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# Fair boss floats events center plan

By N.S. Hokenntved  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County fair officials want to know what Twin Falls County residents think of building a \$7 million event center at the fairgrounds in Filer. One proposed way to foot the bill would be a bond issue supported by property taxes.

Fair Manager John Pitz explained the proposal to *The Times-News* editorial board Tuesday, as part of an effort to

gauge community attitudes toward the proposal.

A 35-member citizens committee is gathering comments from the public about the proposal, Pitz said. The information will be considered by the fair board, which has until June 1 to decide whether to hold an August bond issue election.

Pitz and the board hope to hitch a ride on the departing contrails of the county's jail bond issue, which will be paid off this summer. The owner of a \$100,000 home

would pay \$15.50 annually on the event center bonds. That annual bill would be \$2.50 less than the jail payment which it would replace, Pitz said.

Pitz's challenge may be to sell an exposition center in a community that already supports one such facility - the Expo Center at the College of Southern Idaho. Pitz said the new building would be bigger, with better seating and ventilation, and it would be able to handle larger events that cannot fit into the CST Expo Center.

Features of the proposed building would include:

- About 90,000 square feet.
  - Permanent seating for 2,500 to 3,000.
  - Removable seating for another 2,500 to 3,000.
  - Addition floor seating for concerts could bring the total up to 8,000 seats.
- Rather than competing with CSI's facility, the proposed center would take

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## IN MEMORY OF RANDI



Kristy Webb, left, of Habitat for Humanity and Jan Banyal, father of 5-year-old Randi Banyal, who was struck and killed by a car on Fourth Street West Sunday, have joined forces to build a park in the neighborhood in honor of Randi. The piece of land lies behind the Banyal's home, and is often used by neighborhood children, including Raymond Banyal, foreground, the twin brother of Randi.

# Accident victim's family seeks to build park in daughter's name

By Kent McCleary  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Randi Lynn Banyal was playing in front of her home Sunday afternoon when a passing car struck her and killed her. The 5-year-old was playing on the sidewalk and in the street, her father says.

"I really feel it wouldn't have happened if she'd had someplace to play," said Jan Banyal.

Banyal said he had started making a playplace on a vacant lot behind their house, pulling weeds and mowing the sparse grass. His wife, Nancy, and neighborhood had been planning ways to make the lot into a park for a year, but

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- U.S. Bank, 241 Shoshone St., Twin Falls, c/o Karlo Edrjaga, 737-0222
- Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley, 1746 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, care of Kristy Webb, 734-1769

Lincoln Elementary School and Habitat for Humanity set up the funds independently, but they have been combined. Proceeds will fund a safe park in the Banyals' neighborhood.

hadn't gotten far enough. Now, Banyal's family and neighbors want to finish that park, in Randi's memory.

Two memorial funds have been set up to help build it.

The land is already available. The Banyals purchased the first house built by the Magic Valley chapter of Habitat For Humanity.

Habitat owns six lots at the corner of Fourth Avenue West and Blake Street South, said chapter president Kristy Webb, and three have been built upon. The lots on the back of the block are still empty, and one could be used for a park, Webb said.

"We see the neighborhood designing the park. We see it as a way of healing the neighborhood. There's really good

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# Finance reform decision on hold for 2 days

The Associated Press

BOISE - A campaign finance reform bill viewed as "a good first step" by key lawmakers got its initial airing in a House committee Tuesday.

But after an hour of testimony on the Senate-passed bill, several people still wanted to testify to the House State Affairs Committee decided to resume the hearing Thursday.

The bill is a modified version of the finance campaign limits proposed by Gov. Phil Batt. His chief of staff, Jeff



Malmen, said the governor supports the bill.

The legislation would, for the first time, place limits on contributions to state political races, although an analysis of 1994 donations indicated few would have been impacted by such a law. The bill also would require more reporting from independent groups.

But the section that generated the most debate would require groups such

as the Idaho Education Association and unions to obtain written permission from each of their members annually before using dues or checkoffs for political purposes. Boise attorney John Runft, representing the IEA, said dues agreements between the IEA and its members represent legal contracts, and the proposed legislation would allow state government to interfere with those contracts.

IEA Executive Director Jim Shadlow said the IEA is a private organization. "Let's decide whether there is a problem here," he said.

# Emotions run high as GOP lawmakers renew effort to outlaw abortion procedure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The emotional charged issue of a contentious abortion procedure was back in the congressional spotlight Tuesday in a bitter and bruising House-Senate hearing as GOP lawmakers renew their effort to outlaw the technique.

Opponents of the method, which anti-abortion forces call a "partial-birth" abortion, have been bolstered by an abortion-rights advocate's admission last month that he did not tell the truth about the number of such procedures and the conditions of the women who undergo them.

"A very important issue here is that Congress was lied to," Rep. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn., said, referring to the arguments against the ban made by abortion-rights groups over the last two years.

The House Judiciary Committee is to meet Wednesday to draft legislation making it a crime for anyone to perform the procedure, known technically as "intact dilation and evacuation," which some physicians use to remove a relatively large fetus from the womb in one piece. The only exception would be to protect the woman's life. President Clinton vetoed similar legislation last year.

The House is to vote on the measure next week.

The procedure involves pulling the fetus out of the birth canal, feet first. The surgeon then punctures the back of the fetus' head, sometimes with surgical scissors, and removes the brain, permitting and skull to be partially collapsed and brought through the cervix, the narrow part of the birth canal.

During last year's congressional debate, abortion-rights supporters said the procedure was almost exclusively done when the fetus had

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# Hailey to push sewer bond issue

By Kristen Kennedy  
 Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Voters will face a \$4.5 million sewer bond issue election May 27, which, if passed, would pave the way for a \$6.5 million plan to replace the Woodside treatment plant.

The bond issue election is more costly than a \$1.9 million bond issue election Hailey voters rejected in 1995. The bond issue requires a simple majority for victory.

The bond is an attempt to address a sewer problem that has stunted growth in Hailey, Mayor Steve Kearns has been pushing Environmental Protection Agency officials to lift the moratorium and allow 250 additional hookups in the community.

He requested the hookups in writing Feb. 21, and Monday expressed confidence that the moratorium would be lifted. While the bond would replace Hailey's Woodside treatment plant, the city's Riverside plant remains a concern to the EPA.

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### Fast facts

- Project cost: \$6.5 million.
- Bond amount: \$4.5 million.
- Election date: May 27
- Project: Complete replacement of Woodside plant.
- Cost per month: Between 25 cents and \$1 per month.
- Length of bond: 20 years.

# Attorney general: Rankin's latest has problems too

The Associated Press

BOISE - As with earlier versions, Attorney General Alan Rankin's office has found the latest property tax cap initiative from anti-tax activist Ron Rankin "cannot be implemented in its current form."

An advisory opinion submitted to Secretary of State Cetera Carrara Tuesday said that while Rankin made a number of specific changes to a measure that was overwhelmingly rejected by voters last November, "the overall structure and intent of the initiative remains the same."

The initiative filed Feb. 11 for a place on the November 1998 ballot once again seeks to limit property taxes to 1 percent of taxable value.

The proposal now will be given short and long ballot titles before Rankin begins his campaign to gather more than 41,000 registered voter signatures to gain a spot on the 1998 ballot.

The proposal also would shift an estimated \$140 million in local property tax support for public schools and junior colleges to the state.



Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., left, and Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairmen of the House and Senate Judiciary committees, huddle during joint hearings Tuesday on partial birth abortions.

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# GOP tickets: Pay \$5,000, hobnob with top leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even as they accuse the Democrats of selling White House access, Senate Republicans are offering \$5,000 tickets to a "policy forum" next month with Majority Leader Trent Lott and two dozen GOP colleagues.

The National Republican Senatorial Committee is inviting big donors to share their "advice, experience and expertise" with Lott and other senators during a two-day meeting at a downtown Washington hotel.

Among senators invited to mingle with donors are Finance Committee Chairman William Roth of Delaware and nine members of his tax-writing panel; Majority Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma; and Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici of New Mexico.

The occasion also is a special chance to meet the nine new GOP Senate freshmen, according to Lott's fund-raising solicitation, which was obtained by The Associated Press.

"Like you, many of them are just beginning to step into the top of Republican leadership, and I am sure that over the years you will share many special moments together," he wrote.

The April 15-16 forum offers "plenty of opportunities to share your personal ideas and vision with some of our top Republican leaders, senators and panel members," the letter promises.

Lott said the appeal, dated Feb. 27, is simply "legal activity



Trent Lott

Bob Dole

to raise legitimate funds," and he contrasted it with the Clinton White House offering donors access on government property.

Besides, he added, "People who don't give one nickel can walk in and talk to me. The door's wide open."

Those who join the group also will get a chance to play golf and tennis with senators and other GOP leaders at a retreat later this summer, Lott said.

Dubbed the "Presidential Roundtable," the group is limited to 400 "emerged business leaders and prominent citizens" from around the country. It was founded in 1987 under President Reagan. The invitation notes that "during Republican administrations, member meetings and receptions with the president, vice president and Cabinet officials are not uncommon."

At least \$2,500 of the membership fee must be paid in advance to be eligible to attend the April event, Lott wrote. Failure to seize the opportunity means "you could lose a unique chance to be included

in current legislative policy debates — debates that will affect your family and your business for many years to come."

The money can be paid from personal funds, or donors can give so-called "soft money" from a corporate account. The GOP is seeking to keep the issue of soft money out of a Senate investigation into political fund raising.

The solicitation is just one of many efforts by both parties to raise money by promising access to powerful policy-makers.

In 1995, congressional Republicans promised meetings with GOP congressional leaders in government buildings in return for specific donations.

For \$15,000, donors were offered breakfast with then-Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in the Senate Caucus Room. For \$45,000, they could attend that breakfast and then lunch with House Speaker Newt Gingrich in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress. Those who gave \$100,000 were offered those benefits, a reception with GOP presidential candidates and the option of requesting a congressman or senator to sit with them at a dinner in Washington.

The Washington Post also reported Tuesday that a senior official for the House Commerce Committee, David Cavicle, called investment companies about making \$100,000 donations to the GOP, days after Congress passed legislation making changes in the securities and mutual fund industry.



Detroit police officials look over a shooting scene in an alley behind a Comerica bank on Detroit's east side on Tuesday. Police said the gunman, covered at right, grabbed a hostage, covered left, ran outside and shot the hostage before being killed in an exchange of gunfire with police.

## Rampage of gunfire, prayer ends in death at Detroit bank

DETROIT (AP) — Reciting the Lord's Prayer as he moved among his victims, a gunman in camouflage killed three people at a bank Tuesday before dying in a barrage of police gunfire.

The dead included two employees at the Comerica bank branch and a man who was taken hostage as the gunman was leaving. The gunman wounded two people: a man who was apparently walking his dog two blocks away and a bank employee.

It was the second deadly big-city shootout at a bank in 11 days. Police initially described the shootings as an attempted robbery but later said the gunman's motive was unclear.

"At some point the guy did say, 'Where's the money?' forced people to lie on the floor and asked them to recite the Lord's Prayer," Police Chief Isaiah McKinnon said. "He recited it with them as

he was shooting. "It appears as if we have a person who walked in to kill," McKinnon said. "He walked into the bank and was killing."

The identity of the gunman was not immediately released. He appeared to be in his mid-to late 20s and was dressed in a gray-and-white camouflage jacket and hat, police said. He wielded what witnesses said was a shotgun.

The rampage began when he shot the dog-walker. Then the gunman carjacked a Volvo and drove to the bank, situated on a commercial strip surrounded by a residential neighborhood, police said. Once inside, he started firing.

"You could hear through the glass. He was yelling loud, 'Get down!'" said Katrina Crawford, who was approaching the cash machine and saw a man inside wielding a shotgun.

As the gunman left the bank, he grabbed a man who was getting out of a car, apparently to go to the cash machine. Police said they tried to talk the gunman into releasing his hostage, but he shot him to death.

Police then fired about 200 bullets at the gunman, said the owner of a nearby car repair shop, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "As soon as he shot the hostage, they just opened fire and blew him away," the witness said.

Among the dead were Stanley R. Pijanowski III, 52, assistant vice president and branch manager, and James L. Isom, 25, retail services representative. Lisa Griffin, a 38-year-old assistant branch manager, was hospitalized in fair condition. The dog-walker, a 23-year-old man whose name was not immediately released, was in serious condition.

Prosecutors said Platz used bribes, phony documents and help from six accomplices to drive off with at least 153 vehicles from Fort McCoy, 95 miles northwest of Madison. Five others charged in the scheme face trial in June.

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other heavy equipment. They were taken between 1994 and 1996.

Although no missiles or other weapons were stolen, launchers for TOW anti-tank missiles were mounted on some of the armored personnel carriers. There was no evidence any of the equipment ended up in the hands of extremist groups or hostile governments. Instead, prosecutors said the vehicles were sold to museums and collectors.

## White House bill tops \$1 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of entertaining donors and other private citizens at the Clinton White House surpassed \$1 million in 1996 — three times the amount in President Bush's last year — but taxpayers were fully reimbursed, administration officials testified Tuesday.

Seeking to capitalize on recent revelations about Democratic donors staying overnight or attending coffees at the White House, Republicans repeatedly pressed the officials to explain how they classified political events and nonpolitical ones.

"That's the real issue," said Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee that held the hearing. "Any common-sense person will say this is really political."

Officials for the National Park

Service, which maintains the White House compound, testified that the cost of political events at the White House — coffees for Democratic donors, dinners and other events — totaled \$592,587 for fiscal 1996, which ended a month before the election.

That was more than twice the \$261,186 tab that Bush and his Republican supporters ran up during the last election year of fiscal 1992.

The Democratic National Committee, the Clinton/Gore campaign or other political groups reimbursed the government the full amount for the vari-

ous events, which included 51 coffee klatches with donors, the officials said.

The Clinton White House was reimbursed an additional \$445,278 from a variety of sources for other private social events at the White House, the officials said.

Kolbe demanded to know how much of that money came from the Clintons personally to reimburse the government for 538 overnight guests.

Many of the guests were big-money Democratic donors — rewarded nights in the White House under a plan approved by Clinton.

## Military surplus dealer convicted of theft

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A military surplus dealer was convicted Tuesday of masterminding the biggest theft of fighting equipment ever from a U.S. base — a \$13 million heist that included a tank and 17 armored personnel carriers.

Leo Anthony Platz, nicknamed "Tanker Tony," was found guilty on all counts of conspiracy, bribery and conversion of government property.

Platz, 37, could get up to 125 years in prison and \$2.75 million

## Latin internees seek post-war U.S. redress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Latin Americans interned in U.S. camps during World War II because of their Japanese heritage appealed to President Clinton Tuesday to let them share the financial redress made to Japanese-Americans.

"I don't want your sympathy. I want justice," said Alice Nishimoto, 62, who was held for 2 1/2 years with her Peruvian family at a camp in Crystal City, Texas. "We all deserve an apology. We need our dignity."

Under a little-known World War II program, more than a dozen Latin American countries shipped 2,764 citizens of Japanese heritage, mostly from Peru, to U.S. internment camps for possible barter with the Japanese for American prisoners of war. No such prisoner exchanges took place, however, and after the war many of the Latin internees weren't accepted back home; they went to Japan or stayed in the United States.

Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, who said the program "casts shame on this country,"

At a news conference, Nishimoto and two other former internees — all U.S. citizens now — displayed 4,000 signed form letters to Clinton from American, Peruvian and Japanese citizens. The letters urge Clinton to issue an executive order to compensate the Japanese-Latin Americans who have been denied because they weren't U.S. citizens when they were interned.

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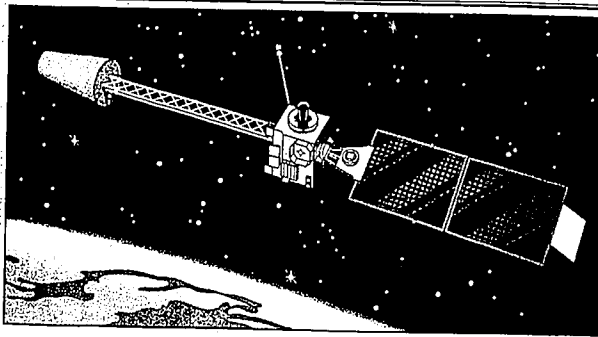
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This drawing, released by NASA Tuesday, shows the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) which NASA is scheduled to launch April 24. The satellite will go into a holding orbit to be ready to replace either of the two current stationary weather satellites.

## Launch set for weather satellite

WASHINGTON (AP) — The launch of the nation's newest weather satellite has been scheduled for April 24.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday that the GOES-K satellite will be launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and will go into a holding orbit to be ready to replace either of the two current stationary weather satellites.

The GOES satellites orbit at the same rate the Earth turns, allowing them to remain above

the same spot on the planet, watching the weather as it changes. They are the mainstay of short-term weather forecasting, producing the images widely seen on televised weather reports.

The satellites also measure water vapor in the atmosphere, ground and sea-surface temperature, winds, heat radiation from the Earth, reflection of sunlight, rain and snowfall and ozone in the air and can detect forest fires and plumes of volcano ash that

can endanger airliners.

Currently, GOES-9, launched last year, watches over the Western states and the Pacific Ocean, while GOES-8, launched in 1994, observes the East and Atlantic. Once it reaches orbit successfully, GOES-K will be renamed GOES-10.

NOAA is spending about \$1 billion for five GOES satellites, with two more yet to be delivered. GOES stands for Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite.

## Clinton hits broadcasters for free TV time for political candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deep in his own fund-raising controversy, President Clinton called on broadcasters Tuesday to give free TV time to political candidates as he turned up pressure on Congress for campaign finance reform.

"We have to use the present intense interest in this — as well as the controversy over fund raising in the last election and all the publicity over it — as a spur to action," Clinton said.

In remarks before the Conference on Free Television and Political Reform, the president announced creation of an advisory panel to study the "public interest obligations" of providing free TV time for political advertising.

Even without any study, Clinton's mind was made up: "Free time for candidates can help free our democracy from the grip of big money."

The commission would have 15 members from commercial and non-commercial broadcasters, computer companies, producers, academicians, advertisers and public interest groups, the White House said today.

Aides said Clinton is urging the Federal Communications Commission to require broadcasters to provide free political air time as a condition of switching to digital broadcasting signals.

Noting that broadcasters use

"public air," former broadcast journalist Walter Cronkite, a founder of the Free TV for Straight Talk Coalition, said, "It is only just that a tiny portion of that investment be paid back — reinvested in the democracy that nurtures the whole system."

The president also renewed his call for passage of campaign finance legislation, which an offi-

cial said Clinton considers "the one good thing that can come out of stories about fund raising by both parties."

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## Jail escapees 'Get Out of Jail for Free'

The Seattle Times

KENT, Wash. — Three men who broke out of the Kent City Jail left behind a window sill mangled by a cutting torch and a farewell card that made even the police smile.

The escape occurred sometime between 11:15 p.m. Sunday and 2 a.m. Monday, said Officer Paul Petersen, spokesman for the Kent Police Department. The disappearance of the men, who were being held at the jail under a contract with the U.S. Marshal's Office, was discovered during an early morning head count.

The men are considered dan-

gerous. Said Petersen: "They're facing felony charges, and I'm sure they don't want to go to jail."

The escapees and their accomplices left one more hint to the planning behind the breakout. On the metal window sill investigators found their farewell memento: a Monopoly "Get Out of Jail for Free" card.

"We appreciate the humor," said Petersen grudgingly. "But we don't appreciate the escape."

The police were investigating how the escape could have occurred without drawing attention. One possible explanation is that the men, who were in a

ground-floor cell, were in an area that may have been dimly lit or on the periphery of surveillance cameras, Petersen said.

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# Swinging, swaying to the art beat



A visitor to Washington's National Gallery of Art looks over an Alexander Calder sculpture entitled "Cascading Flowers" on Tuesday. The museum will observe the anniversary of the late sculptor's birth with a major show of his work.

WASHINGTON (AP) — No one who visits the vast East Building of the National Gallery of Art can miss the work of Alexander Calder, the celebrated artist-engineer who had a wild sense of whimsy.

A Calder mobile dominates the museum, kept moving by the air currents that pass through the big main hall.

To observe the 100th anniversary of the late sculptor's birth, the museum plans a major show of Calder's work next year.

But the exhibit rooms aren't drafty enough to keep them in constant motion. "We're thinking of putting in special fans," says Marla Prather, curator of the show.

As a forerunner of the fun to come, the museum has installed an early swinging, swaying sculpture that Calder created in 1937, a 23-by-25-inch mobile resembling those toys that parents sometimes hang over baby cribs. It's part of a preview show of 35 pieces, including some of Calder's watercolors.

Calder wouldn't have liked that comparison. He reportedly hated imitations of his work as a toy. He refused to permit mass reproduction of anything he did.

At one time, Calder ran his mobile sculptures with motors. Then he decided that motors made the motion too regular, so he built them just to move with the breeze, like the musical gongs

people hang in gardens. Calder's gently balanced pieces were dubbed "mobiles" in the 1930s by artist Marcel Duchamp, who, like Calder, played with the idea of motion in art. He called his best-known work "Nude Descending a Staircase." He tried to get the feeling of movement by painting a succession of outlines that look like double exposures on a photographic film.

Calder, who came from an artistic family, got a degree in mechanical engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. Reversing the usual story, in which the stern parent pressures the child to give up art for something practical, Calder's sculptor father urged his son to take art lessons.

He did, becoming an illustrator for the National Police Gazette, a great source of sensational pinups early in the century. A two-week assignment covering the Ringling Brothers Circus gave the young Calder a permanent fascination with acrobats and their precise sense of balance.

His carefully balanced mobiles won him a lot of attention in France between the two world wars. He had joint exhibits with Henri Matisse and did a sculpture in heavy black wire of Josephine Baker, the American dancer whose banana skirt won the love of the French at the Folies-Bergere.

# Youth faces deportation, death

MILLBURN, N.J. (AP) — An 11-year-old victim of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster faces deportation next month, a potential death sentence if his leukemia recurs, supporters said. Vova Malofienko came to the United States in 1990 to attend a special camp with seven other Ukrainian children who got leukemia following the world's

worst nuclear accident four years earlier. While the other children returned to Ukraine, Vova began receiving treatment and his disease went into remission in 1992. The other children died. "If I do get sick again, the chances of me dying there are great," said Vova, a popular honors student.

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# National Archives will display works of Depression-era 'starving artists'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like millions of other citizens, America's artists stood in bread lines during the Great Depression. Violinists had to choose between paying the doctor and paying the mortgage.

Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal came to the rescue, with writers paid to tell the history and folklore of each state, painters covering Post Office walls with murals, symphonies entertaining hospital patients, actors opening a play in 22 cities simultaneously — with some casts of blacks or Hispanics, and some speaking their lines in Yiddish.

A sampling of the fruits of these endeavors will go on display March 28 through next January at the National Archives, which owns many of them.

The exhibit, "A New Deal for the Arts," tells the story of the greatest government involvement in the arts in U.S. history. The exhibit makes for a

Roosevelt spring in Washington. On May 4, the 7 1/2-acre FDR Memorial will be opened, the first presidential monument in Washington since Roosevelt dedicated the Jefferson Memorial in 1943. FDR's private railroad car will go on display and tours will be held of New Deal art in government buildings throughout the capital.

Archives curator Bruce Bustard said at a preview Tuesday that no one knows how many creative people benefited, but at their peaks the theaters projects employed the 14,000 out-of-work actors and the writing projects employed 4,500 writers. Often they were paid about \$100 a month.

Controversy ensued. Conservatives said the New Deal projects gave work to radicals who then proceeded to propagandize for Roosevelt.

And editor H.L. Mencken, the cruxy "sage of Baltimore," wrote a government official that good

writers could always find work. "My fear is that if you begin to offer subsidies to writers they will all go to quacks," he wrote.

Nonetheless, many works of lasting importance were generated. Dorothy Lange, Walker Evans, Ben Shahn and Arthur Rothstein were among the accomplished photographers who roamed the country, capturing the despair and recovery of the 1930s.

Orson Welles directed an all-black "Macbeth" in Harlem. Mark Blitzstein wrote the music for an opera about a steel strike. Artist Raphael Soyer portrayed anonymous urban life in his lithographs, sometimes hiring the unemployed as models.

Guidebooks captured the history of each state, sometimes for the first time. In one produced in Virginia, former slaves told their stories. Other books told local folklore or introduced town eccentricities.

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# Conservative says arts aid U.S. trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Robert Bennett pleaded Tuesday for federal spending on the arts as a way to keep an edge for the United States in world trade.

He said the one great advantage Americans have in competition with other countries is their spirit of enterprise.

"Great experiences, great challenges I think were part of (our) growing-up circumstance and ... entrepreneurial spirit if we lose the tie to the creativity of the arts ...," the Utah Republican said.

"There's a \$500 grant from the ... (National Endowment for the Arts) in Delta, Utah, that keeps the school arts program alive," he said. "How disastrous it would be

for the country as a whole if those tiny places didn't have that kind of support."

Bennett was speaking to a symposium of business and academic leaders called by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences under the title "The Arts Make America Rich." It was part of an "Arts Advocacy Day" supporting President Clinton's proposal to spend \$136 million next year on the NEA, restoring most of a budget that was cut this year to \$99.5 million.

Americans for the Arts, an advocacy group, distributed figures to support the importance of the arts in the U.S. economy. According to these figures non-profit arts organizations spent

\$36.8 billion in 1994 and supported 13 million jobs while the "art industry" supported another 938,800.

