictions cannot coexist.

The Constitution's Fifth Amendment says no one will be "subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb." The Supreme Court has interpreted those words to prohibit, among other potential abuses, multiple punishments for the same crime.

In the Michigan case, an appeals court threw out Guy Jerome Uresky's 1993 federal conviction on a charge of manufacturing

marijuana. Uresky earlier had agreed to pay the government \$14,250 rather than forfeit the Perry, Mich., property where the marijuana was grown and harvested.

In overturning his conviction and 63-month prison sentence, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals noted the previous forfeiture lawsuit and ruled that Uresky had been subjected to a "second punishment" for the same crime.

In the California case, an appeals court ruled that two men could not be forced in a civil proceeding to forfeit the proceeds of a drug and money-laundering scheme because they already had been convicted of related criminal offenses.

James Wren and Charles Artt were convicted in 1992 in Los Angeles of conducting a multi-state scheme to manufacture amphetamines and launder the proceeds.

Senate to probe Bosnian arms sale

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole announced plans Wednesday to convene two committees to investigate secret arms shipments made to Bosnian Muslims with the tacit approval of the White House.

Dole said the election-year probe would likely include hearings. He said the Foreign Relations and Intelligence committees would look into the sales, which took place despite an international arms embargo designed to keep warring factions in the former Yugoslavia.

Study eyes TV-view of Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Negative portrayals of Hispanics on television have declined, but Latinos still are underrepresented and stereotyped, says a study released by a Latin group.

Offensive images of Hispanics declined by almost half from the 1992-93 to 1994-95 TV seasons, from 18 percent to 10 percent of the characters shown, said the study by the Center for Media & Public Affairs. The study was done for the National Council of La Raza, a group that represents more than 100 Hispanic community organizations.

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Briefly

Twin Falls board plans baseball tryouts

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls All-Star board is having tryouts for the 1996 baseball season Saturday at Harmon Park. Tryouts for 9-and-10-year-olds will be from 9 a.m. to noon. All 11-and-12-year-olds will try out from 1-4 p.m. Any player not pre-registered for try-outs should be at the park an hour early. For more information call 734-5979.

Dinner, silent auction send Gooding boys to Australia

GOODING—A benefit spaghetti dinner, silent auction and cake and pie sale are set for 5:30 p.m. Friday night to raise money for a pair of Gooding football players headed to Australia. Jason Reinke and Justin Brown have been selected to play for Idaho in this summer's "Down Under Bowl," a series of football games among high school all-star teams from the United States. Friday's events, held in the Gooding High School multi-purpose room, will help fund the trip for Reinke and Brown. Call Jackie Brown, 934-8369, or Cathy Reinke, 934-5464.

CSI offers golf introductory class Wednesdays, Fridays

TWIN FALLS—An introduction to golf class offered through the continuing education department at the College of Southern Idaho is set to begin soon. The non-credit course will be taught in two sections— from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and again from 6:30 to 8 p.m.— Wednesdays and Fridays, May 1-17, at the Canyon Springs Golf Course. Enrollment is limited to 10 participants per class. Cost is \$50. Registration may be done at the Taylor Building Records Office.

Jerome men's twilight league schedules scramble, social

JEROME—The Jerome Country Club Men's Association twilight league will hold a team scramble and social tonight at 8 p.m. President Walt Hess encourages everyone to attend even if not yet assigned to a team. Anyone not yet assigned will be placed on a team and new teams will be formed if necessary so everyone can play.

Sportslate

Today
High school baseball
Twin Falls at Burley, 5 p.m.
Wood River at Jerome, 3 p.m.

High school golf
Twin Falls at SIC tournament, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hollow, girls at Warm Springs, 1 p.m.
Minerva vs. Hillcrest at Sand Creek Country Club, 10 a.m.

High school softball
Wendell at Buhl, 4 p.m.
Jerome at Glenns Ferry, 3 p.m.
Twin Falls at Mountain Home

High school track
J-Club Invitational at Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
Rienfield, Hansen, Kimberly at Carey, 2 p.m.

High school tennis
Wood River at Jerome, 2:30 p.m.

Bobcat girls rip Pocatello

By Kevin Miller
Times-News writer

BURLEY—Detroit automakers have seen more strikes than Bobcat hitters did Wednesday from Pocatello pitchers. Burley (3-9) walked around the bases like they were a parade route, taking both ends of the 14-pitch softball doubleheader. The Bobcats managed only five hits between the two games, but were awarded first base 36 times via walks.

“We just told them to make the pitcher work,” Burley coach Leonard Horton said after his team scored 17-6 and 24-9 wins over Pocatello. Indian pitchers struggled in every inning to find the plate, but none more than the first inning of game two. Twenty-two Burley batters went to the plate in the inning before three Pocatello pitchers could record three outs.



KEVIN MILLER/The Times-News

Meagan Kirk's tag at the plate was too late to get Pocatello's Annie Colvin on Wednesday, but Burley still won both games of the Region III doubleheader.

Trainclads compete

Mai, Farris renew rivalry; Gooding, Raft River take team titles

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

GOODING—The matter of the Class A district- and domination-halting another run Wednesday afternoon and three-defending state champion Ross Farris came within a foot of attaining his goal. Filler junior Travis Mai nipped Farris in the 100-meter dash, both being accorded an 11-foot and Farris broke a stretch dull in the final 20 yards to beat Mai by perhaps a yard in the 200-meters. Raft River's Luke Udy provided the quartetmate test to Farris, who survived the test by inches, both runners again receiving identical times—52.04.



BUDDY CHAMBERS/MAGNET/The Times-News
Murtaugh's Thayne Hurd clears 10-foot 6-inches to capture first place over Raft River's Drew Williams in the pole vault during Wednesday's track meet in Gooding.

“It just doesn't feel good yet. Maybe it's up here,” he said, tapping a finger on his forehead. Glens Ferry Coach Bill Brock interjected “at least you ran (the 200) right today all the way through.” And the surprising Farris simply answered “and maybe he (Mai) just let me win.” Still, the dashes were the highlight of a 12-school meet that started in rain and wind and ended up under pretty fair evening conditions. The Gooding boys took their division with 101 points against 94 for runner-up Buhl.

The Senators won three of the four relays and got their only individual win from discus thrower Josaha Zatica at 127 feet, 6 inches. Senior sprinter Jason Reinke ran on two of the relays and picked up points in the 100 and long jump. Farris added up a three-event winner, ending the long jump to his long sprint wins. Mai won the high hurdles to go with his win in the 100 and second spot in the 200. Casey Gramine doubled for Valley in the two distances. For the girls, Wendell's Christine Davis was a triple winner, taking the high jump, 200- and 400-meter dashes to help the Trojans notch a second-place team finish behind Raft River. Jenny Nelson of Gooding won the two long distances and Mendi Ponton, Glens Ferry, doubled in the hurdles.

Days events:
Track: 100—G 101-100, 2-100; 200—S 131-124, 3-114, 4-102; 400—S 142-136, 5-124, 6-120, 7-114, 8-102; 800—S 156-148, 2-140, 3-132, 4-124, 5-116, 6-108, 7-100, 8-92; 1000—S 168-160, 2-150, 3-142, 4-134, 5-126, 6-118, 7-110, 8-102; 1500—S 180-172, 2-162, 3-154, 4-146, 5-138, 6-130, 7-122, 8-114, 9-106, 10-98; 2000—S 192-184, 2-176, 3-168, 4-160, 5-152, 6-144, 7-136, 8-128, 9-120, 10-112, 11-104, 12-96; 3000—S 204-196, 2-188, 3-180, 4-172, 5-164, 6-156, 7-148, 8-140, 9-132, 10-124, 11-116, 12-108; 4000—S 216-208, 2-200, 3-192, 4-184, 5-176, 6-168, 7-160, 8-152, 9-144, 10-136, 11-128, 12-120; 5000—S 228-220, 2-212, 3-204, 4-196, 5-188, 6-180, 7-172, 8-164, 9-156, 10-148, 11-140, 12-132; 6000—S 240-232, 2-224, 3-216, 4-208, 5-200, 6-192, 7-184, 8-176, 9-168, 10-160, 11-152, 12-144; 7000—S 252-244, 2-236, 3-228, 4-220, 5-212, 6-204, 7-196, 8-188, 9-180, 10-172, 11-164, 12-156; 8000—S 264-256, 2-248, 3-240, 4-232, 5-224, 6-216, 7-208, 8-200, 9-192, 10-184, 11-176, 12-168; 9000—S 276-268, 2-260, 3-252, 4-244, 5-236, 6-228, 7-220, 8-212, 9-204, 10-196, 11-188, 12-180; 10000—S 288-280, 2-272, 3-264, 4-256, 5-248, 6-240, 7-232, 8-224, 9-216, 10-208, 11-200, 12-192; 11000—S 300-292, 2-284, 3-276, 4-268, 5-260, 6-252, 7-244, 8-236, 9-228, 10-220, 11-212, 12-204; 12000—S 312-304, 2-296, 3-288, 4-280, 5-272, 6-264, 7-256, 8-248, 9-240, 10-232, 11-224, 12-216.

Relays events:
100—S 100-100, 2-100, 3-100, 4-100; 200—S 200-200, 2-200, 3-200, 4-200; 400—S 400-400, 2-400, 3-400, 4-400; 800—S 800-800, 2-800, 3-800, 4-800; 1600—S 1600-1600, 2-1600, 3-1600, 4-1600; 3200—S 3200-3200, 2-3200, 3-3200, 4-3200; 6400—S 6400-6400, 2-6400, 3-6400, 4-6400; 12800—S 12800-12800, 2-12800, 3-12800, 4-12800.

Field events:
Shot put—S 30-30, 2-30, 3-30, 4-30; Discus—S 100-100, 2-100, 3-100, 4-100; Javelin—S 200-200, 2-200, 3-200, 4-200; Hammer—S 400-400, 2-400, 3-400, 4-400; Baseball—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300; Softball—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300; Football—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300; Basketball—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300; Tennis—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300; Golf—S 300-300, 2-300, 3-300, 4-300.

Are Bulls best ever?

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE—The greatest team ever? Not yet. The Chicago Bulls didn't earn that distinction just by setting the best regular-season record in NBA history with their 70th victory of the season Tuesday night. The debate, however, has already begun.

“What they've done is quite a feat,” coach Mike D'Antoni said after the Milwaukee Bucks said after his team nearly played spoiler before losing 86-80.

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The Chicago Bulls beat the Milwaukee Bucks for 83 by setting the greatest first-round playoff victory, 62-48, in the Los Angeles Lakers vs. 77.

“Are they the best team ever? They've got three of the best defenders (Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman) that compare to any team ever in the best non-center rebounder or even in Rodman, the best point guy ever in Michael. “But they'd have to win a championship before comparing them to all-time teams.” Reaching 70 victories was a goal the Bulls set early in the season, and met despite the suspension of Rodman, the injuries to Pippen and Luc Longley, the complaints of Toni Kukoc and the distraction of upcoming free agency for Jordan and coach Phil Jackson.

But the big “seven-oh” doesn't make the Bulls better than the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers, a team that went 69-13 in the regular season and went on to win a championship behind Jerry West, Gail Goodrich and Wilt Chamberlain. Or the 1967-68 Philadelphia 76ers, who were 68-13 and also won a title with Chamberlain.

Or even the 1991-92 Bulls, a team that started 36-5 and won its second of three straight championships. Basketball is still a team game, and the last team standing is the best. Chicago can finish 73-9 by winning its last three games, but the playoffs haven't started and the Bulls haven't won anything yet. “This puts our names in the history books, but it doesn't have the same effect as winning a championship,” Jordan said.

Jordan, who retired in 1993 after the Bulls won their third straight title, came back last season only to play a part in the team's playoff loss to the Orlando Magic. His first full season back has been an absolute triumph. Jordan will win his eighth scoring title and almost surely will be awarded his fourth league MVP.

Right now, though, 70 wins barely makes Jordan's top 10 list. “It depends on what accomplishments you're talking about. I've had quite a few,” Jordan said.

WSU star looks at pro career - but in which sport?

The Associated Press

'A lot of it is just wait and see.'

— Mark Hendrickson, WSU basketball and baseball player

The Washington State University senior has no sure bets, but is confident he will get paid handsomely to play something, be it baseball or basketball. Hendrickson is in Phoenix this week at an NBA scouting combine and may attend another one in Chicago in early June. After that came the major league baseball and NBA drafts, scheduled June 13 and June 26, respectively. Meanwhile, Hendrickson is finishing work toward his business degree.

“A lot of it is just wait and see,” he said in a recent phone interview from Pullman. “There's still a couple of months left in college, and I want to enjoy it. You can't rush things.” The 21-year-old is at the end of a collegiate sports career that has brought him a wealth of accolades on the basketball court and a healthy share on the baseball diamond as well. In basketball, Hendrickson finished

with a school career record in field-goal percentage (56.7 percent) and ended up second in rebounds (927) and third in scoring (1,496 points). It was an all-Pacific-10 Conference first-team selection in his junior and senior years and finished his career as the conference's active leader in doubling-double games for points and rebounding with 43. Hendrickson's collegiate baseball career has attracted far less notice, in part because he played just one year with the Cougars and posted unimpressive numbers as a pitcher. He finished the 1994 season 0-2 with 18 strikeouts and a 6.43 earned-run average. However, Hendrickson has been selected in the major league draft each year since high school, including last

spring, when the Detroit Tigers picked him in the 15th round. The major league interest has been due in part to Hendrickson's performance in summer semipro leagues the past two seasons in Pennsylvania. He may return there this summer, and also is considering joining the Cougars pitching staff in mid-season after this spring, tense season. The 1992 Mount Vernon High graduate grew up playing basketball, baseball, football, soccer and tennis. He narrowed his focus to the first two sports over the years and says he has an equal love for both. “If you were to put me in the pro tomorrow in basketball and baseball, I'd probably be farther along in basketball,” he said. “But in baseball, the possibilities are endless.”

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Red Wings earn win

The Associated Press

The Detroit Red Wings, the NHL's best team in the regular season, were victorious again in their first game of the playoffs. Another division winner, the Pittsburgh Penguins, flopped.

The Red Wings, seeking their first Stanley Cup since 1955, scored three goals in a 2-21 span of the third period and beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-1 Wednesday night in their Western Conference opener.

Kris Draper, Vlastislav Konecny, Greg Johnson and Paul Coffey scored for Detroit, which won an NHL-record 62 games during the regular season. Alexei Zhamnov scored for Winnipeg.

The Penguins, who won the Northeast Division with 102 points, blew a three-goal lead and lost at home to the Washington Capitals 6-4.

Todd Kryger scored twice during the comeback by the Capitals, who held Mario Lemieux and Jaromir Jagr, the NHL's two top scorers, to a total of three assists.

In other playoff openers Wednesday night, Florida beat Boston 6-3 and Chicago downed Calgary 4-1.

NHL playoffs

Game 2 of the other four series will be played Thursday night, with Tampa Bay Phoenix, St. Louis at Toronto, Montreal at the New York Rangers, and Vancouver at Colorado. Philadelphia, St. Louis, Montreal and Colorado will play Game 3.

Winnipeg scored first against Detroit, but the Red Wings tied it early in the third period on Draper's goal. Fetisov took a backhanded pass from Sergei Fedorov and scored the go-ahead goal at 2:06, then Johnson made it 3-1 just 42 seconds later.

The Jets, who had matched the speedy Red Wings stride for stride until then, began to play a more physical game after that. Coffey's goal, which made it 4-1, came at 8:07 while Darren Shattenkirk was off for cross-checking Vladimir Kostantinov.

The Capitals, the second-lowest scoring team in the playoffs, scored the final five goals after the heavily favored Penguins opened 4-1 lead. Backup goaltender Olaf Kolzig went out Pittsburgh for the final 28:51.

Tigers edge Indians

The Times-News

JEROME - It took 24 hours and seven innings, but Jerome swept a doubleheader and climbed back into the A-2, District 4 baseball race.

Byron Jacobson scored on a 1-2 minor league dribbler down the third-base line in the bottom of the seventh for a 3-2 Tiger victory, sliding home ahead of the third man.

The win moves the Tigers to 4-8 overall, 2-2 in league play heading into today's doubleheader with Wood River (0-2). But falls to 11-2 and 4-2.

The game was delayed by rain Tuesday evening, tied 1-1 after two innings. Play resumed in the third Wednesday evening.

Jerome pitcher Matt Thompson threw his first complete game of the year, striking out nine and giving up just one hit and seven walks.

He tied the game at 2-2 in the third, singling home Wes Bauer who reached on a base hit earlier in the inning.

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Local sports

The Jensen and Dan Price both drove in four runs for Mino in the opener.

In game two, Ben Frank kept the Broncos off balance and scoreless for three innings in a 1-3 victory.

Mino scored seven runs in the second inning, swept by four Blackfoot errors. "We swung the bat pretty well today. We also got some good hitting and speed defense," Spartan coach Russ Wright said.

Game one
Mino 12-0
Blackfoot 0-3
Game two
Mino 17-0
Blackfoot 0-0

Softball

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Burley at Wood River cancelled, snow

Softball

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The Bobcats never got another hit in the game, but they didn't need one. Potatello walked nine batters over the final two innings, issuing five free passes with the bases loaded.

A pair of bases loaded walks in the third inning turned out to be the difference. With Burley trailing 16-15 after a nine-run Indian rally, pitcher Bobi Eckley drew a leadoff walk. Coach Harris followed her to first after being hit by a pitch, then Vicki Furd drew another free pass.

Potatello pitcher Kelly Clayton couldn't find the strike zone against Mandy Meredy, bringing home the tying run with a base on balls. It was not different when Clayton drew a walk to the plate.

Both games went only three innings before being called due to a 90-minute time limit.

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Burley 16-15
Potatello 15-16
Game two
Burley 16-15
Potatello 15-16

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Magic Valley

Ameristar to gamble on Las Vegas

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls-based Ameristar Casinos Inc. is eyeing the bright lights of Las Vegas for its fifth casino project, although one administrator says he doesn't know if any local jobs will disappear from southern Idaho. "We haven't focused on that at this time," said Tom Steinbauer, senior vice president of finance for Ameristar, which owns Cactus Petes Resort Casino, and Horseshoe Hotel and Casino in Jackpot, Nev.

Ameristar intends to merge with Gem Gaming Inc., a private company which is developing the Reserve Casino and Hotel in a southeast suburb of Las Vegas known as the Henderson-Green Valley area. The Reserve Casino and Hotel will join the company's collection of gambling ventures, including riverboat resorts in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Vicksburg, Miss. Ameristar also has eyed Cumberland, Md., as a place to build a hospitality and gambling project. Designed to open a tropical game preserve, the Reserve will take gamblers on "an exotic and mysterious safari adventure" from the stone fortress that greets patrons on the outside to the sculptures of elephants, giraffes, chimpanzees and rhinoceroses and 24-foot-tall trees inside. Under terms of the merger, Ameristar

will exchange 7.5 million shares of common stock for the Reserve Casino and Hotel. The casino and hotel are expected to open Oct. 1 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameristar. Steven Reibel, chief executive officer of Gem Gaming, will become vice president of Ameristar. He is a successful contractor and real estate developer in Nevada, according to a news release from Ameristar. "The merger with Gem will enhance shareholder value and allow Ameristar to continue its constant, steady growth by expanding into the largest gaming market in the country," said Craig Neilson, president and CEO of Ameristar in a prepared statement. The southeast area of Las Vegas is

"fast-growing," and the Reserve Casino and Hotel will attract residents and visitors from Arizona and California to its 53-acre site alongside Interstate 515, the statement said. In two phases, the Reserve will eventually include 1,500 hotel rooms, 2,000 slot machines, 35 table games, restaurants, and meeting and convention facilities. The Reserve will open with about 1,000 slot machines, 35 table games, a 225-room hotel and a variety of diverse dining and retail options. "The Nevada Gaming Commission will probably decide whether to approve the merger sometime in September," Steinbauer said.

Around the valley

Couple killed when truck plunges off dam

TWIN FALLS — A Rogerson couple was killed when their pickup plunged 250 feet off the Salmon Falls Creek Dam into the canyon.

Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies discovered the wreckage early Wednesday morning after Sandra and Daniel Brierley didn't return home Tuesday evening, said Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey.

Twin Falls County Search and Rescue workers began rappelling down the dam about three hours later at sunrise Wednesday morning, and worked for six hours to hoist the victims to the top of the dam, Tousey said. Later, crews from Twin Falls, Body and Paint used a crane to lift the pickup truck from the bottom of the canyon, he said.

Tousey said he didn't know what might have gone wrong. The Brierleys had gone to the Roseworth Hotel Tuesday, had dinner with a friend, and called family members at about 4 p.m. to say they were returning home, he said.

The family became worried at about 8 p.m. and searched for the pair, around 2:30 a.m., they notified the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department, Tousey said. Deputies discovered the green, 1995 Ford pickup lying on its hood at the base of the dam several miles west of Rogerson, but few marks on Three Creek Road above the dam indicate what might have happened, Tousey said.

Great Dane euthanized after February attack on toddler

TWIN FALLS — A Great Dane puppy that snatched a 3-year-old boy in February was killed by lethal injection Wednesday after a judge ruled the dog was "vicious."

Magistrate Charles Brumbaugh's ruling fell under a new city law that speeds up the destruction of vicious dogs, said Laurie Simonds, director of the Twin Falls Animal Shelter.

"Bitch" and two other dogs attacked Kevin Horton, 3, behind his house on Feb. 22. He was hospitalized and required 27 stitches. The owner, John Ricks, argued during a hearing last week that animal shelter officials had no permission to enter his property, and the law on destruction of dogs is vague, Simonds said.

Ricks could not be reached for comment Wednesday. A May 8 hearing will be held at the Twin Falls County Courthouse to determine whether to destroy the other dogs, a pit bull and an Airedale, Simonds said.

Twin Falls Highway District commissioners to meet Friday

TWIN FALLS — Commissioners for the Twin Falls Highway District will meet at 1 p.m. Friday in the district office at 1234 Highland Ave. E.

Agenda items include a bike route, a turn lane on Falls Avenue East, seal coating and a weed-control contract. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call 733-4062.

Hospital board holds special meeting tonight on property

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's hospital board is holding a special meeting tonight to discuss the potential acquisition of property.

After the 7 p.m. closed executive session, the board will have an open session. The meeting will be held in the Whow Room of the hospital's Education Center, which is north of the hospital's main building.

Hospital Administrator John Bingham said he could not elaborate on what will be discussed.

Compiled from staff reports



Learning 'El Mosquito Sorano,' Horizon Elementary students in Jerome enjoy hoisting like mountain mosquitos in a cultural dance taught by Carla Sierra of Pocatello.

Jerome school sponsors Latin artists

By Tom Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — For four weeks, Horizon Elementary students will "visit" Mexico through an imaginary geographical tour featuring costumes, dance, songs and folklore.

Pocatello-based El Sol, the husband and wife team of Carla Sierra and Laurie Reale, travel the Northwest telling the cultural history of Latin countries to students of all ages.

Sierra and Reale (they swapped surnames in a twist of Mexican tradition), offer the dance-and-music program as a means of strengthening the bridge

between cultures. "We do this by bringing more awareness of the multicultural aspects of our lives and by teaching the people to see similarities rather than differences," Sierra said.

Reale also teaches the supporting crafts, including costume making, masks and cultural history appropriate to the dances taught.

While the primary emphasis is teaching cultural awareness across the demographic spectrum, Sierra says his program builds self-esteem within the Mexican-American population when youngsters see that others want to learn more about their culture.

Sierra and Reale participate in Silvia Dill's music class each day courtesy of an Artist in Residence grant from the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

The couple will wrap up their month-long program with a concert on May 3 at Horizon Elementary.

The 6 p.m. show will feature the seven-member, Pocatello musical group, Grupo Echeal, accompanied by students from Dill's first, fifth and sixth grade classes.

An open house is scheduled to begin at 5:30. The public is invited to attend the concert. A \$100 donation is encouraged for admission. Children will be admitted free.

Decision '96

Curious about candidates' opinions? Tell us what you'd like to know from would-be lawmakers, commissioners, pros-ecutors, sheriffs and clerks around the Magic Valley. We'd like to include questions from the public in our pre-election coverage. To give us your questions for primary-election candidates, leave a short message at The Times-News 733-9231 Ext. 230. Please include your name, county and telephone number.

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Fox says substitute teachers need 1 background check

The Associated Press

BOISE — Substitute teachers don't need to get separate criminal checks for every school district in which they teach, Schools Superintendent Anne Fox says.

Fox has been on a tour of the state discussing new laws passed by the 1996 Legislature.

One requires criminal background checks for school district employees who have been with the district five or fewer years.

Fox said a common concern brought up by school officials has been substitute teachers, who often teach in more than one district. The issue arose in Twin Falls last

week as substitutes pointed out that they frequently work for multiple districts and wondered whether they would have to pay for separate background checks with each district.

She said substitute teachers will be required to have only one background check, and that documentation will be sent to each district in which the substitute teaches.

