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Ken Stutzman, left, and Todd Bliss are partners in a new truck-train intermodal center. Developers hope to break ground on the project this week.

## Working on the railroad

### Work begins on truck-train cargo center; some details still unfinished

By Virginia S. Hutchins  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A trio of Twin Falls men is breaking ground this week on a long-discussed intermodal center east of Twin Falls. The partners aren't quite finished getting city permits, but developer Todd Bliss calls the center a done deal. It's proceeding with or without warehouse or manufacturing tenants, he said.

Bliss signed Monday concluded "considerable" negotiations to transfer the land for the truck-train cargo transfer center and rail spur from Pinnacle Land and Investment to the new, still-unnamed partnership, Bliss said. Easements for future tracks were transferred, too.

The facility will transfer wheelless containers and "piggyback" trailers between railcars and trucks. At other sites, those containers can be loaded onto ships for overseas export.

Boosters for several years have said an intermodal center will make local products more marketable, cut product transportation costs, and could draw higher-paying manufacturing jobs.

Eastern Idaho Railroad likes the idea and is willing to lend some kind of support to the project, said John Brown, executive vice president over railroads including Eastern Idaho Railroad. "As far as I know, the ball is in their court, and we're ready to help them make it happen," Brown said.

The railroad is providing expertise and design staff, Bliss said. "The railroad's participation is what's helping this thing go together," he said.



Ken Stutzman, left, and Todd Bliss are partners in a new truck-train intermodal center. Developers hope to break ground on the project this week.

No manufacturers or warehouse tenants are ready to announce plans to locate at the intermodal center, but several are close, Bliss said. He hopes to announce big tenants before the end of the month.

The new partnership is trying to hold off the beginning of track cutting until the end of the month, when Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and state transportation officials may be able to attend. "Monday's agreements will remove Bliss as a partner in Pinnacle, he said.

He won't have control over industrial development of more than 250 acres remaining in Pinnacle's possession on both sides of the rail road. That land fronts almost two miles of track, Bliss said.

Bliss was a driving force behind a rezoning

for the industrial park, and he still expects to have input on the rest of the development. He didn't plan to leave the Pinnacle venture, he said, but he got very involved in the intermodal effort.

Bliss' new partners are Ken Stutzman of C.L. Stutzman Excavating Inc. and Gerald Martinez of EHM Engineers Inc. Bliss expects their effort to be successful because "we all have a tremendous amount to offer in our areas." Stutzman was at the site Tuesday to do some surveying before starting ground preparation.

"We're ready to go," he said with a grin.

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## Emotion suffuses start of trial

### Suspect's ex-wife breaks down on stand

By Gregory Hahn  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Anna Marie Thomas cried Tuesday afternoon as she told an Ada County jury what happened the morning her boyfriend was killed, in the Eden-area home they had just begun to share.

She buried her head in her hands and sobbed when she recalled how her bed had been stained by Steven Louder's blood. Prosecutors say Jimmie Thomas traveled halfway across the world to satisfy a misguided sense of honor and jealousy.

He is charged with shooting 38-year-old Louder to death in November 1997. If convicted, he faces the death penalty.

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Jimmie Thomas

Her breakdown ended day one of the first-degree murder trial of Jimmie Varel Thomas, Anna Marie Thomas' 52-year-old ex-husband. Prosecutors say Jimmie Thomas traveled halfway across the world to satisfy a misguided sense of honor and jealousy.

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## DOE provides no details on waste shipment

By N.S. Nolden  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Now that the federal Energy Department has made public its intent to send a shipment of waste from Idaho to a New Mexico disposal site, New Mexico officials want to know what exactly is in the shipment.

The Energy Department isn't saying exactly.

It has said New Mexico that the 42 barrels from the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory contain no hazardous material. Beyond that, the department says it isn't obligated to provide further details.

But New Mexico environmental officials would like to make their determination themselves. "We have a responsibility to verify DOE's hazardous waste determination," said Nathan Wade, spokesman for the New Mexico Environment Department.

The Energy Department is under pressure of a 1995 agreement with Idaho. It requires the shipments of plutonium-contaminated waste.

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## Incursion sparks fear of wider war

The Associated Press

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**BAJRAM CURRI, Albania** — Ignoring fears of wider conflict, Serb forces pushed into northern Albania on Tuesday, fought an hour-long skirmish with Albanian troops, seized a border hamlet and torched homes before withdrawing, Albanian officials and international observers said.

With Albania a major staging ground for NATO forces, even Tuesday's incident — short-lived, small-scale, with no report-

ed casualties — brought a warning from Washington that Yugoslavia would make a grave mistake in expanding the fighting.

In Belgrade, Yugoslav officials denied any incursion into Albania. Albania, in turn, said the Serb push into its territory would carry consequences. Sokol

Gjoka, an Albanian Foreign Ministry official, said his country would take necessary steps to defend itself. "In close coordination with our allies."

These days, that means NATO, which has taken over Albania's airfields, airspace and military infrastructure. In coming weeks, a force of Apache attack helicopters and thousands more allied troops will be based there.

White House spokesman Joe



## Forklift philanthropist works for others, not himself

The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Motel "Mac" Dawson has worked for Ford Motor Co. for 59 years and could have retired long ago. But the 78-year-old is still at it, driving a forklift, soaking up as much overtime as possible and pulling down around \$100,000 a year.

Just so he can give most of it away. With a \$200,000 donation to Wayne State University on Tuesday, Dawson has now donated

more than \$1 million to schools and charities since 1994.

"I get joy, happiness out of this," he said at a news conference, nattily dressed in a pinstriped suit with a pink boutonniere. "I can go home and sleep good."

Dawson got as far as the seventh grade in Shreveport, La., before coming to Detroit in 1940. He didn't become a philanthropist by winning a lawsuit, hitting the lottery or collecting an inheritance.

All he's done, he said, is work, work overtime, save and invest.

"No matter how much you make or how little you make, you've got to save a little of it," he said.

For Dawson, who is divorced and has one daughter, "more than enough" doesn't include vacations — he said making money is more enjoyable. He drives a 1983 Ford Escort and has a one-bedroom apartment in down-on-its-heels Highland Park, where Henry Ford built his Model T factory.

"A big house, a big car, that doesn't excite me," Dawson said. Dawson earns about \$100,000 a

year through his base salary of \$23.47 an hour, plus overtime from working 12-hour days. He runs a forklift and is classified as a "rigger" — a skilled tradesman available for a variety of jobs at the Rouge assembly complex in Dearborn.

In 1994, years after he could have retired, Dawson began giving his money away. The first recipient was the United Negro College Fund, which got \$50,000 then and has received \$180,000 more since then.



"Mac" Dawson has given away more than \$1 million.



NATION

# 'I'll go back'

Worker says he'll return atop crane

ATLANTA (AP) — Less than 24 hours after he was plucked from a burning crane 250 feet above the ground, Ivers Sims said Tuesday he won't be afraid to return to his construction job.

"I'll go back," the crane operator said at a hospital news conference, displaying little emotion. But not until he takes "a month or so" off.

He said he wants to meet again with firefighter Mimi Moseley, whose daring, dangling stunt at the end of a helicopter rope saved his life.

He sent a message to Moseley this morning via television, saying on ABC's "Good Morning America" show: "Thank you, Mimi. I thank God for your courage and bravery. I'm going to change your name to Moses, not Moseley."

Sims, 49, of Woodland, Ala., waited more than an hour Monday to be rescued from the crane as flames consumed a former cotton mill that was being converted to loft apartments in east Atlanta. About 20 feet away from where he lay, flames and smoke could be seen at the corner of the crane that towered over the burning five-story building.

Sims said he didn't realize the fire below him was out of control until it was too late to get down. He talked to those on the ground through his radio, then crawled out to a concrete counterweight, at the end of the crane's horizontal arm, to get away from the smoke and heat.

"I just had to get out on this counterweight because my shoes were getting hot on the deck," he said. He admitted he feared the tower might collapse.

Moseley, tethered to a helicopter by a 50-foot rope, was pulled in from the sky, then climbed and crawled along the twisting crane to where Sims was lying, wrapped him into a harness and held him tightly as they were lowered to the ground.

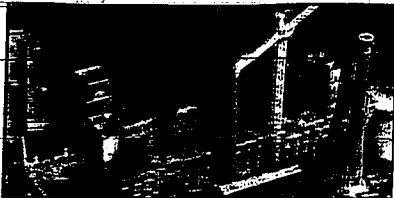
Sims said he wasn't afraid on the ride down.

"The only thing I was kind of thinking about was hoping that the rope would hold."

He said he wanted to walk to the waiting stretcher under his own power. "If I'd had time, I would have kissed the ground."

Sims was treated at Aullman Medical Center for smoke inhalation and exposure to high heat, but otherwise was unscathed. He left the hospital Tuesday.

The dramatic rescue was watched by crowds of onlookers on the ground and television viewers nationwide. Onlookers cheered and clapped as Moseley helped Sims into the harness and brought him safely to the ground.



At top: Fire engulfs crane with Ivers Sims. Above: Firefighter Mimi Moseley hoists Ivers Sims from the top of a burning crane. At right: Sims and Moseley struggle from a helicopter hoist over the crane.

# Starr is expected to oppose the law that created his job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, whose investigation of President Clinton revived a debate over special prosecutors, will tell Congress on Wednesday he opposes renewing the law that put him in power. The Associated Press has learned.

Starr, scheduled to testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, submitted prepared remarks Tuesday laying out his rationale against renewing the Independent Counsel Act, said officials familiar with his written testimony.



Kenneth Starr

Starr said he believes it violates the constitutional separation of powers between the executive and judicial branches.

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NATION IN BRIEF

IRS finds no violation of taxpayer rights

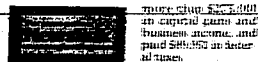
WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service's criminal division has "drifted" from its proper focus on tax enforcement but is not guilty of widespread violation of taxpayer rights, according to an independent review released Tuesday.

A task force of federal law enforcement officials headed by William Webster, a former federal judge and former director of both the FBI and the CIA, said instances in which taxpayer rights are violated are "isolated and individual" despite some high-profile horror stories.

The report also found that the 3,000-agent IRS Criminal Investigation Division properly uses search warrants, grand juries and raids, and that deadly force was extremely limited. In fact, since 1995 only one case involved use of a firearm — the shooting of a pit bull dog that charged an agent during a search.

Clintons pay \$89,951 federal income tax

WASHINGTON — President and Mrs. Clinton earned \$504,109 last year, including



more than \$100,000 in capital gains and business income, and paid \$89,951 in federal taxes.

The Clintons released their tax returns Tuesday, two days before the April 15 filing deadline.

They overpaid their taxes by \$4,207 and chose to have that amount applied to their 1999 tax bill rather than receive a refund.

Their 1998 return closely mirrored their taxes from the previous year.

The first family reported \$569,539 in adjusted gross income for 1997, and they paid \$91,964 in federal taxes.

Separately, Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, released their tax forms, showing they paid \$32,853 in federal taxes for 1998 on an adjusted gross income of \$274,132.

Retirement, disability spending on rise

WASHINGTON — Federal spending on retirement and disability topped a half-trillion dollars for the first time last year, totaling \$307.2 billion, the Census Bureau reports.

Overall, Uncle Sam spent \$1.5 trillion for domestic benefits, subsidies, grants, goods and services, and salaries and wages in fiscal year 1998, the Bureau said in two reports, released Wednesday.

That total represents a 3.4 percent increase over 1997.

Trappers get third, hopefully last, beaver

WASHINGTON — Trappers have caught what they think is the last of the beavers that have been chewing down on Washington's famous Tidal Basin cherry trees.

Trapper John Adcock Jr. said the third beaver was trapped Monday night shortly before midnight.

Adcock said he thinks the male beaver — nicknamed "Big Daddy" — is the mate of the female trapped Saturday and the father of the young beaver caught Sunday.

Compiled from wire reports

Kevorkian sentenced 10 to 25 years

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Dr. Jack Kevorkian, who videotaped himself giving a man a lethal injection and dared prosecutors to stop his assisted-suicide campaign, was sentenced to 10 to 25 years in prison Tuesday by a judge who told him: "Sir, consider yourself stopped."



Jack Kevorkian

Kevorkian, who turns 71 next month, argued as he was led from the courtroom in handcuffs, saying to a friend, "Justice."

Judge Jessica Cooper refused to release him on bail while he appeals his murder conviction, saying she couldn't trust his promise not to take part in any more suicides.

"That is what he believes his life mission is," she said.

In addition to giving Kevorkian the sentence prosecutors asked for, the judge handed him three to seven years for delivery of a controlled substance. The sentences will run concurrently, and Kevorkian will be eligible for parole after six years and eight months, a prosecutor said.

He could have gotten life in prison.

Defense attorney David Gorosh said that he was surprised by the judge's decision and that he hopes it does not amount to a life sentence for Kevorkian. "It would be a terrible tragedy to lose such a heroic figure in American life."

Talk show host defends program

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Jenny Jones denied Tuesday that her talk show tries to "ambush" guests to boost ratings, as alleged by the family of a gay man who was killed by another guest.

Jones testified for the second day in the trial of a \$20 million wrongful death lawsuit by the family of Scott Amedure, who was killed by Jonathan Schmitz three days after they taped a March 1995 episode of "The Jenny Jones Show."

The segment — about same-sex secret crushes — never aired. The lawsuit against the show and its producer, Warner Bros., contends the show humiliated Schmitz with Amedure's on-camera description of his sexual fantasy involving Schmitz.

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NATION

NATION IN BRIEF

FAA praises weekend tests

WASHINGTON — After two days of analysis, the Federal Aviation Administration reported Tuesday that a weekend test of its Year 2000 computer fixes was successful.

During the four-hour test late Saturday and early Sunday, computers at Denver International Airport were split in half and the clocks on the test side were rolled forward from an imaginary date of Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000. Tapes from both the test system and the live system were then sent to the FAA technical center outside Atlantic City, N.J., for review.

During the test period, the computers plotted the movement of one plane in particular, United Airlines Flight 2778, which landed at the airport. "Data on Flight 2778 from the live and test systems was identical."

Woman settles in arrest case

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A black woman who was dragged to the ground by a white state trooper during a videotaped arrest has received a \$400,000 out-of-court settlement.

Sandra A. Antor settled in January, dropping her lawsuit accusing the Public Safety Department of negligence in training Highway Patrol troopers. The Post and Courier reported Tuesday.

In 1996, Ms. Antor was stopped for speeding on I-95. The videotape of her arrest led to allegations of police brutality when it showed Lance Cpl. W.H. Beckwith being physically and verbally abusive. Beckwith was fired eight weeks later.

Reputed mob boss pleads guilty

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Louis "Baby Shacks" Manocchio, the reputed boss of the New England mob, pleaded guilty Tuesday to receiving stolen property — a dishwasher and refrigerator he gave to his elderly mother.

The 71-year-old dutiful son was placed on three years' probation. His lawyer, John Cicilline, said Manocchio agreed to the plea bargain for his mother's sake. "He has a 90-year-old mother who reads the newspapers and watches TV. He agreed to the plea in order to avoid that."

Glenn Miller fan buys logbook

LONDON — An American fan of bandleader Glenn Miller paid \$35,000 Tuesday for a military logbook that holds a clue to Miller's mysterious disappearance aboard an airplane during World War II.

"I've never done anything like this in my life," said William Suits, a 76-year-old businessman from Boulder, Colo., who bid for the book by telephone to Sotheby's auction house.

Glenn Miller led one of the most popular "swing" bands of the 1930s and '40s, which had huge hits with songs like "In The Mood," "Kalamazoo," and "Pennsylvania 6-5000." He was at the height of his fame when an airplane carrying him disappeared over the English Channel on a foggy December day in 1944.

Compiled from wire reports

Simpson fights off gunman

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson wrestled and bit a gunman who tried to rob him Tuesday in the parking lot of a golf course, police said. Simpson was cut on the hand during the attack.

Simpson chased the assailant in his car while calling police on his cellular phone, but gave up because the man was running red lights and police told Simpson to pull over.

Nobody has been arrested, said Officer Jason Lee, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department.

Simpson, in a phone interview from home with The Associated Press, called the incident at Los Feliz Golf Course "the weirdest thing."

"I had finished playing golf and was walking to the car saying goodbye to my buddies," he said. "I was taking my shoes off between cars and I sensed someone coming up behind me. I turned around and he was holding a gun on me."

"I said, 'Man, why do you want to screw up your life? Take my car. You don't want to do this.'"

He said the man looked at him and called him by his name, saying "O.J., I hear you carry a lot of money."

"The assailant seemed intent on robbing him, Simpson said, but

when he offered him money and his credit cards, he didn't take them. "This guy looked like a regular old citizen," he said. "He was 40s, very clean cut. I might have taken him for an off-duty policeman."

Simpson said he told him people would see him aiming the gun, but the man refused to

leave. "He stepped toward me and we wrestled for the gun. I bit his hand so he would let go of the gun," he said.

Simpson cut his hand with the barrel of the gun.

"My hand was bleeding and my first reaction wasn't to follow him, but I got in my van and followed him."



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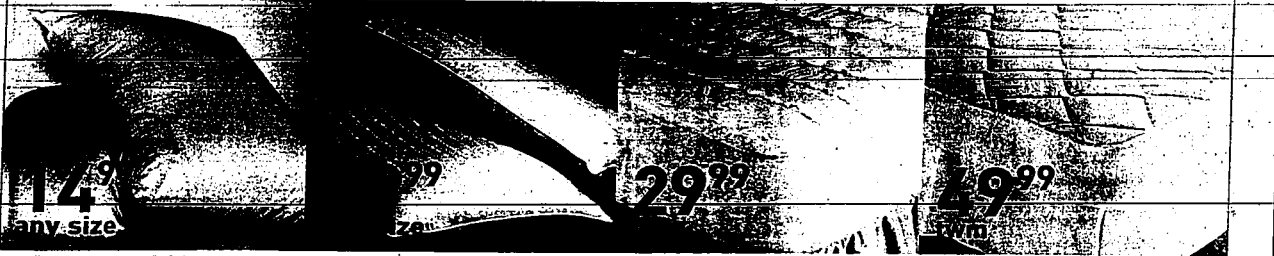
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## EDITORIAL

### 'Historic' home is cover for a bad alternate route plan

The regional office of the Idaho Transportation Department is using an old home as a fig leaf to cover its ambition. Instead of trying to hide its intransigence, the department ought to call a house mover.

The home at 2732 Pole Line Road is eligible for inclusion in the National Historic Register. The ITD piously says it can't desecrate a site with so much potential significance.

How do you think the state could qualify for the National Historic Register? That doesn't mean it should, nor should it be used as leverage to support a bad idea that can't stand on its own.

The local pavements are pushing a scheme to bulldoze a west-side beltway around Twin Falls. Condemning farm land and homes, not to mention building a bridge over Rock Creek Canyon, is the Transportation Department's preferred option to link the Ferrine Bridge with the U.S. 93-30 highway junction west of Filer.

The ITD has seized on the old Pole Line home as cover to rebuff another, far more sensible option to widen and improve Pole Line and 2400 East.

These are roads that already receive plenty of traffic. That's why the Pole Line-2400 idea is supported by thousands of Magic Valley residents, several highway districts, the Twin Falls County commissioners and, belatedly, the Twin Falls City Council.

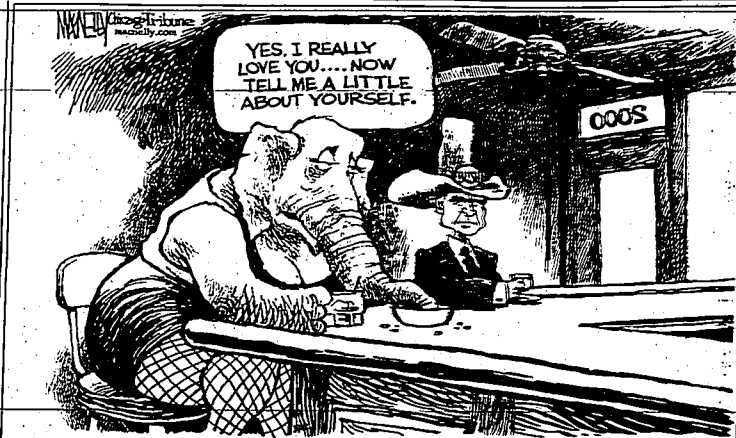
So it boils down to a contest of wills: The People vs. the Pavement. It's time for the people to speak up. It's long past time for Transportation Department employees — particularly project manager Chuck Carnohan — to remember who works for whom.

Hello? The cross-country option has no visible support, while the Pole Line-2400 option has plenty. Is anybody listening?