The House Republican leadership has agreed to try to end all spending this year on the NEA, criticized by many conservatives for some projects they see as fostering obscenity and violence. Administration officials expect more support in the Senate, including some from conservatives including Bennett.

Among sponsors of the symposium were Sen. Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah; Jim Jeffords, R-Vt.; Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Tex.; Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.; Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; and Robert Kerrey, D-Nebr.

# Singer LaVern Baker dies at 67

NEW YORK (AP) — LaVern Baker, whose hits "Weedle-Dee" and "Jim Dandy" put her at the top of the rhythm and blues charts in the 1950s and earned her a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, has died. She was 67.

Ms. Baker, who had suffered from diabetes and had had both legs amputated below the knee two years ago, died Monday at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in Manhattan.

She had continued to perform to support herself and pay for medical expenses. Dozens of artists threw her a benefit concert last fall at Nassau Coliseum in Uniondale, N.Y.

Ms. Baker was inducted into the rock hall of fame in 1991, telling the audience, "Regardless of how old you are when you get this, it's still good, baby." Her other hits included "Pop-Ting-a-Ling," "I Cried a Tear," "Shake a Hand," "Saved" and "See She Rider."

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## EDITORIAL

### Taxpayers not here to serve government whims

The folks who run Idaho's cities and counties would like to have you believe that the sky is falling, and that state Rep. Jim Kempton is to blame.

Kempton, R-Albion, is the author of legislation, passed by the Idaho House of Representatives last week, that would make it easier for property owners to seek compensation for a decline in the fair market value of their land as a result of government action.

The Association of Idaho Cities and the state's environmental groups think that's a terrible idea, and that if the state Senate and Gov. Phil Batt sign on to this proposal, it will end local planning and zoning as we know it.

Please. All Kempton's bill seeks to do is to put property owners on a level playing field with the folks down at City Hall. There's no presumption in this legislation that landowners are always right.

But it does acknowledge that they have rights.

If you, as a private citizen, do something with your property that makes

your neighbor's property worthless, you're going to be held accountable. Why are local governments exempt from that responsibility?

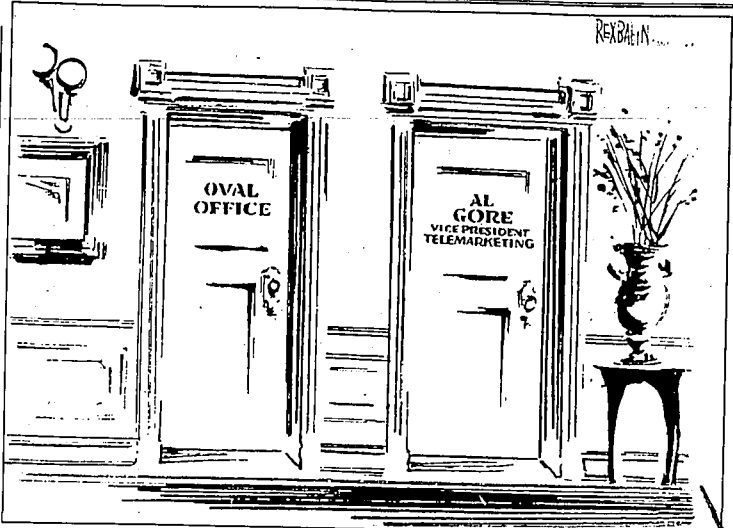
This legislation would create what amounts to an ombudsman to settle disputes between property owners and local governments in cases where ordinances such as a moratorium on construction have harmed property values. That simply means that a property owner doesn't necessarily have to sue the city or county to get compensation.

Under this proposal, local governments would just have to be able to justify their actions when they affect property owners.

They don't have that burden now, and that's too bad. One of the first lessons elected officials tend to forget is that what they do has real consequences on ordinary taxpayers.

Kempton thinks that the public officials making decisions should think about those consequences first, and we agree.

In America, taxpayers don't exist to serve government. It's supposed to be the other way around.



### Good liberals, right-wingers share notions

Left-wing political correctness may have some aberrant moments, but right-wing political correctness is becoming a genuine menace. Calling a dwarf "vertically impaired" instead of "real short" is silly; barring someone from high public office for having resigned his job over a matter of high principle is both wicked and nuts.

The citizen in point is Anthony Lake, currently in nomination to head the Central Intelligence Agency. A quarter of a century ago, Lake worked for the National Security Council during the Nixon administration; he objected both to the illegal bombing of Cambodia, which has had unutterably tragic consequences, and to the illegal wiretapping of reporters. So, he quit.

To most of us, this would appear to be a highly commendable action and a splendid recommendation for a future head of the CIA. Imagine, someone in charge of the CIA who respects the law and has a conscience - thank you, Jesus! But, no - according to some on the right, these very qualities make Lake unfit to be head of the CIA. Furthermore, it is on his record that he once attended a seminar critical of the CIA!

Is it possible that anyone interested in public affairs has not been at some gathering at which the CIA was criticized? How in the name of heaven did that become a bar to holding office? Has Sen. Jesse Helms no sense at all?

According to some right-wing pundits, Lake is further unfit for high office because he is not absolutely certain that the late Alger Hiss was a communist spy - a charge on which Hiss was not indicted, much less convicted. When asked about Hiss' guilt on a recent Sunday-morning chat show, Lake replied that he was aware of evidence that "he may have been. I don't think it's conclusive." This wildly temperate and reasonable observation moved Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, who will head Lake's confirmation hearings, to announce that Lake's



opinion raises "a red flag."

Just by way of historical context, Hiss may have been guilty, but the one thing we know for certain is that accusing Whittaker Chambers was a liar. One may choose to believe what Chambers claimed at one time or what Chambers claimed at another, but one has to admit that he lied at some point. That's the reason the case remains controversial to this day.

The notion that Lake's opposition to at least the most spectacularly illegal part of the Vietnam War, the Cambodia bombing, would somehow make him persona non grata at the CIA is (A) nonsense and (B) the function of serious memory loss. In fact, Vietnam was one of the agency's finest hours, and had successive administrations paid any attention to the CIA's commendable intelligence gathering and analysis on that situation, we could have saved ourselves and the Vietnamese untold grief. The CIA said it was a no-hoper from the get-go.

True, the CIA later ran one of the most notoriously unscrupulous episodes of that war: 20,500 "suspected" Viet Cong leaders were killed by Operation Phoenix, and according to William Colby, mistakes were made - part of the long-running misuse of and lack of control at the CIA. Unfortunately, there is little reason to believe that Lake is especially anxious to either rein in or disband the CIA's fruitcakes. The impression that he is stems from his failure to meet the right wing's tests of political correctness. Soft on Hiss? What a blot in the old copybook.

Even stranger than these long-faded

remnants of the Cold War now being posted as a bar to public office is the Republican effort to get hold of Lake's raw FBI files. When Shelby first announced that he would not set a date for Lake's confirmation hearing until he got the raw FBI files on the man, more than a dozen Republican senators backed him. Shelby has since retreated.

In my more optimistic moments, I often see common ground between good liberals and right-wingers, especially those of the libertarian persuasion. When I hear right-wingers carry on about how the government tramples on people's rights, I think: "Great! New recruits for the ACLU!"

I submit to you that (aside from a disgusting chicken-out during the McCarthy era) the American Civil Liberties Union is the most consistent organizational champion of individual rights against the government in America. That's why it's always making itself wildly unpopular by defending the rights of fascists, Kluxers and horrible criminals - if the government can railroad any one of them, it can railroad any one of you.

Ollie North is among my favorite ACLU supporters. There's a guy named James Bovard who writes for The American Spectator who is just the kind of cranky anti-government citizen who belongs in the ACLU. I briefly became the Sweetheart of the Lunatic Gun-Nut Right just by taking a sensible civil libertarian position on the David Koresh disaster near Waco, Texas.

But then along comes Richard Shelby and I'm reminded why you can't trust conservatives on serious issues affecting liberty. They claim to be against Big Government, but it turns out that they only care about property rights, not people's rights.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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## LETTERS

### Neutral means neutral - period

I would like to respond to John Evans and Rupert Mayor D'Amelio Alameda, statements made in the Friday, March 7, Times-News article regarding the rest area proposal.

Evans stated, "Only a small minority remains opposed to the project." I've been "out in the field" talking to people and have received many phone calls on this issue and find there are as many, if not more, against the proposal as for it.

Mayor Alameda stated, "I believe the chamber's new position indicates support for the project."

When I was in the sixth grade, I learned neutral meant neutral. If I put my car in neutral, it doesn't move forward or backward - it remains neutral. The chamber now has a neutral position on the proposal. That to me means it is not for it or against it, it is neutral and will respect the right of the people to make their own decision.

I'll forgive you both for your inappropriate slips of your tongue.  
RAE D. SMITH  
Burley

### Avoid deception, study Bible

I've always avoided the idea of the end times that the Bible speaks of, not that I don't believe in the Bible. But I don't believe we're supposed to support evil by not standing against it by using the end times as an excuse.

We've seen wars and heard rumors of wars, we've seen flood, volcanic eruption, earthquakes, high crime, pestilence, disease and persecution of Christians.

But this deception, this total, undeniable, insane and suicidal deception of our people has me believing we're getting mighty close.

End times or not, this complacency and unwillingness to accept our responsibility will lead to the end of our country.

I tell people about something the government has done, and they say, oh, I don't believe that. Then I tell them I can bring you government documents to prove it, and they say, I wouldn't believe anything the government says either.

Then they turn on their TV and let the government tell them David Koresh molested children and called himself Jesus.

President Clinton and Janet Reno, through their spokesman George Stephanopoulos, said on April 21, 1993, "There is absolutely no question that there is overwhelming evidence of child abuse in the Waco compound."

But Janice Caldwell, executive director of Protective and Regulatory Services, told reporters on March 5, 1993, "No signs of physical abuse have been found."

When the feds saw their murdering plan falling apart, they carried out the preconcepted plan, murdering everyone in the building, burning it down and bulldozing everything in on itself to cover up evidence.

Matthew says, "Take heed that no man deceive you."

I think you ought to start studying the Bible and not just reading it.

By allowing yourself to be deceived, you're not practicing what you're preaching.  
TONY ROBERT KIRK  
Fairfield

### Stirring the journalism pot

Well, The Times-News and the U.S. Forest Service get the award for stirring up controversy and irresponsible reporting for the article of March 6. What a deceptive headline, "Forest Service tries tough love." Your reporter must have had an interesting interview to create that headline. Or was it just a "sensational idea" by some environmental reporter to keep the reported conflict brewing between the ranchers and Forest Service? Also, I noticed a reporter took credit for writing this article.

The next time you need a word to go behind "tough" in this context, please call me. I have a few suggestions.

WILLIAM J. BROCKMAN  
Kimberly

### Try different tactic with insurance

A Feb. 25 headline read, "Senators seek tougher penalties on uninsured motorists."

It appears that as the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, more laws are passed to suppress the poor that much more.

The passing of more laws has not prevented one person from driving without insurance, neither will more laws completely control non-conforming citizens of this country.

One of the problems with the present system is when the uninsured causes the accident, they may get a ticket (joke), their vehicle may be impounded (a bigger joke) because all that person has to do is pay a fine - present

a two-bit insurance policy, pay the towing and storage bill and take their vehicle any place they want to.

This is all done without any concern for the party whom they hit. Neither the driver nor the state, with all its laws, pays the injured parties' losses. The solution to this problem is 100 percent no-fault insurance. With the exception of malicious intent and burden of proof is yours.

Malicious intent would be defined as this: If you decided the other party deliberately or otherwise caused you to suffer a loss, you could sue them for your loss.

If you decided to sue, your lawyer would have to verify you to determine if you could pay the other party's out-of-pocket expenses if you lost. If you

could not pay, then the lawyer would be required to pay those expenses.

If, for any reason, the lawyer did not pay the other party's expenses, he or she would lose their privilege to practice law (forever).

Any person that files a lawsuit and loses, if they do not pay, after the fifth loss, they would be put in prison for life.

This no-fault insurance would cover all aspects of life - doctors, vehicle owners, property owners, business people, all people in all walks of life, even lawyers.

I think this would put a stop to all frivolous lawsuits and cause everyone there to be more responsible.  
GROVER WILSON  
Twin Falls

## LETTER

### Doonesbury



### By Garry Trudeau



### Mallard Fillmore



### By Bruce Tinsley



LETTER

Ask questions, find answers together

I appreciate the many responses to my last letter concerning the Tobacco and Drug Abuse Program. I was both pleased and surprised. Many offered great suggestions. Some misinterpreted my questioning the effectiveness of the program as being against it totally, wanting to reduce school funding or attempting to transfer the funds to the Juvenile Justice Program. I simply wanted feedback from taxpayers, students and educators on the effectiveness and wisdom of its funding increase and continuation as outlined.

Drug and tobacco abuse is a large problem. As a criminal investigator for more than 15 years, most of my work was centered in narcotics investigation. The experience taught me how traumatic it is for families to suffer through major declines in their standard of living due to drug use. The number of lives wasted is disastrous. The cost to our nation is also tremendous.

We are seeking answers. In December of '96, the Education Commission of the States sent these directives to the States' Education Policy makers: "Public opinion surveys tell us that the public lists education as its top priority and supports many of the education improvement ideas that are being carried

out in schools and communities across the country. But they are skeptical that significant improvement can occur in the public education system as it is currently structured. They are skeptical that our leaders have the will to accomplish what is needed. It is time for policy makers to get pragmatic and demanding about policy decisions. ... It is vital to find those policies and practices that work and document the evidence of success. ... We must be willing to move funds from ineffective programs and invest in what works. How can time and facilities be better used? We urge our colleagues, governors, legislators and all state policy makers to use the next legislative session to respond quickly and decisively to the public's concerns."

Education is one of my top priorities. Wise use of the money invested is vital. I support such educational improvements as placing online Internet service in individual classrooms as was recently done in Elmore County. I know people are skeptical of our leaders' will and ability to accomplish what is needed in education policy. I have the will to do the work. We must ask questions and find answers that surely exist.

REP. JIM JONES  
District 20  
Elmore and  
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IS JUSTICE BLIND-OR IS THIS A BLIND JUSTICE?

Every Wednesday night, my teenage daughter and I watch him on "Fury of Five," a Fox TV show about San Francisco siblings coping after their parents' death in a car crash.

Bailey, the second-oldest brother, has been slipping into alcoholism all season, in an exceptionally unglamorous way. The scriptwriters have been building up to it for two years now. They are not planning a quick, easy, and-slug-eugene either.

It may help some kids think again about their "partying."

Meanwhile, ABC is hyping its "March Against Drugs," a monthly blurb of anti-drug commercials and anti-drug messages inserted in sitcoms ("Home Improvement," "Grace Under Fire," etc.) soap operas ("General Hospital"), talk shows, sports programs - and news shows. It will conclude with a "town hall meeting" on March 30 reporting on "results of the campaign" and including a moment of silence for parents to talk to their children.

The U.S. Department of Education is paying for a toll-free hot line (1-800-ABC-DAY), callers will get a family guide, "How To Raise Drug-Free Kids," produced by Reader's Digest, ABC, Partnership for a Drug-Free America and the department.

Other than generating good publicity for ABC, I don't think the "march" will get very far.

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TV's anti-drug messages won't work now

Bailey Salinger - responsible, kind, studly - has become an alcoholic. He's flunking in college, failing his team, and hurting his friends and family. He's not a free spirit, he's a mess. (Even his promiscuous roommate kicks him out of bed for doberbing.)

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JOANNE JACOBS

"results" to report in four weeks?

The idea that a moment of silence in a TV show will promote parent-child dialogue is laughable. If parents want to communicate with their kids, they should turn off the TV. If a moment of silence will do, mute the commercials.

Second, it's compromising the integrity of ABC news shows. Reporters are supposed to investigate with an open mind, not start with the pre-determined answer.

Meredith Vieira will report on high school students' increasing use of heroin on "Turning Point," according to network promos.

But is there a significant increase in teen heroin use? The National Household Survey of Drug Abuse reported in 1995 that one in 500 12- to 17-year-olds uses heroin, writes Michael Males, author of "The Scapegoat Generation: America's War on Adolescents" in the Los Angeles Times. The Drug Abuse Warning Network surveys show 38,000 emergency-room heroin treatments in 1995; 150 involved teenagers.

Here's a bet: "Turning Point" will not interview Males, or report that the teen heroin crisis is hype promoted by Partnership for a Drug-Free America, ABC's collaborator in the "March on Drugs."

Teen marijuana use has risen significantly in recent years. No doubt ABC will stress that. But will they report on a far more prevalent drug of abuse? A recent U.S. Education Department study found five percent of eighth and ninth graders were heavy marijuana users; 18 percent of eighth graders and 24 percent of ninth graders were heavy alcohol users, defined as getting drunk or drinking more than 10 times in previous month.

Partnership for a Drug-Free America warns about drugs - "this is your brain on drugs" - but their

known ad - but ignores alcohol. ABC's partners in the anti-drug blitz advocate "zero tolerance" for illegal drugs. Will ABC interview drug educators who say "zero tolerance" doesn't work?

Fundamentally, what works is connecting kids to caring, responsible, supportive adults. Mom and Dad are the best choice, if available. Big Brothers is remarkably effective. Getting kids away from the TV set and involved in life - sports, academics, computer club, choir - makes a difference, especially if the kid builds a relationship with an adult. But there are no results in four weeks; it takes more than a moment to communicate with children.

Sending commercials - in slick commercials or in sitcoms - is

easy, especially if nobody checks to see if the messages are heard and heeded. But a month of explicit anti-drug messages will not counter years of implicit messages sent by programs and commercials.

Much of the time, television sends messages that undercut parent-child communications and teach the values ABC is preaching against in March: Adults are idiots. Children are wise. Good students are nerds. Rebels are cool. Solutions are simple. Fool good fast.

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# New study suggests global warming may already be under way

The Associated Press

Satellite temperature measurements bolster the conclusion that global warming is already under way, two Colorado scientists say.

The readings support last year's conclusion by an international scientific panel that "the balance of evidence suggests that there is a discernible human

influence on climate." The findings also call attention to the urgency of the issue at a time when the world's nations are trying to control pollutants that contribute to global warming.

In Thursday's issue of the British journal *Nature*, climatologists Kevin Trenberth and James Hurrell argue that satellite temperature measurements show a slight warming trend in the upper

atmosphere between 1979 and 1995.

Previous analyses of these satellite measurements suggested a cooling of about 0.09 degrees Fahrenheit per decade over that period.

If the two National Center for Atmospheric Research scientists are correct, they have resolved a troubling discrepancy: Ground-level records show a temperature increase of 0.13 degrees

Celsius between 1979 and 1995, while satellite readings higher in the atmosphere show a cooling trend during the same period.

Trenberth and Hurrell contend those atmospheric measurements were erroneous because they failed to account for inconsistencies that occurred when old satellites were out and were replaced by new ones. Over the 18-year span, eight

satellites were used to measure temperature in the upper troposphere, an atmospheric layer about five miles above the ground.

To ensure consistency, each satellite in the series was supposed to have an orbit identical to its predecessor. But the satellite orbits vary somewhat, Trenberth said, and that affects the temperature readings.

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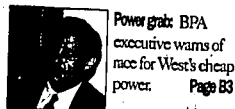
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Section B

## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Body found in Halley landfill station Tuesday

HAILEY - A 45-year old Halley man was found dead early Tuesday morning near the Ohio Gulch transfer station, east of the Heatherlands subdivision.  
Blaine County Sheriff Walt Femling said Tuesday he notified a nurse as soon as the family is notified. His immediate family is out of the area, Femling said.  
The sheriff's department was notified at 7:47 a.m. Tuesday by a landfill employee, who said a man was found at the west of the landfill. The employee, after arriving at work, spotted something in the field and got his binoculars and saw it was a man.  
Blaine County sheriff's officials arrived at the scene about 8 a.m., Femling said. On Ohio Gulch Road, officials found an abandoned vehicle backed over the snowbank.  
About a quarter mile from the truck police found a hat and keys, and trucks going over a barbed wire fence to where the body was found.  
Femling said the man had created "post-holes," tracks left when a person walks through deep snow, breaking it.  
Initial reports indicate the man died from exposure, Femling said. He also said the man was a longtime local.

### Camas County prepares for heavy snowmelt season

FAIRFIELD - Camas County officials hope winter lasts at least another two or three weeks.  
State crews have installed two culverts to help drain snowmelt runoff in Soldier Creek under U.S. Highway 20 in Fairfield. The Idaho Transportation Department has four more to install, and the project should be done next week, said Camas County Sheriff Harold Lee.  
The culverts are being installed on the west side of the Soldier Creek bridge, to help drain water away from the city, Lee said.  
"When it floods, that's where it seems to collect, on the west side of Soldier Creek. And that's where the houses are," he said.  
Fairfield was flooded on New Year's Day when ice jammed the bridge where Highway 20 crosses Soldier Creek on the east side of Fairfield. Rain and melting snow filled the creek beyond its banks.  
With a heavy snowpack in the mountains above Fairfield, Lee is hoping for a thaw after the drainage project is complete.  
"We're hoping it will stay cool at night. It's been freezing at night. We're hoping it will just warm up during the day," Lee said. He said he's been checking the thermometer more than usual.  
The highway is closed while the culverts are being installed, so traffic has been routed through Fairfield, Lee said.  
The project will cost about \$120,000, Lee said. The county is seeking grants to help cover the cost.

### Suspects in cockfighting raid plead guilty, pay fine

TWIN FALLS - Men arrested for cockfighting pleaded guilty and paid \$200 fines Tuesday.  
Twin Falls County sheriff's deputies were tipped to the cockfight on Jan. 26, by a neighbor who reported suspicious activity at a shed at 3712 E 3100 N.  
Officers arrested 13 men and three juveniles, and impounded 17 roosters. Inside the shed, they found a circle of hay bales with two roosters inside, fighting, the report said. They also found a fancy pack with metal fighting spurs, the report said.  
The men were charged with permitting animals to fight for amusement. Nine entered pleas of guilty at pretrial hearings Tuesday and were sentenced by Magistrate Judge Charles Brumbach. Each was given a \$300 fine, \$100 suspended, 30 days jail, 30 suspended, and 24 months probation.  
The men sentenced Tuesday were Fred Navarrete Artega, 24, Hazelton; Javier Artega, 35, Rupert; Isaac Arroyo Lopez, 35, Rupert; Gerardo G. Rodriguez, 28, Mountain Home; Heladio Villanueva Romero, 30, Home; Jaime Leon Torres, 25, Mountain Home; Jaime Leon Torres, 31, Mountain Home; Jaime Delgado Velazquez, 39, Eden; and Vicente Magana Veraza, 30, Hazelton.  
Juan Luna, 36, of American Falls pleaded guilty and sentencing was set for Feb. 25.  
Jenaro Martinez Ochoa, 30, and Sergio M. Rodriguez, both of Mountain Home, pleaded guilty in January and were turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol for deportation, according to court records.

### Arts Council plans literary solrée Thursday evening

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Arts Council and Old Towne Gallery will sponsor a "Come-As-You-Favorite-Author" night Thursday at the gallery, 516 Second St. S.  
Participants are invited to dress up as their favorite pre-1920s authors and read from their works. The event is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m.  
Burns & Noble will provide gift certificates for the most convincing presentation. The Creekside restaurant will supply snacks. Spectators are welcome.  
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# Nunez attorneys seek payment

## Lawyers want \$28,586 for their representation of convicted ex-cop

Williams of Twin Falls filed a lawsuit Feb. 24 in 5th District Court against Juan R. Nunez, Jr.; his wife, Susan Nunez; and his father, Juan R. Nunez, Sr. of Filer.  
In addition to the \$28,586 judgment, the attorneys want a court finding of fraud, breach of contract or intentional misrepresentation against the defen-

dants and an order forcing the family to take steps toward repaying a bank loan obtained for the legal bills.  
Juan R. Nunez, Jr., 38, is in state prison for stealing \$5,688 in evidence money plus drugs from a multi-county drug task force for which he had worked. In January, the former Cassia County officer was sentenced to a fixed

three-year term.  
A jury in October 1996 found Nunez guilty of racketeering, misusing public money and the task force's tax-exempt status and conspiracy to destroy or conceal evidence after entering the task-force evidence vault to cover up the missing money.  
The attorneys say they contracted with the Nunez family on Feb. 15, 1995, for legal services and agreed to represent Nunez at his trial for a lump sum of \$20,000. But the defendants were unable to raise the money and applied

By Pat Marcantonio  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Council Monday agreed to pay a \$138,445 legal bill for former police officer Don Walter from his own office.  
But meanwhile, a pair of Twin Falls lawyers are going to court, seeking \$28,586 for their representation of one of Walden's former colleagues, another former officer convicted of similar charges stemming from the same case.  
Greg J. Fuller and Timothy J.

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer  
TWIN FALLS - Donald McMurrin is putting his lack of money where his mouth is.  
McMurrin said he won't spend "one dollar" of his supporters' money on his race against his latest opponent, U.S. Rep. Mike Crapo, because his supporters need every dollar they have to survive, like himself.

A perennial candidate for public office, McMurrin plans to run against Crapo in 1998. Crapo is expected to spend thousands of dollars on advertising.  
"I can't ask them for money when I know they probably need it as much as I need mine, you know," said McMurrin, who unloads trucks at Lamb Weston Inc. for \$9 hourly.

