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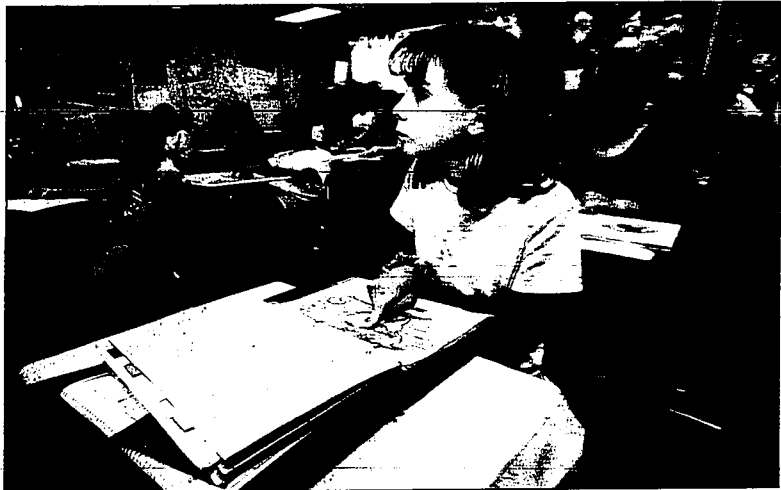
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Becca Blair locates the equator on a world map during a geography lesson at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls. Blair read the seventh grade classmates will be the first graduating class in Idaho required to pass exiting standards exams.

# Schools plan for state tests

## Seventh-graders would be first to take high-stakes exam

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Ask seventh-graders if they have heard of high school exiting standards and they likely will respond with frowns and wrinkled brows that clearly say no.

Over the next five years it's unclear how the plan's specifics will unfold, but school districts

already have been directed to begin figuring out what they need to teach to prepare students for the exams.

Twin Falls schools anticipate the tests will drive some significant changes in subjects and course offerings.

Dissecting frogs in biology class could become a thing of the past, said biology instructor Ray Grubbs, chairman of the high school sciences department. Old lessons might be shelved to make room for state graduation standards. The ninth-through 12th-grade state science standards required Twin Falls teachers to make room for more study of ecology, the nervous system, genetics and the much-debated topic of evolution.

They are good areas to cover, but teachers only have so much

class time, Grubbs said. Dissection is a favorite student activity, offering a study of how organs function, and also engage. The standards still cover those areas, but teachers won't have as much time for them.

The benefits of standards will be increased academic accountability for teachers, students and parents, said Mary Ann Berry, spokeswoman of the high school's English department. But many of the standards list broad concepts; students must know what about them to do the majority of what areas will be tested, and that leaves teachers uncertain about how to prepare students.

The language arts standards represent more focus on practical skills used in the workplace, such as technical writing, and writing proposals, but literary study isn't

## Public hearing

The State Board of Education will take public comment on exiting standards that are 425 to 650 pages. The hearing on the second floor of the Davis Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The hearing will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the second floor of the Davis Building at the College of Southern Idaho. The hearing will be held on Friday, Oct. 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the second floor of the Davis Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

left behind, Berry said. The high school's curriculum already had been moving in that direction. See page E20M, Page A2

# Earthquake rocks desert Southwest

## Early morning shock derails train

The Associated Press

JOSHUA TREE, Calif. — A 7.0-magnitude earthquake in the Mojave Desert shook millions awake early Saturday in three states and derailed an Amtrak train, but caused no serious damage or injuries.

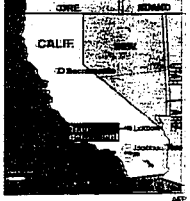
The quake jolted gamblers out of bed in Las Vegas and shook buildings as far away as Phoenix and Tijuana, Mexico. Up to 90,000 utility customers lost power, mobile homes were

knocked off pilings in the desert community of Ludlow and a highway bridge was cracked.

But the 2:46 a.m. earthquake — the most powerful to strike California since a 7.3-magnitude tremor in 1992 — caused little more than incidental damage in the huge population centers to the west and south.

"Thank God it took place in a remote area where there appears to be no tremendous damage or personal injuries," said Mayor Richard Riordan in Los Angeles, where the 6.7-magnitude Northridge quake killed 72 people and caused \$25 billion in damage in 1994.

Amtrak's Southwest Chief, en



route from Chicago to Los Angeles, derailed in the Mojave near Ludlow, more than 125

miles northwest of Los Angeles. Four of the 152 passengers on the 25-car train suffered minor injuries.

"Our saving grace was, we were following a freight train," said Glenn Wharm, the train's conductor. "We were going 60 mph instead of the 90 mph we normally would go through here."