The highway planners appear to be tone deaf on this subject. That's why the newest member of the state Transportation Board, Gary Blicik of Castleford, suggested citizens make their case directly to the board.

Remember, the old house on Pole Line can always be jacked up and hauled to another location. The Boone House, a stone home which stood near the entrance to the Magic Valley Mall, was moved to the Boone House, so can the place on Pole Line Road.

It's a nice old home with a lot of memories, but George Washington never slept there. It shouldn't be a deal breaker.



### Clinton's Balkan strategy will lead to disaster

PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

Three weeks into Bill Clinton's Balkan adventure and American risks a debacle. The human rights crisis in Kosovo has exploded into a catastrophe. Slobodan Milosevic is being rallied around like some Serbian Churchill. Montenegro and Macedonia are demoralized; Russia is being swept by anti-American jingoism; and U.S. troops may have to go marching into the Big Muddy.

Such are the fruits of Utopian crusades for global democracy.

The great lesson of Vietnam was before you commit the error, commit the nation. Clinton and Madeleine Albright launched a war against Yugoslavia with the support of neither.

Yet this debacle is not their doing alone. It is a product of the hubris of a foreign policy elite that has for too long imbibed of its own moonshine about America being the "world's last superpower" and "indispensable nation."

Even so, slabs of defeat are the smallest fraction of GDP since before Pearl Harbor, the rhetoric has remained triumphant, and the commitments have kept on coming.

Responsibility must be shared by Congress, for Clinton's intent to launch this Balkan war was long apparent. Yet Congress failed either to authorize war or deny the president the right to attack.

With Milosevic still defying NATO, we are told that "failure is not an option." The United States must do whatever is necessary to win. Otherwise, NATO's credibility will be destroyed.

But this is mindless. If the war was a folly to begin with, surely, the answer is

to cut our losses and let the idiot-adventurers who urged the attack resign to write their memoirs, rather than send 10,000 U.S. troops crawling into the Balkans to save the faces and careers of our blundering strategists. Only a fanatic retools his energy when he has lost sight of his goal.

After the Gallipoli disaster, Churchill went after Suez, Eden went after the Bay of Pigs, Allen Dulles left the CIA. Surely, this is a wiser, more honorable course than a ground war in Kosovo.

Moreover, Americans will not support whatever is necessary to win. "We are not going to turn Belgrade into Elamberg. As one recalls the horror at Nixon's "Christmas Bombing" that freed our POWs at a cost of 1,400 dead in Hanoi, all but surgical bombing is out.

And if we send in the troops, what do we win? The right to say that NATO defeated Serbia? To occupy Kosovo?

If after we take Kosovo, the Serbs conduct a guerrilla war against our troops, and the KLA begins a war of liberation to kick NATO out, annex western Macedonia and unite with Tirana, our "victory" will have produced the very disaster we wish to avoid.

When did that peninsula become so critical to the United States that we would go to war over whose flag flew over Pristina?

"Arm the Kosovars?" urge other armchair strategists. But do we really want another Afghanistan — in the underbelly

of Europe?

When a crew of interventionists have smudged out, because the NATO expansionists could not keep their hands off the albatross, they have witnessed the myth of its impincibility and may have called into being a Moscow-Munich-Beijing-Belgrade-Baghdad axis.

Out of this disaster, what lessons may be learned?

First, American cannot police the planet on a defense budget of 3 percent of GDP. Our fourth of air-launched cruise missiles, the need to shift carriers from the gulf, the delay in deploying the Anacharsis, the calling-out of the reserves — all point to a military that is not adequately adequate to the global tasks we have added since the Gulf War.

China's America is prepared to restore Ronald Reagan's Army, Navy and Air Force, we cannot stop a nuclear Russia, police the Balkans, still back a second line of attack on Europe, contain North Korea and prevent another of Beijing's bullying assaults on Taiwan.

When the United States needs today the Balkans is a less than perfect, peopled by Europeans, where Serbia rule, South, Chinese, Croatians and Albanians. And if, in the negotiations to end this conflict, the Balkans cries, "We American troops in Kosovo!" let us insist upon, and bring our soldiers home from Europe, as the world waits to do nearly 40 years ago.

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## LETTERS

### Drugs call for strong response

If I saw a child and knew that a person or persons were making crack, etc., and that child was given a sample, I knew my neighbor was making it or had a lab in his home. I could easily shoot the person or drop a match in his lab and watch it go up in flames (and then too).

A strong sentencing may be the only deterrent to this horrible stuff. A fine and a few years in jail — no!

Why don't we do this? Just sit around with our heads in the sand.

BETTY GALVIN  
Wendell

parents, will only be allowed to watch during the final scheduled tournament of the year.

For those of you two junior golfers, I applaud the Idaho Junior Golf Association and its board of directors for taking a stand against the behavior of adults at events for children.

SCOT MCNEILEY  
Twin Falls

### Parasites might cause cancer

Can a parasite cause cancer? According to the book "The Cure for All Cancers," by Hulda Regehr Clark, Ph.D., they can; and do. She spells it out in black and white, 500 pages, matter of fact.

I found the above information on the Internet. I could not sleep after reading the web page and it's outrageous content. I mailed that page to all my friends and family. Who knows, it may help save a life from parasites — whoops, I mean cancer.

Dr. Clark states, "Purge the parasite, cure the cancer." Now, I know that sounds far fetched, and you're asking yourself, "Why haven't we heard about this so-called cure before?"

Well, now you have. There is a 500-page book that will give you an earful. Now no one can force a person to swim if that person is intent on sinking. If you or a loved one has cancer, you may have a new option to consider. You will

always have the agency to investigate this possible cure for yourself.

For those of you who have suffered loss of loved ones due to cancer, I express my deepest regrets. I know this information is too late and can't open the door to the past, but I also know that Dr. Clark's words and research are true and go unopposed, the doors to the future will remain closed as well. If nothing more, please keep this letter in your file folder. You may want to yourself looking for options some day.

If you feel a need to investigate further, please pull up the web page I found. The address is <http://www.lotus-project.com/Go/LouisHealth/Parasites/You/Like.htm>.

Maybe Dr. Clark's book is not accepted by the American Medical Association and maybe that is why its theory is new to us. Hey, it's either true or false, but if it is true, the implications will live on at the AMA.

DAVID FLOWERS  
Hailley

### Farmers deserve congratulations

Congratulations to the farmers of Magic Valley for their dedication and rate of production in feeding the world today.

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May God Bless you this growing season.

A former employee from the valley of the jolly, ho-ho-ho, Green Giant.

JEFF FEHRENBACHER  
Redmond, Wash.

### Disabled sportsman get law deal

Disabled sportsmen are prepared to make more phone calls, do more running around and part with more personal information in order to get a fishing license, as the Idaho Game and Fish Commission and the legislature have changed the rules on us again.

My husband was born and raised in Idaho. A construction accident in 1982 left him a head-injury patient. For many years before, he purchased a fishing and hunting license, tags, special permits. It amounted to a lot of money spent in Idaho, which he did not begrudge, as he enjoyed the privileges. In 1993, and rightly so, the state of Idaho issued him a "lifetime, permanent fishing license." He is a senior on a fixed income, so I feel this was a fair and proper procedure.

Then 1998 required a letter from the original attending physician stating permanent disability. That information, since it was for life, should "stall" be in their computers, right? Wrong, but at least the fishing license was only \$1.50 and was good for only a year, which means we had to go through it again!

Fish and Game claims it prevents fraud, so it must not trust its own computers, as in 1999, the process gets "name" permanent. Now you must show "name" and some years new 1999 benefit amount from Social Security, and they make a "copy" of it to prove it are missing benefits. This form is called a "letter of award." The "name" words are stated "nowhere" on the form, thus more phone calls for information.

The fishing part costs \$4.50 and is good from December to December. This is fine, as I don't mind renewing "each" year along with "all" the other things I must do because: he is disabled.

I do mind showing them part of our personal income, as it is really none of their business. The information is in their computers, and it shouldn't have to prove his disability over and over. Also, it's in the computer in Hagerman, but I have to drive to Jerome to get this license. Something is not right or fair. I think the state of Idaho could well afford to give the lifetime residence, new disabled, a lifetime permit and let them fish in their own home state. My husband is proud to just "carry" the license and hardly fishes, so please give the spouses a well-deserved break!

BOBIEA WEEKS  
Hagerman

### Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

# Clueless kids make a mess

**H**ONOLULU — At the USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, a U.S. Park Service official offers special guidance to visitors: They're about to embark on a boat headed for the floating memorial plan and under a trapezoidal possibly a thousand seamen trapped inside the battleship during the Japanese attack on Dec. 7, 1941. The Park Ranger urges visitors to treat the site as a "sacred" and "hallowed" place. You must behave with dignity, he says, and there is to be no eating, smoking, or playing of music.

FROM HARROP

ger houses, children may have private bathrooms: They can throw towels on the floor without directly annoying others in the family. When households had one phone line, there were strict rules for telephone etiquette. After all, it was in the interest of grownups that the child answer the phone in a proper manner — and that the lines be kept free. Families living in apartment houses or densely populated areas have to keep their noise levels down. That's less the case in a spread-out housing development.

In his 1978 book "The Golden Dream," social historian Stephen Birmingham characterizes the addition of the "family room" to post World War II houses as an "unhealthy development."

These extra spaces contributed to a permissive environment. "It is today, in the family room," Birmingham writes, "to find a snacker on the coffee table, a fielder's mitt on top of the television, and a partly eaten apple wedged between the sofa cushions."

The family's so-called living room, reserved for special occasions, is roped off from daily use and kept in pristine condition. In smaller houses, when grownups and important visitors had to use a room also occupied by children at play, toys had to be put away.

Television use was more closely regulated.

Youngsters had to learn how to address adults so as not to embarrass their parents. Builders of today's massive new "trophy" houses confirm that the purpose of putting a four-member family into a 5,000-foot hacienda is not to further family togetherness. Rather it is to make a living environment so big that no one has to run into anyone else.

Meanwhile, many activities that required mixing with others

in public places are now held in-house. People who want to see a movie don't have to go to a movie theater. They can watch a video at home. People may now socialize over the Internet rather than at a bar or diner.

When a child misbehaves in public places, the proprietor must notify the parents, and the parents must do something about it. As a result, parents had selfish motives for making sure their offspring knew how to behave. Passing on good manners has fallen on our society's "parents of last resort," teachers.

Who can envy them? They must work with students whose home life has been untouched by civilization. Educators, park rangers and police always have and always will be required to correct unruly behavior in public places. But is it fair for parents to shirk their duty to socialize the offspring they will send into the world? A society swollen with prosperity but populated by uneducated brutes is not a pretty place.

From Harrop is a Providence Journal editorial writer and columnist.

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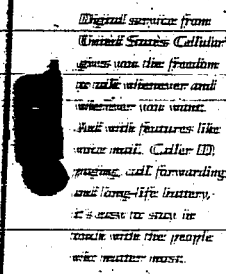
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**WORLD**

# Chernobyl accident takes financial toll

MIEN, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine is increasingly unable to bear the long-term costs of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, the government says.

This year, the budget allocated \$448 million for Chernobyl-related projects, about a third of what it was in 1997. Emergency Situations Minister Vasyl Durdynets told members of parliament.

But a shortfall comes after three years in which the government was able to fund only about a half of the amount necessary for cleanup and compensation for victims.

Chernobyl-related spending totaled more than \$4 billion in 1997, Durdynets said.

The April 1986 explosion and fire at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the world's worst nuclear accident, destroyed the plant's reactor No. 4 and sent a radioactive cloud over much of Europe. Large areas in Ukraine and in neighboring Russia and Belarus were contaminated.

Ukraine, then part of the Soviet Union, allocated \$1.4 billion to deal with the plant's damage to the reactor and had spent another \$7.7 billion to deal with Chernobyl's consequences by the time the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

**World in brief**

increased, and authorities want to step up the pace of prosecutions and fines for the owners and operators of the ships.

The coast guard estimates that oil spills annually kill 60,000 to 100,000 of the roughly 10 million seabirds that congregate off the Newfoundland coast each winter. Although the individual spills usually are small, the toll they inflict every three to four years equals the number of birds killed in the massive Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska.

—Compiled from wire reports



German WWII veteran Hans Kupperfahrenberg, 75, presents Louise Marie, 87, with a ham Tuesday.

# War veteran returns stolen ham — 54 years later

TILLY-LA-CAMPAGNE, France (AP) — Some wounds burn in the memory for years until they are finally put right.

Hans Kupperfahrenberg traveled from Germany to a tiny Normandy village just to return a ham like the one he stole from a French farmer during World War II.

Making good on a 54-year-old promise, the 75-year-old German war veteran apologized Monday night to Louise Marie, now 87, saying he was starving when he stole her ham in the summer of 1944.

In a ceremony at the town hall of Tilly-la-Campagne, population 70, Kupperfahrenberg delivered two hams — one German, one French — to make amends for his wartime theft.

"It was war. We were retreating and we hadn't eaten for several days," Kupperfahrenberg recalled. "It was wrong to eat your ham, but in the situation, I felt no remorse. My hunger was too great, and the hope of finding food too thin."

Kupperfahrenberg said he'd always promised himself he would one day make up for robbing the generous Frenchwoman.

He returned to Tilly for the first time last summer, but wasn't able to locate Marie's farmhouse.

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# Students protest against government

PALEMBANG, Indonesia — Indonesian police forced hundreds of anti-government and anti-military protesters away from a state-run radio station on Tuesday. At least five students were seriously injured, witnesses said.

In the capital, Jakarta, hundreds of other students protested outside the Parliament on Tuesday, urging Indonesians to boycott the June 7 general election, which they claim will not be fair or democratic.

Demonstrations by tens of thousands of students in May last year led to the resignation of Indonesian President Suharto, who had ruled the world's fourth-most populous nation for 32 years.

# Air duct may have fed France tunnel blaze

PARIS — A wrongly switched air duct may have fed in oxygen instead of siphoning out smoke, fueling a devastating fire in the Mitterrand tunnel that killed at least 41 people, investigators said Tuesday.

An interim report by French inspectors found that Italian authorities did not try to switch the reversible vents to pump out smoke, and that the fire erupted in the seven-mile mountain tunnel, linking the cities.

The blaze broke out March 24 on a Belgian truck carrying flour and magazine and raged for two days, trapping dozens of cars in the tunnel under Europe's highest peak.

# Canada escalates efforts to save birds

OTTAWA — Canada's coast guard and other federal agencies are escalating their fight against illegal whaling. Collaborate oil spills that kill whales, tens of thousands of seabirds, annually in busy shipping lanes off Newfoundland.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Hansen man remains in hospital after crash

TWIN FALLS - A man injured in a two-wheeler crash south of Hansen was in fair condition at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Tuesday night.

Hansen resident Gregory McCleary, 20, was taken to the hospital Monday night after his Geo Metro collided with a van at the intersection of Rock Creek Road and 3400 North. He was not wearing a seat belt and suffered head and chest injuries in the crash, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Matthew Eden said.

No citations were given, Eden said.

### Dr. Paul Miles suffers 'cardiac event'

NASBYVILLE, Tenn. - Former Twin Falls pediatrician Dr. Paul Miles was admitted to a Nashville, Tenn. hospital Monday after he suffered a "cardiac event" shortly after arriving in the southern state to begin a new job at Vanderbilt University.

Miles underwent a procedure Monday at Vanderbilt Hospital, said John Kowser, media director at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He said Miles is listed in good condition and is expected to be discharged from the hospital within a day or so.

After practicing in Twin Falls for more than 20 years, Miles left his position at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the physician Center to become the chief quality officer and associate professor of pediatrics at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville.

Cards and letters may be sent to Dr. Miles at 1611 22nd Ave., Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. 37232.

### Ketchum seeks public comment on mine tunnel

KETCHUM - The Ketchum Ranger District is seeking public comment on proposed abandoned mine tunnel and to re-estimate short sections of abandoned mining roads.

The mining roads included in the closures are located 11 miles east of Ketchum in War Dance Gulch; Sawmill Gulch and the Federal Gulch Campground. Mike O'Farrell, a research assistant with the Ketchum Ranger District, said there are no active mining claims or plans for operation in War Dance Gulch or Sawmill Gulch.

"Erosion and sedimentation are key contributors to stream pollution," O'Farrell said. "In order to comply with section 319 of the Clean Water Act and the Idaho Antidegradation Policy, it is the responsibility of the Forest Service to close these roads and take measures to limit sources of pollution."

Those who would like to comment on the proposed project may write to O'Farrell at the Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, Idaho 83340.

### Pioneer astronaut to be annual breakfast speaker

TWIN FALLS - Captain W.M. "Wally" Schirra, one of the seven astronauts who flew on the Apollo 7 mission by NASA in 1968, will be the speaker for this year's annual Success Breakfast.

Schirra is the only American astronaut to be involved in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo space programs. He piloted a ground-breaking six-orbit flight in a Mercury capsule in October 1962 and in 1968 commanded Apollo VII, among other accomplishments.

W.M. Schirra

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Challenger Club will hold the breakfast at 7 a.m. Nov. 14 in the CSI gym, followed by the 8:30 a.m. speech in the Fine Arts Auditorium. For the \$30 tickets, call the chamber at 733-3974, one of the chamber ambassadors, or the CSI community education department at 733-3227.

Over 100 prime auditorium seats will sell for \$50, which includes lunch with Schirra at noon in CSI's Taylor building.

Compiled from staff reports

# Proposal for strip mall heads to City Council

By Theresa Jacoby Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The upscale strip mall proposal is on its way to the City Council after the Planning and Zoning Commission on Tuesday unanimously approved the developer's request to rezone 23.44 acres of land off Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The decision followed a public hearing in which the developer, city officials and residents all had an opportunity to comment on the proposal.

The city's zoning staff gave Mall Associates LLC 14 recom-

mendations, including one making it the developer's responsibility to connect the two sections of Fillmore Street. The new extension of Fillmore Street would be built on the edge of the College of Southern Idaho's Frontier Field just north of Falls Avenue.

Scott Allen of EHM Engineers Inc., spokesman for Mall Associates LLC, said the developer will agree to share the cost of the extension with the city if there is a specified cap.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Lamar Orton said the city is only asking the developer to pave two lanes-of-the-road, not to pay for the entire

extension.

Other conditions addressed were that the company shall use Twin Falls Canal Co. water to irrigate landscaped areas and the company should pay 25 percent of the cost to install a traffic light at the intersection of North College and Blue Lakes.

The developer disagrees with both conditions, Allen said.

Allen said three acres of landscaping does not require canal irrigation. He said the city's water supply could handle the amount of water that would be used by the mall. The commission ultimately cleared the extension.

Please see MALL, Page B3

# Chamber urged to take stance on alternate route path

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Chamber of Commerce was last week urged to take a stance on the proposed alternate route path for the Twin Falls Highway 20 bypass.

One of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce's goals this year is being more active in public issues related to business, Edmunds said.

Placement of a U.S. 20 alternate route around west Twin Falls affects where commercial development will be encouraged, he said.

So he asked the Greater Twin Falls Area Transportation Committee Tuesday to help the chamber board form an opinion on routes under consideration by Idaho's Transportation Department on following Pole Line Road and 2400 East, and several existing county routes from Grandview Drive and Pole Line to U.S. 20 and U.S. Highway 20.

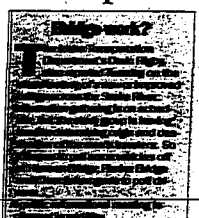
The transportation committee officially supports building an alternate route, but never has voted on a preference, Vice Chairman Dale Riedel said.

And the committee didn't seem inclined to offer Edmunds an opinion at Tuesday's meeting.

Edmunds said he intends to have the chamber board gather information on the alternate proposals and to compile a chamber position himself if necessary.

As an open house meeting in late May, the ITD will take comments on the proposals. The agency will use those comments in its recommendations to the state's transportation board, the ITD's Devin Rigby said.

It's misleading, though, to say the ITD is completely open to



every idea, Rigby said. It already has significant information gathered on certain project issues.

Community consensus may be necessary for the alternate route to proceed.