A thin man in cowboy boots with grit under his fingernails, McMurrin has run for seats on the Twin Falls City Council, county commission and Legislature.

He is a champion of the blue-collar worker, and gets his message out with the help of yard sales and his old Ford pickup truck. He tends to get results, however small; 340 people voted for him in a Twin Falls County Democratic Party race and more than 1,700 voters in his bid for state representative against Rep. Doug Jones, R-Filer.

"He comes quite close once in a while," said Art Frantz, a Twin Falls City Council member and friend of McMurrin. "There have been several times when, if he had done any campaigning at all, he might have won."

At first, McMurrin said he is confident he has a good chance of winning against Crapo. He summarizes his platform - better job security for working families - in a simple mantra: "I'll pay checks to pay weekly bills."

Later, he concedes his challenge against Crapo is probably a long shot, but he wants to see the blue-collar challenge.  
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## Candidate plans blue-collar bid against Crapo



'Weekly paychecks that pay weekly bills,' is the rallying cry of Donald McMurrin of Twin Falls, a Democrat who plans to challenge Mike Crapo for the Second District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in the fall of 1998.

# Terrain, snow hamper search

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

BOISE - The terrain where a plane carrying a Jerome family is believed to have gone down is about as forbidding as it gets from a searcher's standpoint, one official said.

The biggest problem is that ground and air search crews are looking for a small, white plane in a rugee as 12 to 20 feet in places, said Boise Airport Manager Mark Young.

They are looking for a single-engine Piper Comanche that was piloted by Ken Neace of Jerome. Neace's wife, Judy, and daughter Brandy, 15, were also aboard the plane.

The plane was bound from Jerome to Pullman, Wash., and disappeared from radar Friday afternoon in the mountains southwest of Ludman.

Ken and Judy Neace's oldest son, Blake, is a student at Washington State University in Pullman. Their other son, Bryan, is a sophomore at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.  
Ken Neace was flying at about 13,000 feet when he reported "significant

icing" on his aircraft and trouble with the controls, said Kurt Anderson, an investigator at the Federal Aviation Administration's Seattle office.

Neace had turned around and was trying to get back to Twin Falls when the plane disappeared, Anderson said.

Young said the search has been concentrated around a 7,525-foot mountain called Deadwood Peak.

"It's very steep there. There's a lot of little pockets and gullies (Neace) could have flown into," Young said.

Two planes and a helicopter from the Boise airport have been involved in the search, which has included help from the Boise County Sheriff's Department, the National Guard, Civil Air Patrol and private citizens.

The Silver Creek area, northwest of Deadwood Peak, was also searched for the air, Young said. The Boise County Sheriff's Department received a report that someone in the Silver Creek

area had heard a low-flying aircraft at about the same time Neace's plane was lost, he said.

It should have been fairly easy to spot a downed plane near Silver Creek, where the snow is about 3 to 5 feet deep, Young said. But with nothing found as of Monday, the search is again focusing around Deadwood Peak.

Officials also fear that the plane could have been buried if it hit a steep slope and caused an avalanche, Young said. Extreme avalanche danger is keeping ground crews out of much of the search area.

Even the usually reliable telltale sign of broken tree limbs in heavily forested areas doesn't mean much around Deadwood Peak, Young said.

"Almost every tree you look at up there is broken because of heavy, wet snow and high winds."

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Jerome School District might soon help Jerome County government log on to the Internet.

District Special Services Director Chris Gibson told the Jerome School Board Tuesday that the county wants to use the district's fiber optic line to hook courthouse offices up to the Internet.

The line links computers from the computer lab in Central Elementary School, already in place to hook up the Jerome Public Library.

Gibson said only 10 percent of the line's load capacity is being used. But if the district ever wants to transmit video and audio signals, it will put a much bigger load on the line.

Gibson said the county could be brought on at no cost to the district except for the time he and other district

computer experts might have to spend helping the county prepare its computer system.

Superintendent Jim Cobble said it should be no problem, as long as it is made clear that if the district needs full use of the line in the future, the county will have to find other access to the Internet.

In other business:  
The School Board heard a request from the Jerome baseball and softball association to construct a small building on district property near Jerome High School.

Association representative Richard Greenwood said the club wants to build a house a snack bar, bathrooms, storage space and a rooftop announcer's booth.

District Business Manager Mike Gibson said that according to the State Department of Education, the district wouldn't need any special clearance for

## School stops temporary guardianships

By Liz Wright  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board voted to do away with "temporary guardianships" that allowed parents to send their children to schools outside of their neighborhoods.

All guardianships must now go through the courts.

Meanwhile, the promised to research the complaints of residents of Meander Point northwest of Twin Falls, whose children are zoned for three different elementary schools.

"The board approved adding 50 days to the 300 that the district's teachers can use to take leave from school for field trips and professional meetings. The Twin Falls Education Association asked for the additional days.

Each teacher is allowed only six days of leave each year.

Board chairman David Sass told residents that the board changes school zones only to distribute children equally among the schools in the most cost-efficient way possible. Some neighborhoods are a scheduling headache, no matter how the board tries to change it.

The board will research the number of children in the area and talk to business companies about the pros and cons of zoning and scheduling changes, he said. Adding another bus route could cost \$18,000 per year.

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Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

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# VALLEY IN BRIEF

## Driver charged with DUI after accident

**MOUNTAIN HOME** - A drunken driver caused an injury accident in Mountain Home Tuesday afternoon, according to an Idaho State Police report.

The accident occurred at 5:22 p.m. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 30 and East Eighth Avenue, the report said.

A pickup driven by Jon C. Baker, 36, of Mountain Home, was driving at a high rate of speed, lost control and ran into the back of a pickup driven by Dave D. Gerla, of Boise, the ISP report said.

Gerla, Baker and a passenger in Baker's truck were all taken by ambulance to Elmore Memorial Hospital with injuries, the report said.

ISP troopers arrested Baker on suspicion of aggravated driving under the influence of intoxicants, the report said, and he was later released. Reports on the condition of Gerla, and the name and condition of Baker's passenger, were not available Tuesday night.

None of the three were wearing seat belts, the report said.

## Professor to discuss genetics issues

**TWIN FALLS** - A University of Utah medical school professor will talk about recent developments in human genetics and the impact they will have on everyday life.

Lynn Jorde, professor and associate chairman of the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Utah School of Medicine, will deliver the first lecture in this year's Snake River Symposium at the College of Southern Idaho Thursday.

Jorde is scheduled to discuss the Human Genome Project, an international effort in genetic research designed to establish information and procedures for engineering the human body in order to aid in its health and development. His remarks are scheduled for 7 p.m. in Room 1171B of the Shields Building.

A 43-year-old North Dakota native, Jorde holds a doctorate in biological anthropology from the University of New Mexico.

After his speech, Jorde will join in a group discussion on the implications of genetic engineering. The panel will also include 5th District Judge Roger Burdick, Twin Falls physicians Dr. David McCluskey and Dr. Kerry Pulver, and local other health-care professionals.

Tickets are \$3 per person.

The Snake River Symposium, an annual series of lectures on topical issues, is sponsored this year by the CSI Honors Program, the Health Sciences Department and the Nursing Program.

## Health board plans groundbreaking meeting

**TWIN FALLS** - The groundbreaking for a new \$1.9 million building will top the agenda when the South Central District Board of Health meets today.

The event takes place at 1 p.m. near the College of Southern Idaho Office on Agate Annex, 938 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

The health district, which serves the Magic Valley, will move to the CSI campus from buildings at Fourth and Third Avenue East. County contributions will help pay for the new building.

A reception follows in the annex. The regular board meeting starts at 1:30 p.m.

## New charity starts up in Sun Valley

**SUN VALLEY** - A new national public charity conceived by Sun Valley residents was launched Tuesday.

The National Philanthropic Trust already is managing more than \$4 million in assets and has an office in Sun Valley. The trust was the idea of Sun Valley residents Robert and Sandra Kantor and Clark Pitcairn, who serves as trust president.

The trust is designed to meet barriers faced by people who may want to donate assets other than securities, such as real estate or fine art, spokesman say.

Through the trust, donors can take immediate tax deductions for the fair-market value of assets that might otherwise be significantly diminished by capital gains if liquidated. Donors also will be able to advise the trust on how the assets are distributed to charity.

Such a structure offers more flexibility to donors, trust spokesmen say.

The new nonprofit trust requires a minimum gift of \$100,000.

For more information, call the trust at 1-888-878-7900 or 726-1755.

## Arborist training offered in Twin Falls

**TWIN FALLS** - Stamp out topped trees. Become a certified arborist. Attend the Idaho State Arborists/CSI sponsored Arborist Training and Certification workshop and exam Thursday and Friday.

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Cost is \$100 with manual, \$50 without manual. All classes are taught by ISA certified arborists. For more information, call Dave Kiesig, 733-9554, Ext. 2606.

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# Nunez

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for a loan, the lawyers said.

The Nunez family did not sign documents to assume responsibility for, or to repay, the bank's disbursements to the attorneys, the plaintiffs say. They also claim the defendants refused to sign documents to use their property to secure the loans.

The family was not aware of the lawsuit, said Stacy Nunez, Juan Nunez Jr.'s sister-in-law.

The family has already paid \$47,000 in legal bills including \$9,000 for transcripts for an appeal which will be handled by another law firm, she said.

Walden also was accused of taking money, drugs and a gun from his office at the Magic Valley Drug Task Force, but was acquitted of criminal charges in January.

Under state laws, the city of Twin Falls was responsible for Walden's legal bills, because he was found innocent of charges stemming from his official duties.

The city in November 1996 fired Walden after an internal investigation.

Times-News staff writer Pat Marantoni can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 242.



Jack Robertson, deputy administrator of Bonneville Power Administration, told Burley Rotarians Tuesday that power users across the country are looking to tap into the Northwest's cheap hydroelectric supply.

# School

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District superintendent Terrell Donich proposed leasing the Spencer's office building at 301 Main Avenue West to provide offices for support services personnel including speech and hearing specialists, pathologists, gifted and talented programs coordinators and special education officials.

The 6,000-square-foot building would provide about 12 offices, some conference room space and a basement for storage.

Preliminary negotiations indicate a lease fee of \$1,675 monthly or \$20,000 yearly. The board tabled consideration of the lease Tuesday evening to hold a closed executive session to discuss whether to omit a clause in the contract.

The board was expected to decide whether to lease the building after the session.

Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 231.

# Blue-collar

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voters to vote for him anyway, as a way to send a message that Crapo needs to encourage more businesses into Idaho that can create more jobs.

"If we don't have honest weekly paychecks to pay weekly bills, pretty soon there won't be any families because we won't be able to survive," McMurrain said.

His activism has left its mark in Twin Falls and statewide. He is credited with winning grandparents' rights for visitation of their grandchildren, challenging state automobile insurers to lower their rates and elected local officials on countless issues.

on his finger because his knuckles are too swollen from work. But his desire to stay active in politics is alive. He said his reasons for running are because he wants a better life for his family.

Plus, he added, "Every time I get through with one thing, something else would crop up."

The candidates make an odd pair. Crapo, 45, is a three-term politician who speaks gracefully about issues and doesn't get too controversial.

McMurrain, 58, is a Democratic "hard-shell" Southern Baptist.

*'I think Donald is a kind person at heart and I think he wants to better the lot of the little man.'*

- Art Frantz, Twin Falls City Council member

breakdown of families elsewhere. He is struggling to pay off the successful surgical removal of his 20-year-old son Kelley's brain tumor. These are experiences he says are behind his message.

"If they will listen, I will have done my job," he said.

Crapo's communication director in Washington, D.C., Susan Wheeler, said Crapo strongly supports working families and encourages businesses to move to Idaho.

Crapo supports a flat tax that would reduce federal taxes for families by at least half, he helped steer \$30 million toward eastern Idaho to diversify its government projects and has encouraged businesses to move into Twin Falls and other areas where industries have vacated, Wheeler said.

"I think Mr. Crapo would agree with him," Wheeler said.

Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 231.

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"As things change and we get into a competitive environment, a lot of people question whether it's reasonable to have a government-owned utility competing with a privately owned utility," said Stephanie Miller, utilities division administrator for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Potato processors argue over dehydration

IDAHO FALLS — The courtroom was closed to the public and the press Tuesday as a trial began over whether a former employee for one eastern Idaho potato processor gave trade secrets to another. A 1993 lawsuit filed by Basic American Inc. alleges that Munir Shahnin, a food scientist who worked for the company in Blackfoot for about 20 years, gave critical secrets about producing dehydrated hash browns to Idaho Fresh-Pak. Shahnin and Idaho Fresh-Pak, a Lewisville-based dehydrator, are being sued for an undisclosed amount. The trial is expected to last three to five weeks, an Idaho Fresh-Pak spokesman said. All records in the case have been sealed because they contain trade secrets, a spokesman for 7th District Judge Gregory Anderson said.

Man fined \$300 for animal cruelty

IDAHO FALLS — A man who pleaded guilty to starving two of his five horses to death has been fined \$300 for the crime. John Follett was charged with five counts of permitting animals to go without care. He pleaded guilty last week and could have been sentenced to up to six months in jail and fined up to \$5,000 on each count. Follett initially told investigators that caring for the horses was his children's responsibility. The three surviving horses remain in Follett's care, but animal control officer Mike Boyd checks in on the animals. Bonneville County sheriff's deputies were first called to Follett's property on Jan. 31 and found that three horses were extremely thin. Another horse had been dead for a couple days and a fifth horse was near death.

Mather resigns; district to buy his contract

COEUR D'ALENE — The Coeur d'Alene School Board has decided to pay an undisclosed sum of cash to buy out the contract of a former Canfield Middle School teacher acquired on two counts of sexual abuse of a child. Paul Mather, 49, who had been scheduled to face a dismissal hearing, instead has resigned. He had been suspended with pay since last June after five students and former students — girls aged 13 through 15 — accused him of hugging and touching them inappropriately. A jury found Mather innocent in January. Jurors said they believed the girls' claim but could not convict the teacher because the girls never told him to stop, jury foreman Richard See said.

Murder defense expense triggers dispute

COEUR D'ALENE — A dispute over defense funds in a capital defendant's case has Kootenai county commissioners and public defender John Adams at odds. Adams is seeking about \$12,000 to defend Stephen A. Cherry of Post Falls against a possible death penalty for last year's slaying of his ex-girlfriend. A first-degree murder trial is scheduled to begin June 2. County commissioners contend Adams already has spent county funds fighting to block the possibility of a death penalty without proper approval, and they have refused to allocate more money. First District Judge James Judd is considering the funding request. Cherry, 47, of Post Falls, is accused of the June 2 shooting death of Susan Foutz, 42, near Hauser. Cherry also allegedly injured Charles R. Babb, 33, before shooting himself in the chest, authorities said.

Property missing from closed department

SANDPOINT — The Bonner County Prosecutor's Office has asked the Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau to look into the loss of county property from the now-closed Building and Safety Department. Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau agents came to Sandpoint in February after county staff director Diana Gray asked for prosecutor Phil Robinson's assistance in finding more than \$10,000 in county property. Robinson said agents are looking for equipment and supplies that appear not to be in the department, but that were anticipated to be there. He said some of the missing items include publications, records, computer peripherals, building department data, computer files and public records.

BSU administrators consider 1.3% increase

BOISE — The price of a college education could take a record jump for Boise State University students next fall. Officials want to raise student fees by 13 percent. That is \$232 more a year. Boise State is also considering a 10 percent increase in tuition for out-of-state students, to \$2,940 a semester, and a 3.5 percent increase in room and board.

Compiled from wire reports

No school funding to sales tax shift



BOISE (AP) — After the longest debate of the 1997 legislative session, the House rejected a proposal to shift the bulk of school funding from local property taxes to the state sales tax.

The House voted 43-27 on Tuesday against legislation sponsored by Rep. Frank Brunel, R-Lewiston, that promised \$150 million in "meaningful, permanent property tax relief."

All House Democrats voted against the legislation except Rep. Larry Watson of Coeur d'Alene. The GOP divided 33-26 against Brunel.

Brunel said he was disappointed that some lawmakers who said they would vote with him didn't. He said he hadn't decided whether to try a different approach next session.

Taxing services, he said, "would hit the same buzz saw" as this year's proposal.

Some backers of the proposed tax shift argued that if the Legislature did nothing, sponsors of the One Percent Initiative to limit property taxes, would try again. Voters rejected the initiative in the last election, but tax activist Ron Rankin of Coeur

d'Alene already has filed papers with the secretary of state's office for a reprise in 1998.

Lawmakers debated the bill for 88 minutes, with 20 members of the 70-seat House speaking for or against it.

The two Republicans from Idaho's border counties of Payette and Washington urged their colleagues to defeat the bill. They said their merchants face tough competition across the border with Oregon companies that do not have to charge the 5 percent sales tax.

"I think the big corporations will get a tax break and their \$6 per hour employees will have to pay for it," said Rep. Donna Jones of Payette and Rep. Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, said even if the people rejected the tax shift in an advisory vote, there is nothing in the bill to require the Legislature to repeal

ROLL CALL

BOISE (AP) — Here is the roll call by which the Idaho House voted 43-27 against a proposal to increase the state sales tax by 25 percent and eliminate most local school maintenance and operation property tax. Republicans for (26) — Alltus, Bell, Brunel, Clark, Crane, Gagner, Gould, Hadley, Hansen, Doug Jones, Kempton, Kuntz, Lake, Linford, Loertscher, Maden, McEyer, Mortensen, Newcomb, Pischner, Richman, Stevenson, Stubbs, Taylor, Wheeler, Wood. Democrats for (1) — Watson.

Republicans against (33) — Barraclough, Barrett, Bivens, M. Black, R. Black, Callister, Campbell, Crow, Deal, Denney, Ellsworth, D. Field, F. Field, Geddes, Hornbeck, Donna Jones, J. Jones, Kellogg, Kendell, Kjellander, McKague, Miller, Pomeroy, Reynolds, Rindinger, Sali, Schaefer, Simpson, Stone, Tilman, Tippets, Trull, Zimmerman.

Democrats against (10) — Alexander, Bieter, Boe, Chase, Cuddy, Henbest, Jaquet, Judd, Robison, Stoichiff.

the shift. Jones called it "Robin Hood in reverse. My constituents did not send me to Boise to raise taxes and they did not send me to Boise to shift taxes."

"There is a property tax problem in the state of Idaho, but this is the wrong solution, and probably the worst solution you could put together," said Rep. Ken Robison, D-Boise.

Rep. Golden Linford, R-Redburg, told members that the Legislature has been working for years to curb soaring property taxes, but has accom-

plished little. "I'm telling you that the property tax system that is in place now is not fair," Linford said. "This bill is probably the only game in town if we are going to address property tax relief."

Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, called the money needed to replace school operation and maintenance funding from property tax "a moving target" that might cost much more in the future.

"There will be no tax relief until we bring school expenditures under control," she said.

Riggins residents say project will cut profits

RIGGINS (AP) — Residents are stewing over an Idaho Department of Transportation proposal to shut down U.S. Highway 95 in July to move a bridge that crosses the Salmon River.

The proposal calls for shutting down traffic on Idaho's only north-south arterial for three days in July to move the existing steel Golf Bridge downstream. It will be used as a detour while a new \$13 million bridge is set in place.

But Riggins business owners say the shutdown will cut into their trade during the most lucrative time of the year.

"This thing in July is really pretty disastrous," said Ted Epley of Epley's Whitewater Adventures.

"This would drastically affect the city of Riggins," representatives of a number of outfitters say they have clients, some from foreign countries, who

have already booked vacation plans for Riggins during the time transportation officials say the road will be closed.

The plan originally called for the road to be closed for 72 hours in May. But Lee Jones, the project manager, said the project is about two months behind schedule because of high water in January.

In addition to flood delays, contractors are constrained by a time schedule designed to minimize the effect of construction on migrating chinook and sockeye salmon, which are protected by the Endangered Species Act.

One Riggins businesswoman suggested merchants should have the same consideration.

"You've got the protection for the fish. You've got to protect this town," said Suzanne Underwood of Summerville's Restaurant.

James Carpenter, head of the

Idaho Transportation Department office at Lewiston, said his department will sit down with contractors by Monday to try to put together a schedule to move the bridge as early as possible.

But even with the best intentions, workers may not be able to avoid a mid- to late-summer road closure. Jones said if there is a rapid snowmelt this spring, additional high water will delay construction.

Attention College Students

Applications for paid summer internships are now being taken at The Times-News. Internships are expected to be offered in news reporting, advertising sales and design, classified sales and, perhaps, photography and agricultural reporting. Interested students should send a current resume, a list of references, a current college or high school transcript and a cover letter. Applications should be sent to Mary Karren, The Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Applications will be accepted until March 15 with decisions expected by April 15.



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# Forest Service probes avalanche case

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COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service says it will investigate whether a snowmobile driver who barely escaped an avalanche and a friend who filmed the incident may have caused the slide.

Panhandle National Forests officials won approval from the U.S. attorney to investigate the case, which could lead to charges of reckless endangerment, said Carl Gidlund, a Forest Service spokesman in northern Idaho.

On Feb. 22, Greg Linja was videotaped by a friend, Bob Sharp, as he gunned his snowmobile on Cemetery Ridge to escape an avalanche that nearly left him buried by snow.

Sharp had been filming Linja and two other snowmobilers who were driving on Forest Service

land outside Wallace. The other snowmobilers managed to avoid the main part of the avalanche.

Videotape of Linja's escape was aired on several local and national television news programs. Sharp has acknowledged he shot the tape to broadcasters, but he has refused to disclose the price.

Linja said Friday that Sharp did not offer him any profits from sale of the tape. Linja did \$200,000, he made a few hundred dollars for an interview with the program "Inside Edition."

Forest Service officials say Linja and his snowmobile companions have been "high-marketing" the tape as far as possible uphill until the vehicles stall from the steep grade.

The practice can trigger

avalanches, particularly when snowpacks are deep and unstable as they have been recently, officials say.

Dave Wright, Panhandle Forests supervisor, said the investigation would focus in part on whether the men caused the avalanche unintentionally as a result of their snowmobiling.

Officials also will look into whether the event may have been staged with the intention of capturing Linja's escape on film and then selling the footage, he said.

Linja, 35, of Kellogg, said this past Friday it was chance that he happened to be driving past when the avalanche occurred.

"It was life-threatening," he said. "It was not a hoax."

"You couldn't pay me enough

money to run through that again," he added.

Linja told KREM-TV of Spokane, Wash., that he was prepared to take a lie-detector test.

Sharp, of Finchurst, also scoffed at any suggestion that the event was staged.

"I never, ever heard of anybody starting an avalanche so they could ride it," he said. "That would be like trying to commit suicide."

The Forest Service investigation was prompted in part by a KREM report last Thursday suggesting that the incident may have been a hoax, Gidlund said.

Ron Comings, KREM's station manager, said, "Our own network was unhappy that they may have purchased video that was misrepresented."



Gas station owner Ned Bench of Blackfoot prepares to say farewell to "Genny Generie," a fiberglass 17-foot-tall mannequin. The 1950s vintage mannequin has been sold to a cafe and renamed "Marvelous Martha."

## LEGISLATIVE LOG

The Associated Press

For Monday, March 10:

**Sent to Governor**  
**HB241 (Local Government)** — Allows county commissioners to be either voting or nonvoting members of county hospital boards.  
**HB365 (Appropriations)** — Allocates \$4.9 million for 1998 operations of the Department of Insurance.  
**HB366 (Appropriations)** — Allocates \$2.7 million for 1998 operations of the Department of Finance.  
**HB332 (Education)** — Allows school districts to pay parents less than \$10 a day for driving their children to school from outside the 1-mile distance when feasible.  
**HB293 (State Affairs)** — Allows for consideration of plats or maps other than records of survey in zoning cases.  
**HB305 (Revenue and Taxation)** — Modifies the Uniform Probate Code on sales and income taxes owed by an estate.  
**HB343 (Revenue and Taxation)** — Makes technical changes in the Property Tax Act.

**SB1250 (Finance)** — Appropriates \$24.3 million for Agricultural Research and Cooperative Extension Service for fiscal 1998 operations.  
**SB1203 (State Affairs)** — Directs Department of Administration to adopt rules governing the management of state-owned buildings.  
**SB1028 (Education)** — Authorizes school board to employ certified personnel on one-year limited contract which requires no notice of termination at end of contract year.  
**SB1083 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Amends laws on insurance fraud.  
**SB1075 (State Affairs)** — Technical corrections for various filings required of limited liability companies and partnerships.  
**SB1122 (State Affairs)** — Provides that assumed business name shall not include words or abbreviations falsely implying existence of a formally organized or registered entity.  
**SB1172 (Resources and Environment)** — Allows Fish and Game Commission to provide for sale of deer and elk set-aside tags by rule and allows Outfitters

and Guides Board to designate number of allocated tags to authorized outfitting operating areas.  
**SB1081 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Reduces the blood-alcohol level for drunken driving to 0.08 percent from 0.10 percent.  
**SB1020 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Provides penalties for impersonation of a public authority and intimidation by false assertion of public authority.  
**SB1045 (Commerce and Human Resources)** — Provides that no private action may be brought more than two years after the cause of action accrues.  
**SB1105 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Requires bonds for prosecution of a civil action against a law enforcement officer and provides for an award of costs.  
**SB1060 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Adds terrorism to coverage under Crime Victims Compensation Act.  
**SB1207 (State Affairs)** — Requires state agencies to report losses of money over \$200 or losses of evidence of indebtedness to state treasurer within a specified time.