All the houses in a nearby mobile home park were shoved off their foundations.

"Everybody was running out. The dogs were howling. The cats were meowing. And the kids were freaking," said Barbara Hinesworth, 19, who fled her

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# Tourists may view scenes of atomic bomb testing ground

## U.S. detonated 928 nuclear bombs

The Associated Press

NEVADA TEST SITE — It was a perfect morning for an airdrop. No clouds, no wind — nothing stirring in the big sky except the B-50 bomber circling the desert like a buzzard.

Bob Fretter crouched in the roaring bird's belly. He was 24, an Air Force tallgunner on a secret mission: Operation Upshot-Knothole. Beside him sat Dade, an atomic bomb as big as a Studebaker.

From his seat four miles up in the sky, Fretter couldn't see the dry lake bed. He couldn't see the army jeeps around it, or the life-sized plaster dummies outfitted in marine camouflage. He couldn't see the butterflies or the



Department of Energy spokesman Derek Scammell stands at the Nevada Test Site northwest of Las Vegas in August. Behind Scammell is what's left of a one-foot-thick concrete-bank vault after a nuclear device was detonated in 1957 about four football fields away.

snakes that slithered beneath tufts of sage and cactus. The bomb bay doors opened. The B-50 shuttled, then

lurches upward. Dade was gone. The radiation sizzled.

"Bull! We're making history here! Take a look!"

The 10 airmen had orders not to remove their goggles. Fretter yanked his off. He saw an 18-kilogram bomb streak to a pinhead-sized hole in his upper lip.

Sweet, Jesus, he thought.

Dade lit a million flashbulbs popping in a flash. Searing white-blue light.

The pilot took the bomber once around the churning column of pink, salmon, blue, violet, black and white smoke and got them out of there.

It was April 5, 1953. The desert desert dried.

Fun decades, there was no place for life on Frenchman Flats, where America once practiced for annihilation, where scientists and soldiers tested how efficient their nuclear devices could destroy and kill.

# Water ruling

## Observers disagree over wilderness water decision — and its implications

By M.S. Nidzembert  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A controversial decision by the state Supreme Court on federal reserved water rights will have no immediate effect on southern Magic Valley water users.

That's another twist on a complicated court decision that has triggered a strong, emotional response. The Oct. 1 ruling has no immediate effect on Magic Valley water users. But some say the ruling could affect other pending decisions that could have potentially devastating effects on southern Idaho water users.

At issue is the court's recognition of federal reserved water rights in three wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, as claimed by the Snake River Basin Reclamation. The ruling also extends that right to all unappropriated water at the time each area was established, except in the Snake River and perhaps also the Salmon River.

Two of the wilderness areas are at the upper end of the watershed and have no effect on upstream users. But the Frank Church-River of No Return Watershed, established in 1980 — is downstream of Salmon, Chubb and Scamley and numerous farming, ranching and mining operations that rely on water.

Some critics fear the ruling would undermine Idaho's sovereignty over water and but every state's right established upon statehood of the wilderness area since 1860.

That is not clear, and the decision may not have such far-reaching implications.

## The ruling

The Supreme Court ruled that former U.S. District Judge Richard Hanft was right in his ruling that Congress intended to include the water when it created the Selway-Bitterroot, Cecil Glenn, and Frank Church-River of No Return wilderness areas and the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area.

The court also agreed that the federal government was entitled to all unappropriated water within the wilderness areas.

But a federal trial attorney and Forest Service officials say that the ruling does not include the mainstem of the Salmon

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# Democrats face a potentially long, expensive fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic presidential campaign is threatening to become a long, costly battle that could leave the eventual nominee broke and politically weakened.

Vice President Al Gore's slide, rival Bill Bradley's advantage in fund raising and a highly competitive primary calendar all point toward a race that could last deep into the spring. Interviews with a dozen Democrats inside and outside the campaigns suggest Gore remains the party favorite, but Bradley holds appeal in many early voting states.

"Gore is likely to win, but it's not going to be an elevating experience," said Democratic consul-



Al Gore

Bill Bradley

tant Geoff Garin, who is not in either camp.

If all starts, as it always does, in Iowa and eight days later in New Hampshire — where momentum seized by a candidate is more impor-

## Analysis

tant than the small number of delegates awarded by state parties.

In Iowa, Gore holds a double-digit lead in polls over the former New Jersey senator. Though Bradley has narrowed the gap, both campaigns expect the vice president's institutional advantages — such as the AFL-CIO's endorsement — to give him the edge on Jan. 24.

Then comes New Hampshire on Feb. 1.