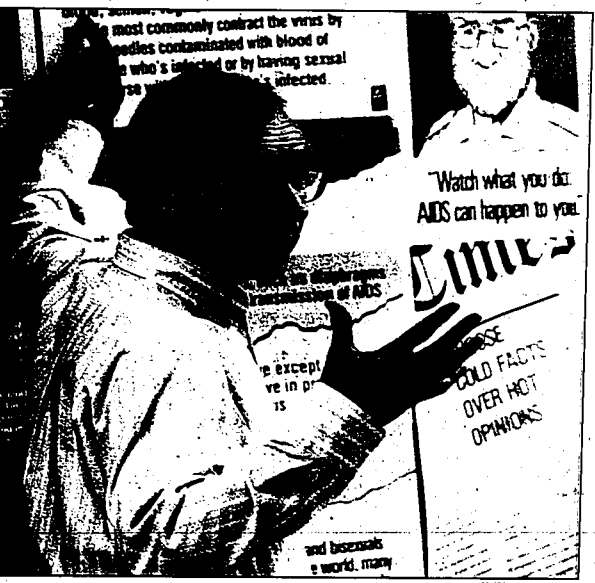
Some of its funding is money the state can choose to use elsewhere. Sen. Lyle Smith, R-Twin Falls, a former transportation board member, said he has seen the board walk away from projects when a majority is split. If that happens for six years, federal money specifically designated by Congress for the Twin Falls Bypass could be dropped from the next federal transportation bill, Smith said.

The Twin Falls Highway Bypass has an option. It wants to see planners build from Blue Lakes Boulevard to Grandview Drive and evaluate the rest of the route, then re-evaluate it after the state's study of a new or improved bridge is completed, the district's Doug Howard said.

The Twin Falls City Council and Twin Falls County commissioners have endorsed the Pole Line 2400 East option.

Times-News Business Editor Virginia S. Hutchins can be reached at 733-8931, Ext. 242.

## AIDS EDUCATION



Jeff Ruprecht, an AIDS advocate from the South Central District Health Department, points out dangerous behaviors to Fill Middle School students.

# Middle school students learn real people also have AIDS

By Rachel Derry Times-News correspondent

FILER - Seeing and talking to a person with AIDS scared Filer Middle School student Annie Tyne.

When she met Sheri Massie, a woman with AIDS, she learned that people with AIDS don't look or act much different than anyone else.

"We couldn't tell her from a normal person," Tyne said.

"You don't know who has it."

It was part of a four-week health course to help dispel some myths about HIV and AIDS. Students got a chance to talk to people who have the disease,

and talk to people like AIDS advocate Jeff Ruprecht, who works for the South Central District Health Department.

The preventative program is geared to teaching young people how to protect themselves from sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancies.

Abstinence, parenting and refusal skills were discussed.

"Fear was the general response to the visits from Massie and Ruprecht."

"I was scared," said eighth-grader Cole Ulrich.

"That was my first time being in a room with someone with AIDS. I thought I could get it some-

times, but I'm glad I didn't."

Please see AIDS, Page B3

# Clinton's plan means up to five new teachers

By Jennifer Shanderman Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Money from President Clinton's push to reduce class sizes in primary grades means up to five new teachers in Twin Falls School District in the fall.

The district agrees only to pay for one teacher of the program that will provide more than \$172,000 for Twin Falls and about \$5 million for all of Idaho. Money is distributed to districts based on poverty rates and enrollment.

"We are already looking at how we might use these teachers," said Terrell Dinnitt, ITD district superintendent.

Clinton wants to hire 10,000 new teachers over seven years to reduce class sizes to an average of 18 students in first through third grades.

Dinnitt considers whether it will support the program for a second year.

Besides not knowing if the program will be around next year, the district doesn't have enough space for more elementary classes.

nomos, Dinnitt said. Using the new teachers to help primary students who are struggling with reading could be an option for Twin Falls schools, he said.

Y2K

The district's vendors who supply everything from phone service to fuel say they are prepared for the year 2000 computer crash, Dinnitt said.

The district wrote to 32 vendors asking if their computer systems could operate when the date changes from 1999 to 2000. Computers that aren't programmed to recognize 2000 could malfunction or shut down.

District computers will be upgraded over the summer, and its phone system is being brought into compliance.

District staff will test systems on Jan. 1 to make sure they are ready for school on Jan. 3. Operations Director Dale Tuschinsky said in a letter to the School Board. Staff also will conduct local emergency services.

Please see TEACHERS, Page B2

# Build it and they will come: City officials mull tourism potential

By John T. Huddy Times-News writer

BURLEY - Burley Development Authority members ask themselves whether tourists will come to Burley.

The answer is, they already have.

"Cassia County is not the hottest of tourism right now," said Carl Wilgus, an administrator with the state's Department of Commerce. "But it can be. There needs to be something here to attract more people."

Wilgus met with development authority members at City Hall Tuesday to discuss the future of tourism in Idaho and Burley.

The Snake River and recreational sites such as Pomerelle

Mountain Resort and the City of Rocks have helped generate tourism dollars in the area. But it is up to the city to find out the best potential for tourism, Wilgus said.

The city has hired a California firm, Management Resources, to do a \$33,000 feasibility study to

look at Burley's tourism potential.

Burley's tourism potential is good. Burley has a lot of undeveloped area desirable to outside companies looking to set up shops.

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Mirron would not disclose any names.

The city is still negotiating with Northwest Parks of Nampa for a \$12.5 million theme park. Plans would include a food court overlooking the Snake River, an amphitheater and a Western-style Main Street.

Northwest Parks is working with Management Resources on the feasibility study.

Northwest Parks has also gathered information on Burley's tourism potential, and is providing a letter to the City of Management Resources, Mirron said.

Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached at Burley at 977-9142.

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Area bean processor considers relocating from Filer to Hansen

By Margaret Jones Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Town residents could see an addition on the east side of town in the near future...

In other Hansen business:

Cleanup: Fire Chief John Hinton announced the Johnny Hinton cleanup day would be held May 1...

Crime Stopper: Mary Dana, Hansen representative for Twin Falls County Crime Stoppers...

Buhl fire chief: City will be ready for Y2K

By Mary Lou Potts Times-News correspondent

BUHL - Buhl will be ready for Y2K, the Chief of Police Grimes told the City Council Monday...

of water piping, 72 percent of the pipes are less than 8 inches in diameter and do not meet pressure loads...

Street to Aiken so they can gather more information before making a decision...

DEATHS

William H. Grout - TWIN FALLS - William Howard Grout, 66, of Twin Falls and formerly of Wendell, died Monday, April 12, 1999...

Fred D. Jaynes - BUHL - Fred Dean Jaynes, 74, of Buhl, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999...

of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at Crossings Residential Center...

Laura S. Hawes - BUHL - Laura S. Hawes, 51, of Buhl and formerly of Moscow, died Thursday, April 8, 1999...

of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at Crossings Residential Center...

Irene Anna Burks of Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome First Baptist Church...

WENDELL

Edna was born on February 20, 1919, in Medicine Lodge, Kansas...

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday...

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# 'Sound of Music' begins this week at East Minico

## Junior high's classic production prepares to hit the stage Thursday

By Lorraine Cavener  
Times-News Staff

**RUPERT** - Making trim costumes out of graduation robes and bed sheets have kept costume designers busy at East Minico Junior High School for the past four months.

With a cast of more than 50 junior high students, the musical "The Sound of Music" has kept a lot of people busy - and now the cast and production staff will see the culmination of their work as this junior high's production begins Thursday.

"They have never had a production this big before," said Jean Phillips, the musical's director.

Phillips has produced seven theater productions, but never one with this large a cast.

"The play, based on do 'The Sound of Music' by Phillips said.

As the cast and production staff worked on final rehearsals this week, some cast members reflected on how they have been busy during the past four months.

"We do our homework here when we are not on stage," said Brody Bessire, who plays Elsie. Bessire is also working on the



Students in costumes on stage during a rehearsal for the production of 'The Sound of Music' at East Minico Junior High School.

play.

"It's fun to get to know everybody and make new friends," he said.

For many of the students, such as Andrew Cleverley, "The Sound of Music" is their first play.

But it was such a fun experience that Cleverley wants to pursue an acting career.

"I like acting in front of people. It's fun, it's cool," he said.

Nate Bair was recruited for the play, but discovered through rehearsals that he also enjoys acting.

"I like acting like the military guy - in control, tough," said Bair, who plays the role of a Nazi.

His outfit, which includes boots and a Nazi armband, total 14 items, he said.

Bair's mother, Lori Bair, has had one of the largest and most challenging roles. She's a costume designer.

Colleen Hansen, who has two daughters



Shalle Crafton, center, performs the part of Maria for the East Minico Junior High School performance of 'The Sound of Music,' which begins Thursday.

ters in the play, sewed white habits for the nun costumes. Parents also made most of the other costumes, Phillips said.

Even an Eagle Scout contributed to the play. The set was built by Clint Allen,

who used all donated materials, Phillips said.

Sheralee Merrill, one of the assistant directors, has enjoyed watching the characters evolve.

"They have worked their hearts out," Merrill said.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached in Burley at 677-0442.

## Effort to remove salmon-eating birds off to encouraging start

**LONGVIEW, Wash. (AP)** - A project to reduce the number of salmon eaten by a colony of hungry birds near the mouth of the Columbia River is off to an encouraging start.

For the past several years, Caspian terns returning to the Columbia from wintering grounds off Central and South America have been nesting at Rice Island.

Researchers estimate that at this location, the seabirds have eaten 6 million to 25 million young salmon annually, or 3 percent to 12.5 percent of the Columbia's production of young

salmonids, many of which are already protected as threatened species.

To reduce the salmon predation, officials set up nesting barriers on Rice Island and improved nesting habitat on East Sand Island by Chinook, Ore., 15 miles downstream from Rice Island.

There, salt-water intrusion from the Pacific Ocean is more pronounced, and biologists hope the birds will eat salt-water species such as herring and hake's eggs exclusively on young salmon.

It may be working. As of last week, more than 200 of the seabirds had landed on East

Sound Island. It will be another month - after all 20,000 birds arrive and nesting starts - before officials can fully gauge the relocation's success.

"We are happy to see the birds spending time on East Sand Island, but until nesting begins we will not know how many terns we actually succeeded in moving. It's our hope that the majority of the colony will be transferred to the new location," said Bob Willis, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Environmental Resources Branch in Portland, Ore.

## Capitol Hill becomes newest venue for Olympic scandal

**WASHINGTON (AP)** - The Olympic scandal moves to Capitol Hill on today, with its leading player staying away and theories swirling about a U.S. conspiracy to take over international sports.

Almost five months after the bribery scheme in Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games was exposed, the Senate Commerce Committee holds hearings into what went wrong with an event and an organization so wrapped in idealism and goodwill.

International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch spurred an invitation to testify, and the relatively short list of witnesses - including former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell - is unlikely to present much new information about the scandal or its aftermath.

The hearing comes 19 years to the day after perhaps the best-known American government foray

into the Olympic arena. On April 14, 1980, the U.S. Olympic Committee gave in to White House pressure and agreed to boycott the Moscow Summer Games to protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Four investigations of the Salt Lake scandal, including one headed by Mitchell, already have been completed, with 10 IOC members resigning or expelled. Salt Lake's Olympic leaders kicked out and programs started for what would be revolutionary change in the games.

Both the Justice Department and the Utah attorney general continue to investigate whether the million-dollar program of cash gifts and services to get IOC votes violated any laws.

But the hearing, run by Commerce Committee chairman Sen. John McCain, still could have a major impact on the future of the Olympics, especially their billion-dollar finances.

## Mall

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dition in its recommendation. He said for the traffic light, Allen said the amount of traffic at the present time warrants a signal which should be the responsibility of the city.

In that decision, commission members reduced the portion the developer should pay for the signal to 25 percent.

The nearby College of Southern Idaho generally supports the project, said physical plan director Randy Dill.

"I think there'll be good for the community and they'll be good neighbors," Dill said.

He said CSI is concerned about the Fillmore extension and the issue will be discussed at an upcoming meeting of the CSI Board of Trustees.

Boulevard was the primary concern of residents who attended the hearing. Others were concerned that traffic would decrease property values.

Times-News staff writer Theresa Jacobs can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 259.

## AIDS

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how." By the time the program wrapped up, many students said they felt more comfortable knowing about the realities of AIDS.

"I was kind of scared because I didn't know how to act or what to do," said one student.

"I learned there's no way to catch it through casual contact," eighth-grader Amy Rackham said.

"I saw the advantages of not being sexually active," student Justin Lammers said.

"Being informed is the key to being protected," Filer Middle School health teacher Sharon Lutkehus said.

"The students have many misconceptions," she said.

"They're pretty straightforward once we develop the relationship. I feel if we help one person make a healthy choice, that's success."

Lutkehus said informed students make better decisions. Her classes are co-ed and the classroom is a safe place where her students can discuss serious issues openly.

"This is Russian Roulette to me," Lutkehus said. "Decisions they're making can affect them in their lifetime. Poor choices

here affect them for a long period of time. We know we do have some sexually active students. Hopefully with some of the home assignments the kids and parents are better informed."

Parents are part of the program and there are assignments that students and parents work on together, Lutkehus said. It helps open the lines of communication.

"We all know the primary teacher should be at home, but parents are uncomfortable," Lutkehus said. "The home assignments give parents a chance to talk about it."

Though some adults say eighth-graders are a little too young to be learning about things such as sexually transmitted diseases, many students say they need to know the answers before they go on to high school.

"Next year we'll be in with seniors and juniors," Lammers said.

"We need to know what is expected of us, how to say no and how to control ourselves."

Justin Lammers, Filer Middle School Student

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

## Teachers

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district bus services and utilities to ensure that all are operational before students return from winter break.

**Insurance premium hike**

A 3 to 4 percent state increase to the district's non-instructional budget next year will be eaten up by a hike in the district's Blue Cross health insurance premiums.

They could jump anywhere between 15 and 30 percent or between \$250,000 and \$350,000, Donich said. Employees also will

see their premiums increase between 15 and 30 percent, he said.

**High-tech classroom**

Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School soon will be equipped with a technology training center for Idaho teachers. The J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation will build a high-tech training classroom on O'Leary's campus.

Twin Falls students and teachers can use the classroom and equipment during school hours and any time it's not used for the

foundation's program. Only 15 schools in Idaho will have the Albertson training labs. In the Magic Valley, Jerome High School also was selected.

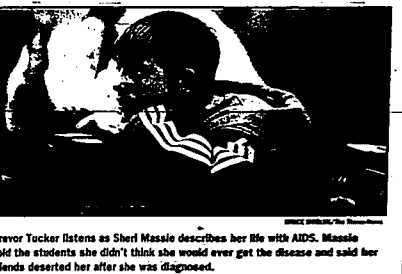
**Block scheduling**

Robert Stuart Junior High School won't convert to block scheduling. In a letter to the board, Robert Stuart said too many teachers would be forced to offer instruction outside of their disciplines. Block scheduling involves offering fewer classes each day but for longer periods of

time. Robert Stuart could revisit the issue within the next couple of years, Donich said.

The board approved a one-year trial of block scheduling at O'Leary that will begin in the fall. Board chairwoman Vera Redman said she thinks having a pilot program will be a good way for other schools to see how block scheduling works.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Sandstrom can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 241.



Trevor Tucker listens as Sheri Masale describes her life with AIDS. Masale told the students she didn't think she would ever get the disease and said her friends deserted her after she was diagnosed.

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Ranchers can operate through summer

BOISE (AP) — Ranchers who were outbid by conservationists for about two dozen state grazing leases...

the most income from state land. The Land Board must maximize the amount of revenue to the public...

The latest conflict is over the nuts and bolts of the management plans. Gene Bray, representing the Watersheds Project...

applicants can be disadvantaged from bidding. The ranchers already owned their own property...

The Land Board says the land will be leased for what the state government can pay...

Richfield council hears audit report

By Sandra L. Calkins Times-News correspondent RICHFIELD — City Council members received a report on the city's financial situation on Wednesday.

Ware Associates was hired to conduct next year's audit. In other action Monday, council members heard a second reading of the new domestic well ordinance.

The audit report stated that the amount retained in the sewer fund was high to ensure there enough funding will be available during the next year to bring sewers up to compliance.

depend on well water rather than surface water to water their lawns. A letter will be written to the Big Wood Canal Company...

The Richfield Planning and Zoning Commission will make arrangements to meet with Carla Olson, a planning and zoning consultant from Meridian...

FOR THE RECORD

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Jerome County

30-0101 — Revote action on 5th District Court in Jerome with results:

Arraignments and appearances

Alvin R. Jandrup, 25, 244 Main Street, Jerome, driving under the influence, \$300 bond, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday.

place of card or plans, no bond or assurance, letters to place of hearing, Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Burrows.

Patricia Frances Brunson, 27, 277 Alameda Street, Jerome, driving under the influence, \$300 bond, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday.

30-0102 — Revote action on 5th District Court in Jerome with results:

Gregor Ken Lundquist, 60, 875 S. 300 W., Jerome, driving under the influence, \$300 bond, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday.

Released inmate seeks damages

CADWELWEL (AP) — Luis Hernandez, who was released last month after being imprisoned for four years and four months on the basis of illegally obtained evidence...

tional suffering and distress. The claim filed on the couple's behalf by Boise attorney Robert Hundley also seeks punitive damages and reimbursement of expenses.

AUCTION CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 6 pm Rescheduled Due to Bad Weather... FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 10 am Irene Knecht McCullough Estate... SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 10 am Curene Rogo Estate...

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Sentencings

James R. Brown, 39, 311 1/2 3rd Ave., Jerome, driving under the influence, present bond \$2,000, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. Tuesday.

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TOUCH UP



University of Idaho art student Mel Smothers puts some finishing touches on his acrylic and epoxy painting depicting petroglyphs on the Snake River. He is among five U of I students showing work in the MFA Thesis Exhibition.

### White supremacist writes notes from cell to boost confidence of fellow killing suspect, says prosecutor

**LITTLE ROCK (AP)** — The alleged leader of what the government says was a white supremacist plot that included several murders wrote to his "comrade" while the two were in separate jails, prosecution evidence showed Tuesday.

Chevie Kehoe, 26, of Colville, Wash., was jailed in 1997 and later indicted by a federal grand jury in Little Rock, along with Danny Lee, 26, of Yukon, Okla.

Kehoe's brother, Cheyne Kehoe, 23, testified Monday and Tuesday for the prosecution, describing murders he said his brother told him that he (Chevie) and Lee had committed.

The trial is almost two months old and is expected to last several more weeks. It has included testimony from Gloria Kehoe, the brothers' mother, in which she said Chevie described how he

and Lee murdered an Arkansas family.

While Chevie Kehoe and Lee were being held in separate jails, Chevie wrote Lee words of encouragement and blamed Cheyne Kehoe for the charges brought against Chevie and Lee. He said his brother talked to authorities. Both Chevie and Cheyne had been arrested on charges in an Ohio shootout with police, which was broadcast nationwide.

Aaron DuVall, a criminal investigator for the Pope County Sheriff's Office, read the Jan. 14, 1998, letter into the trial record as the mostly black jury listened. Some excerpts from the letter:

• "Dan-Man, How go's the battle comrade? I'm tucked in safe and sound. Cheyne just got convicted of attempted murder, two counts of felonious (sic)

assault, and carrying a weapon. Serves him right. The gov'nt(sic) must be angry at him for the lies and troubles he is spreading in an attempt (sic) to save his own butt. The more info I get from my sources, the more I'm inclined to believe he was involved or was solely responsible for the charges against you and I."

• "I've been having a few problems with colored inmates as well as guards. Nothing I don't enjoy or can't handle. I like a challenge."

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## Governor honors holocaust victims

**BOISE (AP)** — Members of the local Jewish community joined human rights activists and Gov. Dick Kenworthy in his Statehouse office Tuesday for a ceremony observing International Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom HaShoah.

Kenworthy signed a proclamation for the occasion in memory of the 11 million people, including 5 million Jews, killed by Nazis during World War II.

Participants lit 11 candles in memory of Holocaust victims. Adol Rabba Daniel, Fink of Shoshuva Beth Israel Synagogue led dozens of participants in reciting the Kaddish, which traditionally is read to celebrate the life of a loved one who has died.



Gov. Dick Kenworthy

\$50,000 to the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial, a planned education park designed to promote respect for diversity and human dignity.

"Hewlett-Packard has been a leader in the community in helping to bring about a culturally rich and diverse environment in Idaho," said Mary Penman, the memorial's executive director.

The Human Rights Memorial will be located along the Boise River Greenbelt at Capitol

Boulevard, across the street from the historical and art museums and next door to the Boise Public Library.

Among its features will be a 175-foot-long granite wall etched with the words and images of human rights heroes through history.

Spanning the top of the wall in large letters will be a carved quotation from Anne Frank's diary: "In spite of everything, I still believe people are truly good at heart."

Construction of the memorial is expected to be completed next year, with a grand opening scheduled on June 12, 2000, the day Anne Frank would have been 72 years old.

### Pocatello chief to end 30-year police career

**POCATELLO (AP)** — Police Chief Lynn Elliott, who rose through the ranks from patrol officer to the department's top job during a 30-year career, has announced he will retire in May.

The city will launch a national search for a successor later this week.

"I've always kept an eye out for the best and the brightest," Mayor Greg Anderson said. "And you didn't want to persuade where you get those from."