**Killed by Senate**  
**SB1180 (Education)** — Requires school buildings to meet applicable building codes and more stringent local codes.

**Legislative Action Complete**  
**HC119 (Education)** — Rejects Board of Education rule on assigning teachers to areas outside their certification.

**Introduced in House**  
**HC225 (State Affairs)** — Makes it clear that state agencies may grant merit raises to state employees if they can find money out of their regular budget.  
**HB386 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$24 million to Idaho State Historical Society for fiscal 1998 operations.  
**HB387 (Appropriations)** — Gives Fish and Game Commission more control money in Animal Damage Control program.  
**HB388 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$71.1 million to Department of Correction for fiscal 1998 operations.  
**HB389 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$20,997 million to Judicial Branch for 1998 operations.  
**HB390 (Appropriations)** —

Appropriates \$38.8 million to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for 1998 operations.  
**HB391 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$11.4 million to attorney general's office for 1998 operations.  
**HB392 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$40.3 million to Department of Law Enforcement for 1998 operations.  
**HB393 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$22.6 million to Department of Administration for 1998 operations.  
**HB394 (Appropriations)** — Appropriates \$11.6 million to State Insurance Fund for 1998 operations.

**Introduced in Senate**  
**SCR120 (State Affairs)** — Urges the governor to appoint a committee to study gambling in Idaho.  
**SB1266 (Finance)** — Allocates \$94,600 for 1998 operations of the Lieutenant Governor's office.  
**SB1267 (Finance)** — Allocates \$3.2 million for 1998 operations of the Commission for the Blind and

Visually Impaired.  
**SB1268 (Finance)** — Allocates \$3.2 million for 1998 operations of the state Library Board.  
**SB1269 (Finance)** — Allocates \$16.2 million for 1998 operations of the Military Division.  
**SB1270 (Finance)** — Makes \$4 million emergency appropriation to the Department of Juvenile Corrections.  
**SB1271 (Judiciary and Rules)** — Creates a Coeur d'Alene River Basin Commission.  
**SB1272 (Finance)** — Allocates \$4.5 million for 1998 operations of the Legislative Council.  
**SB1273 (Finance)** — Allocates \$2.3 million for 1998 operations of the Personnel Commission.  
**SB1274 (Finance)** — Allocates \$6.3 million for 1998 operations of the Division of Building Safety.  
**SB1275 (Finance)** — Allocates \$9.6 million for 1998 operations of the Industrial Commission.  
**SB1276 (State Affairs)** — Limits the games the state Lottery can operate.

## Youth wins prize for mousetrap

MURRAY, Utah (AP) — Murray High School senior Jason Nguyen has won a national prize for inventing a better mousetrap. Nguyen's mousetrap has a remote status indicator. A red light shows that the trap is armed and ready. Yellow shows that a mouse has been

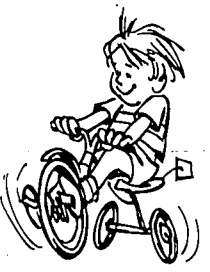
caught. Green shows that the trap has been tripped, but nothing is there. Nguyen's high-tech trap garnered fourth place and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond in the 15th annual Duracell-National Science Teachers Association Scholarship Competition.



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## ROLL CALL

BOISE (AP) — Here is the 18-17 rollcall vote by which the Senate on Monday approved legislation eventually requiring all Personal Care Service provider to be contract workers not under state control.  
 Republicans for (17) — Boatright, Bunderson, Darrington, Geddes, Ingram, Iyven, Lee, Noh, Parry, Richardson, Risch, Sandy,

Schroeder, Sorensen, Thorne, Twigg and Wheeler.  
 Democrats for (1) — McLaughlin.  
 Republicans against (13) — Anderson, Branch, Burtenshaw, Cameron, Crow, Danielson, Deide, Fennure, Hansen, Hawkins, Kough, King and Riggs.  
 Democrats against (4) — Dunklin, Stennett, Sweeney and Whitworth.

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### WHO condemns human cloning; other uses OK

GENEVA — The World Health Organization condemned human cloning Tuesday as "ethically unacceptable," but said other cloning research could medically benefit humanity and should continue.

The U.N. health agency said it would lead an international debate to establish common guidelines for the scientific community to follow and to help others understand the issue.

The successful cloning of a sheep in Scotland "has raised great interest and also great concern in all ... cultures," WHO Director General Hiroshi Nakajima said in a statement.

Cloning concerns include transmitting diseases across species to people as well as destroying resistance to disease by destroying diversity, WHO spokesman Philippe Sroost said.

"The WHO is not, as a matter of principle, against this kind of research provided some kind of parameters are set," Sroost said.

The first discussions are scheduled for April 23-25 in Geneva.

### 2 Fijians survive 60 hours in sea; 6 dead in cyclone

VATULELE, Fiji — Two Fijian fishermen battered by powerful waves and cut on a coral reef washed ashore — alive — on a tiny island after surviving 60 hours in the cyclone-churned sea.

The two other fishermen were missing and presumed drowned.

The survivors drifted about 110 miles, and were recovering Tuesday on Vatulele island.

"They were lucky to have lived, because the seas were so rough," said one villager, Bulou Iva Venuki. "They still cry, thinking about the friends who did not make it."

Cyclone Gavin ripped through the Fiji islands on Saturday, leaving six people confirmed dead and 19 missing.

### Israel test of U.S.-financed anti-missile missile positive

JERUSALEM — Although the warhead failed to explode, Tuesday's test launch of the U.S.-financed Arrow 2 anti-missile missile largely was a success, Israel's Defense Ministry said.

The Arrow 2, in its fourth test, hit and destroyed its target missile, the ministry said in a statement. The "overwhelming majority" of the test objectives were achieved, it said.

In a test of radar systems and the command and control systems, the Arrow 2 was fired from Palmachim air base in southern Israel at a target missile launched from a ship off the coast.

"Both (systems) worked according to plan," the ministry said.

The Arrow 2 is expected to be ready for use by 1998. The system costs about \$1.6 billion, the United States is paying for about two-thirds of that.

### Vietnam to censor Internet information, control access

HANOI, Vietnam — All information coming into Vietnam through the Internet will be censored and the government announced Tuesday it will control who has access to online news.

It also will limit the gates through which Internet servers in Vietnam are linked to the world's largest information network.

The new regulations, to take effect next week, were widely publicized in state-controlled media.

The controls were issued in a decree by Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet, who said information servers must be based in Vietnam. This will ensure that information entering and leaving Vietnam goes through a government-filtered gateway, the Communist Party newspaper, The People, reported.

The government has been looking for efficient ways to allow Internet service, while restricting its contents.

### Fire breaks out in Tokyo nuclear reprocessing plant

TOKYO — Fire broke out Tuesday night at a nuclear waste handling facility, shattering windows and sending out smoke, but company officials said no workers were injured or contaminated.

A shutter on the facility's entrance was blown out and several windows were broken, but no one was in that part of the plant at the time, said Masato Sukegawa of the state-run Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corp.

No warnings were issued for the area around the plant. The only radioactivity observed was well within safe limits, the Science and Technology Agency reported.

At one of 12 radioactivity monitoring stations in the giant Tokaimura nuclear compound, a small abnormality was observed 36 minutes after the fire began at 8:14 p.m., said Kenji Kimura of the agency's nuclear fuel division. By 9 p.m., it had returned to normal, he added.

Compiled from wire reports

# Yeltsin fires most of his Cabinet

## Goal: Improve fledgling market economy

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin ordered his Cabinet overhauled Tuesday, following through on promises to shake up a government that has been unable to pull Russia's fledgling market economy out of its rut.

The newly invigorated Yeltsin, who last week castigated his government for lying "motionless" while the economy drifted, only guaranteed the jobs of two Cabinet members — Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and his new top deputy, Anatoly Chubais.

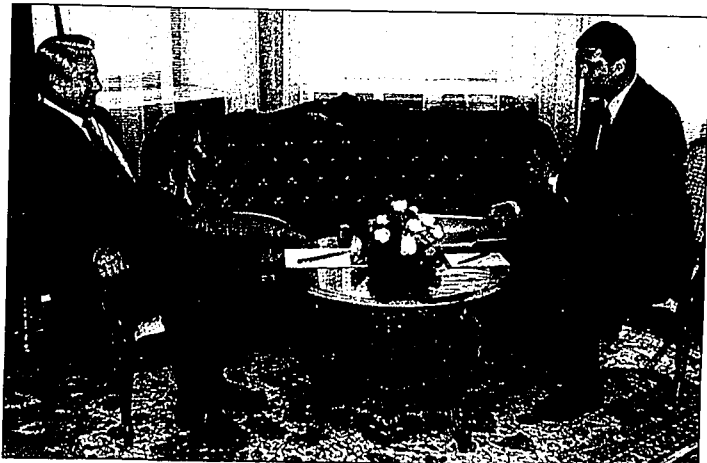
Yeltsin gave Chernomyrdin a week to reorganize the government. He said it should be trimmer, with a smaller Cabinet and fewer ministries, although it was not clear how many officials would lose their jobs.

The Russian government has seemed rudderless since at least July, when an ailing Yeltsin won re-election to a second term and then dropped largely out of sight because of heart trouble and a bout of pneumonia. Only in recent weeks has he appeared to be fully back in control.

In the meantime, the economy has stalled on the road from communism to capitalism. Millions of workers, both in government and private industry, have gone for months without pay. Taxes have gone uncollected and public disgust has grown.

The president wants to take some steps following his reorganization which would show him out and about on top of things," said lawmaker Grigory Yavlinsky.

But, he added, "a personnel reshuffle



President Boris Yeltsin, left, and Anatoly Chubais talk over government issues last year. On Tuesday, Yeltsin, saying he was fed up with his floundering government, decreed the entire Cabinet would resign except for the prime minister and Chubais, his first deputy. Chubais is sure to be a powerful figure in the new government even though many Russians dislike him.

alone will solve neither economic issues nor internal policy problems."

Yeltsin repeatedly has pledged to fix pressing problems since becoming Russia's president in 1991, but often has not delivered and has blamed his ministers for the shortcomings.

The Russian leader promised a shake-up in his state-of-the-nation speech Thursday, and followed that with Tuesday's order, saying Chernomyrdin

would work out the details of the decree.

In addition to Chernomyrdin, the Cabinet consists of 33 ministers and deputy premiers. Government spokesman Alexander Voznesensky said the decree also might apply to at least some of the heads of 19 government committees and 23 federal agencies.

However, the ITAR-Tass news agency

quoted another government spokesman as saying the only officials who would lose their jobs are those whose departments are being eliminated.

While Yeltsin will be seeking quick improvements to social and economic problems, he also has stressed the urgency of military reform. That could result in the ouster of Defense Minister Igor Rodionov, who already was rumored to be on the way out.

## Palestinians seek U.S. help in talks

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat infuriated Israel Tuesday by inviting foreign diplomats to Gaza to discuss the latest Mideast crisis, prompting an Israeli warning that outside intervention could destroy the peace process.

The Palestinian invitation for the weekend conference went to local diplomats from the United States, Europe, the Arab world and Japan.

"Any attempt for international intervention ... will lead to a freeze in the peace process," Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy told reporters. "I call on all sides ... not to be dragged into this."

At an earlier time, Levy and other Israeli officials have suggested they would welcome an effort by the United States — which brokered the recent Israeli-Palestinian accord — to mediate.

Earlier Tuesday, Levy called U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to discuss the Gaza conference, a Foreign Ministry official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official gave no further details.

Palestinian leaders also called for U.S. intervention to resolve the dispute over Israel's decision last week to pull back troops from 9 percent of the West Bank, one-third of what they expected to receive at this time.

The Palestinians have warned that new violence might erupt because Israel refuses to improve its offer and insists that it alone dictates the scope of the three planned West Bank pullouts expected by mid-1998.

A Palestinian official said Arafat has decided to suspend all contacts with Israel except for routine low-level meet-



Supporters of the militant Islamic Hamas movement wave flags bearing quotations from the Koran at a demonstration at the Al Quds University in Jerusalem Tuesday. The protesters called for Jerusalem to be the capital for the Palestinian people.

ings. Joint security patrols in the West Bank and Gaza Strip would continue. Arafat has refused to take phone calls from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

"While (Israel) believes strongly in keeping lines of communications open

with the Palestinian Authority at the highest level, even in times when there are differences, that is not reciprocated," Netanyahu's foreign policy adviser, Dore Gold, told The Associated Press.

"We have not been able to establish contact with Mr. Arafat."

## Search begins for midget submarine

The Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — A helicopter skimmed low over the seas south of Sydney Harbor Tuesday, searching for a Japanese midget submarine that raided the harbor during World War II.

The helicopter, normally used to find minerals, has sensitive instruments to measure minute variations in the Earth's magnetic field.

"If the sub is in our search path, we will definitely find it," said John Bell of the Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists. "What it takes a ship two years to

survey, we can do in four hours with a helicopter."

The helicopter's quarry is one of three Japanese subs that carried out a surprise attack the night of May 31, 1942, sinking the HMAS Kuttabal, a converted ferry, and killing 21 men.

The battery-powered subs were targeting warships, particularly the USS Chicago, but their torpedoes hit the ferry instead.

One of the 98-foot, 46-ton subs became entangled in anti-submarine netting and its crew blew it up. Another was sunk by depth charges. The third sub never made a rendezvous with five mother

ships, and was believed sunk with its two crewmen. The four sailors on the other subs also died.

Results of Tuesday's search may not be known for weeks, but Zoltan Beldi, who was monitoring equipment aboard the chopper, said: "We got some definite metallic contacts. As to what they are ... we don't know just how much the sub might have disintegrated and corroded over all these years."

A private Sydney company, Geo Instruments, paid for the search. General Manager Roger Henderson said funding from other sources will be needed to continue it.

## Heroin haul suspect gone

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — The chief suspect in the biggest heroin shipment ever seized in the United States — enough to supply every American addict for a month — has skipped bail in Thailand.

A Thai court granted bail despite a U.S. extradition request, and the United States urged Thai authorities Tuesday to take Li Yun Chung back into custody as soon as possible. Thai police said they fear he already has fled to neighboring Burma, making it extremely difficult to apprehend him.

Li, also known as Phongsak Ragnasakul, has been at large since a senior criminal court official, apparently violating customary procedures, granted him \$200,000 bail Feb. 7 without notifying prosecutors or presiding judges.

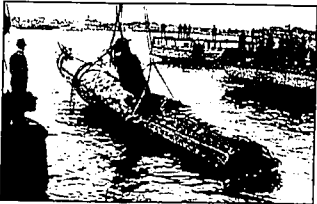
"The United States is very concerned about the court's action in granting bail to a defendant involved in a major heroin prosecution," said a U.S. Embassy official. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

Li was indicted in U.S. District Court in New York in May 1996 in connection with 1,070 pounds of heroin seized at a warehouse in Hayward, Calif., in 1991. The heroin was destined for New York.

The drugs, hidden in a shipment of plastic bags, were the biggest heroin seizure in U.S. history, with an estimated street value of \$1 billion to \$3 billion.

The 90 percent pure "China white" heroin was estimated by then-Customs Commissioner Carol Hallett as enough to supply the 700,000 heroin addicts in the United States with as much of the drug as they desired for a month.

Li would face life imprisonment if extradited and convicted on the U.S. narcotics trafficking and criminal enterprise charges.



A midget Japanese submarine is raised out of Sydney Harbour, Australia, May 31, 1942, following an attack by at least three of similar type during WWII. The Japanese Midget Submarine Society with the aid of Australian equivalent will try and recover one of the missing midget subs. The search began Tuesday.

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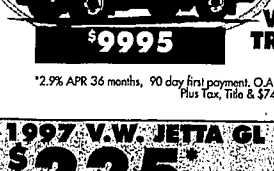
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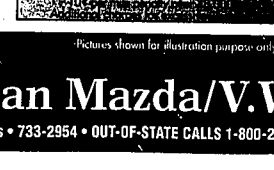
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**1990 FORD TAURUS WAGON**  
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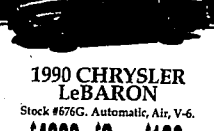
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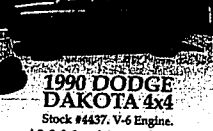
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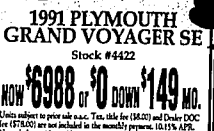
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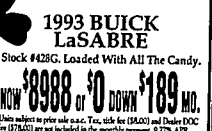
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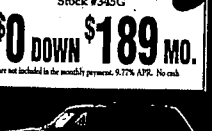
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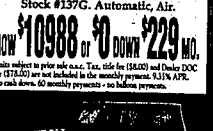
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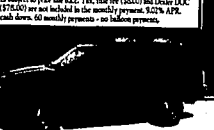
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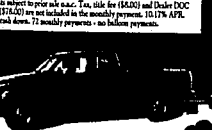
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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

**“It was a cross between a screwball and a change-up: a screw-up.”**

**—Chicago Cubs relief pitcher Bob Patterson, on a home-run pitch**

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

#### High school baseball

Hillcrest at Twin Falls (2), 2 p.m.

### SCOREBOARD

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### IN BRIEF

#### Entry level soccer referee training offered

**TWIN FALLS** - There will be entry level soccer referee training tonight and Saturday.

Those interested should meet at the back door of City Hall or 7 p.m. today, and 8 a.m. Saturday. The clinic will run from 7 to 10 p.m. today and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information contact Jim Turner at 736-2238.

#### Gooding Jaycees sponsor 5th annual Boxing Smoker

**GOODING** - The Gooding Jaycees will be sponsoring the 5th annual Gooding Boxing Smoker March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gooding High School gymnasium.

This popular event benefits Gooding High School, the District 5 rodeo teams, and Gooding Jaycees.

Tickets are available from any Gooding Jaycee member or from the Fifth District rodeo clubs. Prices are \$10 for floor seats or reserved seating and \$5 for general admission. Get your tickets early, this event sells out every year.

#### Irabu's agent faxes

**teams: Yankees or nothing**

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Hidel Irabu's agent sent a fax to all major league teams Tuesday telling them the pitcher will sign only with the Yankees and will go back to Japan if he isn't dealt to New York by March 18.

"I write to eliminate any misimpressions being circulated regarding Hidel's interest and to respond to rumors concerning his intentions," agent Don Nomura wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

"Rightly or wrongly, he has always wished, since he was a young boy, to play for the Yankees and asks that you not interpret that desire as any rejection of any interest you may have shown in him."

Nomura attached a letter he sent to Padres president Larry Lucchino on March 6, in which he accused San Diego of an "irrational ... vendetta" against the Yankees.

"We have indicated a willingness to entertain offers from other clubs who may be able to come to an understanding with the Padres regarding an assignment," Nomura wrote Lucchino.

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## Canyon stars shine superior

The Times-News

**FILER** - They were all stars heading into the game.

But a few shone brighter than the rest in Tuesday night's girls' and boys' all-star basketball game between the top senior players from the Class A-3 Canyon Conference and the top senior players from the Class A-4 Southside Conference.

In the girls' game where most players hadn't touched a basketball for a couple weeks, the Canyon Conference came away with a 47-39 win.

With a court crowded in scores - 11 who averaged in double digits throughout the regular season - only one managed to score more than 10 points.

Darcy Gennette of Glenns Ferry scored 11 to lead all scorers.

For the boys, it was a different story. After a uneventful first half, the Canyon Conference got the crowd into the game, hitting the century mark and coming away with a 100-59 win.

To do that, coach Allen Kelsey of Wendell looked to strong scoring from the Declo threesome who had led their team to a consolation championship at state last week.

Jesse Neilson scored 25, Brian Fries scored 15 and Chris Jackson scored 12.

Conference leading scorer Nick Kelsey picked up only 10 but helped feed those three all night.

The game mirrored a typical NBA all-

star game - no defense, lots of scoring and some dunks.

Still, having your season-long competitors turn into your teammates is half of the enjoyment.

"It's different playing with different people. I didn't know what to expect. We only had one practice," Gennette said. "It was fun to get to know the other girls."

While reaching the century mark got the crowd involved late in the boys' game, the action apart from the two games brought the loudest response.

One player representing each team competed in a 3-point contest. Each player had a rack full of balls and 45 seconds to hit as many as he or she could.

In the boys, it came down to Jackson Dille of Kimberly and Chris Jackson of Declo. Both hit 10 in the final to force a second finale. This time Dille knocked down eight to Jackson's five to take the title.

But the girls were better.

10 in the finals for the win. Runner-up Castelford hit 10 in the semifinals and



Canyon Conference's Chris Jackson of Declo sends the ball to Jayson Hageman of the Southside Conference.



Annlie Farita of Glenns Ferry penetrates for the Canyon Conference against Castelford's Karri Ruffing of the Southside Conference Tuesday in an all-star game.

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## Stanford star leads women's All-America team

The Associated Press

Stanford's Kate Sarbird was the top voter of the Connecticut's Kara Wolters became a national pick Tuesday on The Associated Press women's All-America basketball team.

Sarbird, a second-team pick last year, was voted to the first team on 38 of 40 ballots from a national media panel and had 196 points. Wolters also was placed on all 40 ballots, was a first-team pick on 34 and had 184 points in the voting.

They were joined on the first team by Chamique Holdaway of Tennessee, Ticha Penicheiro of Old Dominion and DeLisha Milton of Florida.

Holdaway was a third-team pick as a freshman last season.

Sarbird, a 6-foot-2 senior, has led Stanford (30-1) to a No. 3 national ranking in play that was always consistent and often sensational. She averages 21.7 points, 3.2 assists and is shooting 52 percent from the field.

"Kate's our Jerry Rice," Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer said. "He scores a touchdown, we put the ball down and goes about his business. That's her game, too. She'd rather play it than talk about it."

## Big Sky Conference announces men's team

**OGDEN, UTAH (AP)** - Northern Arizona's Charles Thomas was named the Big Sky Conference's Most Valuable Player on Tuesday as the league announced its basketball award winners and all-conference team.

Thomas, a senior guard from Columbus, Ohio, also was selected as a member of the all-conference team. He led Northern Arizona to a 14-3 record, including a perfect 7-0 mark in league play.

Thomas averaged 13.7 points, a league-leading 5.5 assists and 2.8 steals, and was playing nearly 31 minutes per game. The Lumberjacks won the Big Sky Conference regular-season crown, while Montana was the post-season tournament champion.

Idaho State's Rob Preston was also named to the all-conference team. Preston transferred to ISU from the College of Southern Idaho.

Another Northern Arizona player, junior Andrew Mavis, was selected as Newcomer of the Year, as well as an all-league team member.

### 1996-97 AP Women's All-America Basketball Team

The 1996-97 AP women's All-America basketball team with school, height, class, key stats and points awarded on a 5-3-1 basis in voting by a national media panel in parentheses:

**FIRST TEAM**  
Kate Sarbird, Stanford, 6-2, senior, 21.7 ppg, 3.2 asp, 52.0 fg pct, 63 3-pointers (196)

Kara Wolters, Connecticut, 6-7, senior, 17.2 ppg, 6.0 rpg, 62.1 fg pct, 89 blocks (184)

Chamique Holdaway, Tennessee, 6-1, sophomore, 20.2 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 48.3 fg pct, 78 steals (76)

Ticha Penicheiro, Old Dominion, 6-11, senior, 11.0 ppg, 7.8 asp, 139 steals (155)

DeLisha Milton, Florida, 6-1, senior, 19.4 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 56.6 fg pct, 75 steals (145)

**SECOND TEAM**  
Tamecka Dixon, Kansas, 5-9, senior, 20.8 ppg, 3.9 asp, 74.0 fg pct (108)

Tracy Reid, North Carolina, 5-11, junior, 20.7

ppg, 10.0 rpg, 53.7 fg pct, 63 steals (87)

The Thompson, Southern California, 6-3, senior, 22.7 ppg, 10.6 rpg, 50.5 fg pct, 77.3 fg pct (86)

Nyasha Sales, Connecticut, 6-0, junior, 18.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 50.3 fg pct, 126 steals (81)

Caraissa Mchanganjira, Old Dominion, 6-5, senior, 20.1 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 64.8 fg pct (79)

**THIRD TEAM**  
Kim Williams, DePaul, 5-6, senior, 25.2 ppg, 5.6 asp, 61 3-pointers, 127 steals (56)

LaKeshia Frett, Georgia, 6-3, senior, 16.8 rpg, 7.3 ppg, 63.3 fg pct, 48.6 fg pct (46)

Martin Jones, North Carolina, 5-10, junior, 18.8 ppg, 4.3 asp, 53.7 fg pct, 82 steals (42)

Shaondra Eals, Alabama, 6-1, senior, 16.8 ppg, 8.8 rpg, (40)

Kendra Holland-Corn, Georgia, 5-8, senior, 17.1 ppg, 4.0 asp, 63 3-pointers, 104 steals (38)

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Telma Anderson, George Washington; Keisha Abraham, Wisconsin; Adia Barnes, Arizona;

Ashley Berggren, Illinois; Cindy Blodgett, Malheur; Arianne Boyer, Oregon; Alisa Burras, Louisiana Tech; Dominique Cartu, Alabama;

Anna DeFargo, Nebraska; Kisha Ford, Georgia Tech; Kathryn Gatherer, Notre Dame; Pietra Gay, LSU; Becky Hammon, Colorado State; Tracy Henderson, Georgia; Kiana Holobz; Duquesne; Andria Jones, Kansas State; Reahne Malcolm, Providence; Cassidy Melvin, North Carolina State; Leah Monteth, Alabama; Beth Morgan, Notre Dame;

Murrel Page, Florida; Angie Pothoff, Penn State; Elaine Powell, LSU; Katrina Price, Stephen F. Austin; Michele Ralay, North Carolina; Nury Roberts, Old Dominion;

Jannon Roland, Purdue;

Erin Scholz, Colorado; Olympia Scott, Stanford;

Christy Smith, Arkansas; Tori Suber, Virginia; Alida Thompson, Texas Tech; Janilla Wideman, Stanford; Tara Williams, Auburn; Dana Wynne, Seton Hall.