Schools offers with five or fewer years of service will have to pay the \$40 cost. Districts can ask school staff with more than five years of service to undergo the same criminal history check, but the district will have to pay for it.

The legislation covers all classified, administrative and instructional staff.

Minnick calls for Craig probe

The Associated Press

BOISE — Democratic Senate challenger Walt Minnick called for a Justice Department investigation on Wednesday into allegations that the staff of Republican Sen. Larry Craig illegally interfered in a Bureau of Land Management appointment.

"Who does he think he is — above the law?" the Boise businessman asked. "He seems to think as a U.S. senator he's above the law. That's what I object to."

Craig campaign manager Mike Remondino discounted the charge as politically motivated and said there was no violation of federal laws in the handling of the selection of a BLM district manager for eastern Idaho.



Minnick said he would formally ask for the federal inquiry into allegations raised last week by the Craig aide Norman Arsenault told state BLM Director Martha Hahn to rescind her decision to hire Sherry Sita. Please see MINNICK/C3

Obituaries

Burley



Joseph Alton Jensen
Joseph Alton Jensen, 86, of Burley, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996.

Mr. Jensen was born Feb. 7, 1910, at Fountain Green, Utah, the son of Joseph Peter and Nellie Vera Draper Jensen. He received his education in Fountain Green and Monticello, Utah, graduating from the Monticello High School in 1929. He married Lois Jensen on Oct. 25, 1934, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Following their marriage, he resided in Woodville (near Shelley), Idaho, where he was employed in farming. They moved to Burley in 1939, where they continued to farm.

Alton was a professional painter. He was a member of the LDS Church where he had served as a Scout master, Deacons Quorum advisor, counselor and secretary in the Young Men's organization, was a home teacher, and at the time of death was a high priest in the Burley 3rd Ward. Alton loved painting, fishing and family reunions.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Jensen of Burley; his son and his wife, Alton Lee and Teresa Jensen of Burley; two daughters and their husbands, Deanne and Max Barney of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Gwen and Joseph Beck of Burley; four sisters, Nella V. Sperry of Heber, Utah, Vera Chappell of Safford, Calif., Gloria Lyntne of Kearns, Utah, and Shirley Lamb of Salt Lake City; 17 grandchildren; and 51 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Joan Jensen; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 19, 1996, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave., Burley, with Bishop Darrell Roskelley officiating. Interment will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Buhl



Victor Dutton
Victor Dutton, 83, of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born June 18, 1913, in Koya Pahia County, Neb., the son of Lawrence and Ruth Fanner Dutton. From the age of 10, he lived with his maternal grandparents, Ben and Lucy Pamler. He grew up in Springview, Neb., and attended schools there. On Feb. 16, 1935, he married Darline Runyan in Winnet, S.D. They moved to Idaho in 1946 and raised their three daughters in Buhl. Darline preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 1993, he married Edna Bruffler. They farmed in Buhl and also worked at the Buhl Elevator and retired from Shields in Buhl. In the retirement, he worked at Green Giant.

Mr. Dutton was active in the Buhl United Methodist Church. He loved camping, fishing, traveling, and spending time at the cabin. His greatest love was Edna and his family.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Bruffler Dutton, three children, Julie (Jerry) Hawkins of Boise, Audrey (Dorey) Hawkins of Pasco, Wash., and Sharon (Gerry) Theener of Twin Falls, one stepson, Alan (Barbara) Bruffler of Brent, Wash.; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Paul Monroe of Valentine, Neb., and Louis Monroe of Springview, Neb.; three sisters;

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Dranna Buck of Scottsdale, Ariz., the wife of Edward Buck, died in a fall in the 1950s. She was the daughter of a pioneer family. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She was a devoted mother and a loving wife. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, and her parents. She is survived by her children, her grandchildren, and her great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 1996, at the Buhl United Methodist Church, 221 W. Main St. in Buhl. Burial will be in the Buhl Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Buhl United Methodist Church, 221 W. Main St., Buhl, ID 83316. Burial Chalice, 203 Broadway Ave. N., Buhl, ID 83316, is the equity of the donor's choice.



Ronald E. Laib
Ronald Eugene Laib, 57, of Buhl, died Monday, April 15, 1996, at the home of his parents in Glens Ferry.

Ronald was born July 9, 1938, in Twin Falls, the son of Alfred and Loyola Vozz Laib. Ron moved to King Hill at the age of five, and graduated from Glens Ferry High School. Ron farmed with his dad for several years and worked as a welder.

He is survived by his parents, Alfred and Loyola Laib, a sister, Donna Byboe, and a brother, Dennis Laib, all of Glens Ferry; three children, Tony Willis of Glens Ferry, Robbie and Debbie Laib, one stepdaughter, Sandra Laib, one stepson, Jeff Laib, and one grandchild, Alan Knizer. Ron will be missed by many friends throughout the Glens Ferry and Magic Valley areas.

Gravestone services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at the Rest Cemetery in Glens Ferry with Pastor David Glass officiating. Services are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Kimberly



Floyd J. Langford
Floyd J. Langford, 78, of Washington, Utah, and formerly of Kimberly, passed away Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in the presence of his beloved wife of 54 years and lived his 10 children.

He was born Jan. 15, 1918, in Webb, Ariz., to Jefferson Jones Langford and Maureta Johnson. He was married to Iona McFie on June 5, 1941, in the Mesa, Ariz., Temple.

Floyd was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He had the opportunity of serving two missions in the southern states, the first as a young man and the second with his wife. He and his wife were also temple workers in the Boise, Idaho, Temple.

While in high school in Mesa, he was a star athlete. He was team captain in football, basketball and track. He received the first football scholarship ever to Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

During World War II, he was a bomber pilot in the European theater. After the war, he stayed in the Air Force as a regular commander and retired in 1963. He was stationed all over the world as a SAC commander. After military retirement, he became a land developer, operated the Red Caboose Pizza Co., was a home builder, and anything else to keep busy.

Wendell



Ronald C. Taylor
Ronald C. Taylor, 64, a Wendell resident, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Ronald (Ron) was born Dec. 16, 1931, in Wendell, to Rose and Adolph Collins Taylor. He married Barbara Marlow on June 22, 1959, in Wendell. Ronald, along with his brother, Glen, operated Gem-Ida Holstein Farm there. Heed, started the dairy with only two Holstein cows in 1936. Ronald, Glen and Ron's sons, Rodney and Jim, formed a corporation in 1982, called Taylor Farms Inc. Ronald had always followed a strict care of his animals and his crops.

Ronald served as a 4-H leader for over 17 years. He also acted as dairy superintendent for the Gooding County Fair. In 1986, a leader in the state of Idaho, Ronald had served as a voting delegate for Mountain Empire Dairyman's Association for two years. Western Dairyman's Cooperative. The Taylor family have marketed Grade A milk for over 48 years. Ronald served on the DHA Board of Directors for over 20 years. He and his family have raised registered Holstein cattle since 1936, and he had belonged to local, state and national Holstein associations.

Ronald passed his love for Holstein cattle onto every one of his six children. He and his brother, Glen, were the first dairymen to be inducted into the Southern Idaho Livestock Hall of Fame. In 1993, Ronald was presented the honor by the Idaho State Holstein Association as Senior Holstein Breeder.

Ronald served with the U.S. Army from May of 1951 to May 1953, serving 18 months in Japan during the Korean War. He was a member of the Wendell American Legion Post No. 41.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Taylor of Wendell; four daughters, Janet (Ray) Goffin and Kay Taylor of Kimberly, Idaho; Mary Ann Taylor of Wendell and Candi Taylor of Moscow, Idaho; two sons, Rodney Taylor, both of Wendell; his mother, Adelaide Taylor of Wendell; two brothers, Wayne (Arlene) Taylor of Logan, Utah, and Glen Taylor of Wendell; and two sisters, Lois (Derald) Glenn of Kimberly and Mary Lou Taylor of Boise. Ronald also had five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He will be greatly missed by all family and friends. The family suggests memorials be given to the Gooding County 4-H Fund. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 20, 1996, at the Wendell LDS Church by Bishop Sherman Young. Burial will follow at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Obituary

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Wendell

Linda Hendrix Dietrich
Linda Hendrix Dietrich, 52, of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Wendell, died April 4, 1996, of cancer.

Memorial services were held April 9 in Portland. Linda was born July 22, 1943 in Ely, Nev. to Allen E. and Frances Hendrix. The family moved to Bellevue where she started school.

When Linda was in the eighth grade, the family moved to Wendell where Linda loved school. After graduation she attended Twin Falls Business School and from there she went to a job in California. Later a friend moved to a job in Montana, and she was asked to come work for him. She had several other jobs in Montana. She met and married Don Dietrich of Bling, Mont. They have two children, a son, Michael and a daughter, Wendy (Rod) Schuchman, and also two grandchildren, Linda left behind her parents, three sisters, Judy, Heidi and Cecelia, City, Tex.; James (Bram) Barton of San Antonio, Texas; and Gene (David) Griffin of Boise, one brother, Paul (Cotton) Hendrix of Wendell, and several friends, nephews, uncles and aunts.

Linda went back to school after she had started her family and was a member of the Natter & Deane List of Outstanding Students. She had a great love of gardening and plants and crafts, much of which she sold or gave away.

Death notices

Stephanie Aguirre
Stephanie Aguirre, daughter of Ron and Shirleen Eastman Aguirre of Twin Falls, was stillborn on Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Billy J. Kidd
DECLO - Billy J. Kidd, 73, of Springdale, died Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Gerald C. Edinborough
GOODING - Gerald C. Edinborough, 88, of Gooding, died Wednesday, April 17, 1996, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Emma Spurgeon
HEYBURN - Emma Spurgeon, 92, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at the Gooding Regional Medical Center in Burley. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo, with the Rev. Stephan W. Ross officiating. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley and one hour before the funeral on Monday at the church.

Sandy Brierley
HOLLISTER - Sandy Brierley, 44, of Hollister, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at Salmon Creek Dam of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Daniel L. Brierley
HOLLISTER - Daniel L. Brierley, 46, of Hollister, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at Salmon Creek Dam of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

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Harold M. Pownall
NANPA - Harold M. Pownall, 72, of Nampa, died Monday, April 15, 1996, at a Nampa Hospital. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Persons-Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Nampa.

Services

Merle K. Cherry, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 10 a.m. today, Idaho State Veterans Home, Boise. Graveside service, 2 p.m. Friday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Joseph Owens, of Rupert, 11 a.m. today, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the funeral chapel.

Albert Meyer, of Paul, 2 p.m. today, Paul Congregational Church, 121 N. Second. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Marian S. Horner, of Paul, 3 p.m. today, Burley, United Methodist Church, 27th and Almo. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Beulah Johnson, of Gooding, graveside service, 10:30 a.m. Friday, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding, (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Richard Samuel King, of Portland, Ore., and formerly of Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Friday, Bible Temple, 9200 NE Fremont St., Portland, (Gable and Parkrose Funeral Chapel in Portland).

Claude Wayne Saylor, of Rupert, 2 p.m. Friday, Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St. Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the funeral chapel.

Helen McWilliams, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 10 a.m. Saturday, Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

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Shirley Braun, Jennifer Durfee, Santiago Rendon and Carl Smith, all of Burley; Juan Hernandez, Tacia Jensen and Helen Temple, all of Rupert; Orvil Wickel and Tina Wright, both of Malta; and Lisa Standlee of Eden.

Released
Lena Cooper, Monica Davis, Wesley Doty, Martha Holcomb and Brandon Tracy, all of Burley; Debbie Emmert and Kerrie Terry, both of Heyburn; Rosa Marrinena of Rupert; Kenneth Stevens of Paul; and Monica Rodriguez of Phoenix, Ariz.

Births
A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Durfee of Burley; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Standlee of Eden; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mark Oakley; and to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Jensen of Rupert.

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Admitted
Jose Vega, Margaret Hurdy and Jessie Leon, all of Rupert.

Released
Jessie Leon and Judith Haas, both of Rupert.

Game farm is burned down

LAVA HOT SPRINGS (AP) - Ligterton, a squall game farm where African lions on the loose terrorized the Lava Hot Springs community, is being demolished. About 15 Bannock County highway employees wearing respirators and protective suits began cleaning up the compound Tuesday. The work is expected to take several days. The cleanup began because Ligterton operators Robert Fieber and Dotti Martin, both 57, failed to apply for a permit by Tuesday to bring the compound's structure, plumbing and electricity up to building codes. The compound also was considered a public health hazard.

County officials condemned Ligterton last fall after lions escaped from ramshackle cages surrounding the couple's mobile home. Nineteen of the cubs eventually were killed. Thirty officials who have tried to make Fieber and Martin comply with zoning and animal care laws for nearly a decade watched the cleanup.

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Telephone book delivery under way

TWIN FALLS — Door-to-door delivery of the 1996-97 West Direct White and Yellow Pages telephone books is under way in Twin Falls, Burley and surrounding areas. The new directory also will be available in a compact size that contains all the information in the standard book but is scaled down by 18 percent for convenience. Delivery is scheduled to be completed by April 29. Anyone who does not receive a book, needs additional copies or wants a compact version should call 1-800-422-8793.

Dept of Ed awards Twin Falls schools

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Education recently awarded two Twin Falls schools for passing their accreditation with flying colors.

Twin Falls High School and O'Leary Junior High School received "merit awards" for several innovative programs for students and teachers, according to a district news release.

A program at Twin Falls High School helps students pursue health care careers, such as nurses aides. Twin Falls High School helps teachers district-wide learn instructional techniques such as "teaming," which organizes subjects into a core curriculum and sets parameters on the number of teachers a student sees every day.

The state's "approved with merit" is a three-year award contingent upon each school's ability to meet merit criteria and maintain merit programs, the release said.

Public library meeting is Saturday

TWIN FALLS — City councilmen, public library trustees and the library foundation board will hold their annual joint meeting on Saturday to discuss budgets and goals for the Twin Falls Public Library.

The meeting begins at 8 a.m. at the library, 434 Second St. E., and is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

Columbia, Snake endangered

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Threats from grazing, logging and hydropower dams led an environmental group Wednesday to name the Columbia and Snake river systems the nation's sixth most "endangered" waterway.

American Rivers has developed an endangered river list each year for more than a decade.

The rivers covered in the 1996 report span 38 states, and the majority of risks are attributed to mining, logging, grazing and agriculture activity too close to the banks. The result, the group claims, is that 40 percent of the nation's waterways are unfit for swimming or fishing.

"All across America, rivers, our major source of drinking water, are threatened by everything from dams and pollution to the Summer Olympics," said Rebecca Wodder, president of American Rivers.

"But the biggest threat to rivers this year comes from Congress' aggressive attack on our natural resources," she said. "Whether the issue is the Clean Water Act or the Endangered Species Act, salvage logging or pork barrel-water-projects, congressional actions have had a dramatic, direct, negative impact on rivers. We must take steps now to fix it in the self-interest of all of us to have clean water, healthy ecosystems and high-quality outdoor recreational

opportunities." The most endangered river was the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River — for the third straight year — because of threats from the proposed Crown Butte gold mine at the river's headwaters and two and a half miles northeast of Yellowstone National Park.

The report says the Columbia and Snake river system has been harmed by "unregulated grazing" that is eroding stream banks, destroying plant life and raising stream temperature. Logging is leaving large amounts of sediment in the river and eliminating aquatic habitat and weakening water quality.

Nineteen federal power and irrigation dams along the system, the report says, are pushing salmon runs to the brink of extinction by eliminating the spring surge that flushes the young fish to sea.

"The Columbia River system is fabled from the time of Lewis and Clark," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., who was on hand for American Rivers' release of the report. "Now we can virtually name each salmon in that river."

Congressional critics charge that much of the money spent on saving salmon has been wasted and new methods need to be found. A group called Northwesters for More Fish — comprised of industry and Washington public relations companies — suggests more bargaining of fish around the dams.

Pair arrested following robbery

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — An armed robbery and an accomplice held up Heyburn convenience store Tuesday evening, getting away with close to \$400, according to a police report.

But before the pair left town they stopped at a second Heyburn market and were apprehended by police.

Johnny Cantu, 31, of Hanford, Calif., was charged with armed robbery, driving under the influence and driving without privileges. Rudy Pena, 36, of Rupert, also was charged with armed robbery. Both men were arraigned Wednesday and are in the Mini-Cass Jail, according to Sgt. Lamar Hurst, Cassia County Sheriff's Department.

It was only the fifth day on the job as a clerk at Tony's Market for Larissa Warren. She was alone in the store on Highway 30 at about 7 p.m. when Pena came in, looked around, bought a pack of cigarettes and left, she said.

Approximately 10 minutes later Cantu entered the store. Warren asked him if he needed help, and he pointed a .22-caliber pistol at her head. He then placed a paper sack on the counter and told her to put money from the cash register in the bag, she said.

Cantu then told Warren to go into the store's back room, keep quiet and stay put, or he would blow her head off, she said.

"I didn't panic but it did scare me," she said. "I don't care if it was a little gun or not, it feels like a

cannon when it's pointed between your eyes and in your back."

Heyburn Police Officer Jerry Blythe arrived at Tony's Market shortly after the robbery and transmitted a description of the robber from Warren over a two-way radio. Shortly after that Deputy Les Swo of the Minidoka — Sheriff's Department radioed that he saw a person fitting the description of the robber driving a blue car with Washington license plates.

Swo then followed the car to Larry's Food Center at 1013 J St. Heyburn Sgt. Kirby Harkness also was at the scene and the two suspects were arrested, according to the report.

Inside the blue Toyota Civic the suspects were riding in, police found a .22-caliber, semi-automatic

handgun, one live .22-caliber round, a black jacket and a paper bag. In one of the suspect's pockets, police also found a large amount of cash, according to the report.

Heyburn Police Chief Mike Green said the two men arrested have planned to rob Larry's Food Center also.

"It had to say what they would have done next, but it's my guess that they probably would have tried to rob Larry's also," he said.

Heyburn's last violent crime occurred about one year ago when a woman was robbed at gun point at her home, and her car was stolen, Chief Green said.

Cantu's bond is set at \$50,000 while Pena's bail is set at \$5,000, Hurst said.

Jerome Middle School plans bond issue strategy

By Bob Lundgren
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — After nearly a year of planning and public meetings, the Jerome Middle School Bond Committee launched its campaign to have a new middle school open by fall 1998.

Richard Bauseher, a consultant with Design West of Boise, presented a bond-purchase strategy for the 50 persons in the audience.

Developing all distribute brochures about the bond. Implement a voter-registration drive.

Survey the community to ensure the committee is headed in the right direction. School Superintendent Jim Cobble said the committee chairman decided to do a phone survey,

Horizon Elementary," Bauseher said of the bond passed a few years ago.

He outlined activities the bond committee should undertake:

Do as much person-to-person visiting as possible. Organize a group of telephone callers.

Make the advertising informative, yet upfront and honest. The committee must be supported with private donations.

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in early May, rather than using the mail due to time and accuracy factors.

Cobble did not specify exactly what would be included in the survey, but indicated the position of the callers would be that the committee has selected, as the best option, construction of a new middle school.

Persons may express their support or opposition to the middle school building, or may recommend other alternatives.

Cobble said members of the public are welcome to call the school district office after May 13 if they wish to be included in the survey.

Not only will the phone survey be used as a validation tool for supporting a new middle school bond or not, Cobble said he welcomes alternative ideas in solving the

school's crowding problems.

Jerome High School teacher, Judy Fredericksen said when the high school was designed 20 years ago, it was built to accommodate expansion at some point when it became overcrowded.

"I think we're missing the boat if we don't investigate that option," she said.

Committee chairman, Robert Bingham said, "I am for a new middle school, but I don't want to say I'm not open to listening to other options. Let's look at it, and then get on with it."

Later, Bingham said persons interested in participating on the committee should contact one of the three chairmen: Robert Bingham, Bryan Craig or Tom Nelson, or simply attend the next committee meeting.

Twin Falls receives community awards

The Associated Press

BOISE — The cities of Plummer, Cascade and Twin Falls have been honored by the state's development agency for community-development projects.

"These projects represent community innovation, cooperation, initiative and commitment," said Department of Commerce Director James Hawkins.

Hawkins presented the awards at the two-day Idaho Rural Community Development Conference, which ended Wednesday in Boise. Development experts from the Pacific Northwest discussed public-facility needs in rural Idaho.

Plummer city officials and the Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe were recognized for working together to develop a medical clinic. The city received a \$185,000 state grant toward the \$1.2 million cost. Today, the Plummer Medical Clinic provides health care to more than 4,000 people from Plummer, Worley, Teton, Desmet, Chandler and the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation.

Cascade residents were able to join together a downtown revitalization project that filled vacant buildings with businesses.

Hansen students will clean streets, alley for Johnny Horizon

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN — To show their appreciation for the city, local students will be cleaning the streets, alleys and vacant lots in preparation for Johnny Horizon Day on May 4.

Hansen students will participate in a "Quiet Pro Quo" day April 29 from 12:45 to 3 p.m. The students will help elderly or handicapped residents with their yards. Those who need help may call the school at 424-5593.

The collection trucks won't pick up tires, barrels, wire or refrigerators. The project will be under the direction of principal Rick Abel.

Russ Lively, architect for the new high school told spoke to the board on the progress and changes for the new structure. He said the plans will be submitted to the State Board of Education and the Labor and Industrial Services for approval. He estimated they should be ready for bids on the building sometime in July.

Bob Waynatt, maintenance superintendent, asked the board for permission to hire another cleaning person to help this summer. He said there wouldn't be much minor maintenance on the old building, but it would need to be cleaned because it will be used until the new building is completed.

Laurie Fishbaugh, high school publications instructor asked the board to budget \$500 in next

To get involved

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year's budget for the class. She said the group was spending so much time on fund-raising projects there wasn't enough time left for "hands on" experience on publicans and the year book.

Abel said a hike to the Striker Ranch is planned for the students and any other interested residents on the last day of school, May 23. Those participating will be bused back to the school for a barbecue in the afternoon.

Abel also said that Danielle Larsen and Jeanne Ratto received gold awards at the recent competition for the Future Homemakers of America held in Idaho Falls.

The new junior high classes for art and quilting had a good response with 16 and 17 students participating.

Superintendent Dennis Coulter announced that Abel had been elected vice-president of the Fourth District Principals Association during their meeting in Pocatello last week.

Minnick

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Amendments to the Hatch Act that Craig voted for in 1993 bar or oral or written recommendations from congressional employees on such personnel decisions.

Hahn said she refused to submit to the pressure, but then Sita was drawn to remain as a department budget analyst in Washington because she said she did not want

to start work in Idaho at odds with the congressional delegation.

Interior Department Solicitor John Lesby said in a March 7 letter to Craig that he had been told Arsenault had tried to influence the Sita decision, recounted the legal restrictions and urged Craig to make his staff aware of them.

In his response on Monday, several days after the situation became public, Craig said his own

inquiry led him to a different conclusion, but he told Lesby he took his advice and informed his staff of the law so there would be no questions raised in the future.

And Reynoldson said Arsenault had been asked for his opinion by Hahn, citing a Feb. 9 memorandum from the BLM saying that Hahn "would like the opportunity to talk with you about Sherry."

But BLM spokesman Jack Sept

said Hahn only wanted to explain her rationale for the appointment. Sita, not solicitor Arsenault's, directive to rescind the selection.

Sita's appointment drew widespread criticism because she did not have the requisite science or policy qualifications for the job. Hahn said the job has changed into one requiring consensus building and coordination of technical experts and Sita filled the

bill.

Reynoldson said it was Sita's qualifications — or lack of them — that prompted her to withdraw, not pressure from Craig.

And he denied Minnick's claim that the Sita incident is just part of a pattern of behind-the-scenes interference by Craig.

Minnick cited Regional Forest Service Supervisor Dan Humma's decision to quit in 1991 because of

"undue interference and pressure" from Craig and other conservative lawmakers.

And this week conservationists blamed Craig, at least partly, for pressuring the Interior Department's Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance to withdraw its vigorous objections to this year's salvage logging in the South Fork of the Salmon River drainage.

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Valley life

Concert cougher's ill wind does no good

DEAR ABBY: For our 3rd wedding anniversary, my husband took me to see "Miss Saigon" at Community's new Amphitheater. We had wonderful seats for this spectacular play, however, it was totally ruined by a very inconsiderate 60ish man who was seated directly behind me. He coughed incessantly during the entire performance.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

handling such a situation? I came very close to saying something, but I didn't want to stoop to his level of rudeness.

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DEAR SALLY: No one would deliberately cough during these circumstances, but since this gentleman (?) seated behind you made no effort to cover his mouth and had coughed so violently you felt your hair blowing, you would have been justified in turning around and asking him politely to please cover his mouth when he coughed.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 42-year-old man who has been divorced for four years. I have a 13-year-old daughter I'll call "Suzie." Since my divorce, it's been Suzie and me and no one else.

About eight months ago I met "a terrific lady with whom I'm very much in love. I never thought two people could have so much in common.

My problem: Whenever Jill and I make plans to go to dinner at a friend's house, Suzie expects to be right there between us. This was fine the first few times, but now it has become a problem. Suzie was supposed to stay with her mother during Easter vacation, but within 36 hours she was standing at my doorstep ready to come home. (She used to love going to her mother's.)