The announcement did not come as a surprise to officials, who were informed several months ago that Elliott intended to leave as soon as he qualified for retirement under the state's Public Employment Retirement System rules. His last day will be May 17.

Elliott, 53, said he will continue working part-time remodeling homes and apartments and is looking forward to spending more time with his family and on activities with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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### Gay history talk angers Salt Lake parents, students

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — Nearly 300 people packed a meeting of the East High School Community Council to protest a six-minute presentation last Friday by the Gay Straight Alliance.

The presentation was part of the school's annual multicultural assembly and was approved by Principal Kay Petersen.

At Monday's meeting, Petersen took responsibility for the presentation that outlined historical events significant to homosexuals and told the crowd he would retire at the end of the school year — a decision that has been made for months and had nothing to do with the latest firestorm over the school's gay club.

The presentation included information about symbols such as the pink triangle and the rainbow flag, definition of the words gay, lesbian, bisexual, dyke and fagot.

There was mention of the Simeons-Rosenfeld 1965-and-communities in the United States that are more accepting of gay and lesbian residents than other places. The presentation also included a list of famous people who are gay.

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FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS



British Sgt. Kevin Winfield, from 12th Regt. Royal Artillery, observes the area from an SP-4VM Air Defense System at Skopje Airport, Macedonia, Tuesday. Although NATO troops deployed in Macedonia are on a humanitarian mission to help Kosovo refugees, soldiers say they are ready to engage in combat should the need arise.

## Ground troops arrive in Balkans

The Washington Post

Even as NATO leaders sidestep questions about ground troops for Yugoslavia, some of the U.S. and European soldiers who could take part in an invasion have begun to assemble in Macedonia and Albania, bordering countries where defense experts say a ground assault would likely be launched.

A contingent of nearly 11,000 NATO troops is in Macedonia, sent there weeks ago to lead a peacekeeping force into Kosovo but now assisting refugees from the shattered Serbian province. Anticipating an operation in Kosovo — whether peace enforcement or combat — Britain announced Tuesday it is sending another 1,800 troops to Macedonia, equipped with tanks and other armored vehicles. France said it is dispatching 700 more soldiers.

In Albania, more than 2,000 of an expected NATO contingent of 8,000 troops have arrived, also to help with humanitarian relief efforts. They have no combat mission.

But a U.S. Army task force being airlifted in — with AH-64 Apache helicopters, missile and rocket, batteries, tanks, and armored troop carriers — will be establishing the first reported staging area in Albania designed for cross-border operations against Yugoslav forces. Defense officials disclosed Tuesday that Gen. Wesley K. Clark, NATO's top military commander, has requested doubling the number of Apaches slated to go, from 24 to 48.

Still, military officials say the stationing of allied ground units along the southern rim of Yugoslavia has nothing to do with a NATO invasion force. Any NATO attempt to enter Yugoslav territory and seize territory, they add, likely would involve a much larger force — and it would require months to assemble and rehearse.

In the meantime, they say there has been little detailed planning for such a force and no political decision to start down that path. Even units in the region but diverted to refugee relief operations would require extensive preparation ahead of an invasion.

"We can't have troops passing out blankets one day and then tell those same forces to conduct combat operations the next," said retired Gen. George Joulwan, Clark's predecessor. "You've got to train the force, you've got to prepare them."

Preliminary estimates drawn up by alliance planners last summer figured 8,000 troops would be needed just to secure the border between Albania and Kosovo, the southernmost province of Serbia; 75,000 soldiers would be required for NATO to fight its way into Kosovo; and 200,000 troops would be necessary to secure all of Serbia, according to Pentagon officials.

Those assessments preceded the NATO air strikes pounding Yugoslav air defenses and doing other damage that presumably would weaken the threat to NATO ground troops. Nonetheless, defense experts say NATO infantry units would still face formidable challenges from rugged terrain and determined resistance by Yugoslav troops, estimated at 40,000 in and around Kosovo before the bombing began.

The ground option has gained favor among many lawmakers and others who have argued that the United States and its allies should at least prepare for an invasion in the event NATO warplanes are unable to force President Slobodan Milosevic to pull Yugoslav army and special police units out of Kosovo.

But military specialists say mounting such a ground operation would be tough and risky, especially against Yugoslav troops who have had ample opportunity to dig in and mine the few entry routes into the remote province.

"In the present circumstances, the potential loss of life among our service men and women, to say nothing of civilians, would be considerable," warned British Prime Minister Tony Blair, announcing the dispatch of the additional British troops to Macedonia.

Clinton administration officials have expressed concern that any move to constitute an alliance invasion force would trigger a divisive debate that could undercut support here and in Europe for the air operation.

## U.S. likely to call up reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bringing the Kosovo conflict closer to home, U.S. military reservists are likely to be ordered to active duty as part of a major new buildup of American air power in the Balkans, officials said Tuesday.

Several hundred Air National Guard members who already are participating as volunteers probably will not be exempt from the 300 additional planes expected to be sent to Europe in the days ahead.

"There will likely be a massive call-up," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. "The details aren't ready to be announced at this stage," including how many would be called, how soon, and for what tasks.

Defense Secretary William Cohen and other U.S. officials in recent days hinted at the likelihood of a partial mobilization of

the National Guard and Reserve, and that was before Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the top NATO commander, submitted his request Monday for a more than 50 percent increase in U.S. warplanes. Many of the additional planes, such as aerial refuelers, are the type flown by reservists.

Pentagon officials speaking on condition of anonymity said Cohen was expected to approve

most or all of Clark's request. Cohen said Sunday that a mobilization of reserves is "certainly something we would recommend to the president" if the mission were expanded beyond what active duty forces and reservist volunteers could handle.

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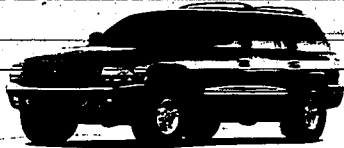
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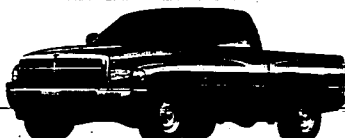
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# FOCUS: THE BALKANS CRISIS

## Montenegro at a glance

Population: 600,000 (Jan. 60,000 ethnic Albanians refused to census)

Ethnic (1998 figs.): Montenegrins 68.5%, Muslims 13.4%, Serbs 3.3%, Albanians 6.5%, Croats 1.2%

Recent History: The 68-member Yugoslav federation dissolved in 1991-92. Two states elected to remain united: Serbia and Montenegro. They constitute what is now Yugoslavia.



## Balkans crisis hits tiny Montenegro

### Serbia silences independent media

**PODGORICA, Montenegro** — The Yugoslav army appears to have embarked on a drive to destabilize the pro-Western government of Montenegro after stopping short of removing the regime by coup d'état as many feared a week ago.

The army has used the fact that four independent radio stations have been rebroadcasting Voice of America and Radio Free Europe news reports to NATO bombing of Serbia to bring pressure on the government of President Milo Djukanovic, with the support of the pro-Serbia Socialist Peoples Party.

In a letter to the radio stations Friday, the army accused the stations of undermining the defensive ability of its forces and threatened to shut them unless they stopped carrying the foreign news reports.

The government fired back by accusing the army of an unconstitutional maneuver and affirming that the broadcasts would continue.

Montenegro, a republic of 640,000 people who are a mixture of Montenegrins, Serbs, Albanians and Croats, has been sharply at odds with Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's government since Djukanovic was elected in 1997, and their differences have grown since the NATO bombing began.

Djukanovic has tried to steer a hands-off position, but he was initially thrown off balance by the fact some early NATO raids were directed at army targets in Montenegro. These were stopped, at his insistence, but his government faces pressures first of all from the army and second, from a population that is divided on the issue of the NATO air campaign.

Two weeks ago, Milosevic removed the commander of the Yugoslav 2nd Army in Montenegro and replaced him with a tough Serb nationalist, Gen. Stevan Obradovic. This prompted fears that a coup was imminent, and Djukanovic brought in reinforcements from his 10,000-man police force, which is loyal to the government, to guard public buildings.

NATO troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina also cut a rail line between Serbia and Montenegro to prevent the army from bringing in more tanks and other heavy weapons, and they warned Milosevic he would pay a heavy price if he moved against Montenegro.

Fears of a coup have receded since then, but tensions remain high. "It is difficult to say if there will be a coup," said one political analyst. "But the army definitely will stage a coup if NATO ground troops go into Kosovo. Then it would be difficult to avoid a very bloody civil war."

Just before NATO's bombing

campaign began, a poll showed more than 50 percent of Montenegrins favored independence from Yugoslavia. That margin may have been denting the outrage some people have felt over the bombing. Some analysts say that if Milosevic is defeated in the military campaign, there will be strong pressure for Montenegro to secede from the Yugoslav Federation.

Last week, army officers visited offices of the independent Podgorica newspaper Vjesni and threatened to close it because it had carried remarks by British Prime Minister Tony Blair that were recorded for Montenegro Television. Vjesni editors have refused to comment, but they are reliably reported to have told the army they intend to continue taking an independent line.

Opposition politicians have complained about Djukanovic's policy of allowing foreign reporters access to Montenegro, saying they have come here as spies.

The army letter to the radio stations not only was rebuffed by the government but also by the private radio station of Podgorica, Antena M radio station, Veselin Tomovic. He said Antena M was carrying foreign broadcasts to help its listeners to be better informed and said that if the army has information these broadcasters are not telling the public, "our radio station is open to you to prove it."

But he said that, if the media gave in to army demands, "the whole job that has been done in the last 10 years in affirming civilized values will be destroyed."

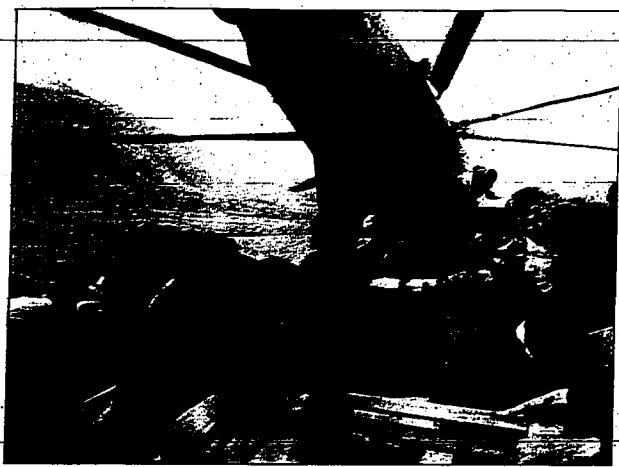
Government Information Secretary Bosiljka Jandic issued a statement in which he said press freedom is guaranteed by the Yugoslav and Montenegrin constitutions.

"There are no elements on the basis of which the Secretariat could undertake measures for the limitation of production of private radio stations, concerning the rebroadcasting of foreign informational programs," he said.

Two officials of the pro-Milosevic Socialist Peoples Party held a news conference Saturday to back the army's criticism of the radio stations, and they would ask for an extraordinary session of the Montenegro parliament to accuse Djukanovic of failing to observe an all-party parliamentary resolution on maintaining the peace in Montenegro.

Farty Vice President Zoran Zinic said of the broadcasts, "The voice of the aggressors should not be heard in Montenegro." Predrag Bularevic, a deputy leader of the party, said the media should not report the results of NATO airstrikes because that enables NATO pilots to know which targets they missed.

## DESPERATION



An Albanian refugee struggles Tuesday for the last sleeping bag from a U.S. Navy helicopter carrying humanitarian aid near the town of Kolka, Albania. More than 200,000 Kosovo refugees have fled to Albania since last month.



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If you can burn a flag, you can burn a Wahoo.

Terry Gilbert, a lawyer for protesters who burned a wooden likeness of Indians mascot Chief Wahoo Monday at Jacobs Field

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school golf
Conference at Highland, 8:30 a.m.
High school softball
Twin Falls JV at Mountain Home, 4 p.m.
Twin Falls at Jerome, 4 p.m.
High school tennis
Gooding at Jerome, JV, 4 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Sun Valley golfer heads to Seniors'

BOISE - Doyle Corbett of Sun Valley and Jerry Breux of Eagle will compete against the best senior golfers in the world at the 60th PGA Seniors' Championship beginning Thursday at the PGA National Resort & Spa.

Breux and Corbett finished tied for 19th place at the 1998 National PGA Senior Club Professional Championship, which qualified them for a major for the second straight year. Last year, they competed in the 1998 U.S. Senior Open.

Breux and Corbett finished 1-2 at the 1998 Rocky Mountain PGA Senior Championship and 23 overall in the 1999 RMSPGA Section Championship.

Late signups forms available for soccer

TWIN FALLS - Late signups for the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association's Metro League are available in area elementary school offices and Hastings.

TF softball players hold final meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Men's Softball Association is holding its final preseason meeting Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building.

Idaho State golf competes in Arizona

GOODYEAR, Ariz. - The Idaho State University men's golf team placed 14th out of 18 teams at the recent Grand Canyon Thunderbird Invitational in Goodyear, 7,015-yard Palm Valley Golf Course.

Host Grand Canyon University won the event with a three-day score of 669. Adam Telenko was ISU's top finisher, a four-way tie for 16th at 7-over-par 223.

TF nets season sweep of Burley

Bruins go to 8-0

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - It was a good day for flying a kite, not playing tennis.

With a brisk wind howling its displeasure through every match, the brave souls from both the Burley and Twin Falls tennis teams served and volleyed their way through upwards of 40 mph gusts.

And the wind usually won the point. Twin Falls hosted the Bobcats for its final regular season dual and the undefeated Bruins improved to 8-0 on the season with a 10-2 drubbing of their Region III foe, who dropped to 2-6 under first-year coach Shane Ogden.

"It is just horrible, but at least it's warm," said Bruins coach Jason Leforgee. "It was good to finally get out and play again and to shake the rust off."

In what might have been a good matchup on a golf-free day, the girls' No. 1 singles pairing of Twin Falls' Ashley Dille against Bobcat Sarah Rathburn resulted in a 6-0, 6-0 rout by Dille.

Even with the horrendous wind and gusting balls out of mid-flight, forcing their midcourt and blowing them out of bounds on seemingly every point, Dille showed why she placed third at state last year.

Her cunning service game and sharp groundstrokes sliced through the air with virtual pinpoint accuracy, landing at the feet of an exasperated Rathburn, who could only whiff at the sphere's passing or hit a return that would fly off the mark.

"The wind was terrible," Dille said, her blond curls blowing in the wind. "I couldn't even get a ball toss, but I got my serve in and that was good."

Her serve was so good that she lost only seven points - the closest Rathburn got to breaking serve was at deuce in the second game of the first set.

Dille closed out each set in style. In grabbing the first, she set Rathburn down with three straight aces to go to 4-0 love, then Dille's forehand slice to Rathburn's forehand side that the Bobcat returned into the net for the set.



Ashley Dille of Twin Falls competes at her backhand stroke Tuesday in a 6-0, 6-0 win against her first singles opponent Sarah Rathburn of Burley.

Up 5-0 and serving for the match, she rolled two serves past Rathburn for a quick 30-0 lead. After a second serve and an exchange of shots that resulted in Rathburn hitting one of bounds for match point, the

Bruins - after a double fault - put Rathburn away with a routine serve to the backcourt for the victory. For their part, Rathburn was missing a serve that her opponent is a seasoned night court craft

that she said plagued her throughout the match. At times, she rubbed the shoulder after a particularly hard forehand from Dille's, but she hung tough under

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Young coaches tackle Q&A

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

As their Bruins and Bobcats battled on the hard courts Tuesday with eventual winner Twin Falls taking the 10-2 decision and pushing its record to 2-6, each coach talked about the contrasts and expectations of their respective programs.

Bruins' second-year coach Jason Leforgee, 30, is a Bruin alum who teaches American History at the school and coached the junior varsity tennis squad in 1996 and inherited the program in 1998 when head coach Mike Hutchings resigned.

Burley rookie coach Shane Ogden, 26, grew to love the sport while at American Fork High School and Utah State University and also on a Mormon mission in Germany, where the day-courts experience was a bonus. He teaches German, advises for the yearbook and assists on the soccer team.

What does it mean to take over a high school program?

JL: At Twin, it's exciting. To get to spend time with the kids in the classroom is real hard to get to know 160 kids, but when you spend time with 20 great kids you get to know them a lot better.

SO: It's been really fun, I've learned a lot and I hope the kids have learned a lot. It's a good group of kids that makes it all worthwhile, seeing these youths come out and want to be involved in something that makes them develop for their whole life.

What is about the sport keeps you involved?

JL: For me, it's a sport that I can play. And I do play it - I'm not as good as the kids at it, but I know the game. Twin Falls is a great community for tennis - just the support of the parents, and we even get people who don't have kids who come out and watch us who are avid tennis players. It's a family sport.

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Portland punishes Lakers

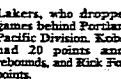
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. - The long-awaited first meeting between the top two in the West Coast was no contest.

The Portland Trail Blazers built an early lead and handed the Los Angeles Lakers their worst loss of the season 113-86 Tuesday night.

Damon Stoudamire and Isiah Rider led seven players in double figures with 16 points each for the Blazers, who played the Lakers for the first time since being eliminated by them in the first round of the playoffs last April.

Shaquille O'Neal had 24 points and 13 rebounds for the



Lakers, who dropped 5 1/2 games behind Portland in the Pacific Division. Kobe Bryant had 20 points and seven rebounds, and Rick Fox had 17 points.

Dennis Rodman sat out the second half with a sore left elbow and had just four rebounds and no points.

Spartans survive late Tiger rally

By Doreen Glose

BASEBALL - Despite the howling wind and cold, outfielder Tuesday afternoon, the Minico Spartans were able to make come-back in the game against the Jerome Tigers and will be away with an 11-9 victory.

Tiger first baseman opened the game with a home run in left field. But after two runs in the third inning, this team went scoreless until the final frame.

"We were out there for hours on base, and we didn't get behind our pitching," said Tigers coach Jay Gorman.

The Spartans scored eight runs in the second inning, beginning with a home run by Jared Frazee. Minico pulled three more runs in the second.

"We had a chance to close the game in the fifth," said Minico coach Steve Wright. "But this



Spartans pitcher Dalton Perry got out of a bases-loaded jam midway through the game, but wasn't so fortunate in the seventh, when the Tigers scored six runs to pull within two.

Spartans Luke Coats gets hit with a fastball during the first inning of the Jerome-Minico game Tuesday. Coats stole second and third bases after walking to first base. The Spartans defeated the Tigers 11-9.

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'REAL DEAL' Saints would love to have Williams come marching in

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS - The New Orleans Saints are only a couple weeks away from opening

up every draft pick this year - a No. 1 and Nos. 3 through 7, plus picks next year and veteran players - to get the Heisman Trophy winner.

Talks with the Cleveland Browns, who have Saturday's No. 1 overall pick, began Monday. Reportedly the Browns want this year's picks, plus the first and third-round picks next year and a No. 1 pick in 2001.

serious consideration to that alternative."

As much as Ditka covets Williams, he would not give up three No. 1-to get him.

"We're already giving the orchard away for the apple tree," Ditka said. "Now they want us to give 10 orchards away."

The Saints expect Cleveland to take Williams if a deal can't be made, but they're also making their pitch to the other top five in the draft, in case Cleveland goes for a quarter-back. The Browns have been considering Tim Couch of Kentucky and Aik Smith of Oregon.

SPORTS

Tennis

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the outstaring.
My shoulder hurts, but I'll get over it," Rathbun said. "Dille" was really good player. My whole game was just off, completely off.

The Bruins' junior varsity takes to the hard court upstairs Mountain Home today and the varsity hosts Ketchum/Sun Valley Thursday. The Bobcats travel to Highland for a match with the Rams next Tuesday.

Coaches

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and I think it allows for a family to play together competitively. SO: It's a lifetime sport. It's something that you can take into any phase of your life.

What are the expectations for the program? JL: The parents are realistic about their expectations. We expect to do well, and we have a lot of returning players. One of the players went to state last year. I think it's a good year for

us to go to state because I think everybody else is on the down side - they graduated a lot of seniors. SO: It's expected of the kids to win 100 percent. To perform well and to have fun. I hope to start building a good program, with the dedication of the kids and the parents' support. The program isn't the most supported, but administration helps us with what we need. We have some tennis families, not a team club atmosphere, and

there's not a lot of chances to play in the summer or fall - a lot of kids, when they came out (in February) it was the first time they had picked up a racket.
What have your players thought you? JL: They think me a lot about myself. They don't realize, parts about my personality, they teach me to be humble. Most of them on the team can whip any pants off on the court. It's just a

real learning experience. SO: The kids have taught me that they can come back from about anything. I think as grownups, we tend to think of these kids as still just kids instead of really adults. And they've shown me, they can be adults, that they can show the maturity that it is needed in a game where the honor system is used quite heavily. I've seen my players grow in that social setting, doing all of those things that don't go your way.

