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Cynthia Grissom is arraigned in Jerome County Tuesday. Prosecutors have charged the 34-year-old woman as an accessory in the murder of her 5-week-old son.

Mom faces charge

Stepfather charged with murder had history of trouble in Gooding County

By Mark Heiser
Times-News writer

JEROME — Cynthia Grissom looked collected as she wanted Tuesday to be arraigned as an accessory to a murder in the death of her infant son.

But her composure cracked as the hearing proceeded, and she fought back tears while occasionally looking over her shoulder for support and advice from a hunk of friends and family seated in the witness gallery behind her.

Grissom, 34, and her husband, Michael Scott Grissom, 37, have been arraigned in connection with the March 23 death of 5-week old Connor Reign Barnett.

Cynthia Grissom was held in the Jerome County Jail Tuesday on a \$100,000 bond, while Michael Grissom, charged with second-degree murder, was held on a \$1 million bond.

Preliminary hearings for both are set for April 15 in Jerome.

Investigators from the start doubted the Jerome couple's story that Barnett had been kidnapped March 23 from the Burley Wal-Mart parking lot.

Cynthia Grissom later led detectives to Barnett's body, buried under a tree southeast of Dietrich, according to affidavits written by...

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Police seek suspect in TF stabbing, chase

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police are searching for a man suspected of stabbing another man with a broken beer bottle Monday night and later taking part in a high-speed car chase through the city.

Hilario Rojas, 33, is suspected of stabbing Alejandro Cantu, 30, after Cantu left a friend's apartment at 388 Jefferson St., Twin Falls police Sgt. Chuck Dudley said.

When Cantu entered an alley just before 11 p.m. Monday, Rojas and Cantu's former roommate, Morgan Hausner, confronted him. Hausner, 25, said Cantu owed him money, and he was there to collect, Dudley said.

Hausner smashed a beer bottle over Cantu's head, and the two attackers lifted Cantu into the bed of his own pickup truck, police said.

Police suspect Rojas fled the broken beer bottle and stabbing Cantu twice in the leg, Dudley said.

With Cantu still in the pickup bed, Rojas and Hausner drove the truck to Lincoln Elementary School, 650 Second Ave. N. Police believe Rojas and Hausner then took Cantu out of the truck and told him if he called police, they would kill him, his wife and his child, Dudley said.

After his attackers drove away, Cantu walked to the house of a relative, who took Cantu to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for treatment. The police were called and gave descriptions of the two attackers, Dudley said.

Later that evening a Twin Falls police detective in an unmarked car encountered a "sporty" silver vehicle with a passenger that fit Rojas' description. As the detective tailed the vehicle, trying to make a positive identification, the passenger fired a gunshot into the back of the car.

A chase ensued, and the vehicles reached 60 mph as they headed toward the College of Southern Idaho campus. When police stopped the car in a campus field, the passenger was gone. The 16-year-old driver was charged with reckless driving, Dudley said.

Ten hours before the stabbing incident, Rojas pleaded innocent to a concealed weapon charge in Twin Falls County Magistrate Court.



Description

Hilario Rojas, 33, a suspect in a Monday night stabbing and chase through Twin Falls, is described as 5 feet 8 inches tall, 170 pounds, with brown eyes, straight brown hair, and a medium complexion.

Senator's opponent worries about term limits

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

DECLO — Earl Christensen is presenting himself as an insurance policy of sorts: a legislator who wouldn't be forced out of office in 2004 by term limits.

The Declo farmer, running against eight-term senator Denton Darrington, said if he's elected this year, he might be the only legislator voters wouldn't have to get rid of when term limits kick in.

Term limits probably would require vot-

ers in District 25 to replace longtime legislators with an entirely new batch of inexperienced freshmen, assuming the current legislators continue to get elected up until 2004, he said.

If he's elected now, Christensen said he could get a head start at learning the law-making process. That way, in six years, District 25 wouldn't have to start at the bottom in terms of Senatehouse experience.

"If you put them all out ... to me that sounds like that may not be the wisest

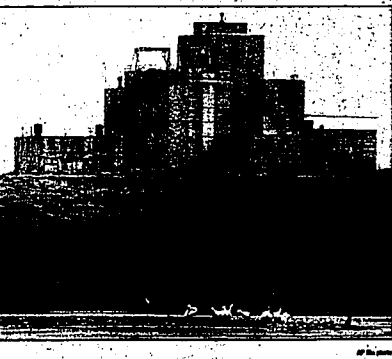


Earl Christensen



Denton Darrington

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Far behind schedule, well over budget and poorly managed, a project to remove spent nuclear fuel from leaky storage pools near the Columbia River at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Hanford, Wash., continues to frustrate the Department of Energy.

Slow waste cleanup pace upsets state, federal officials

RICHLAND, Wash. — Far behind schedule and well over budget, a project to remove spent nuclear fuel from leaky storage pools near the Columbia River continues to frustrate the U.S. Department of Energy.

Highly radioactive fuel in corroding containers now stored in the Hanford K Basins poses the most serious safety risk at the 560-square-mile Hanford site, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Board, an independent government oversight agency, has concluded.

Risks include failure of the concrete pools during an earthquake, overheating of the fuel if exposed to air and radium exposure to workers during cleanup.

Work to begin removing some of the more than 7,000 containers of spent fuel was to have begun in December 1997, but that has been delayed for at least 18 months, and additional delays are likely.

The project, originally scheduled to be completed in 2003 for about \$814 million, now won't be finished before 2003 at a total of about \$1.1 billion.

The failure of the Energy Department and its contractors to adequately manage one of the most critical aspects of the environmental cleanup at Hanford has caused concern in Congress and has damaged the credibility of the site," the Hanford Advisory Board recently wrote to John Wagner, Hanford's Energy Department manager.

The advisory board is an independent panel of people with an interest in Hanford, including citizens and representatives of government agencies and Indian tribes.

At its meeting Friday in Kennewick, the advisory board discussed, but later deleted, a paragraph calling for the department to hire Duke Engineering & Services Hanford, the project construction subcontractor.

The board said the root of the problem is poor management, reflecting conclusions of a strongly worded March 12 letter to Bruce Daniel Hanford Co. president H.C. Hatch from Charles Hansen, assistant manager for waste management at Hanford.

Women hurt more than men, but cope better with pain

BETHESDA, Md. — Women are more sensitive to pain than men, new research on arthritis sufferers suggests. But women are better able to cope with it, recover more quickly and not let pain control their lives.

In research presented Tuesday at a National Institutes of Health conference, researchers said the superior ability of women to deal with pain gives them a strength that suffers-in-silence men lack. And the differences may all be based on sex hormones, suggests some experts.

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A study of men and women suffering

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 47 Low: 25
Mostly sunny after areas of morning fog. Cloudy tonight with late snow showers.

Treasure Valley

High: 56 Low: 38
Mostly sunny after patchy morning fog. Increasing clouds in the afternoon with isolated late-day showers.

Scawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 46 Low: 25
Mostly sunny after areas of morning fog. Cloudy tonight with late snow showers. Morning snow showers on Thursday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 51 Low: 30
Cloudy with patchy areas of fog in the morning. Mostly sunny by noon. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Northern Idaho

High: 52 Low: 34
Areas of morning fog then becoming partly sunny with west winds 10 mph. Increasing clouds tonight with showers possible.

Northern Utah

High: 50 Low: 30
Partly cloudy with a chance of afternoon showers. Thursday partly sunny and warmer.

Northern Nevada

High: 45-55 Low: 27-35
Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Thursday partly to mostly cloudy.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High: 55 Low: 35 Patchy morning fog then mostly sunny.	High: 57 Low: 30s Mostly cloudy with scattered showers.	High: 50s Low: 30s Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers.	High: 50s Low: 30s Chance of valley rain and mountain snow.	High: 50s Low: 30s Chance of valley rain and mountain snow.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	High/Lows
Yesterday: 50-33	Yesterday in Twin Falls: tr.	Idaho: High, 57; Low, 34
Last Week: 54-31	Month to date: .34	degrees at Higman.
Normal: 61-32	Normal mo. to date: .25	degrees at
	Water year to date: 8.37	Normal year to date: 6.34
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IDAHO Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, April 8.

Forecast for various Idaho locations: Coeur d'Alene 42°, Lewiston 50°, Boise 52°, Idaho Falls 49°, Twin Falls 65°, Pocatello 44°.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, April 8.

Fronts: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY. High/Low pressure systems shown across the country.

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/Lows
Boise	54	36	12	Idaho: High, 57; Low, 34
Burley	63	31	tr.	degrees at Higman.
Fairfield	45	21	tr.	degrees at
Hagerman	38	16	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Idaho Falls	49	30	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Jerome	52	31	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Lewiston	56	43	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Malden	56	34	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Malla	37	m	m	Normal year to date: 6.34
McCallet	39	22	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Hoodon	50	32	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Pocatello	50	32	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Salmon	40	24	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Stanley	40	24	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34
Sun Valley	46	12	tr.	Normal year to date: 6.34

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	56	37	tr.
Boston	65	43	tr.
Chicago	64	41	.13
Dallas	64	41	tr.
Denver	62	34	.10
Des Moines	49	24	.23
Houston	68	38	tr.
Honolulu	82	72	tr.
Indianapolis	67	47	.03
Kansas City	63	54	.04
Las Vegas	61	31	tr.
Los Angeles	66	50	tr.
Memphis	78	50	.07
Miami Beach	81	71	tr.
Milwaukee	55	37	.12
Minneapolis	61	48	.57
New York	72	61	tr.
Oakland	65	46	tr.
Omaha	66	42	tr.
Phoenix	67	54	tr.
Portland, Me.	64	44	.05
Portland, Ore.	54	24	tr.
Reno	57	29	tr.
St. Louis	67	55	tr.
Salt Lake City	46	39	.03
Spokane	55	49	.09
Seattle	50	42	.10
Spokane	55	49	.09
Washington	64	38	tr.

UV INDEX FIRE DANGER SKYWATCH

UV Index: 3 (moderate)
Fire Danger: Forest lands: No report for today. Range lands: No report available for today.
Skywatch: Sunset today 8:12 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 7:07 a.m. Lunar phase: First quarter, April 3, full, April 11, last quarter, April 19, visible planets: Morning: Jupiter, Venus, Evening: None.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: The Gem State was under the influence of a large, unstable air mass Tuesday afternoon that produced isolated shower and thunderstorm activity mainly over the southern half of the state. Afternoon skies were partly to mostly sunny in most areas with cloudy conditions reported in the north and central sections. Midwest: A band of showers, with a few thunderstorms, looped from Kansas through Nebraska and Iowa into Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. The storm system's rotation dropped that line of wet weather northward toward the lower Great Lakes. Northern Plains: A second band of showers stretched from Nebraska across eastern South Dakota and much of Minnesota into northern sections of Wisconsin and Michigan. At the northern end of that band, a few snow showers developed in northwestern Minnesota. West: A broad area of low pressure combined with cold air to produce unstable weather. Isolated, mostly small showers were scattered over every state from the Pacific Coast to the Rocky Mountains. Some of the heavier showers were in Washington's Puget Sound region.

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Calgary	46	30	cloudy
Montreal	55	34	clear
Ottawa	57	41	rain
Vancouver	57	41	rain

Water found on Saturn's big moon

LONDON (AP) — Europe's infrared space observatory has discovered water in a moon of Saturn including a man of Saturn's largest moon, many indicate that conditions there duplicate those that gave birth to life on Earth, said Roger Bonnet, the agency's director of science. "Now that water has been discovered — the only thing you need is a little heat, to heat up Titan, and maybe the birth of life may be seen," he said. Previous findings indicated water existed in the far reaches of the solar system. Most recently, scientists have found evidence of a possible ocean beneath the surface of Europa, a moon of Jupiter.

Mom

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Idaho Criminal Investigation Bureau agent S.M. Robinson and filed with court documents. An autopsy of Barnett's body, scheduled for today, might also reveal holes in the Grissoms' stories of the circumstances leading to the infant's death, said Clark Rollins, the special agent in charge of the CID's Twin Falls office. The Grissoms told detectives Barnett was apparently crushed by Michael Grissom after he and Cynthia Grissom early March 28 fell asleep at the Holiday Motel in Jerome with the infant between them on the bed, affidavits say. Cynthia Grissom's mother, Fran Miner of Bliss, said she thinks her daughter is a victim caught in the wake of Barnett's death. "The truth will all come out, and my daughter's innocence will be proven," she said. Miner said she is caring for

Arney suggests president resign; Clinton wishes him well

Knight Ridder News Service
WASHINGTON — President Clinton wished House Majority Leader Dick Arney a nice day Tuesday, but White House aides were not nearly so charitable after the Texas Republican called President Clinton "senseless" and suggested he resign. "Like we say in Texas, if goofy ideas ever go to \$40 a barrel, I want the drilling rights to Dick Arney's head," Clinton adviser Paul Begala told CNN. "He just comes up with these goofy notions." The high-profile spat started Monday night, when Arney became the first high-ranking

Clinton opens national dialogue on Social Security

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — President Clinton opened what promises to be a years-long national dialogue on the future of Social Security by saying that it would be "only relatively small changes to guarantee the program for millions of baby boomers." "We should not abandon a basic program that has been one of the Democrats' success in our nation's history," he said. Clinton told more than 700 Midwesterners from all walks of life at a town meeting here Tuesday that with the federal government now operating in the black, reforms are achievable without increasing the payroll tax paid by almost all workers and their employers. "Most of us are committed to trying to find a way to solve the problem without increases in the payroll taxes," the president said. The meeting in a college gymnasium kicked off the national discussion that Clinton called for in his State of the Union address in January. With the aging of the baby boomers threatening the retirement program, the president has asked Congress not to touch the country's first budget surplus in 30 years without first agreeing to changes that will ensure the solvency of the Social Security system.

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Republican to suggest Clinton's resignation. Arney chose an unlikely venue, a routine question-and-answer session with students at Coppell High School in suburban Dallas. "If it were me who had documented personal conduct along the lines of the president's, I would be so filled with shame I would resign," Arney told the students. Arney elaborated on his comments in a prepared statement Tuesday. "I could not let these children think this president is a good role model," Arney said. "Parents expect this standard from teachers, football coaches and CEOs. We should be able to expect the same from the president." Clinton, who traveled to Kansas City for a Social Security forum Tuesday, ignored questions about Arney's remarks. When asked by a reporter if he would like to wish the majority leader a nice day, the retired president said, "Have a nice day." Arney's barbed comments were a marked departure from the announced Republican strategy of leaving Clinton's problems to the legal system. Many leading Republicans are convinced attacking the president only gives the White House more ammunition to claim Clinton is the victim of a political witch hunt. Grissoms reconciled and Cynthia Grissom would not testify against her husband, according to a motion filed by then-Gooding County Deputy Prosecutor Marilyn Paul. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough, who has worked with the department since 1991, said Michael Grissom has been arrested "numerous times," mostly on drug-related charges or for failing to appear in court. Court records show that an October 1994 charge of obtaining a controlled substance by misrepresentation against Michael Grissom was dismissed in 1995. A charge of failure to pay supervised probation fees and a count of driving with an invalid license are still pending in Gooding County against Michael Grissom, court documents say. Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

Limits

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course," Christensen said. The term limits law allows legislators to appear on the ballot for only eight years in a 15-year period. Those legislators could then run as write-ins. In effect, though, the eight-year limit caps any at four legislators over the 1996 elections, so Darrington's previous 14 years in the Senate don't count against him. The GOP will pick the winner of the state Senate seat in the May 26 primary. No other candidates have filed to run in the November general election. Darrington's success as chairman of the Idaho Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee. His key victory this legislative session was helping create a capital crimes defense fund and statewide appellate public defender to ease the property tax burden on counties facing expensive court cases. He also hammered out rules intended to protect the public from expenses when a prisoner escapes from a private prison. He also developed a registration system for sexual offenders. Darrington notes that the district may change its boundaries under legislative reapportionment in year 2002. "If the people in this district think I fairly represent them, they will stick with me," Darrington said. "And many people know I've gone to very, very great lengths to represent this district fairly." Christensen, 61, is a 30-year member of the Idaho Farm Bureau Cattle Guard and recently joined an Idaho Department of Agriculture committee that is preparing guide-

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lines for field burning. Christensen said he opposes intrusive government and career bureaucrats who supercede legislation, especially when it comes to public lands, water rights and natural resources. "I happen to believe natural resources are the engines that drive our economy," Christensen said. "When they're hamstringing with expensive processes that aren't productive, it isn't the best for our whole society." "Besides, it's time for a changing of the guard," he said. "I've heard people talk, it's been long enough and I've felt it's been long enough." Christensen graduated from Burley High School in 1955 and spent three years at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He didn't graduate, instead he went on a 2 1/2-year mission for the Mormon church. He served in the U.S. Army and returned to the family farm. Since then he has taken some correspondence courses and finished an additional quarter at BYU, where he focused on studying political science and history. Christensen eventually bought his father's farm several miles west of Declo. He lives with his wife. They have four grown children. "I am willing to listen to the people here in the district as they put forth my best efforts in understanding the issues and promoting the issues that are of interest to the citizens at large," Christensen said. Times-News staff writer Liz Wright can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 231.

First lady stresses maternal health

Clinton says no woman should die giving birth

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the time it took Hillary Rodham Clinton to deliver her World Health Day speech, she said, an estimated 15 women died around the globe from pregnancy complications or unsafe abortions.

"No woman should ever die in childbirth," Mrs. Clinton declared Tuesday, calling for renewed global attention to maternal health.

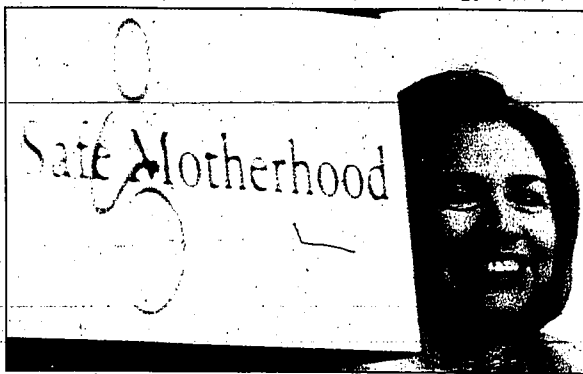
"It was majority of these deaths and so much of that suffering could have been avoided."

Nearly 600,000 women and girls, most in developing nations, die each year while pregnant or in labor due to complications, including self-induced abortions, according to the World Health Organization and UNICEF.

Recalling down the statistics, Mrs. Clinton said that every minute, a woman or girl dies, 40 have unsafe abortions, 110 experience a pregnancy-related problem and 150 face an unplanned pregnancy.

Mrs. Clinton, speaking to several hundred health care professionals and private and public policymakers at the World Bank headquarters, said countries should develop better family-planning and education programs for women and children to combat maternal mortality.

On that point, she criticized con-



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton lends her support to women's health issues in Washington Tuesday at a World Health Day Conference.

servative members of Congress who each year try to block U.S. government money for international family planning, which critics contend lead to abortions.

"Without it (family planning) women often turn in desperation to illegal, unsafe abortion procedures that can account for up to half or more of all maternal deaths," Mrs. Clinton said.

Mrs. Clinton, who last week

returned from a 12-day tour of sub-Saharan Africa with President Clinton, noted that she and her husband visited projects promoting women and children to underline U.S. support for "human rights and particularly the right to health." Malaysia's first lady, Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, called for the elimination of "cultural and social barriers" that often prevent women and girls from making their own

reproductive decisions.

"Safe motherhood is a basic human right," she said.

Carol Bellamy, executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, said her visit last week to Afghanistan, where women suffer harsh discrimination under Taliban rule, demonstrated to her that women without equal human rights are in mortal danger.

Hustler publisher faces another indictment

CINCINNATI (AP) — Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt was indicted today on obscenity and other counts in the city where he was convicted of the same charge in 1977 for distributing his magazine.

Flynt and brother Jimmy both were charged with nine counts of pandering obscenity, three counts of disseminating matter harmful to juveniles, two counts of conspiracy to engage in a pattern of corrupt activity and one count of engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity, Hamilton County Prosecutor Joseph Deters said in a news conference.

The charges cite videos sold in Flynt's downtown store, not the magazine itself. Flynt had indicated he wanted a court test of his magazine.

Deters said the Flynts are charged with selling an obscene videotape to a 14-year-old boy and accused of a pattern of sell-

ing materials Deters said are obscene in Ohio.

Deters would not fully describe the content of the videos cited in the indictment.

"These videos are of such a nature that they would not be appropriate for discussion at this conference," he said.

Flynt's 1977 conviction was thrown out on appeal and he was never retried. He opened the store in October, challenging law enforcement authorities by selling Hustler, adult videos, sex toys and mainstream publications at the store.

He has repeatedly told reporters in recent months that he wanted a trial on obscenity charges, because he believed that a jury today would find that Hustler does not violate community obscenity standards.

Being cleared in such a trial would make it easier for him to persuade other Cincinnati retailers to sell Hustler, he said.

Some pickups crumple like paper in tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — In TV commercials, pickup trucks look indestructible, so much so that one automaker brags they're "like a steel tank." But a new study found that some popular small pickups racked up sizable repair bills in head-on, leading-edge or bump tests into another vehicle and it can be a different story.

An insurance industry study released Tuesday found that some popular small pickups racked up just \$5 million. Leading the way was the Toyota Tacoma, which sustained \$4,361 in damage over four low-speed tests.

The best of the lot, the Chevrolet S-10 LS, had \$2,246 in damage. The other trucks tested by the insurance industry for Highway Safety were the Ford Ranger XLT (\$2,952 in total damage), the Dodge Dakota Sport (\$3,868) and the Nissan Frontier (\$2,867).

The institute, which is sponsored by the insurance industry, said the trucks sustained the damage because most are equipped with rigid bumpers. By contrast, cars have bumpers that contain energy-absorbing materials such as foam.

"People may think that pickup trucks are tough. But they quickly find out this isn't true when they bump into something at a low speed and then have to shell out

Truck damage

In 5 mph crash tests, a recent study found some small pickup models sustained sizable damage. A look at total damage amounts:

1996 test results:	Damage
Toyota Tacoma	\$4,361
Nissan Frontier XE	\$3,867
Dodge Dakota Sport	\$3,868
Ford Ranger XLT	\$2,952
Chevrolet S-10 LS	\$2,246

Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

thousands of dollars to repair the damage," said Adrian Lund, the institute's senior vice president.

Truck makers took issue with the test results, as well as the group conducting them.

"The Tacoma meets all the general requirements for crash worthiness," said Julie Alfonso, spokeswoman for Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A. Inc. Last year the company sold 345,911 Tacomas, the brother-to-the full-size T-100 pickup.

Kyle Johnson, spokesman for General Motors, maker of the Chevrolet S-10, said the institute was releasing the data as part of a campaign to get the federal government to raise the bumper standard to 5 mph. It was at that speed in the early 1980s.

"The insurance industry is once again staging dramatizations in its selfish concern over bumper repair costs," said Johnson.

Before changing the speed, he said, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studied the issue and determined that 25-mph bumpers were sufficient when weighed against the added cost of equipping passenger cars with 5-mph bumpers.

"They're just establishing the criteria by which to sway the public and media toward a 5 mph standard," said Toyota's Alfonso in reference to the insurance institute.

In its tests, the institute drove the trucks four ways: forward and backward into a flat barrier, forward into an angled barrier and backward into a pole.

Police arrest man after he chased hit-and-run suspect

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Jeff Bell leaped into action when he saw a motorist crash into another vehicle and speed away, chasing after the suspect and eventually cornering him on a dead-end street.

But Bell got arrested himself because he pulled out a pistol and opened fire in a residential cul-de-sac, trying to shoot out the hit-and-run car's tires.

"There were no threats whatsoever, other than 'We're going to have to arrest you, Mr. Bell,'" he said. "I hate that the police see me as a bad person, but I was just trying to help."

Bell, 31, pleaded innocent Tuesday to a felony charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

"I had tried to shoot the guy, or through his window or his door, then I could understand," Bell said. "I did feel like my life was in danger."

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Court: Unmarried men don't have right to children

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An unmarried man who fathers a child with a married woman has no legal right to a relationship with the child, the California Supreme Court has ruled.

In an opinion supporting the court's 5-2 decision Monday, Justice Joyce Kennard, wrote that the Constitution "is not an instrument for disrupting the marital family in order to satisfy the biological father's unilateral desire, however strong, to turn his genetic connection into a permanent relationship."

The case began when a woman identified in court as Dawn D. married Frank F. in 1989. They were separated in January 1995, when she began living with Jerry K.

She became pregnant the following month, returned to her husband in April 1995 and gave birth to a son in November.

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Video gambling creates controversy

Bible belt probes legality of machines

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Video gambling in South Carolina was supposed to be no more than a couple of poker machines near the Moon pies and RC Cola, a way to help keep mom-and-pop convenience stores in business.

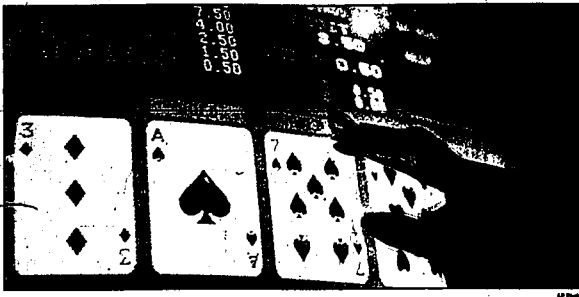
However, it's exploded into a \$2 billion-a-year industry and Gov. David Beasley, who calls video poker "the crack cocaine of gambling," is leading an election-year campaign to oust it.

On Wednesday, the big issue goes before the state's highest court. Lawyers representing people who lost money in the machines sued in federal court, and a federal judge asked the state Supreme Court to advise him on the machines' legality. The justices will hear arguments Monday on whether video gambling violates the state constitution's prohibition against gambling on games of chance.

The state has 31,000 video gambling machines, and a federal judge sprouted on most of the state's major commercial strips. But the face the industry puts forward is that of the brick-and-mortar store that would be near closing if it didn't have what the Revenue Department says is an average \$20,000 yearly profit per machine.

"Our businesses depend on that revenue," said Corky Lane, president of the South Carolina Casino Store Association.

Gambling operators say they employ less than 27,000 people and provide about \$116 million in tax revenue, money they argue would otherwise go to the state.



A video poker player touches the screen as he plays at a convenience store in Greenville, S.C. Video gambling with its 31,000 machines around the state is a \$2 billion-a-year gambling enterprise in South Carolina. A bill banning video gambling is now being filibustered in the South Carolina Senate by those against the ban.

back to his native New Jersey to gamble in Atlantic City. "It hypnotizes the weak-minded with its flashing lights, and somehow makes you think you're going to win eventually."

After Joy's death, the State Line Casino sued Baker a notice saying his wife had written a bad check. "I would like to see the video poker industry get what it deserves," Baker said.

Responds state Sen. Ernie Passalunghi, an industry supporter. "That's like banning all handguns because someone got shot."

The history of video poker in South Carolina is one of failed regulation: • Prosecutors tried to shut down

the game, but in 1991 the state Supreme Court said that while state law barred jackpot payouts directly from the machines, nothing kept a clerk or bartender from handling over the cash.

• Legislators tried regulations. Often cited is a limit of five machines per location. Poker casino operators just built up walls and installed separate electric meters and called each small room a separate business.

• Voters in a dozen counties chose to ban prize-payouts from the games in a 1994 vote authorized by the Legislature. The state Supreme Court overturned that, saying the state's criminal laws must be uniform in all 46 counties.

Oklahoma bomb victims seek restitution from Nichols

DENVER (AP) — Fearing that Terry Nichols may one day sell his story for millions of dollars, victims of the Oklahoma City bombing and the federal government have sued him for more than \$14 million.