I have sat down with my daughter and told her I love her very much, and she'll always be important to me - but Jill and I need and want some time to ourselves. It hasn't worked. If I exclude Suzie she cries, calls us names and throws a fit. If I have reached the point where we have to speak around and lie in order to be alone.

How long must we endure this I plan on spending my life with Jill.

So far, she's been very understanding. What should I do?

-SUZIE'S DAD
DEAR DAD: Your problem stems from the extended period when it was you and Suzie and no one else. And you are expecting your child to reason like an adult, while she is fighting for her most precious possession - her dad. You have two choices: Be firm with your daughter and assert yourself as adults who need time and space for yourselves and refuse to be swayed by the tantrums. Or be prepared to wait until your daughter is ready for college or a life of her own before taking your relationship with Jill to another level.

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American Mothers chapter seeks quilt-makers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The local chapter of American Mothers Inc. needs people who are willing to make quilts out of donated fabric.

Since beginning the project last summer to provide quilts for needy infants, the local group has made about 100 quilts. In the future, the group will be working with the Community Action, Valley House, Salvation Army, Health and Welfare, several area hospitals and the College of Southern Idaho Refuge Center.

Sixteen different individuals or groups in the Magic Valley, varying from church youth groups to women in their 80s, have made and sewed the pieces to crib-size quilts of approximately 36 inches square or 36 inches by 48 inches.

According to Lorayne O-Smith, vice-president and local coordinator, the project has grown to include a clearinghouse between people who want to clean out their closets and those willing to make quilts but who are unable to afford to purchase the materials.

"We are topheavy with used material,"

Smith said. She said a clever person could probably even find material suitable for use as a pillowcase.

All the volunteers need is time to cut and sew the pieces to crib-size quilts of approximately 36 inches square or 36 inches by 48 inches.

Smith said several of the women, such as Ruth Wellbourn of Hazelton who has donated about 50 quilts, want a breather.

Anyone willing to work with the piece goods is encouraged to call Smith at 733-3521 or Winona Watson at 734-7818.

Anger-management programs aim to halt violence

By Kay Harvey

Knight-Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. - As emotions grow, anger is right up there in the top 10. It's for real.

But anger can get you in a heap of trouble.

Take a recent showdown at the state Capitol involving state Rep. Jeff Bertram. The Painesville lawmaker was almost ousted from his seat in the Minnesota House after 10 constituents complained he harassed, intimidated and bullied them.

Look at the case of Minnesota Timberwolves star guard Latiah Rider, convicted several months ago of fifth-degree assault after kicking a Mall of America bar manager during an argument.

Or consider any of dozens of scenarios involving less prominent people in which anger becomes the trigger for verbal or emotional abuse, assault, property damage or worse, including murder.

Anger is never the culprit, say professionals who have initiated classes in anger management to drive home this point.

There's a big difference between getting mad and getting even.

"We assume there are good reasons for men to be angry, but there are no good reasons to harm other

people or bludgeon others with their anger," says Mark Tongard, a clinical worker who created a class format at the Father's Resource Center in Minneapolis. "Anger itself is just energy. We're trying to help men learn to channel that energy in other ways."

As part of his official discipline, lawmaker Jeff Bertram was ordered to have a psychiatric evaluation for possible treatment for anger. And a judge ordered the Timberwolves' Rider into an anger-management program as part of his probation.

Increasing court referrals to anger-management counseling are a sign that verbal abuse and bullying - even minus the element of violence - are considered serious offenses, counselors say. And some see them as evidence of a Rambos-style mentality that could eventually lead to violence.

Logic included in comprehensive treatment programs for husbands, anger-management counseling popped up as an emphasis all its own much more recently. The Father's Resource Center added its multicultural classes titled "Dealing With Male Anger" a year ago.

The impetus was a recognition that men who participated in the center's family-law classes were indeed an angry lot. Often caught up in divorce and child custody bat-

les, many are angry at the system.

"The staff was saying, 'We can offer them legal help. But that just deals with the legal issues. What about the anger issues?'" says Neil Tift, the center's director.

Anger-management classes are intended to help men deal with anger in a general context. They are not tailored for men who have abused their spouses, partners, and batterers are referred to other programs. At the Father's Resource Center, about half are court-ordered into the program. Others get involved on their own.

"Some are involuntarily men whose wives or partners are saying they need to get help," Tift says. "Or maybe men who see it themselves when they're driving or parenting, or when they get frustrated at work."

Participants learn techniques to help calm anger, such as exercise, deep breathing, meditation, prayer, massage and soothing soundtracks. Participants get help in working through feelings that underlie anger. Most common is fear - of failure, weakness or losing control, says Tongard, the curriculum creator.

"For a lot of guys, it's a matter of learning how to communicate what's going on inside the pressure cooker. If they never ask for help,

fear of failure can become a common refrain. Some push themselves pretty hard and have very little forgiveness for themselves, and sometimes very little forgiveness and a lot of harshness for others."

The center's anger-management classes draw 15 to 20 participants each week and include African-American and American Indian facilitators. A Monday-night drop-in class allows men to test the waters before signing up.

Harry Greenberg, a Minneapolis father of two now going through a divorce, said he completed the class last month with a better understanding of methods for dealing with anger than flying off the handle.

"The class teaches you some coping skills so that you can move on," he says.

Valley happenings

CSI center offers jewelry-making class

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering a jewelry-making class through its College for Kids program. The class is planned for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Gooding High School. Children ages 6 to 14 are encouraged to participate in the class, set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Gooding High School. Students will make, decorate and assemble a unique piece of jewelry. Cost is \$10, which includes all supplies. For more information or to register, call 934-8678.

Jerome Rec sponsors drawing class

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is sponsoring a kids drawing class for students in first through sixth grades. Class is planned for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the recreation district office. Participants will learn drawing fundamentals with an emphasis on line, contour and how to see the way an artist sees. Cost is \$5 (\$10 for out of district). Pre-registration is required through the recreation district. Call 324-3389 for more information.

University Women set convention

BURLEY - The Idaho State Convention of the American Association of University Women will be held Friday and Saturday at the Best Western Burley Inn. To Herber, Arlene Aasen and CarLan Gee Bush will speak. Three themes, "Uniter Education Campaign," "Initiative for Educational Equity" and "Adequate," will be woven into the fabric of the convention. Herber is the AAUW Region director, and Bush is the Human Resource/Affirmative Action director at Montana State University. Aasen has a background in education and is an active Comanche tribe member. She is the Oklahoma State Public Policy chairman. For more information, call (208) 532-4158.

Filer High School seeks pre-registration

FILER - Students in the area who are not now but will be attending Filer High School in the fall are invited to pre-register for classes. New registrants should bring a pre-registration copy of their high school transcripts, if presently enrolled at another high school, birth certificate and immunization record (copies are acceptable), and proof of residence within the Filer School District. Parents or students may pick up pre-registration packets from the high school counselor Friday or April 27. Packets should be completed and returned before May 9 to be included in pre-registration. Compiled from staff reports

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Conservationists deny link to suspect

By Flynn McRoberts and Karen Brandon
Chicago Tribune



Kaczynski

LINCOLN, Mont. — Nowhere has talk of the Unabomber's environmental rantings been more pointed than in this mountain town, where the most controversial issue is a plan to mine gold by carrying into the nearby forest.

Any suggestion that bombing suspect Ted Kaczynski, who lived four miles outside town, had links to environmental activist circles even deeper.

"There are so many good things that (activists) have done over the years," said Teresa Garland, whose sister Becky once referred a job-hunting Kaczynski to environmental groups she knew as president of the local chapter of Trout Unlimited. "To be linked to something like that, Holy Hannah, that could be sheer death" for them, she said.

Federal law enforcement officials have said that papers found in Kaczynski's one-room cabin suggest he researched environmental issues. Documents unsealed Monday from the FBI's search warrant request state that investigators were hoping to find any material relating to "the identity of any voluntary movement or group advocating violence, revolution or anarchy."

But officials said they had not established a direct link between Kaczynski and any specific group. Nonetheless, his arrest set off a bitter exchange between two sets of groups already vehemently

opposed to each other: environmental activists and those involved in the property-rights movement and other conservative efforts.

Putting People First, which fights anti-rights extremists and works with property-rights groups, canceled a news conference it had planned last week to discuss alleged connections between Kaczynski and environmental radicals.

The Helena, Mont.-based group says it received threats, which it suspects came from environmental extremists, after word spread about its news conference, and that local police would not send officers to ensure safety.

"We could not afford to take the chance of having violence break out and have no security there," said Kathleen Marquardt, chairman of Putting People First.

Those trying to link the Unabomber to environmental extremists figure they have ammunition in a letter the serial bomber sent to the New York Times a year ago.

Coming four months after a package bomb killed advertising executive Thomas Mosser, the letter erroneously stated that his agency, Biron-Musteller, had represented Exxon after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. The firm represented Exxon, but not in the wake of the oil spill.

Exxon was on a "hit list" published in 1990 in an underground newsletter by a group of anti-logging activists. The list also included the Timber Association of California, which later changed its name to the California Forestry Association.

Four months after Mosser was killed, the forestry group's president, Gilbert Murray, died from a Unabomber attack.

Berry Clausen, who consults on environmental terrorism for timber, mining and ranching interests, said he did not believe Kaczynski was an active member of environmental groups such as Earth First. He does believe, however, that the philosophies of the Unabomber and the group are indistinguishable.

"If you read his manifesto, if you read Earth First publications, the ideologies are exactly the same," said Clausen, whom a top FBI official has called unreliable. "These are people he can relate to."

Environmental activists reject any comparison. "What the Unabomber was saying is that industrial society has alienated people from nature. I agree with that. I think a lot of people agree with that," said Leslie Henstreet, an editorial staffer of the Earth First Journal. "But his tactics are completely wrong, and we have no connection to his tactics."

Earth First leaders say the group has renounced tree spiking, which endangered loggers and mill workers. "In the early days, Earth First advocated tree spiking and machine sabotage," said Judi Bari, a well-known Earth First activist

who was injured in 1990 when a bomb exploded in her car. That year, she publicly renounced it, and there has been no tree-spiking since."

Officials with Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, a Washington, D.C.-based group that represents government workers in land management and pollution control jobs, said the cases of environmentally related violence they handle typically involve right-wing rather than left-wing activists.

Jeff Rich, legal counsel for the group, said a U.S. Forest Service employee was beaten and thrown out of a meeting last month in Arizona at which a representative for the property-rights group Wise Use spoke.

Just last week in Idaho, according to Rich, a Bureau of Land Management law-enforcement employee was run off the road by environmentalists in Owyhee County, where the sheriff does not allow federal authorities to respond to incidents on federal land.

By contrast, Rich said he had not heard of any violence connected to environmentalists' recent efforts to fight timber salvage sales in the Pacific Northwest.

"They're angry, but they're staging arrests, and blocking roads," Rich said of the activists.

Even the suggestion that the Unabomber might be linked to environmental groups upsets Lincoln's Garland family, whose patriarch, Cecil, helped establish the Montana Wilderness Association and win federal protection for the nearby Scapegoat Wilderness Area.

Police, 'G-men' team up to dispose of crime

WEST VALLEY CITY (AP) — These "G-Men" work behind the wheel of a garbage truck, but West Valley officials still want their help in fighting crime.

Drivers from Waste Management Inc. will be teaming with West Valley police to help patrol area businesses and suburbs. And city officials call the partnership "a logical fit."

"The people who know neighborhoods best are the milkman, the milkman, the paperboy and, of course, the garbage man," said West Valley police officer Woody Woodruff. "The Waste Management Inc. garbage truck drivers will give us extra eyes to prevent crime."

Woodruff recently tutored garbage truck drivers in recognizing suspicious cars, spotting drug activity and monitoring graffiti. During a kick-off program on Monday, each garbage truck will be tagged with a special West Valley police logo.

Dubbed "Crimebusters," the Waste Management Inc. neighborhood watch program began six years ago in Aurora, Colo.

"Crimebusters works because our garbage-truck drivers are working in commercial areas in the early morning and residential areas during the day — times when owners are usually away," said Waste Management Inc. spokeswoman Carolyn Buck. "They can see when something is out of order."

In fact, an Aurora garbage truck driver recently foiled a kidnapping after spotting two men pull a woman into a car and speed away. The garbage truck driver radioed his dispatcher then started following the abductors.

Waste Management Inc. has agreed to credit affected consumers and not report the debt to credit reporting agencies, Lance said. It was attempting to collect a total of \$2,534.92.

In May 1995, after a lengthy investigation, the attorney general's Consumer Protection Unit entered into an assurance of voluntary compliance agreement with Long Distance Billing Co., a collection agency for North Star Communications, the provider of the 1-900 numbers.

Lance orders halt to collecting for fake calls

HAYDEN LAKE (AP) — A California collection agency has been ordered by Idaho's attorney general to stop trying to collect for "1-900" phone sex calls that Hayden Lakes-area GTE phone customers never made.

About 40 area residents recently received notices from Collection Procedures and Acquisitions Inc. about 1995 calls that actually were made by a Spirit Lake teen-ager, Attorney General Alan Lance said Tuesday.

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Prosecution of some cases up to states

WASHINGTON (AP) — The five-year federal limit on prosecuting most crimes other than capital offenses means state officials may ultimately control whether a Unabomber suspect faces trial in attacks that occurred years ago.

"Federal prosecutors face potentially serious statute of limitation problems," said Jay Stephens, former U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

Of the dozen Unabomber attacks that occurred more than five years ago, none could have brought the federal death penalty anyway. A 1985 bombing killed a man, but there was no federal capital punishment at the time. The Unabomber, if convicted of either of two later killings, could face the death penalty because that pun-

ishment was restored to federal law in August 1994.

Besides the three deaths, 23 people have been injured in the string of bombings that began in 1978.

To allow for federal prosecution in attacks that happened more than five years before indictment would require the involvement of a conspiracy or of racketeering or criminal organizations, not the act of a lone assailant, attorneys said.

But details of those earlier bombings may well be used — if a judge allows — as evidence of a pattern of behavior to bolster cases that can be brought, said Edward S.G. Dennis Jr., a former assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Theodore Kaczynski, 53, taken into custody two weeks ago from his remote Montana cabin, has been charged only with possession of bomb components. He has not been charged in any of the 16 attacks authorities suspect of the man dubbed the Unabomber.

The older attacks include the Dec. 11, 1985, bombing death of 36-year-old Hugh Scrutton outside his computer rental store in Sacramento, Calif. There was no effective federal death penalty when Scrutton was killed. But since California has no statute of limitation on homicide, the state could still try a

Unabomber suspect in that death.

The two lethal Unabomber attacks that might bring federal capital punishment were the deaths of New Jersey advertising executive Thomas Mosser, 50, on Dec. 10, 1984, and of California Forestry Association President Gilbert P. Murray, 47, in Sacramento on April 24, 1995.

In older cases in Utah, federal prosecutors may have avoided the statute of limitations problem. They are reported to have filed a sealed indictment years ago in connection with two Unabomber attacks there, in 1981 and 1987, naming the assailant only as "John Doe."

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Oklahoma City creates new opportunity from tragedy

The Associated Press

About two weeks before the Oklahoma City bombing, local business leaders eager to raise the town's profile hired a team of publicity specialists.

Their assignment: Find a way to put the community on the map.

The New York public relations team designed a plan to boost the city's image and business prospects with writers' junkets, a speaking tour for the mayor and a campaign to tout successful entrepreneurs.

Then came April 19, 1995. Oklahoma City suddenly was all too terribly on the map for millions of Americans inundated with heart-breaking scenes from the bombing that killed 168 people.

Now, one year later, the city's quest to establish a national image has become inalterably entwined with the terrorist attack — and that, ironically, has created new opportunity.

"It made people aware of who we are and where we are," said John Reid, marketing manager at the Oklahoma Department of Commerce. "Those are two things we constantly hear. It can't help but be effective."

"No question doors have opened now more liberally," said Gov. Frank Keating, who has used the visibility gained during his dawn-to-dusk TV pressers after the bombing to recruit business — an agenda he says he began before the explosion.

"Because Oklahoma presented itself so well in the tragedy, the sense of community, the professional standards ... there have been many companies throughout the U.S. that wanted to speak to me and take a look at Oklahoma," Keating said.

Since taking office in January 1995, the governor has been on the road 115 days, about half that time trying to drum up business for Oklahoma, the sixth-most state. During those trips, he frequently gives interviews about the bombing of the federal building.

"For those of us who lost friends," he said, "it's appropriate and essential to try and see that some good come from this evil."

Some relatives of bomb victims, however, say it smacks of opportunism, and they were angry not to be included in last fall's "Thank You America" tour, a four-city trip in which Keating and other political



Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating shows a photo of the memorial service for victims of the Oklahoma City bombing during a visit to Chicago in Aug., 1995.

leaders paid tribute to out-of-state rescuers.

"There's a limit to how much you can milk the bombing," said Frosty Troy, editor of the weekly Oklahoma Observer. "A lot of people would like to get their hands on it."

In promoting Oklahoma, the governor often works with Development Counselors International, the public relations firm hired by the Greater Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce and the state Commerce Department.

It has doggedly tried to spin positive post-bombing stories, courting hundreds of reporters with dispatches detailing good economic news, commemorative cups for a new stadium, thanks-you letters from the chamber and a pro-business video, produced before the explosion.

It also issued a new video release — timed to coincide with the one-year anniversary — summarizing the city and state's 1995-96 accomplishments: groundbreaking on a minor-league baseball stadium, Southwest Airlines' new reservations center, a new America Online center, plans for a new downtown hotel.

"The last thing you want is for anybody, No. 1, to exploit the tragedy and No. 2, to be seen as exploiting the tragedy," said Rob DeRoeker, the firm's vice president. "At the same time, you do have the opportunity to tell a story

you wouldn't otherwise get."

"You don't walk around with a victim medal around your neck," he said. "If CNN is on your doorstep and you've got a choice of just letting them tell the victims' story and looking at the site around the building and sending back pictures of sad Oklahoma City ... or saying there's another story ... isn't that a matter of good stewardship?"

What this all means for Oklahoma's economy remains to be seen.

"I'm not going to suggest as a result of the tragedy, people are going to locate in Oklahoma," said Ron Rosenfield, state commerce secretary. But, he said, "they may have moved us to a short list because of what they saw on TV."

And, Rosenfield added, now when state officials call on companies, instead of being referred to real estate managers, "we see presidents and chairmen."

Dennis Donovan, senior vice president of a New Jersey-based company that advises corporations on locations, said Oklahoma City is on the right track.

"Turning a disadvantage into an advantage is smart," he said. "Oklahoma City has got resources that the outside world doesn't know exist. The one thing they know is tragedy. Why shouldn't they know a heck of a lot more?"

Administration wants to protect Columbia's Hanford Reach

WASHINGTON (AP) — Designating the Columbia River's Hanford Reach a national wild and scenic stretch in Washington state from a variety of threats, the Clinton administration said Tuesday.

The 30-mile stretch, home to endangered salmon and ancient archaeological sites, is threatened by irrigation seepage and landslides of contaminated soil at the Hanford nuclear reservation, a top official for the National Park Service told a House panel.

"It is critical it be protected," said Katherine H. Stevenson, the service's associate director for cultural resource stewardship and partnerships.

"We believe that protection under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the National Wildlife Refuge System Act is the only way to adequately protect these federally owned lands," she said.

The administration supports a bill by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., that would designate the reach a wild and scenic river and launch a rivershore restoration program, she said.

Initially, in her testimony before the House Resources subcommittee on national parks and forests, Stevenson said the administration opposed a bill by Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., which would make permanent a temporary, eight-year-old ban on dredging and dam building on the Hanford Reach.

"We do not believe (Hastings' bill) provides the level of planning, protection and active management necessary and we oppose its enactment," Stevenson said.

"It does not address the real issues and opportunities facing the Hanford Reach — like visitor use

and enjoyment, protection of archaeological sites, landslides from irrigation, endangered species, and historic, natural and cultural interpretation," she said.

But under questioning from Hastings, she acknowledged the administration could support Hastings' proposal as a first step "as long as it doesn't end there."

"Our concern is it not be left at this," Stevenson said. "It is a very passive role. It would only prevent the very worst damage. What we are looking for is an active role to protect."

Hastings and Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., oppose Murray's bill.

"That is a discussion for later on," Hastings said about federal designation. He said the moratorium on dam building and dredging, first pushed through Congress by former Rep. Sid Morrison in 1988, must be extended quickly before it expires Nov. 6.

Stevenson warned the panel that Hastings' bill alone "would result in a far lesser degree of protection than the Hanford Reach deserves and could result in the potential loss of vital natural and cultural resources."

The reach is home to dozens of rare, threatened and endangered plants and animals, including 80 percent of the basin's remaining fall chinook salmon, she said.

The river banks include 150 archaeological sites, some as old as 10,000 years. The fragile White Bluffs, with important paleontological resources rising almost 600 feet above the river, is threatened by irrigation seepage, she said.

Boise denies parole for convicted murderer Gary Joe Hawkins

BOISE (AP) — A former Lewiston man serving an indeterminate life prison term for first-degree murder has been denied parole.

Gary Joe Hawkins is 48 when he was sentenced in June 1987 for the murder of 72-year-old Anna E. Christensen, who was suffocated

in her Lewiston home in January 1986.

Several of Christensen's relatives traveled to Boise to testify at Tuesday's hearing of the state Commission for Pardons and Parole, said James Travis of Kendrick, Christensen's nephew.

Evidence at his trial showed that Hawkins, then 17, and a friend,

Wayne E. Boyer, who was 15, were staying with another friend near Christensen's home when they broke into her home, suffocated her after a struggle and stole about \$235.

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Lebanese refugees face struggle

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The white-haired man reaches a trembling hand to a social worker.

"Have you found my wife and children?" he asks, his voice full of tears. "Please keep looking for them."

Ali Ahmed is one of 400,000 refugees, mostly Shiite Muslims, who fled south Lebanon last week after Israel warned it would start bombing villages as part of its campaign to wipe out Hezbollah guerrillas.

In a hurry to leave his home near the port city of Tyre, Ahmed took only three of his 11 children and told his wife to follow with the rest. Since Sunday, he hasn't heard from her. "I cannot eat, I cannot sleep," he says. "I worry that something bad has happened."

The conflict has displaced civilians on both sides of the border, but unlike wealthy Israel, where families at risk were taken to shelters often equipped with beds, TVs and computers linked to the Internet, most of Lebanon's refugees are hiding in smudges.

The lucky ones are staying with relatives in safe areas. Nazi Darwish, a wealthy immigrant from Colombia, is housing 30 families in his new mansion in the Bekaa Valley in eastern Lebanon. Others are living out of their cars on the banks of a lake in eastern



Southern Lebanese refugee Ali Ahmed stands with Caritas Hayak, a worker from a Christian humanitarian organization, after giving her the names of his missing wife and children.

Lebanon. In south Lebanon, some 6,000 refugees have sought shelter at headquarters and posts of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon.

But for the most part, Lebanese refugees have been housed in schools, where they crowd five families to a classroom, living off handouts from the government and aid agencies.

They sleep on thin, frayed blankets or towels spread on floors streaked with dirt, in rooms reeking of rotten fruit and unwashed bodies. They discuss the latest news of the fighting they receive on their portable radios, wondering how soon they can go home.

Many were displaced in a similar Israeli operation against Hezbollah

guerrillas in south Lebanon three years ago, which left almost 150 dead and 500,000 temporarily homeless.

At present, there are no critical shortages of food or outbreaks of disease. But with 10 percent of Lebanon's 4 million people displaced overnight, the problems are sure to mount as the days pass.

When a worker with the Christian and Muslim Caritas stops by the Salma Sayegh Public School in Beirut, the Shiite Muslim refugees besiege her with requests.

Ahmed gives her the names of his wife and his eight missing children. Others ask for shoes and mattresses. A pregnant woman wants to know where she should go when she's due to deliver in a few days.

Chinwah Yassin, 26, tries to muffle her sobs as she thinks of her husband, a Hezbollah fighter. She's had no word from him in days.

"I can't bear to listen to the radio," she said. "It's quite painful when you hear about the death and destruction."

But Ismail Hadawi, 71, scoffs at such anxieties. "I have two sons fighting with Hezbollah," he says. "I told them if they come back alive I won't allow them to enter my house. If it weren't for my old age, I would have joined them."

Canadians will fight for their cheese

TORONTO (AP) — The cheese-crisis? The Parmesan purge?

From Toronto's Little Italy to the cheese-loving bastions of French-speaking Quebec, Canadians are heaping scorn on a Health Department proposal to ban some pungent, unpasteurized cheeses.

"They have to get their heads X-rayed," Marco Abdi, owner of an Italian restaurant in Calgary, said of the Health Ministry regulators.

At Parliament, critics of the proposed ban organized a "rusten" Wednesday and invited Health Minister David Dingwall. The minister, though at the center of the controversy, planned to attend, saying: "I love cheese."