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SCORES AND STATS

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NBA Standings

Table with NBA Standings: Eastern Conference, Western Conference, Playoff Clinics, NBA playoffs, and Eastern/Western Semifinals.

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



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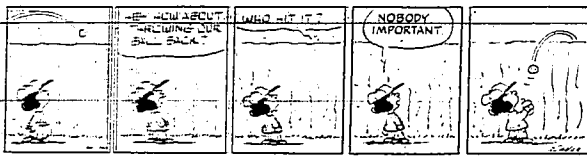
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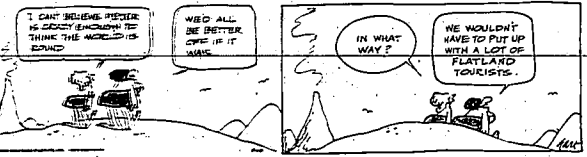
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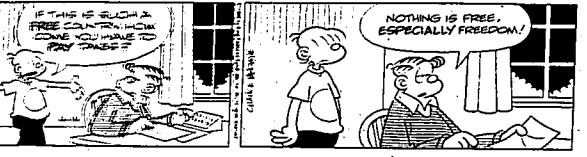
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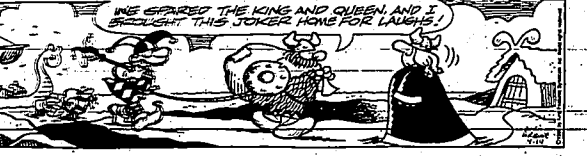
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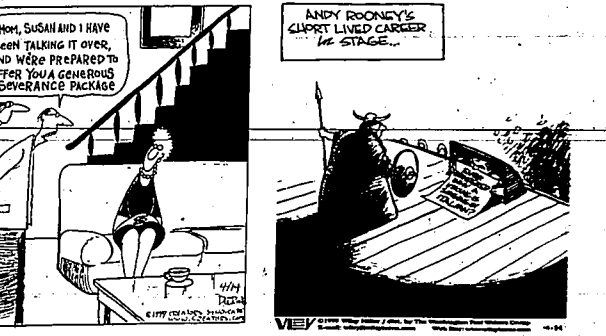


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Tom and Barbara Smith work on the yard behind their home at Hidden Lakes where they have incorporated existing lava rock into their landscaping, complete with a series of ponds.

## PRIVATE ROCK GARDEN

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**—A crock gurgles a greeting as you amble down a stony path. Below, a fin waves a slow hello from the shadows of the pond. This is living.

This is Barbara Smith's back yard. "It's so peaceful to look out at the natural landscaping, the sagebrush and rocks," Smith said.

Tired of traffic noises, city lights and manicured lawns, Smith and her husband, Tom, decided to look for something different. They wanted their own private getaway. When the first saw this property in Hidden Lakes, a new subdivision of Twin Falls, Barbara Smith thought, "This is just space."

Then she saw the same big, dark rocks common along the Snake River Canyon. There was even a miniature gorge. It didn't take any time at all for the rugged, untamed landscape to grow on Smith, though it was a rocky relationship at first.

"We had to bring in a special machine to dig out the foundation in the rock, then we went from there," she said.

The neighborhood covenants required that a percentage of the natural vegetation remain. Smith forbade the builders to disturb one more sagebrush thorn that was absolutely necessary to build the house.

Today, the Smiths watch geese, rabbits, rockhucks, all manner of songbirds, raptures and ducks outside their living room window. They have a weekend getaway that lasts all week.

"We want our leisure time and we want to spend it at home," said Ilwaco Wright, owner of Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls. "How many times have you seen a stump or a log or a rock in somebody's front yard? People bring the woods back home with them because it reminds them of their vacation time."

Most people want to be a little different. "We're trying to get away from our father's square patch of green grass. We don't want our garden to look like Dad's. We want it to look better, maybe be a little," said Lloyd Glasscock, a Seattle landscape designer.

Wright added, "Home is a base for our activities. We want to have it close to be in while we're there, but don't want to spend a lot of time on the back end of a lawn mower." Getting to the well-side mow trailer was perfect, level lawn for some of the things you should have seen you should have seen.

The main components of the Smiths' landscaping are rock and natural vegetation. Most people have the rock tumbled away when their houses are built.

Maybe we ought to have some brought back in.

"Rocks add a hominess to even a formal landscape," said Dan Johnson, Twin Falls landscape designer. "Use them in groupings, like nature would."

...of years getting the look right. "Landscaping is just life," Johnson said. "You can't succeed without a plan and be happy with it."

Figure out how you want to change the grade, or levels of your yard. Take drainage into account. Water should flow away from the house. Where will you put a patio or entertainment area? You will want lawn. Figure out what you want to use that area for, then decide the best rocky needs to be. Use an irrigation system. Your watering needs will be different in a natural setting.

You don't have to mow rocks. Neither will you have to water them. Native plants don't require as much water, once established, as grass, either.

"The cabin-to-the-hills natural look is a little abrupt," Wright said.

That means if you don't get out this weekend and pull every weed, guests are less likely to notice.

So how do you choose the perfect rock? The high desert gives us lots to choose from.

"Out in the desert you see basalt with lichen on it," said Greg Gilmore, owner of Rock-It in Twin Falls.

Basalt is usually dark gray, black or brown, somewhat rounded and angular in shape—the kind of rock you see lining the Snake River Canyon, or just accumulating up in outcroppings in the middle of the desert.

Roaming across the mountains, its creamy orange, ochre and shades of charcoal gray cut into beautiful slabs and bring the colors of the desert home. River and stream stones, gray, some found in mountain waters, are granite.

Decide how you want to use rock in your landscape. Will you use large boulders as accents? Does the look of an outcropping quicken your pulse? How about natural stepping stones or a retaining wall?

Whenever you do, make it look like nature did it.

"Rocks make a statement. They are better than a bush. They highlight the landscape, making it look more natural and giving vertical interest to a yard," Gilmore said.

But don't run out to the desert with a pick-up and start collecting rocks.

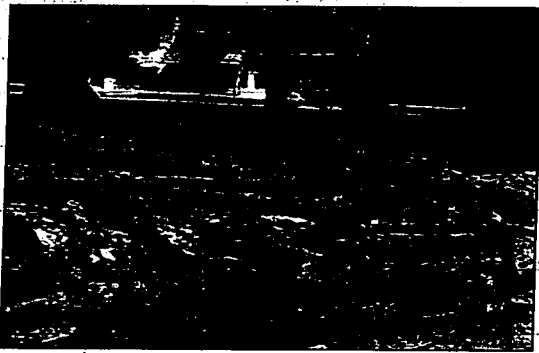
"In order to get rock, you have to buy a permit," Gilmore warned. "If you get caught collecting rocks, you can be fined \$3,000 per rock."

It might be easier to buy landscape rocks from a supplier. Besides, once you get to the rock yard and see all the "generic" rocks alongside the natives, you might decide to decorate with something new.

...of the same kind of rock in one spot. If the sizes and types are mixed, how did nature arrange them?

Once you get back to your little piece of earth, imitate nature.

The goal is to duplicate something in nature that you love—like Barbara Smith did with her rocky oasis on the canyon rim.



Rough-fitting stone walls such as this one add class to any landscape. Similar walls made of basalt occur naturally along the Snake River Canyon throughout south-eastern Idaho.

## Five do-it-yourself projects with stone

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS**— "Natural stone, of course, looks more natural than what is manufactured," said Lloyd Glasscock, Seattle landscape designer.

Here are five projects you can do yourself with stone:

- 1. Retaining walls**  
"Dig into the hill until you get to the point where you want to bury your first row of rocks. Always work from your lower point up," advised Greg Gilmore, owner of Rock-It in Twin Falls.  
A little sand, or simply loosening the earth beneath your wall, helps to seat the first rock row soundly.  
Let the wall slant into your hill (called "battering back") as you build. The angle will help hold back the hill.  
Basalt is dark, strong and angular. Nature used it to line the Snake River Canyon. Basalt walls fit together nicely, since they already have several flat sides to choose from.

"Keep building until you run out of rocks," Gilmore said. But remember to set aside the pretty pieces for cap stones along the top of your wall.

There will be crevices between the biggest rocks. Fill them with dirt or gravel. If you choose dirt, poke in a trailing plant, such as thyme or moss. Soon, you'll have a rock wall that looks as though it has been there forever.

"Let plants slip over the stones," added Glasscock. "Just remember that rock walls should never go higher than 5 feet without mortar. And don't place a large tree behind your wall. The roots will undo all your hard work."

**2. Rocks as accents**  
"Rocks add a hominess to even a formal landscape," said Dan Johnson, Twin Falls landscape designer.

"Work with what you've got," added Glasscock. "If you find a volunteer, use it, don't move it." These rocks are great for separating plants, saving the unbroken green line from boredom.

"Pick out the main rock feature you

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Natural stone solidifies rustic, peaceful landscape for one Twin Falls family



"It's so peaceful to look out at the natural landscaping, the sagebrush and rocks."

—Barbara Smith, Twin Falls resident

## OUTDOOR LIVING



Becky Marshall, retail manager of Moss Greenhouses, looks over some of the container plants the store sells.

# What's hot, what's not in today's garden

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - What's hot on the garden scene is just about anything you like. Emphasis on "you."

Landscaping to impress your neighbors Out.

Making the most of your small space: In. And you can do anything you like to jazz up your little piece of heaven.

One woman put a trellis next to a garage wall, then slipped a mirror behind it. Right on the wall, said Sally Benson, editor of American Nurseryman magazine, at a recent seminar in Seattle. Then this woman painted the wall a dark blue-green.

The woman had planted something in every available space, and she stood containers chock-full of flowers on the patio, then let it all reflect into the mirror. It looked like she had twice the space. The effect, under the canopy of a large tree, assorted vines and flowers crowded into every corner, was stunning.

A square piece of grass out front, bordered by foundation planting: Out.

Natural vines, including water: In.

High maintenance lawns are out, Benson said. So are the sheared plants that look like big green blobs. Go natural. Let your branches frizz.

"Make your oasis," Benson said.

Use your space to attract wildlife. Provide water, berries and nesting places for birds. Plant little clumps of ornamental grasses, which are available in every color, size and shape imaginable these days.

"Ornamental vines and climbers on trees, walls, lamp posts, even trellises. Look for a well-loved trellis in a garage sale to add the perfect rustic touch to your garden. Drag home an old, rusty wrought-iron gate. These look fabulous with bedding flowers at their feet and a climatic winding through the scrolls.

By Cathy Walworth  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** - Each person in the city of Twin Falls uses 480 gallons of water every day. Nationwide, the average per-person water usage is 250 gallons of water daily. Why the difference?

Twin Falls residents live in the "big spaces" of the West. Back east, lots of people live surrounded by concrete, not lawns, said Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney.

"They don't have lawns," he said.

But the people of Twin Falls like their lawns, and water them a lot, to the tune of 425 million gallons per day. Some say that's too much.

Though local residents live in a desert, it's a myth that there is plenty of water, that any plant will grow here and that water conservation means cactus and rocks.

Here are a few things anyone can do to enjoy green landscapes while using less water. These are adapted from the Water Conservation Coalition of Puget Sound, courtesy of Mary Robson, Washington State University extension agent for King and Pierce counties.

• Get to know your soil. Is it sandy or clay? Where does the sun shine? Where do you get shady patches? Plan your landscape with these factors in mind.

• Care for your soil. A teaspoon of healthy garden soil can house millions of microscopic organisms that work to help plants grow. Add

Another tip from the experts: Use more "doe-dads." Especially if they're right. The new jangling balls are not expensive, but add tons of depth and interest to the garden. Birdbaths come in a style, size and price range for every garden. Hang some chimes from a tree branch.

Stretch your gardening horizons a little. Plant something tropical and exotic. Sure, you'll

### Water-wise landscaping

**W**ater-wise plantings don't mean a dull, colorless vista. Exports advise trying these perennials in your "dry" garden: Achillea, Shasta mums, coreopsis verticillata "Moonbeam," oenothera purpurea, bearded iris, salvia superba. And these annuals: Amaranthus, coltsia, clove, gazania, gerbera, metapolodum, ornamental peppers, sunflowers, portulaca, vinca and zinnias.

organic matter to the soil to feed these microbes. Add three to four cubic yards of organic matter per 3,000-square feet to help sandy soils hold water and loosen clay soils. Add two to three inches of mulches, such as bark chips.

Don't use peat moss. It's a non-renewable substance and hard to wet once it dries.

While mulches help regulate soil temperatures and keep weed seeds from seeing the light, they break down and feed the soil. Feed the soil, so the soil can feed the plants.

• Group plants in communities. If you plant drought-enduring rosemary next to a thirsty rose, both will suffer. Thousands of plant flourish in this region. Choose and group them according to their water and soil needs. Look for plants that need little water, once established.

• Boldly make changes. Accommodate the plants you love when you can, but choose plants

have to dig it up and store it someplace where it won't freeze, but think how much you're going to enjoy the color and fragrance of a new flower.

The easiest way to do that is to jump on another new craze: containers.

The word is that containers are a good way to add color where no color has gone before. Containers can fill in those bare corners and

that are adapted to this climate. If it doesn't fit the site, move it, trade it or replace it.

• Replace lawns struggling in the shade. If you have so much shade a lawn won't do well, maybe a woodland setting would fit better. Combine your trees with shrubs, ground covers and the occasional rock for a natural landscape.

• Learn what your lawn needs. First, design lawns to fit your needs - a play area, or an entertainment spot. And plant it in sun. Maybe you don't need grass. Maybe an eco lawn would fit your needs better, while requiring less of your time. Plant flowering plants and grasses for a meadow look.

Remember, lawn clippings left behind promote healthy soil, not thatch, and keep garden waste out of the landfill.

• Water wisely. About 80 percent of all landscape problems are caused by overwatering. Irrigation systems must be designed, installed and used properly to water efficiently. Before watering, probe the soil four inches deep or more to make sure the soil is dry enough to need watering.

Light, frequent sprinkling stresses plants by creating shallow roots that dry out too quickly. Water less often, but water more thoroughly.

Reset the clocks on your automatic sprinkler system to water more appropriately for the season. The lawn doesn't need as much water in June as in mid-August.

brighten the dull spots (all with no weeding). Containers can give gardening satisfaction to anyone, even apartment dwellers with only a balcony. You can plant down a container of petunias in a row of otherwise boring evergreens and make the whole area look fuller, not to mention more colorful.

There are no rules in today's garden. You like it, you plant it.

## Use care when planting bare root fruit saplings

Plant bare root fruit trees the same way you plant bare root roses.

Both root structures are shaped something like a pyramid. Both need support from below.

But we're getting ahead of ourselves.

Buy good trees from a reputable nursery. The roots will have been protected and kept moist. There will be few, if any, broken roots. Take your new tree home and dunk it in a bucket of plain water for a couple of hours.

Then should give you time to choose the planting site. Fruit trees, like roses, want all the sun and moving air they can get, but they don't like wind.

Dig a hole twice as wide as you think you'll need. Dig it as deep as the roots need to fit out from the graft. That will usually be 12 to 18 inches. Fill your hole with water.

If the summer rains from the hole in two hours or less, pour tree roots will accept good drainage. Trees hate wet feet. Wet roots mean rot, and that means a dead tree.

Put some of the soil you piled up beside the hole back in. Moisten it so that you can shape it into a volcano or pyramid shape.

Check to see if the roots sit in the shade. If you have so much shade a lawn won't do well, maybe a woodland setting would fit better. Combine your trees with shrubs, ground covers and the occasional rock for a natural landscape.

When the tree sits on the soil support firmly and the roots don't lean toward the sides of the hole, begin to fill the hole back up with the soil. Remember, no additives.



GREEN THUMBPRINTS  
Cathy Walworth

We don't want this tree thinking the soil is any better than it is.

If the soil in the hole (think of it as a pot) is richer than the surrounding soil, the roots won't grow outside the edges of the hole you dug. They will turn, or die and eventually girdle the tree, killing it. Roots are not smart.

Continue filling in the hole until the graft is about an inch below the soil surface. Water the soil to settle it. Do not perform the "death stamp." The water should settle the soil around the roots, so there is no need for you to re-compact in the planting hole and up off all the roots.

The soil will probably settle as below the graft. Add more soil, water again.

Do not stake the tree unless it is in a large one that will be tossed around by the wind. And even then, the supports should be soft and loose, allowing the tree to sway gently in the breeze. The movement will stimulate root growth. This same next year, remove the stakes and supports so that the roots will continue to spread out and further anchor the tree.

What's happening your garden? Write in Cathy in care of this newspaper, or e-mail her at cwalworth@bozings.com.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Wow your neighbors with elegant yard — and still have time for golf

By Cathy Watworth  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Centuries ago, on a vast estate somewhere in Europe, a king or nobleman looked out at the shaggy, rolling hills that were his front yard. "Wouldn't it look so much nicer if those grasses were cut evenly?" he might have said. No sooner had the words left his lips than serfs were sent out to whack down the meadows with scythes. And the first lawn mowers were invented.

With benches, trees and curving paths, one little patch of grass may suffice.

People have been in search of the perfect lawn ever since. We haul mountains of weed killers, lawn seed and lawn food home to make it grow. We walk countless miles behind various types of lawn mowers to keep it clipped once it's grown. The perfect lawn is the battle cry of middle-class values. Some would rather chase a golf ball or go on a hike or just about anything, rather than take care of a lawn.

But what would the neighbors think? The neighbors would think you've got beautiful, innovative landscaping if you do it right, said Seattle-based landscape designer Keith Geller. "Have a good design, with appropriate lawn areas," Geller advised. In other words, figure out what you use your lawn areas for, and design it that enough for that activity — and throw in lots of other plants, like trees. "Use large-

tree areas to lessen the lawn's dominance with other landscape trees, layering the canopy heights." "Purchase evergreen plants, a bench over there, a little patch of grass in the sunlight here. Don't fear small, grassy areas; just ensure to give people that peaceful feeling when they look at it — and mow it in a way that fits with the golf course, perhaps. "The aesthetic of the yard with the

the front walk," Geller said. "Wide and curve it make it invite your guests to your door." Have fun with plants where lawn used to grow. Try some herbs in pots at first, if you're unsure how they'll look. Vegetables, especially colorful ones such as peppers, are utilitarian as well as decorative in a sunny spot. Take another look at tubs, too. Its large leaves add unexpected texture to the mixed border. Mix them into flower beds. Plant a landscape that changes with the seasons.

How to design and build your own backyard

WATER GARDEN

By Cathy Watworth  
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — What do you think of when you say "water garden"? Romantic, serene images with soothing water sounds? Or perhaps the memory of Mosier Creek is still too clear, even after all these years? Experts say both points should be addressed when you plan a water feature for your yard. Not to mention the finer points of building the thing. First, ask what you want the water garden to do. Form follows function: If you want water sounds, you can get that with one little shallow fountain. If you're thinking larger, a waterfall at one end of a pond might row your boat. The waterfall/pond combina-



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Decide what you want — ducks, frogs, fish, trickling sounds — and then make it reality

tion gets you water sounds, along with gaggles of wildlife. Birds, butterflies and frogs all add their special touches. The catch is that you don't get to choose the critters who visit your little desert oasis. Ducks are nice. They quack and might eat a few bugs, along with your expensive water plants — and when they, say, fertilize your pond, they tend to overdo it. Frogs are fun. They croak and sing and eat all manner of insects — but then herons flap in to eat the frogs. Koi are beautiful to watch, but they need a lot of care and need filtered, running water — and they eat your plants. Raccoons are cute, but we won't go into the messes they can get into. Then there are those mosquitos.

as a teacup of water sitting about, you also have a potential mosquito maternity ward. The visiting birds and resident fish will eat some of the mosquito larva, but not all. Remember to add Bt, or bacillus thuringiensis, known as Mosquito Dunks. They are found at some nurseries and several mail-order catalogs. Bacillus thuringiensis is a natural substance that doesn't hurt anything except the larval stage of insects. Use it even in moving water. "But what if you want something larger than a whiskey barrel (which can, by the way, house lilies and a small fountain to make pleasant trickling noises)? "Site your pond in a shaded part of the landscape," said Jason Kelley, owner of Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls. "If

I can, I have people put them at the north or east side of the house, and where there's a lot of traffic. You spend a lot of money on this, so put it where you're going to enjoy it most. It will be the centerpiece of your landscape." Other experts think it would be a good idea to put the pond where it will see six hours of sun daily and little or no wind. "The water lilies will naturally face home," said Jim Barr, Seattle landscape designer. The large, white-type of plants do you want in the pond, and how much algae are you willing to put up with? More sun equals more algae. "Look for a spot that is more a natural low spot. You don't want all the drainage from the rest of your yard running into your

pond. When that happens, the plants/lilies will get up and float around and all your lawn chemicals will run into the pond, fouling the water. Then there's the salt and driveway oil and antifreeze that can kill everything in the pond. Site the pond on higher ground. "Don't want about overflow? We have snow in winter, then rain in spring. That water goes someplace. If you're digging a bed off the lower side of the pond for access water to exit. "Some water shapers need to be considered. If you want to encourage lilies to stay, you need a design in some pressure until shallow shelves over them. "If you don't want the thing, so that there's a last room for

anything else. Like you, for example. "Have enough space around every side to walk around, and not so large that the thing is a potential burden," Kelley warned. "Modest is good." So lay out some hoses on the grass and think about the size and shape you've drawn "If you think you might want to change the size, sleep on it. It will be difficult to change later." Keep the water moving with an electric pump. And as long as the water must move, might as well make it move over a little waterfall. Just try to avoid recreating Lost Creek. "Make it look natural," Kelley said. "Avoid making the water fall out of nowhere. It wouldn't look right falling out of a pile of rocks in the middle of a lawn."