U.S. Attorney Patrick Ryan and the Justice Department filed a brief in U.S. District Court on Monday seeking \$14.5 million in restitution and a \$25,000 criminal fine. Two victims of the bombing, in a separate filing, asked for unspecified restitution.

"Simply stated, notorious criminals stand to make money after the conviction merely by trading on their notoriety," said the motion filed by Marsha Knight, whose daughter, Franki Ann Merrill, 23, was killed, and Martin Cash, who suffered severe, "life-altering injuries" in the blast.

Last month, U.S. District Judge Richard Marsh delayed setting a sentencing date because of a dispute about restitution.

Government attorneys want Marsh to require Nichols to repay victims as part of his sentencing. Nichols' attorney has said he can't afford it.

Before the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 and injured hundreds, Nichols worked as a gun dealer and on a ranch. Nichols' lawyer, Michael E. Tigar, was unavailable for comment on Monday.

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Cohen explains military policy on homosexuality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen said Wednesday that Army commanders haven't gotten the message about the Clinton administration's policy barring the pursuit and harassment of homosexuals in the military. He ordered new guidelines to explain and enforce it.

"I have tried to make it very clear that we want this policy fully and fairly implemented. That means there's to be no pursuit, there's to be no harassment, no come-out plans, it's something I'm very concerned about," Cohen said in an interview on National Public Radio.

The "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy was initiated in 1994 amid great controversy, attempting to strike a balance between prohibited homosexual

conduct in the military and attempts to maintain the privacy of those who choose not to declare their sexual orientation.

Meanwhile, the Department of Defense released a report showing that the number of people discharged for homosexuality climbed from 850 in 1996 to 997 last year. The lowest number discharged was 617 in 1994, while the highest in recent years numbered 1,998 in 1982, the report said. The high number amounted to 0.095 percent of the total force.

The report also said that 80 percent of those discharged for homosexuality in 1997 had made a statement that they were homosexual. More than 80 percent of those discharged had less than four years of service, the study said.

"In the most common case, a discharge under the homosexual

conduct policy involves a junior enlisted member who makes a statement declaring his or her homosexuality to a commander, supervisor or peer relatively early in the member's first term of service," the report stated.

The secretary said he does not believe the new figures indicate that harassment is on the rise. The report argued that the policy was being fairly and properly enforced, Cohen noted, but he added, "It's conceivable, and it's possible, that some commanders haven't gotten the message."

Those who do engage in witch hunts, Cohen warned, will themselves "be the subject of their own investigation," and potentially charged with sexual harassment.

Some of Cohen's other recommendations include: • Military commanders should

consult with their superiors and military legal authorities before embarking on investigations of suspected homosexuals.

• Authorization for investigations in situations dubbed "coming-out" cases must be approved by the service secretaries.

• Commanders and investigators need more training about the policy.

The report said without elaboration that in only three cases had the policy not been properly enforced.

Newspaper says judges have conflicts of interest

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Many federal judges repeatedly preside over cases involving companies in which they own stock — despite laws that prohibit it, The Kansas City Star reported this week.

The newspaper said it studied financial disclosure forms for judges in four states and identified 57 legal actions in which a judge entered one or more orders while having an interest in a litigant. "I'm shocked," said Jeffrey Shaman, a judicial ethicist and a law professor at DePaul University in Chicago. "It's such a clear violation."

However, the newspaper found no overt instances in which judges benefited personally or let their stock holdings influence their rulings.

The series published Sunday and Monday analyzed financial disclosure reports filed since 1991 by U.S. District Court judges based in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas City, Kan., Pittsburgh and Portland, Ore.

The Star then compared the judges' stock holdings with thousands of civil lawsuits.

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Students document park history with technology

LEWISTON (AP) — The scene opened with a computer photograph of an historic church.

Slowly, almost imperceptibly, the image begins to change. New trees appear and the black-and-white picture begins to take on color.

The church changes from a stark structure to a vibrant building as the still photo morphs into a live and vivid image.

The videotape shows 100 years gone by, a before-and-after picture that will influence management of the See-Perce National Historical Park.

Produced by a group of Lewis-Clark State College students and their professors, the 15-minute video documents a century of change in natural, cultural and archaeological sites at the park.

The students took old photographs, scanned them using a digital video camera, then used a computer to meld the old pictures into the new. The result is a video that dramatically documents changes, both human and natural, to the park sites.

In other pictures roads grow across the woods. Trees and houses appear where none were before. Structures crumble or vanish altogether as settlements and woods overtake once hopeful homesteads.

In one scene a new highway appears as a road cut across the White Pine landscape. In another a water flame wanders from the Big Hole Riverfield in Montana. Both are visible examples of human impacts to historic sites. But many of the changes captured so slowly they are imperceptible.

Judge orders prison for man who illegally moved hazardous waste

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A man has been ordered to serve five months in prison and five months in home detention for illegally moving hazardous waste that eventually was dumped on federal lands.

Steven K. Leslie, 46, was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge after he pleaded guilty to illegally moving hazardous waste.

Under terms of a plea agreement, prosecutors dismissed charges of illegal disposal of hazardous waste and damage to government property.

Lodge ordered a stiffer sentence than the three months of prison and

three months of home monitoring proposed in the plea agreement.

Lodge also ruled that Leslie must pay the cost of electronic monitoring in his Alaska home. Leslie also must serve a year's probation and perform 100 hours of community service in lieu of a fine.

In early 1995, authorities found more than 30 drums that had been dumped illegally in various locations on Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management property in northern Idaho.

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Agency awards grant for Idaho projects

The Associated Press

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has awarded \$429,000 in grants to complete a bull trout protection program and two migratory bird conservation projects in Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will receive \$93,000

for the Bull Trout Protection and Education Project in northern Idaho's Lake Pend Oreille Basin. The grant will help support the state's regulations protecting bull trout in an attempt to avoid federal intervention.

Bull trout is a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

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Man faces charges

BOISE (AP) — A former California man has been bound over on charges that he killed two local law enforcement officers.

Eino Manuel Oroszko, 25, will be arraigned April 13 before Fourth District Judge Joel Horvath.

Witnesses said the March 1 incident started when Oroszko insulted Kathleen Kelley for allowing 21-year-old son Jacob Kelley to live at home. Both Patrick Kelley and Jacob Kelley were then killed after a fight broke out and Oroszko shot them.

Oroszko faces two counts of first-degree murder, aggravated battery, burglary and enhanced sentences for using a gun to commit a felony.

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EDITORIAL

Let's spend an extra buck on enhancing Shoshone Falls

Visiting Shoshone Falls with an out-of-state visitor can be an eye-opener. Separate yourself, for a few moments, from your local pride in the spectacular crash of water. Look through a stranger's eyes at the facilities: the potholed parking lot, the bedraggled fence, the decrepit platform perched above the canyon.

These low-rent structures are testimony of "the Niagara of the West." The city of Twin Falls, which owns the park, owes something better to tourists and local visitors as a reasonable idea.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission is aiming to meet that obligation. A fee increase to raise money for improvement projects may sting a little, but it's a valid move.

The Magic Valley's tourist attractions are modest and mostly remote. Shoshone Falls is the only local spot with true size quality. Close to town, easy to find and dazzling to view, it's the one local sight likely to draw tourists off the freeway.

Pedestrian and bicycle admission to the park is free and should remain so, under the terms of Frank and Martha Adams' 1932 gift of the site to the city. But raising the fees for motor-vehicle admission is a reasonable idea.

Idaho Power Co. has offered, as part of its proposed relinquishing of the Shoshone Falls power plant, to match whatever money the city raises for improvements. The city's recent survey of residents showed that three-fifths of those responding would support a fee increase to capitalize on that offer.

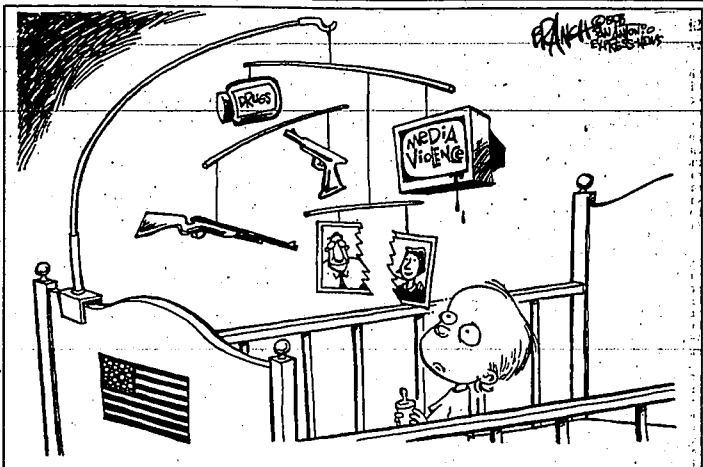
The Park and Rec Commission's initial idea of doubling the \$2 fee may have been too ambitious, and the City Council was smart to shave the \$4 proposal to \$3. When the city holds its public hearing on the issue, citizens should assure the council that \$3 is not too much to pay for enhancing the park.

Some other aspects of the plan deserve attention:

- Tour buses, which may carry as many as 60 tourists, currently get in for an absurdly cheap \$10. That's as little as 17 cents a head. The proposal to raise the price to \$20 is still too low. The figure should be \$40.
- Motor-homes (currently a \$2 ticket) should carry a premium price. They slow traffic and take extra parking space, and their drivers should pay for the privilege. We're not \$7.
- Semi-trucks (also a \$2 ticket) shouldn't be admitted at any price. The big rigs have no business on that winding road.
- The council might consider reducing fees in poor winter years. As some people have remarked, a view of the waterfall isn't worth much when it's dry.
- Meanwhile, the city should pursue negotiations to get the best deal it can from Idaho Power.

Shoshone Falls is a unique scenic treasure. As its steward, a city should see that the park's facilities do justice to its natural grandeur.

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Bosses get big checks at little guy's expense

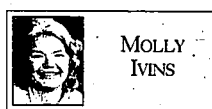
It is incumbent upon the devout liberal's heart to bleed at any and all provocation, so imagine how disconcerted I was to find that not a single drop of sympathy could be squeezed out for a group of our fellow citizens in a pretty pickle.

The pleas and sad moanings of those who own and run our high-tech companies have lately been echoing around the halls of Congress. Their problem is not that business is not good and profits are not high — contrary. Their problem, they say, is that there are not enough Americans trained in matters high-tech, and so they want Congress to raise the limit on the number of immigrants — skilled immigrants, those fluent in such computer languages as COBOL and Java — who can come here and take those high-paying computer company jobs that are just going begging.

It is, you perceive, enough to wring the heart of a stone, the sad plight of the high-tech company. Poor Michael Dell. It would be sadder still if we did not regularly read of older workers in the computer field who cannot find jobs, indeed, with astonishing regularity, older workers who have been at a company long enough to command a truly substantial salary are let go to make way for younger, and cheaper, workers.

Then, too, we learn that high-tech companies are in the habit of not hiring people at all, preferring the popular new practice of "contract workers" — i.e., glorified temps. Said temps may work for a company for years, but they do not qualify for such expensive benefits as health insurance and pensions.

And so you see clearly the dire need for Congress to take the limit off immigration quotas so a fresh wave of young high-techers from around the world can come here to work for these companies on the cheap. Otherwise (gulp) they might have to train their own workers, give more of them better jobs and pay them real wages.



MOLLY IVINS

Back when President Clinton used to sound like a populist — if anyone can remember that long ago — he talked about "good jobs at good wages" and wanted to invest a lot of money in worker training programs. His first labor secretary, Robert Reich, was quite keen on worker training programs and had an ambitious agenda in that regard.

Of course, it was shot down back in 1993, when the sacred need to balance the budget superseded all other considerations. No, Wall Street would not stand for it. The bondholders had to be placated. There was no money for such frivolous ideas as training American workers for good jobs at good wages.

Meanwhile, companies of the more low-tech variety are also complaining about a shortage of trained workers. The rather simple, obvious answer — well, train them — does not seem to have occurred to our captains of industry. And it does cost money.

Can the captains of industry afford it? It's not that their labor costs are high. According to The New York Times, the median weekly wage, adjusted for inflation, fell in each of the first five years of the current economic "boom." Quite a boom for the workers, eh? The median wage did rise modestly for the first time in 1997, but American workers are still not paid to where they were in 1988, before the last recession.

Ah, but the bosses' pay, my friends, has soared — into the stratosphere, into the

zone, shooting past all previous known restraints. According to Bud Crystal, the reigning authority on "executive compensation," CEO pay went up 17 percent in 1997 over 1996 — more than five times faster than the average 3 percent raise given most rank-and-file workers.

Crystal said, in The Washington Post, that while the public are in, he expects that to be closer to 21 percent. For example, Michael Eisner, CEO of the Walt Disney Co., made more than \$575 million last year by cashing in stock options and adding that to his annual salary and bonus of more than \$10 million.

And as we all know, the government is also on the corporate payroll these days, since politicians live on and for these generous corporate contributions in safe money that put them in office. How does this affect the rest of us? Why, look at this merry little report from Citizens for Tax Justice:

Remember when Clinton and the Republicans came to agreement last year and promised us a "middle-class tax cut"? The only tax cut that went into effect was the one in capital gains, with the happy result that only one in 17 poor or middle-class Americans will get any tax relief this year. On the other hand, the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans will enjoy \$1.89 of tax relief in 1997 for each dollar of tax relief that goes to the bottom 80 percent. As the legendary Prohibition personality Texas Guinan used to say to her audience, "Hello, sucker!"

Crow Eaten Here: Ooops. In a careless moment I put Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, down as a supporter of the flat tax. It's House Majority Leader Dick Armey who is the flat taxer — Archer did a national sales tax instead. That's also a regressive tax, but at least, the one Archer supports. Sorry, Bill.

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LETTERS

Crazy Horse had the right idea

I just finished reading a biography of the visionary, courageous and selfless Oglala, Crazy Horse. I was deeply moved by this book, not just because of the honor and integrity of the man and what happened to him and his people but because how it parallels the destruction of our own world in our own time.

Crazy Horse and his people were done in by white man's greed and lack of honor and integrity, greed and the temptations of materialism and the betrayal of his own people.

The Holy Road, that trail that brought the white man's ways from Lakota country. The Blue Lakes Borderlands of today that forsake all values but economic. It's manifested in nuclear waste, expanded bombing ranges, industrial farming and bob-tailed cows in the mega-dairies.

Yucca Mountain, that unshelved and talked about place in Nevada the federal government proposes to store nuclear waste belongs by the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1963, to our neighbors in Western Shoshone. They haven't been asked nor given their permission for such a waste dump on their land. Phil Batt has a paper from the same government that signed the Ruby Valley Treaty.

Recently, in Washington, D.C., when I asked New Mexico's Sen. Bingaman, "Is not the real issue about a coherent, comprehensive and transparent energy policy?" (We were talking about electrical deregulation.) The senator, I think regretfully answered, "We don't do anything coherently here." A very

sad commentary on our money-driven political system. Money, the "methamphetamine" of politics.

It is not that we are without persons of honor and integrity among us. At the Vietnam War Memorial, I watched as two veterans received the Soldier's Medal for their actions in saving civilians and helping to bring the killing at My Lai to an end. Thirty years ago and posthumously for a third man who died in the war, our nation paid tribute to their honor and integrity.

We don't have that kind of time, folks. We must make honor and integrity a part of our lives, pay tribute to it by living it and by we are to choose political leaders, let's choose those that are selfless and live lives of honor and integrity. We can learn much from Crazy Horse.

BILL CHEISHOLM
Bohi

Homosexuality article was unbiased

On behalf of PFLAG, gays, lesbians and bisexuals, I want to thank The Times-News for its article of March 22 on homosexuality. Reporter Jennifer Sandmann did a terrific job, which was complemented by Bruce Shields.

Twin Falls is very lucky to have a newspaper that is unbiased toward any trophy subject. I felt that I represented all parents of homosexual children. Parents who love and cherish their children as human beings regardless of their sexual orientation.

JAMES R. CARMICHAEL SR.
Bohister

Look at both sides of an issue

I constantly wonder how a lot of people see only one aspect of an issue and ignore all the other things that contribute to a decision that should be made. I'm referring to the environmentalists and, specifically, Mr. Marvel from Halley. He must have come here with a great amount of money to be doing his best to push the ranchers with their cattle off the government range and the forest lands.

I have just heard about people burning under the trees so avary with the grass so there wouldn't be big fires. I wonder why cattle aren't allowed to eat the grass. I remember herding cattle on the desert — they eat all kinds of grass including cheat grass. It could be allowed to eat under the trees it would help the cattlemen and the forest people.

It seems Mr. Marvel and his cohorts want to preserve the land for bicyclers,

horse riders, hunters, etc. Now I'd like to remind him and his followers that ranchers bring some of our sustenance from the earth, as lumbermen do, and farmers and owners and fishermen. The earth is where our living comes from, to begin with, and these people who are just trying to amuse themselves should remember that Mr. Marvel and his sympathizers are fighting their existence.

Another thing I'm amazed about is this fight against abortion. Now I'm really not very taken up with abortion, but I firmly believe it is a personal thing that a woman should decide for herself without any law made by a bunch of men and other so-called sympathizers. The big point is, if a baby is not wanted, will it be cared for, helped to live the way it should and not neglected or mistreated? It faced an unwanted baby is at risk from the very first. I am appalled at the number of lit-

tle children who do not have a life with loving people. Staying in paradise would be preferable to the life they are faced with.

My advice to all these fighting people is to look at all sides of a question and then try to make a good decision.

JOE RIEDEMAN
Twin Falls

CORRECTION

Mathews' letter on Monday, The letter should have said: "This then brings up your (Christianity's) alleged moral right to inflame your beliefs upon others. The point being, you have none."

The Times-News regrets the error.
MARGE HILLEY
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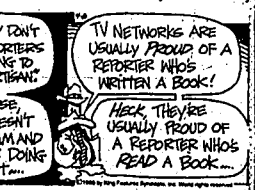
By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



LETTERS

Fox has alienated many groups

Shoshone Falls Park was meant to stay free

"Documents Transferring Shoshone Falls Park to Twin Falls City" (No. 979.657) from the Twin Falls Library clearly states "...the premises shall be held and maintained as a public park for park purposes to which the public is free of charge. They felt so strongly about this they gave the property to Twin Falls City. This legally binding agreement was gotten around by our city lawyer in a court case in 1980, thus voiding the deed and making it subject to reversion."

It was the Adamses' intent that everyone should enjoy the park free of charge. They felt so strongly about this they gave the property to Twin Falls City. This legally binding agreement was gotten around by our city lawyer in a court case in 1980, thus voiding the deed and making it subject to reversion.

It was and is the city lawyer's position that people could walk into the park and pay for the free so it is OK to charge for motor vehicles. We know it is nearly impossible for the average person to climb out of that canyon with children and a car in one year. Can you imagine what kind of lawsuits are in the works when people get hurt and killed walking down into or out of the park? What about the handicapped access law? A good lawyer will have a field day with the city. (Lawyers anxious to make quick money on a class action suit against the city, form a line.)

There was a road in the area in 1932 which was part of the park grant which the city agreed to maintain for free. If they are smart they would wait until the proposed \$1.5 million in improvements are in place and then take it back! Why should Twin Falls risk the loss? Drop the gate fee entirely - now! Why should we continue to turn our backs on a city-sponsored scam operation?

Let's find legal solutions to maintain and improve the park. Let's keep our side of the bargain like we agreed to in 1932 and avoid potential lawsuits and loss of Shoshone Falls.

MARY LOU BECKER
Kimberly

Sandy has made great contributions to ag area

I take exception with the caustic and inaccurate statements *The Times News* editorial staff has made regarding Sen. John Sandy. As majority of the University of Idaho Agricultural Consulting Council this past year, we asked Sen. Sandy to serve as a legislative representative for this advisory group.

He was asked to serve based on his contribution to our agricultural community and his position as a leader in the state Senate. He is the assistant majority leader in the Senate, serves on the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee and is involved in agriculture in the Magic Valley. In addition, he is well respected and has contacts throughout the state that will be invaluable in assisting us on the major agricultural issues we deal with.

While we could have asked a number of other legislators to serve in this position, we asked Sen. John Sandy because he is effective, hard-working and accessible. He will be a real asset to our advisory group and to agriculture just as he is a great asset to us as a state senator for the Magic Valley.

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MARGE HILLEY
Filer

Community doesn't have much of a choice on district

I wish to comment on two separate issues, both dated March 24 of *The Times News*.

First, the Mini-Cassia Economic Development Commission and the plan to hire a development specialist.

Just who is it that "wants" all this development and growth, along with more traffic, congestion and crime that comes with it? I for one don't, and I believe most area residents don't, so who does?

Why a handful of our businessmen do so that profits go up, that's why. I resent tax dollars being spent to turn this area into a place that most people want to escape.

Second, Penelope Reedy, *Times News* writer, stated "Minidoka county residents will get the chance to decide if they want a recreation district." She should have written that the residents will be "forced" to decide, because I believe it has already been decided for us.

Commission Chairman John Rensburg said it all, and I quote: "I agree it's going to be a challenge to get this past the voters."

Well folks, there is the objective, to sneak this "past" the voters, not passed by them.

HENRY ASCHENBRENNER
Rupert

Play it safe; always wear a life vest near water

Even though it doesn't look like it, spring is here and people's thoughts will start turning to water sports.

My father, Junior Plew, started a campaign a few years ago to save lives. He said no more one will die for lack of a life vest, so he started getting life vests to make sure that at Magic Lake Resort everyone that needed one would have one, and they would loan them out on the honor system. And his hope was that someday this program would go all across the country.

Well, my father died last September, and I would like to take this time to remind everyone to think safety - wear a life vest! And that this Memorial Day weekend, there will be a benefit at West Magic Lake to raise funds for his program.

TERRY PLEW
Kimberly

Batt used common sense in vetoing abortion bill

Common sense prevails. Gov. Batt was sensible enough to use common sense in vetoing a bill that was unconstitutional and unenforceable. There are enough laws on the books that are challenged and unenforceable without adding more. These laws cost thousands of dollars to the citizens of Idaho every time they are challenged. I can think

of better ways to spend taxpayer money.

Abortion is a very complex issue which requires time, research and common sense, not bully tactics and threats. I'm sure the people of Idaho want solutions to the abortion issue, but with great care, common sense and enforceable laws, laws that protect everyone, including the one who is pregnant.

Believe it or not, the people of Idaho are not brainless or stupid, Mr. Mansfield. They vote for their representatives on their merits of representing them on "all" issues, not just one.

Gov. Phil Batt has shown common sense throughout his term on all issues. Hopefully, all those who follow him will do the same. He never caved in to special interest groups and always made decisions that were right for all of the people of Idaho.

Are you angry, Mr. Mansfield, because you cannot control the governor's office? The office of the governor does not belong to you, it belongs to all of the citizens of Idaho. It cannot be dictated or threatened by anyone.

The governor, regardless of who he is or what party he belongs to, is required to represent all of the citizens of Idaho. Sometimes he has to put aside some of his beliefs to do what is best for everyone concerned.

I believe abortion is a moral issue, not a legislative one. Spend your time and money in teaching the different choices one has other than abortion.

ELLENA R. RENFROW
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An Idaho newspaper recently ran an opinion that pointed out just a few of the contrivances that have fixed themselves on the administration of the current state school superintendent. Dr. Fox responded immediately by challenging many of the charges leveled against her. This tendency to confront and attack controversy is a hallmark of her term in office.

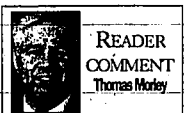
For example, in the first days of her administration, she immediately stirred things up when she either removed or pressured out some of the key education groups that care about education in the department of education. She soon drew battle lines with the local school districts, teachers and the Idaho Legislature by her propensity to act on her own and ignore the counsel she received.

This same opinion piece detailed her recent confrontations with the State Board of Education. These long-standing turf battles came to a head this session when various bills were debated heatedly over who should be in charge of the public schools.

There are some who have applauded her confrontational style. They felt some things in the public schools were not right and Dr. Fox was the champion destined to reform the system.

However, even some of her most ardent supporters must be asking themselves when the war of words stops and promised changes take root in our schools. This controversy and friction within the school community is now into its fourth year, with no end in sight. The question that must be asked is, when does controversy and conflict become entrenched that everyone loses the ability to get anything done for the school children of Idaho?

To illustrate, let me liken this to a couple's efforts to raise their children. Will any child prosper in an environment where Mom and



READER COMMENT
Thomas Morley

Did constantly feud over who's in charge or how things should best be done? All caring, thoughtful parents soon learn that consensus and cooperation are essential. Can the schools thrive in an environment where the key education groups battle over who's in charge or how things should be done? It appears that education in Idaho is a house divided against itself.

Most of the individuals and groups that care about education now find themselves spending a large portion of their time defending their positions or fighting what the other guy is doing. This approach doesn't work in the home, and it isn't working for Idaho school children.

To make meaningful and lasting change, it is critical to hear all sides on a position and then reach

consensus on the best course of action. This fosters ownership of the new plan and creates a climate where everyone is working toward the same goal. That goal could be an increase of phonics instruction in Idaho schools or a closer working relationship between our high schools, colleges and business and industry. Dr. Fox has been unable to bring people together to achieve the excellence we all desire.

So many groups have been alienated under the current administration that there seems little hope for meaningful reform without a change in leadership. With our growing public school challenges, we can ill afford four more years of non-productive confrontation. There is no evidence that the current state superintendent has either the inclination or standing within the state to move dreams into realities. It's time for a change.

Thomas Morley of Burley is the Cassia County school superintendent. He is opposing incumbent Anne C. Fox for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public instruction.

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WORLD

Leader slams Ireland peace plan

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The leader of Northern Ireland's main pro-British party today slammed the recommendations in a proposed compromise settlement presented by the American chairman of the province peace talks.

After 15 hours of talks, former Sen. George Mitchell emerged at 1 a.m. and said his draft accord would inspire "an historic few days of final negotiations" starting today.

But Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble criticized Mitchell's document as unacceptable shortly after the eight participating parties returned at midday to the negotiating venue of Stormont, the center of British administration in Northern Ireland.

Trimble talked by phone by British Prime Minister Tony Blair, then dropped a bombshell statement warning that "the greater number of people in Northern Ireland" would not approve of Mitchell's plans.

"Before contemplating alternative proposals, I wish to know from you and the Irish government if you are prepared to consider radically different measures," Trimble said in a statement addressing Blair and distributed to the news media.

Blair planned to fly to Belfast today, a Downing Street



British Prime Minister Tony Blair leaves Downing Street by the rear entrance on his way to Northern Ireland on Tuesday. The leader of the Northern Ireland main pro-British party slammed the recommendations in a proposed compromise settlement presented by the U.S. Chairman of the province peace talks, and Blair was expected to join the talks as Thursday's deadline for agreement approaches.

spokesman said on customary condition of anonymity. The spokesman said the trip was not prompted by Trimble's statement, noting that the prime minister also had spoken by telephone to representatives of several of the parties.

The Irish government said Prime Minister Bertie Aheron also would go to Belfast, either late today or early Wednesday.

Earlier, Mitchell warned negotiators not to try to sabotage the talks by selectively leaking parts of the document. Negotiators said they'd been told that each copy of the document contained a unique marker within the text, so that the source of any leak could be pinpointed.

The document provides a summary of Mitchell's insight since the British and Irish governments

appointed him to steer participants toward painful compromise in negotiations that began in June 1996 and are supposed to conclude Thursday.

Mitchell emphasized he wouldn't "contemplate failing to reach the deadline. Between now and Thursday night, every ounce of effort that we have will be devoted toward bringing about a successful conclusion."

In rare Kremlin gathering, Yeltsin presses for his nominee

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin took on his political opponents in a rare face-to-face meeting Tuesday, coaxing them to accept his nominee for premier but rejecting their demands for a coalition government.