There would be plenty to talk about if she chose. Like the 2,133 career points

that are a Stanford record and rank fourth in the Pac-10 Conference.

## Cleveland named BYU coach

The Lumberjacks from Snow Junior College in Ephraim, Utah. He averaged 14.6 points per game average, shot over 50 percent from the floor and averaged a league-leading 2.9 three point shots made per game.

Ross Land, also from Northern Arizona, and Ryan Jama of Weber State were named Co-freshmen of the Year. Land, a guard from Chico, Calif., averaged 10.6 points for the Jacks and hit a league-best 50 percent of his three point attempts.

Jama, a forward from Lubbock, Texas, averaged 13.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game in the last eight games as a starter for the Wildcats.

Other members of the all-conference team include Nate Green of Idaho State; J.R. Camel and Kirk Walker of Montana; Nate Holmstadt and Ryan Sprinkle of Montana State; and Ryan Cuff, Alex Fisher and Damien Baskerville of Weber State.

The team includes four sophomores, two juniors and five seniors. As a result of a tie, 14 players were selected instead of the usual 10.

Ten All-Big Sky Honorable Mention selections were made.

The Associated Press

**PROVO, Utah** - Steve Cleveland, who has never coached major college basketball, was named Tuesday to take the reins of a Brigham Young University program coming off its worst season in history.

Cleveland is completing his seventh season as basketball coach at Fresno City College, a junior college where he compiled a 156-7 record. The Rams currently are ranked number one in California with a 30-3 record.

"He is a man who we think possesses the qualities required to restore BYU basketball to its position of prominence and to take us to new heights," Athletic Director Rondo Fehlbeg said in introducing Cleveland at a news conference.

The announcement came 10 days after BYU wrapped up a 1-25 season under interim coach Tony Long, who took over when Roger Reid was fired Dec. 17 following seven seasons as the school's most successful basketball coach (152-77).

The forward from Richmond, British Columbia, transferred to

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All-stars

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1997 Southside/Canyon Conference

Senior Boys All-Star

Table listing Southside/Canyon Conference Senior Boys All-Star team members and their schools.

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Senior Girls All-Star

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Jennifer Cowger of Filer hit seven in the semifinals (she hit nine but was injured while she...

foot was on the line on two attempts) and five in the finals. The other crowd-pleaser came...

during the boys' warmups. Fans from throughout the Magic Valley watched the players dunk.

Maybe next year there will be a dunk contest to go with the 3-point contest.

ABL championship coach lauds experience

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Columbus Quest coach Brian Agler said winning the first American Basketball League championship gave him a sense of fulfillment, and having a record crowd on hand added to the satisfaction.

"This means as much as anything I've ever been involved in," Agler said. "What I feel most strongly about is seeing our league and franchise grow from where it started in June to where it's at right now. A sellout crowd is one of the goals we had set out to have earlier this year."

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Hawks run off Jazz, 106-99

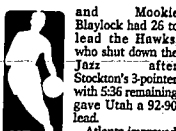
ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta Hawks were adept at both ends of the shooting spectrum Tuesday night.

The Hawks made a season-high 40 free throws and shot 37-of-48 from beyond the 3-point arc to stretch their winning streak to five games with a 106-99 victory over the Utah Jazz.

"Atlanta certainly made some long ones," Utah's John Stockton said. "They were three or four feet behind the line on some of those 3-pointers. When you shoot 50 or 60 percent on 3s, you're not going to lose."

And a team won't lose very often when it goes 40-of-47 from the foul line, a figure that didn't go unmooed in the Utah locker room.

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Atlanta improved to 27-3 at the Omni, the third-best home record in the league. The Hawks are mindful that the 25-year-old arena will be torn down at the end of the season to make room for a new one.

"I think we play so well at home because they're about to close the Omni," said Dikembe Mutombo, who had 17 points and 14 rebounds. "We would like to leave with good memories of this place."

Smith made a 3-pointer with 4:44 left to put the Hawks ahead to stay, 94-92. Atlanta finished off the victory at the free throw line, connecting on 10 of 12 attempts over the final 2:00 of Utah's five-game winning streak.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table listing television schedules for various sports events.

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Table listing radio broadcasts for NBA basketball.

IN THE BLEACHERS



"Quit whining. Dog. If your brother yanked out one of your legs, yank one of his."

Table with Western Conference standings.

Table with Eastern Conference standings.

TRANSACTIONS

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Yankees signed free agent pitcher Dwight Gooden to a two-year contract.

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Table listing National League scores.

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Table listing college basketball scores.





**SPORTS**



French ski racer Luc Alphand takes to the air as he trains on the World Cup Downhill course in Vail, Colo., on Tuesday. Alphand is favored to win the Overall World Cup title this week.

# Alphand 1st, 2nd in training

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — France's Luc Alphand, trying to become the first Frenchman since Jean-Claude Killy 29 years ago to win the World Cup skiing overall title, was first and second in two downhill training runs for the World Cup Finals on Tuesday.

Alphand, who already has clinched a third straight World Cup downhill title, is hoping that his prowess in the downhill and super-G will be enough to hold off the challenge of Norway's Kjetil Andre Aamodt, the 1994 overall winner.

"I can say that everyone is under pressure but me, because I've already reached my goals for the year," Alphand said. "I will try to do my best in the two speed events here and then I'll wait to see what Aamodt does in the technical events."

Alphand, strictly a speed skier, finds himself leading Aamodt —

1,072,955 points — because of dominating his specialties. He won four downhill on the way to that title and added two victories on the way to virtually clinching the super-G title as well.

Aamodt skis in all four events and so has a numerical advantage on the Frenchman but has been unable to score nearly as many top finishes. He's been no higher than seventh in a downhill or super-G, scoring his only victory in a giant slalom and getting two seconds in combined.

"He is in the lead so he has the advantage. He's been skiing incredibly well," Aamodt said. "In downhill and super-G he's always top five. I have to improve my skiing if I want to catch him. It looks like he's the favorite and it's going to be really hard for me."

"Probably I need to beat him in the super-G and be close to him in the downhill and then I

can have a chance."

The two protagonists hardly looked like competitors fighting for skiing's biggest trophy. Working their respective ways around the racer pen doing interviews, they wound up side by side and used the opportunity to engage in an arm wrestling match. Italian Kristian Ghedina, perhaps showing his backing for a fellow downhiller in the overall chase, applied a rubber hammer to Aamodt's head.

Based on Tuesday's practice, Aamodt is going to lose a lot of ground to Alphand. The French star paced the first downhill practice in 1 minute, 39.94 seconds and was second in the other in 1:39.61. Aamodt was 10th (1:40.52) and 16th (1:40.92). Finishes like that in Wednesday's race would give Alphand 80 or 100 points, Aamodt no more than 25.

# Rams' Phillips jailed

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Hounding as he was led away in handcuffs, St. Louis Rams running back Lawrence Phillips was sentenced to 30 days in jail Tuesday for violating probation.

He is the third University of Nebraska player from the 1994 national championship team to spend time behind bars, and the second to be sentenced in the past month.

Lancaster County Judge Jack Lindner revoked Phillips' probation and sentenced him on two counts stemming from the 1995 assault of former Nebraska basketball player Kate McEwen. The sentences will be served concurrently.

"There is a price tag you pay for the mistakes you make," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said at the NFL meetings in Palm Desert, Calif. "Once he gets this behind him, he can get on with being a football player. This can't hurt. It can help."

Phillips, 21, nodded to Rams



Lawrence Phillips

vice president Lynn Stiles as he left the courtroom in handcuffs. Stiles would not comment on how the jail term would affect Phillips' standing with the team. But the player's lawyer, Hal Anderson, said the Rams were "just fine" with his client.

Anderson said the player could be released after 23 days for good behavior. He said Phillips was recently recovering from knee surgery and called this a good opportunity to do time. He said Phillips will receive two to three hours of physical therapy daily for his knee.

"He'll do fine," Anderson. "He's a strong man, a good, young strong man."

Phillips had been on a one-year probation for the assault. Anderson said his client violated that probation when he was arrested for drunken driving in California in June.

"He is owing up to what he has done and will do the time," the lawyer said.

The other jailed Nebraska players are Tyrone Williams and Christian Peter. Williams, a defensive back now with the Green Bay Packers, was sentenced Feb. 19 to a six-month jail sentence for firing two shots into a car. Defensive lineman Christian Peter spent 10 days in Kenney jail after pleading no contest to disturbing the peace by a bar in March 1996.

Lancaster County Attorney Gary Lacey said it is possible Phillips and Williams could be placed together in a jail cell.

Abdu Muhammad, the leading receiver on Nebraska's 1993 national championship team, is expected to stand trial on charges of marijuana possession

# Young puts wedding on hold

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young, who was scheduled to be married later this month, has put his wedding plans on hold, according to his agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Steinberg, at the NFL meeting here, told the San Francisco

Examiner on Monday that the 35-year-old San Francisco 49ers quarterback and his fiancée, Aimee Baglietto, 25, have decided to postpone the wedding indefinitely to allow more time to "get to know each other."

"As Mormons, they can't live with each other (before the wedding)," he said.

Young announced his marriage plans last November. The wedding was to take place in the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City.

# Bibby returns to NCAA tourney

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty-five years ago, Henry Bibby wore shorts and a UCLA jersey in the NCAA tournament. This time, he'll don a jacket, tie and slacks as coach of rival Southern California.

Back then Bibby's team included Bill Walton, Jamal Wilkes, Larry Farmer and Greg Lee.

This time, he's depending on Kentucky transfer Rodrick Rhodes and a bunch of junior college transfers to do something he did three times as a player — win the national championship.

At UCLA, it was a given the Bruins would make the NCAA tournament by playing John Wooden's era. Bibby helped them win titles in 1970, '71 and '72, and he's still the only player to win championships in the NCAA, NBA and CBA.



Henry Bibby Satisfied to be back in action

in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 126 mark.

Bibby points to victories over Arizona, Stanford, California and Oregon — all Top 25 teams during the season — as proof the Trojans belong in the tournament despite having the second-lowest ratings percentage index among the six teams.

"Coach Bibby did a great job," Rhodes said. "He should have been the coach of the year. We went from last place to a second-place site."

The Trojans won seven of their final 10 regular-season games and during that time, Bibby started bringing Rhodes off the bench. He wanted to take some pressure off the 6-foot-6 forward, who averages 12 points and four assists a game.

Bibby has tinkered with the lineup 14 times this season.

"We haven't had one player that has been there every night. That's what's been so intriguing with this team," he said.

"We're not going to depend on Rodrick Rhodes to carry us. If we can get more guys playing well, we have a better chance of winning and going further than one player carrying us."

Although the thought makes UCLA loyalists blush, Bibby believes Wooden is rooling for USC to beat Illinois Friday.

"I'm sure he is. I'm not of his kids, he'll always love me," Bibby said. "He's always been in my corner."

One quality Bibby doesn't lack is confidence. Some critics believe his attitude borders on arrogance, considering his short time at the helm of a major program.

So don't suggest to Bibby that Illinois coach Lou Krugnas has an edge in Friday's game because he coached against Rhode when both were in the Southern Conference.

"Nobody has an advantage over me in coaching. Are his players better than mine? I don't know. I don't think so," Bibby said. "Is Lute Olson that much better than I am? We split with one of the greatest coaches in college basketball — Lute Olson — here in our conference."

They finished in a tie with Stanford and California for second

# Instant replay may become history

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — NFL owners ensured stability in Miami and perhaps Seattle by changing a longstanding ownership policy on Tuesday.

At the same time, coaches seemed ready to shoot down instant replay because it might force them to make two more job-threatening decisions.

The new ownership policy allows NFL owners to hold the controlling interest in baseball, basketball or hockey franchises while continuing to run their teams, something forbidden in the past.

That allows Wayne Huizenga to maintain control of the Miami Dolphins while simultaneously owning baseball's Florida Marlins and hockey's Florida Panthers.

And it allows Paul Allen, owner of the NBA's Portland Trail Blazers, to exercise his option on the Seattle Seahawks, whose current owner, Ken

Behring, tried last year to move them to southern California. Allen's option is contingent on approval by the Washington state legislature and the voters of a \$400 million stadium and conference center.

"I think it's time has come," Dan Rooney of the Pittsburgh Steelers, one of the old-guard family owners, said of the vote on cross-ownership.

"We have a special interest in Seattle and I think it's very important that we keep a team in the northwest."

"It's in tune with modern America," said Robert Kraft of New England.

Replay might be in tune with modern America, too — endless surveys show that a majority of football fans approve of the device that was in effect from 1986-91.

But as the debate went to the floor for a likely vote on Wednesday, it appeared doomed

this year, largely because even the coaches who favor it are leery of the way it's phrased; they must challenge a call and lose a timeout when they challenge, even if the challenge is upheld.

"It would be pretty tough to save a timeout for a replay when you're in a tight game and you need one," said Tom Coughlin of Jacksonville. "You'd have to give priority to the timeouts rather than replay."

Bill Parcells of the New York Jets, one of four coaches who isn't here, was even stronger in a conference call from his bunker. "In its present form, with those timeouts, no, I wouldn't vote for it," he said.

If Parcells' vote rules — and he has control over such things now for the Jets — that could kill instant replay. Seven other teams already are against it and just eight votes are needed to defeat it.

# Thorpe fights for sponsor exemptions

By Ron Srak  
The Associated Press

Jim Thorpe shifted uneasily in his chair, sighed and moved his head slowly from side to side as if searching the corners of the room for the correct words to express his feelings about being a black golfer.

"I don't think there is racism among the players and I don't think there is racism among the PGA Tour administration," Thorpe said. "But I think the sponsors are sometimes shortsighted."

Thorpe, who did not win enough money to keep his tour card this year, needs sponsor invitations to get into tournaments, but virtually none has been forthcoming.

"I never thought it would be this tough to get sponsor exemptions," said Thorpe, who was turned down at least eight times this year and received his only invitation at the United Airlines Hawaiian Open.

"I understand how he feels," said PGA Tour director of information David Lanier. "But it's

basically a numbers game. There's a hundred other guys out there in the same spot he's in — veterans who need help."

Thorpe is not saying he is being denied invitations because of his race, but he is saying that tournament directors should make an extra effort to get blacks into events. He also made it clear he feels he's earned invitations.

"I played 21 years and never needed a sponsor invite," Thorpe said last week at the Dorval-Ryder Open where he conducted a youth clinic and waited — unsuccessfully — for a withdrawal so he might get into the tournament. "I do need one now. You'd think they'd want a black face out here."

The attention Tiger Woods brought to blacks in golf should be a reminder of the past and an evaluation of the present, Thorpe said. He said extra effort needs to be taken so blacks not as successful as Woods are not forgotten.

There were blacks in pro golf before Woods.

John Shippen played in his second U.S. Open at Shinnecock

Hills in 1896 and was in the Open six times ending in 1913. No black played in the Open again until Ted Rhodes in 1948. Though the USGA did not bar blacks, it had a difficult time finding courses for the qualifying tournaments that allowed blacks to play.

In 1961, the PGA lifted its "Caucasian clause" and Charlie Sifford came on board. He was followed by Lee Elder, Jim Dent and Calvin Peete.

But a glance through the PGA Tour media guide today reveals only three black faces among the 291 professionals pictured there: Woods, whose mother is from Thailand and father is Black; Vijay Singh, who is from Fiji with his family roots in India.

And then there is Thorpe.

As recently 1994 he was in the top 100 on the money list, earning \$185,714. In 1985, he was fourth on the money list and won three tournaments in two years in 1985-86.

Thorpe is eligible for six of the eight invitations that exist for each tournament, yet could not get one at Tucson — a tournament he won twice.

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Section E

## HOME WITH A VIEW



The canyon rim home of Irene and Gary Snow near Buhl is designed around their love of nature, gourmet cooking and entertaining.

It also reflects their Indian heritages, artistic abilities and mutual expertise in antiques.

"We designed it ourselves to meet our needs," said Gary Snow, an avid chef who is planning a July dinner party for 80. "I had already remodeled two restaurants for a four-star chef, the one who trained me to cook."

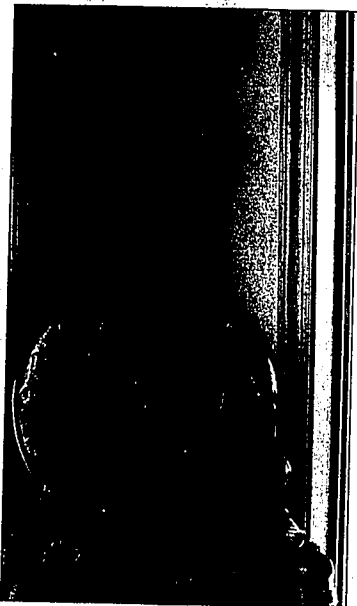
The Snow's spacious kitchen has every cook's dream of ample counter space and an island that includes an

industrial six-burner stove with an oven big enough to hold two turkeys. An entire wall of cookbooks is encased in oak cupboards with clear glass doors. Other cupboards hold four sets of china, everyday dishes and enough kettles to feed an army.

From a square hole for trash in the island countertop to a computerized recipe file, the kitchen is designed for ultra convenience.

"The main thing for any cook, chef, weekend gourmet is cut down your movement," advised Gary Snow, demonstrating how his pans, island refrigerator, chopping board, block of knives, season-

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Story by Terrell Williams Photographs by Andy Sawyer  
Editor Denise Turner

# HOME DECORATING

## View

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ings, stove and triple sink are at hand within two steps. "I can do an entire dinner right here."

On the opposite side of the island is an ice maker, a small but deep sink for washing vegetables and a silent dishwasher that guests cannot hear. Above the island, hidden by oak panels, is a powerful restaurant fan that allows safe charcoal barbecuing next to the stove.

Off the kitchen to the south is a walk-in pantry/laundry room with open shelves for easy access to canned and bulk foods. One shelf holds homemade vinegars — strawberry, pomegranate, cayenne and other flavors. A planter of herbs grows on a high, sunny windowsill.

"You don't have to run down stairs to get things or get down on your knees to find things," Irene Snow said of the pantry.

### Glass walls

With only a tiled breakfast bar as a divider, the kitchen opens on the north side into a living and dining area that has 10 6-by-5-foot windows on three walls, plus two large gable end windows at the top of the north wall. Outside is a panoramic view from the bottom of the Snake River Canyon to the mountains north of Gooding. On July 4, their anniversary, the Snows can see five fireworks displays from their living room.

"The whole house was designed around the view," Irene Snow said. "We brought the outside indoors ... I tried not to overdo (the interior decor). We have 10 living pictures in here, plus the skylights. You can't really compete with outdoors."

There are no curtains and none needed on this 30-acre site. The windows are trimmed in oak. The walls and A-frame ceiling are white with a slight texture. Carpet is light beige with a matching circular sofa. An oak dining table seats 10. Doors to the east and west side entrances are of oak and full-length clear glass.

"We tried to keep all the colors real light and airy," Irene Snow explained. "With these main colors (beige and white), you can add color easily."

Putting new colors in a neutral room without great expense can be as easy as changing the table placemats, Irene Snow noted, and the lighter colors look cleaner.

With the kitchen open to the dining and living area, the chef is never isolated.

"People can be in all different areas and still be a part of what's going on," Irene Snow said. "It's one room, so when you cook, you're not separated from the guests."

"This adds to the fun, she said, because her husband can be a flamboyant chef, flipping foods in frying pans and setting fire to flambe sauces.

"It's designed to be a complete entertainment center," Gary Snow said.

### Country style

From their store, Snow's Antiques in downtown Twin Falls, the Snows have a huge inventory they could use to decorate their home. Instead, antiques here are a limited accent to the modern, comfortable furniture and lighting.

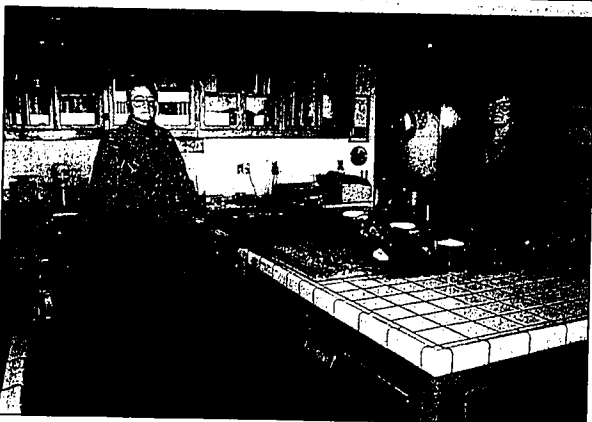
Gary Snow is a nationally-known restorer of horse-drawn sleighs, so an antique bobbed is a living room centerpiece. In it, under glass, are Indian relics valued by Irene Snow, whose two

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Gary and Irene Snow wanted a kitchen that would not be separated from the rest of the living area.



Gary Snow, an avid woodworker, build the couple's bed himself.

grandmothers were Cre Indians, and by Gary Snow, whose mother was a part-Cree from Canada. The fireplace is a rare old nickel-plated porcelain stove with see-through doors.

In contrast, a compact disc player automatically plays 20 CDs, channeled through discreet speakers in the ceilings. And, with the touch of a computer button, the day's wind speed and other information are retrieved from a weather station on the roof. Instead of a television, the

living room has a telescope. Other rooms on the upper level include three bedrooms with three bathrooms. On the lower level are a garage, a woodworking shop and a reloading room for Gary Snow, who is a former Fish and Game officer, as well as an expert marksman. Another room is set up for Irene Snow's Indian beadwork. The two levels, totaling 5,200 square feet, are connected by a wide stairway and porch on the outside, a spiral staircase inside and an elevator



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# Movie theaters come home

High-tech entertainment centers bring quality sound, visuals into the family room

By Rebecca Tetsuka  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Who says you have to go to the movie theater to appreciate the full impact of audio and visual effects? With today's home theater systems right in your own abode.

People wanting to bring high-quality sound and picture home from the video store are converting extra rooms or basements into home theaters.

"It brings another dimension into watching TV," said Jeff Walden of Wilson-Bates in Twin Falls. "Instead of hearing everything through a dry speaker, they've got a mini-movie theater. They get the same effects without going to a major theater."

The idea is appealing to more and more people across the nation.

"This is one of the fastest growing areas in consumer electronics," Walden noted.

Today's technology allows for quality sound to be preserved on videotapes and transmitted through to mini-satellite dishes. As long as the customers have the right equipment, they can hear Dolby Surround Sound from their own speakers.

"If the VCR says Hi Fi on it and the tape has the symbol for Dolby Surround Sound, it will do it perfectly," said Mel Quale of Mel Quale's Electronics in Twin Falls.

Quale said that even VCRs that are a few years old will be able to take the necessary information from the videotape and put it to good use, as long as they are marked Hi Fi.

Since sound is transmitted to

the miniature satellite dishes as Dolby Prologic, people can get the same great sound out of their satellite channels as well, because the amplifiers in home theater systems will play Prologic.

What comes in the package, though, is completely up to the customer. Many of the popular packages include a television, VCR, five speakers, an amplifier and

wants to have the luxury of home theater. Quale said that a system could actually fit into a 10-by-13-foot room, although a larger room would make the whole experience more enjoyable.

If you are building a home, you can "prewire for concealment or pull those wires through an existing crawl space; installing this way costs more, though," explained Quale.

The amplifier is an important component, and the customer should select one which will service all television-watching needs.

"The choices are almost endless," Quale said. "Customers need someone to ask the right questions to help them stay within their budget."

Some of these questions include which room the system will be going into, where it will tie in, what present equipment is already in place, how the system will be used and by whom and, finally, how much you can spend.

Walden said a package consisting of the speakers and the amplifier, or receiver, can start as low as \$399, "but most packages are going between \$1,000 to \$2,000... those include everything - the TV, VCR, everything."

If you are looking for quality but your budget doesn't allow for the purchase of all the equipment at once, look for a system that will allow for additions later on, said Quale.

Walden said that the do-it-yourselfer can put a system together without the help of a professional, since the first thing out of the package is the

*"This is one of the fastest growing areas in consumer electronics."*

— Jeff Walden, Wilson-Bates

whatever other bells and whistles the customer wants.

"It all depends on how fancy they want go," said Quale.

The necessary five speakers for home theater include the two front speakers, which are attractive, "not big bulky, ugly," according to Walden.

A center speaker is needed because it is usually handling voices and dialogue. That one can sit on top or under the TV.

The final two speakers are mounted behind and above the "audience." They can even be mounted into the wall. But this option is a permanent and more costly one.

"That's a real commitment," said Quale. "That's not something you'd want in an apartment or rental."

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-Lorraine Ridgeway, San Luis Obispo, Calif.