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Alex Galan, a worker at Kimberly Nurseries, arranges rocks on a water garden display.

HOME REMODELING Q&A

The Ontario Sentinel

Q. I want to refinish the interior of my swimming pool. There are so many finishes available in today's market. What materials are in each product, and what are the warranties? A. The different products are marcite, exposed aggregate, Pebble Tec, Fibreglass and epoxy paint. Marcite, a brilliant white color, is made up of cement, sand and marble pre-mixed in bags by the manufacturer. Marcite has a one-year warranty. Exposed aggregate is made up of cement, sand, marble, quartz particles and modifiers and also is pre-mixed by the manufacturer. It is multicolored, comes in many varieties and has a five-year material-only warranty. Pebble Tec Finishes are a one-to-one mix of cement and stone

which are combined on site. This multicolored product has a lifetime warranty on labor and material. Fibreglass is made up of a mixture of glass fibers and a gelatin coating. This product, available in a number of solid colors, has a five-year warranty with many clauses. Read the warranty with care. Paint, which is available in many solid colors, comes in two packages that are mixed and then applied to the pool surface, much like paint. It is painted. Paint should be used only for a short-term fix, and it must be removed before any new finish is applied. The length of most paint warranties is short and warranties have many clauses. Read carefully. You can get more information on the different surfaces from pool contractors and pool supply stores. When hiring a contractor, be sure to look at the credentials

of the company and find out how long it has been in business. Check for proper licenses, ask for references, and call them. Also, ask the contractor how the pool will be prepared and how the

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# Know your containers

Make a dull garden dazzle with the right holders

The difference between a dull and a dazzling summer garden often boils down to what garden pros call "character." Sound exotic? Not really - garden character is simply that extra "something" or sense of style that sets one apart from others. For example, take the case of America's hottest gardening trend: container gardens.

"I've gone completely bananas over container gardening," admits David Cavagnaro, a gardening pro with a new-found passion for container gardens. A longtime gardener known for his "garden character," he specializes in creative mixes of annuals, perennials, flower bulbs, even vegetables.

He is also a top U.S. garden photographer whose work appears regularly in a number of garden magazines.

Cavagnaro is a good source of tips for others on how to create container-gardens-with-character, whether their own plot is a pocket-sized city entryway or an expansive country yard.

**1** Group containers for impact: Too often, people use the same containers in the same places every year, says Cavagnaro. "They'll put one big container by the front door - and stop! A good start - but I say: Go wild! Put seven, even 10 containers there. Groups of containers create a focus and impact!" Coordinate pots, flowers and leaves. Don't limit your thinking - consider anything that suits your taste.

Try what excites you: blue seafoam, various ivies, lantana, coleus, verbena, fuchsia, daisies, impatiens and roses. For especially dramatic container plants, try the summer flower bulbs, for starters: tuberose, oxalis, agapanthus, cannas, begonias, dahlias, calladiums, lilies or elephant ears.

**2** Big ones, bigger ones, small ones: Once you start playing with container plantings, you'll find places for them everywhere! Tuck them right into your garden - pop them into the ferns, Hostas, anywhere you

might enjoy some "filling in" or a jolt of moveable color. (By moving pots around, you can grow sun-lovers in the sun - then move them to shady spots to enjoy their bloom period there.)

**3** Repetition creates balance - then add zingers: Gardening is a bit like painting - you create appealing compositions with your interplay of color, form, scale and texture, creating balance by using repetition and contrast. When putting together garden containers, choose plants that "go together," but don't quite match - this repetition of related colors ties "the big picture" together. Three to five colors work nicely as a base. But don't stop there! Toss in a zinger - something oddball that is just "off" enough in color to texture or punch up everything else a notch.

**4** When plants intertwine, it's a love match! The best garden combinations are those in which the plants fall in love - growing intertwined, looping through one another, climbing others, under pecking and creeping through in odd places or simply making one another look good, says Cavagnaro.

He advises: When choosing plants, select those that "do" something for one another. Differ their stature, some low-growing and draping, some tall and spiky. Choose some that will creep and emerge where they choose. Pay attention to different leaf textures.

"One variegated cannas in a pot is nice," Cavagnaro says, "but for real star power, start with the variegated cannas and provide it with a family of plant partners that can thrive under similar growing conditions." As an example, he suggests a container "plant combo" he photographed at the University of Minnesota's Landscape Arboretum: start with a variegated cannas with multi-stripped leaves of green-orange-gold-pink; then add magenta-and-gold coleus, hot pink-and-green calladium, hot pink petunias

and even pinker trailing petunias. For the zinger, add tall-yellow lantana. As the plants mature, they take on a life of their own. This intertwined growth is charming - achieved only by plants that enjoy life together.

**5** Bring life to dead zones: Another good design technique employs container plantings to "soften up" the stark look of "dead zones" where no soil or garden area is available, Cavagnaro says. Think of side yards or walkways, decks, along garage walls or cement areas bounded by ugly chain-link fences. It's easy to build your own garden in these barren areas with containers, he says.

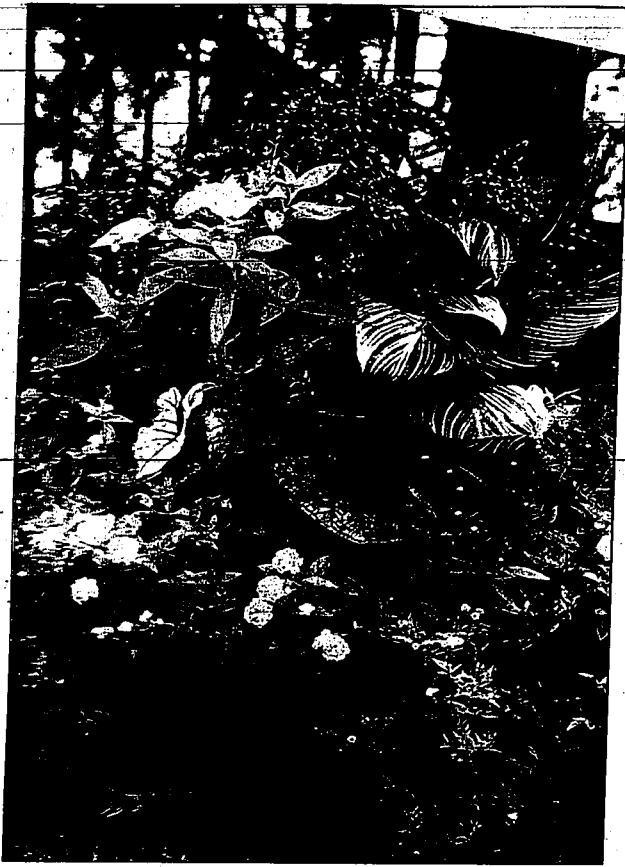
Line up window boxes or pots along a wall, for instance, placing them a few inches out (the containers can be all the same or a mix of any old thing you like). Fill with potting soil and plant low, leafy plants and climbing vines.

"For a hint, cool leafy look at the base, nothing heavy calcium based, which produces abundant leaves in shades of green or green jazzed up with pink dots or splashes, white or magenta borders or fleckies or other exotic colorations. For vertical softening, add a backdrop of wooden or metal latticework (even string) to support climbing vines such as moon flowers or morning glories.

Two important notes: (1) All containers must have drainage holes. (2) Be sure to water container plantings regularly - even daily during heat waves. Container plants drink lots, and often.

**6** Space-age containers: Check out the new fiberglass, resin and synthetic containers now on the market, Cavagnaro suggests.

"These are astonishingly lightweight, can overwinter outdoors without cracking and are often fashioned after rare old estate containers in handsome designs of pseudo-stone, mottled cement, terra cotta, even cast iron."



These attractive containers hold leafy cannas and calladium and add character to any landscape.

## Varying the plants in your garden adds spice to life

"Gardens with all annuals or all perennials" can be a snooze," says expert gardener David Cavagnaro. "A yard may look fine with vast spreads of pink impatiens, but why not shake things up a bit? Different plant choices can add spice to life."

Cavagnaro is a nationally known gardener, but basically he's a guy who thinks in simple terms. A native Californian who relocated in 1997 to Decorah, Iowa, to head the genetic preservation garden of Heritage Farm's Seed Savers Exchange, he is now a full-time photographer who shows on location at interesting gardens from coast-to-coast or at his own sprawling, playful garden in the rolling hill country just west of La Crosse, Wis.

"The only real rule to gardening," Cavagnaro says, "is that it should be fun. First, let's fantasize what we'd like to have in our yard. Then, we make everything up in our head. This plant will go here, that one there... then comes reality: everything you planned comes up and it either works as you imagined - or you discover again that plants have ideas of their own."

Cavagnaro says: "Never set your garden plans - and certainly not your plants - in cement!"

In Cavagnaro's garden, blocks of color are sometimes featured in patchwork combinations. In other areas, a variety of different plants are jumbled all together to mature into intriguing collages of intertwined color and texture.

Following is a Cavagnaro's "short course" on the different ways to use perennials, annuals and flower bulbs in the summer garden:

**1.** Perennials (which come back every summer) provide the garden with its "foundation" - plants such as hostas, foxgloves, grasses, liatris, peonies, astilbes, black-eyed Susans, daylilies and heuchera (coral bells) provide continuity year-after-year, giving grand performances that can be counted on to peak at different times of the summer. This means some will come in full glory in the early summer, others later. The key is to create "tableaus" where perennials that bloom at the same time are teamed up to create fantastic flowery displays.

**2.** Annuals (which last for one summer only) such as fast-growing petunias, zinnias, coleus, geraniums, marigolds and impatiens are important for providing quick color fixes and season-long performances, often blooming nonstop all summer. Generally inexpensive, they can be grown from seed or purchased programs in flats or pots. New breeding is creating passionate new interest in vivid remakes of the kinds of old favorites that used to be associated with kindergarten gardening projects. No longer run-of-the-mill, new hybrids of coleus and petunias have emerged as hot ticket items in garden centers. Even sweet-potato vines are rediscovered.

**3.** And then there are the summer-blooming flower bulbs, including such superstars as lilies, cannas, elephant ears, dahlias, begonias, gladioli and calladiums which are treasured for their exotic looks and ability to "fill in" with splashes of color at critical times in the summer bloom season. "Summer bulbs excel as perennial partners - plant them strategically for dramatic impact and to jazz up established perennial plantings," Cavagnaro says.



The mid-summer blaze of a mass planting of brilliant yellow Asiatic lilies is made more dramatic by adding a wooden pyramid covered with vines of rich purple clematis.

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# Stacking the deck

Beautify your home with a do-it-yourself redwood project that increases living space

Building a deck is one of the most popular do-it-yourself projects. It involves relatively simple construction skills, tools and materials. It's also a satisfying and economical way to extend your living activities outdoors. And you'll discover the advantages of working with redwood — it cuts and drills easily, is dimensionally stable and naturally decay resistant.

While building your own redwood deck is feasible, in some cases you may need help from a pro — consult with an engineer or architect for bracing on a deck over 6 feet in height or hire an electrician for your outdoor wiring and lighting.

You might also need to consult your local planning and building agency so that you can be sure your design ideas meet building and zoning codes.

To begin the design process, ask yourself some questions. How much sunlight will your deck receive at different times of the day and at different times of the year? Would it be a good idea to locate the deck to increase or decrease solar exposure? If trees aren't available for shading your deck, you might want to include an awning or a redwood trellis in the deck design.

Do you have outdoor furniture that needs to fit on the deck, or do you prefer to have built-in redwood benches? Will the deck be room for potted plants or redwood planters? What about a grill?

Or perhaps the focal point of your deck will be a spa or hot tub. Also consider evening use of your deck. What kind of lighting will be most suitable — floods, spot, low voltage?

Be creative as you ask and answer these questions. Perhaps there's room at your house for more than one deck — a small private deck off the master bedroom, a larger "party" deck off the living room or a grade-level deck outside a basement playroom for children.

Think about access to the deck.



This romantic redwood deck features a nostalgic octagonal gazebo. Railings and trim are painted white for contrast.

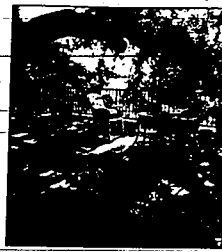


Photo courtesy: California Redwood Association  
More and more people are building their own decks and tailoring them toward their individual needs.

**Questions to ask**

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Is there already an exterior door that can open onto the deck, or will you have to install one? Railings are required on raised decks, but they can also control traffic on a grade-level deck, protecting lawn and garden areas along the deck edge.

If you're planning a raised deck, do you want a stairway leading down to grade level? If so, where on the deck should it be located?

To make the most of your new redwood deck, integrate it with an overall landscape plan. New shrubs, trees, garden areas, walkways and other landscaping elements can enhance the appearance and utility of your deck. Even raised decks require some sort of ground-cover treatment beneath the deck.

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## Humble heads of lettuce take on new importance

By Adrienne Cook  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rich in color, eye-catching in its leaf shapes and sweet on the tongue, lettuce traditionally is the poor man's harvest. You need barely any land to grow it.

Yet in modern American cuisine, this most humble of salad greens has taken on a new and welcome importance. Its many forms and variety of flavors have propelled simple lettuce into gourmet prominence.

The many varieties still fall into three basic groups: head lettuce, popularized by iceberg, and Boston types; Romaine or cos, upright and crisp; and leaf or loosehead, consisting of a loose bouquet of soft leaves. The adventurous gardener will find many looks, flavors and textures within each category. Boston, with its soft, nutty-tasting leaves and pleasant aroma, is finer than iceberg, which should not be grown in hot summer climates like ours.

There are a number of variations on traditional Boston lettuce that do fabulously in the home garden. Tom Thumb is a miniature Boston that grows to about six inches in diameter and hugs the ground; with its small, crinkled leaves and rose-shaped head.

Also called bibb is perhaps the most precious of Boston-type lettuces for the home garden. It starts quickly from seed (plants also are widely available in stores) and is an excellent way to get large individual heads early. Butterhead is perhaps the best "background" lettuce for a composed or mixed salad.

There are rarer and pinker varieties of Boston-type lettuces, including Sangria, Juliet and Italian Red, among others.

You will find the best reds, though, among the looseheads. They have the sweet flavor of a Boston lettuce, but should be harvested leaf by leaf, not uprooted as an entire plant. Leaves are snipped as they mature, allowing others to grow from the crown.

Alternatively, a row of dazing loosehead lettuces can be thinned so each plant is six or eight inches from the other and left to mature into breathtaking clusters of open-headed leaves.

The looseheads tolerate the onslaught of June's heat better than other types. In the heat, most lettuces will "bolt," when heads shoot up and sprout a tall flower stalk. When this happens, it is time to pull the plants out of the ground and toss them into the compost pile: They lose their sweetness and become bitter.

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# Composting: Put your waste to work for you

By Joan Jackson  
Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Beauty is to the beholder, and Ken Kelly thinks egg shells, wilted lettuce and soiled coffee grounds are truly beautiful.

Not everyone looks in the garbage can and sees the same thing. But one person's garbage is another person's black gold.

The name of the game is composting. And, all those trash cans that line our streets for pickup are filled with the waste of the great garden compost, says Kelly, co-director of the Home Composting Education Program, Solid Waste Commission of Santa Clara County, Calif.

"It can be as simple as tossing chopped yard waste into your compost, or food waste into an earthworm box," Kelly says. "In time the compost critters will eat away until you have finished compost."

What some people don't realize, he says, is that composting can happen pretty fast — just a few weeks, in fact. Starting in June now means you can have home-made compost in time for the spring planting season.

"Everything you need is probably already in your yard, says Sarah Smith, co-director of the Home Composting Program.

Start with a cubic yard of grass clippings, fallen leaves and other organic garden rubbish. "In just a few weeks," Smith says, "a pile 3 feet square heaped 3 feet high will become about one-third yard of ready-to-use compost." You can then work the finished compost into your garden soil, or apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch over the soil around landscape plantings. Keep the mulch 6 inches away from tree trunks.

Here are tips for a quick compost from the Home Composting Program:

- Chop garden waste into small pieces. Use pruning shears to chop plant materials into small pieces. Soft green plant tissue such as green weeds, fruit and vegetable waste, and trimmed green ivy can be left as larger pieces close to 2 inches. "But woody plant material such as



One person's garbage is another person's black gold when it comes to compost.

small branches, twigs, and bark must be chopped into smaller one-half inch pieces because wood material takes longer to decompose," Kelly says.

- Mix half green rubbish with half naturally brown rubbish. Green rubbish includes grass clippings, old flowers, weeds, green prunings and fruit and vegetable waste, even orange peels. Naturally brown materials include fallen leaves, dried grass, saw and woody prunings. Build the pile by stacking alternately

4- to 6-inch layer of green, then brown materials.

After adding a green and brown layer, mix the two together using a garden fork. "For brown material you can substitute waste paper or cardboard-like paper bags, cereal cartons and newspaper."

Cut or tear paper products into 1 inch strips," Kelly says. Be sure to mix paper products with the other materials to avoid matting. Such compacting prevents proper air circulation.

## Have compost your way with these recipes

Knight Ridder News Service

Here are four simple compost recipes from the Home Composting Education Pro gram, Solid Waste Commission of Santa Clara County, Calif. Experiment to find a method that suits your needs.

### No-fuss compost

This is the easiest way to compost yard waste.

Ingredients: yard waste, some water.

- What to do: In a heap, hoop or bin, layer your chopped yard waste as it accumulates. Water is needed to make sure the compost is kept about as wet as a wrung-out sponge.

### Compost in a bucket

This is the most compact way to compost food waste.

Ingredients: Food waste, bucket (recycled), sawdust (available free at lumber yards).

- What to do: Chop food waste and mix with an equal amount of sawdust at least once a week, using a towel or small spade. If too wet, stir in more dry material. Stir thoroughly each time new material is added. When bucket is three-fourths full, let stand one to three months, mixing it every week or two. Use finished compost in garden or house plants.

### Fast compost

The faster way to compost is to build a "hot" pile in a heap, hoop or bin. This requires turning the pile frequently.

Ingredients: Yard waste, food waste, some water.

- What to do: Layer fresh green and dry materials alternately until there is a 3-by-3-foot pile, which is a cubic yard. Keep the pile about as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Cover the pile with a sheet of plastic, a piece of carpet, a one-inch layer of soil or a lid. Turn the pile one to three times a week to give it the air it needs for clean, fast composting. Keep in mind that food waste should be composted in a rodent-proof bin, box or bucket,

or buried at a depth of at least 12 inches.

### Earthworm compost

Earthworm composting is a fun way to turn food waste into a rich fertilizer and soil amendment.

Ingredients: Food waste, newspaper, red worms, container.

- What to do: Shred and moisten old newspapers and layer them six inches deep in the box. Add worms and begin feeding them with kitchen scraps; no animal products should be used. Add fresh food waste as it becomes available. Earthworm compost is ready in several months.

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**Identify true milk glass by its opaque, glistening white color**

**QUESTION:** I am a new collector of milk glass. I'm wondering whether pieces marked "milk glass" are actually milk glass and, if not, how do you distinguish between the two?

**ANSWER:** In definition, all milk glass is opaque white glass, but not all opaque white glass is milk glass. True milk glass has the color of white milk. It is clear, not glassless white. Compare milk glass to a piece of plain white glass, and you may notice that the white glass is thinner, a kinder deeper or yellowish in color.