In a sumptuous, white-columned hall, Yeltsin sat at a round table with more than 20 political leaders and explained why a 58-year-old government nominee is the best choice for Russia's next prime minister.

"Let's approach this objectively,

not from political considerations," Yeltsin said, his voice echoing in the high-domed chamber. "Let's look at the man from a business and professional point of view. And if he can do the job — let's pave the way."

Two weeks ago Yeltsin fired the government and elevated the little-known Sergei Kiriyenko to acting prime minister. A few days later, he made Kiriyenko, who had been in government less than a year, his formal nominee for the post.

Cambodia denounces United Nations

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia denounced the United Nations on Tuesday for publishing a report saying an estimated 50 new killings in Cambodia were believed linked to politics.

"This is political propaganda," said Om Yeng Tieng, an adviser to Cambodian leader Hun Sen, who took power in a coup last July.

Thomas Hammarberg, the U.N.

special representative for human rights in Cambodia, said Monday in Geneva that his investigators have amassed "reliable information" of about 50 killings between August and March that "appear to be political."

Om Yeng Tieng countered: "He never provides us with adequate evidence. Evidence does not mean just photos and finger-prints of those dead bodies."

Vigilante Mexicans want 'clean justice'

Chicago Tribune

HUEJUTLA, Mexico — Edith Alvarez, 11, can't shake the nightmares. Every night she wakes up screaming, with the image of a man chasing her etched in the darkness. Sometimes she dreams she is drowning.

Edith and five of her schoolmates say two men tried to kidnap them after school last week in this impoverished town of 80,000 in the central state of Hidalgo.

The authorities arrested the suspects. But the next night, according to witnesses, hundreds of townspeople — moved by incessant radio spots pleading for justice, by the disappearance of a little girl at a carnival in December and by rumors the suspects wanted the girls to sell their organs on the black market — broke into the jail and lynched the suspects.

After beating both men, the men hanged one of them from the rafters of a house in the town square and let the other one die

who suffers is the victim." "We wanted clean justice," said Edith's mother, Zulaila Alvarez, her face betraying sorrow. "We never imagined this would happen."

According to some people, it was only a matter of time before people took out years of anger and frustration on somebody.

As in other parts of Mexico, people say they are fed up with a life of despair, with the feeling nobody listens to them. They are tired of official corruption, of police brutality, of criminals operating with impunity.

At a time when Mexico is suffering from the worst crime wave in its history, prompted by the collapse of the economy three years ago, some people have given up on a criminal justice system they consider impotent.

"People are frustrated with the authorities," said elementary teacher Alfonso Porrilla Zuniga. "People live with poverty, with injustice. We see things happen: robberies, assaults — and the one

in his annual state of the nation address in September, President Ernesto Zedillo acknowledged people's frustration.

"Citizens feel helpless in the face of crime and see the authorities as ineffective at combating it," Zedillo said. "The sense of insecurity has extended throughout the population, bringing isolation and fomenting the tendency for people to take justice into their own hands."

Although officials say they have no national figures on lynchings in Mexico, over the past two years there have been enough reports in the press to suggest that what happened in Huejutla was not an isolated case.

Two years ago in the state of Veracruz, villagers enraged by the rape and murder of a member of several doused the 20-year-old suspect with gasoline and set him ablaze. In Mexico City, a vigilante known as the "anonymous justice" has been linked to five fatal shootings of muggers who were allegedly holding up passen-

gers on public buses.

Oscar Ortiz, executive director of the Mexican Academy of Human Rights, a private organization in Mexico City, said people are desperate because they think the government has no interest in solving their problems.

"It's the law of the jungle," Ortiz said. "It's an accumulation of rage and anger and a feeling of impotence and despair."

In Huejutla, a farming community about 120 miles northeast of Mexico City, government officials told the lynchings to alcohol and drugs. What bothers some people about what happened in the town March 25 is nobody — not the police, not the mayor, not even the governor — stopped the killings.

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12 freed Cubans arrive in Canada

TORONTO (AP) — Twelve former Cuban political prisoners, including two jailed for exposing a government spy in dissident circles, came to Canada on Tuesday after being freed at the request of Pope John Paul II.

"I am happy," said Dr. Omar del Pozo Marroero, one of the two men jailed for unmasking the spy operation. "Why am I happy? I have liberty for the first time in my life."

The 12 former prisoners, along with about two dozen relatives, reached Toronto's Pearson International Airport after an overnight flight from Havana.

"Long live democracy in Cuba," they chanted. They posed for news photographers, donned warm clothes provided by the Canadian government to ward off the pre-dawn chill, and rode a school bus to a motel.

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It's a wrap! 'Breakfast' crew is outta here!

TWIN FALLS - If you've been stargazing in Twin Falls recently, today may be your chance to grab a piece of the action.

The "Breakfast of Champions" production crew is saying farewell to Twin Falls and to the props, wardrobe and other movie memorabilia used in the past six weeks of filming the Vonnegut novel.

Alan Rudolph's film version, starring Tom Hanks, Fanny Lee, Nick Nolte and Barbara Hershey, wrapped Tuesday.

Today's sale will be held at the production office, 488 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Unit 102. Sign Creek Productions' building is on the corner of Blue Lakes and Filer Avenue, across from the Lynwood IGA. Look for signs you haven't seen since movie makers took up residence there in January.

For sale will be props, or anything the actor handles. Whether the life-sized cardboard cutouts of Bruce Willis selling cars will be on the lot was unknown as of last week, said sale director Allison Sherman.

"It's just a bunch of stuff," Sherman said, "removable from the set."
Wanted items will be for sale, as well as set dressings - which are furniture and decorations used on set. Also, tools and a washer-and-dryer set are for sale.

The sale will be 3 to 8 p.m. Early birds aren't welcome.

Hit and run accident causes truck to crush man's legs

BURLEY - An accident described as hit-and-run in a Cassia County sheriff's report listed two severe injuries Monday morning for a Burley man.

Weslton C. Teal, 72, was lying under a Peterbilt tractor-truck owned by Lambert Produce of Blackfoot. He was adjusting the air brakes when Jose Villanueva-Tellez, of Burley jumped in the truck to move it out of the way of another truck which was preparing to unload at a produce depot south of Burley, the report said.

Villanueva did not know Teal was under the truck and drove over Teal's pelvis and legs, the report said.

Teal was taken to Cassia Regional Medical Center where he was transferred to LDS Hospital in Salt Lake City, Tuesday morning. LDS Hospital officials said Teal was in intensive-care unit.

Villanueva was cited for driving without a license, the report said.

Hansen considers dropping out of senatorial race

BURH - Sen. John Sandy's challenger, Doug Hansen, said he is considering dropping out of the race.

A death in the family is among the reasons, the Filer High School teacher said. Hansen of Burh filed against Sandy of Filer in the May 26 primary. Democrat Carole Stennett of Burh will challenge the winner in the November general election.

Court sentences Jerome family on drug charges

JEROME - Members of a Jerome County family who earlier this year pleaded guilty to drug charges were sentenced Monday.

James Carlson was sentenced to three to 10 years' prison for one count of trafficking marijuana and one count of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver. Jerome County Prosecutor John Lohspeich said. Carlson's wife, Holly Carlson, and her son, James Carlson, each were given three- to five-year suspended sentences. Lohspeich said. James Carlson pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, and Holly Carlson pleaded guilty to a charge of manufacturing marijuana where children are present. The Carlsons last year were arrested after deputies reported finding 91 marijuana plants inside and around their home southwest of Jerome.

Wendell council faces septic waste disposal issue

WENDELL - Two Magic Valley septic services will talk to the City Council tonight about dumping waste into the city's sewer. Sweet's Septic Tank & Backhoe Service, of Shoshone, dumps septic-tank waste into the city's sewer system.

Big Wood River Septic Service, which has offices in several Magic Valley towns, also wants to dump its waste into the city's system, at least temporarily, said Clinton McCord of Big Wood.

As issue is whether Big Wood can dump waste that includes sludge from car washes and restaurant grease traps.

McCord said sludge-waste disposal is hampered by politics. In other business, Martin Shirley will request permission to run a phone center at Avenue East, and Marshall Howden will ask the city to fix a water leak on the Methodist church property.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at City Hall and is open to the public.

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Community rates TF health

The Times-News

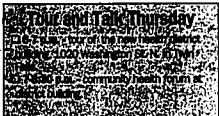
TWIN FALLS - The rate of people dying from heart disease in Twin Falls County topped state rates for three years running.

But its rate of cervical cancer deaths was below the rest of the Magic Valley's. Lower than the state average was the county's number of adults who smoke.

However, a three-year average of infant death rates shows an upward trend despite national and state declines.

Those are some indicators of the county's health. Residents now are invited to learn more about the community's health and how the South Central District Health Department is addressing the problems, and make any suggestions to improve the work.

A community health forum will be held Thursday in conjunction with National Public Health Week and an open house of the health department's new building on the College of Southern Idaho campus.



Legislators, county commissioners and local community leaders have been invited to the forum. Another forum was held in Blaine County Monday.

The health district used to collect such health information for reports to legislators in the fall and to commissioners in the spring as part of its budget request, said district director Cheryl Juntenun.

"What we decided was that the information and the discussion really belonged to the community," she said. "We're hoping to get input on how they'd like to be involved."

Each county in the district's eight-county

region - the Magic Valley - will have its own report card. Each county will be measured by the same indicators, such as accidental injuries, heart disease, breast and cervical cancer, perussis, food-borne and waterborne outbreaks, pneumonia and flu deaths, HIV infection, tuberculosis, suicide, primary care and oral health.

In fact, health districts around the state will use the same measures, Juntenun said.

The county report outlines the problems and possible solutions. For example, the district last year started a program to provide free cervical-cancer screenings to low-income women.

The rate of heart disease deaths is high, but the district reports the number of Twin Falls County people who programs have educated about not smoking increased from 108 to 4,303 between 1995 and 1997. Tobacco use is a contributing factor to heart disease.

The county health reports are more comprehensive than previous ones, Juntenun said.

Too often the health district works at its job of promoting health without taking a strong backup, she added.

When it did take a step back on one issue - deaths from pneumonia and the flu - the department found levels for Twin Falls County were higher than the district, and the whole district's rate was, 30 percent higher than the state's. The result: the district instituted a program promoting flu shots for people in nursing homes.

Reports will be prepared for each county every three years because that will provide a clearer picture of trends than year-to-year data, she said.

The health reports not only will tell the district how it's doing but also can be used by other groups focusing on improving the region's health, such as Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition and the American Cancer Society, Juntenun said. "No one really was putting into one document the whole picture," she said.

FISHING FOR CONTROVERSY



Picabo rancher Nick Purdy, left, and Silver Creek Preserve Manager Paul Todd are waiting to find out whether Purdy can build fishing cabins on Silver Creek without going through Blaine County's subdivision process.

Silver creek cabin plan draws fire

Blaine County has 2 weeks to decide

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - A long-established rancher will know within two weeks whether he can build fishing cabins on the banks of Silver Creek, on land set aside for conservation.

That's Blaine County's deadline for deciding on the issue.

Picabo ranchers Nick and Bud Purdy, Nature Conservancy director Paul Todd, and attorney Ed Lawson Monday told county commissioners that they believe Purdy is entitled to build three 2,000-square-foot cabins on his land, and Blaine County planning administrator Deborah Vignes was wrong when she denied the request twice.

But Vignes stuck to her decision Monday, claiming the cabins needed a conditional use permit, or subdivision approval.

But Purdy maintains the cabins are intended for private recreation for fish-

ing and hunting, permitted uses in the agricultural zones, and don't require hearings or planning and zoning board approval.

But the big arguments at stake go beyond Monday's hearing, commission chair Len Harlig said Tuesday. There are major implications for the county's agricultural zones, troubled with legal battles and bans on all subdivision applications.

"The issues here are very important," Harlig said. "It has the potential to make a mockery out of our laws."

Please see CABIN, Page B3

Almo volunteer spearheads cleanup

By Kurt Friedemann Times-News writer

BURLEY - Sarah Wolchekski wants to clean up the Snake River stretch between Minidoka and Milner dams.

She calls it the Dam to Dam Cleanup and has begun asking questions and businesses along the river for any help they can give. She has spoken to the Burley and Rupert councils and will make her pitch to Heyburn council members tonight.

The idea came to the AmeriCorps volunteer while she was reading the American Outdoor magazine on the Internet. The magazine sponsors a national river cleanup week during May.

Now based at the City of Rocks, Wolchekski decided that through her public service in AmeriCorps she wanted to organize a cleanup along the Snake, but decided to hold the event June 6 because May might be too cold.



"I knew the river was here," she said. "And I thought this was something everybody could enjoy becoming involved in."

Almo AmeriCorps volunteer Sarah Wolchekski hopes to rally the Minidoka area around a June 6 'Dam to Dam' Snake River cleanup.

Burley City Councilman Gordon Hansen, Len Kuntz, Linda Peterson, Cliff Barbour, Gary Asson and Maier Peterson said she was involved because of her work with recreation.

"We want to establish a recreation Please see CLEANUP, Page B3

TF County zoning takes new shape

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - County planners have started refining the map that will determine some boundaries under a proposed zoning ordinance.

Areas shown only generally in the county's 1995 comprehensive land-use plan began taking on definition as the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission started drawing lines on the map this week.

The map of rural-residential zones was pared in some areas but increased in others, adding three sections - 1,920 acres - in the Gurly Crossin area, once jokingly dubbed "Curryropolis."

The result left the rural-residential zones totaling a little more than the estimated 20,000 acres of an earlier proposed zoning ordinance.

The commissioners also worked on the definition of a subdivision. Anything more than three lots would be considered a subdivision and would require paved roads and utilities in place before development, or in phases.

Work on the proposed ordinance will continue April 20, when the commission meets again.

Once the proposed ordinance is completed, it would be subject to a public hearing before being turned over to county commissioners, who may hold their own public hearings before enacting it.

Hospital explores offering services to local doctors

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will explore ways to secure a closer relationship with doctors.

Depending on what doctors need and want, that relationship could be buying their practices or managing their offices. The hospital board voted Monday evening to spend \$10,000 to assess the need among doctors for management services organizations (MSOs) that the hospital could develop.

The recommendation for such exploration came from the hospital's Medical Services Council, established to involve doctors in key operational, financial and political issues facing them and the hospital.

MSOs are considered one way to reduce operating costs and better coordinate services between physicians in private practice and the hospital, administrators said. Cutting costs is important for both because of increasing expenses and decreasing reimbursements from Medicaid and Medicare.

Under one form, an MSO can be a subsidiary of the hospital that buys and manages a physician practice. Doctors would pay the MSO for managing their offices - such as billing, office space and payroll - or MSOs could become employees. Or an MSO can be a joint venture of the hospital and doctors.

A consultant from VHA, a Texas- Please see HOSPITAL, Page B3



For more on AmeriCorps or the National River Clean-Up Week visit The Times-News Online at ...

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Gooding City Council hears police complaints

By Sharon Metzcal
Times-Herald correspondent

GOODING - Former mayoral candidate Doug Rasmussen had a list of complaints about police procedure at Monday's City Council meeting, saying he believes police discretion is governed by who initiates a call and what the call is about.

Rasmussen complained that a suspicious vehicle has been intermittently parking nights at West Park for the past eight months. Rasmussen said he believes the owner sleeps in the vehicle and said it departs at exactly 9 a.m. in the morning.

County and city officers responded to a neighbor's complaint about the vehicle being parked there last week but allowed the vehicle to remain

there overnight, he said. Although Rasmussen gave input to two of the officers at the scene, he said, he felt they should have returned to tell him what happened after they spoke to the vehicle's owner.

"It used to be the officers would follow up," Rasmussen said. "Now we don't know that there's a resolution."

Other complaints were that he called the police about a pickup at the old tuberculosis hospital with its lights on and wanted to know why the police aren't regularly patrolling all areas in town at night. Rasmussen says nothing has been done about complaints of speeding on Main Street, and animal control should be available to pick up dogs who eat cat food put out by senior-center patrons.

Mayor George Dains said, "Maybe we could hire you to do a little patrolling in your spare time."

Dains reviewed each complaint and actions that had been taken. He told Rasmussen that budgets limit the number of police available and animal control is a part-time service that has had its schedule manipulated to increase effectiveness.

Police Chief Paul Brown spoke up, saying, "As a former cop, I have never come to me to try to resolve the problem or lack of response."

In other Gooding city business: • Building Inspector Gary East reminded city officials that different codes need to be met when remodeling existing buildings. East said plans for a specific addition being approved by the state fire marshal and Division of

Building Safety does not mean the entire processing structure will start over.

As the county recently was advised in a remodeling venture, a code analysis should be done first on all projects.

• April 29, 41 has been named spring cleanup week.

• May is motorcycle safety awareness month.

City attorney Craig Hobbly will prepare an ordinance that will allow the city to lease the old Eskon school property to commercial for the council's return Thursday.

• City Superintendent Todd Burn received approval to order pipe for an additional 2,000 feet of sewer replacement.

Times-Herald correspondent Sharon Metzcal can be reached in Gooding at 734-2252.

Chenoweth rejects Dem's expenditure limit pledge

BOISE (AP) - Republican U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth on Tuesday rebuffed her Democratic challenger's call for both to reject independent advertising during this year's congressional race in Idaho's 1st House district.

Chenoweth called Dan Williams' challenge "probably disingenuous," and said it would violate the First Amendment free speech rights of people to support their candidate of their choice.

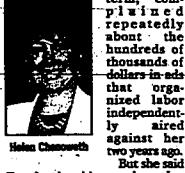
"While I was seriously disappointed in the last election because of the soft money that came in, I'll still fight for anybody's First Amendment rights," she said. "However, I believe that we should have full disclosure of anybody spending money trying to influence an election."

Williams, a Boise attorney who fell short (658) votes short of ousting Chenoweth in 1996, said he refused to sign the pledge he proposed last week "demonstrating that she will not seriously attempt to stop outside groups coming into Idaho. It's a cop-out."

He said the First Amendment has nothing to do with his proposal.

"We are not stopping any group from doing what they have the right to do," Williams said in a statement issued by his campaign office. "We would simply say to Chenoweth, if you try to help us, you're really hurting us."

Chenoweth, a three-term lawmaker who has been touring western and northern Idaho to kick off the campaign for what she has said would be her final



Helen Chenoweth

term, complained repeatedly about the hundreds of thousands of dollars in outside labor independently aired against her two years ago.

But she said Tuesday that this year she understands union leaders plan to send more than 300 people to Congressional districts around the country to organize grassroots campaigns rather than spending a lot on advertising.

"So for him to make that pledge knowing that he isn't going to get the kind of soft money that he got last time, I think rings a little bit hollow," Chenoweth said.

Williams said last week that some of his strategists believe organized labor's ads against Chenoweth cost him the 1996 race. So this time he proposed that both sign a pledge rejecting third-party ad expenditures and agreeing to immediately donate to charity the equivalent of any independent expenditures made on their behalf.

On Tuesday he said Chenoweth should have accepted the pledge "because it's right and not care about who might possibly benefit."

"It's obvious that she simply wants to posture and selectively complain about certain groups without doing anything about it."

Air Force relieves Fighter Wing commander

GLENN, Utah (AP) - The commander of the 388th Fighter Wing stationed at Hill Air Force Base has been relieved of his command because of the wing's faltering safety record in recent months, the Air Force said Tuesday.

Air Force Col. Ron Fry's command was terminated Monday by Lt. Gen. Sanford E. Terry Jr., commander of 12th Air Force, which supervises the 388th Fighter Wing.

Col. Fry was asked to step down because of the recent safety record of the 388th Fighter Wing," said Staff Sgt. James Rusli, spokesman for the fighter wing.

BLM reviews bids for big events

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) - The federal Bureau of Land Management said Tuesday it is moving ahead with reviews of bids to hold two big events - Burning Man and a land speed record attempt - on Nevada's Black Rock Desert.

Ron Wenker, manager of the BLM's sprawling Winnemucca District which includes the Black

Rock, said two staffers from the agency's main office in Reno will work on the Burning Man application, and a third staffer from his office in Winnemucca will work on racer Craig Breedlove's application.

Last week, Wenker said he faced staffing shortage had even gone outside Nevada looking for BLM employees who

could take on the application reviews. He also said he hadn't been calling the local advocates of the events said they thought they were getting a runaround.

"Processing doesn't guarantee that they'll get the permits," said Wenker. "We have to go through this to ensure that all the concerns can be mitigated as best we can."

Judge rejects request for delay in trial

SEATTLE (AP) - The lead investigator in the Wenatchee child sexing case wanted no less to decide he needed his own lawyer in a \$100-million civil rights lawsuit case, said District Judge Robert Pette Tuesday.

Spokane County Superior Court Judge Richard Donahue, who is presiding over the case, said Detective Michael Pette's firing suggested "outright malice" and appeared to be a last-minute attempt to delay the trial.

Pette, 47, was fired last week by the city and its police chief, a judge ruled Tuesday.

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SERVICES

Johanna Brown of Kimberly, gravestone service 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Frederick Miller of Jerome, 11 a.m. today at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Howard Olson of Albion, graveside service 11 a.m. today at the Albion City Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel).

Ruby Minehall of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., graveside

service at 2 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery in Buhl; Ron Wenker, manager of the BLM's sprawling Winnemucca District which includes the Black Rock, said two staffers from the agency's main office in Reno will work on the Burning Man application, and a third staffer from his office in Winnemucca will work on racer Craig Breedlove's application.

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Ruby MacMullen of Twin Falls, memorial service 3 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Hackett of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. April 18 at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

See - Witherspoon of Heyburn, memorial service at 11 a.m. April 18 at Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; graveside memorial service at 3 p.m. April 18 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Viola F. Bean
BUHL - Viola F. Bean, 76, of Buhl, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Leo F. Milton Capps
RICHFIELD - Leon M. Capps, 60, of Richfield, died Saturday, April 4, 1998, at the Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.
The funeral will be 2 p.m. Friday at the Richfield LDS Church. Burial will follow at the Richfield Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Shoshone Chapel.

Jeffrey P. Reinke
TWIN FALLS - Jeffrey Porter Reinke, infant son of Jeffrey and Deborah Reinke, was stillborn Monday, April 6, 1998, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Vern McNear of the Twin Falls Reformed Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Alva E. Jacques
THEROME - Alva E. Jacques, 87, of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Robert L. Quigley
RUPERT - Robert Lewis Quigley, 69, of Rupert, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at the Mindoka Memorial Hospital.
The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert 10th Ward LDS Church, with Bishop Mark Gerstner officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour before the service at the church.

James A. Bartles
JEROME - James A. (Jim) Bartles, 79, of Jerome, died Monday, April 6, 1998, at his home.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Sherry Fry of Buhl; J.L. Nicole Jensen of Shoshone and Ann Miesic of Twin Falls.

Released
Berry Clough and Beulah Williams, both of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Lila Davis and John Parke, both of Burley and Lila Teller of Oakley.

Released
Loriann Delgado, Joy Lynne Henson, Maria Uglade and Glenice Stevenson, all of Burley; Olga Britz of Paul; Edward McKim of Chubbuck; and Clair Sinclair, both of Heyburn and Lilia Teller of Oakley.

Births
Gerardo and Lilia Teller of Oakley and Drew and Lila Davis of Burley.

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OBITUARY

KIMBERLY
Ruth G. Griffith
Ruth Geraldine Hoacock Griffith, 82, of Twin Falls, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, April 7, 1998.
She was born March 2, 1916, in Hannibal, Mo., the daughter of Verne and Charlotte Hoacock. Ruth attended Martine Creek Grade School and Itasca High School in Hannibal. She graduated as valedictorian after three years of nursing school at Missouri Methodist Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo. For a short time, she worked in Coston, Iowa, before moving to Twin Falls in 1940 to work as a special duty

nurse. She worked in polo wards and then the maternity and OB-GYN wards until she retired. On March 11, 1940, Ruth married Lloyd Griffith in Eiko, Nev. Ruth was a 50-year member of the Order of Eastern Star, namely Magic Chapter 82, which merged with Chapter 29 and a member of the Reformed Church and the women's circle.
She is survived by her husband, Lloyd W. Griffith of Twin Falls; sons, the Rev. Don L. (Ginger) Griffith of Ravenna, Tex., Bruce (Becky) Griffith of Paul, L. E. (Eli) Griffith of Milton Freewater, Ore.; a daughter, Donna K. Griffith of Twin Falls; her two sisters, Irene Clark of Hannibal, Mo., and June

Yates of Fort Dodge, Iowa; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Delbert, and a grandson, Sean Griffin.
A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at Sunset Memorial Park with Pastor Brian Vriesman of the Twin Falls Reformed Church officiating. Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Order of Eastern Star, Twin Falls Chapter 29. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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Man in wig robs store at gunpoint

BURLEY - A police man armed with a pistol and wearing a long curly black wig robbed the gun store on the Rexford drug store shortly before 9 p.m. The robber was reported as saying, "This is a robbery, ma'am, and I want you to put all the guns in this bag..."

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Description of Robber 35-to-40-year-old male, 5 feet 8 inches tall, 135 to 150 pounds, thin, and of medium build. His suspect was wearing a long black wig and a black jacket. He was carrying a handgun in his belt.

Mini-Cassia transit service keeps on truckin', for now

BURLEY - The Mini-Cassia area's public bus service manager said the dropping block for now, but it remains in danger of being sold. The Idaho Transportation Department plans to fund one to each region based on passengers and mileage but rather on population - the same formula used by the federal government.

Trans IV Ridership Trans IV Buses reported 7,760 fares in the Mini-Cassia area in 1997 in the following categories: General public: 2,998; Handicapped passengers: 2,518; Elderly passengers: 2,244

Transportation commission votes on route for Legacy Highway

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The Great Transportation Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to accept the Department of Transportation's recommendation on a route for the Davis project on a route for the Legacy Highway.

The commission chose "alignment C," a route initially proposed by the cities of south Davis County. The department said it recommended the route because of strong public comment in its favor and its ability to draw a compromise between the logistical concerns of alignments A and B.

eral environmental activists and concerned citizens who urged the commission to put off choosing a route altogether. "It seems astounding that we haven't examined the possibilities of mass transit in more detail," said biologist Theron Miller.

Rupert City Council plans to expand area

RUPERT - Anticipating growth, the City Council plans to expand Rupert's boundaries. Council members agreed Tuesday night to meet with the Municipal Area Planning and Zoning Commission April 16 to discuss the proposed expansion and development.

Ridinger, R-Shoshone, a member of the House Transportation Committee. Rural public transportation is needed, he said. And while he said he isn't a supporter of a lot of taxes, subsidies are needed for rural routes.

Idahoans already pay \$8 in vehicle transfer fees and another \$2.50 each for the year on the House floor on a 38-30 vote. "That's been a tough deal, but it's the only way that we've been able to come up with to distribute funds," Falkner said.

Cabin

Others Monday discussed the implications of approving the request, and the messages it might send to other farm landowners, anxious to subdivide but frozen by a building moratorium.

3,400 acres tied to Silver Creek Nature Conservancy easements. Bud Purdy is the largest land contributor to the program, established in 1976. The Silver Creek Nature Conservancy consists of 8,400 acres of such easements.

Commissioner Mary Ann Min said the situation should be a "win-win" for everybody, and urged the board to come to a positive conclusion. She said moving a feedlot off Silver Creek was better for the area.

3 Utah students get perfect ACT scores

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Three Utah high school seniors are among the 27 nationwide to score perfect scores on the American College Test.

Group says Craig is biggest campaign finance beneficiary

BOISE (AP) - A research group says Idaho Republican Sen. Larry Craig was the biggest beneficiary of the campaign's large sum of special interests seeking to weaken the 1973 Endangered Species Act.

over the past nine years made to Idaho's senior senator, who has been criticized in recent years for his campaign he has run for his support of natural resource, development and extraction. Campaign finance disclosure reports filed with the Secretary of State's office showed that during the nine years in question, Craig raised nearly \$2.1 million in contributions from the special interest groups.