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A: Antique oil lamps are beautiful and easy to convert to electricity. Here's how:

1. Begin by unscrewing the metal burner, which holds the wick and chimney clamps, from the oil lamp. To fit the lamp with a converter, you'll need to take a burner with you to a specialty lighting source; the converters come in three sizes that fit almost all American lamps. If your lamp doesn't have a burner, measure the diameter of the oil-reserve opening. Other supplies you'll need include a lamp socket, a standard lamp cord and plug, and a few household tools.
2. Clean the oil reservoir well. Rinse and dry thoroughly. Screw the converter into the oil reservoir.
3. Pry the metal cap from the lamp socket using a screwdriver.

to preserve a wedding gown without having it done professionally?

-Betty Anderson, Nishville, Tenn.

A: It is essential that the dress be cleaned and pressed by a specialist, who will have the expertise and supplies to work with the fine fabric and complex construction of a wedding gown. Have it cleaned as soon as possible after the wedding to prevent any spots from setting.

You can pack the dress yourself. It needs to be kept in an acid-free environment to help keep the fabric from yellowing. Your cleaner may be able to provide you with a large, acid-free box and acid-free tissue paper; if not, purchase them from an archival supplier.

Begin by lining the box thoroughly with the tissue paper. Gently fold the skirt so it will fit into the box; the bodice should end up on top. Make as few folds as possible and layer tissue in each fold. Stuff the sleeves and

bodice with tissue paper so they maintain their shape. Layer several more sheets of tissue over the top, close the box and tape it shut.

Attics and basements, which are often hot, damp or humid, are generally not good for storing clothes. Make room in a cool, dry closet or cupboard for the gown.

Q: I need to know how clean stains on my marble floor as a result of splattering vinegar on it.

-Frances Arlett, La Grange Park, Ill.

A: Stone is a lovely, long-lasting surface for counters and floors. However, many kinds of stone are porous, making them susceptible to stains.

Granite is among the most durable and impervious; marble is a little softer and absorbent and more prone to stains and discoloration.

Your spill may not be a stain at all—it may be damage caused to the surface of the stone. Acids can literally dissolve marble,

and even a mild one such as vinegar could do some harm.

Try the following stain removers—if they have no effect, contact a professional about having the area re-buffered.

To remove a stain from a marble floor, there are a couple of options. A spot remover for clothes called K2r is often effective—apply it to the area and let it stand for about half an hour before wiping away.

Or use a poultice made specifically for deep-cleaning marble and limestone. Spread the poultice mixture over the stain, cover with plastic wrap and let stand for at least 24 hours. It should draw the stain out of the stone.

Look for poultices at good hardware stores and stone-restoring companies. After using a poultice, the stone will need to be resealed. Stone sealers are also available at hardware stores; apply them according to package instructions. This sealer will also help other spills from becoming stains.

Repeated cleanings will only wear away the protective coating of a sealer or polish and dull the sheen of the stone. The most important thing you can do to keep stone surfaces clean is wipe up anything that spills immediately.

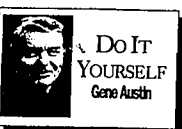
For routine cleaning, use a mild household soap, then rinse and dry with a soft cloth.

For serious stains or damage, consult a local expert for help; a professional can restore or re-huff the marble or use stronger poultices.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Questions may also be sent to Stewart by electronic mail. Her address is: mstewart@msl.ninjacomm.com. Questions of general interest will be answered in this column; Martha Stewart regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

## Wall preparation puzzles home painter

Q: I am planning to paint the inside walls of my house, which are covered with drywall. The walls are already painted with latex paint, some of which is peeling. How do I prepare the walls to get an attractive, lasting paint job?



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A: The peeling was probably caused by poor preparation of the walls before they were painted, so don't skip any steps this time. Start by scraping off all the peeling paint, but be careful not to gouge the drywall. A scraper with a sharp blade about four inches wide works well. File the scraper's corners round to reduce gouging. Don't attempt to scrape good paint that is adhering tightly to the wall.

The edges of the good paint around the scraped areas will show through the new paint unless they are carefully treated. The usual procedure is to sand the edges to a taper or "feather edge," using fine (120 or 150 grit) sandpaper. Wash the walls with rags dipped in a solution of household detergent such as Mr. Clean (follow directions on the container for making the solution). Wring out the rags before washing to avoid soaking the drywall. Rinse with an rag dipped in clear water and wring out. Let the walls dry overnight.

Check the walls for any holes, dents or cracks, and repair them with spackling compound or wallboard joint compound. Let the repaired areas dry and sand smooth.

Give the walls a coat of interior primer. The primer will improve adhesion of the finish paint and help give the walls a uniform appearance. Have the primer tinted to approximate the color of the finish coat, so that only one coat of finish paint is needed.

Finish with high-quality latex wall paint. I recommend a flat wall paint, which will make scraped and patched areas less conspicuous than if glossy paint is used. Apply both the

primer and finish paint with a roller.

Q: Our house has cast-iron radiators with covers to give them a better appearance. Do the covers reduce the heat from the radiators?

A: In general, any radiator cover made from a material that has an insulating effect, such as wood, will reduce the heat somewhat. Metal radiator covers are best for heat transmission.

Q: My concrete garage floor is badly pitted. I think it was caused by salt in the snow that melts off my car. Is there any type of filler or coating I could use to correct this?

A: There are several products that can be used to "skim coat" concrete. One that seems well suited for your project is Mr. Mac's Concrete Resurfacer, sold at some home centers (information: 800-348-3571). The resurfacer is a polymer material that is mixed to slurry and applied with a roller.

Once the resurfacer is applied, a top coat that is resistant to chemicals should be used to avoid future damage. Sherwin-Williams paint stores sell a two-part epoxy paint that should wear well. A kit containing enough epoxy paint to cover up to 750 square feet costs about \$100.

Q: The faucet on one of our sinks gives water very slowly no matter how far we open it. Other faucets seem to have good pressure. What could be causing this?

A: The faucet's poor performance is probably caused by a clogged aerator screen. Remove the aerator from the end of the faucet by turning it clockwise. Handle the aerator carefully and make sure you don't lose any of its parts.

Remove any debris from the screen with a cotton swab. If the screen is coated with mineral deposits that would impede the flow of water, soak it in vinegar for a few hours to dissolve the minerals before replacing it.

Readers' questions and comments are welcome and should be sent to Gene Austin, the Philadelphia Inquirer, Box 861, Blue Bell, Pa. 19422. Questions cannot be answered personally.

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# Finding your own special style

Decorating diva's goal is to help people learn to live without her

Chicago Tribune

Charlotte Moss, the decorating diva to stylish New Yorkers, wants to tell people how to do without her.

Moss, who is best known for her English country house look in American homes, encourages people to become their own decorators. Though some may need help in pulling it all together, she believes that with a little practice, you can make your home express your personality.

The best rooms have three essential ingredients: comfort, passion and a sense of humor, says Moss.

"Learn about yourself and educate your eyes so that you can do things for yourself," advises Moss. "You get ideas from other people, and you learn to add your own and other ideas to them to suit your own needs. No matter how much money you might have, if you haven't educated yourself, you don't even know what you like. Go to museum exhibits, to art galleries, the opera, the ballet, to get the creative juices flowing. The final test of any room is if you can curl up and read a book in it."

An ex-Wall Street executive who has had no formal design training, Moss does not believe in sticking to the rules to the point where a home loses its livability.

One of her few dictums is "trust yourself," which makes her upcoming lecture more an exercise in educating one's eye and finding one's own creative heart rather than a strict treatise on a traditional style.

Moss even talks about "un-decorating" — mixing the old with the new in unexpected ways to bring a fresh look to a style — and tells how to go about it.

Often, she says, the things that have influenced her have come as a surprise, cropping up in her work as a gift from the unconscious.

Moss has won several House Beautiful's Top Ten Showhouse



This charming bedroom holds what decorating diva Charlotte Moss calls the three essential ingredients to a great room: comfort, passion and a sense of humor

Awards for design excellence with her appearances in decorator showhouses. Her work and ideas have been widely disseminated in numerous international shelter magazines, on CNN, and on ABC-TV's "Good Morning, America." Her two books, "A Passion for Detail" (Doubleday, \$40) and "Creating a Room" (Viking Studio Books, \$24.95), encourage readers to develop their own personal style by experimenting.

A lot of her own inspiration comes from the things she sees on her travels. "It could be a

motif, a building or a shape. It could be some old piece of Italian furniture that has great coloring in it" that will turn up in her work later, she says. She always takes a small camera with her wherever she goes and advises others to do the same: "I keep shoe boxes full of photos."

But inspiration may be no further than the back yard. The fresh and striking color palette that is the signature of her work has gained much inspiration from her own East Hampton, N.Y., garden — a composition of dots of

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tone and color that resembles an Impressionist painting, she says. A lovely chaise longue is used often, even on expanses of walls. That color comes from a zinnia named Green Envy, she says.

Born in Richmond, Va., Moss was painting her room and rearranging furniture from the time she was 12. After a first marriage ended in divorce, she worked for a time on Wall Street, selling tax shelters. This gave her the financial opportunity to go to England, buy some antiques and see if she was any good at selling them.

Her timing proved great. It was 1985 when the interest in things English was booming.

But even now, she is more successful than ever. On March 4, Moss opened a furnishings boutique on the seventh floor of the New York Bergdorf Goodman store. Her exclusive line of "everything from a cachepot to a love seat" is displayed in room vignettes.

Her ongoing success may be because her look keeps evolving. She suggests freshening up the American version of the English country house look and bringing it into the 21st century.

## Octagon-shaped kitchen is in the center of things

The Orange County Registrar

We like it. In fact, we love it. The kitchen is not only a center of activity in the Today's Family Showhome, showcased last month at the National Association of Home Builders' convention in Houston. It actually is the center of the house in the truest sense.

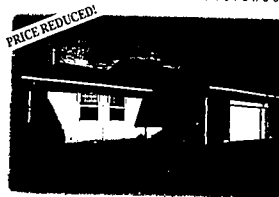
The octagon-shaped kitchen has four entryways, allowing direct access from the living room, dining room and something called gathering rooms

(which we are assuming are what have traditionally been called family rooms, now with a new age tweak), as well as the foyer, study/guest room and powder room.

If you are just the least bit curious about how all of this works, get your hands on a copy of the spring issue of Better Homes and Gardens Building Ideas magazine. It dedicates a 14-page spread to the showhome. The magazine is due to be on newsstands through April 15.

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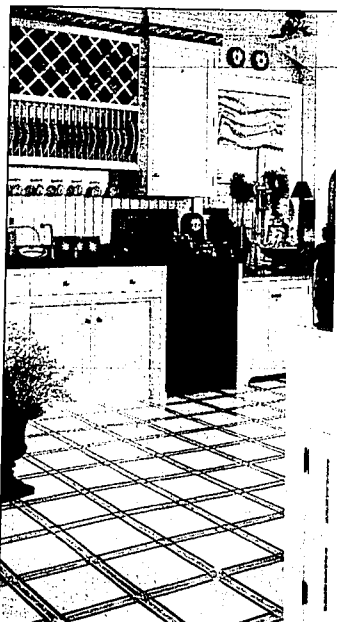
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## HOME DECORATING

# Put a fresh face on the powder room

By Gary Krino  
The Orange County Register

Figure it out for yourselves. The bathroom might be the smallest room in the house, but square foot for square foot, it delivers in a mighty big way.

Bathrooms are personal places. You don't often hear a host say, "Come on. Let's go get comfortable in the bathroom and have a cup of tea." However, when those same guests show up and the bathroom hasn't been cleaned, you or someone very close to you could end up dead meat. The appearance of the bathroom does count, even if it isn't tea party material.

So, you're tired of your bath's same old look. You want to give it a little face lift but don't want to spend too much cash. The fun part of doing little decorating jobs in the bath is that because it usually is such a small space, you can use a more expensive design approach yet retain a manageable budget.

Here's a look at some of the things you can do in the bath to give it a fresh face. They're from Moon, a leading manufacturer of faucets and plumbing accessories.

• Replace outdated fixtures. Chrome, polished brass, colors.



You don't have to spend a fortune to give your bathroom a new look.

White (glacier, in design lingo) is an especially good choice, says Ken Konecny, Moon group product manager, because of its clean, modern appearance and its ability to blend with any color or decor. From a sparkle, shimmer and shine viewpoint, white makes sense because it doesn't show fingerprints, thus making cleanup easier.

• New wallpaper. A quick-fix, instant new look. Do make sure to choose a covering that's designed to withstand steam, high temperatures and wear and

tear. An don't forget borders. They can be used to add flair to the ceiling area or as a chair rail. • New flooring. Tile has long been the standard for bathroom floors because it's water resistant, durable and easy to clean. But you've got plenty of other options. Vinyl flooring comes in lots of colors, patterns and textures and is durable and water resistant. Wood is another choice. Be careful here, though. Moisture and wood don't get along. A wood floor in the bath must be well-sealed with polyurethane or

marine varnish. Carpeting was once considered the la-di-doo floor covering for the bath. So chic, but it retains moisture and is prone to mildew. If you decide to go with carpeting, to avoid problems down the road, confine it to dressing and grooming areas.

• Pedestal sink. A pedestal sink adds a touch of elegance that usually can't be duplicated with in-cabinet sinks. There's also another advantage. Because it stands on its own as a pedestal and is not a part of a bulky vanity, it can give the illusion of more space in the bathroom.

• New vanity. An ugly old vanity just doesn't make it. In a space as small as a bath, the eye goes right to it and stays there. Terribly bad news. While white continues to be one of the most popular vanity colors, light and whitewashed woods are running a close second, according to the gang at Moon.

Also, dark, rich woods are still finding a home in many baths. When choosing a vanity, look to laminates that resist cracking and chipping. Surprisingly, solid wood isn't the best material for that. Flat surfaces such as cabinet sides, bottoms and shelves. Plywood and particleboard have proven stronger in these applications.

# A few tips to make that home office work

By Gary Krino  
The Orange County Register

For great jobs of us, home has become a whole lot more than where the heart is. It's also where the work is.

Whether it's got to do with that nasty little term "corporatization," the uncertainties of a fast-changing economy, or good old American entrepreneurial spirit, the home office is becoming as common as the kitchen. The challenge that's wrapped up in all of this is... OK, so how do I make my home office space look like something more than, well, a home office space? Good question, and we've got what we think are good answers.

We especially like what Donna Paul, author of "The Home Office Book" (Artisan, \$35), has to say about all of this: "There are no rules for decorating a home office. You're no longer a part of

the corporate world — that's the beauty of working at home. You have the freedom to carve out your own space and make your own schedule."

So let's start carving. Paul likes to blend home office storage with style. So do we. An uncomplicated starting point is a decorative screen. Pick one that complements your decorating scheme and use it to screen a corner that you can then use to stash all those boxes of supplies that can spell clutter under most circumstances.

If the space is large enough, consider a honeycomb shade. Hung vertically from a track with the shade operating sideways, it can serve as a retractable room divider to hide "back office" stuff. Outta sight, outta mind.

Choose furniture that can do double duty. Look for a desk that can serve as a dining table as well as a work surface, an armchair

that can store both business files and clothing, bedding, whatever.

Take careful measurements of your files or books so you'll know exactly how tall and wide your storage space needs to be.

Watch out for glare. Not conducive to doing the best work. You'll never be productive if you can't see your computer screen." New York City designer Susan Aiello says. There should not be a window either behind or in front of your desk. Place the desk at a right angle to reduce the impact of daytime glare.

Bridge the gap between residential and office design with colors, patterns and textures that are soothing rather than harsh and cold.

Remember the look of the office you used to work in? Dull and uninviting, more than likely. Strive for the opposite.

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ly well in home offices.

If it will make it any easier, pretend that your computer is actually a TV. The computer, just like a TV.

The computer, just like a TV, can be concealed behind doors and placed on a shelf that pulls out for easy access.

Make sure that the shelf is at a comfortable work level. Other computer equipment and computer supplies pose no more complicated design challenges than, say, the VCR, stereo and CD player.

Last, don't hesitate to hang pictures or display favorite collections or accessories, if you have the room.

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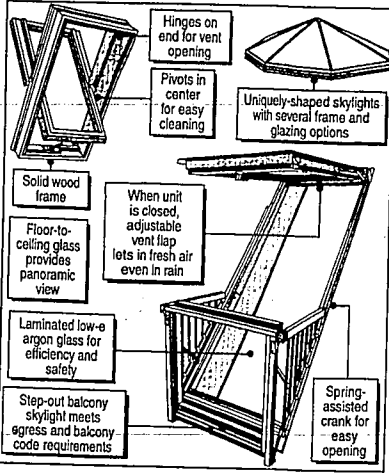
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A: Adding a skylight reduces the need for electric lights while providing summer ventilation and free solar heat in the winter. New low-profile frames provide more glass area, yet still fit neatly between the rafters.

There are many new skylight designs, shapes and features that make them more attractive, efficient and durable. Pyramid, round and multifaceted shapes are unique. By building a simple lightweight frame from the roof to the ceiling, a skylight can easily be installed in a room with an attic above it.

Although a venting skylight costs about 25 percent more than a fixed design, it is your best option overall. If your budget is very tight, select a fixed design with just a venting edge (only \$30 more). A narrow vent is located under the top frame edge. It can be opened even in the rain without leaks.

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There are many new and efficient skylight options.

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the roof in tracks. When it is opened, there is a totally unobstructed screened view of the sky. Other designs pivot in the center for easy cleaning from indoors.

It is important to select the proper size for your room. An undersized skylight does not provide enough light and an oversized one may look odd and cause excessive glare.

As a rough estimate, divide the room square footage by 23 to get

the skylight size in square feet. Do not just choose the cheapest one on sale. Check the frame design and materials and the quality of the flashing.

Copper flashing is attractive and durable.

There are many glazing options that affect the efficiency, the view and block furniture fading. Double pane low-e glass with argon gas is a good overall choice.

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**MOVIE HORRORS:** So, a film company wants to use your house as a movie set. It may sound like fun, but before you say yes, listen to what Bill Ellis tells the Wall Street Journal about what happened when his L.A. home was used in the making of "The People vs. Larry Flynt": "They

move out all the furniture, rearrange all your pictures, take paintings down, and then you have 100 people traipsing through your house...dropping cigarette butts wherever they please." The Ellises earned \$70,000 for use of the house and an additional \$10,000 for carpet replacement. But Diana Ellis says it wasn't worth it. And along with

some others who've had their homes used as movie sets, the Ellises say they'd never do it again.

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# HOME DECORATING

# Use care in cleaning leather stains

By Nick Harder  
The Orange County Register

I'd just sat down in my new leather recliner when I felt something beneath me. Edging gently to one side of the chair, I looked down and saw a small, red Teddy bear. Picking it up gingerly — it had breadcrumbs stuck to its red "fur" — I placed it on the table next to me.

It was Jonathan's. A smile broke across my face before I knew it. For all the sleep I've lost during the three years of his life, it's moments like this that make fatherhood worthwhile.

Unfortunately, there are also the moments — make that hours — of cleaning up after him. Teddy bears adorned with breadcrumbs are not the only instruments of destruction.

My son is a spilling machine. The worst spilling is usually done in my leather recliner. Of course, in Jonathan's mind, this is "his" chair. Nevertheless, unless our little dog, Toots, manages to lick up the spills when Jonathan vacates the chair, the job almost always falls to me.

I was a little hesitant about cleaning leather, so I consulted the cleaning books I've collected over the years.

"How to Clean Practically Anything," published by Consumer Reports Books, recommends using cleaning solutions only after you found out what kind of leather an item is made of. "Leather dyes either apply a pigmented coating to the leather's surface or treat the hide with aniline dye. Pigmented leather is more resistant to water-soluble spills and stains. Aniline-dyed leather is exceptionally soft and exceptionally porous. Spills soak up quickly, becoming stains that can be almost impossible to remove."

The book recommends testing the leather by placing a drop of water on it in an out-of-the-way place. If the water doesn't sink in, it's pigmented leather.

Fortunately, my test showed it to be pigmented leather, so all I had to do was remove it. If it's a water-based stain such as ketchup, cola, coffee, grape juice, milk, mustard or red wine, it's relatively easy to remove with a damp washcloth, the book says. If it's an oil-based stain, such as crayon, ballpoint-pen ink, lipstick, Italian salad dressing or cream shoe polish, you'd better call a professional.

If it's general grime on your leather chair or sofa, here's what the Reader's Digest Book "Household Hints & Handy Tips" has to say: "First, remove wax buildup with a mixture of 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1/2 cup of water. Then wash the piece with water and saddle soap. ... Rub briskly with a soft cloth to restore the shine."

Cleaning expert Don Aslett's book, "The Cleaning Encyclopedia," has a recommendation that comes on the heels of boots, such as that found in work boots, saddles, baseball gloves and Clint Eastwood's holster ...

Well, the list goes on; but here's the gist of it.

Don't forget the follow-up to cleaning these types of leathers.

"This is where the neat's-foot oil, mink oil and similar leather

preservatives come in," Aslett says.

"The oil keeps the leather soft and flexible and protects it from water damage."

Now all I've got to do is train Jonathan in these measures of cleaning and protecting "our" leather chair.

Who am I kidding? He just turned 3 and he's still in his terrible 2's.

At this rate, I may not even make it to his teenage years, when life really gets frustrating.



Janet Gorrings of Inspirations in Burley says look in your cupboard for an idea of what colors are in this spring.

# This year, color it spice

By Rebecca Tatroka  
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Jewel tones like hunter green and burgundy are out. What living rooms need now is a dash of spice.

That's the word from southern Idaho interior design experts. The names of these (new) colors really parallel the spice and herb names: paprika, sage, basil, mustard," said Janet Gorrings of Inspirations in Burley.

Gorrings said that if you look at the spices in your cupboard, you'll have a good idea about what colors are going to look like in the newest styles.

Cindy Peterson, department manager and accessories buyer for Wilson-Bates in Twin Falls agreed, adding that "there are a lot of plums — not burgundy — and limes, and we're seeing a lot of terra cotta in the accessories."

The rise of these new colors can be attributed, in part, to the cycles all branches of fashion seem to go through.

"What we see in the design industry are trends that recur," said Gorrings. "These colors were popular 15 to 20 years ago and have had no resurgence since."

"Back in the 1970s, such colors were referred to as 'earth tones' Today, the colors are more like earth tones than the old colors, although many in the industry are now calling them "natural" or "spicy."

"They (the old earth tones) were more intense. We've mel-

lowed them some," explained Gorrings. "Harvest gold became mustard. Avocado green became moss or sage or basil."

The name of the color gives consumers a good idea of the shade, such as "chili" or "paprika" — a browner red, or "tortured plum" — a reddish purple.

One reason these mellowed colors from the '70s are popular again is the draw of staying at home and surrounding oneself with comfortable things. "People don't want to be surrounded by things that are obnoxious to them," said Gorrings. "People have gotten early. They're raising herb gardens with tarragon, cumin (and) we're seeing these colors in the fabric."

Gorrings explained that a color can remind you of an aroma, therefore creating a warm, rejuvenating atmosphere in the home. Color names enhance that mental picture.

Peterson said textures are extremely hot in this year's decorating scheme, and leather is one of the hottest.

"Families are finding leather a lot more versatile," she said. "We have one company that has 300 colors for leather couches. But the most popular is still the buff color."

The jacquard prints are also popular, again using the muted sage greens, along with the complementary brown, earthy tones.

"There's not a whole lot of color in the carpet," Peterson said. "Most people, especially in the country, are afraid of what

the dirt will do to the carpet. They're saving the color for the furniture, and a lot of people are using more wallpaper and colored paint on the walls."

Peterson said that a sand color is becoming more popular in wall paint, and that people are getting creative with wallpaper. Some select bold patterns. Some mix designs with complementary colors.

Jim Jenkins, owner and operator of Floor Coverings International, said he sells a lot of carpet that has a neutral background color, such as tan or beige, but with flecks of color throughout the carpet.

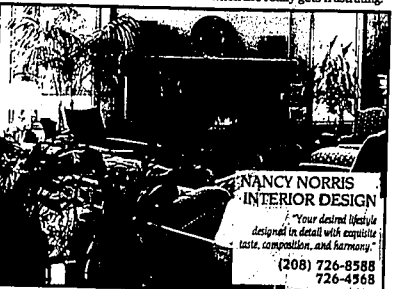
"People are leery of going to one solid color," he said. "They're afraid it'll date them. People also get tired of color and get a neutral shade."

Jenkins said he tries to find out what customers' needs are, whether they are preparing to sell a house or will be living there for a while, how many children there are and if there are pets.

The national average for changing carpeting is a mere seven years, noted Jenkins, because carpeting isn't made like it used to be and isn't supposed to be used for 20 years. So if you like a particular color, he suggested getting a cheaper carpet so you don't have so much money invested if you tire of the look.

Any change can be good, according to Jenkins.

"It's like buying a brand new house again ... by changing just a few things," he said.



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# Chalkboard paint can give your walls a break

By Mary Gottschalk  
Knight-Ridder News Service

**DRAW ON:** Eventually every parent has a harrowing tale to share of the time their precious child took some crayons and colored on the wall.

Now parents can short-circuit that experience by converting a portion of the wall or floor in their child's room, the family room, kitchen or fireplace else into an instant chalkboard. It's Crayola Chalkboard Paint, a special-effects paint designed to withstand repeated washings and erasing.

Chalkboard is part of an extensive new line of Crayola Paints from Benjamin Moore. In addition to special-effects paints, which also include Glitter and Glow in the Dark options, there are 150 Crayola colors ranging from the original eight Crayola colors to later introductions like dandelion, cerulean, ladybug and tractor red.