Government scientists have been working discreetly for six years on tougher cheese regulations, but their proposals come to public attention only this week after the Health Department formally gave notice of a proposed new safety measure.

To reduce the possibility of disease, it would require that cheese either be made from pasteurized milk or be subject-

ed to intense heat-processing, then stored at low temperatures for two months.

Raw-milk cheeses such as camembert and brie, not to mention the much-imported parmesan, might not meet the new standards.

When the topic came up in Parliament, some legislators were, well, a bit cheese-off. "Does the health minister have anything else to do?" Pauline Picard of the separatist Bloc Quebecois demanded Monday.

In Quebec, radio call-in lines hummed with complaints over a perceived federal slap at the province's love for distinctive, raw-milk cheeses.

It wasn't surprising that Quebec — led by a separatist government — assailed the federal bureaucracy. But the health minister also incurred the wrath of Italian-descended colleagues in his own liberal party.

"We have been eating parmesan for hundreds of years," said Labor Minister Alfonso Gagliano. "I've eaten a lot of parmesan, and I've never been sick."

In response to his critics in Parliament, Dingwall tried a light touch, saying some of their arguments were "full of holes."

As fighting rages, Beirut rejects cease-fire

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Even as Israel raked Lebanon with new air attacks, the Lebanese government demanded changes Wednesday in a U.S. plan to stop the fighting.

Beirut said the proposal would perpetuate Israel's control of its southern region and violate the basic tenets of a Mideast peace settlement.

Israel bombarded Hezbollah targets across southern Lebanon for the seventh straight day, and the guerrillas sent rockets crashing down on northern Israel. Two people were killed and 17 were wounded in Lebanon, police reported.

Some 400,000 Lebanese have streamed out of southern communi-

ties to escape the fighting, and they are squeezed into relatives' houses, cars, and crowded school classrooms. At least 17,000 people have been evacuated from northern Israel.

The United States, Israel's main ally, and France, Lebanon's former colonial ruler, have been trying separately to broker an armistice. Neither proposal has been officially disclosed.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, and foreign minister, Faris Bweiz, criticized the U.S. plan because it doesn't demand an immediate Israeli withdrawal from the enclave it controls in southern Lebanon.

Bweiz, in Cairo, Egypt, for an

emergency meeting of Arab League foreign ministers, said he had demanded basic changes in the proposals and was waiting to hear from Washington.

The U.S. plan, he said, would undermine a 1978 U.N. Security Council resolution that demands an unconditional Israeli withdrawal from the 440-square-mile buffer zone Israel carved out of southern Lebanon in 1985 to block cross-border attacks. Hezbollah has been fighting for more than a decade to drive Israeli troops from the border zone.

Bweiz also said it contradicts the land-for-peace principle of the peace process launched in 1991.

Fighting raged Wednesday, with

fighter-bombers, helicopter gunships and artillery based in the Israeli-held enclave attacking guerrilla rocket launchers and hide-outs near the port city of Tyre and the market town of Nabatieh.

Two people were killed and 17 were wounded, including two U.S. peacekeepers caught in the cross fire in southern Lebanon, police reported. Also, two Nepalese soldiers were wounded in a guerrilla grenade attack.

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Administration's policy too complex

By William Neikirk
Chicago Tribune

Analysis

TOKYO — Following the Clinton administration's foreign policy can be like watching a play in which the characters constantly change roles.

In a period of a few weeks, China has gone from clumsy provocateur in the Taiwan Strait and illicit merchant of nuclear technology to the sought-after key to peace between the two estranged Koreas.

North Korea is denounced for rigidity and violating the armistice with South Korea at the same time the administration presses ahead with private talks with Pyongyang on reducing its missile sales and offering U.S. economic incentives for North Korea to freeze its nuclear energy program.

Iran is denounced by Washington as a promoter of terrorism and violator of human rights, yet the administration admits it went along with Iran's arm shipments in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia to help the Muslims fend off the Serbs.

In the fast-paced diplomacy of the post-Cold War world, the priorities and alliances of nations shift as quickly as their interests. In recent weeks, as circumstances have changed, so have President Clinton's policies toward individual nations, running the gamut from ice to nice.

"It ain't simple," said an administration official who acknowledged the policy twists and turns without apology. "You've got to play the hand you're dealt. Whether you like it or not, you've got to work with them."

In one breath, Russia is criticized for a brutal military campaign in Chechnya and in the next, it is courted for support of the U.S. peace effort in Bosnia and as a go-between with North Korea and China.

The United States was virtually at economic war with Japan over trade policy less than a year ago. Now the economic hostility has softened and, amid perceived threats from China, security has taken an upper hand in the U.S.-Japanese relationship.

The administration's ever-evolving foreign policy is partly a natural result of the end of the Cold War, and the disappearance of a single U.S. enemy. Former enemies have turned into allies, or at least occasional allies, who can be useful one moment and detrimental the next.

Another cause of this new American pragmatism is the rising complexity of diplomatic relationships. As Iran proved useful to the United States in the Balkans, Russia can be useful in Bosnia, China and other countries.

Left out of the U.S.-South Korea initiative for Chinese and North Korean talks, Russia apparently wants to be included, even though it wasn't a party to the original talks that led to the 1953 armistice.

Clinton found China useful in making contact with North Korea

and, he hopes, serving as sort of a chaperone for Pyongyang at peace talks. In a world such as this, administration supporters contend, flexibility — or inconsistency, depending on the point of view — may be the only policy that makes sense.

China is a major case in point. Even as China was menacing Taiwan with military maneuvers, the administration continued its policy of "strategic engagement" with Beijing, believing that it is destined to become an economic and military powerhouse within 20 years.

"It's a complex relationship," the administration official said. "It always will be."

When Clinton announced that he is asking China and North Korea to join the United States and South Korea in peace talks to bring about reconciliation between the two Koreas, White House spokesman Michael McCurry saw no conflict with earlier U.S. criticism of the Beijing.

"We have a very broad strategic relationship with the People's Republic that has many aspects — economic, political, security-related," he said. "And I think it would be incorrect to say that any one element of that dialogue relates directly to another element of the dialogue."

Applied to every major country with which the U.S. deals, this means that management of foreign policy has become a much more complicated job, and often leads to internal disagreement.

Some administration officials say they were not happy that the administration in 1994 did not object to Iranian arms sales in Bosnia and Croatia. It is, after all, a terrorist nation, said one official.

The administration is extremely sensitive about how the weapons sale is viewed. McCurry said the United States did not approve the sales, nor give a go-ahead. It just didn't object, he said. When policies are flexible, fine points like this are considered highly important.

Critics of the administration's foreign policy say it lacks focus and any overarching principle or philosophy. Conservative Republicans urge a tougher foreign policy, especially with China.

But Clinton proved he could move to his right on foreign policy when Cuba shot down two air planes belonging to an exile group. And on July 12, he signed a moderate approach toward the Castro regime, he supported a bill that imposes tougher restrictions on Cuban investments.

Clinton signed the bill only after Republicans agreed to put in a provision that enables him to waive for six-month intervals a provision permitting Cuban-Americans to sue for recovery of property seized by Castro.

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— Administration official

Gadhafi: Libya will stop Western trade

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Libya will stop doing business with Western companies because politics is interfering with trade, leader Moammar Gadhafi said Wednesday.

Instead Libya will look to the East for supplies, Gadhafi said, noting Tripoli's plans to buy 25 passenger planes and build a 600-mile railroad.

"We will buy them from India, China, Russia and Japan because every time there is a political dispute with the Western countries, their companies stop sending spare parts," the 54-year-old Libyan leader said.

Many Western companies, including some U.S. ones, are still doing business with Libya, especially in the oil sector.

Gadhafi made his comments at a news conference following a national commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the U.S. bombing of the capital Tripoli and port city of Benghazi.

Then-President Reagan sent American jets raiding on the night of April 14-15, 1986, after accusing Libya of sponsoring international terrorism.

The news conference was held in the

ruins of Gadhafi's Tripoli home, which has been maintained as a memorial to the attack.

Libya said the raids killed 37 people, including an adopted daughter of Gadhafi.

Gadhafi repeated his denial of the Clinton administration's allegations that the Libyans are building the world's largest underground chemical weapons plant beneath a mountain at Tarhuna, 40 miles southeast of Tripoli.

"We are ready to prove that these are lies," Gadhafi said.

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World

Yeltsin meets discontent on campaign trail

BIJVOYNOVSK, Russia (AP) — Thousands turned out to greet Boris Yeltsin Wednesday as he took his election campaign to the southern city where dozens died in a Chechen hostage-taking raid.

But much of the enthusiasm in Bijvoynovsk, seemed to stem from the curiosity of seeing Yeltsin up close. Many said they would not vote to re-elect him on June 16, citing the 10-month-old conflict in nearby Chechnya as a reason.

"Our children are being sent to Chechnya to die. How long will it



Yeltsin

last?" one woman asked.

The town, 90 miles north of breakaway Chechnya, has been hit hard by poverty and other hardships that his people blame on Yeltsin's returns.

But it's harshest trial came last summer, when dozens of Chechen guerrillas raided the town, killing dozens and herding up

to 2,000 hostages into a hospital.

After an unsuccessful and brutal attempt to storm the hospital, the humiliated Kremlin was forced to grant the guerrillas safe passage back to Chechnya. In exchange for the hostages' freedom, it also ordered a cease-fire and opened peace talks with the Chechens, which have since collapsed.

When the fighting finally ended in Bijvoynovsk, 120 people were dead.

Chechnya was high on the agenda as the president mixed with towns-

people today.

"We shall restore order in Chechnya. There is no large-scale military activity now ... and now thirds of the districts there are free from the hands," he said in reference to rebel guerrillas.

Again and again, he promised an end to the war.

But some among in the crowd said Yeltsin was unconvincing. He should have visited immediately after the Chechen attack if he were serious, not now at election time, they said.

China, Russia to build bridge

BEIJING (AP) — China and Russia have agreed to ease construction of a bridge over the Amur River, where they once skirmished over a disputed boundary, the official Xinhua News Agency said Wednesday.

The news agency also reported that the two countries would strengthen cooperation in developing the lower reaches of the Yumen River, where the borders of China, Russia and North Korea meet.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin will visit China next

week to sign an agreement settling decades-long disputes over border demarcations.

The two sides agreed last June to build a bridge over the Amur River connecting the northeastern city of Heihe with Blagoveshensk on the Russian side.

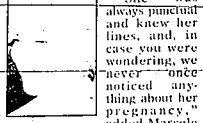
This week, Russian and Chinese transport officials signed an agreement simplifying procedures for personnel, building materials, equipment and vehicles to cross the border for the bridge construction.

Madonna's condition not apparent

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Fatigue, it appears, is the only thing showing on Madonna.

Argentine actors working with the pop star on the set of the movie "Evita" said Wednesday they hadn't even noticed Madonna was four months pregnant.

"Although we have danced with her, we haven't noticed anything," said actor Alfredo Martin.



Madonna

"She was always punctual and knew her lines, and, in certain ways, we were wondering, we never once noticed anything about her pregnancy," added Marcelo Auccheli, who plays a photographer.

"All we could so far see on her was fatigue, but that's only after a long and tiring day's work," Auccheli said.

Madonna's aides announced Tuesday that she was pregnant with her first child, saying in a statement: "This is the greatest and happiest surprise in her life." The father-to-be is her 29-year-old boyfriend and physical trainer, Carlos Leon. He is said to be back home in the States.

Madonna, 37, is in Hungary's capital filming a version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical on Eva Peron, the charismatic wife of Argentine strongman President Juan Peron.

The film's press office said the pregnancy would not affect the schedule. Shooting in Budapest will end this month with the crew moving to London for indoor work. The movie's premiere is expected in November.

There were some protests during filming in Argentina in February. Many Argentines, to whom the memory of Evita is her affair, strong language and raunchy stage act was wrong for "Evita".

But the actors working with her on "Evita" said her charisma made her perfect for the part.

Grenades fired at Hells Angels clubhouses

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Anti-tank grenades damaged two clubhouses owned by the Hells Angels Wednesday, indicating the group's feud with another U.S.-based biker gang is far from over.

Police said only luck prevented injuries in the second round of grenade attacks this month on Hells Angels in Scandinavia.

A single grenade slammed into a two-story residence shortly after midnight in Snoddele, 25 miles west of Copenhagen. The ensuing fire destroyed the upper floor, police said. Sixteen people were in the building at the time.

A few hours later, a grenade tore through the wall of a house used by Hells Angels affiliates, the Avengers, in the northern Danish town of Nørresundby. Four people were in the house. The damage was minor.

No one claimed responsibility. Police said they suspect the Banditos, a biker gang based in Houston, Texas, that has been waging a turf war in Scandinavia with the Oakland, Calif.-based Hells Angels.

Four Banditos bikers have been murdered in the Nordic countries since 1994, including one fatally shot at Copenhagen last month. Seven Hells Angels and supporters have been arrested in that case.

Police said the grenades were among 12 stolen from a Swedish army depot in 1994. A grenade launcher, also of Swedish make, was found near the Snoddele clubhouse.

The grenades used in two previous attacks also had been stolen, police said.

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Outdoors

Adventures of L.C. and vinyl seats

Not all theory is bull, but a lot of it is, and it's shipped around some as gospel. But nothing seemed to perplex Field more than how to fatten a skinny dog.

"L. C.," as she was called, was a blade of a dog, skinny as a corn leaf. When she stood broadside, she was a mere silhouette. If she turned ninety degrees, she disappeared. She was so thin she could hide in the blind spot between a guy's eyes. Field had trained himself — he claimed — to look at her with one eye.



Bill Studebaker
Dog-eared tales

Field was proud of her. She was nearly broke and generally well-mannered. Trouble was, Field was constantly losing sight of her in the field. So, he devised a couple of simple methods to help.

For starters, he put a broad, flaming-orange collar on her. This worked unless she was in tall cover. She was so thin she moved through the grasses without moving a blade. Since the customary method of following the moving cover didn't work with her, Field devised a second method. He took a hint from his son's bicycle and fixed a short antenna to L. C.'s "day-glo" collar, then strapped a matching flag to the antenna. He watched the flag.

When it stopped he ran into the cover, flushing the "pointed" bird.

I suggested that he feed her, perhaps she'd gain a little weight. Then she'd be like other dogs plowing through the cover. Field smirked and said: "Hell, I feed that dog twice as much as any other dog I board. She'll eat anything. She still doesn't gain weight. She's just a blade."

"I read somewhere that a vet studied the diet of wild dogs in Africa, and they prefer the stomach contents of freshly killed animals," I said. "They really aren't meat eaters at all. What do you think of that theory?"

"Hell, I don't know. I feed that dog everything, but nothing seems to work on the blade," Field responded.

"How do you feed her? Mutton suet?" I asked.

"I thought you said dogs were vegetarians," Field replied.

"No. I was just quoting a scientific theory. I agree with an old English Pointer man I knew years ago. He said that it doesn't matter what you feed as long as you feed mutton suet. He claimed he had a bitch once that did best when he fed her mutton suet and sawdust. He figured that there was something in sawdust she craved. So, he just added suet to it, and she did man-velously."

"Bunk," Field snorted. "Dogs are meat eaters. They'll eat fruit and stuff, but they'd have to be starving to eat sawdust."

He pulled into the Sport Shop. We got out and locked the doors. L. C. stood behind the seat and watched us walk toward the store. We picked up a couple of odds-and-ends, then headed back to the truck.

I strolled along slowly, giving Field a little time to get to the Scout ahead of me. I wanted him to unlock the doors before I got there, because I hate to stand and wait for someone to unlock a door. As I came up to the Scout, I looked at Field. He was as white as a ghost.

I looked into the Scout, expecting to see a dead dog. But L. C. stood in the back, wagging her tail.

"My Gawd! Look at my seat," said Field.

The driver's side of the front seat was stripped. The cover was completely gone. The vinyl had been lifted, as neatly as skin off a rabbit.

Field opened the doors. We looked around, but there wasn't a shred of seat cover to be seen. Just "The Blade" wagging her tail, trying to nuzzle Field in the face — stoked up on vinyl and anxious to get going.

Bill Studebaker is an English professor at the College of Southern Idaho who splits his time between kayaking and bird hunting.



Bruce Wobber, of Halley, releases a piscatorial prize while fishing from the comfort of a float tube.

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Spring fishing

Abundance of water presents special challenges to anglers in the melt-off season

By James J. Krumholz
Times-News correspondent

"Water, water, everywhere," wrote Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and his words hold just as true for modern anglers as they do for ancient mariners.

Springtime conditions in Idaho mean plenty of water and plenty of fish, so the trick is to figure out where the fish are hanging out. In heavy runoff, rainbow, brown or brook trout can be mighty hard to find.

Streams provide great challenges, since increased volumes require anglers to pinpoint productive locations. Moreover, wading fishermen face the real peril of being knocked down and swept away by the force of rushing water. A good rule of thumb maintains that if you can't wade with relative ease, then a trout probably won't hold in that location either.

A stout current requires a trout to burn too many calories, energy that is needed for survival.

In rivers and streams, anglers should focus their efforts around obstructions that create a break in the current. Dams, weirs and culverts, produce areas with lesser currents in their tail races. Other stream areas which might prove useful are side channels and headwaters.



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Undeterred by snow, Twin Falls resident Roger Golden probes the icy headwaters of a maintain waterway.

Side channels, which normally contain little or no water in summer, can provide great spring fishing. Side channels often are cluttered with an abundance of rocks, downed timber and debris — all of

which break the force of the current.

Headwaters and tributary creeks are another option. Anglers should remember that as streams flow down from the mountains, each tributary adds more wa-

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A thermometer can be an effective tool, especially in impoundments during this time of year. Water flowing into a reservoir may be colder than sun-warmed water in the reservoir. If the water temperature is too cold, fish will seek warmer water in sheltered bays of the lake.

Remember that "water, water, (is) everywhere," and there are only so many fish. The trick is to concentrate your efforts at productive locations and not "fish, fish, everywhere."

Climber chronicles journey into the wild, death

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — He was hollow-eyed, hungry and alone, marooned in the Alaskan wilderness by a swollen river. Slowly, the young man from the Washington suburbs was starving to death.

But to writer Jon Krakauer, the books and photographs that Chris McCandless left behind make one thing apparent: He was happy.

McCandless, who hiked into the forest in April 1992 in search of challenge and adventure, was dead by late August, apparently poisoned by wild seeds that left him unable to fully metabolize what food he had.

But his pictures show a smiling boy, barely a man, surrounded by the wild beauty of Alaska. His books and journals are scratched with jubilation, the walls of the abandoned bus where he lived are scrawled with proclamations of independence.

He's smiling weakly in the last photo, too, a terrifically thin man holding up a farewell note. He would be dead within days.

Krakauer, who traces McCandless' 24-year life in "Into the Wild," understands that happiness. Transfixed by the books and pictures, he found an opaque



AP photo

Chris McCandless, 24, sits by an abandoned bus - his home - in the Alaskan wilderness in this 1992 self-portrait. He had hiked into the forest in April, but was dead by late August, apparently poisoned by wild seeds that left him unable to metabolize what little food he had. Hunters found his body.

reflection of his younger self.

"This isn't a guy on some dark, bleak journey to save himself," said Krakauer, a writer for Outside magazine and a

mountain climber who uses his own experiences to help probe the forces that drove McCandless. "He had his low moments, but he's out there having a

grand, old adventure."

Krakauer, who delved exhaustively

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Trumpeter swans congregate at Ennis Lake, Mont., west of Yellowstone Park, in late March. As many as 2,000 swans a day pass through the area. Some have neck bands to help biologists track the birds through their annual migration.

Swans flock to Montana lake

Biologists keep track of trumpeters, worry about overpopulation

ENNIS, Mont. (AP) — The call of the trumpeter swan is a harbinger of spring in the Madison Valley.

Each year, as the days begin to lengthen and the ice begins to creep back from the shore, tens of thousands of trumpeter and tundra swans descend on the open pockets of water at Ennis Lake. There they take advantage of the shallow water and its rich stores of aquatic plant life to prepare for their long migration north.

Since 1991, Montana Power Co. biologists have monitored the numbers of trumpeter swans and their smaller relatives, tundra swans, that make use of the man-made reservoir.

At its peak, they discovered, as many as 2,000 swans passed through the area a day, usually in March.

The swans are on their way from their winter home in southern Idaho to their summer home in northern Canada. They will return in the fall, on their way back to Idaho.

"This year's migration peaked about a week ago, Montana Power biologist Tim Schulz said. Schulz spends up to three days a week in the spring gathering information about the swans that use the reservoir. Through a high-powered telescope, he studies their behavior patterns and records numbers from neck bands on the swans.

He passes along much of that information to biologists in both the United States and Canada who keep a close eye on the trumpeter swan.

"The trumpeter swan, one of the largest long-range migratory



Montana Power Co. biologist Tim Schulz keeps close watch on swans at Ennis Lake, Mont. The company passes along its information to biologists in the United States and Canada.

birds in the world, may be living on borrowed time.

At one time the trumpeter swan population numbered in the hundreds of thousands, and they could be found as far south as California. Because of overhunting, the number dropped to a mere 69 trumpeters by 1932 in the tri-state area of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. There also was a breeding population in Alaska and northern Canada, whose existence was unknown at the time.

In 1935 the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge in Montana's Centennial Valley was set aside to protect what people then thought were the last remaining trumpeter swans.

Since then, the birds' numbers have swelled. In 1993, biologists

counted 2,235 trumpeter swans in what is known as the Rocky Mountain Population, which includes the swans that use Ennis Lake. Last year, that number had grown to nearly 3,000, said Ruth Shea of the Trumpeter Swan Society.

But Shea and other biologists worry that the birds may be facing disaster.

"Each year the swans funnel into a relatively small wintering area, mostly in southern Idaho. For the most part, the birds have enjoyed relatively mild winters for years and now their numbers are beginning to strain the capacity of their favorite wintering holes.

"Right now we've just got too many eggs in one basket," Shea said. "The high numbers of birds

we have in some areas could be very vulnerable to mortality if a bad winter with weeks of 20 to 30 below zero sets in."

There have been efforts to mitigate that problem. A few years ago, the Red Rock Lakes Refuge discontinued a winter-feeding program in a successful effort to try to find new areas to winter in. Other birds have been translocated farther south in another effort to get the birds to pioneer new areas.

"Historically these birds were shot at and killed," Shea said. "Those that survived hid out in the high country. They are a long-lived critter that learn from their parents."

So when it is time to teach them about new places to winter, "It would be ideal if they had a good experience there. That doesn't always happen," Shea said. "There are very, very few places left in the western United States that aren't hunted or used heavily by people."

Finding places where the trumpeter swan can survive isn't an easy task, she said.

So having places like Ennis Lake, where the swans have the chance to build up their energy reserves before making the long journey to their summer home is very important, Shea said.

"I don't know of any other place where such a population of swans gather each year before starting that annual migration," she said.

Wild

Continued from D1 into McCandless' life, believes what he found was a modern-day pilgrim into the wilderness; a sometimes immature, self-dramatizing and stubborn pilgrim, but a pilgrim nonetheless.

McCandless went into the wild, Krakauer writes, "to explore the inner country of his own soul."

And he insists that the widely held argument — that McCandless might just have been a kook, a lost soul who wandered into the forest — do not stand up. "He was exuberant and he was odd," said Krakauer, a 41-year-old Seattle-based writer with a healthy-looking tan and an easy smile, "but being eccentric is not the same as being mentally ill."

That wasn't how many people saw it when McCandless' body was found. What emerged was a story of brash youthfulness, turned tragic.

It was a story replete with overtones of suicide, deathwish risk taking or just plain stupidity. "I think I'm going to disappear for a while," the young idealist told his parents during his 1990 graduation weekend from Emory University. "I think I'll be a top student. They never spoke to him or saw him alive again."

Intense and given to extremes, McCandless completely dropped out of sight. He gave away nearly everything he owned, took a new name — Alexander Supertramp, Alex for short — and left on a journey through the West.

When, after two years of tramping, McCandless set off for Alaska, he went deliberately ill-prepared. He walked in the wilderness with a ten-pound bag of rice, a small-caliber rifle and a sleeping bag his mother had sewn from a kit. Drank on the fearlessness of youth, he took no axe, no detailed map and no companions.

The trip was, Krakauer says, McCandless' ultimate pilgrimage. It was his test of what he would survive. "In his moral absolutism, a challenge where your success is assured is no challenge at all," he said, leaning forward on a sofa in his hotel suite. "For it to be even worth considering, the risk has to be very real."

For nearly four months, McCandless did survive — largely by hunting small game and eating wild plants — until the flooded river, poison seeds and dearth of food combined to kill him.

"He wanted to be out there and feel frightened," Krakauer said. "But because Chris was such an intense kid, he took stuff to extremes and it all went haywire."

Twenty years ago, it was Krakauer who was looking to feel frightened when he clung by a pair of ice axes to a remote mountain along the Alaska-Canada border called the Devils Thumb.

The story of that climb, which Krakauer weaves into McCand-

less' history, is a fascinating look at one man's reckless attempt to find his answers in an unforgiving wilderness.