Cleanup

district and utilize much of the river, she said. "The cleaner the river the safer and more aesthetically pleasing it is."

done with boats, Wolchski said, because there is so much private property along the river banks. After a day's work pulling trash and other objects - including cars - from the waterway, a barbecue is planned for volunteers at River Front Park.

Wolchski is still a few hundred dollars short of her \$1,000 goal, she said, and hopes surrounding businesses will help out. The money will go toward T-shirts for all volunteers and the thank-you party in the park.

Judicial committee makes first pitch to public

BURLEY - The judicial facilities committee made its first pitch to the public Tuesday afternoon at the Burley Rotary Club's weekly meeting.

tion was well done. Westfall said a visual aid among the many displayed at the lunch meeting was most informative. The display broke down the almost \$4 million total issue into projected cost for the average homeowner. It said a \$70,000 home, minus a \$30,000 down payment, would translate into a yearly \$8.58 bond payment to build a new judicial building.

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Hospital

based hospital network of which Magic Valley Regional is a member, will make the assessment. For doctors who would use such services, there will be an on-site review of their practices. The doctors will be free to primary care - pediatricians, gynecologists, family practitioners, obstetricians and internal medicine physicians, said hospital administrator John Bingham.

cent of the hospitals reported MSO losses, some between \$50,000 to \$100,000 per doctor per year. Doctor compensation was the biggest reason for the loss. But only 15 percent reported dissatisfaction with the services, the perception being the positives will outweigh the negatives in the overall health-care picture.

The X-ray is used daily throughout the hospital, administrators said. The price includes a diagnostic VEA. The hospital's chief financial officer, Ken Fry, said hospital admissions between October and February were 10 percent over the normal VEA. The hospital's chief financial officer, Ken Fry, said hospital admissions between October and February were 10 percent over the normal VEA.

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I CAN'T HIT A LITTLE KID LIKE THAT...

TELL YOUR DOG TO BITE HIM...

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

YOUR DAD'S BEEN LIVING WITH YOU FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS NOW... AND THE KIDS' IT WORKING OUT?

OK, I THINK HE HAS HIS SAID TIMES, BUT HE'S COMING WELL... AND THE KIDS HAVE BRIGHTENED HIS SPIRITS

THEY GIVE HIM A NEW PERSPECTIVE?

THEY GIVE HIM A NEW AUDIENCE.

DURING THE WPT...

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YES YOU DO, AND YOU LOOK NICE IN THAT ONE

BUT THEY'RE ALL SO EXPENSIVE

WOULD YOU LIKE A BREAK IN THE TROUSERS

I'D LIKE A BREAK IN THE PRICE!

B.C. By Johnny Hart

AT WHAT POINT DO YOU THINK OVERSIZED CLUBS WILL BECOME IMPRACTICAL?

WHEN YOU'RE REQUIRED TO PUT A "WIDE LOAD" SIGN ON THE BACK OF YOUR GOLF CART.

Pickles By Brian Crane

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT GENATOR JOHN GLENN GOING BACK INTO SPACE?

YEAH, IT'S AMAZING. THE MAN'S SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS OLD

JUST GOES TO SHOW YOU, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR TODAY'S SENIORS

RIGHT ON!

I JUST WANT TO START CHANGING THE CHANNEL WITHOUT THE REMOTE

Garfield By Jim Davis

OH NO!

I'M USING THE CAT BRUSH!

GEE, I DON'T WELL WHEN I USE HIS TOOTHBRUSH

Denise the Menace By Hank Ketcham

SALE

"EASTERS! I THOUGHT WE JUST WORE COSTUMES ON HALLOWEEN!"

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

"Is that station AM or PM?"

Hi and Lola By Chante Browne

HOW DO ALL THE LITTLE PLANTS KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO START GROWING AGAIN?

I BET SUNBEAM HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

AM I ALLOWED TO DRINK WITH THIS PRESCRIPTION?

SURE

GREAT!... WHAT CAN I DRINK?

ANYTHING BUT BOOZE

SLAM!

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WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Five out of every six muscians on a goose control its feathers.

Researchers at London University Hospital say their studies indicate the more frequently a young couple make unproctored love, the more likely the pair will have a boy. But not all the experienced population bugs that notion.

"Beware of good people who try to take care of everybody." That's Item No. 463 in our Love and War man's file of Advice to the Young in Search of Matrimonial Partners. "Universal caretakers," it reads, "tend to gather up the troubles of others, and hand them to their own partners."

Of the Wild West's Calamity Jane, she wrote: "She swore, she drank, she wore men's clothing. She was half a century ahead of her time."

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF APRIL 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have forceful nature. When pressure is on, you are up to it; you possess accuracy. The presence of an unusually colorful element of surprise, timing, Capricorn. Cancer-born persons play significant roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in name: H, Q, Z. You are an original, independent thinker, possessor of creative, dynamic and often controversial. May your most profound success mount in 1998.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Dinner date late, possibly postponed. Little things need fixing; there's a screw-loose somewhere. You'll be buried for expenses, but that check, too, will be late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): People respond to you in enthusiastic yet restrained manner. Focuses surreal sensuality, glamour, intrigue. Special member of opposite sex elated. "There's no one else out there like you."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emphasis revolves around lifestyle, residence, necessity for house-leaving. Important value, relates to employment, basic issues, possibility of future romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Information leaks to you by former adversary. You might sigh, "More than I care to know." Disappointment temporary, you'll soon be on top of game. Theatrical performance figures prominently.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take initiative, trust judgment, intuition. Project will be completed, you'll get credit due. Special person returns from journey, love relationship heated. Aries plays top role.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on enlightenment, solution to puzzle, reunion with individual who was confined to home, hospital. Don't follow others - imprint style, make fresh start in new location, you're ready to begin.

SCORPIO (Nov. 21-21): Some people claim "I've met you before in another city." Even if assumption is wrong, recent acquaintance, and I soon will remember! This could be the start of a new romance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Declare true with individual who has wrong impression of you. Attend to gathering, share political views with alert Gemini. Be up to date on international news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Lunar position emphasizes creativity, style, sex appeal. Plans for journey, romance. Romance blends with business. Schedule rewritten, will work to your advantage.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be analytical, make inquiries, don't be embarrassed about chemistry. Learn more about financial status of one who would be partner. Be positive concerning requirements.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be asking, "What have I let into my home?" Plan for ideas, elaborate into foolish argument. Forewarned is forearmed. Trust guest as guest, and not as god. Taurus involved.

Nagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

IS THIS THE CASTLE OF SIR EDWARD HILTON FAINSWORTH IV?

YES

WHO IS IT EDWARD?

JUST ANOTHER SOCIAL CLIMBER, DEAR

ACROSS

- Israeli dance
- Currency of Spain
- Can opener?
- Big geese
- Doing the same old same old
- Female sheep
- Sirius
- Weaver's kin
- Blepharic's cat
- Scottish hula
- Quality of lust
- Chimney
- Balmyer Tatu
- Preventive
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- Participle
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- Massachusetts
- Nurses
- Annual holiday
- Ice Shelf
- Replace a
- Amos and
- author
- Poppy mass
- Depended on
- Alvin Karpis
- Ernie
- White memory
- Bronx Canyon's state
- Source of dner
- Heretic
- Insane wonder
- Magpie of baseball
- Lymphoid organ
- Winding device
- Cravings
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DOWN

- Stop with soap of horse
- Place the engine
- "I, Robot" author
- Component
- Game piece
- Vein to mine
- feature, maybe
- Night light
- One-one
- heart-to-heart
- Insane wonder
- Patrol Franklin
- City near
- Castabaco
- Talks to gods
- Great liver
- connections
- Suffering man
- Gives off
- Wound periods
- Onion
- Assured by
- Onion
- Military rank
- Philosopher
- Kierkegaard
- Locking a solution
- Golfers wacky
- Sudden gush
- Almond
- casualty
- Grow less
- Philosopher
- Fork in the road

Seethe Bailey By Mort Walker

DON'T LET LT. FUZZ HAVE ANY MORE

WHY NOT?

WHEN HE DRINKS COFFEE IT MAKES THE REST OF US JUMPY.

YATTA YATTA YATTA

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YATTA YATTA YATTA

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

PERSONALLY, I NEVER GOT INTO THIS WHOLE EARRING CRAZE.

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

STOP PRETENDING YOUR FEELINGS ARE HURT!

I AM NOT PRETENDING!

OH, STOP ACTING SO STUPID!

I AM NOT ACTING!

Hundreds blast, praise measure

Rude to teacher? Mom, dad could get the boot

Indians gather to discuss American Indian sovereignty

TUKWILA, Wash. (AP) — American Indians pounded drums and chanted. Others sang the Star Spangled Banner in an attempt to drown them out as hundreds of people jammed a banquet hall here Tuesday to argue about Indian sovereignty.

The U.S. Senate committee hearing on a measure to strip Indian tribes of immunity to lawsuits drew Indian foes from Washington and several other Western states. Among them were the Southern Utes of Colorado, the Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana, the Pueblos of New Mexico and the Umpuquas of Oregon.

They stood and sat next to scores of non-Indians who back the legislation.

Sponsored by Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., the bill would subject tribes to a variety of lawsuits, including actions by states to force the collection of taxes and lawsuits by people who think they've been harmed by tribal governments or businesses.

Feelings ran high among the hundreds of people who crowded into a large banquet hall at the Doubletree hotel in this suburb

Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., right, gets a message during a hearing Tuesday in Tukwila, Wash., on a proposal to strip American Indian tribes of their sovereign immunity to lawsuits.

of Seattle. Backers of the bill would place placards, sang and recited the Pledge of Allegiance as Indians beat drums and chanted. An adjacent room was opened and a portable wall removed so more people could stand and listen.

The crowd calmed down after

Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, R-Colo., chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, warned that he would end the hearing if Senate decorum wasn't followed.

Opponents, who also included former Republican governor and U.S. Sen. Dan Evans, of Seattle,

called the proposal an attack on the nation's Indian tribes to operate as sovereign nations as guaranteed by treaties with the United States.

They argued that if tribes were subject to federal lawsuits, they could suffer financial ruin because resources would be tied up.



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NOTA DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE LA RECAUDACION SUPLEMENTAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR DE MINOQUA, CASSIA, LINCOLN Y JEROME

El Aviso publico sea por la presente según la ley; y la acción necesaria de la Plaza de los Fideicomisarios de distrito escolar Conjuntio No. 331, Minoqua, Cassia, Jerome, Lincoln y Jerome, que una elección especial de recaudación suplemental tendrá lugar adobe el día 28 de Abril, 1998, para el propósito de ser poner a los electores calificados de Distrito Escolar de Minoqua, Cassia, Jerome, Lincoln y Jerome, una elección especial de recaudación suplemental.

Las votaciones estarán abiertas desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta 6:00 p.m. en las ubicaciones siguientes:

Escuela Acaquela Elemental, 20504 4th Calle, Rupert, Idaho
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Escuela Memorial Elemental, 100 & D de Cayle, Rupert, Idaho
Escuela West Minico Jr. High, 800 Oeste 150 Sur, Paul, Idaho
Escuela Minilo de preparatoria, 300 Carverra 25; Rupert, Idaho
Escuela, residencia, 120 Norte 500 Oeste, Rupert, Idaho (Condado de Cassia)
John Ottomson, residencia, 1450 Oeste 360 Sur, Paul, Idaho
Ron Jones, residencia, 1105 Norte 500 Oeste, Paul, Idaho

Un elector debe ser un votante registrado quien ha redicado en este estado y en este distrito escolar por al menos treinta (30) días que preceden la elección. La propuesta sometida sera:

BALOTA OFICIAL DE VOTACION PARA AUTORIZAR Y FACULTAR LA PLACA DE FIDELCOMISARIOS DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR CONJUNTIO DE MINOQUA, CASSIA, JEROME & LINCOLN Y DISTRITO DE ADOBE, A UNA RECAUDACION SUPPLEMENTAL.

Pregunta:

“La Plaza de Fideicomisarios de distrito escolar Conjuntio #331, Minoqua, Cassia, Jerome y Lincoln de Condado de Idaho, ser autorizada y facultado para imponer una recaudación suplemental, como permitida por la ley, por la suma de \$928,000.00, novecientos veintio ocho mil y doscientos, al año, a objeto de pagar de todos los gastos locales de mantener y operar las escuelas del distrito por años fiscales iniciado de Julio 1, 1998 y de conclusion Julio 30, 2000.”

Comente:

Para la recaudación suplemental de \$928,000.00 No. El votante puede expresar su voto haciendo un “X” oponente la palabra sobre su balota de votación cual expresa su elección.

Los electores calificados quien esperen estar ausente desde el Distrito sobre Abril 28, 1998, o quien seran incapaces, a causa de la ceguera o incapacitación física, para ir al encuestado legal, puede votar por el voto en ausencia. La aplicación especial para el voto en ausencia debe hacerse al Secretario de la Plaza de Fideicomisarios sobre una forma hecho disponible al Condado de Minoqua en la oficina conjunta del distrito escolar, 833 Avenida Fremont, en Rupert, Idaho del lunes mediano hasta el Viernes desde 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. La lista de votantes debe hacerse a mas tardar de 5:00 p.m., Abril 27, 1998. Los electores que aplican en la persona observen sus balotas de votación comenzando el día primero de Abril, 1998. Los electores que aplican por correo deborfan un someter sus pedidos lo antes posible. El voto en ausencia debe recibirse por el Dependiente a mas tardar 8:00 p.m. sobre el día de elección.

Por orden de la Junta de directores La/Arula Boil, Electora

PUBLISHED: April 8, 15 and 22, 1998

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF LAND TO THE AMERICAN FALLS RESERVIOR

DISTRICT NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a petition was filed in writing with the Board of Directors of the American Falls Reservoir District on the 9th day of February, 1998, for the annexation of adjacent lands.

Noticse: Katy Murphy (115); The Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW NE); and The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW NE)

Number of Acres: 160.0

Acres Total: Township Eleven South (11S), Range Thirteen East (13E) 80.0 Acres in Section Three (3); Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW SW); and the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW SE) 80.0 Acres in Section Ten (10); The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW NE); and The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW NE)

Notice is hereby further given to all persons interested in, or that may be affected by such change of boundaries of the American Falls Reservoir District, to appear at the office of the Board of Directors of the American Falls Reservoir District, in Jerome, Idaho, on the 12th day of April, 1998, at 10:00 clock AM, and show cause in writing, if any, why the lands mentioned should not be annexed to the American Falls Reservoir District.

Dated the 9th day of February, 1998.

Paul M. Mink, Secretary American Falls Reservoir District

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Noticse: Sharon Leason Address: 22003 Hwy 30 Burli, ID 83316

Number of Acres: Total 120.0 Acres in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW SW); and 40.0 Acres in the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE NW)

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NOTICE

Qualified electors interested in running for the Board of Directors of the Castleford Jr. High School District #417, may pick up a petition at the Castleford District office between 8:00 A.M. to 4 P.M. Zone 3 is open for 3 year terms. Petitions must be completed and returned no later than April 17, 1998 at 4:00 P.M.

Brenda Thornton Clerk/Treasurer Castleford Jr. School District #417 2003 Main Street, ID 83321

Posted: March 13, 1998 PUBLISHED: Wednesday, April 8, 1998

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Among other things, they would like it if he said ‘dude’ less often than the average skateboarder.”

— Phil Rogers writes in the Chicago Tribune that older Arizona Diamondback players are trying to get promising rookie Travis Lee to grow up

Baseball auction preserves program

By Francis Davis
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Baseball Association will hold its annual dinner and auction at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Turf Club.

This year's event is the main fund-raiser for the American Legion baseball program and it hopes to raise between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

“The community really helps us a lot,” said Mike Federico, manager of the baseball association. “Without this auction, I don't know if we would have a program or not.”

Among the items to be auctioned are a spa, a satellite system, a Harley ride to Ketchum, aurgeon fishing trip, and two days and three nights at a Sun Valley condo.

Something new this year at the dinner

American Legion baseball auction
Where: Turf Club
When: Thursday
Time: 6 p.m.

and auction will be the first inductions to the Twin Falls American Legion Hall of Fame. The inductees are Bob Ellis and

Directors and we got it done,” said Quessnell. “Just offhand, I can think of 10 or 15 people who deserve it.”

Federico said there is no specific criteria set up to determine who is eligible for induction.

“We just want to honor people in our community who have been a part of American Legion baseball. We want to give back to a community that has given so much,” Federico said.

Quessnell added that the Hall of Fame will not just honor American Legion supporters, but also those who support baseball in general in the Magic Valley.

“We want to honor those who have done a lot for baseball - from tee-ball club through to CSI,” Quessnell said.

Sports writer Francis Davis can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 229.

CSI's 12-10

win-tunes-up pitching staff

By Daman Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The College of Southern Idaho baseball team let its fielders take a rest on Monday. On Tuesday, the pitchers thought it was their turn.

Five of the six pitchers CSI used in its 12-10 win over Prairie Baseball Academy knew they were pitching one inning each for mere practice before the conference season resumes this weekend. The five pitchers gave seven hits, three walks and three hit batsmen.

“Those are the guys that are going to throw the week-end for us,” said assistant coach Boomer Walker, referring to the upcoming four-game series in Coeur d'Alene with North Idaho College. “The guys in and didn't look sharp at all.”

After Toby Dart gave up four unearned runs over the first four innings, Matt MacLeod, Nick Stelmzer, Justin Nakaishi, Cameron Reimers and Josh Gold pitched an inning each in relief.

It was fitting that Stelmzer received his first win of the season. The Nampa sophomore faced the fewest batters (four) and had the most strikeouts (two) of any of the Golden Eagle one-inning wonders.

“They had the wrong attitude and made it a long day for us,” Walker said of the pitchers.

A two-out error from shortstop Mike Gillies led to a two-run homer by Prairie Dawg slugger Brad Maloff in the first inning. The visitors from Lethbridge, Alberta took advantage of another Gillies error to lead off the game in the next inning and padded their lead to 4-0.

“The Golden Eagles were without the play of regular leadoff Gage Grant (back injury) and right fielder Adam Manley (shoulder injury), who may return to the lineup as soon as this weekend.”

“Those are two pretty big components of our lineup,” Walker said. “Gage is our catalyst. We seem out of sync when he's not in there. He doesn't say much, but he gets our team going.”

Instead of Grant in the leadoff role, the Eagles went with Graig Merritt, who took a break from his catching duties to act as designated hitter for a day. Merritt got the team going in the bottom of the third, walking and scoring the first of four CSI runs.

Merritt scored from first when Prairie right fielder Allan Cantwell bobbled the first of James MacLeod's three double plays. Cantwell was hit by a single and came in on Nick Gretz's ninth home run of the season.

Close Gage CSI's first lead in the next inning, doubling and clearing from second. Chris Mandershand's pick-off attempt sailed into center field.

MacLeod, the first of the Golden Eagle relievers, allowed three soft base hits and two runs in the inning as Prairie regained a one-run lead.

The Golden Eagles outscored their guests 7-1 over the next two innings. Five of the runs and four RBI's came from the first three batters in the lineup, who went a combined 6-for-6 in that span. Dan Ratliffe, who entered the contest in the sixth inning and had the game's only triple in the seventh, scored the other two.

Gold, who holds the team's second-lowest ERA at 3.21, ran into trouble in his inning. After getting No. 9 batter Kurtis Hoidal to ground out, Gold hit Denis Puskar on a bunt. Chris Moreside. He then finished Cantwell's ground ball for the second out, but Puskar crossed the plate to cut CSI's lead to one. Moreside's double to Moreside and later scored on a passed ball before Gold struck out designated hitter Jon Boruch to end the game.

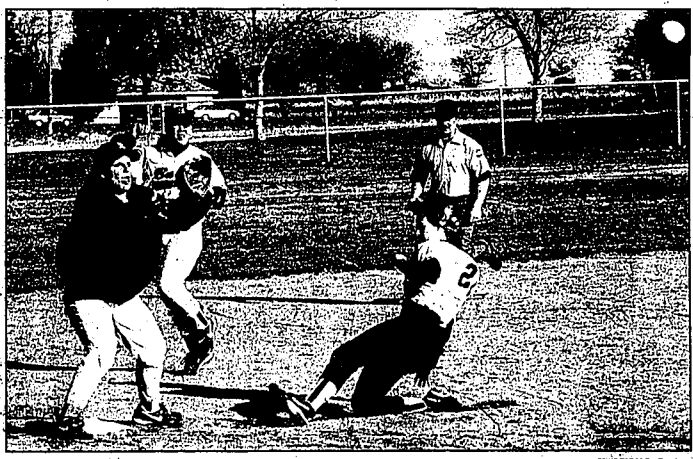
CSI is 7-1 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, and leaves Thursday for the series with the second-place Cardinals (4-4).

“It's going to come down to pitching,” CSI coach Skip Walker said.

“You can't expect these guys' freshmen any more,” the coach continued. “Reimers, Gold, (Craig) Mosher—they've had about 10, 12 outings each. That's a season for some guys. This is the time of year where you need to go get good back-to-back-to-back-to-back outings.”

CSI 12-10 (10-12) vs. Prairie Baseball Academy (10-11) at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Tuesday, April 7. CSI: Matt MacLeod (1), Nick Stelmzer (1), Justin Nakaishi (1), Cameron Reimers (1), Josh Gold (1). Prairie: Brad Maloff (1), Mike Cantwell (1), Allan Cantwell (1), James MacLeod (1), Chris Mandershand (1), Graig Merritt (1), Dan Ratliffe (1), Denis Puskar (1), Kurtis Hoidal (1), Chris Moreside (1), Jon Boruch (1).

HIT THE DIRT



Wendell's Bethany Muffey slides under the tag of Buhl third baseman Raemil Hudson during a non-conference game on Tuesday. The Trojans won the game 22-18.

Wendell takes a pair

Trojans' softball team sweeps Buhl varsity, JV

By John Derr
Times-News writer

BUHL—After some confusion about who would be playing, the Wendell Trojans swept a pair of non-conference softball games against the Buhl Indians junior varsity and varsity teams Tuesday afternoon.

The Trojans topped the Buhl junior varsity 14-4 in the first game, then outlasted the Indians varsity 22-18 in a 2 1/2-hour marathon where the errors and walks outnumbered the hits.

Buhl expected to play both junior varsity and varsity games, only to find out late in the afternoon that the Trojans didn't have a junior varsity team.

Wendell entered the game planning to play Buhl's junior varsity. The teams decided in the end to split the games.

Wendell's Cathy Fleming allowed five hits and gave up just four walks in the first game to claim the victory in her first outing on the mound.

“I felt pretty good for my first game pitching,” said Fleming, a freshman who added a pair of hits and scored three times. “It gave me a lot of confidence.”

The Trojans jumped to the early lead as Fleming singled in a pair of runs in the second inning for a 6-2 advantage.

Wendell increased the lead to eight in the fifth as Jan Belasquez doubled home a run and Mandi Peterson singled and scored.

Both teams played solid in the field with just a few errors. The third basemen for both teams, Britney Eckles for Wendell and Mandi Davis for Buhl, played well.

Buhl threatened in the late innings, loading the bases in the fifth, but couldn't get anyone across the plate.

The Indians stranded seven runners in the game.

Belasquez paced the Trojans offense going 3-for-4 and scoring twice.

While the first game was played well, the teams struggled in the second as the wind chill dropped considerably.

The teams combined for eight runs in the game.

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school baseball: Twin Falls at Buhl (2), 4:30 p.m.; Minon at Pocatello, 4:30 p.m.
- High school softball: Blackfoot at Burley, 4 p.m.; Minon at Pocatello, 4:45 p.m.
- High school golf: Twin Falls, Burley, Minon, at Pocatello Riverside, 11:30 a.m.
- High school tennis: Idaho Falls at Twin Falls, 3:30 p.m.
- High school track: Minon, Bonneville, Blackfoot, at Bonneville, 3:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Best-ball scramble set for today at Muni

TWIN FALLS—There will be a women's best ball scramble for members of the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Association today.

The entry fee is \$20 per team. Players need to sign up by 5:30. The shotgun start is at 6 p.m.

For more information call the pro shop at 733-3326.

Poe cards hole-in-one on 15 at Blue Lakes C.C.

TWIN FALLS—Bradley Poe hit a hole-in-one on the 15th hole at Blue Lakes Country Club.

Poe used a 7-iron on the 145-yard, 15th hole. Witnesses included Tim Thompson and Aaron Thompson.

Deadline nears for Cove Best Ball golf tournament

TWIN FALLS—Registration deadline is nearing for the Cove Best Ball golf tournament at Twin Falls Municipal.

Entries need to be in by today for the tournament slated for Saturday and Sunday.

There will be \$3,000 added money in the Cove. There are divisions for men and women. Gross and net playoff in championship flights only. All other flights will have net only playoff.

The entry fee is \$110 per team. Maximum spread in handicap is six for men and 10 for women. The maximum handicap for men is 30 and for women is 40. No temporary handicaps will be accepted.

There will be a barbecue Saturday for all contestants. Guests can come for \$10. On Friday, there will be a special dinner and drink specials at the Cove.

For more information call Mike Hamblin at 733-3326.

High school rodeo season begins this weekend

TWIN FALLS—The 1998 high school rodeo season gets underway at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the CSI Expo Center.

District 5 will go head to head with District 6 in two big performances. Tickets are \$5 at the gate with children under five getting in free.

Greene cards ace at Candleridge's No. 8 hole

TWIN FALLS—Bill Greene carded a hole-in-one Sunday at Candleridge Golf Course during the men's golf association opening scramble.

Greene accomplished the feat with an 8-iron on the 130-yard, eighth hole.

Witnesses included Eric Hovey, Mike Blazman and Scott Miller.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

FORE!



Jack Nighthaus, who was honored for his six Masters wins Tuesday at Augusta, chips between two trees during a practice round. See Page D4 for preview information.

Pleasant links favor Dawgs

By Matt Pempser
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY—The sun shines on every dog from time to time... and Tuesday it shined on the Bulldogs in A-3 golf competition at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

Kimberly took first place in both boys' and girls' team play, by beating Murtaugh, Valley, Deelo, Shoshone and Oakley.

Three Bulldogs, Derrick Stark, Nick Powers and Rick Meado, shot 77s on their home course to pull their team ahead of the pack. Four Kimberly golfers finished in the top five to solidify the win.

The Kimberly boys' team beat the next closest team, Murtaugh, by 21 strokes and finished more than 100 strokes ahead of the last-place team.

But Bulldog coach Brian Willford was especially pleased with the advantage his team took over the Red Devils.

“We beat them by one in the first tournament and by three in the second,” Willford said. “Winning by 21 this time puts me a little more at ease.”

The Bulldogs girls also finished with four players in the top five, but managed to win more decidedly than the boys.

Kimberly finished 141 strokes ahead of the second-place team.

“I'm tickled,” Willford said. “That's

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probably the best we've shot... even.”

But the day didn't go entirely to Dawgs.

Murtaugh took the individual first-place medals home in both the boys' and girls' categories.

Turns out, Pleasant Valley is also the Red Devils' home course.

Murtaugh's Brady Stanger and Reagan Widmier took home individual honors. Stanger finished two strokes ahead of Valley's Jake Astorquia and three strokes ahead of a trio of Bulldogs with a 74.

Widmier had four strokes on her nearest competition, finishing with a 95.

The Bulldogs boys hit the links again on Friday at the Jerome Invitational, while the girls play at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

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SPORTS

SCORES AND STATS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

HOCKEY

NHL standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, GF, GA, Pts, and various statistics.

AL BOX SCORES

Box scores for AL games including Tampa Bay vs Boston, Cleveland vs Detroit, and others.

AL STANDINGS

AL Standings table showing team records, games in hand, and divisional standings.

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NL Standings table showing team records, games in hand, and divisional standings.