Because milk glass has been in constant production for well over 100 years, there is a great supply—and also a great range in value and quality. While a relatively new dish might be had for under \$10, an old, rare piece could bring several thousand dollars.

It's important to become familiar with what's available by visiting antiques shows and studying collectors' books. Distinguishing between the valuable and the commonplace can be a challenge, as many pieces bear no manufacturer's mark or date stamp. One thing to look for are older milk-glass pieces that contain lead: They can be recognized by their clear, but like "runes" when tapped. They will also sometimes display brilliant colors around the edges when held up to the light.



**ASK MARTHA**  
Martha Stewart

If you are looking for milk glass for everyday use, don't shy away from newer pieces. They are sturdy, can be washed in the dishwasher among other pieces, are too delicate and are quite affordable.

**QUESTION:** What is the difference between creme caramel and creme brulee?

**ANSWER:** With creme caramel, sugar is browned into a golden caramel (you can caramelize the sugar under the broiler, but you may find a small kitchen torch to be a more useful tool), then poured into a mold and left to harden; then custard is poured on top. The dish is baked, then chilled and inverted onto a serving plate. During baking, the caramel melts, creating a rich topping and sauce for the custard. This is the same dessert that the Spanish call "flan."

For creme brulee—French for "burnt cream"—a custard is cooked on the stove or baked in the oven, then chilled, usually in individual serving dishes called ramekins. Sugar is then sprinkled over the surface and quickly caramelized. The result is a crackly, candied surface over the cool, creamy custard.

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creamy; it is actually low in fat and calories.

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- 1 cinnamon stick or 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 large eggs
- 2 tablespoons coffee liqueur (optional)

In a large saucepan, bring the milk, vanilla, tequila, cinnamon and 2 tablespoons sugar to a boil. (If using vanilla bean, split pod and scrape the seeds into the milk.) Reduce heat to a high simmer and let milk reduce to 2 cups, stirring frequently, about 20 to 25 minutes. Place 6 four-ounce custard cups in a 2-inch-deep baking pan. Heat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Place 1/4 cup water and remaining 3/4 cup sugar in a heavy saucepan. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat until sugar dissolves. Uncover;

reduce heat to medium high, boil until syrup darkens into a light amber color, about 10 minutes. Do not stir. Immediately pour into custard cups, swirling caramel up the sides. Whisk eggs together in a large bowl. Slowly beat in hot reduced milk. Strain mixture, then pour into custard cups. Fill baking pan with 1/2 inch of warm water and cover with a tent of aluminum foil. Bake until custards are just set, 30 to 40 minutes.

Remove pan from oven and remove custards from pan. Serve when cooled, or cover flans with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to unmold. To unmold, run a knife carefully around the edge of each custard. Invert onto a plate and drizzle 1 teaspoon of coffee liqueur, if using, over each flan. Serve 4.

Questions should be addressed to Martha Stewart, care of The New York Times Syndication/Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168.

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**Enjoy environmentally friendly home gardening**

**By Adrian Higgins**  
The Washington Post  
"Tis the season to weed and feed the lawn. Or is it? Environmentalists say excessive and ill-timed applications of fertilizers and pesticides can do as much to pollute the streams, rivers and waters of the Chesapeake Bay. A nonprofit environmental group called the Alliance for the

Chesapeake Bay has developed a program for ecologically sensitive gardening called BayScapes. Its principles include reducing lawn areas, installing low-maintenance shrubs and ground covers, controlling erosion and building habitats for wildlife. It also seeks to minimize the use of pesticides and water.  
"It's hard to get over the mindset of a nice, clean, even, well-kept lawn," said Alliance

spokesman Ryan Davis. However, many people are willing to have a smaller lawn area "and put their BayScapes around the perimeter," he said.  
Another hurdle is that while most people in the region live in the bay watershed, only a fraction do so within sight of the water. However, the environmen-

tal benefits to the bay are real, he said, as well as to the homeowner's neighborhood.  
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OUTDOOR LIVING

# Keeping cozy

More greenhouses sprout up in backyards across the country

By Mary Beth Brockenkoff  
Knight Ridder News Service

STOW, Ohio — Terry Litsinger built a little patch of paradise right in his Stow back yard.

His 14-by-16-foot greenhouse is his escape from the brutality of winter and the bustle of the world. It's always warm and always green, a place where he can immerse himself in the nurture of his plants or in the Sunday paper.

Greenhouses, once the domain of the fortunate few (George Washington had one just to grow pineapples), are popping up in back yards with increasing regularity. Improvements in low-cost building materials and widespread interest in gardening have fed the expansion of hobby greenhouses, numbered at 3 million and growing in the United States by greenhouse kit supplier Sun Country Greenhouse Co.

They range in design from simple structures of PVC pipe and plastic film to elegant conservatories. Some gardeners build them to protect tender plants from freezing, others to give seeds an early start or to grow food year-round.

Litsinger's greenhouse is made of a galvanized steel frame and translucent fiberglass panels that have bubble wrap on the underside for insulation. The 200 or so plants he houses in it are tropical, so he tries to keep the temperature around 70 degrees throughout most of the winter. He figures his monthly heating cost averages \$50.

All told, Litsinger says he spent about \$5,000 on building the greenhouse, which included a concrete floor with a drain, a natural gas heater, an automatic ventilation system and a water-line and water filter.

Joe Zeeben sank about twice that amount into the conservatory he built at his home in Hattiesburg, Miss. He says the

old-fashioned structure, complete with cupola, drew quite a bit of interest when he posted pictures of it on his Web page, so in the fall he launched a commercial site — <http://www.h20rhous.com> — in which he markets the plans for his conservatory and other greenhouses.

Zeeben's 32-by-24-foot conservatory is a Victorian jumble of cypress, brick and glass, but greenhouses needn't be anywhere near that fancy in the useful, he says.

One of the simplest and least expensive types, he says, is a hoop house. It's made of a stretching plastic film over PVC ribs, which are attached to a wooden or lumber frame on the ground. Choose PVC that's resistant to ultraviolet rays, and it should last three to five years, he says. Zeeben estimates a hoop house can be built for \$200 or less.

Lean-to greenhouses that are attached to homes are another economical alternative, he says. Because they draw on the warmth of the house, they don't require an additional heat source, Zeeben says. A ventilation system is a must, however. "In the sun they can get really unbearable," he says.

Another option is a pit greenhouse, which is dug into the ground and has a cover of glass or another material that lets light in. The constant temperature of the earth and the warmth of the sun provide heat, Zeeben says.

On a smaller scale, Perini Garden Centers sells miniature conservatories that could be used for starting seeds or growing edible plants such as herbs year-round. Similar metal and glass conservatories were used in Victorian times to protect seedlings in drafty houses, says Chad Lindgren, Perini's purchasing agent.

The miniature, English-style conservatories, sold at the Oakwood Village store, are



Three-year greenery in the greenhouse — with dahlias, begonias and more.

manufactured to mirror use and are particularly "intimate" meant for displaying plants, says Perini conservatory designer Steve. They are designed to last, however, and are especially suited to grow lights, so they're popular, too, he says.

The materials used to build a greenhouse are almost as varied as the possible designs. Wood is the traditional, perennial material, but it requires constant maintenance. Zeeben prefers metal. Materials such as aluminum or galvanized steel last; need to be painted, but they're durable, according to Zeeben.

Zeeben says glass is still used in many greenhouses because of its permanence — in one last case, he says, he built a greenhouse out of glass blocks. However, he says, a conservatory must have enough efficiency. The most, however, are

replacing glass in many greenhouses because they're cheaper.

For use in the North, Zeeben prefers panels made of Lexan, a polycarbonate with a typical life span of 10 years. Greenline Manufacturing Co. Inc., a Georgia greenhouse manufacturer with a distributor in Alaska,

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Follow these greenhouse pointers for success

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- Don't situate the greenhouse too far from the house. Your greenhouse will lose its appeal before long if you have to slog through a lot of mud or snow every day to reach it.

- Make sure evergreens and buildings won't block the sunlight in winter. Deciduous trees, however, will allow the sun in during winter, and their leaves will provide welcome shade in summer.

- Clean out the greenhouse once or twice a year to destroy molds and other organisms.

- Make sure plants are pest-free before you bring them inside. They'll multiply like mad in the warmth and humidity.

- Consider an automated temperature-control system.

- If you have plants with different temperature or humidity needs, you can create microclimates using materials like plastic sheets and shade cloths.

- For a free heat source when the temperature is around 40 degrees or above, paint milk jugs or a barrel flat black and fill with water. The water will absorb heat from the sun and release it at night.

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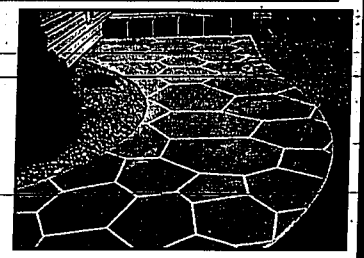


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Trends favor tone-on-tone, fruit-filled bouquets



Tulips can be a spring tease, when you show them off in pretty containers.

Designers present nature in its best light

Wendy Miller/Hansen Service

Today's floral designers have a flair for presenting nature in its best light. Whether they're creating an elegant wedding bouquet or a casual dinner party bouquet, they use simple lines, informal structure and unexpected natural materials to convey the exquisite beauty of cut flowers.

"Everything is looser, less arranged," says David Bach, designer for Brannan Street Wholesale Florists, a vendor of floral materials at the San Francisco Flower Mart. "The trend toward simpler, less contrived, more natural-looking arrangements is showing up in everyday use, not just at weddings."

In other words, baby's breath and ferns are out; the rest of the garden — including fruit and vegetables — is in.

Because flowers are so integral to the ambience of a wedding, corporate party or fund-raising event, some of the most cutting-edge floral work is done by designers who specialize in large events.

"Green is God's neutral," says Berkeley, Calif., floral designer

Devorah Nussenbaum, who favors the use of different greens to bring texture and interest to bouquets.

For containers, think beyond clear glass vases. In order to emphasize a more organic look, floral designers also combine unusual natural materials. Fruit and flower combinations are increasing popular.

In addition to the flowers at Brannan Street, Bach says they sell a wide variety of fruits: kumquats, citrus still on the branches, persimmons, pomegranates, date clusters and "every kind of berry."

Buyers from around the country come to the shop looking for these unusual natural materials. For example, most of the winter berries profiled in the December issue of Martha Stewart Living magazine came from Brannan Street.

Bach also sells natural materials — rose hips or seed pods gathered from the side of the road — that years ago would have been castoffs. Also popular are "heavy lush stuff" like flowering vines and branches — "elements that make an arrangement look as if it just grew that way."

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By Kathy Van Mellekom Daily Press

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HOME REMODELING Q&A

The Orlando Sentinel

**Q.** My husband and I are thinking of enclosing our porch so that we can have more interior living space. The original roof covers the existing space, which measures about 20 feet wide by 12 feet deep. Besides installing some new windows between the existing posts, what else should we be aware of?

**A.** A great number of homes either now have or once had a rear porch. These structures provide an excellent framework for giving homeowners the additional space they desire without having to move or tackle a major addition.

The common porch enclosure is one of the simplest renovation projects to complete. However there are a number of factors to consider to ensure that the project is completed successfully. The goal should be to convert the exterior porch to interior air-conditioned space that harmonizes with the interior and the exterior, so well that it is difficult to identify the original porch. The new space should provide maximum comfort, livability, and resale value.

Here are some key points to consider for meeting these goals:

- Foundation or concrete slab. Usually the back porch steps down from the existing house. One of the biggest mistakes made is to build right on top of the existing floor. Because the floor of this exterior space is typically sloped for drainage, building on top of the existing floor results in a finished interior area that is sloped. Any furniture placed in this room, particularly an entertainment center or table, would not be level.

- Another problem is that a porch floor is usually recessed and at grade level. The building code requires that interior finished floors be 6 to 8 inches above finished grade. This ensures that moisture from the finished grade doesn't seep through the walls to the floor finishes and baseboards, which would create mold. Instead, the moisture would stop at the foundation edge.



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dation edge.

- Enclosing exterior walls. The goal for finishing the exterior walls of the newly enclosed space is to try to match the existing finish and maintain consistent window and door reveals. This is true whether the exterior finish will be wood, block or another material. In the case of stucco finishes, the new wall needs to be recessed enough — usually a half-inch to three-quarters-inch — to allow for the stucco to be applied and end up flush with the existing finish.

- Interior walls and insulation. Most porches have no insulation in the ceiling, so insulation will have to be added one of two ways. It can be blown onto the porch ceiling from the attic of the house, provided that there is access from the inside of the

house. Or in the case of a flat roof, the ceiling drywall will have to be removed so insulation can be applied.

- In addition, the interior walls of the porch, (originally the old exterior walls), must be prepared properly to accept the new finish. Typically constructed of brick or stucco, the exterior walls are prepared by installing 1-by-2 pressure-treated wood or sometimes 2-by-4 walls onto the existing surface. This creates a cavity for placement of electrical wiring, and a means for installing new wall finishes.

- Electrical. The newly created room must comply with the building code by having the proper number of outlets and light switches for all interior walls and exterior doors. Additional ceiling lighting, such as recessed lighting

open to create flow and spaciousness.

In either case, the opening should be finished so that it isn't obvious that it was once an exterior opening.

- Heating and air conditioning: If the new space is 200 square feet or less, the existing air-conditioning ducts in the attic most likely can be tapped into and a new set of vents can be installed to the new space. This procedure typically would work to cool the new space adequately. For a room larger than 200 square feet, a heating, ventilating and air-conditioning company should be consulted to evaluate the existing system and perform energy calculations to see

if a new system is needed.

- Exterior windows and doors. Matching the new windows and doors to the existing ones is critical for smooth transition between the original home and the new space. In some cases, the existing exterior doors may be reused. If the doors are constructed of wood and the intention is to move them to the new exterior opening, it would be wise to have a sufficient overhang to cover and protect the wood door from exposure to the elements.

This week's question was answered by Stephen Gibbs of P&C Construction Inc. in Winter Park, Fla.

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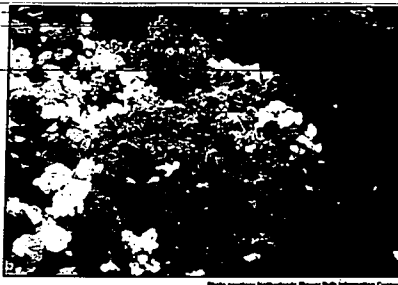
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# Dying roofs give off signals

By Karol V. Mendez and Ron Modine  
The Baltimore Sun



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Spring is here, and you are likely to find yourself outside looking at how your house has held up through the winter. A professional survey, the point that was barely cracked last fall is peeling away, the gutters are full of debris and there are pieces of shingle lying on the ground.

If you are wondering if your roof is nearing the end of its life, there are some tell-tale signs. Finding pieces of shingle on the ground or in the gutters is the most obvious. When roof shingles begin to fall apart, they are leaving a trail of debris on the ground.

Another sign is when shingles seem to look or appear to have bubbles in them. This is an indication that the attic space is not properly ventilated. Excessive heat can cause this problem to occur. Holes in the roof with little or no grit left on them are easy to see from the ground.

If someone is telling you that you need a new roof, take a look yourself. It should be obvious that you do. If it isn't, get another opinion.

Once you decide you need a new roof, you have a number of choices. All roofing manufacturers offer a variety of options. Twenty-year fiberglass shingles are the most common, but for only \$5 more a square, you can get 25-year shingles. A square — which is how roofing is measured — is enough shingles to cover 100 square feet.

A typical roof is 25 squares. To tear off and replace a 2,000-sq-ft \$150 per square, would cost \$3,000 to \$3,700. For an extra \$125 dollars for the 25-year shingles, you get five more years of warranty.

Prices for roofing will vary, depending on several conditions. Among them:

- The pitch of the roof. The steeper it is, the more difficult it is to work on.
- How can shingle over one existing layer. However, if there are already two or more layers, they have to be removed.
- Obviously it will cost less to shingle over than it will to tear off and replace several layers.
- As with any home improvement project, do your homework. Learn a little about the wide variety of roofing products available. Ask questions of the roofer. If you are not comfortable with the answer, ask someone else. Be sure you are comparing apples to apples — that is, all the specifications are the same — if you are parking bids from several contractors.

### Con artists target elderly

A recent survey by the American Society on Aging indicates that older people and people in lower-income brackets are often targeted in home-repair scams. About 1 in 4 people surveyed said they had a bad experience with home repairs, with homeowners 50 and over most likely to have had a complaint.

Although both high- and low-income households are vulnerable to fraudulent practices, the study says, the consequences for lower-income families are more dire. AARP warns particularly about scam artists who work with loan brokers, directing borrowers to high-cost mortgages that can leave them in debt and in danger of losing their homes.

- AARP suggests that before signing up for any repairs, homeowners should, among other things:
- Beware of salespeople who show up at the door or call offering unsolicited "bargains" that are good "only for today." Legitimate firms don't use pressure tactics.
  - Get at least three estimates in writing.
  - Ask the people who say they are doing the work for references, and check out the company with the Better Business Bureau and state and local consumer protection agencies.
  - Never hand over the deed to your house or take out a second mortgage on your house unless you understand everything about the terms. Never sign anything you don't understand.
  - Before you sign any documents, have someone knowledgeable review them.
  - Don't pay the repair person the full amount until the work is done.

# Professional landscapers share no-mercy strategies

By Patricia Haller  
Knight Ridder News Service

Looking for ideas for a beautiful garden filled with nonstop color? Nurseries and garden centers are great sources of ideas, but you may learn more by cruising through an office park, strolling through shopping centers or just filling up at the gas station at Hilltop Mall in Finolee, Calif.

Businesses pay to keep their sites weed-free and inviting, regardless of heat or hard frost. Tending the gardens go would be bad for business.

To passers-by, it may seem effortless, but the professionals who design and tend the grounds in these public places say it takes time, money and a ruthless streak to keep them looking beautiful.

"It's a lot more work than it looks like," says Kathryn Minardi of Colorscap in San Jose, Calif., who oversees projects ranging from eye-catching flower beds at Bernal Corporate Park in Pleasanton, Calif., to unique and vibrant container gardens for technology firms in the Silicon Valley. "We're out there every week going through all the flowers, checking them, trimming them and weeding. Even in the dead of winter when it's freezing, we're out there."

It also takes a lot of money.

Entire flower beds must be ripped out and replaced two, to four times a year.

Shoppers and passersby are often dismayed to see gardeners ripping out "perfectly good" blossoms to make way for something more seasonal, says Jim Walsh of Landcare USA, a national company whose Fairfield branch designs and maintains the flowers at Hilltop Mall in Finolee, Calif.

"The flowers always look really gorgeous when we take them out," Walsh says. "But anticipating the season is the only way to keep things looking good year-round."

Minardi suggests homeowners keep an eye on what commercial gardeners put in and when.

"I feel so badly for people I see in the nurseries buying simoniacs in March," she says. "They look great, because they're at their peak. But they're about at the end of their season. Go into these projects and take a look at what people are doing there. You'll start to catch on to when pansies and poppies should go in" and when to switch to dahlias, marigolds, and impatiens, she says.

Given the hard work and expense, however, she recommends that homeowners scale down the commercial garden to a small, manageable area or large container.

# Experts offer tips to help keep your yard looking good

Knight Ridder News Service

Commercial landscapers typically take contractors to court to keep gardens in top shape year-round. Here are their tips to keep a yard looking its best.

- Concentrate bright colors around focal points. Businessmen frequently place flower beds around the company sign to call attention to it, or put planters by the entry to draw attention.
- Replace plants seasonally. Most landscapers plant spring flowers like petunias, lobelia, lilytuss and mums in April, summer color typically comes from impatiens, salvia, begonia and daisies planted in July or August; winter gardens include pansies, poppies, kale and primroses added in October or November.

Regular deadheading, weeding and fertilizing are musts.

- For lush lawns, fertilize in spring and fall and water well during the warm months — short, intermittent waterings are best and prevent run-off.
- Starting lawn from seed is fine, and now through May is a good time to do so to get grass established before it gets hot. Mow once a week.

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DO-IT-YOURSELF Q&A

By Gene Austin  
Knight-Ridder News Service

**Q.** We recently had cedar shingles installed on the sides of our house and would like to prevent them from weathering to a gray color. Is there anything we can use to retard weathering and/or restore the original color?

**A.** Many owners of unpainted wood siding, decks and outdoor furniture want to avoid the weathering or graying that comes with aging. All types of wood, including the pressure-treated wood often used for decks, are subject to this graying, which is caused by exposure to ultraviolet rays from the sun.

Graying can be retarded, but not eliminated, by coating the wood with a sealer that will block some of the UV rays. Deck-and-siding sealers are sold under many brand names at paint stores, home centers and building-supply outlets. Many products of this type also retard mildew and repel water, which can discolor and damage exposed wood. Before buying any product of this type, read all instructions on the container to make sure it suits the application.