Like McCandless, Krakauer was alone and poorly prepared for what he was facing. Both were furious at their fathers and alternately exhilarated and terrified as they fought to stay alive.

Now, when Krakauer talks about the lonely trip he made to the Devils Thumb, he sometimes talks about "we." The other person he is referring to is Chris McCandless. "We just had a sense that if you do something that's hard enough and challenging enough, the satisfaction will be different and people will see you differently," he said.

"Which is crazy," he continued after a pause. In the aftermath of his climb, a few people cared about what had happened on those rocks. After an initial emotional high, he was back in Boulder, Colo., building condos for a living.

Years later, though, a successful magazine writer with a well-traveled look, he knows that the climb made a profound difference. And he seems wistful that McCandless will never be acknowledged. "I look back and I think climbing the Devils Thumb was one of the greatest things I've ever done — because I did it on my own account."

In 1977, when Krakauer attempted that climb, he was a 23-year-old climbing fanatic who supported his alpine assaults by working as a carpenter. At that time, there was nothing but mountains.

He'd first gone climbing when he was eight, learning from his father and his father's best friend, a prominent climber named Willi Unsoeld who died in an avalanche on Washington's Mt. Rainier in 1912. Soon, it was much more than a sport to him. "Climbing was the whole of my life for many years," he said. "It was everything."

He gave it up when he married — his girlfriend wouldn't accept his proposal without a no-climbing vow first — and it nearly ruined his marriage when he returned to the sport a few years later.

These days, he still climbs, but with much more care. "I just don't cut it nearly so close. There's still risk, but I appreciate it more and I do what I can to minimize it."

His own life, with which he was once willing to gamble, now seems finite.

Chris McCandless, though, was still gambling in 1992. He didn't live long enough to realize just how risky that could be.

"We're interested in this mystery of death," said Krakauer, "and she sheds a little light on it by allowing us to see what it is to die bravely."

"And that's riveting."

"In his moral absolutism, a challenge where your success is assured is no challenge at all."

— Author Jon Krakauer from Chris McCandless

Grand Canyon guides have seen it all

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK, Ariz. (AP) — Just another day on the job for Grand Canyon mule guide David Rodriguez — until he watched a one-legged man hop his way 10 1/2 miles to the bottom of the canyon.

When the hiker got to the bottom, he got on his crutches for the trip back up. "You can't believe the things you see in here, I tell you," Rodriguez said.

For the hundreds of people who work at the Grand Canyon, the tourists are often more of a spectacle than the 10-mile wonder of the world.

"They'll swear they heard there was a Taco Bell down there at the bottom and mule guide Lisa Hunter. "Or sometimes you see clothing strewn along the trail. If there's a backpack, that means they're naked in the crevices."

Guides have seen people hike in high heels and bare feet, or while

playing the saxophone or violin, or while belting out hymns in Latin.

Canyon workers circulate among themselves a list of dumb questions for visitors. Among them: "What time does the geyser go off?" (Sorry, that's Old Faithful at Yellowstone National Park.)

"Where are the four faces?" (South Dakota's Mount Rushmore) And: "Is there going to be a sunset tonight?"

Park employees retelling Grand Canyon stories repeatedly mention those hikers who venture off the main trails without proper training, clothing or food.

"Usually people just panic. They think they're going to die," said Andrea Linkford, a National Park Service ranger who oversees 70 percent of the canyon's back-country.

Such cases are so common the rangers know them as "Code W," for wimp, said the super-fit Link-

ford, whose attitude is summed up by a poster in her office that reads, "Fact Is for Weenies."

Nearly 5 million people visit the canyon each year. Rangers make 300 to 400 rescues a year. Four or five a day are common in the summer, when temperatures inside the canyon are 110 to 120 degrees.

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Shooters plan Jerome match

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JEROME — The Snake River Handgun Silhouette Shooters will hold a match from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday near Jerome.

The range is one-fourth of a mile east of Highway 93 at milepost 64 north of Jerome. Look for the black run at the turnoff.

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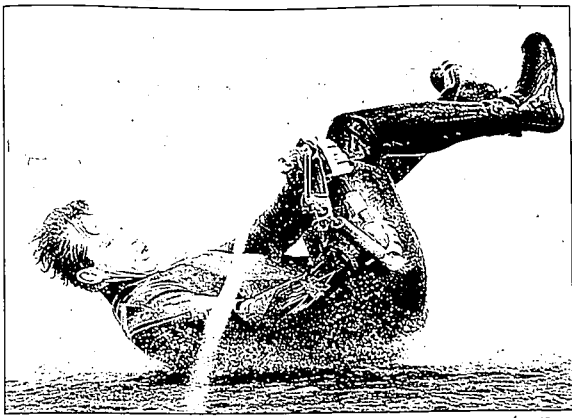
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Water bug



Tony Albrecht, a member of the Souix Falls, S.D., Ski Club, does a double turn April 7 at Catfish Bay Waterski Park in the city. He uses a dry suit to protect himself from the cool air and water temperatures. The club plans 22 home shows this summer.

Briefly in the outdoors

Waters speaks to M.V. Flyfishers

TWIN FALLS — Ed "Mud" Waters will be the guest speaker when the Magic Valley Flyfishers meet at 7 p.m. today at the Rook Creek Resort, 20740 Jefferson Ave. W.

Waters will do a presentation about the recent goings on at Silver Creek. He will provide an update of the Natur Conservancy's rehabilitation efforts and explain the before and after effects of its management on the resources. He also will discuss some of the facilities remodeling. Waters is the assistant site manager for the Silver Creek Preserve.

Grouse recovery doing well in area

BOISE — Native Columbian sharptail grouse which disappeared in south-central Idaho more than 70 years ago are back, largely because of a federal set-aside program for farmland, Idaho Fish and Game officials say.

Upland game bird manager Tom Henker said biologists have found another grouse lek in the Shoshone Basin, a strong indication they have returned to stay.

Leeks are well-defined breeding areas where sharptails perform their spring dance rituals. Fish and Game has moved sharptails from south-eastern Idaho to Shoshone Basin at the rate of about 60 birds annually for several years. Henker said they were plentiful in the southwestern corner, with hunters taking about 10,000 grouse a year there through most of the 1990s.

Still, no sharpails are captured from leeks with fewer than 15 birds and no more than 20 percent of any single population is caught and moved.

Disease takes toll on sheep population

LEWISTON — Only nine of the 72 bighorn sheep captured from the Snake River breaks near Lewiston have survived in the face of a deadly disease.

By Friday, 63 had died of a pneumonia-causing infection that probably came from a feral goat. Other wild herds in southeastern Washington and northeastern Oregon have fared little better. So far, the Idaho side of the river has apparently escaped the epidemic.

Although capturing the bighorns late last year was a rescue effort, it also has been a way to study the disease, said Dr. David Hunter, who heads the Idaho Fish and Game Clinic in Caldwell where the sheep have been held.

The feral goat was seen running with the bighorns near 10 Mile Rapids south of Asotin, Wash., the spot where the disease hit the bighorns first and hardest.

For three weeks after capture, all of the bighorns survived, confounding early estimates up to 40 percent would die. Then the disease swept through them in January, knocking off 53 percent by mid-month.

So far, the Idaho side of the river had dodged the pneumonia. A helicopter survey on April 3 spotted the most bighorns on Craig Mountain and south.

Only four dead bighorns have been seen on the

Idaho shore, about the number biologists would expect for winter kills.

"So far, it looks like we've been lucky," said Lloyd Oldenburg, Idaho Fish and Game bighorn manager. "But we don't know if we stopped it from reaching Idaho or it just hasn't shown up yet."

Caribou transplants far poorer

SPOKANE — Despite early failures and resident opposition, federal and state wildlife agencies plan to continue a program to transplant Canadian woodland caribou into Eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

Only 13 remain of 60 caribou captured in British Columbia and released into the Selkirk Mountains between 1987 and 1990.

Most of the animals, the rarest mammal in the continental United States, have been eaten by coyotes, killed on highways or moved back to Canada.

But the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, which operate the program, plan to spend \$500,000 in another transplant effort. Some 60 to 75 more caribou are to be released into the Selkirk over the next three years. The first 20 may be released later this month.

"It took many, many decades for caribou to reach endangered status," said Madonna Luers of the DFW. "It will take a long time for them to recover."

The program has opposition in the region, where the Endangered Species Act is not popular.

Grizzlies seek out midnight snacks

KALISPELL, Mont. — The return of wolves and cougars to Glacier National Park is luring its grizzlies to eat something akin to the midnight rations on the refrigerator.

Researchers have discovered that some of the grizzlies are interrupting — maybe even abandoning — their winter hibernation to snack on animals killed by wolves and cougars.

Such behavior is virtually unheard of until a couple of dozen miles to the south, where grizzlies almost always snooze the entire winter. Park biologist Steve Genadek said research of wolves, mountain lions and bears up the North Fork of the Flathead is offering new insights into the ways of big carnivores.

Bears generally spend from late November until April doing. Grizzlies dig dens high in the mountains, often at elevations of 5,000 feet or more. They crawl in when snow covers their food. Males are usually the last to den and the first to arise. But if bears have a steady supply of food, they don't den at all. Zookeepers can keep bear exhibits active all winter by feeding the mammals.

Genadek said researchers tracking wolves and mountain lions often find fresh grizzly tracks even in January and February. The bears are following lions and wolf packs, scavenging the leavings of their kills or chasing them off kills.

"I would say there are two or three (bears) at minimum, and probably more," he said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Spring flush promises prime Idaho rafting, outfitters say

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Outfitters say Idaho could offer some of its best-ever whitewater rafting this spring, thanks to huge snowpack for some rivers.

According to Wilderness River Outfitters, the snowpack above the Salmon and Bruneau rivers is 130 to 150 percent of normal, meaning big water. It will only be the second time in 10 years that the Bruneau is available for consistent whitewater expeditions.

Wilderness River Outfitters runs trips from early April through late May. For information, call (800) 252-6581.

River Odyssey West, based in Coeur d'Alene, has a variety of trips in Idaho beginning in May and running through autumn. Its lineup includes day trips and longer adventures, some suitable for families. Call (208) 765-0841.

Warren River Expeditions is a variety of float trips on the Main Salmon, including whitewater rafting, fishing trips (spring and fall), trips for seniors and grandparents-grandchildren, and trips lasting up to a week. Call (800) 765-0421 or (208) 766-6387.

Western River Expeditions is based in Utah and offers whitewater rafting around the West, including two branches of the Salmon in Idaho. For information, call (800) 453-7450.

Bargains and discounts. Deals for people who include:

- Northwest Getaways '96, a coupon book featuring hundreds of 50 percent discounts at tourist attractions throughout Northwest Idaho, is available from Entertainment Publications.

- It covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and Alberta and features a wide range of accommodations, restaurants and other commercial operations. New this year are discounts on wineries and microbreweries.

- The coupon book, valid through Dec. 1, costs \$10, and also comes with an assortment of restaurant discounts for the Spokane area. Call Entertainment Publications in Spokane at (509) 545-5712.

- The Broadmoor Park Outlet Mall, in the Tri-Cities, opened last weekend. The mall, off Interstate 82, is set to be in Posee, currently has 20 stores with three more under construction. For information, call (509) 544-6168.

- Friday Harbor House, on San Juan Island, is offering three nights for the price of two in a springtime promotion. Call (360) 478-8455.

- Experience Yellowstone: The nonprofit Yellowstone Association is offering more than 80 courses in its 21st season, which runs from the end of May through

September. The program lasts from two to five days, and some can be taken for college credit.

Courses include horsepacking, backpacking, fly fishing, and wildlife observation. They offer the opportunity to learn about the history and geology of the Yellowstone area. Many of the courses are held in the remote northern end of the park.

For information or a free catalog of courses, call (307) 344-2294.

Happy trails: The nonprofit Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies, founded in 1923, is offering a variety of rides this season, including several that require no experience. The rides last six days, and some are designed specifically for families. The cost is \$800 in Canadian funds. For more information call (403) 264-8656.

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Review: Alcohol part of snowmobile accidents

WAL SAI, Wis. (AP) — Way past midnight, a young man leaves a bar, climbs aboard a snowmobile and roars off along a woodland trail. Picking up speed in the darkness, he loses control on a curve, jams into a tree, dies. Chances are good he was drunk and had yet to see his 30th birthday.

Scenes sickeningly similar to that occur across the nation's northern tier each winter, where snowmobiling is both a popular sport and a handy form of transportation.

In the four states with the most snowmobile registrations — Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and New York — 97 people died in snowmobile accidents this last winter.

Wisconsin counted 22 of those fatalities and averages 20 snowmobile deaths a winter, according to an Associated Press computer-assisted review of state records detailing 200 fatalities on snowmobiles in the last 10 years.

The victims were young, mostly males who crashed in the dark of night, mostly against trees while riding snowmobiles as fast as 90 mph on trails and lakes with no speed limits

and non-existent police.

Almost half were legally drunk, and all but one-third had some alcohol in their blood.

Nine of the drunken Wisconsin snowmobilers killed were too young to drink legally, including two teens who were taking part in an activity common to the sport — tavern-hopping, a way to be sociable and keep warm.

William Miraglia, a 45-year-old laborer from rural Hayward, Wis., died in January 1994 after driving his snowmobile through a stop sign, into a snowbank, through a packet fence and into a tree. Near the spot, officers found a nearly empty bottle of Windsor Canadian whiskey.

The autopsy indicated a blood-alcohol level of .310 percent, triple the legal limit of .10 percent, making him nearly comatose. Just to reach the falling-down drunk level of .20 percent, an average-sized man would have to drink eight drinks in one hour.

It is against the law to operate a snowmobile drunk in Wisconsin, but enforcement is rare because patrols are stretched thin. With

the support of some snowmobile groups, the state Department of Natural Resources is seeking general revenues to beef up patrols.

Across the United States, effort are intensifying to encourage snowmobilers not to drink and drive, according to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, which represents organized snowmobile associations in 27 states where 1.2 million snowmobiles are registered.

So far, evidence is mixed on whether the campaign is working, said Fay Ainsworth of Seattle, who is responsible for the snowmobile and safety materials issued by the council, headquartered in East Lansing, Mich.

"You cannot legislate common sense. We try through all different forms, all different media, to help people retain their common sense," she said. "Unfortunately, some people feel they are omnipotent. They can do anything. Sometimes they get caught, and when they get caught, there is a tombstone."

Snowmobiling and drinking go hand in hand, almost by design.

Study: Women change composition of hunters

DENVER (AP) — More women are taking up hunting and fishing, changing the face of the American hunter, according to a new study.

The study, funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said the number of male hunters per capita is on the decline nationwide. "They're actually dropping out for the same reason they started — the family," said Steve Bissell of the Colorado Division of Wildlife, coauthor of the three-year national study.

"The relationship between fathers and sons has changed. Fathers are now more likely to be involved with their son's soccer league."

While the number of male hunters per capita is likely to continue falling in the future, Bissell said it does not mean hunting will lose its place as part of U.S. culture.

"Even among the non-hunting focus groups there is strong support — this is part of being an American," he said.

"It's an extremely unique cultural heritage we're talking about. Kids in England or Germany just don't expect to be able to go hunting or fishing."

Bissell said 81 percent of Americans support the continuation of legal hunting, and support has been consistent over the past 30 years.



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Outdoor Living

Beautify your business

Give your outside world
some 'curb appeal'

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—You know before you turn the doorknob that the people inside this place are cheerful. What is it about some businesses that telegraph "come in" to potential customers?

It's the landscaping. "Curb appeal," Realtors call it.

Neatly tended shrubs, trees and flowers say that the people inside care about their surroundings and like working there—and that we will enjoy doing business with them.

Flowers are more than a pretty first impression: Ask Kent Taylor, owner of the Just A Mere Inn in Twin Falls. He's won the Greater Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Business is Blooming contest twice in the last two years. He's convinced that his landscaping keeps his building 100 percent occupied all the time.

"My tenants constantly comment on the landscaping, and their clients comment on it," he said.

His employees report that the beautifully tended surroundings make Just A Mere Inn a good place to work.

So how do you get from bare-bones grass to glorious, eye-catching color?

Plan
Before you throw flowers in the ground better-sketcher, remember that it's much easier to move them around on a piece of paper than it is with a shovel.

Draw the area you want to plant. Where can color be used to best enhance the area? Do you have a business sign that you want the public to see? Have about highlighting walkways and driveways?

Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs, has this advice for a customer-grabbing sign: "I like contrasting colors, especially a darker red against a light brown base (sign). Although we might be tempted to harmonize our colors, it is imperative to have contrast to get that attention."

Color
If you have trouble matching your socks in the morning, perhaps your best bet is to plant a mass of one color. Color massing is dramatic and always grabs attention.

Alternating two colors is a little more creative and can be just as striking. Try red and white. Or two colors in the same color family, such as yellow and orange.

Shape
Flower beds should never be narrower than five feet. Boldly cut away grass to allow plenty of room for color. Shape the beds with curving edges. Research shows that curving shapes are soothing and make us feel good.

Have fun with shapes. If you can draw a star or your company logo on paper, you can draw it with a sack of flour. On a day (or early morning) when there is no wind, cut a hole in the corner of a flour sack. Draw your design in the dirt with the white stuff, then fill in the spaces with flowers to complete the design.

Mounds and sloping lawns add dimension to your design. Plant the tallest flowers on top of the mound, giving them a leg up. Use flowers of the same height on a slope to color in a design.

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Beauty in the valley: Just A Mere Inn, top right; the Magle Valley Commemorative Rose Garden outside the Twin Falls County Courthouse, center; Garnand Marketing, bottom right; and Elmer's, bottom center.

How does your business bloom?

This is the third year the Greater Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will sponsor Business is Blooming. The rules are simple: Add flowers to your landscape, take care of them and send an entry form to the Chamber. Everyone is invited to participate. You don't have to be a Chamber member to join in the fun. A category for homeowners has been added this year. Only the landscaping that is visible from the street counts. Other categories include Commercial In-ground and Commercial Container. Slides of Twin Falls' Commercial In-ground and Homeowner winners are sent in to the Professional Plant Grover Association (PPGA) Landscaping with Color Contest. In 1991, Twin Falls' Just A Mere Inn won Honorable Mention, and they created a new "Industry" category the following year because of the Twin Falls entry. This forced the seed and bulb producers into their own category, and they now compete in the Industry division.

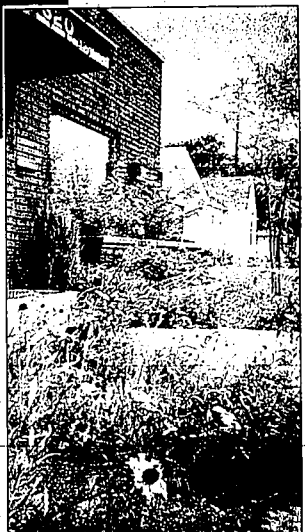
Just A Mere Inn took the Grand Pro/Commercial Category in the 1995 PPGA contest. It was in good company. The Residential Category was won by a neighborhood in Toledo, Ohio; The Public Award went to Bourneouth in Bloom, Bourneouth, England, and the Industry Prize was awarded to Goldsmith Seed Display Gardens in Gilroy, Calif.

Before August 19, send 3 slides (different views) of your landscape or one you nominate to:

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Photos by Cathy Walworth



Know your colors

- suggests purity and innocence
 - gives the illusion of cleanliness and precision
 - can be hard on the eyes
 - **Uses for white flowers:**
 - a stunning vision in evening light
 - restaurant and patio plantings
 - a feeling of elegance
 - outlines for pathways used in the evening
 - accent color around entrances
 - suggests sweetness and innocence
 - has a short-term calming effect on people
 - has a color people want to "smell"
 - in areas where stress is prevalent
 - in combination with fragrant plants displays
 - to add a sense of naturalness
 - is eye-catching
 - stimulates memory
 - is associated with sunshine
 - is a short-term energy booster
- to attract attention
 - to accentuate entrances and stairways
 - to accent color on signs
 - promotes gregariousness and joviality
 - is an active, happy color
 - is always a hot color; cannot be cooled down
 - is associated with trust and considered refreshing
 - **Uses for orange flowers:**
 - around concession stands
 - in entertainment areas
 - to add excitement
 - in children's garden displays
 - suppresses appetite
 - lowers blood pressure
 - gets mental dialogue
 - can be difficult color to live with
 - suggests romance and imagination
 - **Uses for purple flowers:**
 - not in areas where food sales are important
 - in Victorian and romance themes
 - in fantasy displays
 - is easiest color on the eyes
 - is restful and calming
 - gives sense of relaxation, comfort and quietness
 - is non-threatening color
 - is color of trust and dependability
 - **Uses for blue flowers:**
 - to cool sunny, hot areas
 - to create an illusion of space
 - to make gardens appear larger and wider
 - to serve as disappearing color in evening
 - to create a relaxing atmosphere
 - elicits sensations of excitement and heat
 - stimulates appetite and conversation
 - is an attention-getter
 - is a "touch me" color
 - **Uses for red flowers:**
 - to bring the garden forward
 - to shorten the view
 - to create a feeling of warmth
 - to brighten entertainment areas

Outdoor living

Don't knock rocks and gardens

Why whine when you can work with the land's natural features

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Remember how Grandmother used to say, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." Same thing in a Southern Idaho garden. Rocks crop up everywhere, so we'd better decide they're good for something. As it happens, our good fortune lies in with the latest trend in gardens: natural rock pathways, walls and fountains.

Natural, wondrous, intimate gardens are luring increasing numbers of folks down the garden path.

"Gardens are to be felt, to take delight in," said Iain Robertson, a professor at the University of Washington Landscape School. "Moving into the garden, one is enveloped, protected, secure. One should not be oblivious to plants. One should be actively engaged. The path is a space to BE in, not to look upon."

The more intimate your garden, the better, according to Robertson.

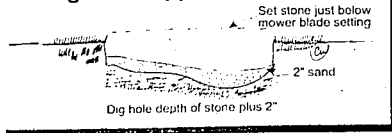
While the older, more formal look still reigns, Oakley stone, flatstone and lava rock are the favorites underfoot for those in the growing movement toward a more natural look. Kimberly Nurseries and Kelley Garden Center are both seeing sales climb, with customers carting off materials for the new look as fast as they can stock them.

Then there are the in-betweeners. People who want to tiptoe through the tulips, but don't want the hard-edged formal pavers. So they opt for brick pavers with sand under and between them, and pre-formed concrete pavers spaced and softened with grass or other ground covers between.

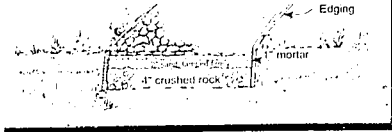
To achieve the intimate, private walk-in-the-woods look, most people find that constructing their own paths is do-able. First, a gently curving route is laid out through the garden. Flat lava rock (readily available when most of us dig a hole for a tree) collected in the wild or brought at a local garden center is easy to install and makes for great traction in a wet condition, says Mark Palmer at Kelley Garden Center.

"In my yard I use them for cut-through-the-bed paths," Palmer said. "I plant ground covers between and it breaks up the hard edges. To plant the stones, I usually just dig down a little, measure the depth of the stone and set them in on a little sand."

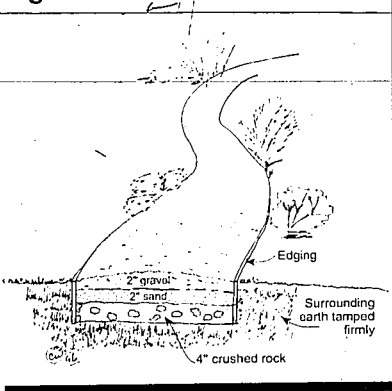
Setting in a stepping stone



Cobblestone path



Constructing a gravel walk



CATHY WALWORTH/The Times-News

Sand helps, Palmer said. Just to make sure the stones don't teeter when you walk on them — and it's easier to seat the irregular rocks on a little sand instead of trying to form the soil exactly to the bottom of the rock.

Plant stones just a little shorter than the lawn mower blade is set. That way, Palmer said, you can mow right over them.

Gardeners in search of the natural look might want to check out Kimberly Nurseries' faux lava rock.

"The joy of the man-made rock is that they interlock and don't fall over when you make a wall

out of them," said Kimberly Nurseries' Jeff Robinson.

For a solid faux rock wall, Robinson said, just bury the first layer about 3/4 of its depth in the soil, "and that's your foundation."

The formal look still calls for preformed cement or aggregate pavers in geometric shapes. Use only a few designs in a patio or other large area, experts advise.

"You don't want to confuse the eye," said Ron-Rule, Portland, Ore.-based landscape designer.

While it is a good idea to mix large sandstone pavers amid



Imitation natural rock pathways are becoming more common in southern Idaho gardens.

crushed gravel, for example, Rule advised to let it look undesignated.

"Respect what is special about the site and squeeze between." If stone isn't in the budget or the ambience calls for pure wondrous, wood chip paths can't be beat. Mark out the trail, then lay sheets of cardboard over the weeds and grass to be removed. Anchor it down with a few rocks and leave it for at least three weeks.