In conjunction with the launch of the line, Benjamin Moore has issued eight "Neat Idea" cards with decorating projects involving both children and adults as well as five "Painting Is Easy" technique cards, which are available where the paint is sold.

The new line is low-odor, 100 percent acrylic and contains no petroleum-based solvents. It's expected to reach stores by the end of this month and sells for \$25 a gallon. Most quarts are \$8, except for the Glow in the Dark, which is around \$18 a quart, and Glitter, which is \$10 a quart. To locate the dealer nearest you, call (800) 972-4685.

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king are \$42; standard pillowcases are \$26 and king pillowcases \$28. All are item 20784 and featured in the winter catalog, which is free on request. The sheets and catalog are available by calling L.L. Bean at (800) 809-7057.

**THE MET:** Anyone with an appreciation of good design will delight in the special Design 100 issue of Metropolitan Home magazine now on newsstands priced at \$3.50.

The entire issue is devoted to objects, places, ideas and people that epitomize home style today and relate to the future.

It's an eclectic grouping that includes modern interpretations of design classics such as paper lanterns as well as the latest in electronic gadgets like Sansung's slim home-fax unit and Sony's Qbriq micro-component stereo system. It's a magazine worth keeping for reference, planning and wishing.

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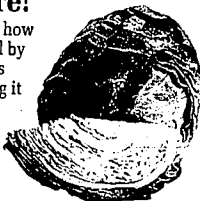


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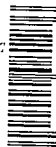


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A few accents can make a difference in the look of a room.

2 heating/cooling systems will best serve an older home

The Orlando Sentinel

Q. I am considering buying an older two-story home. This home has decorative crown and baseboard molding and ceiling medallions on both floors. Is it possible to install a central heating/air conditioning system without damaging the decorative elements?

A. The decorative elements found in older homes provide great interest and value that is often not replaceable.

Rather than change these features, I suggest you install two separate systems, one with ducts under the first floor to floor registers and one with ducts through the attic to ceiling registers.

In Florida, many older homes

have crawl spaces with ample room for ducts. Having two systems would allow for smaller air handling units.

The first floor unit can be located in a closet and the second floor unit can be positioned in the attic.

Other advantages to using two units include being able to cool or heat the second floor rooms differently than the first floor rooms; having at least some rooms heated or cooled if one unit is shut down for repair; and the flexibility to convert the first and second floors to separate living spaces, if needed.

Your first plan of action should be to contact an architect or licensed building professional for assistance.

Little things make big difference

By Gary Krino  
The Orange County Register

It is the little things that count. So how did that arrangement of collectible plates get on the wall, anyhow? Certainly not nailed up. And what about those pictures and decorative plaques, bowls and ceramics? They stand on side tables, mantels, bookcases with no visible means of support, and we are not talking financial.

And doesn't that dinnerware look absolutely smashing ... on the kitchen counter.

As I said, little things do count. And, from a decorating standpoint, it pays big to pay attention to them.

Now, for those plates. They're held up and attached to the wall with little — there's that word again — gadgets with springs that stretch to fit the size of the plate. Tiny hooks hold the plate to the gadget, and a hook on the gadget holds the plate to the wall. Got all that? Actually, it's lots easier than it sounds.

The decorative accessories that stand on side tables, mantels, bookcases or just about anywhere you'd like to place them have plenty of backing. In most cases, though, you just can't see it.

They are supported by two-

legged, hinged, wood or plastic stands with hook-like bases that swing out to support all kinds of good stuff. The major point here is that many flat or slightly curved accessories don't make the impact they could by simply lying flat on a surface. Stand them up and, bingo, what a difference a little hinged support makes.

Plate hangers and wood display stands can be found at crafts stores and mass merchandisers.

Most of us consign our dinnerware to a cupboard, and that is that. Enter the natural wood, Scandinavian dinnerware rack. Viewed from either end, it looks like a large X. The cross section has enough slots to hold eight dinner and eight salad plates. There's also display/storage space for small bowls, saucers and bread dishes.

There are two selling points here. No. 1, using the rack frees up cupboard storage space. No. 2, by displaying the rack and dishes on a kitchen counter (perhaps tucked into a corner so that you don't compromise work area), the setup becomes an attractive, inviting design accessory.

Tins, tins, tins. They're decorative on a kitchen counter, many are airtight and can hold kitchen items ranging from sugars

(brown and white), rice and pasta to tea bags, flour, hard candies, crackers and cookies.

Using them is much better than storing items in their decidedly unattractive store wrappings. Plus, a small arrangement of different-sized tins on a kitchen counter or shelf makes for plenty of visual interest and can serve as a decorating focal point. European tins, especially, have a timeless appeal and range from faux cloisonne looks to windmills and stylized florals. A used look gives them all the more collectible panache. I prowl for them at thrift stores and garage and estate sales.

Also consider a clear glass vase or two. They work well for displaying arrangements of dried or faux flowers.

Little things do count.

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# Kitchen remodeling takes priority with families

Knight-Ridder News Service

Try recalling the last party you attended and where most of the guests congregated. If you said the kitchen, you'd be right about 75 percent of the time.

The kitchen is not only a gathering spot for guests, it's become the focal point of family life. In this age of the two-pycheck family, the kitchen is where the increasingly busy lives of parents and children intersect.

The origins of the "great room" — the pairing of the kitchen with the family room, separated only by a half-wall to make conversation easier — manifested this trend in residential construction.

This focus on the kitchen isn't new. Until the advent of the living room and central heating in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, much home life was based in the kitchen, where the hearth provided warmth and sustenance.

Experts say that Americans are spending record amounts on kitchens, and they want them filled with the latest in everything — appliances, European-style cabinets made of natural wood, and 42 inches high, not 36, plus countertops in Corian, cultured marble, granite, synthetic stone or ceramic tile.

"The kitchen — and bathrooms — can make or break a sale," said Randall Lewis, a California builder. "Kitchens are increasing in size. Buyers want them to be well-lit and very high-end in cabinetry, countertops and appliances. They want a walk-in pantry and larger and more kitchen cabinets. They want eat-in kitchens."

That's the situation in new houses. In existing homes, according to Joan McCloskey, associate editor at Better Homes and Gardens magazine, "People change kitchens every 15 years in a major way," trying to keep up with progress in design and accoutrements.

And as more men become interested in food preparation, kitchen design is getting more masculine, McCloskey said.

"In the old days, women looked at houses for how easy it would be to work in them, while men looked at them as a place



Fruits and vegetables abound in this cozy cottage kitchen. Blue and white striped awnings and shades complemented by colorful print wallpaper and border, add vivid color to the room.

to escape from work," she said. "Since work in and out of the house is now shared, the design of every room and work space in the house reflects the new thinking, including the kitchen."

Remodeling magazine reports that in 1996 in metropolitan Philadelphia, a minor kitchen remodeling typically cost \$9,458; a major kitchen remodeling, \$24,415.

A minor remodeling is defined as work on a functional but dated 200-square-foot kitchen with 30 linear feet of cabinetry and countertops, refinishing existing cabinets, installing a new energy-efficient wall oven and cooktop, as well as new laminate countertops, a mid-priced sink and faucet, resilient flooring, wall covering and a repainting.

A major remodeling entails updating a 200-square-foot kitchen with a functional layout of new cabinets, usually the biggest-ticket item. This job also involves installing a new built-in microwave, dishwasher, disposer and custom lighting, as well as laminate countertops, mid-priced sink and faucet, energy-efficient wall oven, cooktop and ventila-

tion system — essentially, all the bells and whistles.

Depending on what you want, these estimates will vary.

The saying "Too many cooks can spoil the broth" can easily apply to expert opinions on what is happening to kitchens these days. Some say white kitchens are in, others say white kitchens are passe and natural wood is in.

Some experts suggest kitchens should be shiny and modern; others, echoing opinions of the home-building and remodeling industries, say the trend is toward the traditional.

Even if you are completely wrong about what's hot and what's not, there's little chance that you'll end up a loser no matter what route you take. In 1995 — the last year for which there were complete statistics — kitchen remodeling accounted for \$27.5 billion spent by Americans on their houses, according to Kitchen & Bath magazine. In the Philadelphia area, a minor kitchen remodeling will recoup 87 percent of the total cost at resale while a major remodeling will recoup 67 percent, accord-

ing to Remodeling magazine.

A survey of prospective buyers by the National Association of Home Builders gives a picture of what Americans want in their kitchens: ample counter space, a double sink, walk-in pantry and space for a table and chairs.

Noting the growing popularity of recycling, Michelle Belden, a Palo Alto, Calif., architect suggests that kitchens have bins, drawers and hampers to make recycling easy.

Stu Dettelbach, owner of SD Kitchens in Baltimore, recommends adding one or two glass-door cabinets for display and to add interest to a wall of solid-door cabinets.

Pam Foley, North American kitchen designer for Ikea, agrees, citing sales figures showing that glass-door cabinets are a top-selling item for the Swedish-based home furnishings store.

Peter L. Cardamone, a designer with Blue Bell Kitchens in Springhouse, Pa., said that his clients want their kitchens to have a warm feel to them, and are choosing materials that achieve that feeling.

"Kitchens are incorporating more natural materials," he said. "Our clients are turning to stone rather than Corian, and are even raising objections to granite as being too shiny and glitzy." Varnishes on cabinets are flat rather than glossy, because that also provides a warm feeling. For example, cherry is a wood that enhances that feeling.

It's risky to generalize about kitchens but in the higher end, it's safe to say that there is a bit of a show-off quality to the kitchens of the late 1990s, said McCloskey.

"People really want to look like they're good cooks," McCloskey said. "They want commercial-looking stoves and appliances and refrigerators that make their kitchen look like a restaurant."

A kitchen has to function well when it is being used. Kitchens are being built and remodeled with layouts that promote efficiency.

State-of-the-art appliances — from sensorized range elements to Sub-Zero refrigerators — reduce the amount of time cooks need to spend up to their elbows in potato

peels and bread dough while reducing energy consumption.

Surfaces such as Corian permit easy cleanup. Innovative storage helps reduce clutter and frees counter space. And with more family life gravitating toward the kitchen, desktops and computers are becoming standard features there, too.

There are so many choices involved in designing the modern kitchen that it's really not a do-it-yourself project. Almost daily, manufacturers are coming up with improvements or variations on existing themes, and it's difficult for the lay person with little time to stay on top of it all.

In addition, newer appliances and other kitchen furnishings require sophisticated wiring, plumbing and installation that might be beyond the abilities of the typical do-it-yourselfer.

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Dried grapevine strung lazily through long branches provide a rustic window treatment in the sun-drenched garden room. Little extras like the terra-cotta pots and galvanized watering can add final touches to the garden theme.

### Tips for healthy houseplants

Here are some general guidelines for healthy houseplants. The labels that come with plants generally specify what that individual plant needs.

- Use good quality potting soil. The lighter the bag of soil feels, the better the soil quality is because it contains ample vermiculite and perlite to let air and water get through the soil to nourish roots. Use containers with drainage holes.
- Know your plants' watering needs. Overwatering is just as bad as under watering. If the soil pulls away from the sides of the pot, the plant has dried out too much. Many houseplants need a wet-dry cycle. Water when dry to the touch. Too much water will suffocate roots.
- Know your plants' light needs. Bright sun is different from filtered sun, and bright shade is different from light shade. Light intensity affects the green pigment known as chlorophyll and affects the ability of flowering plants to bloom. The average household temperature — 65 to 68 degrees — is sufficient for most indoor plants.
- Generally feed your plants once a month. If you tend to forget, use the fertilizer sticks that release food over 60 to 90 days. Products such as Green Leaf and Osmocote also release food over an extended time.

## Get indoor green without hassle

### 10 houseplants that require minimal attention are great for anyone

Knight-Ridder News Service

Give me an indoor plant you can't kill! That's the battle cry from people who want to have plants in their offices or homes but don't want to spend lots of time fussing over them.

There are such creatures. Horticulturists love to tell the tale of the Sansevieria, or snake plant, a couple received as a house-warming gift and stuck it in the basement because they didn't like its looks. Years later when they went to move and were hauling stuff out the basement, they found the snake plant still looking much like it did the day they put it down there.

That's stretching the neglect factor, but the snake plant is among the top 10 houseplants that can go days, even weeks, with minimal attention.

You don't have to be a trained horticulturist to have nice indoor plants. Just be realistic about the growing conditions and time you can give plants and select accordingly. People can usually get the water and light needs down pat but they often forget to feed their plants.

"Most people don't feed their houseplants enough," says Steve Urlick, store manager at McDonald Garden Center in Hampton, Va.

He suggests feeding indoor plants once or twice a month. Use the plant sticks that release food over 60 to 90 days if you want to make it easier.

Wintertime can be hard on indoor plants because heating systems dry out houses, and houseplants typically need some decent humidity. Placing a plant on a saucer filled with gravel and water will improve the humidity level directly around a plant by as much as 30 percent, says Urlick. And the house heat can nourish the population of plant pests such as spider mites which love hot, dry places. Misting plants with cold water can often ward off mites.

Indoor plants always need good quality potting soils so air and water can easily penetrate and nourish the roots. Don't let plants stand in saucers of water. Water them, let drain and empty saucer in 10 to 15 minutes. The salts in standing water can burn roots.

Here are 10 hardy indoor plants Urlick suggests for the home or office:

1. Chinese Evergreen, or Aglaonema—Tolerates an office or house with low light and low humidity. Even works with no windows as bright light washes out color. Needs wet-dry cycle; water when dry to touch. Feed

once a month. New: Stars with speckled leaves; Moon Shine with silvery gray foliage; Silver Frost with a light greenish-gray cast foliage; Deborah with white stems and midribs; Queen of Siam with white stems and leaf stalks; and Rembrandt with pink flushes to the stem stalks.

2. Snake plant, or Sansevieria—Difficult to kill. You can let it get too dry and it forgives. Thick, pointed leaves that grow upward in cluster from underground stem. Likes medium light and monthly feeding. New: Black Gold with gold margins on leaves colored so green that they look black.

3. Fence Lily, or Spathiphyllum—Likes low to medium light; flowers better in medium light. Likes to be slightly moist; doesn't like to dry out or will wilt and droop. However, never let it stand in water. Likes above-average humidity. New: Taylor's Green, a deep green with rounded leaves; and Sparkle with naturally shiny leaves.

4. Philodendron, or Plectranthus—Likes low to medium light; needs low maintenance. Bush type doesn't trail but grows into low, compact plant. Needs wet-dry cycle. New: Prince of Orange with different shades of orange-red that fade to a copper, then green; Autumn with new growth in copper and flame orange that fades to green; and Black Cardinal with chocolate-looking new growth.

5. Weeping Fig, or Ficus—Likes medium to high light; wet-dry cycle; monthly feeding. New: Midnight, bred to retain leaves unlike the old Ficus which shed its leaves. Midnight foliage dark, glossy. Fringe tips of any ficus at least six times a year, even more, to encourage growth all along the stem.

6. Dumb cane, or Dieffenbachia—Needs medium to high light; wet-dry cycle; monthly feeding. New: Sparkles with high variegation in leaves; Starbright with white-green variegation in long, narrow leaves.

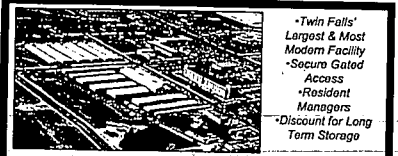
7. Corn plant, or Dracaena—Takes low light, low maintenance in home or office; needs wet-dry cycle. Can buy tip plant that

never develops the cane part or the cane with growth sprouting off it. The cane on a small corn plant is probably seven years old. It takes many years of tropical conditions to get the cane part, says Urlick. New: Warnecki with variegated leaves; Lemon-lime with lime green variegation.

8. Arrowhead, or Nephthytis—Likes low to medium light; wet-dry cycle. New: Creamy Illusion with a touch of pink color; and Infra-red with solid pinkish-mauve colors.

9. Ivies, or Hedera—Medium light, keep soil moist, great for topiaries. New: Glacier with white variegation; and Gold dust with yellow variegation.

10. Moth orchid, or Phalaenopsis—People should not be fearful of orchids, especially the moth orchid, says Urlick. Orchids grow in every part of the world, except Antarctica; there are more species of orchids than any other flower. Moth orchid is forgiving, flowers last 3 to 4 months, often longer. Orchids like crowded pot, repot every 3 to 4 years. They do well in temperatures 70 during day and 60 to 65 at night. The Lady Slipper or Paphiopedilum, is the Southeast Asian cousin to Virginia's native lady slipper. The tropical Lady Slipper likes medium light, moist soil and cool temperatures at night.



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HOME DECORATING

# Color's the key in spring '97

Everything old can be new again - with a bit of creativity and dye

What's new this spring? From pinks and greens to tangerines and aubergines, and fashion accessories - even furniture - will sizzle with color!

The secret to sprucing up your favorite - and not-so-favorite - home and fashion accessories is a little creativity and dye. It's easy to transform those faux pearls and dingy suits into fashion statements that turn heads. No one will know that you've designed a looking yellow suit and "new" teal blouse have been hanging in the back of your closet for a couple of years!

It's easy to bring spring right into your home with a bright color-coordinated cozy corner in your favorite room. Dye-stain an end table in slate blue. Add dye-stained royal blue bookends and tangerine candlesticks for a splash of color. Finish off the corner with a bouquet of newly-dyed fuchsia, purple and silt blue silk or plastic flowers in a dye-stained basket on the floor. And round out the look with purple, tangerine and blue throw pillows on your favorite chair.

It's also easy to give new life to old furniture or turn new, unfinished wood pieces into heirloom treasures without spending a fortune. Start with inexpensive

### Options, options

Dye-staining turns unfinished woods into decorative heirlooms

From jelly coastboards to mirrored window frames, bookends and candlesticks, dye-staining is an easy way to add color, texture and charm to any room. While most stains can be "dipped," unfinished small items can be "dipped," unfinished larger wood or wicker accessories and furniture need to be dye-stained to be transformed into beautiful one-of-a-kind heirloom pieces.

**What you'll need:** A box of Rit Dye; non-porous container; drop cloth or plastic sheeting; 2 to 3 1/2-cup wide paintbrush; and remember to wear rubber gloves.

**For one-color dye-staining**

1. Very important: Before dye-staining wood, remove surface dirt or grease with a warm, soapy cloth - and plan to work over a protective drop cloth.
2. In a measuring cup or nonporous container, mix dye according to instructions.
3. Test each color on a piece of similar wood, or apply the dye on a hidden surface (the back, underside or an inside surface).
4. Using the 2- to 3 1/2-cup wide paintbrush, apply color by brushing in line with the wood's grain. If too much color builds up, sponge or wipe gently with a damp cloth in line with the grain to remove excess dye and to lighten the tone.

**Create unique multi-tone pieces**

Before applying the first coat, mask off any areas that will be another color or left natural. Mix additional color as described in step 2 above. Apply the second color only after the first color has thoroughly dried. Remove it to clean the brush with soap and cold water between coats. Vary the color or emphasize the antique look by gently rubbing the surface with a damp sponge before the dye dries. Allow approximately one hour per coat for drying time.

**To dye-stain an old piece of furniture**

First, prepare the piece by stripping away all old finish and stain; scrape and sand the wood surface until smooth; wipe with cheesecloth. Then follow the directions above.

**For decorative detailing or stenciling**

Once all the base color dries, add any decorative detailing around the panel's perimeter. To stencil patterns, firmly and evenly tape down a stencil (cut from stencil board, which is available at art stores). Dip a medium-sized brush in the dye, then blot on paper towels to remove excess. Apply to areas outlined by the stencil. When all dyes have dried, seal and protect surfaces with butcher's wax.

**To add that rustic, weather-beaten look**

Choose two colors of dye. Coat entire wood surface with the lighter shade first. Dry. Lightly sand, then apply the darker color. When completely dry, lightly sand the entire piece. Apply three more coats of dye, alternating between the two colors. Once dry, rub lightly over entire surface with fine sandpaper or steel wool.

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After the first coat of dye has dried, use a cloth to rub off colors in areas that get the most wear and tear. Or lightly sand the areas to remove dye color. Then rub on a lighter color or dye to those areas to stimulate wear and give it a distressed look.

wood pieces picked up in your local lumber yard or craft shop. Dye-stain in a solid color, then add a lighter second color to create an "antique" look. Or paint on several coats of dye and sand between applications for a more rustic, weathered look. Add some stenciling or detailing.

From baskets to bonnets - dyeing wicker and straw! Both natural and white as well as previously dyed wicker and straw can be dyed quickly and easily in a bath of Rit Dye. Easiest way to dye a basket or hat? Submerge the entire item in a large container of the dye bath - then allow the basket or bonnet to air dry. For really large baskets that don't fit easily into a corner, use a paint brush or sponge to apply the dye. Either way, natural materials will have the appearance of stained wood, while white will look as if it's been painted.

**Dip-dyeing** - from plastic beads to silk flowers - Quick and easy, the dipping method will turn dull costume pearls to bright new colors, so they'll finish off that hot new outfit. Or they'll finish off that hot new outfit. Or they'll finish off that hot new outfit. Or they'll finish off that hot new outfit.

1. Mix 1 teaspoon Rit Dye in 1 quart of hot water.
  2. Add cleaned plastic beads and earrings to the dye bath.
  3. After five minutes, removed with a slotted spoon or tongs.
  4. Rinse in warm water and let dry - and you're ready to go.
- To dye silk or plastic flowers, immerse only the flower portion of each piece so the stem is not in the dye bath (or put masking tape around the stem to keep it free from the dye). Let sit five minutes; rinse and dry.

New life for last year's cotton gloves, shirts and shorts - Use your washing machine to dye several pieces black or other dark color. For smaller loads - like one pair of gloves or a light blouse - that will be dyed a single or medium shade, use your sink or the easy "bucket" technique. Then just follow the package directions!

Helpful hint: Make sure whites are their whitest and colors their brightest, before dyeing to ensure maximum success.



At top, the beauty of natural wood grains comes through with colored dyes. Above, painted with dyes, an old-fashioned jelly cupboard becomes an object d'art.

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# Contractors' bids on projects can vary enormously

The Orlando Sentinel

Q. My wife and I recently received several proposals for the construction of a room addition. Although the buildings were using the same set of plans, the bids we received ranged from \$24,900 to \$36,750. The low bid makes us nervous, but the bigger question is what can cause such a wide difference in the prices, and what should we be looking for in the different proposals?

A. Selecting your builder is the most difficult decision you will make in the process of planning and building your room addition. The decision is based on a number of factors including: the builder's personality, knowledge, reputation and compensation requirements for building your project. Unfortunately, there is no magic formula, and in the end you will use a combination of intuition and analysis to select your builder. While the intuition part is all yours, here are some guidelines for evaluating the different proposals.

The proposals you received could vary in price for a number of reasons, many of which are perfectly legitimate and a couple of which should cause you more concern. Here are some of these reasons:

- The builders may have written a different scope-of-work or specified different materials in their proposals. It's going to be up to you to review each of the proposals and compare them item-by-item. Although all the builders



Bids on home improvement projects, like these skylights, can vary widely.

were using the same plans, there are many details and contractual issues that aren't represented on the drawings. For example, how many coats of paint are on the interior walls, or who is responsible for paying the electric bills during construction.

- The builders may have itemized different allowances for the same items. For example, one builder may have allowed \$5,000 for cabinets and included materials and installation in that price. Another builder may have allowed only \$4,000, which included materials but not the labor. The labor may be specified elsewhere in the contract.

- One or more of the builders may have a lower overhead or operate more efficiently than the other builders. For example, your project might be closer to one builder's center of operations, and the builder may have determined that the proximity of the project justifies a lower project cost for supervision. Another builder may benefit from a lower insurance rating based on his or her volume or experience rating, or one builder may perform some of the work with his or her own in-house trades-people.

- One or more of the builders simply might need the work more than the other builders. Perhaps the builder is relatively new in the business and is willing to construct your project for less to obtain your reference. Of course, it's also possible that he needs to "buy" a reference because past references are weak.

As you can see, there are a wide variety of reasons to explain differences in the quotations you received. The only way you can make an informed decision is to continue your research, as follows:

- Carefully review each proposal, making note on a separate chart of what's mentioned in any one of the proposals that is not addressed in the others. Consult with each builder regarding these subjects and determine which items will need to be added to the other proposals.

- Compare the allowance items on each proposal. Review each allowance to determine that they include the same elements, such as delivery, installation, fasteners, etc.
- Ask the builders to provide you with a copy of their construction budget. While some otherwise legitimate builders may decline, the way a builder prepares the estimate can say volumes about professionalism. In addition, reviewing the builder's plans for spending your money will help you determine that he or she has budgeted for everything that's needed to construct your project.

- Call at least a couple of their past customers with projects similar to yours. You will find that many people are willing to share their experiences, and you can learn volumes about a builder's practices from past performance.

- Interview the builders again after you have reviewed the proposals. Ask them about any items that they did not include that were in the other proposals. Also ask them to tell you why they want to be your builder, especially if they offer the lowest price.

- If necessary, ask the prospective builders to resubmit their proposals based on the most recent scope-of-work and specifications so you can re-evaluate them.

After this somewhat exhaustive process, you might ask yourself if there is an easier method of finding a builder and making an agreement. The answer is yes, and in the past decade, many homeowners are opting for a different approach that involves interviewing and selecting the builder first, and then negotiating a contract price and agreement that is satisfactory to everybody.