One widely used product to retard graying is CWF-UV Clear Wood Finish, made by Flood Co. (1-800-321-3344).

A new product is Wolman Extreme (1-800-556-7737), which has a two-year guarantee for color retention. Wolman Extreme is actually a lightly toned stain, available in five shades including cedar and redwood.

When wood is already weathered, it must be thoroughly cleaned before applying a sealer. Proper cleaning will restore much of the original color, even to wood that has turned a deep gray and is stained with mildew. Many brands of special wood cleaners are sold, including Wolman's Deck & Fence

Brightener and Flood's Decks-wood.

**Q.** We have an old Stanley screwdriver with replaceable bits. The tool needs a part. Is this company still in business?

**A.** The Stanley Works, a leading maker of hand tools, is alive and well in New Britain, Conn. For customer service, call 1-800-252-2161.

**Q.** I own an old house with hot-water heat and big cast-iron radiators. I am tired of letting air out

of the radiators every few months. Can you help?

**A.** Automatic valves are available that eliminate the need to "bleed" air from radiators by hand. The valves sell for about \$5 each at plumbing-supply and heating-supply dealers.

Incidentally, it is not necessary to bleed radiators unless they are not heating properly. If a radiator feels warm all over, let it alone.

**Q.** The walls of our home are very cold in winter. Is there some

way we can insulate them, perhaps by removing the inside window trim and squirting foam insulation into the walls?

**A.** Walls with hollow spaces can often be insulated by blowing insulation into them through a series of small holes. The holes are generally drilled from the outside, then plugged with a matching siding material after the insulation is installed. This is a very tricky procedure and should be done by an expert.

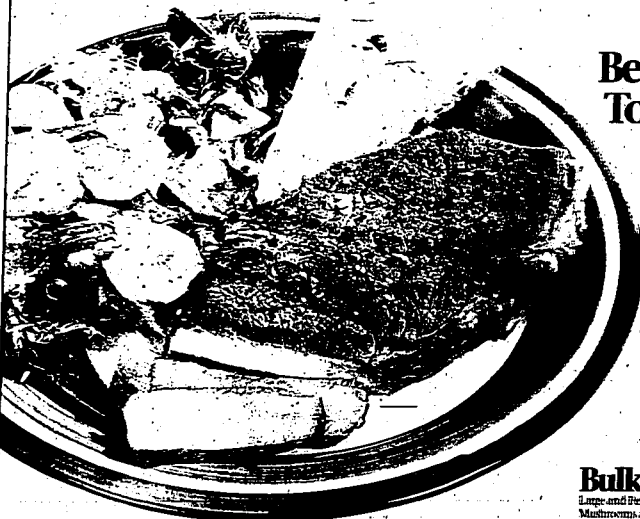
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# Hydroponics provide garden-fresh veggies all year

Science allows for healthy plants without using soil

By Kathy Van Mullekom  
Daily Press

Remember the summer days of a vine-ripe, juicy red tomato from your backyard garden? You can enjoy those tasty treats year-round if you grow veggies and herbs with an indoor home hydroponics system.

Basically, hydroponics is the science of growing plants without soil, says Carl Anderson of Virginia Hydroponics in Virginia Beach, Va. "Without soil, weeds are eliminated, along with the need for weed sprays or a hoe or rototiller. Also, there is no soil for pests to live and breed, so pesticide use can be eliminated. Anything grown in soil can be grown hydroponically."

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Some hydroponics systems use no growing media and are known as the bare-root systems. Other systems use a media — fired clay pebbles, rock wool, perlite, vermiculite, sand or sawdust — to hold moisture but let air get to the roots.

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Fluorescent lights work but they must be kept very close to the plant for vegetable growth, says Carl. These work best for lettuce, spinach, herbs, African violets and other tropicals.

Virginia Hydroponics provides kits complete with pumps, medium, nutrients and instructions, including the \$159 Baby Bloomer with lettuce and tomato seeds for 10 plants and the \$60 Small Baby Bloomer can be set up in 30 minutes, using no tools.

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By Kathy Van Mullekom  
Daily Press

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# Give yourself a punch of power

By Carol J.G. Ward  
Knight Ridder News Service

Just because you don't take a power lunch doesn't mean you can't have lunch power. Since lunchtime represents one-third of your daily nutritional balance, give it balance. Add whole-wheat rolls and canned, fresh or dried fruit. Include salads, yogurt, fresh fruits, veges, even tasty low-fat frozen entrees for the microwave. Toss a frozen juice box in your lunch bag to keep foods cool. Substitute milk, juice or water for soft drinks.

Here are other tips — from the American Dietetic Association, the American Dairy Association

and the American Institute for Cancer Research: for having a healthy lunch at your desk:

- Sandwiches have great potential to serve up sound nutrition. Fill sandwiches with lean meat, turkey or ham, or go for tuna, chicken or ham salad made with light mayonnaise, or even carrot sandwiches with a variety of veggies — red leaf lettuce, romaine or spinach, pepper strips, tomato or cucumber slices, or even carrot strips. Opt for fat-free or reduced-fat version mayonnaise or use naturally low-fat mustard, ketchup, salsa or horseradish, for added zing. Vary sandwich breads from wheat to rye to bagel.
- Topping off a cup of instant

soup with a cup of cheese will provide 20 percent of your daily calcium needs.

- For a treat, pack graham crackers with a little honey, low-fat granola or cereal bars, crispy rice cereal treats, vanilla wafers, or any low-fat cookie.

- Colorful and crispy, salads can provide a variety of flavors at lunchtime. Instead of iceberg, use more nutritious Bibb or romaine lettuce or spinach. Toss in some cooked corn kernels, crisp-tender zucchini rounds, sugar snap peas, garbanzo beans, or roasted red pepper strips. Many fruits such as grapefruit, strawberries and oranges also mix well in vegetable salads.

### Power packs salad

1/2 Cup mixed greens	1/2 Cup sliced cucumber	1/4 Cup sliced tomatoes	1/4 Cup sliced bell peppers
1/4 Cup sliced carrots	1/4 Cup sliced celery	1/4 Cup sliced zucchini	1/4 Cup sliced mushrooms
1/4 Cup sliced onions	1/4 Cup sliced olives	1/4 Cup sliced artichokes	1/4 Cup sliced eggplant
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# 'Lasagna' layers make digging, tilling obsolete

By Dawn Jackson  
Knight Ridder News Service

Franzina Lanza knew she was a success when she hung a "for sale" sign in her power cellar and got rid of the munnery. "Usually someone else would mow the big roller for her. But one day — with my help available — she made it do it herself. The roller took off, careening across the yard. "It scared me to death and I never want to do it again," she said.

It was time to garden a unique way, and that's how she got into "lasagna gardening."

Not growing the Italian dish in the ground, in essence, but piling up compost and yard refuse to create special planting beds that require no tilling or digging. Goodbye, tiller, tiller, tiller. Goodbye gardening is a non-traditional organic layering method used to create better soil while keeping the garden neat and active. Lanza, who created her first lasagna garden in 1996, now grows herbs for her country inn in New York, reveals the secrets in her new book, "Lasagna Gardening" (Retail \$26.95).

The name, she said in a telephone interview, "comes from the layers you'll be making to create your beds — they remind me of lasagna."

Lanza makes lasagna gardening sound so tempting so that there is

no need to remove sod, dig or till. Close planting and generous mulching reduce the time needed for weeding and watering.

"It saves work, energy and money. After you make the beds, all you have to do each year is plant and mulch; no heavy digging required," Lanza said. This, of course, may sound a little too good to be true. After all, gardening without work just doesn't happen and Lanza admitted, "There's no such thing as a no-work garden, but this is close."

To get started, pick a site that receives full sun and is close to a water source. Start small. Lanza said an area 4-by-8 feet takes only a little room but will be big enough to grow several different crops and flowers.

Set up, plant in one day. It's possible to create the lasagna garden and plant all in

the same day. Here is how Lanza does it:

- Gather the lasagna ingredients. "The key ingredient," Lanza said, "is organic materials. These include peat moss, aged animal manures, shredded leaves and other mulches; compost that is either homemade or purchased at a garden center; and other materials recycled from the garden and household wastes, such as grass clippings, coffee grounds, and vegetable peelings." Gather these from your own yard, collect donations from neighbors, and buy more at the nursery and home center.
- Assembling your lasagna garden. For the first (or bottom) layer, use thick pads of wet newspaper to smother the existing grass and weeds. Remove the color-print advertising part and use the rest of the paper. Lay the wet pads of paper close together

so the edges overlap slightly to keep them from sneaking through. Lanza said another good option is flattened, overlapping carton boxes.

Next, add a 2- to 3-inch layer of peat moss to cover the paper or cardboard. If you are making paths, spread 4 inches of fine wood chips instead, and save the peat moss for the growing area. Now, spread a 4- to 8-inch layer of organic mulch material over the peat moss. Add another layer of peat moss, and another layer of mulch, and so on, until the beds are 18 to 24 inches high. Lanza usually tops it off with scattering of bone meal cheese to provide phosphorus.

"The exact materials you use depend on what's readily available. Whatever you decide will be right," she said.

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# Brewing that perfect cup

There's a lot to learn about tea

By Judith Weirman  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** Tea drinkers used to know the difference between the four major categories: black, oolong, green and white (in decreasing order of caffeine strength). And they should be able to tell packaged looses teas (think Forman & Mason, Jacksons of Piccadilly) from loose teas sold by weight.

They must master the different characteristics of teas within the same category. Darjeeling and Keemun, for example, are both black teas, but one comes from Darjeeling and the other from China (where it used to be a green tea that now a black referred to as a "real one" is good with milk and sugar, but the other tastes better without because it's slightly sweeter in the first place. And of course, there are differences among teas produced in China and Japan, India and Sri Lanka, Madagascar and Zimbabwe. And the ones that mark brisk teas from flat ones, smooth teas from lustrous ones.

To brew the perfect cup, start with freshly boiled water in your kettle. Measure out exactly which quantity: 4 to 5 grams of tea for 8 ounces of water, 2 grams of tea for 5.5 ounces of water or 1 teaspoon of tea for each cup of water. Most loose teas come with instructions. Adjust measurements to taste. Heat the water in the kettle. Warm a teapot with hot water.

Different teas like to steep at different water temperatures, but experts disagree on exactly which temperatures. Generally speaking, black teas like water more or less at the boiling point, oolongs are just below the boiling point, and all white or green teas at an even lower temperature. Again, read the instructions. Steeping times also vary for different teas. Instructions for brewing oolongs range from 2 to 3 minutes (green oolongs) to up to 5 minutes (black ones). Recommended times for brewing black teas range from 3 to 5 minutes, green teas from 1 to 5 minutes, and white teas 30 seconds to 5 minutes. Steeping any amount of time less than 5 minutes invites bitterness.

To accompany that cup of tea, there are some possibilities:

- ENGLISH CROWN-STREET BROWN CAKE
- Thin dried bread crumbs for the base
- From the hamper:
  - 3 cups all-purpose flour
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1/2 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, plus additional for the pan
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 4 eggs
  - 1 cup milk
  - Finely grated rind of 2 large lemons
- For the glaze:
  - 1/2 cup lemon juice
  - 2/3 cup sugar

Adjust an oven rack to the lower third of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Butter 9-by-4-1/2-inch tube or bundt pan with a 1/2-cup capacity and then dust it with fine dried bread crumbs. Set aside.

For the hamper: Sift together the flour, baking powder and salt and aerate it. Using a standing mixer, beat the butter until soft. Add the sugar and beat until incorporated. Beat in the eggs 1 at a time, scraping the bowl as necessary

with a rubber spatula. (The mixture may look curdled, but it's OK.) On the lowest speed, add 3 additions with the milk in 2 additions, beginning and ending with the dry mixture and beating only until incorporated after each addition. Stir in the lemon rind. Transfer the batter to the prepared pan and level the top by rotating the pan briskly back and forth. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes, until a cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean. Let the cake stand in the pan for 5 minutes. Then cover the pan with a rack and invert. Remove the rack, leaving the cake upside down. Place the rack over a large piece of foil or wax paper and prepare the glaze.

For the glaze: Mix the lemon juice and sugar and slowly brush it over the hot cake, allowing the cake to absorb the syrup. The glaze should be used immediately after it is mixed. Let cool completely and then transfer to a cake tester. It is best eaten a few hours before cutting the cake.

—From Maida Heatter's "Cakes"

**CLASSIC CREAM SCONES**  
2 cups all-purpose flour, plus additional for working dough  
1/2 cup sugar, plus additional for dusting  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/3 cup (5 1/3 tablespoons) unsalted butter, chilled, plus additional for the baking sheet  
1/2 cup heavy (whipping) cream

1 large egg  
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
1/2 cup dried currants (optional)  
1 egg mixed with 1 teaspoon water for glaze (optional)

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Lightly butter a baking sheet. In a large bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut the butter into 1/2-inch cubes and add to the flour mixture. With a pastry blender or 2 knives used in a scissor fashion, cut in the butter until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. In a small bowl, stir together the cream, egg and vanilla. Add the cream mixture to the flour mixture and stir just until combined. Stir in the currants, if desired. Using lightly floured, 1 1/2- to 2-inch round biscuit cutter or a glass, cut out rounds from the dough and place them on the prepared baking sheet. Gather the scraps together and repeat until all of the dough is used. Lightly brush the tops of the scones with the egg mixture, if desired. Bake until lightly browned, 13 to 15 minutes. Remove the baking sheet to a wire rack and cool for 5 minutes. Serve—either barely warm or cool. Serve.

—From "Fish Treats: Companion" by Conrad Blaydes



These zucchini cupcakes make you forget you're eating vegetables.

## Squash the notion that zucchini can't be delicious

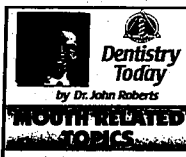
Here's a recipe that uses the beauty from your garden. It's from Virginia Breitmeyer of Craftsby, Va., and it was published in Taste of Home magazine. The irresistible spice cupcakes topped with creamy caramel frosting are handed down from Breitmeyer's grandmother.

### ZUCCHINI CUPCAKES

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 1/2 cups shredded zucchini
- Caramel frosting
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups confectioners' sugar

In a mixing bowl, beat eggs, sugar, oil, orange juice and extract. Combine dry ingredients. Add to egg mixture. Mix well. Add zucchini and mix well. Fill greased or paper-lined muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until cupcakes test done. Cool 10 minutes before removing to a wire rack. For frosting, combine brown sugar, butter and milk in a saucepan. Bring to boil over medium heat. Cook and

stir 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Cool to lukewarm. Gradually beat in confectioners' sugar until frosting reaches spreading consistency. Frost cupcakes. Makes 1 1/2 to 2 dozen.



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They have found that saliva contains molecules that aid in digestion, repair early tooth decay, and fight infection. Scientists have recently discovered secretory leukocyte protease inhibitor (SLPI) that fights infection by the AIDS virus.

With gene therapy they are reprogramming salivary glands to make proteins that can treat and prevent various oral and systemic diseases.

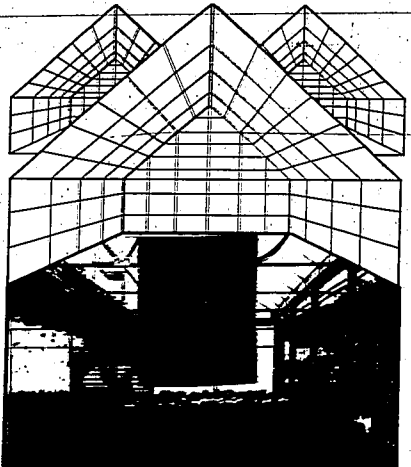
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want. If you've found a great rock, set that up first, then build smaller rock around to complement that," Glasscock said. But be careful not to line up your rocks like little stone soldiers. "Nature didn't do it that way, neither should you," said Gilmore. "There should be some symmetry or order. Try planting rocks in groupings. Rather than one large boulder, use at least three. I like the look of an outcropping," Gilmore said.

To do that, layer several rocks in a berm—try a smaller rock touching the largest one on one side, then add another in an uneven arrangement. But don't set them there and walk away.

#### 3. Plant that rock

"We try to bury about one-fourth of the rock. It shouldn't look like you set it on your lawn. This way it looks like it was there to begin with," Gilmore said. But don't get carried away. Choose your rock when you can.

"Look at the space. Pick something columnar that will stick up 18 inches to 3 feet, but not too big because you don't want to overpower your plant material. The plants can peek around. Let it be a surprise. The rock doesn't shout," said Glasscock.

The rock is not your main focal point, but should blend in. Get a short pine? Put a rock next to it. Remember to dig a shallow spot for the rock to rest in, put the rock in and "tamp the daylight out of it so it can't rock. Then get a shorter one to ride sidesaddle. Make a gang of them. Do a grouping like a small mountain range, so it looks like they might have been left there," Glasscock said.

#### 4. Dry stream beds

Glasscock likes to make stream beds look exactly like you might have lifted them from some remote area and magically plopped one down in your back yard.

"Put the bed in, toss the rocks where they land. It should look like it just got left there," Glasscock said.

It's almost that easy. Depends on how well you tolerate plants rising up through your river rocks. If you like the really natural look of occasional greenery in the middle of the stream bed, don't use a liner.

Dig a shallow depression that will be the bed. Let it go somewhere, such as off a pond. You need overflow drainage off the pond anyway. Might as well go for the whole effect. Get a truck load of "river rock," which is smooth granite in our area, and let them fall in. Drop the smaller rock chips and let them land, Glasscock said.

If the weeds and grasses between the rocks get to be a little thick for your taste, Glasscock said RoundUp works quickly on a hot summer day. Or you might try planning for a few plants to appear. It'ses would look appropriate in this setting.

If you don't want to see anything but rocks in your dry river bed, line it first with landscape fabric. Make sure it is completely anchored and hidden by rocks, then let the rest of your rocks fall where they may.

#### 5. Flagstone paths

Many of the rocks we find out here are flat on one side, and beg to become stepping stones. "Flagstone" refers to any kind of stone that has been split into a flat slab.

Decide where the path will take you. "Whoever laid it, it should be a circuitous route. Straight paths are boring. Curved

walkways add mystery and depth to even the smallest garden.

Since this will be an informal path of stepping stones and you want a natural look, you won't need to excavate. Much.

Choose rocks that are at least 3 inches thick and 14 inches wide. You want your whole foot to fit on it. Nice, large stones that measure 2 feet or so make nice intersections. Remember that the flat side goes up. Don't do any digging just yet.

Set your flagstones out along your path. Notice that their irregular sides can be positioned to complement one another. Move your rocks around until you fit them into a natural-looking pattern. Dig just deep enough to set the rock in firmly. Sometimes a little sand in the bottom helps settle a rock in just right.

"The flat stuff you can shape. Just find the rock and make it work. A brick hammer is your best friend," Glasscock said. You

can find brick hammers at any hardware store. They have a flat plate on one end and will work for rocks up to 1 1/2 inches thick.

"Keep the gaps, especially on a patio where you might entertain, under an inch so heels don't get stuck between. Remember, we're giving people spaces to walk on," Glasscock said.

And plant something in those spaces, even if it's grass. "Otherwise, you'll track dirt in," Glasscock said.

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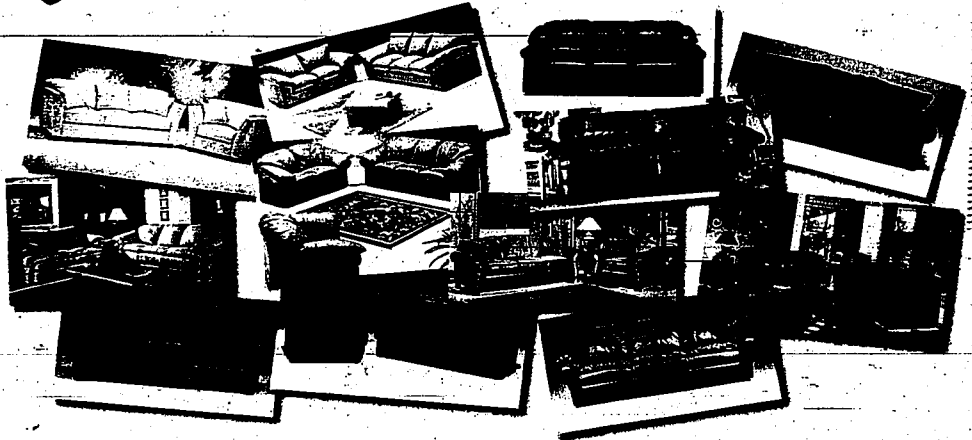
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