When the cardboard is lifted, the weeds and grass will be dead and mostly decomposed. Lay down one of the new weed barrier fabrics and the wood chips and enjoy the new path. Three layers of newspaper work well as a base for a weed barrier, too. Be sure to water the whole thing well to settle everything down. That way, there's less chance a good wind will lift your new path to eastern destinations.

The path doesn't do much for us if we don't plant trees and shrubs to complete the look.

Use shrubs up to 8 feet tall, right next to the path, Robinson advises. Visitors must touch an occasional leaf and occupy the same space simultaneously, he said.

"Most of the time we make garden paths too wide," Rule agreed. "Keep paths only about 2 feet wide; there's nothing wrong with plants touching people."

If we wanted walls, we'd go in the house.

Fill in between the trees and shrubs with ground covers and flowers. The more diverse the plant life, the more closely you'll imitate nature. And the garden will have fewer problems with insects and disease, just as in a real forest.

End the trail with a turn to another area of the garden or feature, such as a fountain. Benches

'The joy of man-made rock is that they interlock and don't fall over when you make a wall out of them.'

— Jeff Robinson,
Kimberly Nurseries

along the path offer quiet places to contemplate nature.

Water has become so important in the garden that designers are advocating its use in the front, as well as the back garden. The sound of water is soothing. Choose a design that encourages the water to move softly, creating a private oasis.

Enter the "fake lava rock" once more. Kimberly Nursery displayed a faux lava rock feature at a recent Home and Garden Show.

"It worked, judging by the public's response," Robinson said.

The man-made water feature is selling well, he said, with heavy demand for the rock fountains.

"It is designed to look like a natural lava rock formation," Robinson said.

One has been installed in Stonebrooke, a new Twin Falls subdivision.

What about maintenance? If plants are installed densely, with ground covers, bark, or other mulch to discourage weeds, weeding is minimal.

Besides, weeding is just an excuse to be in the garden, isn't it? Truth be told, we really like being there.

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Maintenance

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POOL

Outdoor living

Area experts help create beauty

By Joan Beun
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — When landscaping from scratch, you have a blank canvas upon which to create a masterpiece, an eyecore or something in-between.

Area garden centers are equipped to help Twin Falls' Kelley Garden Center landscape designer Dwight Bershaw said design is the first thing to consider. Kelley often designs landscapes for customers who buy their plants.

Kimberly Nurseries will also come to your site, develop a plan and estimate the price — or provide you with a design kit for taking measurements, to be returned to them for ideas on where to put specific plants.

Moss Greenhouses in Jerome frequently uses a computer (cost: about \$100) to settle on an ideal landscape for a particular home. It itemizes how many of each plant to put in, along with the cost.

Important in a new home, Bershaw said, is the grading, and water-sinking the foundation by piling dirt up against it, then sealing it with a hose.

"By putting water on it you get

all the air out of it," Bershaw said. "And it settles down nice, so it's not going to settle again later."

After this, he said the next consideration is the sprinkler system. If doing it yourself, be sure the spacing is correct.

Bershaw gives the example of a 15-by-15-foot square, which would need a sprinkler head on every corner that shoots 15 feet, so that each head sprays all the way to the next.

"Don't take two 15-foot heads and put them 30 feet apart, and think that you're going to get everything wet and keep it green, because that's not going to happen," Bershaw said. "That's how you get dry spots."

When you are ready to do the planting, Bershaw suggested starting with trees — both evergreen and deciduous. Put in evergreen shrubs before the deciduous, because the latter outgrows the former by a foot a year.

Because of this, he advised spending a little more money on the evergreens. He said to decide first if you want green or blue, then check the size to which the plant is expected to grow.

"The biggest thing people do around here is plant their evergreens too close to their house —

way too close to fixed objects," Bershaw said. "And the most frequently removed plants I have are evergreens, because they grow too big for the spot they're in."

Dave Wright of Kimberly Nurseries advised determining the size of the area you have to work with and then choosing a tree that will grow to fit.

"Planting a tree that's going to get 75 feet high right underneath the power lines is not a good idea," Wright said. "And if you have a big open yard with lots of room, don't go in and stick a dwarf flowering crab or something like that out in the middle of it. That makes it look that much smaller."

If you want open lawn area, Wright said to plant trees around the perimeter. Use trees to screen off an undesirable view.

Wright said to consider evergreens and deciduous shrubs the foundation of your whole landscape.

"For six months out of the year here it's basically winter," he said. "And you need to have some things there the year round that make your landscape look complete."

When it comes to putting in flowers, Wright said, if they are to be grown from seed, they should be started about five weeks before they can be put outside — in mid-May. If you purchase plants, they would go out at the same time, after the last killing frost. But they need to be watched, and covered if the nights are cold.

Connie Windsor, co-owner of Windsor's Greenhouses in Twin Falls said, because we don't have a very long growing season, it's a good idea to buy plants.

She said a grouping of flowers that works well for her is to put red geraniums in the back and a row of yellow dwarf marigolds with large blossoms in the front. Border with purple lobelia.

"Those colors are so vibrant, and when they blend and they're mature, they're absolutely beautiful," Windsor said. "They are all

very hardy, and bloom all summer until it freezes, so you have color all summer long."

Moss Greenhouses retail manager Becky Marshall said to add amendments to the soil to make it nice and soft. She said peat moss is good for this, and it's best to add it up to a week ahead, so it has time to settle. Then plant your flowers according to the direction your house is facing.

She said the amount of sun it is going to have will determine what will grow there. If there is too much sun, heat tolerant plants would be the way to go.

Marshall said there are lots of perennials that do well in hot sun, including a whole array of daisies. Geraniums take considerable heat, as do salvia, snapdragons and dianthus.

For a shady area, plant impatiens, violas, and pansies. Roses need more sun, and do well on the east side of the house.

"The east side is probably the most wonderful sun for almost anything, because it gets good sun till noon or one," she said. "And then that afternoon sun is gone."

She said roses may be put in intense heat areas as well as partial shade. But they shouldn't be planted in full shade.

"This area is hotter and drier than most plants like, and most of the ones you see in magazines are in a humid place like Seattle. For this reason, she said, it's helpful to look in a Sunset garden book for the zone in which a particular plant can survive.

Marshall said a lot of people have moved here from California and are used to growing just about anything. But it's a lot tougher in Idaho.

Once you've found that a plant will grow here, she said, you should not be afraid to try things with it. If you don't like where it is, just dig it up and put it somewhere else.

"Experiment and have fun with it," she said. "Don't let your garden get the best of you. Make it do what you want it to do."



'Valentino' sunflowers give 4- to 6-inch early blooms.

What's new in spas this spring?

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

How can you have the benefits of a spa at home without the expense and hassle of a large in-ground pool or tub? The answer is portability.

A wide array of portable products — spas, pools and saunas — are available this spring from spa and pool dealers. Prices start at \$2,500.

The Little Hot Spot mini-tub portable spas are a breeze to move. Just roll it into place, set it up, fill it with a garden hose and plug it in to a regular household electrical outlet. The spa requires a minimum of 115v of electricity supplied to it at all times.

You can drive your mini-tub spa across town to a friend's house or to a summer cabin. You can also change the color of your spa in minutes with easy-to-remove skirts that come in oak, blue and jazzy pink. The Hot Spot mini-tubs seat four to five people.

The larger Hot Spring spa is not miniature, but it's still portable. It seats up to eight people and is extra deep for a full body soak. It also has a new motor massage jet. This jet actually travels with a recirculating motion up and down the entire length of your back. It can be adjusted to move fast and intense for sore muscles or slow and deliberate, up and down the spine vertebrae by vertebrae.

Hydrotherapy jets delivering 25 pounds-per-square-inch of jet pressure and jet stream jets with a flow of 55 gallons-per-minute give a hydro massage, and create a whirlpool effect. Jet cluster jets are designed to speed the vigorous massaging action to the high tension area around the upper back and between the shoulder blades.

There is barrier-free seating available in the Tiger River Spas, which means there are no bucket seats to restrict your movements. Tiger River portable spas seat up to six people.

There are more jet options available today than ever before. Several people can use a spa at the same time, and each person can choose a different combination of jets and jet pressure.

Spas stay inviting hot 24 hours per day with high-density polyurethane foam insulation, the same foam insulation used in freezers. With the new ozone filtration system, chemical usage is cut in half. Ozone is among nature's most effective purifiers. Ozone is a form of oxygen created during an electrical discharge in the air. It is used as an oxidizing, deodorizing and bleaching agent in the purification of water. It is easier to use than chlorine or bromine. Ozone gas burns out most water contaminants, including bacteria and viruses. Millions of tiny, concentrated ozone bubbles are constantly



Dara Wright bought her husband, Robert, a spa to rehab an injury to his back. The two recently moved to Twin Falls and bought a house near Shoshone Falls, which their spa overlooks.

injected into the water, continuously eliminating contaminants.

An Ozone filtration system allows you to leave your spa unattended for longer periods of time, eliminates the need for frequent chlorination and lets you change the water less often. It works continuously 24 hours a day. It saves time, money and water.

Cindy Dains of Snake River Pool & Spas, Inc. also tells of a do-it-yourself portable pool. K-D makes a snap-together design that can be assembled in less than one hour without any tools. Once it is assembled, you fill it up and swim in it all summer. Then you drain, disassemble, and store it when the weather is cold. The sizes available are from 8 feet across by 4 feet deep to 20 feet across by 4 feet deep.

K-D also makes a convertible portable swimming pool — basically two pools for the price of one. This pool has walls low enough for a parent to keep an eye on little children, yet high enough to give the toddlers an enjoyable splashing playground. It also converts into a full-sized swimming pool, from a shallow 29 inches (24-inch water depth) to a larger 49 inches (45-

inch water depth). Also available this spring is a portable sauna. Cultures throughout the world have recognized the health benefits of the dry heat of a sauna for both the mind and body. Scandinavians in the sauna and American Indians in the sweat lodge have looked for better health and increased vitality through dry heat.

Watkins makes a portable sauna

called the HeatWave that fits into any healthy lifestyle and into any house. It's easy to install and plugs into a 115v outlet. The HeatWave utilizes radiant, infrared heating and warms up in just 30 seconds.

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Outdoor living

How to plan a redwood deck addition

According to Remodeling magazine, an average of 71 percent of the cost of a deck addition is recovered in added property resale value. So building a redwood deck is not only a great way to increase your living space and outdoor enjoyment, it's also a good investment.

Planning. The planning stage of a redwood deck project is not only important, but can be fun. There's a lot of good deck ideas and how-to information available in libraries, bookstores and lumber yards. Also, the California Redwood Association has put together a Redwood Design-A-Deck Plans Kit. The kit includes easy-to-use modules in a variety of shapes and sizes, which can be customized to your plot design options for railings, stairs and benches. It also contains a color idea book, a detailed construction guide, blueprints and materials lists.

Site Evaluation. There are three types of redwood decks, and the type you build will depend on site conditions and personal preferences. Grade-level decks are built at or near the ground. Raised decks and multi-level decks are used on sloped sites or when an upper story space is desired. Keep the location of underground utility lines and pipes in mind when planning your deck.

Sun/Shadow/Privacy. You can have a shady section as well as a sunny section. Consider how much sunlight the deck will receive at different times of the day or year. Position your deck location to increase or decrease sun exposure. If trees aren't available for shading your deck, you might want to include a redwood trellis or an awning in your deck design. You will also need to think about your deck's orientation to your neighbors and include redwood fences or privacy screens if necessary.

Activities/Amenities. Your lifestyle and interests will influence your design. If you like to cook and dine outside, you can incorporate a redwood table, a grill and a countertop serving area. Relaxing spas also continue to be a popular deck amenity. If you plan to entertain on your deck, you can include built-in redwood benches to create multiple conversation areas. The addition of outdoor lighting will make your deck fun to use at night. Gardening and plant enthusiasts can add redwood planters and a potting bench.

Materials. Redwood is a popular choice for quality deck additions. It is prized for its beauty, decay- and insect-resistance and stability. Do-it-yourselfers enjoy using it because it is lightweight and easy to saw and work with. There is a grade for every use, and redwood may be more affordable than you think. The knot-textured garden railings are often selected for deck building. Be sure to use only stainless steel, aluminum or top-quality hot-dipped galvanized hardware when building outdoor redwood projects. For long-lasting beauty and durability, the application of a clear or pigmented water repellent finish is also recommended.

Access. Think about your access to the redwood deck. If you don't



Photo courtesy California Redwood Association

This redwood deck serves as a porch at the back door, and blends into the ground-level corner deck.

already have an exterior door that can open onto it, you might want to incorporate this into your design. Railings are required on raised decks, but they can also control traffic on a grade-level deck, protecting lawn and garden areas along the deck edge. If you are planning a raised deck, you will need to consider whether you want

to have multi-level deck sections or a stairway leading down to grade level and low-and make these should be located.

Landscaping. To make the most of your redwood deck, integrate it with an overall landscaping plan. New shrubs, trees, garden areas, walkways and other landscaping elements can enhance the appearance and usefulness of your deck. Even raised decks require some sort of ground-cover treatment beneath the deck.

With good planning and design you can have both shade and sun. You can have privacy along with open areas and great views. You can incorporate stylish add-ons such as benches, railings and stairs. And you can customize your redwood deck with dining and cooking areas, a spa or a garden work center.

To order the Redwood Design-A-Deck Plans Kit, send \$19.50 to California Redwood Association, Department DADK, 405 Enfrante Drive, Suite 200, Novato Calif. 94949, or call (415) 382-0662.

Book explores tropical gardens

Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

"Tropical Gardening" (Pantleon Books, \$25), compiled by the pros at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Miami, Fla., is the answer for anyone who dreams of growing tropical plants.

David Bar Zvi, Fairchild's chief horticulturalist, and 10 consultants have produced a 224-page softcover that is easy to read, well-organized and chock-full of useful information and tantalizing photography. The plant selector alone con-

tains more than 200 tropical plants — palms, orchids, vines, bromeliads, ginger, heliconias and other exotic plants.

The book also includes suggestions on garden design, step-by-step photos on techniques such as planting a tree and propagation as well as specifics on growing fruit and vegetables, orchid care and gardening in small spaces.

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Gardening events set this month

The Associated Press

"Gardens of the World with Audrey Hepburn" is being aired at 9 p.m. (ET) each Sunday in April on the Home & Garden Television Network (HGTV), with previously unseen footage with the late actress in the tropics and Far East edited into two new episodes.


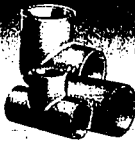



"Tropical Gardens," and "Japanese Gardens" are the additions, completing the Emmy award-winning series that first ran on PBS in 1993. All eight programs in the series will run during 14-hour time slots each week.

In Richmond, Va., owners of 250 of Virginia's most beautiful properties will open their doors and gardens gates for Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 20-27.

Sponsored by member clubs of The Garden Club of Virginia, the tours benefit restoration of historic gardens and grounds throughout the state.

Visitors can view gardens at major houses and city town houses dating from the colonial era to the present. Typical house admission prices range from \$2 to \$5, and individual block tickets are available. Tours are self-guided, but shuttle bus transportation will be provided for those who want to leave their cars behind.

For a brochure listing dates and locations of the 1996 tours, write to Historic Garden Week, 12 E. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23219, or call (804) 644-7776. A 200-page guidebook (\$3 donation for postage) is available from the same address.

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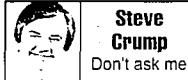
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Tomatoes lure the unwitting to their ruin

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Between my freshman and sophomore years in college, I got a summer job in a tomato-processing plant in California's San Joaquin Valley.

The place turned out ketchup and tomato paste, but it was really less a cannery than a grist mill.



Tomatoes in all stages of decay came down the huge conveyor belt, along with vines, twigs, sticks, fan belts, the odd field mouse, orphaned rubber boots, discarded work tapes and a few tin canners.

Everything went into a cauldron about the size of a grain silo, and out the other end came this stream of orange pulp that looked vaguely like transmission fluid and smelled like the inside of a bachelor's refrigerator.

Shorey the Foreman, an old fella with a face like a rubber bath mat, would stand nearby, leaning on a huge wooden paddle and shaking his head.

"Won't never catch me eatin' that stuff," he said, launching a stream of chewing tobacco into a bubbling vat of tomato paste.

"Too spicy."

I loved them and there that neither a tomato nor its sordid by-products would ever again cross my lips. I lied. This spring I planted enough tomato anybodies back into to run Ragú right out of business.

There are three dozen tomato plants in my square-foot garden and another two dozen along the fence on the opposite side of the back yard. One of my neighbors, Jack, who used to work for the Extension service, has threatened to turn me in to the city for running a farm in a residential zone.

But I'm not worried. All those tomato plants haven't grown up yet.

And I guess that's the real reason I planted so many. The lure of tomato ranching is the pure damn eussidness of tomato.

This is, after all, a plant that can die if you transplant it while the soil is shining. Too much fertility will knock it stone dead, but so will too little, and if that doesn't get it, the cutworms probably will.

Thou shalt not expose the root ball to too much air when transplanting. Thou shalt water a lot, but not too much, and if you don't remember to prune the shoots that grow out from the stems, you can expect cherry tomatoes whether you planted them or not.

Of course, they may never get to that stage because the soil in our corner of the world is alkaline, and tomatoes like acid. You can add sulfur to fix that, but you'll probably burn the plants in the process.

Keeping in mind, of course, that tomatoes are exquisitely sensitive to frost, which means they can turn tender in a snap. Too much sun will kill them too, and too much rain is very bad.

Any one of a half dozen plant diseases or a dozen insects can cut your tomatoes down for any reason, or for no reason at all.

Oh, and even if you finally get the tomato you might not feel like turning red.

All of which means that if you do successfully shepherd a bumper crop through the summer, you're not only very lucky, you're a genius. James Whitmore will be calling to put you on a Miracle-Grow commercial.

And if not, who knows? Surveying sickly green tomato plants as far as the eye can see, Jack was speculating the other day that the USDA might be interested in a tomato boycott.

Wouldn't that be great? I could retire, invest in turnip futures and buy my chili sauce at the store.

Steve Crump is features editor at The Times-News. This column first appeared in the July 10, 1994, edition of the newspaper.

Spicing it up: What's new in decks and more

By Becca Tateoka
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Just what every-one needs. Another "hot" deck project this summer. But adding a new deck or spicing up the old one adds to the value of your home, and it's also a nice place to be after a long day of work.

A deck has several benefits — an outdoor cooking and dining area, a place to put that spa you've been eyeing, as well as additional conversation areas.

"It creates a nice atmosphere...and enhances landscaping beauty," said Earl Nelson of Nelson Building Supply in Twin Falls.

Redwood is the most common material in decking today, for many reasons.

"No board is the same as the next one," said Nelson.

Add that to the varied grains, colors, and knot-textured surfaces of redwood, and you have a natural-looking combination with other trees and shrubs.

Gary Marsh, a designer/builder in Boise, calls redwood "the ultimate deck with the backyard landscape."

"Redwood has a natural grace... (We're) pushing it into corners, bending it back to its natural state. For example, we'll give a deck's outside edges the same curve as the rolling hills behind it," Marsh said.

If you have a nice shade tree close to where you want the deck, build around it. Not only will your friends and neighbors be impressed with your innovation, the tree will add shade to your deck.

Maybe the thought of maintaining a redwood deck has your back aching already. The work-worthy homeowner could consider vinyl.

"Vinyls about double the cost of redwood, but it comes with a lifetime warranty... After you (factor in) time for labor on maintenance, it evens out," said Dwight Davis, manager of Boise's Interiors Inc.

Vinyl is simple to care for, since it's guaranteed not to fade, peel, chip, crack or rot, and stains and dirt simply wash off.

About the only things that can damage a vinyl deck are "paint or lacquer thinners. Alcohol fuels, things like that break it (vinyl) down," according to Davis.

Nelson also suggests being careful with a vinyl deck in very cold weather. "At 10 below, vinyl gets brittle... Any major replacement deck can use the existing substructure."

"If there's already a concrete slab, you can put a deck on that," said Jason Lynch, an outside sales representative at Volvo in Harley.

And replacing damaged pieces of both redwood and vinyl is inexpensive and simple.

"If damage does happen, the top can be peeled off and replaced," Davis said of vinyl.



Photo Courtesy: California Hardwood Association

This deck was built around an existing tree and creates a quiet retreat from the world.

The vinyl strips stand up a sturdy base, allowing for removal of just the damaged strip, not the entire slab. And those top strips of vinyl come in four colors: white, light tan, ivory and light grey. The surface is high gloss, but has texture to ensure against slippage.

"There's a new product...with a galvanized steel bottom," said Davis.

"It's thinner than the vinyl base — about 1/2-inch thick — with a wood grain texture and a matte finish."

The color, however, is similar to wood, explained, since the lighter colors reflect and resist fading much better than dark colors.

Although vinyl probably have to take out the entire piece of wood to replace a damaged area, redwood is inexpensive and easy to work with.

But, "look for wood with tight knots, ones that won't fall out," said Lynch.

Most lumber yards sell "your common," or construction common grade deck grade pieces of wood. This means there will be some knots, but they'll be small and tight.

Common might have some sapwood in it, which are the lighter, gold-colored segments on various pieces.

"It's not any worse-wearing than the red wood," said Nelson.

But it does lower the wood's grade. Merchantable grades of hardwood are also available in the area, but these pieces will generally have more sapwood, and larger, looser knots.

If you're looking at redwood or other grades, clear heart being the top grade and very expensive. Ask your local lumber dealer what's in stock.

Outdoor living

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Patio furniture comes in a dizzying array of styles and materials — from cast iron or wrought-iron painted wood with wicker and glass, vinyl or wood and glass. If you furnish an in-ground pool, but still consider having a piece of furniture, you'll need a machine washable cover to protect the filling and the outside of cover is reinforced with usually 100 percent polyester and guaranteed not to absorb water. (The heavier materials also resist mold and mildew.) Store it away and unpacked place during the winter and wrap the furniture in plastic when possible. An "A-frame" deck that can usually be cleaned off with mild soap and warm water.

OUTDOOR SOUND SYSTEMS

Maybe the birds that stay in your trees sound like they're cack, or you just prefer to have the sounds of the birds come from your lounge chairs. There's something new that combines basic utility with fun and enjoyment. It's called the "Speaker." It's a waterproof weather-resistant speaker," said Steve Quate of Best Choice Electronics. "It's prepared to be left out both summer and winter."

There's a pill at the neck. You can see small holes in the neck. But you don't notice them so that you can, oh, that's a speaker," explained Quate. These speakers are rather expensive. Quate estimated that for the best in three times the cost of a regular pair. But that might be a part of what makes your deck, or your deck comfortable. That a rock speaker may be a "sound" investment.

That's handlos, similarly to wood, although it weighs more and is more flexible. For example, you can use a circular saw to cut Trex, but you need to use a carbide tooth blade.

Replacing damaged pieces of redwood, vinyl and Trex is simple, and costs only as much as the current market price of each material.

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The Times-News announces its second annual Great Tomato Contest.

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JUDGING: Except for Earliest, judging will be by local celebrities. Kent Just, Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce; Tam Plank, Kelley Garden Center; Jeff Robinson, Kimberly Nursery; Jan Miltner, College of Southern Idaho; Eric Eitelwood, Metropolitan Bakery Cafe; Doug Mughan, KVTV-TV; Sterling Crofters, Moss Greenhouses and Steve Crump. The Times-News.

JUDICIOUS: Say that you're bringing a tomato plant for the Great Tomato Contest and get 10 percent off from Kimberly Nursery, Kelley Garden Center or Moss Greenhouses.

PRIZES: A \$20 first prize will be awarded in each category.

FIRST CATEGORY: Earliest. Must present at least two ripe tomatoes to The Times-News office between now and Sept. 16, preferably around lunch time. Tomatoes not returnable.

ANOTHER CATEGORY: Prepared Foods — (1) Appetizer/salad with tomato as main ingredient. (2) Entree with tomato as main ingredient. (3) Tomato as a dessert (it's a fruit, you know). (4) Fresh or canned salsa. Entries in these categories must be prepared and brought in ready to eat.

STILL OTHER CATEGORIES: (1) Best Color for Tomato Variety. (2) Largest Tomato. Bring in the tomato and enclose a note of explanation. Hint: Rust Lymbaugh or Richard Nixon are perennial favorites. (3) Include your name, phone number, tomato category and variety an entries, please.

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Home-grown goodness

Look to local garden centers for help in planning your backyard bounty

By Jean Bean
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - It's that time of year again, when home gardeners are busy gathering seed packets and bedding plants that promise to yield succulent fruits and vegetables.

To achieve hoped-for results, plan ahead. Greenhouses and garden centers in the Magic Valley are ready to help.

Gail Hopkins, retail manager for Moss Greenhouses in Jerome said it's a good idea to consider how much space you have, what you would like to plant, how much sun it will receive and how easy it will be to water.

She said to determine the height of each crop, putting the taller plants on the north side. If you have room, running north and south, grow several rows of your higher things on the north end.