BASKETBALL

NBA standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct, and various statistics.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

College basketball standings for various conferences like Big Ten, SEC, etc.

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Table listing TV and radio broadcasts for baseball games.

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By Steve Moore. A column providing commentary on baseball games.

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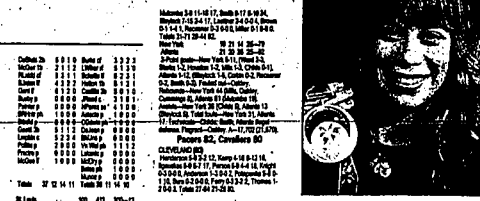
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Tara Lipinski Turns pro at 15

Lipinski decides to go pro

Article about Tara Lipinski's decision to turn professional and her Olympic aspirations.

TRANSACTIONS

Section detailing player transactions, trades, and signings.

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Ndiaye wants to put slur behind him

Article about Ndiaye's desire to move on from a slur and his current situation.

2002 Games get boost

Article about the boost in commercial advertising for the 2002 Winter Olympics.

Trojans

Article about the Trojans baseball team's performance and prospects.

SPORTS

Kimberly boys, Murtaugh girls win Glens Ferry track meet

The Times-News
The Kimberly boys' track team took three of the four relay events on its way to the Glens Ferry Rural Telephone Invitational track meet title Tuesday.

On the girls' side, Murtaugh ran away with the championship. Glens Ferry took 23A, 23B and 23C. Kimberly took 23D, 23E and 23F. Murtaugh took 23G, 23H and 23I. Kimberly took 23J, 23K and 23L. Murtaugh took 23M, 23N and 23O. Kimberly took 23P, 23Q and 23R. Murtaugh took 23S, 23T and 23U. Kimberly took 23V, 23W and 23X. Murtaugh took 23Y, 23Z and 23AA.

High school sports
rescheduled game today against Pocatello at 4:30 p.m.
Glens Ferry 11, Jerome 11
Jerome 7, Glens Ferry 6

Tennis
Jerome 10, Gooding 2
GOODING - The Jerome tennis team came out of spring break fired up and ready to get defeating Gooding 10-2 Tuesday afternoon.

Baseball
Minico 11, Pocatello 2
POCATELLO - Pocatello took an early lead in the first inning of a Region III baseball game against Minico, but the Spartans were able to come back and throttle the Indians 11-2.

Golf
Minico places fourth in Caldwell tourney
CALDWELL - The Minico girls' golf team finished in fourth place and Jerome placed seventh competing against six other teams in the Caldwell Invitational Girls Tournament Tuesday night.

Jordan's 30, Rodman's 20 lift Bulls
CHICAGO (AP) - Michael Jordan scored 30 points and Dennis Rodman had 20 rebounds as the Chicago Bulls won their 13th straight game Tuesday night, beating Washington 103-85 and damaging the Wizards' playoff chances.

Timberwolves 92, Heat 89
MINNEAPOLIS - Alonzo Mourning scored 28 points in his return from a fractured cheekbone, but his injury kept him out of the last two games, Mourning did break away from contact during a physical game.

Pacers 82, Cavaliers 80
INDIANAPOLIS - Reggie Miller breaks a tie on a 22-foot jumper with 8.8 seconds left, and Indiana beat Cleveland in a game in which Shawn Kemp was knocked unconscious.

Traill Blazers 99, Mavericks 91
DALLAS - Isaiah Rider scored 19 of his 26 points in the first half and Portland overcame Shawn Bradley's triple-double to control the game through the first half.

Rockets 104, Nuggets 87
DENVER - Clyde Drexler moved past Patrick Ewing into 17th place on the NBA's career scoring list as the Houston Rockets ended their longest losing streak in two years with a win over Denver.

Orioles soar to 6th straight win

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Eric Carter drove in four runs, and Joe Davis and Lenny Webster homered as Baltimore won its sixth straight, beating Kansas City 11-7 Tuesday in the Royals' home opener.

Roberto Alomar had four hits as the Orioles improved to 6-1 for the fourth time ever. Their only loss was 4-1 to the Royals on opening day. Scott Erickson (2-0) allowed five runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings. Glendon Ruff (0-2) gave up six runs and 10 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Tigers 3, Devil Rays 1
DETROIT - Detroit ended a five-game losing streak as Brian Hunter tripled and hit an RBI single. Tampa Bay, 2 through its first six games, was attempting to become just the third expansion team to start 5-2.

Byrce Flores (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings, and Todd Jones got three straight outs for his first save.

Rolando Arroyo (1-1), a Cuban defector beat the Tigers in his major league debut last week - Tampa Bay's first win - allowed all three runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings.

Twins 12, Blue Jays 2
MINNEAPOLIS - Four-time Cy Young winner Roger Clemens left after just seven pitches because of a strained right groin, and the Minnesota Twins took advantage of his absence to rout the Toronto Blue Jays.

Clemens (1-1) wound up as the losing pitcher in the shortest start of his career. His strain was described as mild by the Blue Jays, and his status was listed as day-to-day.

Clemens, who went 21-7 with a 2.05 ERA and a league-leading 292 strikeouts last season as the AL's top pitcher, hurt himself while warming up in the bullpen.

Bob Tewksbury (1-1) gave up one run and two hits with no walks in seven innings. He retired his final 18 batters.



San Francisco's J.T. Snow dives for home plate to the score the game-winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning as Astros catcher Tony Eusebio awaits a late throw Tuesday at 3Com Park.

Brewers drop winless Expos

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Jeremy Bonamichi and Jose Valentin homered and the Brewers won their sixth straight, beating the winless Montreal Expos 6-4 in the return of National League baseball to Milwaukee after a 33-year absence.

The Expos fell to 0-7, extending their worst start in their 30-year history. It was the first NL game in Milwaukee since Sept. 22, 1965, when the Braves lost to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 11 innings.

The Brewers, who moved from Seattle to Milwaukee before the 1970 season, switched to the NL this year and started with a 5-1 road trip.

Scott Karl (1-0) gave up two earned runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings and Doug Jones pitched a hitless ninth in his third save. Dustin Hermanson (0-1) gave up four runs and six hits in five innings.

Dodgers 9, Diamondbacks 1
LOS ANGELES - With the Dodgers playing before new owner Rupert Murdoch for the first time, Eric Young hit a two-out, two-run double as Los Angeles broke out of a game with a five-run fourth inning.

Arizona State hires Rob Evans
TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - Rob Evans, who paid his dues during 24 years as an assistant and then oversaw a huge turnaround at Mississippi, was hired Tuesday as Arizona State's new baseball coach.

Mets 3, Cubs 2
CHICAGO - Al Leiter hit a two-run double for his first extra-base hit in 122 career at-bats and got his first victory for New York.

In a game interrupted for 154 because of rain, he also stopped Chicago's six-game winning streak. Leiter (1-1), a 106 career pitcher, was traded to the Mets by Florida as part of the Marlins' payroll purge following the World Series.

John Franco got three outs for his first save. Jeremi Gonzalez (0-1) gave up all three runs in six innings.

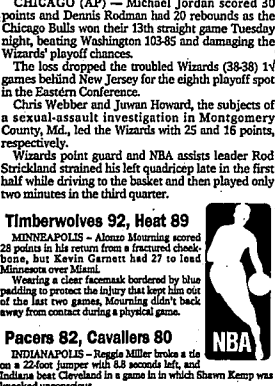
Cardinals 12, Rockies 11
DENVER - Tom Lampkin homered and drove in four runs, and St. Louis had nine extra-base hits with a groundout and sacrifice fly.

Cliff Politte (1-0), making his second major league start, allowed five runs - six earned - and five hits in 5 2/3 innings, and Kent Bottenfield pitched the ninth for his second save.

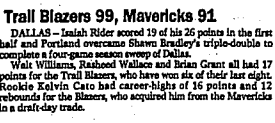
Phillies 9, Marlins 3
PHILADELPHIA - Doug Glavine hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning and the Philadelphia Phillies won their home opener, sending Florida to its seventh straight loss.

The Phillies led 8-4 in the fifth inning, but rallied to drop the World Series champion Marlins to 1-7. Derrick Lee hit a grand slam and drove in five runs for Florida.

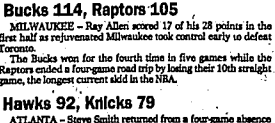
Evans will be paid about \$450,000 this season. That's what Mississippi paid him, and three-quarters of what Bill Frieder was making before he resigned last September in the face of a federal point-shaving investigation involving two of his former players.



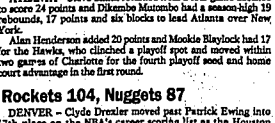
Houston center Hakeem O'Jaiun, right, hauls down a rebound in front of Denver's Sean Barnett during NBA action Tuesday at McNichols Sports Arena.



Wizards may face charges
WASHINGTON (AP) - Washington's general manager Wes Unseld bristled with anger over another off-court distraction. The two most highly paid, high-profile players, Allan Howard and Chris Webber, are the subjects of a scandalous sex scandal.



Howard and Webber "were in attendance at the party, and they were involved in it," said "But by what degree their involvement is whether they were the assaulter, we don't have a clear picture of it."



Police have searched both players' houses and now want to question Howard and Webber, who were scheduled to return to the Washington area early Wednesday following Tuesday night's Wizards-Bulls game in Chicago.

SPORTS

Last year's performance stunned Tiger

AUGUSTA, Ga. - The child curled in his bed searching for sleep would never dare to dream it, mostly because it is so improbable, mostly because it would be so fun. When the child imagines being a hero, it is always the shot at the buzzer, the home run in the bottom of the ninth or the putt on the final green.

COMMENTARY Ron Sirak

It is never winning by 12 strokes. Not even Tiger Woods ever dreamed of a performance like the one he put on last year in the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club. "I never thought I would have the lead like I did," Woods said after his heart-thumping win in the 18th green last April to become the first black man to put on the green jacket of the Masters champion.

"You envision dueling it out with Faldo, or Nicklaus or Watson, someone who is always tough to beat down the stretch, or birdieing 16, 17 and 18 to get into a playoff," Woods said. "But never in the fashion I did. That's something you never dream of. It's kind of nice that it became a reality."

What Woods did in the 1997 Masters was beyond his wildest dreams. Think of it, just think of it. A record 12-hole under par. The youngest person ever to win the Masters. The first person of color to win a major championship.

"Good looking, intelligent, dynamic. No one in Hollywood would buy that type of player," says a friend. "This is just part of the enormous burden Woods carries into this Masters. Not only is he expected to win, he is expected to win big, especially by this large group of new fans he brought to the sport for the first time last year. Woods has set the impossible as his standard."

"When he entered the interview room at Augusta for the first time since his victory last year. "Can I better it?" he asked. "I would like to," he said. He played the final 63 holes 22 under par after opening with a 40 on the first nine holes. "Yeah. Take away that 40."

"Woods caught people by surprise with his shocking declaration of greatness. This year, greatness is expected, seemingly even by himself. "Was last year perfect?" Woods asked. "Far from it. We all make mistakes."

"Woods has made his share of mistakes lately. Since winning five of his majors by age 26, Tiger Woods is 1-for-19 and has gone winless in 14 consecutive tour tournaments covering nearly 10 months. "He was a serious contender in being one of the three major championships after the Masters."

"This is a big tournament and all," Woods' coach Butch Harmon said two weeks ago in the Players Championship by stars who followed in his footsteps. "This is a lot of money, but it is hard for him not to have his mind on Augusta."

"Woods all but admitted that. "Winning major championships is what it's all about," Woods said. "The majors are what I aim for."

"This is the first major of the year. No one can win the Grand Slam unless he wins the Masters. "Dozens of TV crews jammed the interview room and hundreds of reporters from all over the world tried to get Woods to say the Masters was Tiger Woods playing the field."

"It was a game he would not play. "Anyone who tees it up this week can win," Woods said diplomatically.

Masters features young rivalry

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The green jacket of the Masters champion hangs in Tiger Woods' closet. The winner's trophy sits in his living room. The closer, presumably, has space for many more coats and the living room undoubtedly can hold more trophies.

Still, storage space could become a problem for Woods. Virtually everyone assumes he will win at Augusta National Golf Club many more times. And when play begins Thursday for the 82nd Masters it will truly be the beginning of Year II of the Tiger Woods Era.

But it may also be the beginning of something else. It may be the beginning of an intensely competitive period in the major championships.

Last year was the appetizer, then being on the fall course. If last year - with Woods, now 22, Ernie Els, 28, Justin Leonard, 25, and Davis Love III, 33, winning major championships - was the warmup let's see the top button. Bring in the main act.

The only thing that was missing last year was a good, old fashion shoot-out among the young guns down the stretch on Sunday. "We haven't really played well together in a major championship," Els said Tuesday, speaking of his rivalry with Woods. "Maybe this is the start of it."

Woods is ranked No. 1 in the world and Els is No. 2, though they are virtually deadlocked. "But we've two of 20 really good young players out there," Els said. "So we'll just see how it goes."

There was Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones and Gene Sarazen in the 1920s followed by Sam Snead, Byron Nelson and Ben Hogan from the 1930s into the '50s. Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player carried golf to unprecedented popularity in the 1960s.

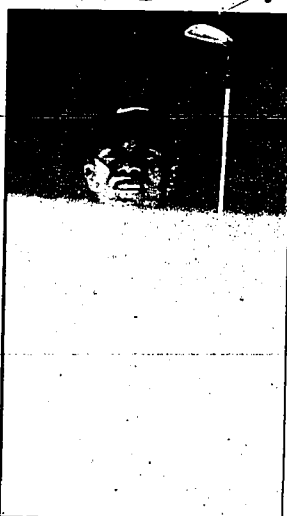
It is a sport that needs rivalries and right now it appears to be on the verge of some wonderful ones. Woods and Els are joined by Leonard, Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, David Duval and Lee Westwood as great players, the oldest of which is 28. None of them would be a surprise winner this week.

"Right now there is a very large group of very good young players that are taking it to the hoop every week," said Tom Kin, the 49-year-old who was the almost forgotten runner-up to Woods in last year's Masters. "It's fun to watch."

Asked what it would take to stop the young scallions from going to the hoop, Kin said. "You don't have to be 74 or 75, but you do have to make a few 20-fores." Kin, Tom Watson, Nick Faldo, Nick Price and Greg Norman are among those in the over-40 crowd who still have the talent and the belief in themselves to contend with the youngsters here this week.

"Woods is not dead and buried yet," Faldo said. "Still, this year's tournament clearly needs around Woods. There is a feeling that he could run away with it again. Asked if he could better last year's record score, Woods said: "Who knows? Anything is possible."

But it is also the feeling that others will spring with Woods if he tries to break back the pack. "Will he be in contention?" Els said. "Definitely, even if he doesn't play well. The golf course just suits



Defending Masters champion Tiger Woods looks over the top of a bunker on the seventh green during a practice round at Augusta Tuesday.

him that well." "But I don't believe it's Tiger Woods against the field," Els said. "I think it's Tiger against the Augusta National golf course and it's for the rest of the field to do the same."

Woods, who shot a 59 on his home course at Kiawah near Orlando, Fla., the week before last year's Masters, practiced at home again this year but with not nearly that gaudy of a number.

"Maybe after 15 holes," Woods said when asked if he had a 59. "What Woods did do was spend some time studying film of his victory at Augusta to try to figure out 'what made me hit the ball the way I did.'"

For a young man who would be the greatest golfer ever, Woods has reacted to his Masters victory in a surprisingly low-key way.

Plaque honors Nicklaus' prowess



Jack Nicklaus taps his wife Barbara during a ceremony at Augusta where a plaque was unveiled commemorating Nicklaus' six Masters wins.

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - Clad in a green jacket, basking in the spotlight, Jack Nicklaus chatted back news Tuesday as Augusta National Golf Club honored his 40th appearance in the Masters. "It was, perhaps, the only thing I've ever done over this rolling landscape."

"The Masters was not just a golf tournament. It was really something special," Nicklaus said as Augusta National chairman Jack Spivey displayed a plaque commemorating the Golden Bear's exploits here. "My wife, Barbara ..." Then he stopped, his voice cracking. "I didn't realize I was this sentimental."

In fact, Nicklaus isn't terribly sentimental. He looks at video tapes of his stirring 1986 Masters triumph not to bathe in nostalgia but to pick up swing keys. And rather than announcing the end of his major championship career ahead of time and making it a walk down memory lane, he says that he'll retire when he feels he can no longer contribute or compete.

Montgomery said Tuesday, "I happen to be one who's quite dependent on my caddie. We get along very well on the course and, obviously, I've had a lot of success over the last six or seven years."

Montgomery hopes McLean will be recovered in time for the U.S. Open in June. For this week, Montgomery is using Joe Collins, who has been a caddie at Augusta National for 27 years.

The two worked together in a practice round Tuesday. Montgomery said he would be willing to listen to Collins' suggestions, particularly concerning the lightning-green greens at Augusta National.

DIVOTS: Loren Roberts withdrew from the Masters after suffering a broken rib and a cracked rib last week when he sneezed. Roberts' withdrawal leaves 88 players in the field - Tiger Woods will tee off at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the opening round, along with U.S. amateur champion Marc Kuchler. The Masters always pairs the defending winner and the amateur champion, a title that Woods held for three years in a row until turning pro. ... Woods isn't the only defending champion at Augusta this week. Sandy Lyle returns to defend his title in the par-3 contest, which will be held Wednesday. Last year, Lyle defeated Mark McNulty with a birdie on the second playoff hole.

COLIN'S CADDIE: Colin Montgomery's kagazine caddie returned to England for back surgery, forcing the player to scramble for a local caddie to carry his bag. Alastair McLean, who had been Montgomery's caddie for seven years, was out of action for several months after doctors operated to correct a disc problem. "It's a bit of a blow,"

TENNIS IN BRIEF

Davis Cup balancing act: Loyalty, talent

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. - Loyalty and talent don't necessarily go hand in hand when selecting a Davis Cup team. Jim Courier is always there for the Americans, yet captain Tom Gullikson is making no guarantees about his picks for the second round against Belgium on July 17-19.

"You really assess each match individually," Gullikson said after the Americans beat Sweden's Davis Cup team. "There's a certain matchup where Jim has beaten the guy eight times in a row, obviously Jim would be a great guy to play that match."

But Courier has been hampered by arm and back injuries, his ranking sliding to No. 53. Even though he came through with a gutsy performance Monday, winning the deciding match in five sets after losing 10 of the 11 first games, it must be noted he was playing a Russian teen-ager, Murt Sefin, who is 170th in the world.

Certainly, if Pete Sampras (ranked No. 2) or Michael Chang (11th) agreed to play Davis Cup at any point this year, Gullikson would find it difficult to bypass either in favor of Courier.

"Gully's job is to field the best squad he can," Courier said. "If those guys are playing better tennis than me, he's got to ask them first. Tom and I are extremely good friends. I don't think that's ever been an issue, that he's doing his job. I make no offense in that at all."

"Having said that," he added, "I'm available at all times." Courier's commitment isn't necessarily shared by other players, who put more emphasis on their individual careers. The 27-year-old played his first Davis Cup in 1991 and has never been part of a losing line in 12 appearances.

Andre Agassi has won on 18 Davis Cup teams since his first in 1988, and he tied Bill Tilden's U.S. record of 16 straight singles victories before a straight-sets loss to Yevgeny Kafelnikov on Monday. "I think you have to make a statement about how we feel about Davis Cup," Courier said. "Other people not being here makes a statement about they feel about it. You can write into that what you want."

Trio added to U.S. Fed Cup team

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - Hoping to avenge a first-round loss to the Netherlands in the Fed Cup last year, U.S. captain Billie Jean King assembled Tuesday what she called "a formidable team."

King selected Monica Seles, Mary Joe Fernandez and Lisa Raymond to join Lindsay Davenport, who was previously chosen. "This is our best possible team for our revenge against the Dutch," King said.

The Americans again will face the Netherlands in the first round at the Kiawah Island Golf and Tennis Resort at Kiawah, S.C., April 18-19. Two singles matches will be played each day, along with a doubles match on the final day.

The United States has won 15 Fed Cup titles, more than any other nation, in the tournament which was first played in 1963. Its last championship came in 1996 with a 5-0 victory over Spain. Seles, the world's No. 1 player, and Fernandez, ranked No. 23, were members of that team. Raymond made her Fed Cup debut last year, teaming with Davenport to win the doubles against Japan.

Michael Chang ousted from Salem Open

HONG KONG - Michael Chang, a three-time winner of the Salem Open and the defending champion, was beaten in the opening round of the tournament on Tuesday, losing to Christian Vinck of Belgium 6-4, 6-5, 6-3.

It was the first time Chang was ousted in the opening round of the event in which he is the crowd favorite each year. Vinck, ranked 117th, said Chang is the highest ranked player he has beaten in his three years on the tour.

Chang, whose ATP ranking has slipped to 11th from second at the beginning of the year, said he was still bothered by a knee problem. "It was the second major first-round upset in the tournament."

On Monday, Australian Sandon Stolle beat fifth seed Vincent Spadea 6-3, 6-4 on Tuesday. Geoff Grant beat fellow American Alex O'Brien 7-5, 6-1, and Australian Ben Ellwood defeated Hong Kong's Wayne Wong 6-1, 6-2.

Pete Sampras, who lost his No. 1 ranking to Chile's Marcelo Rios last week, pulled out of the tournament because of a shoulder injury.

Master advances, Clavet loses in Estoril

ESTORIL, Portugal - Sixth-seeded Thomas Muster of Austria beat unseeded Romanian Dinu Pescariu 7-5, 6-1 Tuesday in the first round of the Estoril Open.

Muster, a clay-court specialist ranked 30th in the world, won the Estoril Open in 1995 and 1996. The winner of the Estoril Open is guaranteed a bye into the quarterfinals of the Spanish Open in 1998.

Czech Jiri Novak rallied to beat Hicham Arzi of Morocco 4-6, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4). Italian Andrea Gaudenzi defeated Spaniard Galo Blanco 7-6 (7-4), 6-3.

The top two seeded withdrew with a back injury while trailing 6-1, 3-0 to Tomas Nydahl of Sweden. Clavet lost to Spaniard Felix Mantilla and Carlos Moya - play their first-round matches Wednesday.

The Estoril Open, traditional opener of the European clay-court season, is being played at the National Stadium in Oeiras outside Lisbon.

Davenport, teen sensation advance

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. - Defending champion Lindsay Davenport and teenage sensation Anna Kournikova were among seven seeded players who won Tuesday in the \$450,000 Busch & Lomb women's tennis championships.

Davenport overthrew Alexia Dechaume Balleret of France 6-0, 6-2 and Kournikova beat Wiltrud Probst of Germany for the second time in three weeks 6-1, 6-2. "I Davenport and the 16-year-old Kournikova each win their next match, they will meet in the quarterfinals Friday. Kournikova will have the tougher task in getting there, going against No. 3 Fyona Schuyder of Switzerland Wednesday night."

Top-seed Davenport and No. 8 Kournikova have met twice. They each have a victory. Davenport won in three sets in Sydney, Australia in January, while Kournikova captured a quarterfinal match over Davenport last month at Key Biscayne, Fla.

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Ron Sirak is a golf writer for The Associated Press.

MONEY

Funds close in on \$5 trillion

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Barring some sudden and totally unexpected turn in the trend, you will soon be reading that assets in mutual funds have surpassed \$5 trillion.

This is happening less than a year after the total in the funds coffers broke \$4 trillion, and only about eight years after it first hit \$1 trillion.

To look at the picture another way, it took the fund industry about 70 years to reach \$2.5 trillion in assets, in 1994. It has taken less than four years to add its second \$2.5 trillion.

We can say without hyperbole that this is one of the most dramatic success stories in the history of finance. It is also more than a little scary to anyone who knows the time-honored Wall Street axiom that no tree grows to the sky.

Nothing brings wealth faster than an investment whose value climbs exponentially. On a chart, this phenomenon is depicted by a graph that climbs gradually at first, then steepens until it starts to look very much like a vertical line.

At the same time, nothing frightens veteran Wall Street chart-readers more than this sort of pattern. In the past, it has often marked the prelude to a nasty letdown.

But the fund industry has done what almost everybody

Mutual funds, leaders and losers

The 50 highest 10-month total returns among equity funds by their rate of return during the 10-month period ending March 31, 1998.

Top Funds	Asset \$ Bil.	% Total Ret.	Bottom Funds	Asset \$ Bil.	% Total Ret.
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agrees is a diligent job of trying to manage this growth and prevent any serious crashes when the express train inevitably slows, or even stops.

In addition, a closer look at the industry's growth yields a perspective that isn't quite so dizzying as the raw numbers initially appear.

First of all, not all of the growth is coming from the rising bull market in stocks. In fact, only a little more than half the growth in mutual funds is accounted in the stock market at all.

Money-market funds, which invest in short-term Treasury

bills, by themselves hold more than \$2.825 trillion, having just topped \$3 trillion last summer. There are also taxable bond funds, municipal bond funds, and so forth.

Secondly, investors aren't throwing money at stock funds with all the abandon that is sometimes supposed.

A big part of the increase in stock funds assets, which are about five times larger than they were in 1992, stems not from new money invested but from the average increase in the values of the stocks they own.

Consider the statistics on fund flows for last year, as tracked by

researchers at the Investment Company Institute, a fund trade group in Washington.

"Net new cash flows to equity funds totaled a record \$23.1 billion, topping the 1996 record of \$22.2 billion," they reported.

"As a percentage of assets, however, the net inflow in 1997 was at the lowest level since 1990."

The funds' success, by all responsible accounts, goes way beyond any bubble swollen by speculative demand for a hot product.

They serve a valid purpose with a solid vehicle that meets a demonstrated need.

Nonetheless, the runaway pace at which they have expanded, and keep expanding, demands a large measure of eyes-wide-open caution from all its constituents — specifically its millions of satisfied customers.

Many experts, including most fund industry officials, have been worried for some time that unrealistically high expectations for investment returns were setting a dangerous trap for the funds and their shareholders.

"The industry has to be willing to be contrarian in the quest to educate," says William Brennan, chairman of the Vanguard Group, which manages the second biggest of all the fund families behind Fidelity Investments.

You may be right — but you're still fired

By Carol Kihlman
Chicago Tribune

You're unjustly accused of stealing \$50 from the office coffee fund. You prove your innocence, but you're fired anyway.

You're a good performer. You're not fired because the boss wants to replace you with someone who is paid less.

Your supervisor doesn't like you, and fires you.

Believe it or not, in each case, you have no legal rights. The slogan for American bosses might as well be "Ready, aim, fire!"

Whatever they do, employers aren't guilty of wrongful discharge unless they fire you because of your age, race or gender or in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

There's a widespread misconception you can only be fired for cause, but the absence of protective legislation makes 49 states "at will" states, allowing employers to fire you whenever they want.

The only exceptions are dis-

criminary reasons, if you have union protection, if your employer violates state public policy laws, or if you have an employment contract that states you can only be fired for just cause.

That also means if you're completely innocent of any allegations, your boss may throw you at you, still can be fired. And even if you do with a lawsuit against your employer, you probably won't get your job back.

"Most employees don't understand their legal rights in discharge situations," said Pauline Kim, associate professor of law at Washington University in St. Louis, who presented the exam-

ple above.

"It's dangerous not to know whether you have legal protections."

Kim, a graduate of Harvard University Law School, was an employment lawyer before switching to academia in 1994.

"In many cases, clients felt they were fired for arbitrary reasons," said Kim. "It may have

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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Dow pulls back

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average fell back below 3,000 on Tuesday as an enthusiasm over the Citicorp Travelers Group merger died down and a profit warning from Motorola sent technology stocks plunging.

The Dow, which on Monday closed above 3,000 for the first time, fell 76.73 to 2,955.50 after trading on a deficit of nearly 140 points.