## HOME REMODELING Q & A

NightRider News Service

Q. I collect early fireplace and kitchen cooking utensils and implements dating from the 18th and early 19th centuries. I'm especially interested in obtaining early pieces... made to stand on the hearth for cooking and baking before the fire. Where can authentic examples be found?

A. Pat Guthman of Pat Guthman Antiques (281 Pequot Ave., Southport, Ct 06490; phone 203-259-5743) specializes in such items. For a brochure listing more than 50 of the country's most prestigious dealer exhibitors, and a list of scheduled seminars, write the Winnetka Community House, 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, Ill. 60093. Enclose a self-addressed stamped long envelope.

Q. Also, the February 1997 issue of Early American Homes pictures various examples and includes "A Dictionary of Cooking Utensils." To order a copy for \$5, phone 800-823-3340.

Q. In past years you mentioned a magazine Nautical Brass, that I understand is no longer being published. How can I find out if back issues are available, and if so, what can I do to obtain them?

A. Cheer up, many of the back issues of Nautical Brass are available in limited supply from former publisher/editor Bill Momen, Box 3966, North Fort Myers, FL 33918. Enclose a self-addressed stamped long envelope for a descriptive list of available back issues dating from the beginning in 1981 to the final January/February 1996 issue.

Q. I've inherited dozens of boxes of old postcards from my aunt. Are there any price guides which list

the value of such cards?

A. Terry Roberts, Houston, Texas A. The latest guide is the third edition of "The Postcard Price Guide - A Comprehensive Reference - Thousands of Prices, Representing Millions of Cards" by J. L. Mashburn (CE). It is available for \$22.45 postpaid from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 59354, Chicago, Ill. 60639.

Also check out "Fantasy Postcards With Price Guide" by Mashburn, which pictures and prices holiday, teddy bear, nudes, operas, fairies, mermaids, fruit and vegetable people, dressed animals, fairy tales, nursery rhymes, and numerous other subjects depicted on cards in fine and funny artistry. It is available for \$22.45 postpaid from Ace Enterprises, P.O. Box 59354, Chicago, Ill. 60639.

Q. I want to try my hand at publishing books on various collectibles. Where can I find instructional information that'll tell me how to go about realizing my dream?

A. Check out "The Successful Self-Publisher - Basic Step-by-Step Techniques for Success in

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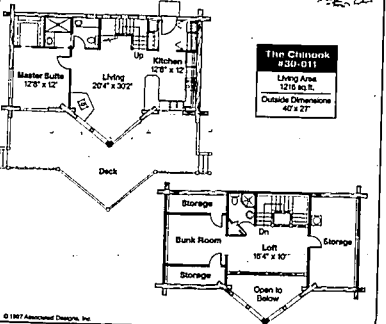
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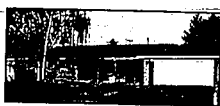
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FOOD & HOME

# Go ahead and prune those roses, but do it right

While snow still lurks in the shadows, the birds sing, "Spring is here!"

In the banana belt regions of our high desert, it's time to get out and see what the roses are doing. In the warmest spots, roses are already beginning to break bud—a sure sign of spring.



**GREEN THUMBPRINTS**  
**Cathy Walworth**

The swelling red buds on rose canes mean that they will soon break open with tiny red leaves any minute now. That's our signal to clean and sharpen the pruners and loppers. Time for spring pruning.

And that's where a lot of rose lovers get ooey. Where to cut? How much?

Hybrid tea roses are the most popular and demand the harshest pruning. They want to be cut down to four or five of their strongest canes. Floribunda roses want five to seven, maybe eight strong canes when spring pruning is finished. Climbers, ramblers and Old Garden Roses want something else.

As with any pruning, the first rule is to cut out dead, diseased or crossing canes (branches). Cut out crossing canes (branches). Cut them flush with all the way back to the crown. Now when you stand back, you can see which canes you will keep to produce the

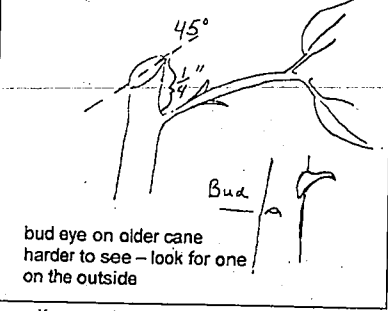
Year's growth. Hybrid tea, floribunda and grandiflora roses want to end up looking something like your outstretched hand.

Hold your hand in front of you, palm up, as though you were holding a volleyball. Your properly pruned rose wants to look something like that—with the crown clean and open, the canes growing outward. Cut out canes that cut across center court.

Cut hybrid teas, floribundas and grandiflora back to about the third eye (counting up from the ground). The bud eye where you cut should be on the outside of the cane. That ensures that new growth will grow outward, which helps air and light circulate in the center of the bush.

The cut is made at a 45-degree angle, with the high end of the angle 1/4 inch above the bud bud. Unless your garden has had problems with raspberry cane

### Proper pruning cut



borers in the past, don't bother sealing the ends of the canes. If borers are in the neighborhood, a dab of Elmer's glue is all you need.

Climbing roses bloom only on second- or third-year wood. They might only need a nip off their laterals, and maybe a scraggly, thin cane pruned out.

Same goes for ramblers. They don't take kindly to much pruning.

Old Garden Roses is a catch-all category for just about anything that isn't a modern hybrid tea, floribunda or grandiflora. It includes shrubs, hybrid perpetuals, bourbons and musks. And not a one of them takes to pruning.

You can take off a spindly cane you don't like the looks of, or whack at a dead cane, and you can even snip here and there—just a little, now—to shape the bush. But that's all they'll tolerate. Especially the once-blooming roses. Come to think of it, they don't think much of spraying and all the fuss that teas and their ilk require.

"Just don't do it" is your mantra when it comes to vintage roses.

Still confused? Can't bring

yourself to prune back your roses without a little help? Come to Magic Valley Rose Society's first spring meeting Thursday and I'll show you how. We'll have a unique, hands-on rose pruning clinic at 7 p.m., at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. (corner of Heyburn and Maurice streets) in Twin Falls. Admission is free to everyone, and refreshments will be served. See you there!

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# Crepes are easy to make, despite their fancy image

I realize I'm opening myself up for a lot of jokes and derisive laughter, but there are a few food dishes I really struggle making.

The first one that comes to mind is Jell-O.

Sure, I can make coq au vin or happpieffer, but hand me a box of cherry Jell-O, and I begin to shake uncontrollably.

I have fond memories of Jell-O. Mom would slowly pour the boiling water over the flavored gelatin and tell me to stir in small circles until all these things were dissolved. I'd stir and stir until I could stir no more; then came the ice water.

I had many a successful dish of Jell-O under the watchful eye of Mom, but in my own kitchen I can't seem to get the job done. Consequently, my children aren't very fond of the jiggly stuff.

Then there are the dreaded cinnamon rolls. I finally made a semi-successful batch of them last week. My husband said they were still a little doughy on the bottom, but heck, they had a great texture and didn't fall in the middle.

With the Jell-O, it's a matter of impatience on my part. But with the rolls, the problem is more of a mental thing; I've always believed certain things are harder to make than others.

That's how it is with me and crepes. I have this image—maybe because of the fancy name—of crepes being high class and, therefore, difficult. But I've recently come to understand that they are actually ridiculously easy to make and very versatile to use.

So here are some recipes that have seemed too daunting to ever attempt in the past. But the end product is really well worth the effort.

Just as long as it doesn't require gelatin...



**VALLEY COOKING**  
**Rebecca Tateoka**

2 tablespoons butter, melted  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
2 eggs

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt in 1 1/2-quart bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients. Beat with hand beater until smooth. Lightly butter 6- to 8-inch skillet; heat over medium heat until bubbly. For each crepe, pour scant 1/4 cup of the batter into skillet, immediately rotate skillet until thin film covers bottom. Cook until light brown. Run wide spatula around edge to loosen; turn and cook other side until light brown. Stack crepes, placing waxed paper between each. Keep covered.

Note: Crepes can be frozen up to three months. To freeze cool, freeze crepes covered to prevent them from drying out. Wrap two stacks of six crepes each, with waxed paper between crepes. Wrap each stack in aluminum foil, label and freeze.

### SALMON BROCCOLI CREPES

1/4 cup chopped onion  
1/4 cup butter  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 1/4 cups milk  
2 cups grated American cheese  
1 to 1 1/2 cups broccoli  
1 7 3/4-ounce can salmon, drained  
12 crepes  
1 hard-boiled egg, sliced  
Paprika

In a saucepan, cook onion in butter till tender, but not brown. Sift in flour and salt. Add milk; cook and stir till sauce is thickened and bubbly. Add the shredded cheese; stir till melted. Remove saucepan from heat. Cook broccoli till tender. Cut

up any large broccoli pieces. Flake salmon, discarding skin and bones. Fold salmon and 3/4 cup of the sauce into broccoli. Spoon about 3 tablespoons of the salmon-broccoli mixture onto one side of each crepe; roll up. Place crepes, seam side down, in a 12-by-7 1/2-by-2-inch baking dish; pour remaining sauce over crepes. Bake, covered, in a 375 oven for 20 to 25 minutes or till heated through. Arrange the hard-cooked egg slices over crepes lengthwise. Sprinkle with paprika.

### CHERRY BLINTZES

Crepes  
1 cup dry cottage cheese  
1/2 cup dairy sour cream  
2 tablespoons sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel  
1/4 cup butter  
1 cup dairy sour cream  
1 cup cherry pie filling

Prepare crepes except brown only one side. Cool, keeping crepes covered to prevent them from drying out.

Mix cottage cheese, 1/4 cup sour cream, the sugar, vanilla and lemon peel. Spoon about 1 1/2 tablespoons of the cheese mixture onto browned side of each crepe. Fold sides of crepe up over filling, overlapping edges; roll up. Heat butter in 12-inch skillet over medium heat until bubbly. Place blintzes, seam sides down,

in skillet. Cook, turning once, until golden brown. Top each with rounded tablespoon sour cream and about 3 tablespoons pie filling.

### RASPBERRY CREPES

Crepes  
1 3 1/2-ounce package vanilla instant pudding and pie filling  
1/2 cup half-and-half  
2 teaspoons almond extract  
2 tablespoon cornstarch  
2 10-ounce packages frozen raspberries, thawed  
Sliced almonds

Prepare pudding and pie filling as directed on package for pudding except substitute half-and-half for the milk and beat in almond extract; refrigerate until chilled.

Place cornstarch in 1 1/2-quart saucepan; gradually stir in raspberries. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute; cool. Spoon generous 2 tablespoons pudding mixture onto each crepe; roll up. Place 2 crepes, seam sides down on each dessert plate. Top with raspberry mixture and sprinkle with sliced almonds.

Rebecca Tateoka welcomes comments on recipes. Her address is Route 2, Box 133, Hazelton, Idaho 83335

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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Neptune keynote highlights fantasy, discovery, revelation, demonstrations of psychic powers. Enjoy yourself, don't attempt to solve every problem. Written agreement to adjust to reality.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Power play not meant for legends - take charge, win the elements of time, relationship hot and heavy. Clandestine arrangement relates to museum, unique exhibit, important involved.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Highlight ability to win friends and influence people using the elite. Financial status of angel comes to light - amusing, confusing. You'll come down to Earth, will not be embroiled in war.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Up early to be first in line! Take initiative, imprint style and become a creative endeavor. Rare opportunity exists to display product, talent. Aquarius and another Leo play roles.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** What appears to be setback will turn around and become asset. Focus on distance, language, teaching in mystery school. Virgo and another Sagittarius play dominant roles in writing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Emphasis on literature, versatility, long-distance communication. Focus on partnership overseas. Joint financial status of parent/partner plays serious role. Sagittarius is in picture.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Another Scorpio declares. Let's break free and go into business. Focus on partnership, public notices, marital status. Legal arrangement valid, pound upon opportunity, Taurus lives.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Fate, not permit to bring back, not all negative. Emphasis on friendship, acceptance of friendship from co-worker. Virgo and another Sagittarius play dominant roles in writing.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Fate, not permit to give peace offering - don't permit to permit to deter happiness. Moon aspect emphasizes creativity, financial success, special. Musical instrument part gift involved.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Stand back, gain perspective. Spotlight shines on mystery. Focus on partnership, gain. Family member excitedly tells of landing money. Express delight, avoid being glib. Fate involved.

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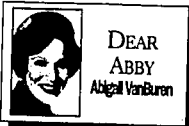
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# Boyfriend's reaction clue to painful truth

**DEAR ABBY:** I would really appreciate your help in understanding the real issue in this situation.

My boyfriend, with whom I have been living for the past seven years, keeps a post office box in another town. I have been curious as to why, so I asked him last night because the subject of mail came up. (I had asked before, but got no reasonable answer.) He immediately became agitated and defensive and said it was none of my business. I told him that he was not reacting rationally and the reaction he offered — that he didn't want to do the paperwork to switch over to our hometown post office or home delivery — didn't make any sense to me.

At that point he stomped away from the dinner table and claimed the real reason I asked that question had to do with lack



**DEAR ABBY**  
Abby Cadabby

of trust.

It's true, Abby. When our relationship was rocky a year ago, I learned that other women used that P.O. box to write to him. (He never confessed his affairs; I discovered them myself and confronted him.)

What is the real reason he is keeping this P.O. box?

He says he wants to marry me, but given his verbally abusive and physically threatening behavior last night, I have grave doubts that he can be trusted to build a hon-

est relationship. He wouldn't even speak to me this morning.

What is really going on here?

**—SEALED WITH A TEAR IN OREGON**

**DEAR SEALED:** The truth is obvious — but it's too painful for you to accept. He can't be trusted.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a Catholic priest who left the church 38 years ago to marry a widow with seven children. That wonderful woman died last June. Before she died, she made me promise that I would marry.

At the time, I couldn't imagine marrying again, but while attending a grief session at the hospice center, I met an ex-nun who was also grieving, and we have been together ever since. Someday we may marry. I am 72 now and considering it. Why should I be lonely? Life is too short.

My stepchildren fear that I will

be out of their lives and will forget about them if I remarry. I say "rubbish" to that. What I will be doing is giving them another mother.

What do you think, Abby? If you print this letter, I'm sure they will see it and maybe they'll feel less resentful about me and my grieving friend. Sign me.

**—SAD GRANDPA**

**DEAR SAD GRANDPA:** Give your stepchildren time to get to know the woman you want to marry. I can't imagine why, after you've been in their lives for 38 years, they fear that you will "forget" about them.

Remember your promise to your dying wife. (It seems she judged her children's reaction with accurate foresight.) I believe you've earned the right to some happiness in your remaining years. Follow your heart.

# Americans driven to find car-friendly food

Jim Shea  
The Hartford Courant

It isn't just speed that drives fast food anymore; it's how it handles.

Today, you not only need it quick, you need to be able to get it down while tooling along the highway nailing on a cell phone.

"Burger King makes a great burger," says Janet Willis, a regional wine manager who dines before the dashboard often enough to keep a towel in her car. "But that mayo-ketchup glop leaks all over you. One of the reasons I go to certain places is because the food is easy to eat."

According to the National Restaurant Association, Americans will devour more than \$103 billion worth of fast food in 1997, an increase of 2.5 percent from 1996. And although no one knows how much of this food will be munched in motion, the indications are it will be considerable.

"We estimate that 60 percent of our business is drive-through," says Laurie Gannon, a spokeswoman for Taco Bell, "and what we have done with our product and packaging is try to make it easy for our customers to eat and drive, because we know that's

what they are doing."

Samman and Associates, a West Coast fast-food marketing firm, reports that drive-through business now accounts for 40 percent to 50 percent of fast-food sales in Southern California.

Glen Mayo, owner of Mayo's Auto and Truck Reconditioning in South Windsor, Conn., said, "Cars are a lot dirtier now than when I first started in this business 32 years ago. Cars come in now with food everywhere, under the seats, between the seats, on the windshield. And you find everything — burgers, fries, ketchup stains, chicken bones. Some cars are rolling fast-food markets. It's like no one eats at home anymore."

Because of the trend toward eating the to-go as you go, many traditional fast-food favorites may soon have to be adapted to motorized munching.

Consider Subway's 12-inch meatball grinder. It's a quick order. It's tasty. It's priced right. But to eat this sauce-oozing torpedo while driving requires special clothing, something in the order of a full-body napkin with run-off gutters.

In an effort to identify some of the best and worst items to eat

while driving, we reviewed the offerings at several popular fast-food dispensaries. Here is our drive-thru review.

Mega hamburgers: After wrestling with Wendy's Double Combo — fully loaded — we came to the conclusion that any burger weighing in at a half-pound cannot be tamed by the average eater-operator. Only someone with a mouth the size of Sheryl Crow's and hands the diameter of Michael Jordan's would have a chance against one of these longhorns on a bun.

The Big Mac: Rumor is that this is the promotional burger McDonald's will offer for 55 cents. While you can get a decent grip on a Mac with one hand, the special sauce, lettuce, cheese tends to flow out the bottom like lava.

Taco Bell: The burritos and fajitas are among the easiest foods to eat on the fly. However, stay away from the crunchy taco because you have to turn your head sideways to bite into it, and this can lead to involuntary lane changing.

Fries: The perfect automobile finger food. Only potential problem is ketchup. Non-smokers

might consider the ashtray.

Subway: Cutting that wedge out of the bread, rather than just slicing it in half, is very driver-friendly. But topping the sandwich off with enough shredded lettuce to make Cesar Cheeses spin in his grave is not. The excess lettuce also requires you to keep the paper wrapped around the grinder as you eat, which can result in unwanted paper consumption.

Vat-sized soda: The bottom may fit in your car's cup holder, but these tubs tend to be very top heavy and spill easily in sudden turns (see crunchy taco).

Milk shakes: Let's just say that there is no use in crying over spilled milk shake.


Dunkin' Donuts: Best bet are bagels and plain doughnuts. Be aware of the jelly stick, which can turn on even the most experienced consumer at any time.

Breakfast sandwich: An item that requires extreme caution is the breakfast sandwich. These concoctions come out of the microwave very hot. In fact, if one were to accidentally drop a breakfast sandwich into a cup of McDonald's coffee cradled between the legs, some form of fission might be achieved.


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# Reader's recipe can be adapted to feed any size family

By Denise Turner  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - In response to a reader request for potato soup, here's one from Esther Melody of Twin Falls. "I used to fix this potato soup for my family of six, but now I cook for only two," she wrote. "It can easily be made in a larger quantity."

**POTATO SOUP**  
2 large potatoes, peeled and diced  
1 medium onion, diced  
1 carrot, diced or shredded  
1/2 cup diced celery  
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese  
1 can evaporated milk (not regular milk)  
Chopped mushrooms (optional)  
1/2 cup peas (optional)  
Put potatoes, onion, carrot and celery in 3-quart saucepan and just barely cover with water. Cook 15 to 20 minutes until potatoes mash with a fork. Do not drain. Using potato masher, mash about half of the potatoes, add evaporated milk, three tablespoons butter, mushrooms, peas and cheese. Salt and pepper to taste. Heat and stir until cheese is melted and soup is hot.

In response to a reader request, Shelly LaGrange of Hagerman sent in a cookie recipe with variations. The cookies are from the Better Homes and Gardens "Homemade Cookies Cookbook." The date filling variation is from the "Family Circle Cake and Cookie Cookbook," 1953.

**DATE PINWHEELS**  
Date-Nut Filling  
1/2 cup shortening  
1 cup packed brown sugar  
2 eggs  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon baking soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
Prepare Date-Nut Filling, chill. Cream shortening and sugar, beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour and remaining ingredients; stir into creamed mixture. Chill dough 30 minutes.

On waxed paper, roll dough to 18-by-10-inch rectangle. Spread with filling. Roll rectangle jelly-roll fashion beginning at long side; pinch edges together to seal. Cut roll in half crosswise. Wrap each roll in waxed paper or clear plastic wrap. Chill thoroughly. Cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees till lightly browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.

**DATE-NUT FILLING**: 1 small saucepan combine one 8-ounce package finely snipped pitted dates (1 1/3 cups), 1/3 cup granulated sugar, and 1/3 cup water; bring to boil. Cook and stir over low heat till thickened, about 4 minutes. Remove from heat; stir in 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla.  
**Date filling variation**: 2/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1/3 cup water  
2 packages (7 1/4 ounces each) pitted dates, finely chopped  
Combine sugar, water, and dates in medium-size saucepan; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick. Chill before filling.

**CHOCOLATE-FILLED PINWHEELS**  
3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg  
1 1/2 teaspoons grated orange peel  
1 tablespoon orange juice  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 6-ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces (1 cup)  
2 tablespoons butter or margarine  
1 cup finely chopped nuts  
2 tablespoons orange juice  
Cream first 2 ingredients; beat in egg, peel, and 1 tablespoon orange juice. Stir in flour with baking powder and salt; stir into creamed mixture. Reserve 2/3 cup dough. Cover remaining dough; chill 1 hour. In saucepan melt chocolate and 2 tablespoons butter over low heat; stir occasionally. Remove from heat; stir in nuts, 2 tablespoons juice, and the reserved 2/3 cup of dough. Mix well.

On lightly floured surface, roll chilled dough to 18-by-12-inch rectangle; spread chocolate mixture over dough. Roll rectangle jelly-roll fashion beginning at long side; pinch edges to seal. Cut roll in half crosswise. Wrap each roll in waxed paper or clear plastic wrap. Chill well. Cut into 1/4-inch slices. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen.

Janel Arrington of Twin Falls is sharing two non-food recipes for lye soap.



This recipe makes about 10 pounds and I have used it for years, and wouldn't be without it. It gets the clothes clean and makes ironing easier. This soap can be used fresh, but is better if aged. I make it up as I accumulate the grease, put it in plastic bags, and it keeps for years.

I have made this soap with tallow, lard or a combination of used cooking fats, after reclaiming by boiling used fats in 2 or 3 quarts of water and let settle, skimming off the fat  
1 can lye  
1/2 cup of Clorox or Purex bleach water  
1 cup of 20 Mule Team Borax  
3 quarts cold water, minus 5 tablespoons  
9 cups (or a two-pound coffee can) of grease  
Dissolve lye in cold water using a large enamel, or iron pan. I use a 2 gallon crock jar. Do not use aluminum. Stir until dissolved with a long stick or wooden paddle. Add Clorox and Borax, stir until dissolved. Pour in grease and stir constantly for 15 minutes. Set aside and stir every hour. (I like to stir more often), until it thickens and granulates.

To use, dissolve in hot water in washer, then add clothes. I use it in my automatic washer with no ill effects. I also use gloves when stirring the lye water.

**GRANULATED LAUNDRY SOAP**  
(never-fail recipe)

11 cups cold water (8 ounce cups)  
1 cup Borax  
1 cup bleach  
5 pounds fat, salt free, melted and strained  
1 can lye (13 ounces)  
1 tablespoon Citronella (optional)  
Put water into a granite kettle; stir lye into water with wooden spoon. Mix bleach with Borax and add to melted fat. Stir well. Add this mixture to the water and lye. The lye solution and fat should be

the same temperature when mixing 75 degrees. Stir 10-12 strokes. Do not over stir. It will form a thick curd or settle to the bottom. Do not pour off water that forms. Stir again within an hour and then stir every hour all day. Continue to stir off and on each day until the soap is dry and powdered. When using soap for laundry purposes, a water softener should be used for best results.  
Cautions: Do not make soap inside your house or in closed quarters. The fumes are very cau-

tic. It may be brought inside after it is mixed to keep warm. And use care in mixing, because the solution may cause severe burns if it gets on the skin. Wash off immediately with cold water if it gets on your face. A little vinegar applied on burned areas may help neutralize the lye. And never use aluminum or metal pans to make soap. Use enamel or stone crocks.

**Requests**  
Anyone have any favorite Easter recipes?

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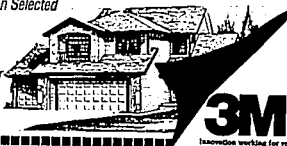
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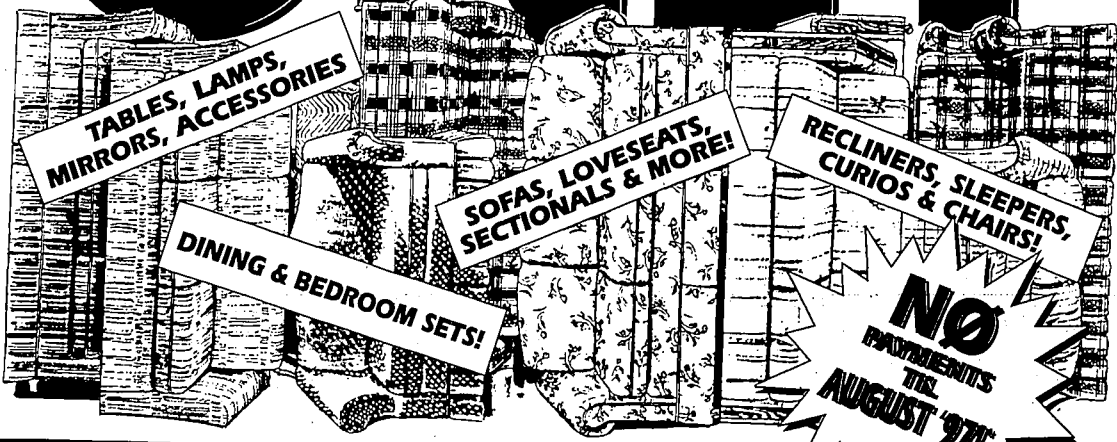
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