To make the most of a small garden spot, decide what vegetables may be planted close to each other. For instance, a pumpkin crop can grow under corn.

Seminar scheduled

A vegetable seminar will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Moss Greenhouses. An hour of advice will be given on growing vegetables, there is no charge, and no registration is required.

"You can put tomatoes by the broccoli and then when the broccoli is finished, the tomatoes are just starting to spread," she said. "You could rip the broccoli out because the tomatoes are going to flop over there."

She said in this area it's helpful to use soil amendments, such as peat moss. This makes the soil more compatible to the plants. Compost or grass clippings also help fluff up the soil.

Once the ground is ready, you can plant early cold season crops such as onions, radishes and the cabbage family. Hopkins suggested planting lettuce early so that it won't go to

seed. Then as the weather heats up, put out the warm season plants, such as tomatoes and peppers. These will still need protection on cold nights.

Hopkins said lots of folks do what is called succession planting - putting in an early crop of something like radishes, carrots or corn and then, in another three weeks, planting another row of each. This way an entire crop is not ready all at once.

Instead of planting one row of corn, Hopkins suggested, put in at least two to four rows. That way the wind will allow them to pollinate each other.

"That's why I like to do my corn in little blocks," she said. "Instead of doing long rows, I bunch them."

Hopkins said the soil should be damp until

the plants begin showing new growth. Drying out will set them back. And it sometimes can happen that plants in the middle of a wide row may not get any water. She said to irrigate slowly to make sure they receive enough.

If you are irrigating your garden from a ditch, she said it's best to flood it. Otherwise, lay the hose or snaker in the row. With a sprinkler, be sure to use it early in the morning so the leaves will be dry by nighttime. If there are spots where water has collected on the leaves, mold can grow there overnight.

Hopkins said people are often hesitant to buy a tall tomato. But she said they actually make a good plant if you take off the lower leaves and plant it deeper.

More patience is necessary with asparagus. It takes several years to get it established. It cannot be harvested the first year, but just allow it to go to seed.

Plant watermelon plants toward the end of April, and cover them to protect them from the cold. Keep them well watered, so they won't wilt. That would set them back, and they could drop their blooms.

If you want your cauliflower to be white, Hopkins advised blanching them by pulling the leaves over their heads. She uses clothespins to hold the leaves in place.

Celery will have a strong flavor if it is not blanched. To do this, cover it all the way to the top with soil and give it plenty of water.

People are often afraid to plant Brussels sprouts. The trick with them is to plant on a long season. Start early in spring and, for best flavor, don't harvest until there has been a hard freeze of 22 degrees.

"I like to go out right before Thanksgiving," Hopkins said. "That's the first time we have Brussels sprouts."

'You can put tomatoes by the broccoli and then when the broccoli is finished, the tomatoes are just starting to spread.'

— Gail Hopkins, Moss Greenhouses

Nesting in the '90s: Staying home, slowing down

Flowers provide tranquility, personal expression

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Stenacing your kitchen. Growing your own herbs. Crafting homemade decorations. Who had time for that in the '80s? Americans were too busy pumping up power careers and shopping till they dropped.

But the '90s are shaping up to be an altogether different sort of decade, Gordon Gekko, meet Martha Stewart.

When the '80s ended, many of us found ourselves stressed-out, worried and still plain tired. So now we're staying home in record numbers. According to the February 1995 Roper Report, more than half the public (54 percent) spent last Saturday night at home.

Inviting friends into one's home is a personal, intimate way to entertain. Today's consumers decorate their homes to express their own personalities and tastes, and make them warm and welcoming to guests.

"Aesthetics is of utmost importance," says Dennis Lee, trendsetter and floral consultant for the Society of American Florists (SAF). "In a world where so many people have little outlet for creativity and time constraints, homes are becoming the key to self expression."

Perking up a home's decor, however, doesn't have to require a great deal of time, energy or money. Simple touches like bunches of loose-arranged flowers lend warmth and charm to any room. In addition to being affordable, flowers add color and personality without mandating a permanent decorating change.

Consumers can experiment all year long - tall, elegant gladioli one month, friendly casual tulips the next or a cheerful mixed arrangement of spring flowers. Flowers can provide the right atmosphere for an afternoon brunch or a celebration with friends - all without changing a single piece of furniture.

"Abundance isn't necessary for self expression," says Lee. "Today's trend is toward the interesting: studies in form, texture, or unusual varieties."

Lee offers the following tips and unique ideas for using cut flowers in the home.

- Bring your collectibles out of the closet! Old water pitchers, antique teapots, classic urns or

even tattered clay pots make fascinating containers for a casually placed flower arrangement.

- A simple, elegant decoration for any corner of the house: float two or three blooms, such as gardenias or gerbera daisies, in a favorite crystal bowl. Add a floating candle or two for a glowing evening effect.

- Brighten the rooms you use the most and bring a moment of calm to a hectic day.

- Kitchen: Trim a windowsill with a collection of terra cotta pots, using a combination of herbs and sun-loving plants like kalanchoe, African violets or primroses.

- Family room: Floral touches heighten the mood. In the summer when the fireplace isn't being used, brighten the hearth with an abundant assortment of seasonal flowers. Continue the theme by placing a few of the same flowers on the mantle next to those family photos.

- Bedroom: There is nothing like waking up to a hint of fragrance wafting from a bud vase on your nightstand. Ask your florist about tea roses, freesias, peonies, lilacs and lilies, all deliciously fragrant choices.

- Home office: Statistics show more Americans than ever are working at home with high-tech equipment. Give yourself a "nature break" by keeping a flowering or green plant next to that computer station or fax machine.

- Greet guests at your front



Photo courtesy Society of American Florists
A hand-tied water pitcher bouquet gives the look of freshly cut garden flowers.

- door. Attach small vases to a pre-made wreath and add short stems of fresh flowers. You'll be amazed what a warm welcome they communicate.
- Match the mood of a get-

together with the flower arrangements you place around the house. For a romantic dinner, choose a classic arrangement of roses, lilies, or hydrangeas accented with an elegant ribbon for a festive Tex Mex bash with friends, look for vivid, exotic varieties like bird of par-

adise, anthurium or ginger; for an afternoon brunch, bring spring time with a brightly colored flowering plant or a cheerful bouquet of flowers such as tulips, irises and daffodils. Whatever the occasion, your florist can help make it special.

- Create an interesting centerpiece decoration using several miniature vases, each holding the same type of flowers or an electric mix of color and variety. Then as guests leave, offer to let them make a choice to take home - an extension of a lovely evening.

- Individual flowers are perfect at place settings or attached to name cards, and will long be remembered by guests.

- Surprise house guests with a lovely bud vase placed at their bedside table or next to their morning coffee. Even a single stem is welcoming and heart-warming.

- For floral arrangements:
 - Keep the vase filled or floral foam soaked with warm water. Add fresh warm water daily. If the water turns cloudy, replace it immediately and recut stems if possible.

- Avoid placing your flowers in direct sunlight, near hot or cold drafts, or on top of televisions or radiators.

- If a rose starts to wilt prematurely, remove it from the arrangement, and re-cut the stem underwater. Submerge the entire rose in water. The rose should revive in one to two hours.
- For loose stems
 - If you can't get your flowers into water, right away, store them in a cool place.
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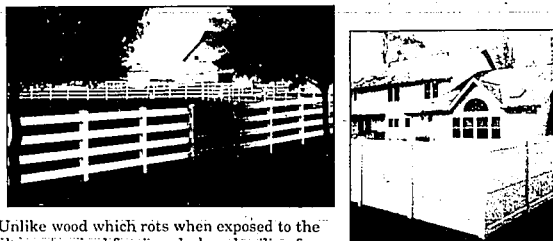
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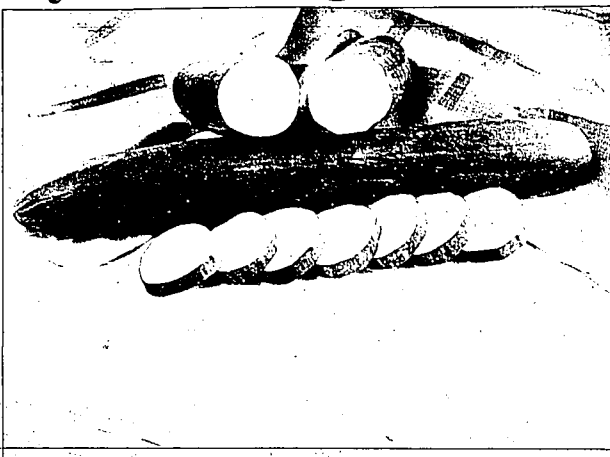
ST. LOUIS (AP) — Glasses and contact lenses aren't adequate to protect gardeners' eyes in accidents from power equipment, snapping branches or chemical sprays, says the American Optometric Association.

The group recommends wearing inexpensive safety goggles, which should fit easily over prescription glasses or sunglasses. Look for goggles that meet the American Standards Institute (ANSI) Z87.1 standard.

Choose sunglasses that block 99 to 100 percent of ultraviolet (UV) rays, says AOA. Sunglasses also should screen out 75 to 90 percent of visible light. The organization notes there are no federal standards for sunglass labeling, but consumers should look for labeled sunglasses that state the amount of UV blockage.

AOA suggests these checks when selecting sunglasses:

- Make sure the tint is uniform, with no gradients. The tint should lighten gradually from top to bottom.
- Hold the glasses at arm's length, and look through them at a straight line in the distance — perhaps the outline of a star. Slowly move the lens; if the straight edge appears distorted, the lens has flaws that will affect your ability to see.
- Look in the mirror. If you can see your eyes easily, the glasses aren't dark enough.
- The best tint for sunglasses



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Even though many foods can be grown indoors and outdoors, like these burpless hybrid cucumbers, eye protection is important when working in the sun.

is gray, because it won't modify color. Green and brown also are good.

• Price doesn't necessarily reflect lens quality. Some inexpensive glasses have quality

lenses, but often expensive models have fancy frames with poor quality lenses.

Books offer looks at English gardens

The Associated Press

Even before spring buds appear, new gardening books provide greenery and color on the shelves.

• "Gardening at Sissinghurst" (Macmillan, \$40 hardcover), by Tony Lord, describes the history and composition of the famous gardens at the Kent, England, estate of Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West. Lord, whose 200 color photographs illustrate the book, focuses on the gardening philosophies of the couple and the border and plant combinations that have influenced other gardeners since the 1930s.

• Another well-known but contemporary English garden writer about her gardens at Barley Hill House, Gloucestershire, in "Rosemary Verey's Making of a Garden" (Henry Holt, \$45 hardcover), by Rosemary Verey, with photographs by Tony Lord. She recounts her first garden experiences at the estate — a World War II victory garden — and how her expertise and her garden both grew in the years after.

• Still more English gardening in "The Old-Fashioned Gardener" (Lorenz Books-Stewart, Taylor & Cheng, \$27.50 hardcover), by Nigel Colburn, with photographs by Jacqui Hurst. Colburn advises modern gar-

deners on natural and organic techniques used by gardeners through history. The advice is practical, ranging from flowers and decorations for pleasure, growing your own food, storing and preserving it, tools and equipment, and soil.

• "The 400 Best Garden Plants" (Random House, \$40 hardcover), written and photographed by Elvin McDonald, is an encyclopedia of annuals, perennials, bulbs, trees and shrubs. The writer, a leading U.S. horticultural authority, gives the basics for each of his selections: descriptions of size, colors, leaves, seasons, when to plant, light, soil, fertilizers, and uses in overall garden planning.

• Another practical reference is the "Birchpe Complete Gardener" (Macmillan, \$29.95 hardcover), aimed at gardeners at all levels. This encyclopedia lists flowers, vegetables, herbs, groundcovers, and vines, and it discusses garden care, tools and equipment, and pests and diseases. Authors include Maureen Heffernan, Chela Kleiber, Holly Shimizu and Dr. Allan Armitage, all noted U.S. horticultural experts.

• "The Lattice Gardener" (Macmillan, \$35 hardcover), by William C. Mulligan, is the first U.S. book ever devoted to gardening with structures such as lattices, trellises, arbors and gazebos, according to the publisher. These structures have a long history in many cultures (the temple of love originated in Greece, the pergola is Greek-Roman, the gazebo is Dutch, the t'ing comes from the Far East). The author describes how they can create focal points for a garden, and he suggests trellis design projects for the home gardener. Photographs by the author and by Elvin McDonald show garden sites on both sides of the Atlantic.

• "The New Organic Grower" (Chelsea Green Publishing/Gardener's Supply Co., \$24.95 paperback), by Eliot Coleman, is a newly revised and expanded version of the author's basic text about organic gardening. Coleman outlines tools, techniques, soil, and other matters of concern to home or small market gardeners.

• "The Potting Shed" (Workman-

Smith & Hawken, \$18.95 hardcover), by Linda Joan Smith, looks at the room where gardening dreams begin to become reality. She offers tips on germinating seeds, drying herbs, picking flowers, planting bulbs, and care of tools.

• "Garden Artistry" (Macmillan, \$35 hardcover) by Helen Dillon, advises gardeners on how to make the most out of small spaces.

• "Further Along the Garden Path" (Macmillan, \$40 hardcover), by Ann Lovejoy with photographs by Mark Lovejoy, is a source for the gardener who wants to learn more advanced techniques.

Survey: Women garden more than men

EMMAUS, Pa. (AP) — Women outnumber men in U.S. home gardens, according to a profile survey commissioned by Organic Gardening magazine.

Two out of five Americans are gardeners, and of those, 57 percent are women. The survey, "Gardening in America II," estimates that 78,313,000 American adults — an increase of 30 percent in three years — now practice gardening.

Other facts about the American gardener, according to the study:

• The average age of gardeners is 47; the women's average age is 45 and the men's average age is 49.

• They have been gardening for an average of 15 years.

• During growing season, America's gardeners spend an average of three hours a week on flower and ornamental gardening and an average of four hours a week on vegetable gardening.

• Forty-two percent of them make \$50,000 or more a year.

• About 35 percent of gardeners have college degrees.

• Seventy-six percent of gardeners are married, and 43 percent have children under 18.

• Most gardeners — 65 percent — say they garden for fun; 56 percent garden for exercise and fresh air; 56 percent because they feel ornamental plants add beauty to their property; and 54 percent say that gardening is relaxing and reduces stress.

The survey also indicates that American gardeners are environmentally aware.

Fifty-six percent use mulch, grass clippings, leaves, and compost as fertilizers; 47 percent use mulch, grass clippings or leaves between plantings to reduce weeds; 61 percent recycle lawn waste; and 44 percent conserve water when irrigating their gardens.

One in three chooses organic lawn and gardening products instead of chemical types when they are available. Organic methods are used by 37 percent; chemical methods by 34 percent; and 29 percent use organic and chemical methods equally.

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Outdoor living

Create garden ambiance — inside

By Gary Krino
Orange County Register

Gardening has become the country's No. 1 hobby. More than 68 million Americans love to tinker with everything from tulips to tomatoes.

That's all fine and good if you've got the space for a garden. But let's be serious: Lots of us live in apartments and condos with little if any outdoor area to devote to things wonderful and growing.

Short of turning our indoor living space into an atrium, it's a stretch to give a garden feel where cultivatable dirt is as rare as emeralds at Sacau. But it's a stretch that can be made.

It works like this: Substitute interior decorating elements with a garden flair for the real things. Pick a space, then create a garden ambiance indoors that reflects the growing scene you're not able to create outdoors. If you do have the growing space but still want to bring the outdoors in, it's perfectly all right for you to try these suggestions, too.

For starters, look at wood garden benches with backs. Rather like outdoor sofas, these can be expensive. But if you check out mass discount merchandisers, you should find models that look much like the stylish brands but cost considerably less.

Bring the bench indoors and outfit it with lots of throw pillows that reflect a botanical theme. An added advantage? It doesn't have to be watered.

Another natural for furnishings is wicker. It definitely has that garden zing but works just as well indoors, perhaps as an accent in a bedroom or family room.

Trellises are versatile and can be used in a variety of ways indoors. In the kitchen, mount a small trellis on the wall, entwine some faux ivy through it, then use it to hang small cooking utensils.

On a short wall in most any room, use trellising floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall as you would wallpaper. Before you mount it, paint it. Somehow, a garden-green shade comes to mind.

For wall decorations, head to

the nearest nursery and pick up lots of inexpensive seed packets. Gigg the seeds to someone who giftfully has the space to plant them. Then take the packets with their colorful faces and create decoupage pictures that can be framed and hung as art. Use some of the packets as they are. Cut out the pictures of some of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers for a varied look.

For a more formal appeal, select framed botanical prints. They don't have that hands-on look, but they'll work.

Sisal floorcoverings are hot at the moment. They have a definite indoor-outdoor appeal, are relatively inexpensive, can be fitted to any space, are easy to maintain and are sufficiently neutral to go with just about anything that might already exist in a room.

They work especially well as throws on wood floors, although I've seen them used wall-to-wall, and that's effective, too. If you'd like to dress up the sisal a bit, do it with a throw rug that features some sort of garden or floral print.

Houseplants help keep air clean

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Household plants can be great allies in helping you keep your indoor air unpolluted.

It's a lesson you may have learned — and forgotten — in grade school: Plant life uses up harmful carbon monoxide that people and animals create and replaces it with oxygen, necessary for those same people and animals to survive.

"It's almost too simple to be true," says Mark Holliday, a certified nurseryman at Builders Square, the home improvement and decorating supply chain. "It's pollution control."

Some plants help destroy three of the most dangerous gases often found in homes — trichloroethylene (TCE), benzene and formaldehyde, a study by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration estimates that plants can reduce these gases by 90 percent.

Holliday offers some practical advice for deploying pollution-fighting plants.

- Install two or three plants per hundred square feet in your home. A small ivy in the bathroom is a good idea.

- If you've recently added new carpeting or furniture, or had your home sealed against cold weather, pack the affected areas with plants.
- Choose a wide assortment of plants, with different varieties, sizes, some with leaves, some flowering.
- Tropical and flowering plants seem to be most productive in removing pollution. Holliday says, so use lots of philodendron, spider plants, and aloe vera. It especially likes the ficus tree for oxygen production.
- English ivy is good for attacking TCE but doesn't touch other pollutants. Philodendrons draw formaldehyde from the air, and chrysanthemums favor benzene.

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Outdoor living

Attract birds with a little shelter

NORTHBROOK, Ill. (AP) — Letting birds share your back yard space is part of the enjoyment of gardening.

Attracting them is a simple matter of food, shelter and water, the National Bird-Feeding Society points out.

The society suggests placing feeders at different heights to simulate the way birds eat in the wild and making water available for drinking and bathing.

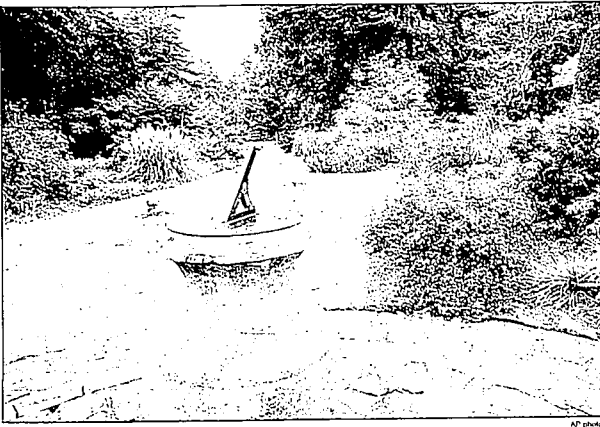
Shelter and protection from predators are provided by your shrubs and trees. Ideally, there should be a diverse selection — small and tall trees, bushes, and native grasses.

Evergreens such as juniper, spruce, hemlock and pine are good nesting and escape sites for birds. Fruit-bearing trees such as crabapple, cherry, hawthorn and mulberry produce food attractive to a variety of birds.

The society advises planting perennials like asters, bee balm, coneflowers, mums and pansies in the flower garden. Annuals birds find attractive are bachelor's buttons, coreopsis, impatiens, phlox, sunflowers, and zinnias.

Wildflowers also should be encouraged to attract wild songbirds.

The group recommends adding



Offer a variety of nesting places for birds in the shapes of trees, shrubs and birdbaths.

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The National Bird-Feeding

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Berming: The easy way to texturize

The Associated-Press

larger estate garden.

Its berms are made of sand-clay fill (\$5 per cubic yard, delivered), covered with muscogee lawn (\$8 per yard), which he had graded by a professional contractor in about a half-day. He estimates he spent about \$1,000 for each of the ridge made of fill, topped with loam and planted.

"My house is less than 20 feet from the street and only about 50 to 100 feet from the houses on either side of it. Yet I seldom see these houses or even passing cars," writes Robert Gillmore, a New Hampshire landscape designer, describing the principle of berming in Fine Gardening magazine's January-February issue.

Gillmore planted his berms with tholostedras and ferns. Along with a strategic selection of low-maintenance ground covers, trees, shrubs and plants, they make his property of less than an acre look like a much

"You don't even have to wait for the soil to settle before planting. I planted mine the same day they were installed," he says. "For about the same cost as a fence, I made aesthetically pleasing berms that require virtually no maintenance once planted with evergreen shrubs and ground covers."

Gillmore recommends shaping the berms to look natural, making the slope curving instead of flat, the crest undulating, not level, and the direction gently twisting instead of straight.

Briefly

New York garden carries feel of Old World charm

KATONAH, N.Y. — There's a small hidden gem 40 miles north of New York City where gardens evocative of ancient times can be found.

The 100 acres of the gardens at Caromont, the northern Westchester arts center, have been restored by a new resident horticulturalist and the Garden Guild. Surrounding the Mediterranean-style house museum (filled with Renaissance and Far Eastern treasures) are gardens displaying a mix of North American species and Mediterranean style: the Cedar Walk, Marjorie Carr Sense Circle (for sight-impaired people), Cluster Walk, Butterfly Garden, Tapestry Hedge and Sunken Garden-Medieval Mount.

Gardens are open this year on May 3, when a "Wake Up Your Garden" tour will focus on the tulips, primroses, dogwoods and magnolias in bloom.

Garden tours are \$5 (and a visit can be combined with a musical event or a meal). For information call (914) 232-5035.

Book offers detailed guide to Gardens in the U.K.

LONDON — Gardeners on their way to visit the British Isles later this year can look forward to "Gardens of the National Trust," Stephen Lacey's definitive new guide to 130 choice gardens and parks in the United Kingdom.

The 320-page hardcover book with 200 color photographs gives histories, descriptions, and growing and climatic conditions of the gardens owned by the National Trust.

They include the world-famous Sissinghurst and Hilcote Manor gardens, Capability Brown's 18th century landscape at Petworth Park, and the recreated 17th century knot garden at Moseley Old Hall.

The book will be published in Britain May 16 at 29.99 pounds (\$45). U.S. publication by Harry Abrams is expected for October or November.

Tour finest of Britain's private, amateur gardens

LONDON — Even if you've ogled some of the biggest and best of

Britain's stately gardens you may find yourself curious about the more modest private patches of ordinary folks.

The National Gardens Scheme offers a chance to visit about 3,500 private gardens around the country, which owners open just a few days each year for the benefit of charity.

A directory known as The Yellow Book is published each year, listing the gardens, the days and hours you can visit, what you can expect to see, and if tea and cookies will be available.

The plan offers entirely justifiable satisfaction to the natural nosiness of the amateur gardener as well as realistic ideas for your own flower beds.

Many of the gardens are superb and quite large. What they have in common is the intimacy of the private garden.

The Yellow Book is available at newsstands in Britain. Or if you want to order one in advance of your visit, send an \$18 check (U.S. currency) to National Gardens Scheme Charitable Trust, Hatchlands Park, East Clendon, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7RT England.

Miami's Fairchild Tropical Garden nears completion

MIAMI — Devastated by Hurricane Andrew in 1992, the Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami marks the final phase of its restoration this spring.

The Fairchild Conservatory, which was dedicated March 23, replaces the Rare Plant House. Six "windows" within the conservatory focus on distinct areas of tropical flora collected from locations from hot equatorial regions of the world, including Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Madagascar, Borneo, and China.

Exhibits include plants used as food; interactions between plants and animals; niches; and many other ecologies, and plants newly introduced to the garden from recent expeditions to remote regions.

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Outdoor living

Potting bench is simple project

By Nick Harder
Orange County Register

Making a potting bench is a simple project that almost anyone can do with few tools. Even if you use it for something besides potting, a few little decisions and you're on your way.

First, decide what size you'll need. Most potting benches are roughly two or three feet deep by four feet wide by about 36-40 inches high.

The height of the benchtop depends on your height. You don't want it higher than the distance from the ground to your arms when you put your elbows at your side and your hands straight out from your body.

The width and depth of the bench are purely subjective considerations, though the width might depend more on how heavy the pots may be. If it's too wide, your benchtop might sag under heavy weight. It also depends on the strength of the type of wood you use.

The choice of that wood is the second major decision you'll need to make. Many people prefer redwood because of its ability to weather well. In recent years, some people have used redwood benches but treated lumber for the legs that touch the ground. Treated lumber shows remarkable resistance to corrosive elements such as weather.