Broader stock indicators also suffered heavy losses.

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been unfair, but often we couldn't sue because it wasn't illegal," says Kim. "Read our 200 and 330 employees in the St. Louis area to find out what they knew about 'wrongful termination.'" Her remarks are published in the Cornell Law Review.

"Eighty-six percent didn't know that you can be innocent and fired a good performer and fired because of a personality conflict," Kim said.

"What recourse does an employee have? Find out what laws protect you," says Kim. "Read our company handbook. And if you feel you were unfairly fired, call a lawyer. It's worth checking out."

It seems to be the awful irony that most employees, by many do law lawsuits and get financial settlements for wages lost, emotional distress and for the damage to their chances of getting another job.

"You can be fired for a 'bad' reason, but, and then you have the right to legal action," says Arnoff. "You can be fired for a 'bad' reason, but, and then you have the right to legal action."

Arnoff, who represents both employees and management, suggests you "take notes if you think anything suspicious is going on, such as an erroneous performance evaluation — but don't keep them at the office."

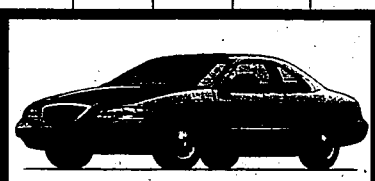
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Granny's kitchen garden

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

Before backyard barbecues, before lawn chairs and outdoor rooms, the garden was out the back door.

The front, of course, was kept up for the neighbors: A rocking chair or a swing on the front porch, an orderly row of flowers lining the walk. But out the back door was a tiny stoop. Down a couple of steps, then into the garden.

Not the garden, proper. Grandma grew what she needed just outside the door, in a small, convenience garden. There were tomatoes, cabbage, cauliflower and celery - in the shade. Grandma tucked in a few manjulas and let some sweet peas climb the gate, but mostly she kept that area for what she might need in the middle of fixing dinner.

"My grandma lived up by Richfield," said Gay Downs of Burley, "and they lived off what they got out of the garden. It was right out the back, almost up to the house. Then the outhouse was on the other side of the garden."

Further out, Grandma and Grandpa raised the row crops. That's where the "big garden" grew.

First, the corn. Since the water's got to be boiling before the corn is even snapped off the stalk, a person wouldn't want that clear on the other side.

Then, the potatoes, more cabbages, melons, cucumbers and squashes were arranged in orderly rows. No sense in growing anything fancy. Kids won't eat it.

Fruit trees lined the garden perimeter. They gave respite from the wind, a place to sit and ponder, and more apples and peaches and cherries than a body could eat. Some to eat now, some to put up for the long winter.

Had to. What grew out back represented every meal that would appear on the table in the next year.

"Grandma canned everything she got her hands on," Downs said. "She grew green beans, carrots, beets, corn, tomatoes, radishes, turnips - oh, those were good when we'd wash them off with the hose and eat them with the salt shaker. And cabbage. It was fun to see how big they'd get."

Recalled Oraellen Redfield of Rupert, "We had a double-decker pressure canner. It would hold a layer of quart jars plus the shelf between them and another layer of quarts - 14 quarts to a cooker. We didn't lift it. You just slid it to the back of the stove and let it cool. We canned fruit and tomatoes and meat and beans in tin cans."

Cash money on the farm amount-



Redfield's garden at The Cook's Garden

ed to \$150. For the whole year, in the '30s and '40s.

"My sister-in-law wondered how we could live on that," Redfield said.

And everyone in the family was instructed in the fine art of cutting the lids off the tin cans.

"Then, you could put plates in your sealer and re-use the can," Redfield explained. "When you opened it the second time, you cut off the bottom. It was used three times. We were thrifty people."

You made do with what was on the farm.

"My mother's garden was on the garden ditch - that's what we called it," Redfield said. "The cow trail had a ditch, the garden had a ditch. It had water in it only when the land east of the corral got water; and it was dependent on what Dad was doing and how things were going.

The garden brought berries, string beans, cucumbers, peas, dill, lettuce, cabbage, sometimes a watermelon, apples, sour cherries, green gage plums and raspberries."

Redfield said her father's passion was black cap raspberries.

"It was a big production to have black cap raspberry shortage on his birthday, Aug. 9," Redfield said.

"Even if it was 110 degrees, we cranked up the woodstove for the shortage, complete with dairy cream."

The delicacies, as well as the staples of life, came from the back garden.

"We bought the farm about the time the Depression hit," said Verna Callahan of Hermiston, Ore., who has friends in the Magic Valley. "Mom probably had several hundred jars and canned a lot. There were over 500 jars of canned peas, carrots, corn, lima beans. Why, I remember one year we had lima beans and we had an early frost and Mom talked Grandma into coming down to help shell them. Later, it got warm again, and we grew another crop of limas."

She continued, "Out the back it probably wasn't 25 feet away to get to the garden. We'd walk to the chicken house in the middle, then we would plant melons in the lowland near the creek where we didn't have to water and they'd grow there. Then, there was a long garden that ran the length of the house. Then behind it, the cabbages, and the orchard down below."

Besides fresher produce than any grocery store could possibly deliver, yesterday's garden delivered good things to Grandma's table year-round.

"We made our own sauerkraut," Callahan said. "Mom never used a recipe."

Redfield added, "My mother had a recipe for Lazy-Daisy Cucumbers. You made the solution and kept adding the cucumbers in a big earthen crock. I still have the crock today, and have filled it with dill pickles, but nobody really needs five gallons of dill pickles."

Today, the earthen crock is more of a decoration.

But there is a return to the garden. We still remember that there's nothing better than corn just picked and rushed to a boiling pot.

And there's even more to gardening than that. We yearn for a link to our past; we find peace in the warm earth between the fingers; we yearn for simplicity. So we plant a few seeds, gather the fruits of our labor and bring everything to the table.

Just like Grandma taught us.

The first rule: Plant what you will consume

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

The first rule of gardening is to plant only what you like to eat. But then, since everything from the garden tastes better than anything you can buy, how about a tiny bit of experimentation?

Lettuce: You like lettuce, don't you? Try some looseleaf, such as a red oakleaf or curly oakleaf. It will take anywhere from 45 to 60 days to mature.

Butterhead lettuces are especially sweet. Try Bibb or May King, which will take somewhere between 60 and 75 days to mature. Of course, as soon as your plants have a few leaves, you can cut the outside leaves off and eat them without harming the plant. This cut-and-come-again method works until the hot weather makes the lettuce bolt and turn bitter.

Throw in some Romaine and Arugula and mesclun to brighten this summer's salads - and your taste buds.

Salsa fixings: You'll want a little parsley, dill, beans, jalapeno peppers and cilantro for salsa, and all the tomatoes you have room for. Remember to save room for squash and cucumbers and onions. The hard part with onions is leaving them in



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the ground long enough to let them make big round onions. The sweet green onions are too tempting for stir-fry to let them sit long.

Corn: Put your corn where it will shade the lettuce in the afternoon. That will give you several more weeks of lettuce. Be sure to include a popcorn for fun!

Carrots: Plant several kinds of carrots. If you have more than you can eat, they overwinter nicely under straw.

Peas and beans: Let the peas climb something and be decorative. Plant them beside the trellis or next to the fence. Same with the beans. You might want to take several poles and make a teepee for the beans to climb. Kids think bean teepees are the best fun.

Whatever you plant, have fun this summer.

Recipes spring from the garden

By Cathy Walworth
Times-News correspondent

These recipes are from "The Cook's Garden," produced in Hodges, S.C. For more information about the catalog, call 1-800-457-9703 or visit [The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at http://www.magicvalley.com](http://www.magicvalley.com).

MARINATED GREEN BEANS

Serves 6
6 cups beans
1/4 cup basil or red wine vinegar
1/2 cup good olive oil
2 shallots, chopped fine
1 clove garlic, minced

1/4 cup fresh mixed herbs, such as parsley, basil, thyme and summer savory.
In a kettle of boiling water, cook the beans until just tender. (If cooking filet beans, this means 2-3 minutes, while most snap beans will take 4-5 minutes.)
Meanwhile, in a large bowl, assemble the remaining ingredients to make the dressing for the beans. Whisk until blended. When the beans are cooked, drain and transfer them to the bowl with the dressing. White still hot, toss to coat each bean. Allow beans to sit at room temperature for up to an hour for the flavors to combine. Serve as a side dish on a bed of lettuce.

CUCUMBER AND LEMON SALAD

1 lemon
4 cucumbers
1 sweet red pepper
Salt

1/8 cup chopped parsley
1/2 cup olive oil
1/2 cup lemon juice

Cut lemon in half with skin still intact, and then into thin slices. Cut these thin slices into triangles. Place in a glass bowl and sprinkle generously with coarse salt (this removes the bitterness of the lemon rind). Allow to sit 30 minutes. Peel the cucumbers, then slice into thin 1/8-inch pieces. Peel and thinly slice the red pepper. Combine the cucumbers, peppers, parsley and the lemons in a nice bowl. Dress with olive oil, lemon juices and another sprinkling of salt.

MARINATED TOMATOES

4 ripe tomatoes of various colors
1/4 cup fine green fresh leaves
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt and pepper to taste
Slice tomatoes 1/2 inch thick. Arrange on a platter in a single layer according to color. Sprinkle evenly with basil leaves. In a small bowl, mix together remaining ingredients. Pour marinade over tomatoes, cover with plastic wrap and allow to stand at room temperature for one hour before serving.

SWEET BAKED TOMATOES

2 tablespoons olive oil
2 cloves garlic
4 slices French bread
2 tablespoons butter

4 medium large tomatoes
6-8 fresh basil leaves, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven 350 degrees. In a skillet, heat olive oil over medium flame. Smash and mince garlic add to oil. Cube French bread into small pieces and brown in olive oil until golden. Meanwhile, slice the stem end off the tomatoes, to leave about 3/4 of the tomato. Set into an open casserole. Dab with butter, sprinkle lightly with chopped basil, salt and pepper. When bread cubes are ready, remove from heat and press into tops of each tomato half. Heat in oven for 15 minutes. Serve warm.

FRESH GARDEN SALAD

Yields about 4 cups
2-4 fresh jalapeno peppers
1/2 cup basil
4 large, ripe tomatoes
1 sweet onion
6-8 tomatoes
1/4 cups loosely packed fresh cilantro
1/2 cup basil
1 lime
Salt to taste
Remove the tops of the jalapenos, and chop very fine. Mince the garlic and coarsely chop the tomatoes. In a dry saucepan, heat tomatillos about 5 minutes. This brings out the flavor. Place the garlic, tomatoes, onions, tomatillos and cilantro in a large bowl. Stir in the ingredients. Add the jalapenos a little at a time, tasting until it is as hot as you like. Add the basil, then

HOME & GARDEN

Springtime's here: Prepare defense against invading bugs

As the ground thaws, so do the bugs. Some of the first pesky creatures to wake up and make their presence known are black widows, box elder bugs, carpet beetles and clover mites.

Immature black widow spiders are showing up now that the temperatures have warmed a touch. You'll recognize these critters as reddish-brown spiders with a distinctive black-and-white stripe on the backs of their abdomens. Later, with each molting, they'll gain more black, with the telltale red hourglass on the female, and white and red markings on the male.

They like to hang out under things — things such as dead branches, couches, outdoor seats, whatever. They feed on insects they catch in an irregularly-shaped funnel web in an out-of-the-way spot.

Disturb a female near her nest and she'll bite you. Her venom is "especially poisonous to people,"



GREEN THUMBPRINTS
Cathy Walworth

says the "National Audubon Society's Field Guide to North American Insects & Spiders." The males don't bite, they say. Maybe they should at least bite back when the female decides that, after mating he's no longer useful, and she eats him.

Box elder bugs are oval, dull black or gray-brown, with brick red markings along each side and their middle. They like box elder trees, gardens, bathrubs, wherever they land. They suck the juices from box elders, maples and fruit trees when they're not running around the house bothering people. Remember that when you

swat them, you'll have a nasty red stain on the wall to contend with.

Vacuum the bugs up, then use a spray containing malathion, diazinon or pyrethrin outdoors. Fix the screens and seal up foundation cracks.

Carpet beetles look for all the world like mouse droppings that move. They're especially fond of wool carpets, preferably with a horsehair mat, said Bob Stoliz, University of Idaho entomologist. Make that a really dirty carpet.

Lacking a filthy carpet, carpet beetles have a real yen for cereal products. This is a good time to check the cereal, flour, rice, dog food, cake mixes — whatever's in the pantry that contains grains. Look for little (maybe 1/8-inch) cigar-shaped dark brown bugs. Their larva are tan, cigar-shaped and hairy looking, Stoliz said. The ones I found on the window sill were probably feasting on the

dead flies inside the wall and had crawled up to the window opening and taken a wrong turn, landing inside instead of out.

Vacuum all the rugs, shake out all the clothes and blankets and destroy all foods where the pests showed up. In non-food areas, you can use chlorpyrifos, diazinon or pyrethrin.

Clover mites are so tiny they resemble a moving rust spot, Stoliz said. They like the early seedlings of spring, so if your first gardening efforts suddenly become purpy and fall over dead, it could be clover mites.

Mites come inside through cracks in the foundation and window.

A good vacuuming gets rid of a lot of them indoors, but they, too, will leave a red stain if they're smushed. If you find them on indoor plants, use a spray containing chlorpyrifos. Outside, chlorpyrifos, diazinon or malathion should do the trick.

Clean up around the foundation, leaving 18 to 24 inches free of all vegetation and debris. And remember to throw that vacuum cleaner bag away.

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Begonias: Beguiling beauty from afar

She's a lush South American beauty. She has the power to delight and frustrate. She's demanding, but worth the trouble. A temperamental actress? No, a colorful superstar of the summer garden — the tuberous begonia.

Tuberous begonias are outstanding garden showstoppers that offer a wide variety of heights, bloom sizes and brilliant colors to the garden. Their gorgeous, velvety flowers range from big blossoms six inches in diameter to small, multi-flowered versions. In between there are varieties ranging from piceotee (with petals edged in white), double-flowered, non-stop blooming and the pendant type, so popular in hanging baskets.

Best of all, shade-loving begonias offer more color than you've any right to expect in dim or filtered light. Any garden where sun is at a premium should be host to a host of them, whether in the garden bed, containers or hanging baskets.

Begonias are named for Michel Begon (1638-1710), an accomplished amateur botanist, who served as district supervisor of Santa Domingo and later governor of Canada for France's King Louis IV. Begon did not discover the begonia. In fact, it's likely he never even saw one. The flower was discovered by a botanically-minded monk named Charles Plumier, who, in the modest fashion of day, didn't name the find after himself but chose instead to honor his favorite botanist, Begon.

Today, tuberous begonias bear little resemblance to the plants of past years. Indeed today's plants are not among the original 350 or so species of the tropical South American begonia plant family,



Claytonia photos

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but are the creation of hybridizers who have used the last 130 years or so to take a good thing and make it even better. Botanically, these plants are best grouped together as *Begonia* *rubra-hybrid* or hybrid, tuberous begonias. They are found in three basic forms:

- Standard upright, about 10 to 12 inches tall
 - Multi-flora, shorter but with more flowers, about 8 to 10 inches tall
 - Pendant, or hanging type
- The main species are *Begonia bertinii* (pendulous flower),

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Tulips provide the ultimate tease

For the winter weary, a bunch of tulips provides the ultimate "spring tease."

Research shows that people respond positively to brighter light and colors. The fact that tulips come in just about every shade under the sun (except true blue and black), is probably a key to their acceptance worldwide as a premier symbol of spring.

Following are tips using tulips as day-brighteners, from the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York City.

• **Treat yourself:** There are more than 500 varieties of cut tulips available. Some are fragrant, others ruffled or fringed in solid hues or flamboyant bicolors. Look in flower stands, florists' shops, and supermarkets — right now is when tulips are most abundant.

• **For longest vase life,** buy tulips with flower heads just starting to open (the bud should be closed, but with the color of the flower evident).

• **Before arranging tulips,** condition them by re-cutting the base of the stem with a clean sharp knife.

This will open up the flower's water uptake channels. Cut flower food is not necessary for tulips.



Approximately 45 million American households now purchase flowers at least once a month. In springtime, shoppers will find cut and potted tulips in abundance nationwide.

• Tulips are particularly thirsty. Check water level daily.

Add some more or change water daily for longest vase life.

• With proper care, tulips should open and last from four to seven days. Keep away from sources of heat (including direct sunlight, radiators, lamps and television sets.)

• Tulips seem to have a mind all their own, with stems that bend, twist and turn into new positions each day.

This effect is caused by the dual effects of continuing stem growth and the gentle pull of light and gravity on the flower head.

• Tulips (like daisies and dahlias) look at home in any type of container, from the homeliest tin to the prettiest crystal vase.

• Combining tulips and daffodils or any other members of the Narcissus family is not recommended because narcissi exude a slimy substance that shortens the lifespan of other flowers by clogging their water uptake channels.

• Potted tulips are also abundant now.

A pot indoors or outside the front door brings a smile to those eager to feel the seasons change. Buy potted tulips young, before the buds are open, to enjoy weeks of enjoyment as the stems and flowers grow and mature.



Flower Carpet Appleblossom, a new groundcover rose, can add color and beauty to any landscape.

Flower Carpet Appleblossom makes debut

GARDEN, Calif. — Flower Carpet USA Inc. introduces the third in its highly popular series of Flower Carpet easy-care groundcover roses.

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Flower Carpet Appleblossom, Rosa var. "Noamel" is a sport of Flower Carpet Pink and shares the same superstar gene pool that led U.S. News & World Report to dub Flower Carpet Pink "the Wonder Rose" for its impressive levels of natural resistance to black spot and mildew, its long bloom season and its glossy green foliage.

A prolific bloomer, Flower Carpet Appleblossom has deep pink flower buds and pastel pink flowers that lighten in hue with maturity during summer. The combination of different pinks creates an unusual bi-colored flowering effect throughout the bush (especially in early fall).

The new rose will be available coast-to-coast for around \$16. All Flower Carpet roses are sold in the distinctive Flower Carpet "pink pot," with a planting and care instruction booklet and a complimentary sachet of timed release rose food attached. A national toll-free Flower Carpet Rose locator number — 1-800-580-5930 — has proved helpful to thousands of people seeking the closest retail source.

Flower Carpet Appleblossom is an easy-care, long-blooming groundcover rose with an attractive shape and glossy green foliage. It stands 24 to 32 inches tall, with a spread of 3 to 4 feet. It is hardy in U.S.D.A. Zones 4-9. In colder areas, some winter protection is suggested the first winter, with continued winter protection in Zones 4-6.

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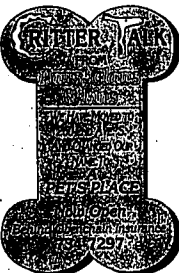
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Also from the Chicago Tribune, a report that suggests if you haven't been to a Tupperware party for a while, you might want to do so.

The report cites House Beautiful magazine's profile of Tupperware's new design director, who, the magazine says, is "adding pep to (Tupperware's) familiar colanders, containers, and measuring cups."

Color scheme

Stewart's color scheme: If Martha Stewart lived in your house, she'd be climbing the walls. Literally, Martha Stewart Everyday Colors, an interior latex paint line of 256 colors, is coming to Sears. It's a calculated move: Women make nearly 50 percent of interior-paint purchases

es, and 66 percent of interior-paint purchase decisions.

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Tools of the trade: Newsday says a line tools bearing the Popular Mechanics name and sold at Wal-Mart generated more than \$300 million in sales last year.

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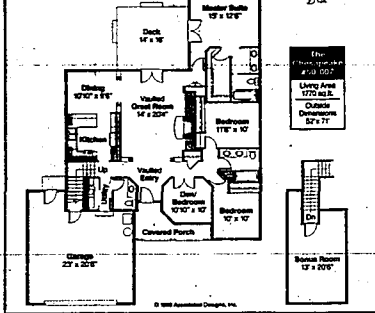
Painted shutters, slender porch posts and a trio of gables attract appreciative glances to the Chesapeake's rustic interior with a dash of rustic flavor. Arched openings on the covered porch and a round window in the central dormer also catch the eye. Entry and guest rooms are finished, creating a striking sense of spaciousness. Light spills down from the round window in the overhead dormer, and more light washes in through the windows and arched doors that fill most of the rear wall.

Plant shelves encircling the entry are readily appealing, whether filled with plants or left bare. Arched openings capped by plant shelves mark the boundaries between the entry, great room and kitchen. Amenities in the kitchen include an eating bar, desk, pottery, and plenty of counter space.

Ceiling and a small powder room line the passageway to the garage, while steps to the bonus room connect the garage area just around the corner.

Bedrooms are all on the right. Access to the master suite is at the rear of the great room, across from a large linen closet. Double doors open onto the rear deck. Other features include a roomy walk-in closet and dual-compartment bathroom with double vanity.

The secondary bedrooms share another bathroom with twin lavs. The room closest to the Chesapeake's entry could be furnished as a den or home office.



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Suggestions for container gardens

- Shady locations:**
- Geraniums tinged with pinks
 - Parsley or pepper plants with an edge of low-growing dwarf marigolds, dwarf zinnias or daisies
 - Medium-sized zinnias edged with dwarf zinnias
 - Salvia fringed with cascade petunias

- Shady locations:**
- Begonias centered with a few impatiens
 - Wax begonias circled with alysium
 - Collins center ringed with begonias
 - Begonia tinged with lobelia and alysium

- Vegetables:**
- Patio or other container-variety tomatoes with a ring of leaf lettuce
 - A trellis supporting one or two small variety cucumbers with a pair edging of cabbage
 - One marichini squash plant edged with spinach
 - Cherry tomatoes with a pot border of marigolds (short, flowering annuals can dress any vegetable planter)

- Herbs:**
- Chives, lettuce and basil planted in separate clumps in the same pot

- Rosemary, thyme and sage planted in separate clumps
- Wax begonias, solid red, green and variegated foliage varieties for sunny areas
- Geraniums
- Petunias, mixed colors or single color
- Garden chrysanthemums

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 squeeze the lime juice into the salsa, add salt to taste. Serve with chips, in tortillas or in enchiladas.

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 4 tablespoons pesto with greenish basil

Heat outdoor grill as you would normally do. Meanwhile, soak the Mammoth basil leaves in water. Slice the bluefish into strips 2 inches wide, making 8 slices. Spread pesto on each strip of fish. Wrap each fillet in a Mammoth basil leaf, securing with a toothpick or wooden skewer. Once the coals are glowing, place the wrapped fish pieces on the hot grill 6 inches from the heat. Cover the grill and steam fish for 5 minutes on each side.

—Source: "The Cook's Garden"

ELLIEN'S BERRIED BOURKIN
 3 cloves garlic, peeled
 1/2 cup fresh sweet basil leaves
 1/4 cup chives
 1/4 cup fresh parsley
 1/2 cup black olives, pitted
 8 ounces cream cheese

In a food processor, combine the garlic and herbs. Blend in the cream cheese until smooth. Coarsely chop the olives and add. Transfer the mixture to a small bowl. Garnish with a sprig of fresh basil. Chill.

Top off dinner with peanut butter cookies

The Baltimore Sun
 Here's a recipe for some special cookies, to top off your dinner of garden-vegetables.

PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES
 1 18-ounce package Duncan Hines chocolate cake mix
 1/3 cup light brown sugar
 1 1/2 cups peanut butter
 1/2 cup salad oil
 1/4 cup water
 1 egg

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine all ingredients and mix well. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on an ungreased cookie sheet. Press a crisscross on each cookie with fork prongs that have

been dipped in water. Bake for 10-12 minutes, until light brown. Cool on cookie sheet for about 1

minute, then move to racks to finish cooling. Makes 4 to 5 dozen.

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Nurturing vegetables from seed requires time, care

The Basics
Why bother to start plants from seed in winter when you can buy these same seedlings ready for the garden later on? Well, there are several reasons, including cost, selection and satisfaction.

Planting from seed is far cheaper than purchasing seedlings. A package of 50 seeds costs less than a dozen seedlings. For large gardens, that can add up to substantial savings - provided of course, that the seeds become healthy, happy seedlings. Another advantage of planting from seed is variety. By starting from seed, gardeners can grow a vast array of plants that aren't readily available at nurseries. There's a specialty seed company for almost everything, whether you're looking for scented basil, heirloom tomatoes, organic medicinal herbs or water-thrifty perennials.

And there's a less measurable, but to many a gardener more important, benefit: The satisfaction of nurturing your plants through the entire growing cycle from seed to harvest.

To make sure the experience is enjoyable, and not frustrating, follow these tips we gleaned from the pros.

SEED SOURCES
Local nurseries and garden centers offer a good selection of seeds, particularly for common flowers and vegetables. For a list of specialty seed catalogs, write to the Master Gardener Association, P.O. Box 2129, Columbia, Md. 21045, or call (410) 730-9713.

The best seeds
Timing is all important to ensure that plants have enough time to get a good start inside in late winter and be ready to harden off and transplant at the proper time in spring. This is particularly true for vegetables, which require a very specific amount of time to mature and reach harvest before they'll frost-kill.

Cold-hardy vegetables can be planted outside in mid-April. These plants include the cruciferous vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower, and a variety of lettuces. The germination time varies, so check the back of the seed package. Vegetables that are best started indoors as transplants, squash and peppers - should not be transplanted until late May, when the threat of frost is all but over.

For the heat-loving seeds too early, says Mike Spencer, of Spencer's Lawn and Garden Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. From their germination, flower seedlings should remain indoors only four to six weeks before transplanting. If you keep them indoors longer than that, they can become spindly, weak and leggy. For flowers that are not cold-tolerant, such as impatiens and marigolds, wait until the second or third week of April to start the seeds indoors.

Young children, lawnmowers don't go together

ATLANTA (AP) — Keep the children in the house when you run your power mower, urges Maryann Johnston, emergency center nurse at Eggleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

Mower-related injuries to children accounted for more than 7,500 trips to the emergency room in 1995, she says, and every year, 75 people die in riding lawn mower and tractor accidents - with one out of every five deaths involving a young child.

Her tips for safe operation include never allowing a child to ride on a riding mower, even with an adult. Keep children indoors while using mowers, power seed mowers, leaf blowers and garden tractors, she says. Frequently review your mower's manual for all safety instructions before operating it, and make sure that all safety devices are in place. Mow only during optimum conditions, during daylight hours and when the grass is not wet. Refrain from wearing head phones while operating the mower so you have a greater chance of hearing a warning that a child is approaching you.

Johnston points out that the impact of the blade on a power mower delivers a force three times greater than a .357 magnum handgun. "It is sometimes difficult for people to compare that with anything as routine as a lawn mower has such tremendous wounding capacity," she says.

such as cosmos, sunflowers and wildflowers, are best started in a depth three times their diameter - though if in doubt, plant more shallow than deep. To help spread out the smaller seeds, many gardeners mix them with sand in a salt shaker and broadcast them over the growing medium. Top with a fine layer of peat moss to keep them moist and water thoroughly with a mister.

WHAT TO PLANT IN
Most flowers need frost-free weather before they can be transplanted, so wait until May 15 to transplant seedlings outdoors. Exceptions to this rule are pansies and perennials, which are cold-tolerant and can go outdoors earlier.

There are hundreds of ways to plant seeds, from sowing them in a paper towel on top of refrigerator (works well, but they're hard to transplant) to professionally designed, specialized trays. One of the simplest and easiest to use is the planter trays. Spencer starts his seeds in flats over the floor registers in the house, or in the best cases, in a tray from the top of the refrigerator. He then moves them to a cooler location once the seeds have germinated.

Flats - shallow trays with no interior dividers - are among the cheapest and simplest containers. The advantage of flats is that you can plant many seeds; the disadvantage is that you will have to thin and transplant them once before transplanting them in the garden.

Commercial seed trays, cell packs, peat pots and peat pellets are available at garden centers. The trays are divided into smaller containers that are just the right size for growing seedlings to transplant size.

Or, simply look around the house. Anything that will hold about 2 inches of planting mix and has drainage holes punched in the bottom will do. Milk cartons, paper cups, and perforated tubs and yogurt food containers (especially those with removable clear plastic tops) will all work. If recycling previously used containers, sterilize them in a solution of one part bleach to 10 parts water, and rinse thoroughly.

PLANTING MEDIUMS
The worst type of soil to use is the real thing. Soil from your garden is too heavy for newly emerging roots to penetrate. Soil also invites rot, mold and a lethal fungal disease called "damping off."

HOW TO PLANT
Moisten the soil before planting; the seeds; this way, the seeds won't become dislodged when you

water them. Many seeds are planted at a depth three times their diameter - though if in doubt, plant more shallow than deep. To help spread out the smaller seeds, many gardeners mix them with sand in a salt shaker and broadcast them over the growing medium. Top with a fine layer of peat moss to keep them moist and water thoroughly with a mister.

As the prescribed transplant time approaches, begin setting the seedlings outside, in the shade, protected from the wind, for an hour or so a day, then bring them back inside. Over the course of a week, gradually increase the amount of time they are outdoors until they have spent the entire day outside.

Spencer says you can start the hardening-off process much earlier in the season if you have a warm, protected outdoor area. During early spring, he moves seedlings outside almost any time the weather gets above 40. He puts them in a protected area on his porch, where they can get a taste of the outdoors. Keeping them cool and in a less-panpered state makes them sturdier and more compact, meaning they will transplant more easily.

TROUBLESHOOTING
Leggy seedlings: The plants are getting too much water, not enough light and are too warm. Seed containers should be kept at about 75-85 degrees during germination. Once the plants are up, lower the temperature about 10 degrees to help keep the seedlings from getting leggy and spindly. Also, make sure they don't have to "stretch" to reach a good source of light.

Damping off: Damping off is caused by a fungus that attacks the stem at the soil level. It is caused by too much water. It's not treatable but can be prevented. Phelan top dresses the rooting medium with sand to help dry out the surface. Sphagnum peat moss has a mild fungicidal effect that helps fight damping off; sprinkle a layer of milled sphagnum moss over newly planted seeds. Another option is to add a fungicide

Phelan recommends using a mixture of cool and warm bulbs, so the seedlings get a full spectrum of light. Grow lights are available at most local garden centers and from catalogs. Grow lights are used to prevent seedlings from becoming leggy as they reach for light. The lights should be on for a minimum of 12 hours and up to 18 hours a day, and can be raised as the plants grow. (Keep the lights a few inches above the plants.) Some plants, such as tomatoes, are long-day plants, meaning they need more hours of light than of darkness. That is one reason tomatoes are so difficult to grow indoors in the winter.

WATERING
Overwatering - which contributes to weak, spindly seedlings and can cause damping off - is a common mistake. Water once when seeds are planted, but don't water again until clear plastic covers have been removed after germination. As new seedlings begin to grow, light the planting medium begin to dry between waterings. As seedlings mature, progressively slow down watering. By the time the seedlings have two or three

sets of true leaves, allow them to dry out until they show signs of beginning to wilt between waterings.

TRANSPLANTING
If your timing is good, the seedlings will reach transplant size at the same time the weather is right for them to be moved outdoors. But first, you must harden them off, which means allowing them to gradually adjust to the harsher conditions outdoors. Do a skip this step; if you do, your plants will die or be severely stunted from transplant shock.

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designed to prevent damping off (available at nurseries and garden centers) to the water with which you are watering the seedlings. • Thinning: It's hard to do, but thinning seedlings is necessary so

the others have room to grow. Pulling out and discarding the smaller, more spindly seedlings may seem wasteful and unkind, but if you don't thin, none of the seedlings will grow satisfactorily.

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Tree roses are the garden's come-back kid

In Europe, they're called "standard" roses. In the United States, we call them "tree" roses.

Tree roses — puffy lollipop-like floral color atop 2 to 3-foot stems — do not occur in nature. Tree roses are created by grafting the bud of one type of rose onto the elongated root stock of another. The result is a rose that towers above its garden colleagues and thrives in either pots or in the ground.

Tree roses have been around for centuries, alternately in and out of fashion over the ages. According to those who spot garden trends, tree roses are hot again.

Think of tree roses as living sculptures, suitable wherever extra color, glamour or fun is needed outside the house, either on the patio or in garden. In pots, tree roses can be "rushed to the rescue" like colorful garden cavalry to fill in empty spots where needed.

In Europe, tree roses are used most often in formal settings. (They really do look like round topiaries.) But many American gardeners are finding more fanciful ways to inject their particular charm and vertical aspect into the garden.

Buy tree roses "ready-made" — don't try to graft one yourself! The creation of tree roses is not a technique for the casual gardener. While most any rose can be grafted onto tree rose root stock (most often a root stock called "Dr. Huey"), only certain roses are recommended. And the initial stages of the grafting process really require an expert's touch. However, planting and taking care of a commercially-grafted tree rose is a snap.



Tree roses have been around for centuries.

even for 'brown thumb' gardeners.

Tree roses are purchased, either "bare-root," which means

without soil, or in a pot like other perennials. Bare root roses come with detailed planting instructions. Roses purchased in a container should be either transplanted to a larger container or planted out into the garden as any other potted perennial or shrub.

Among the best-known performers as tree roses are the Floribundas, traditionally used as tree roses because of their rounded growing habit and flower clusters. Favorites include pure white 'Iceberg' and cream-and-peach 'French Lace.'

The big surprise in recent years has been the emergence worldwide of groundcover roses as top contenders as tree roses. Not surprisingly, the groundcover roses that many credit with

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sparking the recent surge of interest in groundcover roses, the robust and floriferous Flower Carpet series of roses, make particularly fine tree roses. Available in Pink and White, Flower Carpet tree roses seem to literally explode with flowers all summer long.

As for care, tree roses, like all roses, like plenty of food and water. Especially water! Those flower engines need fuel! Like all grafted roses, tree roses need to be protected or their container moved into a greenhouse for the winter. Because the graft on tree roses is so high off the ground, tree roses in the garden need to be partially dug and laid on their side before adding a protective mound of soil, or, if in containers, moved to a protected area for the winter.

For roses in containers, check with local garden centers or garden departments. (According to Moss Greenhouses in Jerome, a 36-inch tree rose in a 12 to 14-inch pot could be expected to cost around \$50.)

For bare-root tree roses, mail order is an option:

- Van Bourgondien Brothers, Babylon, N. Y., 1-800-622-9997: 24-inch Flower Carpet tree rose (bright pink), \$38.95.

- Jackson and Perkins, Medford, Ore., 1-800-292-4769: 24-inch "Intrigue" tree rose (purple), \$24.95; 36-inch "Peace" hybrid tea tree rose (yellow with pink), \$34.95.

- Witherspoon Rose Culture, Durham, N. C., 1-800-643-0315: 18-inch "Little Sizzler" tree rose (pink), \$22.50; 36-inch "Iceberg" tree rose (white), \$36; 48-inch "Weeping China Doll" tree rose (pink), \$45.

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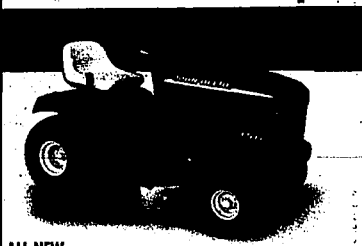
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New items take hold in gardening marketplace

The Associated Press

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- The AutoMoist Soaker Systems from Colorite (\$7.99-\$24.99) are designed to deliver just the right amount of water needed for vegetable, flower or container gardens. They can be snaked through the beds or even buried in the soil — a technique to provide deep watering and prevent soil erosion. Four versions include a vegetable system, with 100 feet of 1/2-inch soaker hose; the flower system, with 25 feet; a container garden system,

for up to 12 plantings; and the hanging basket system, which accommodates up to 10 hanging baskets. Each system is expandable.

- Ergonomics belong in the garden as well as the office, argues Ames Lawn & Garden Tools, which has introduced a line of ErgoConcept tools (\$20-\$25) with aluminum handles in Dali-esque configurations. The lawn rake, garden rake, and flexible steel-tine rake, for example, have arc-curved shafts. Handles on the round- or square-point



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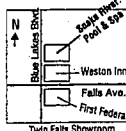
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Flower gardens can provide a fragrant feast for the senses

The Associated Press

Achieving a summer garden rich with fragrance requires care while shopping but is otherwise within reach of anyone with a plot or pot of soil to plant.

Fragrant annual flowers are easy to grow and most are at their best in average, well-drained soil and in a spot that gets full or partial sun. Most are available in either seed or transplant form.

Todd Perkins, a plant breeder for Goldsmith Seeds, Inc., Gilroy, Calif. and Ron Kovala, executive director of the National Garden Bureau, Downer's Grove, Ill., offer these recommendations to add color and fragrance to the garden.

Sweet alyssum, sweet pea, nicotiana, some petunias, snapdragons, stock, dianthus, some zinnias, heliotrope, four o'clock and pansies. Perkins considers sweet pea, sweet alyssum and nicotiana the most fragrant of the bunch; heliotrope with its vanilla fragrance is a Kovala favorite.

Interestingly, many of the most popular summer annuals have no fragrance to speak of — and probably never will, Perkins said. "Some flowers don't have a fragrance and there's nothing we can do to add it."

Among summer favorites that Perkins said are likely to remain fragrance-free are geraniums, impatiens, salvia, begonia and vinca. The fragrance in geraniums comes from its leaves, he noted.

"If there's a hint of fragrance we can select it from among other variables in the plant and strengthen it." A recent example Perkins cites is the cyclamen. While primarily sold as a potted plant, some flowers don't have a fragrance and there's nothing we can do to add it.

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Snapdragons add rich perfume to the summer garden. This one is called Liberty.

especially fragrant at night as a means of attracting these critters to their blossoms. Nicotiana, or flowering tobacco, is an example of a night pollinator.

That nicotiana is mostly fragrant when the sun goes down is more than a botanical curiosity. Gardeners who enjoy spending evenings on the patio or deck

might include plantings of nicotiana up close so the fragrance from their bloom can be enjoyed.

Plants with fragrant blossoms come in a wide range of colors and growth habits. Here are particulars on each:

- Sweet alyssum (white, rose and pink). Plants are 4 inches high and wide; perfect for edging in

either bush or trailing form and about 14 inches tall. Needs full sun.

- Nicotiana (shades of salmon, red, peach, purple and white). These range in height from 12 to 24 inches. Best in massed plantings and in full sun.

- Snapdragons (red, pink, white, yellow, bronze, peach and shades in between). They range in height from 6 to 36 inches. Tall varieties should be staked to keep blossoms upright; best in full sun and when temperatures are not blistering.

- Petunias (virtually all colors). They're probably the most diverse in flower color of all annuals. Kovala believes blue varieties are the most fragrant. Height from 8 to 12 inches and best in mostly sunny

locations.

- Heliotrope (purple, violet and white). The heights range from 10 to 24 inches, part sun.

- Zinnia (red, white, yellow, pink, salmon and shades of each). Heights range from 6 to 36 inches; does best in full sun. The fragrance is subtle and more pronounced indoors as a cut flower.

- Four o'clocks (red, pink, yellow, white and bi-color). Grow on bushy plants 24 to 36 inches tall. Full sun.

- Fancies (virtually all colors and patterns, including a color that approaches black). Yellows and white seem to shimmer, even on a cloudy day. Does best in cool temperatures and in sunny to partly sunny locations. Grow 6 to 10 inches tall.

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Seed catalogs provide latest selections

The Associated Press

It's armchair gardening time. The real thing will soon follow, with a little help from the catalogs, especially for those items you can't find locally.

Pizzazz from the newest Burpee collection includes a new bright red sweet corn called Ruby Queen. Plants are 7 feet tall and bear two to three ears each. A 50-seed packet (only one to a customer for this limited issue) is \$4.95. Further mixing up your old perceptions is the company's Sweet Sunshine carrot, a 1-inch yellow carrot with a mild, sweet flavor and crunchy texture. Two 750-seed packets are \$4.95.

• Devotees of the hot stuff can get a new kick with Park's Tears of Fire Pepper, which the company calls one of the hottest in existence. The thick-fleshed, teardrop cherry fruits can be picked at stages from green to chocolate red and are recommended for chili and salsa recipes. Two 15-seed packets are \$4.10. Park also offers Bright Lights Swiss Chard, interesting to look at and to eat. The 20-inch plants yield a rainbow of stems in yellow, gold, pink, crimson, pink-and-white stripe, orange, scarlet, purple, white and green. Two 180-seed packets are \$3.50.

• The Britanny Red Shallot from Cook's Garden is a traditional fixture in the kitchens on the west coast of France. The extra-large, spicy, reddish purple shallot is a prolific grower, easy to peel and dice — good for salads, sauces and sandwiches. Three pounds are \$18.50. Another offering is the Black Krim Tomato, an heirloom fruit originally from the Crimean peninsula in the Black Sea. This tomato turns a brownish purple at maturity, weighing in at about 10-14 ounces. A packet is \$1.55.

• Maybe you can call it a moonflower instead of a sun-

flower. Burpee's new hybrid, Moonshadow, has petals that fade to creamy white at 4-inch maturity. It flowers all summer long on a compact 4-foot-tall branching plant. Two 35-seed packets are \$4.95. On the other side of the color and size charts is a patinous black pansy hybrid, Zorro. A tiny golden eye peers out from the center of the dark blossom. Two 35-seed packets are \$6.95.

• Heirloom plants from Burpee include the Countess Spencer sweet pea, a turn-of-the-century favorite. The original

form is soft pink; a mix of various hues including blue, scarlet, orange and other colors also is available. Either 40-seed packet is \$2.95.

• If you like variegated blooms, consider the Tie Dye Morning Glory or Splash Splash Geranium from Park Seed. The morning glory (two 20-seed packets, \$4.50) grows to a huge 6-inch span, displaying deep purple with lavender swirls and stripes. The geranium (two 5-seed packets, \$9.90) has mauve and blue streaks across white petals on 1 1/2-inch flowers.

sunny places.

- Sweet pea (shades of pink, rose, cream, red). Plants can be

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OUTDOOR LIVING



Becky Evans of Midland, Mich., tends a patch of petunias, easy plants for a novice gardener because they produce so many colorful flowers with little care.

Beginning gardeners don't need to fear

The Associated Press

Here's a comforting thought for the beginning gardener: Plants are on your side; you are a friend who helps fulfill their mission to grow and reproduce.

So there's little to fear and ample reason to believe you'll succeed. Politeness tells us gardening is America's favorite pastime, and if you feel left out but now want to hop on board, here are some pointers that will help you make and grow a first garden:

* **Sun.** The majority of flowers and vegetables need at least six hours of sun. This suggests a spot in your yard that faces south or west. As you shop, keep in mind two basic terms — annual and perennial. An annual comes up, grows, and dies the same year. A perennial comes up every year. Most annuals and perennials are sunlovers, although there are colorful exceptions that like shade. Virtually all vegetables and many herbs are annuals.

* **Size.** Start small. A garden the size of a twin bed is big enough to grow three tomatoes, six peppers, several rows of lettuce, radishes and carrots and 24 flowering plants like petunias, marigolds and zinnias. That's enough salad and flowers for a family of six.

* **Soil.** It varies all over the country, and fortunately, "bad" soil can be made "good." If a fistful makes a hard ball, it has too much clay. If a fistful makes no ball, it has too much sand. Either condition can be improved by adding compost,

grass clippings or sphagnum peat moss. These materials improve the soil structure so air and water can move about freely in the root zone.

* **Grass.** If the ideal spot now grows grass and you want a garden instead, you'll need to get rid of the grass first. When it starts growing in the spring, spray it with a herbicide such as Roundup or Round-Up. Either will kill the grass within a few weeks (and anything else green it touches) but will not harm the soil. As with any garden chemical, heed label instructions.

* **Tilling.** You'll want to work up the ground the first year, especially if there is too much clay or sand. You're adding sphagnum peat moss or another amendment. Compared to other amendments, sphagnum peat moss is ideal because it adds helpful structure to the soil, doesn't break down too quickly and is easy to work in. For a new garden, a power tiller makes short work out of preparing the soil. The bigger machines can pulverize and turn over dead grass as well as work amendments into the top 12 inches of soil. That's the target to shoot for. Good soil to a depth of 12 inches. You can rent a tiller or, for the same amount of money, you can probably find someone who'll till it for you. Wait until heavy spring moisture is out of the soil before working it by machine or hand, as working wet or frozen soil can make it lumpy for years.

* **Watering.** The best way to water a garden is with a hose that

cozes water: this is a modern version of the old canvas sponker. The new types are made from recycled tires. They coze water slowly from tiny holes along the length of the hose. Snake the hose so it is near the plants and run it for 30 minutes two days a week. If it rains, you can skip a watering. The soil should be slightly moist several inches below the surface at all times. Overhead water from a sprinkler wastes water and can spread disease.

* **Feeding.** Annual flowers and vegetables should be fed about every six weeks beginning about July 1. Some can be overfed, and the result is that they grow leaves at the expense of flowers. Not having a tomato flower means no tomatoes. An easy way to feed is by spraying the leaves and surrounding area with liquid fertilizer applied with a hose-end sprayer. If you don't have one, mix up the food in a pail and pour it slowly around the plants. Don't use a sprayer or pail that had been used to apply weed killer; there may be enough residue to damage the plants.

* **Weeds.** Save weed-pulling time by applying a weed killer that stops weeds just as they sprout. Preen is one popular brand of what's known as a pre-emergent herbicide. These are usually sold as granules that are sprinkled on

the ground and lightly raked into top inch of the soil. They stop most weeds from sprouting most of the season.

* **Mulch.** A 3-inch layer of mulch keeps weeds down, conserves water and keeps the soil at a helpful temperature. Most organic mulches decompose in two or three years and need to be replenished. Grass clippings make a so-so mulch: They clump as they dry, making it hard for water to get to the soil. Leftover weed killer on the grass could kill garden plants. Pine straw shredded bark, wood chips and cocoa bean hulls are a few of the organic mulches available.

* **Enjoy.** Visit your new garden every other day. As the season progresses, you'll be amazed at how quickly changes occur.

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30 years later, 'Flower Power' takes hold

NEW YORK CITY (AP) — In the 1960s, America's "Flower Children" coined the term "Flower Power." That idea soon gave way to decades of disco dancing, conspicuous consumption and trickle-down economics. But now it's the "nesting '90s" and, once again, baby boomers are embracing flower power in record numbers.

Industry experts report that America's taste for tulips, roses, lilies and other fresh flowers will kick overall sales of cut flowers in the United States to more than 8.5 billion dollars this year.

Market research reveals that approximately 45 million U.S. households now purchase flowers at least once a month, up from 31 million a decade ago, according to the Chicago-based marketing consulting firm The Floral Index Inc. The increase in demand accompanies a change in consumer buying patterns.

Roses, long the dominant cut flower in popularity, have been joined by tulips, which have made a rapid rise in recent years as cut flower favorites. Part of the reason may be the increased role that supermarkets and mass

merchandisers now play in cut flower distribution.

While traditional florist shops continue to be the primary retailer for formal arrangements, the greatest increase in floral sales over the past 10 years has been in supermarkets and mass merchandise outlets. Market research shows that supermarket sales volume alone has increased 183 percent in the last 10 years.

If America gave us "Flower Power," it is Northern Europe, Scandinavia and Asia that have long had the lock on flower culture. In Northern Europe, corner flower shops and flower carts are ubiquitous. In Asia, cut flowers

are a part of the cultural and religious landscape stretching back centuries.

In the United States, however, flowers were long considered specialty items reserved for occasions such as holidays, hospital visits and funerals. Today, floral index research shows that holidays and gifts will account for 30 percent of cut flower purchases. However, casual purchases of flowers now account for 25 percent of all stems sold. That figure is well above both hospital gifts (6 percent) and bereavement (15 percent) as reasons consumers cite for purchasing cut flowers.

According to Sally Ferguson,

director of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York, Dutch export statistics also reflect this growing U.S. trend. She reports that exports for the American "forcing" sector, which are bulbs to be grown in the United States, commercially as cut flowers, have increased a full 40 percent over the last decade.

Tulips, which are most often sold in casual bunches of six to 10 stems, are part of the growing trend toward integrative flowers into everyday American life.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Spas aren't just for sitting in anymore

By Rachel Denry
Times-News correspondent

TERMINAL — Spas are no longer just used for relaxation after a hard day's work. Spas are used for exercise, entertainment, relaxation and fun.

A spa was an affordable way to those an indoor lap pool for one become resident, Paula Meunier. "I wanted an indoor lap pool," Meunier said. "When I started pricing it, it wasn't a very good idea. The price was a bit prohibitive. This (her swim spa) was a compromise."

The latest things in spa exercise involve jets and a contraption called a Super Swim.

Just enable a swimmer to swim against very strong currents or very low currents. It's kind of like swimming upstream in a river, said Craig Lookingbill, manager of Snake River Pool & Spa.

The Super Swim consists of a rubber belt that goes around a person's waist. The belt is



Donna Flannery uses a Super Swim to keep her in place while she swims.

attached to a line, and the line is attached to a pole-like item. The Super Swim basically looks like a fishing pole (with a person attached on the end).

With the resistance provided by

the Super Swim, people are basically swimming in place, which is preferable with a small amount of space.

"Instead of having to do the whole Swim Gym (like Meunier

has), there's a system Super Swim." Lookingbill said. "It's easier and more affordable for people. Something like the Super Swim gets more realistic for the average consumer. It's only a couple of years old."

Other things that utilize technology, such as more economical heaters and filters, help contribute to the affordability of spas.

Meunier's Swim Spa costs \$200 to heat a year.

And ozone has been incorporated into spa systems to keep the water clean.

"It's amazing," Meunier said. "I think the technology is just starting to be utilized."

The ozone doesn't make the spa completely chlorine free, but it helps.

"It kills some bacteria" and makes your water clean and clear looking," Lookingbill said. "A lot of people are afraid the water will bother them."

The jet pumps are improved and quieter, too.

Flooded Donna Flannery swims against a jet current in Paula Meunier's Swim Gym.



WATER WORLD

Residents look for soothing break to pressure-filled days

By Rachel Denry
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Water has traditionally been a soothing medium, humans gravitate towards bodies of water to gain refreshment and enlightenment.

With all of the virtues of water being extolled, manufacturers and landscapers everywhere are incorporating water features into gardening.

Sandra Reichert, gift store and greenhouse manager at Kelley Garden Center, said that more and more people are becoming interested in landscape features that incorporate water, regardless of whether it is a pond or a stationary fountain. "Manufacturers are responding (to this interest) with more creative fountains," Reichert said.

Popular do-it-yourself fountains this year involve a half-whiskey barrel style that comes with a pump and a platform. Gardeners choose what type of fountain they want to place on the top and what kind of water plants to put in their fountains. "There are more and more products being manufactured for people who want to work on things themselves," Reichert said. "There's a lot more interest in water plants. We see a lot more people invest more in their water plants."

Karen Weatherwax, owner of Take a Bough, said that interior and exterior fountains are popular.

"People are buying water features now more than they ever have," Weatherwax said. "Water is soothing, relaxing and with the directions people go these days, they

need that soothing."

Some fountains strike pretty usual directions, but Reichert said that a lot of customers want fountains that are "different and unique."

As for ponds, Dutch Pullmann, owner of Pullmann Landscape & Suck, said that last year, he put in 17 pond systems in the Magic Valley.

Pullmann, whose landscapers are known as "the pond guys," have specialized in ponds for one year.

Pullmann said that one of the biggest problems with ponds is how to keep them clean, though new technology in filtration and pump systems have helped.

The new system that Pullmann uses in his ponds involves a dual filtration system which incorporates a

skimmer on top like a hot tub or a swimming pool skimmer. It mechanically filters off the top, and then the water is sent through a filtration system where bacteria is used to help clean the water biologically.

"In nature, you have bacteria," Pullmann said. "With the introduction of bacteria, it keeps the water clean."

Higher efficiency pumps have also recently emerged, although initially costing more, the pumps that Pullmann uses require only a third of the electricity of a normal pump.

"And it's almost trouble free," he said. "With the new pump, you save a whole lot of money. In the first year, the pump is paid for, after that you save money."

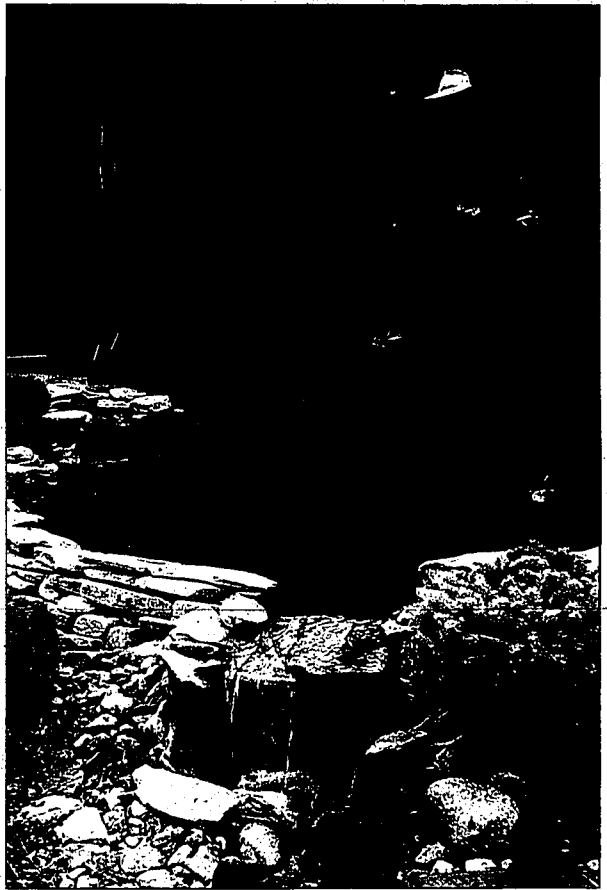
Other things that are being incorporated into more and more systems are underground lights, fish and water plants.

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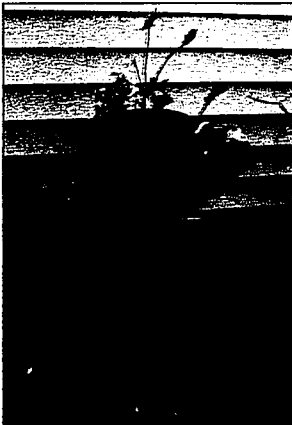
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Dutch Pullmann shows the pond and waterfall that he installed at his home.



Kay Maxwell, nursery supervisor for Kimberly Nurseries, plants a tree using coconut fiber compost.

What's new for the soil?

Growing plants in southern Idaho requires some special techniques

By Rachel Denry
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With such acidic soil in Southern Idaho, it is hard to know what to do with the soil to make plants grow abundantly and healthily. There are new composts and fertilizers which will solve your problem.

Sandra Reichert, manager of Kelley Garden Center, said this year there's a lot of interesting compost.

"A lot of people are getting away from chemical (compost)," she said. "They want to enrich their soil naturally."

More people are becoming interested in how to compost from their own kitchen waste and are incorporating that into their own gardens, Reichert said.

Another compost that Kelley Garden Center utilizes is a mushroom compost. It involves the growth of mushrooms in a compost. After the mushrooms grow, they are discarded and the nitrogen-rich compost can be used as a mulch or tilled into the ground.

A product that Kimberly Nurseries has exclusive rights to is manufactured by a com-

Iron - which Kelley Garden Center manager Sandra Reichert said is a problem in this area - can be taken care of with a slow-release fertilizer that releases nutrients over a period of time.

pany in Sri Lanka. It is a product like peat moss, but it consists of coconut fiber, which helps retain the water in a plant.