The size of the lumber also is a consideration. Part of this decision rests on how large the bench will be and the size of the pots you'll use, usually work. The larger the bench and larger (and heavier) the pots the larger the lumber.

For example, it's possible to use 2-by-4s for much if not all of the legs and support lumber. Extra strength for extra weight can be obtained by using 4-by-4s for the legs. Then use 2-by-4s for the support lumber.

Now for the benchtop itself. It's important for the lumber to be

What you need

• The potting bench dimensions are height 40, width 4 feet, depth 2 feet.

TOOLS

• Electric or hand-powered saw, screwdriver and drill.

HARDWARE

• Thirty-eight 2-inch buplehead deck screws.

LUMBER

• 22 feet of 2-by-8 redwood (three 4-foot lengths, three 4-inch lengths for bench top and shelf)

• 24 feet of 2-by-4 redwood (four 4-foot lengths, four 2-foot lengths for braces)

• 14 feet of 4-by-4 redwood (four 40-inch lengths for legs)

Warning: Rough lumber is sometimes not exact in its measurement and not consistent. For best results, measure each piece and the distance between pieces. Adjust the length and width of your cuts accordingly.

COST

• Redwood common grade, approximately \$50, redwood heart for shelf and bench top, about \$110.

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

How to make a potting bench

STEP-BY-STEP

- **Step 1:** Cut 4-by-4s into four 40-inch legs (or the height you have chosen)
- **Step 2:** Cut 2-by-4s into four 22-inch-lengths and four 48-inch-lengths
- **Step 3:** Measure and mark 8 inches from one end of each of the 4-by-4s. The top of the lower 2-by-4 brace will be fastened here.
- **Step 4:** Lay two of the 4-by-4 legs parallel so the outer edges are four feet apart. Fasten the one of the 48-inch 2-by-4s so the top edge meets the mark on each leg. Use two screws on each end. Do the same to the other two legs.
- **Step 5:** Place both sections upright on their legs so they are parallel and two feet apart. The 2-by-4 braces at the bottom facing inward. Position the two shorter 2-by-4s atop the longer braces so they are perpendicular to each other and adjacent to the legs. Fasten them to the legs.
- **Step 6:** Cut three 2-by-8s to a length of 41 inches.
- **Step 7:** Fasten them at each end atop the 2-by-4s. (This is the shelf.)
- **Step 8:** Fasten the two remaining 2-by-4 by 24-inch sections to the tops of the posts. Fasten the two remaining 2-by-4s just beneath them and inside the tops of the legs.
- **Step 9:** Cut three 2-by-8s into 48-inch lengths and fasten them from the top edge of the front legs across the shorter 2-by-4s to the back. (This is the bench top.) Make sure you use a drill bit that will allow the screwhead to be buried beneath the surface.
- **Step 10:** For extra bracing, you may cut, position and fasten 2-by-4s underneath the bench top. Fastening can be done from each end through the long 2-by-4s. Additional fastening also can be done from the bench top if you wish.

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

thick enough to accommodate some fairly heavy loads yet not so thick as to be a stress on any lumber supports underneath. A good bet is lumber that is 2 inches thick. A 2-by-6 piece of lumber might suffice, though a 2-by-8 or 2-by-10 probably would be better. It is possible to use 1-inch thick lumber for the benchtop but only if you'll be working with small pots and not 50-pound bags of soil mix.

Decide on the width, two, three or four of this lumber laid edge-to-edge can work well as the top. If you'd like a solid surface, use a 1-inch thick marine-grade. Even though it's marine grade, you'll still want to apply a water sealer.

Make sure the fasteners you choose can withstand the elements, such as coated decking screws. Bolts, nails or lag screws and any

washers should be galvanized. If you want to go first-class, stainless steel fasteners are best. (A marine hardware store would be a good source.)

A combination of glue and fasteners will fasten together the bench better and make it more stable. Use a wood glue that can withstand the weather. The down side of this practice is that if you want to move

your great new potting bench, you'll need more room to haul it than if you've used only fasteners so you can disassemble it.

Do you want the benchtop angled slightly so it will drain a bit of a few degrees will provide for drainage without making it difficult to work on. To accomplish this, angle cut the legs a few degrees.

For a perfect job, find perfect tool

The Associated Press

The world's first tools probably were sticks and stones used to dig a hole in the ground. Today's gardeners have more sophisticated choices.

A low-noise, non-polluting walk-behind power mower from Husqvarna Forest & Garden Co. might make you more popular with your neighbors. The 3.5 HP Garden Tractor, a four-wheeled, rechargeable 12-volt batteries that run for about an hour the battery charger is included. Its noise level registers 65 dBA. It's priced at \$399.95.

Gardeners who need big help in maintaining large plots might look at the Tractor-GTX Garden Tractor, a four-wheeled riding lawn with power steering, disc brakes and a 35-inch turning radius. The tractor has traditional agricultural styling, leather seat discharge mowing deck, and can support cuts, lawn sweepers, tillers, plows, and snowblowers. Depending on size, prices range from \$3,899 to \$7,799.

At the other end of the scale are small, lightweight tools for gardeners who work in flower and vegetable plots and other limited areas. Crok-Best garden tools from Ames, made of thermally ash handles capped with comfort grips. Heads are heat-treated high-carbon steel, colored in a distinctive teal color to match the line includes a 15-tined shrub rake, a long-handled round-point shovel with mid-size head, round-point shovel with full-sized grip handle, eight-tined level-head rake, full-sized head cultivator with four curved tines, and a full-sized head garden hoe.

Home & Garden news

Knight-Ridder News Service

SADD-BOE Does your lawn look like it's got chicken pox? After this winter's record snow, it may be suffering from snow mold, or mycelial blight, say the folks at King of Prussia, Pa.-based Sweeney Seed Co. This fungus infection develops under a prolonged snow cover and grows best at temperatures between 30 and 40 degrees (sound familiar?) and manifests itself as straw-enlarged

patches of grass as big as two feet in diameter. If you see 'em, there's a good chance you've got it.

HOMEMADE FERTILIZER: The Washington Post says you can make your own organic fertilizer with a 20-pound bag of cottonseed meal, a 40-pound bag of greensand and two 3.5-pound bags of bone-meal. Mix the ingredients. Store in reusable plastic bags. From May to September, sprinkle a tablespoonful around the base of plants each week, or one trowelful per month.

Gardening confers spiritual benefits

Knight-Ridder News Service

Let's talk about the health benefits of gardening — and they are many.

More apt to eat a lot of fruits and vegetables if you grow your own. When I garden, I find our summer dinners usually consist of several kinds of vegetables, sometimes enhanced by tofu or a little fowl or fish. I arrange appetizer plates of red pepper, carrots, radishes and cucumbers. When you garden, you can also make sure all the produce you eat is organic.

Gardening's slow repetitive tasks also work your body in a deeply satisfying way, while slowing your breathing and bringing peace to your thoughts.

And gardening enhances the health of the planet. Nothing goes to waste in your kitchen — cut scraps, potato parings, muddy lettuce leaves all find their way to your plot. You till and fertilize, mulch and hoe and, through your own honest sweat, you restore balance and fertility to a patch of land. No matter how tiny that patch, in the world this is an absolute good.

Lately, however, I've been thinking more about flowers than vegetables, and of the spiritual and aesthetic aspects of gardening. These ideas have been spurred in part by my 1996 engagement calendar: a

beautiful little book called "In the Garden" (Little, Brown and Company), with photographs by Curtice Taylor.

Using photographs in this calendar illuminate some of the ways in which gardens soothe, elevate or brighten the spirit. There are blazing patches of flowers, and borders that contain tangled stems, leaves and blooms as tender as a child's tousled hair. There are fragrant strands of lavender, and huge drifts of climbing roses. There are soul-calming streams and pools, chiaroscuro contrasts of light and shadow.

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Consider various custodians for IRAs, Keoghs

by **Chet Currier** The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you just barely squeezed your 1995 retirement savings contribution in before last week's tax deadline, chances are you weren't very careful picking a place to invest the money.

But in most cases, that doesn't mean you're stuck with your decision. One of the many nice things about individual retirement accounts, Keogh plans and similar setups is the way they allow you to get managing your money after it's invested.

You can transfer IRA or Keogh money from one custodian to another, or between different investments offered by the same custodian, now or at any other time of year.

When the mid-April income-tax filing

Analysis

deadline arrives each year, financial advisers typically file a spate of last-minute calls for advice. What's a "good place" to put an IRA or Keogh contribution?

In the rush to get the contribution made before the chance is lost forever, there isn't time to discuss such niceties as the investor's age, temperament, goals and overall financial situation.

The discussion stops at "what's a good fund to buy" or "where can I get a decent yield and not have to worry?"

The trouble is, these questions ignore the fact that no financial vehicle, at any point on the spectrum from conservative to aggressive, can possibly suit everybody equally well. In retirement investing, there is no such thing as one-size-fits-all.

But no IRA is so scattered or disorganized to be straightened out, even if you've put your contribution in a different place each year for a couple of decades with never a thought to an overall strategy.

Any good mutual fund family, brokerage firm or other financial institution should be ready and eager to provide you with simple application forms authorizing it to transfer accounts from other custodians, and set you up with a fresh start.

The process may take a few weeks, and you may have to pay exit fees to some firms as your money is moved out. If you invested in a time certificate of deposit or other vehicle with a set maturity date in the future, you need to inquire about early withdrawal penalties, and in some cases you may decide it is better to stay with what you've got until it matures.

Otherwise, though, it's good to be aware

that account transfers can be done at any time of the year, and you won't run into any withholding tax problems as long as the money is moved from one custodian to another, without passing through your hands.

If you picked a mutual fund in haste on April 15 and now have second thoughts about it, an even simpler remedy may be at hand. Check the roster of other funds offered by the same fund family, and consider switching your money within that family by means of a phone call, without the need for any change of custodian.

Similarly, it's worth checking with a broker or bank that has your IRA or Keogh money to see what other choices are available at the same firm. In cases where the institution isn't cooperative or helpful, that in itself is a pretty fair suggestion to consider shopping for a different custodian.

If nothing else, a lesson can emerge

from this exercise about what to do regarding future retirement-account contributions.

First of all, contribute the money early, and you won't have to worry about deadline pressures. Also, it will start earning tax-deferred returns sooner.

Secondly, when you don't have the money at hand to make contributions until the last minute, keep in mind that you don't have to make long-term investments there. You can make contributions until the very moment of the contribution.

It can be put in some liquid, short-term vehicle such as a money-market fund when you're on deadline, and moved elsewhere, days, weeks or even months later, when you have had the time to evaluate where it ought to go.

Chet Currier covers financial affairs for The Associated Press.

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Microsoft	800,000	48.00	+0.05
Apple	600,000	35.00	+0.02
Oracle	500,000	28.00	+0.01
Amazon	400,000	18.00	+0.01

Local interest

Description	Price	Change
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100% T-Bill	98.00	-0.01

Closing futures

Contract	Price	Change
Crude Oil	25.15	+0.05
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	5.50	+0.02
Natural Gas	1.20	+0.01

Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change
Crude Oil	25.15	+0.05
Gold	380.00	+0.10
Silver	5.50	+0.02
Natural Gas	1.20	+0.01

Grains

Grain	Price	Change
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Rice	4.20	+0.01

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Metal	Price	Change
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Stock	Price	Change
IBM	115.00	+0.12
Microsoft	48.00	+0.05
Apple	35.00	+0.02
Oracle	28.00	+0.01
Amazon	18.00	+0.01

Options

Option	Price	Change
IBM Call	1.50	+0.01
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Bond	Price	Change
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Drop in West pushes March housing down

Knight-Ridder News Service

CHICAGO — A large drop in home construction in the West helped push U.S. March housing starts down 3.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.447 million units, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. The decline was the sharpest in a year.

The drop follows a revised 4.8 percent rise in February to a 1.505 million-unit rate, the highest rate since May 1994. February starts were previously reported as up 4.9 percent.

Single-family housing starts fell 1.4 percent to a rate of 1.159 million units in March, following a revised 2.5 percent increase the month before. Previously reported as up 2.6 percent.

March housing starts in the West posted the biggest drop in a year, falling 10.1 percent. Starts fell 2.3 percent in the South, multi-family starts fell 12.7 percent after rising a revised 7.5 percent in February. The declines were partially offset by a 10.2 percent rise in housing starts in the Northeast, and a 3.5 percent gain in the Midwest.

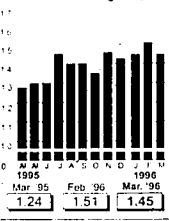
Because the 3.9 percent drop in March U.S. housing starts — the sharpest in a year — was mostly concentrated in the volatile multi-family sector, it was viewed as only a slight drop overall, economists said.

Economists surveyed by Knight-Ridder estimated an annualized March starts rate of 1.45 million units, within a range of 1.4 million to 1.51 million.

The 12.7 percent drop in multi-family starts drove down the overall rate of housing starts, said David Lereah, chief economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association.

Housing starts

Seasonally adjusted annual rate in millions of units



The 1.4 percent drop in single-family starts showed that activity remained fairly strong. The total effect was a slight drop, pretty much as expected, he said.

"Anything above 1.4 million units is still relatively healthy," Lereah said.

David Felson, chief economist with the Federal National Mortgage Association, also said the drop was in line with expectations.

"It came in the multifamily sector, where we were looking for it," Felson said.

"Multifamily construction had been at an unsustainable pace in recent months, he added.

Economists had expected that rising interest rates would push down housing starts and had been skeptical of the strength of the February data.

The slight drop was in line with expectations by NatWest Washington Analysis, said Marlene Grabau, economist.

Entrepreneur proposes Utah flights

FARMINGTON, Utah (AP) — A Vernal entrepreneur believes northern Utah has sights as interesting as southern Utah's, and wants to start helicopter and airplane tours of the region.

Jan Richards, owner of MASH Helicopter Rides and Tours in Vernal, didn't get much encouragement when he proposed his idea to the Farmington Planning Commission last week.

Richards wants to put a helicopter pad north of Lagoon Amusement park, which would be used in summer to fly customers over Antelope Island on short jaunts and to Keanebec Copper's Bingham mine on longer trips.

The commission said a probably wouldn't fit Farmington's general plan.

And the manager of Antelope Island State Park, located west of Farmington, was just as cool to the idea.

"Most people who come here appreciate the value of Antelope Island as a place to escape the bus and noise of the Wasatch Front," said Tim Smith, park manager.

Helicopters buzzing the island would disturb native birds along with wild head of bison and the 300,000 to 500,000 tourists who roam there every year, he said.

Richards has indicated that if he cannot fly out of Farmington, he may try to set up at the Bonifant municipal airport. And if he cannot settle there, he may find a welcome at the Ogden-Hinckley Airport.

Jerry Layton, who has managed the airport for four years, said that he is working to attract operators flying sightseeing tours.

The Ogden airport would be an ideal base for northern Utah's first large-scale scenic sightseeing business, he said.

"I say so to them. Why don't you come up here and run out here to Promontory Point, and into the beautiful Ogden Valley and see the seven mountains of Utah rather than all that red stuff," Layton said.

The airport has the capability of supporting an F-16 class operator, he said. It is the second busiest airport in Utah, with more than 104,000 takeoffs and landings in 1995.

"Many in Utah do not consider the northern tier of the state much of a draw for sightseers. Most people in Salt Lake County think of Utah as ending at Bonifant. People in Salt Lake City think it's 400 miles to Ogden," Layton said.

Dave Porter, publicity director of the Utah Travel Council, agrees northern Utah needs more exposure from the air. There are plenty of tourist sights over Bryce Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley and the St. George area in the south.

Why not enjoy the scenery of Weber Canyon, Frappan Canyon and the Cache and Ogden valleys in the north, as well? "It may be time to look that way," Porter said.

Down on profit-taking, IBM plunge

Knight-Ridder News Service

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed down 70.09 points at 5,549.93 Wednesday, plunging in active trading as investors turned to take profits on the market's recent gains.

A plunge on shares of IBM Corp. Wednesday's decline, with Big Blue tumbling 10 1/4 points to 105 1/4 following the release of its first quarter earnings. It was a high as 107 1/4.

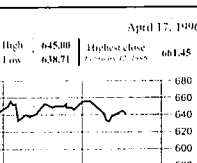
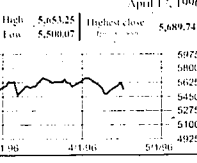
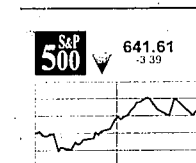
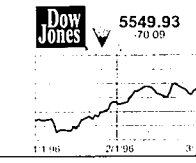
The Dow rose during the past four sessions amid the release of higher-than-expected earnings reports, but traders said the market ran out of steam Wednesday.

The Dow rose 134 points over the four days before Wednesday's declines struck.

"While the quarter was ahead of forecasts, traders said indications from company officials of increasingly severe quarters ahead in the computer industry sparked selling."

IBM's drop accounted for 27 points of the Dow's declines Wednesday.

Several Dow components, including AT&T Corp. and Coca-Cola, posted record earnings Wednesday, but were unable to rally enough to boost the Dow.



expect the market will regain its former firm tone.

"A lot of today's weakness is tied to IBM right now...the market has been front loaded with losses."

"Overall, there's no economic news ahead. Unless we see some of the economy cranking up here, watch bonds, commodities' aside from earnings reports, said one trader."

The broader markets were not as hard as the blue-chip Dow, with the NASDAQ composite falling just 4.06 to 1120.86, and the New York Stock Exchange composite index down 1.72 at 344.50.

The S&P 500 was down 3.40, 491.64. "The market is not in an economic news ahead. Unless we see some of the economy cranking up here, watch bonds, commodities' aside from earnings reports, said one trader."

The 30-year bond yield was last down 3/32 at 8/32 1/2, while 6-month Treasury bill was up 1/4 at 6 1/4. Caterpillar continued to take a beating, closing down 3/4 at 67.34.

Merck & Co. Inc. was one of the Dow losers, down 1/4 and high on 1/4 at 60 1/4. Caterpillar continued to take a beating, closing down 3/4 at 67.34.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN AND FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS... A Petition by Thomas Duane Bauer... NAVARRETTE, Defendant... NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF...

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Table with columns: REVENUE, TRANSFER, WARRANTS, PAID BY, ENDING BALANCE. Rows include various departments like Fire District, Police, Public Works, etc.

STATE OF IDAHO TWIN FALLS COUNTY WE, BONNIE BRUNING, TREASURER, AND ROBERT S. FORT, AUDITOR OF SAID COUNTY, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT THE FOREGOING STATEMENT IS CORRECT FOR JANUARY 01, 1996 THROUGH MARCH 31, 1996.

NOTICE OF EXCHANGE PROPOSAL Proposed Exchange of Lands in Twin Falls County, Idaho UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Bureau of Land Management, Snake River Resource Area, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will meet on Monday, May 14, 1996, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in the Council Chamber, 1000 S. 2nd Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear a request by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, to amend Title 10-1 of the Twin Falls City Code...

ho corporation, as Trustee will sell all public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, at any public place, the following described real property, situated in the County of Teton, Idaho, and described as follows: The Teton County Planning and Zoning Administrator of City Hall, 222 Second Avenue East, Teton, Idaho, 83426. J. Phil Gooding, Mayor. PUBLISHED: Thursday, April 18, 1996.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of County Commissioners, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, that a Public Hearing will be held upon the following item: CONDITIONAL USE by Cgrl and Sue Feldhausen on property consisting of 148 acres located in Sections 7, 8 and 20, Township 37 N., Range 120 E., B.M. Also known as being located four and one-half (4 1/2) miles South of Burley on the West side of 3500 East and address 3500 North 3500 East, Burley, Idaho, in the Agricultural Zone. The intended use is to expand an existing single family residential subdivision covering (70) acres and put in a (one) (1) acre championship golf course on 79 acres.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held upon the following item: A Public Hearing will be held on the 14th day of April, 1996, at 10:00 A.M. in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, at the County Commissioners Office, 425 South Main Street, 4th Floor, 425 South Main Street, Twin Falls, Idaho. Any and all persons may appear at said hearing and may file their written comments to said request at the Office of Planning Administrator, 246 3rd Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83402, or by telephoning 734-8490, before said hearing.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE On Tuesday, the 30th day of July, 1996, at a hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m. of said day at the County of Plats, Page 33, in the Office of the County Recorder and Assessor, County of Plats, Idaho, at the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 8 in Block 1 of ROSELLE L. EXTENSION SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat recorded in Book 6 of Plats, Page 33, in the Office of the County Recorder and Assessor, County of Plats, Idaho.

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PUBLISHED April 18, 25, and May 2, 1996. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION. Case No. SP-96-211. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. The undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOEL ALEXANDER BRADY, SR., Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of JOEL ALEXANDER BRADY, SR., Deceased. All persons having claims against the decedent or estate of the decedent are requested to file their claims within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims presented by the undersigned at the address of the undersigned with the Clerk of the Court DATED this 13th day of March, 1996. W. Dale Tamm, Attorney at Law, 200 N. Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83726.

RAYDON and RAYBORN By R. E. Rayborn, Attorney for the Estate of RAYDON and RAYBORN. Twin Falls, ID 83403-0321. PUBLISHED April 11, 18, 25, and 30, 1996. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS MAGISTRATE DIVISION. Probate No. SP-96-432. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. The undersigned, Attorney at Law of ROGER MILTON HUSTON, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of ROGER MILTON HUSTON, Deceased. All persons having claims against the decedent or estate of the decedent are requested to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims presented by the undersigned at the address of the undersigned with the Clerk of the Court or by telephoning 734-8490, before said hearing. DATED this 15th day of April, 1996. J. Phil Gooding, Mayor, Twin Falls, Idaho 83402.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

Analyze the play. The mystery is yours.

How did he know how to handle his trumps? I asked an ace in an earlier column. I played a tempo and I know you don't have anything away either. Study South's play for the true reason for South's perceptible plan.

South was his club ace and quickly led his spade jack. West assumed he had an aces king. South went on the way back. South is needed against East's queen. Now it was an easy matter to pick up the suit to South's heart. West had East led the heart. South would have scored 12 tricks.

A less perceptive player would probably have gone down with the 4-2-3 hearts. He would have cashed his top trumps, hoping for a 2-2 split. Then he would have run the diamonds, trying to discard his hearts. He would have cashed his top trumps, hoping for a 2-2 split. Then he would have run the diamonds, trying to discard his hearts.

- WEST
 ♠ A 10 7 2
 ♥ K 7 3 3
 ♦ A 10 9 8
 ♣ A 5

- EAST
 ♠ Q 3 2
 ♥ A 10 7 2
 ♦ K 9 5 4
 ♣ A 5

- North-South
 ♠ A 10 7 2
 ♥ K 7 3 3
 ♦ A 10 9 8
 ♣ A 5

BID WITH THE ACES

- North-South
 ♠ A 10 7 2
 ♥ K 7 3 3
 ♦ A 10 9 8
 ♣ A 5

ANSWER FOUR CLUBS

North-South
 ♠ A 10 7 2
 ♥ K 7 3 3
 ♦ A 10 9 8
 ♣ A 5

It does take him back to lose the game, but South must make a contribution. Today's South did not contribute. When he bid 4-2-3 hearts, he was making a safety play. He could afford to lose the finesse in West had the queen because a heart bid from West would have bid the game. West wouldn't have bid the game. West wouldn't have bid the game. West wouldn't have bid the game.

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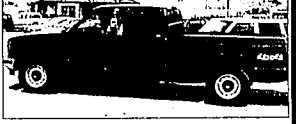
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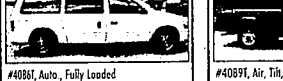
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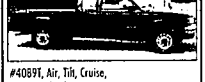
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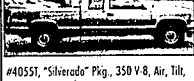
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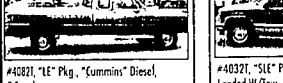
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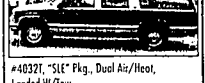
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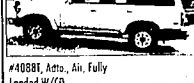
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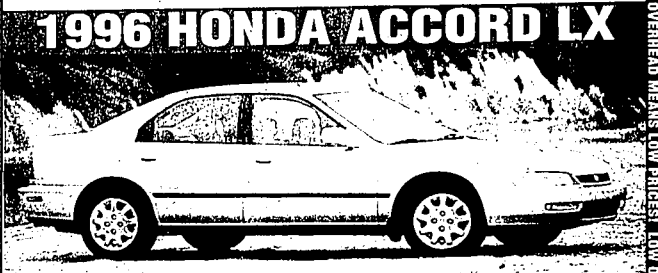
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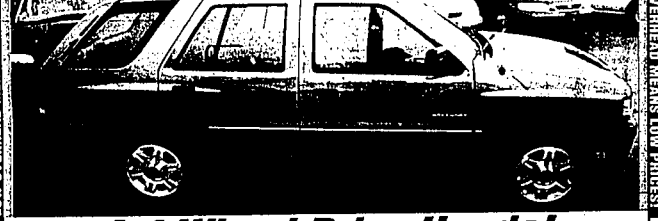
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