"It retains water in the soil better than anything we've ever seen," said Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries.

One of the biggest problems associated with the death of plants is lack of watering enough, according to Wright. The coconut fiber product helps protect against drying out, because it lessens the watering cycle needed and helps retain water.

"You can fill hanging baskets 100 percent with the coconut fiber and cut down on water

requirements drastically to once a week," Wright said.

Kimberly Nurseries also utilizes a liquid fertilizer in a hydra-seeding process. Wright said that they are one year away from a retail package of the fertilizer, which has seed, fertilizer and mulch all mixed up in one.

Iron - which Reichert said is a problem in this area - can be taken care of with a slow-release fertilizer that releases nutrients over a period of time.

"The three-month life-span is nice because it's not a constant job," she said. "It cuts down on a lot of labor. We've tried to educate people that they need to be careful in the summer when they put on fertilizer (otherwise your soil can get burnt out)."

Eventually, gardening all comes back to one point: soil quality.

"In most cases people need anything they can do to improve the soil," Wright said. "Typically the pH of our soil is very high; adding some sulfur to the soil and mixing it with peat moss, compost, Soil Pep will help the plants grow better. It will help prevent them from turning yellow."

OUTDOOR LIVING

Grasses add special garden touch

Seed plants offer new colors, less formal appearance

By Jane Berger
The Associated Press

Bored with all that green in formal borders? Tired of the fussy look of English cottage gardens?

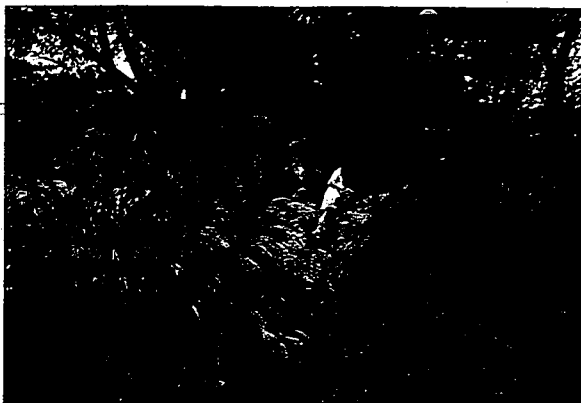
Then try your hand at the New American Garden, using native perennials and almost infinite varieties of ornamental grasses to add excitement, pizzazz and drama to otherwise ordinary landscapes.

Victorian gardeners were very fond of ornamental grasses, but like Victorians generally, they eventually fell out of fashion. Today, grasses and related species are roaring back into popularity. New imports from Asia, Europe and elsewhere are now widely available, giving designers and homeowners a vast palette of plants to create new, innovative designs.

Maryland nurseryman Kurt Bluemel, along with landscape architects Janet van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme of Washington, D.C., have been widely credited for the New American Garden look that first surfaced around the late 1970s. Bluemel began stocking his nursery with new varieties of grasses, and the Oehme-van Sweden firm soon began using them as a central element in their garden designs. Their bold combinations of bulbs, native perennials, and sweeping drifts of ornamental grasses are unusual, exciting, and easy to duplicate.

Visitors to the capital can see Oehme-van Sweden's work at many sites around town, including the Friendship Garden at the National Arboretum and the Olmsted Walk at the National Zoo. Their one-acre garden surrounding the Federal Reserve's Martin Building in downtown Washington is the most popular. Garden enthusiasts can garner scores of ideas there for their own landscape projects back home. The austere white granite building has been brought down to ground level and softened by flowering trees, thousands of bulbs and native perennials. In summer, large numbers of ornamental grasses take over that last through the winter season.

In what may be a surprise to



A Jigger runs through Francis Scott Key Park, landscaped with tall grasses, in a Washington, D.C., Georgetown neighborhood.

many, ornamental grasses come in blues, reds, and stripes as well as green. They range in size from just a few inches tall to 15 feet or more, and many of them flower prolifically in shades of white, gold, silver, rose, purple, and bronze.

Ornamental grasses fit easily with modern lifestyles, especially because they require little maintenance. In general, they are tolerant of drought and may simply be left alone once established. Most grasses are happiest in sunny sites, although a few varieties will tolerate shade. Ornamental grasses need only be cut to the ground once a year in early spring to maintain their vigor.

Landscape architects are using grasses today in a variety of ways to provide year-round garden interest. Low-growing evergreen grasses such as sedge (*Carex*) and fescue (*Festuca*) will allow walkways or line the front edge of a border. Sedges have narrow, arching foliage in colors ranging from copper to blue-green, tolerate considerable shade, and give a soft, flowing edge to brick or concrete. Blue fescue, with fine needle-like foliage, combines beautifully with other silver plants and is airy along a pond or pool as it picks up the water's blue-green hues.

Mondo grass (*Ophiopogon*) spreads slowly but steadily to form a solid groundcover in sun or shade, and it comes in either green or black (yes, black). The black version will have your neighbors cooing and aching when its tiny pink bell-shaped flowers appear in late summer.

Grasses lend an exotic air to any garden, especially when used as architectural accents, as a screen around pools, or massed together to shut out unsightly views. Unlike many other plants, they'll also give you instant garden gratification: they shoot up rapidly in spring and attain their full height just about a month or two.

One of the most appealing mid-sized grasses is fountain grass (*Pennisetum*), with a carefree air resembling arching sprays of water. In August, it erupts into masses of white, pink, or rose-colored plumes. Fountain grass looks great cascading over a wall or defining a border within the garden. It is hardy to zone 5, but may be grown as an annual in colder climates.

Maiden grass (*Miscanthus*) should be reserved for a special place in the garden. If there is one grass I would have to have in my garden, it is this one. Maiden grass is both graceful and stately

with beautiful, arching, green or striped foliage that turns a glorious bronze in the fall. Its pink, rose or white plumes soar to a height of 4 to 6 feet, forming a perfect screen around a hot tub, beside a small pool, or used simply as a single accent.

A good mid-sized screen is the erect, narrow-leaved switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*). Its profuse, airy flowers give way to red seed heads in late summer; the foliage turns deep yellow and burgundy, then takes on a golden color in winter. Even your teen-ager will appreciate the cultivar "Heavy Metal," aptly named for its metallic blue foliage.

Tall grasses should mainly be used because you want something to set your garden apart from others. They are not for the timid; they're what you need when you want to make a statement.

If you're not sure how you'd really like grasses, remember they are especially suited to the American landscape. They are reminiscent of the inland prairies and of wetlands and coastal regions throughout the country. Their plumes and foliage ripple, sway and bend with the wind, dancing to a tune of freedom that symbolizes the American spirit.

garden going and interest alive. A larger garden could have more plants for spring, summer and autumn.

• Add mulch for neatness. In its youth, and each spring before

the growing gets going, the garden will show large stretches of earth.

Choose a uniform mulch to make the garden look neater and help suppress weeds.

As visions grow, so do perennial challenges

By Nancy Brachey
Knight-Ridder News Service

The novice gardener turns first to easy things: zinnias lined up in rows of the shrubs or a pot of dwarf marigolds on the back steps.

That conquered, a gardener's enthusiasm soars and visions of a perfect border come into focus. Something like the one seen last summer in England: 1,000 feet long, 12 feet wide and tended by fleets of gardeners since about 1066.

Classy, yet free-spirited, perennial gardens appeal to the heart of a gardener. They offer variety of form, the entire spectrum of color and something for every season. Perennials are the hardy flowers whose roots and sometimes leaves last from year to year, sending up new foliage and flowers each year.

But the wealth of choices seems daunting to a beginner. Do I do delphiniums or daisies? Should I plan for just one or two colors or mix it up with near-reckless abandon? Is one type of iris a better choice than another? Do I strive to replicate that enormous flower bed at Hampton Court?

Hold it. Remember you're a near-beginner. You want a garden that is reasonably easy to create and tend, one that will reward rather than tax you. That is not so difficult, especially if you choose among the perennial flowers that grow well, and are reasonably resistant to attack by insects.

Such easy-care perennials will form the basis of a flower garden you can supplement with spring-flowering bulbs and annuals. As your expertise grows, you'll add more challenging perennials.

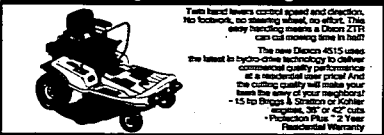
As you plan your sunny garden, here are things to keep in mind:

• Start with good soil. Remove the grass and dig the bed deeply, at least 10 inches, getting out any rocks, hard clods or other debris along the way. Enrich the soil with liberal amounts of good topsoil and compost. Fertilizer will not make up for hard, compact soil.

• Avoid straight lines. The back edge of a rectangular border that is next to a wall, fence or shrubbery may be straight, but the side and front lines should weave gently. This is often accomplished simply by letting the edging plants spill forward slightly. As you place the plants in the interior of the bed, stagger them slightly, or arrange them as points on a triangle. This adds to the informal and natural look.

• Balance the seasons. Don't let your garden's beauty depend on a single month. Even if it peaks in early summer, as many perennial gardens do, plant things that will bloom earlier, such as candytuft, and later, such as rudbeckia. That keeps your

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Map helps with heat-tolerant plants

By Charlene Varkey/Staff Writer

If you're a gardener, chances are good that you consider the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Hardiness Zone Map a horticultural bible.

The map, which divides the United States into 11 zones, tells you which plants grow best where you live so you don't plant things that are likely to die when the temperatures dip too low. But cold is only one of the factors that determine whether plants will thrive or die. During the past decade, changes in weathering patterns that some scientists attribute to global warming meant the USDA map was no longer enough.

As a result, the American Horticultural Society has created the AHS Heat Zone Map to help you select the plants that will thrive when temperatures are the hottest.

The new map divides the United States into 12 color-coded zones based on how many heat days (over 86 degrees Fahrenheit) each region experiences annually. It's a temperature data from 4,745 weather stations nationwide was compiled from 1974-1995. The zones range from cool-summer areas with less than one day per year over 86 degrees (such as parts of Alaska in zone 1) to subtropical areas with an average of more than 210 days per year over 86 degrees (such as parts of South Florida in zone 12).

"In all my priorities, it became the top priority to do a map like this," says M. Marc Cathey, author of the newly released book, "Heat-Zone Gardening" (Time-Life, \$24.95), who is traveling to 40 flower shows around the country lecturing on the new map.

Cathey has been working on the heat-zone project for the past 14 years. A research horticulturist at the USDA for 24 years, he became director of the U.S. National Arboretum in 1981 where he was instrumental in the organization of the hardiness zone map.

Five of the last 10 years were the hottest on record and the growing season is 7-11 days longer than it was 40 years ago," Cathey

says, explaining why the new map was needed.

In addition, he says gardeners who called to talk to him on talk radio began asking for names of plants that could last better through the hot summer.

"Heat doesn't kill the plants, but it slows them down," says Cathey, president emeritus of the American Horticultural Society, a non-profit organization known for its gardening education programs. "At about 86 degrees, the plant's message system begins to shut down, affecting branching and leaf growth. It shuts down the same as 1995 does when there's a wreck."

Cold can kill a plant right away, but heat damage starts to show up more gradually. Flower buds start to wither. Leaves droop and become better targets for insect damage. As chlorophyll disappears, the leaves appear white or brown. The plant may live in this state for a few years, Cathey says, but when the desiccation is high enough, the enzymes that control growth are deactivated and the plant dies.

Unlike the more general hardiness zone map, this new heat zone map is so precise that it even divides zip codes.

Cathey says in about three years most of the plant and seed packet labels will contain both the hardiness zone and heat zone numbers. The first catalog with the new designations should appear this fall, he says. Both Monrovia and Goldsmith Seeds catalogs are working on the new labeling.

Cathey says the goal is to broaden the variety of plants available to gardeners and to make sure they can grow successfully.

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Knights Riddler News Service

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The Times-News

Big flamboyant amaryllis flowers are a delight to the eye. They are also a treasure that can be kept, rejuvenated and enjoyed for years and years. One Connecticut family has kept the same amaryllis going for nearly 40 years!

For those wishing to keep amaryllis flower bulbs growing year after year, here are simple tips:

- After the blossoms fade, cut off the flower stem (not the leaves) a few inches above its base. Keep the plant growing in a warm, bright location. Don't be surprised if a second stem suddenly appears - with another heady round of colorful blossoms.

- Water pot regularly, keeping soil moist not soggy. Apply house plant fertilizer monthly to help the bulb "recharge itself" with energy for next year's bloom. (A leafy amaryllis makes an attractive house plant even without blooms.)

- In September, stop watering and feeding the plant to give it two to three months (10-12 weeks) of "down time." Put the pot in a cool spot and just let it sit, drying out.

- In November/December, it is time to clean and repot the bulb. Use the same pot or one sized slightly larger around than the bulb itself. Carefully clean the bulb of the dried, loose outer scales and dead foliage. Roots should be fleshy and not damaged.

- Re-pot in a clean container with the soil. Water well and place in a warm spot. Until the first sprout appears, water sparingly, then keep moist. Once growing, a cool site in the house is fine. In about eight weeks, the bulb will bloom again.

- Next year, just repeat the cycle.

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There's nothing quite like a beautiful redwood deck

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To help homeowners plan their own deck projects, the California Redwood Association interviewed experienced redwood deck designers and builders from different parts of the country. The panel consisted of Bob Kiefer whose company, Decks by Kiefer, is located in Pittstown, N. J.; Rick Parish of Decks Appeal in Plano, Texas, near Dallas; and Steve Padgett of Padgett Construction in Idyllwild, Calif. Here's what they had to say.

• Planning.
Parish advises, "Pick the time you build carefully, plan ahead and don't rush into a deck project. It is a major purchase, something you want to be able to enjoy for years. Think about how it will affect your property resale value."

Padgett adds, "People should think about where they want to place the redwood deck, how big it should be and what features they want. Factors to consider are the amount of traffic they expect and whether they will be dining and entertaining on the deck frequently."

Kiefer says, "I find out how clients intend to use the deck. Do they want an area for a table and chairs, a lounging section and maybe a grouping of built-in redwood benches to create a conversation area? Then I put together a space diagram, perhaps using level changes to define the separate activity areas. Access from the house to the deck and from the deck to the yard must also be carefully planned so that traffic will flow easily."

• Trends.
Kiefer seems to be adding larger decks, Kiefer says. "People are using their decks more and more for entertaining. I am seeing more changing levels, angles and round shapes. There are new glues which make laminating thin strips of redwood to shape them into curves very successful."

Padgett says, "I've been in business for over 20 years. At first people just wanted basic rectangular slabs. Over the years, this has evolved into a situation where much more attention is given to architectural features. A deck is the most economical way to improve the look of a house



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in redwood seating instead of railings as much as possible so as to create an open feeling and not to obstruct views."

• Getting Started.
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and add to its property value. People want the deck both to blend with and complement the house's style and to flow into the surrounding landscape."

Parish says, "We are building fewer square and rectangular decks. We like to cut corners off and have asymmetrical designs that are more interesting. Modern houses tend to have more angles and walls, and many

of our decks wrap around several corners. Builders are also less generous with lot sizes, so we are dealing with smaller yards than when we started in business 10 years ago."

• Amenities.
Parish says, "Typically our yards here in Texas are flat, so we don't need railings. Instead we define the edges of our decks with built-in redwood benches and planters. Because of our hot summers, shade shelters and arbors are very popular here."

Padgett says, "Built-in seating, planters, tables and custom lighting are almost a standard feature now. More attention is given to railing styles and deck patterns. Interesting railing detailing is also a great way to provide safety and make a design statement at the same time."

Kiefer adds, "Most people want a barbecue area with tables

or counters for eating and serving. I have had requests for fireplaces and firepits. I like to use changing levels and curved built-

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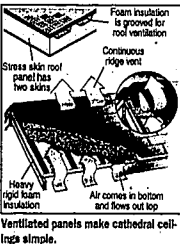
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Transplanting

Transplant seedlings when they have two true leaves.

Growing tomatoes in containers

Choose a container that is at least 18 inches deep and 12 inches wide.

Use a soilless mix with perlite and vermiculite.

Use a plastic cover or a clear plastic bag to keep humidity high.

Water regularly.

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Pruning

Prune heavily when the plant is in full bloom.

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Baby your plants indoors

By Joan Jackson Knight Rider News Service

Some optimists already have struck a few tomato and marigold plants in the ground. But pessimists are laughing and reminding us that they need warm nights and sunny days to set flowers and grow. And we all know how rare warm nights and sunny days have been so far.

Both points of view have merit. The earliest tomato grower gets the first fruit. So when the weather does turn warm and dry up — and it will — the optimists have a head start. Of course, the rains can drown everything.

Many folks have their seedlings for tomatoes, peppers and eggplant started indoors in little pots. Those who didn't start seeds still have time to do that.

Nurseries are filled with transplants in six-packs and four-inch pots. They are bargains right now, because the nurseries need to move out the first bunch. New, fresh transplants are arriving at nurseries every day, and there is little room for the new stock.

If you can't plant right away, buy your tiny seedlings anyway. Put them in larger pots, and baby them until you can work the ground and plant outdoors.

Starting seeds in cold soil is another story, however. It will be nearly impossible to get seeds of squash, beans, sweet peas and sunflowers to germinate outdoors because the temperature is too cold for them. They are likely to rot in the damp soil.

To get an early start on these plants, start the seeds indoors in pots. Use quart-size milk cartons with the tops cut off. Sow seeds and let the plants grow as big as they wish. When you are ready to plant them outdoors, tear away the carton and set the whole plant in a hole without disturbing the roots. Cover the planting area with an 18-inch circle of black plastic to warm the soil.

North Carolina town cracks down on dumpty porches

Knight Rider News Service

Your house may be your castle, but your porch cannot be your dump.

So says the Wilson, N.C., City Council, which, in what some consider an assault on a Southern tradition, has outlawed upholstered furniture on porches. Along with couches that belong in the dump, the ordinance bans such front-yard eyesores as dead animals, refrigerators and tall weeds. But provisions outlawing razor-edged concertina and the parking of vehicles or boats in a front yard were eliminated.

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An elegant redwood picket fence features an inviting asymmetrical redwood gate characterized by a pleasing scoop design and an overhead trellis.



For more on California redwood, visit The Times-News Online.

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lines when holes are dug for the posts.

- **Grades.** Selecting the correct redwood grade for different elements will also ensure a longer-lasting fence. Posts and bottom rails, which are in or within six inches of the ground, should be decay-resistant Construction Heart redwood. Construction Common redwood can be used for the top rail and fence boards. For special designs with intricate detailing, Clear All Heart, Clear or B Grade might be best because of their fine grain and even texture.

- **Construction.** A basic fence usually consists of 4x4 redwood posts spaced every 6 or 8 feet with 2-by-4 rails or stringers and 1-inch fenceboards, 4 to 12 inches wide. Most fences are 3 to 4 or 6 to 8 feet high to accommodate standard 6- to 8-foot redwood board lengths. Heavier fences over 6 feet high may require 2-by-6 stringers and 4-by-6 or 6-by-6 posts.

- **Anchoring Posts.** Your fence will look better and last longer if care is taken to make sure it's properly anchored. Setting the posts is the most critical aspect of fence construction because they keep the structure upright and stable. Postholes should be dug with smooth, straight sides or with the hole wider at the bottom than at the top. To keep ground water away from the base of the posts, six inches of gravel should be placed in the bottom of the holes and more gravel filled in three or four inches up the posts. Once the posts have been positioned and braced, the holes are packed with concrete.

- **Hardware and Finishes.** To avoid unsightly stains, use non-corrosive hot-dipped galvanized, stainless steel or aluminum nails and fastenings. The California Redwood Association recommends that a finish be applied to retard weathering. A clear water repellent containing mildewicide will reduce harmful effects of moisture. If you want a weathered look, a bleaching treatment will provide a silver-gray appearance. A semitransparent stain can be used to give the wood color while allowing the grain pattern to show. Opaque colored stains can also be used to achieve a good effect.

- **Finishing.** A carefully designed and constructed redwood fence and gate will add to the beauty and enjoyment of your garden and be well worth the expenditure of energy, time and money. Get your project going with the booklet Redwood Fences for All Reasons, a 16-page idea-starting, how-to guide to fence designs and building. Send \$2.50 to California Redwood Association, Department F8, 405 Enfrente Drive, Suite 200, Novato, Calif. 94949.

For more on building with redwood, visit The Times-News Online's NewsLink page at <http://www.magicvalley.com>

New kid learns that 3 is a crowd

DEAR ABBY: Because of a job transfer, we moved to a new home in another state a few months ago. Our son is a fourth-grader who has never had a problem making friends. However, since moving to our new neighborhood, he has encountered the "one-friend-at-a-time" rule with two different neighborhood boys.

He comes home from school, hops on his bike, goes down the street and knocks on the "Johnny's" door, only to be told that Johnny is playing with "Billy" now, and he's allowed to have only one friend over at a time — so my son ends up alone.

Abby, the parents of these two boys call themselves "good Christians." They have pictures of Jesus all over their homes and go to church every Sunday. (Maybe they read a different Bible than we do — ours says, "Love thy neighbor.")

Needless to say, our son's feelings are hurt and he misses his neighborhood friends. He is well-mannered and has been taught to share.

My husband and I are at a loss as to how to deal with these parents who think nothing of hurting a child's feelings. Please help.

— **MOTHER OF NEW KID ON THE BLOCK**

DEAR MOTHER: Many parents schedule "play dates" for their children, and it's possible that when your son drops in, this is the situation he's encountering. It's also possible that the parents feel they can accommodate only one child at a time, or are uncomfortable having an unfamiliar child in their home.

Encourage your son to reach out to other boys in the neighborhood or at school. They don't have to be the most popular or the most athletic. An alternative to that would be to make sure he is involved with extracurricular activities such as sports, special interests or scouting — common interests can also be the basis for lasting friendships.

DEAR ABBY: "Indebted to Them, Lakewood, Calif." was con- trite about how she had treated her mother and stepfather. She asked if she should say something to apologize, and to thank them for putting up with her behavior.

Some time ago, you suggested that children write a letter to their parents saying how much they loved them and thanking them for all they had done. I not only took your advice — I went further by writing letters to my in-laws from my first marriage, and also my present in-laws.

After my parents died, we



DEAR ABBY
Mighty Wabber

the reminder: For years I have urged readers who are fortunate enough to have their parents (or even one parent) to whom they can give such a precious gift, to write a letter expressing their love and gratitude for the countless things a parent must do to raise a child. Such a letter is sure to become a treasured keepsake.

found they had saved my letter. My father-in-law has shown the one I sent him to everyone in his rather large family. He is very proud of it.

In the letters, I thanked each of them for their gifts, thanked and unthoughtful, and asked them to forgive my shortcomings. In the case of my in-laws, I thanked them for their daughter — "a gift I will always treasure."

Abby, please suggest that "indebted" put her feelings in writing so folks will have something to cherish for the rest of their lives.

— **TOM COLLIMORE, SAN MARCOS, CALIF.**

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Gourmet items hit movie theater menus

LAS VEGAS (AP) — They can account for almost 50 percent of a theater's profits and about 90 percent of a moviegoer's heartbeat: Movie house concessions are doing an indigestible combination of popcorn, soda and Raisinets. Yet a new crop of theater snacks is zooming in on good taste, and concession stands will soon offer gourmet cutlets, fresh-baked pretzels, made-to-order pizzas and high-end chocolates.

General Cinema, one of the nation's biggest theater chains, this week is opening a new 18-screen facility in Yorktown, Ill., serving light entrees, champagne and wine. The new Pacific

Theatres multiplex in the Los Angeles suburb of Chatsworth sells Pink's hot dogs, considered a delicacy by many L.A. diners.

A movie house makes 45 to 55 percent of its income from concession stand sales. While upscale snacks have been offered for years in some cinemas in major cities, the rest of the nation's theaters are only slowly beginning to follow suit.

"Moviegoers are looking for quality products at a good price," says Joe Arancio of Denver's Pritzmeaker.

Arancio's gourmet pretzels cost theater owners about 12 cents and sell for \$2.25.

At last month's National Association of Theater Owners convention here, the best-known concessions claimed the most square footage on the exhibition floor. But tucked between Pepsi-Cola, Morrison Farms Popcorn, Nestle and American Licorice, were several smaller food companies serving up new concepts in movie theater munchies.

One of the more popular stops on the convention floor was Wetzel's Pretzels, a Pasadena, Calif., outfit that has started selling its all-natural, hand-rolled pretzels in five cinemas. The company was attending the theater owners' convention for the first

time showing off such flavors as "Almond Crunch," "Sinful Cinnamon" and "Three Cheeses."

"It's part of the whole health food trend," says Rick Wetzel, whose pretzels are baked and then shipped frozen.

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Sweeten up your Easter basket with these favorites

By Kristin Eddy
Chicago Tribune

Eggs are Easter food, no doubt about it. There's the chicken egg, for painting and eating, and then the zillion candies that come in egg shapes this time of year.

With the symbolism of the season in mind, we thought it would be nice to custom-design a great Easter basket of egg-shaped candy, one that adults would appreciate as well as kids.

Chocolate eggs and jelly beans are plentiful now, and in a sweep of drugstores, supermarkets and specialty shops, we gathered up quite a nest of goodies. Then, we nibbled around, getting choo-

late all over everything and generally eating so much candy that our appetites were spoiled for the rest of the day.

We did manage to pick out our favorites. These are the sweets we would choose if we were putting all our eggs in one basket.

- Dove Truffle eggs: The shell of fine, not overly sweet Dove chocolate, is filled with a creamy milk chocolate truffle. This is drugstore candy that could pass for something high-end. \$1.79 for three eggs. Widely available.
- Reese's peanut butter eggs: If you've forgotten how well peanut butter goes together, try this Easter-issue version of the peanut butter cup. Definitely an acquired taste, and if you didn't

acquire it at least 20 years ago, forget it. 50 cents apiece. Widely available.

- Nestle Crunch eggs: They can't make enough versions of this chocolate-and-crisped-rice confection to keep us happy. This holiday take on the candy bar is yummy and has a satisfying munch. \$3.19 for an 11-ounce bag. Widely available.
- Fannie May cream eggs: Fannie fans will expect to be treated with chocolate from this chain. Fill your own box of eggs, or get selective and go for our favorite, the Trinidad. This yellow-shelled coconut candy wraps around a deep, dark truffle center that made everyone happy. \$13 per pound. Fannie May stores.

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RECIPE CORRECTION

The Times-News

Ingredients were missing in the recipe for Season's Best Muffins in the April 1 Food & Home section. Here is the corrected recipe.

SEASON'S BEST MUFFINS
 1 cup slightly frozen cranberries
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/2 cup sugar
 3 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup milk
 1/2 cup orange juice
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 1 egg
 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

1/3 cup shredded pecans
 2 tablespoons margarine, melted
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 cup sugar

Preheat oven to 400. Slice slightly frozen cranberries into a small mixing bowl. Stir in sugar and set aside. In large mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. In separate bowl, beat milk, orange juice, fat, egg, and orange peel. Add to flour mixture and beat until all ingredients are moistened. Shred pecans. Fold cranberry mixture and pecans into batter. Fill greased (bottom only) or paper baking cup lined muffin

pan 3/4 full. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes. Remove from pan immediately. Brush muffin tops with melted margarine, then dip in cinnamon and sugar mixture.

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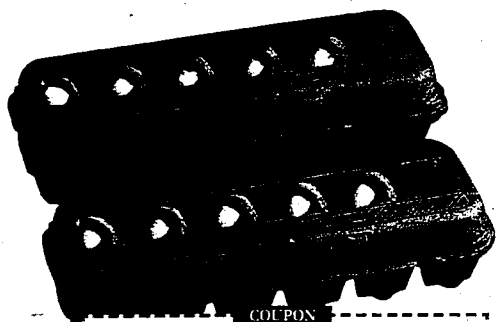
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