Bradley has rallied to pull even, and the vice president is running scared. He will be in the state for

most of the next two weeks, preparing for a forum with Bradley at month's end.

For now, consultants say, the edge goes to Bradley. Who wins may not matter as much as who exceeds expectations and heads into the delegate-rich section of the calendar with momentum.

The current schedule, which Democratic leaders are tinkering with, has no delegates awarded between Feb. 1 and March 7. That would give the New Hampshire winner five weeks to ride the tide of victory.

Fifteen states and American Samoa have scheduled primaries and caucuses March 7. More than 1,300 delegate votes will be put for

grab, 61 percent of the 2,169 needed to win the nomination under current assumptions.

The day was tailor-made for Bradley, whose strong ties to the Northeast state to the Hall of Fame career as a professional basketball player with the New York Knicks, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island are leaning toward Bradley, consultants say.

He also is strong in Missouri and his home state of Missouri, they said.

Of the remaining states, only California's 57 delegates and Ohio's 146 delegates pack a punch. Gore holds a 52 lead over Bradley in the Golden State and

most mainland states. "If Gore ends up losing in both California and New York, it's not necessarily a deal breaker. But it's pretty close to it," Garin said. The top vote consultants say is that the race could end March 14 if Gore wins New Hampshire, New York and California.

"Right now, it's all about Gore," said Los Angeles political pundit Bill Gerwick, a Gore ally.

With 45 percent of the delegate vote awarded through March 7, Gore and Bradley would spend the next week's campaign in states close to Bradley, notably Ohio in Gore, Colorado through and a few other states before a Southern showdown.

## Bankers help out Bush's run

### Wall Street is lining up behind Bradley

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers, stockbrokers and a bank with legislation before Congress were among the biggest givers to the presidential candidates over the last three months.

Employees of MBNA Corp., a major bank and issuer of credit cards that has two major issues before Congress, were Texas Gov. George W. Bush's biggest contributors during the last three months, according to an Associated Press computer analysis of contributions to the candidates.

Former Sen. Bill Bradley's most generous donors between July 1 and Sept. 30 were employees of the same Wall Street investment houses that have supported him throughout his campaign. Bradley is a former consultant to financial companies.

Vice President Al Gore's top givers were two lawyer-lobbying firms.

Bush raised \$77,400 from employees of MBNA Corp., a major bank holding company and the nation's second largest issuer of credit cards. Congress is considering legislation to allow banks, insurance companies and investment houses to enter each others' markets — eagerly sought by all three industries — and a credit card industry-backed bill to overhaul bankruptcy laws. Bush had raised \$61,750 from MBNA employees through June 30.

Bush also raised \$54,750 from employees of Ernst & Young, an accounting firm that lobbies for electric utilities and the high-technology industry, among other clients. Ernst & Young, which earlier gave Bush's campaign \$73,950, has been Gore's top financial backer with \$115,950 in contributions through June 30.

Bradley raised \$167,200 from employees of Goldman Sachs, \$75,450 from employees of Lehman Brothers and \$63,440 from employees of Merrill Lynch, which also is pushing for the banking bill. Lehman earlier gave Bradley \$81,500, and Merrill Lynch earlier gave \$58,500. Merrill Lynch also gave Bush \$63,600 through June 30, while Goldman Sachs earlier contributed \$58,750 to Gore.

Gore took in \$21,750 from members of the law firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt, which lobbies on behalf of Boeing, General Electric, United Parcel Service and others, and \$20,750 from members of the law firm of Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi, whose clients include Honeywell.

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Police say NYC tourists tell tall tales for insurance dollars

NEW YORK (AP) — In the city of a million scams, police say tourists are finally taking their share by spinning tales of misadventures that never happened in a bid to collect travel insurance money.

Police victims "give us a Billy-bird version," explained Capt. James O'Neill of the New York City Police Department's Central Park Precinct. "Somebody cherry, like the perp said, 'Seck'em up.' Nobody says that anymore."

Police say they've heard tall tales from visitors from England, Germany, Japan, Australia and the United States. Tourists seem to believe the 840-acre Central Park is akin to the Wild West, and a few are determined to cash in.

Police know of 10 tourists who've filed false burglary reports this year in the park, about the same as last year. Filing a false report can cost \$500 to \$2,000 in fines and jail time of 30 days to four years.

"We arrested a man from Wales in March, and he said it was a well-known fact in Wales that you can run a robbery in Central Park and no one would question you because so many robberies happen here," O'Neill said.

Went on both counts.

Came to down 30 percent this year in the park. As of Oct. 10, there were 51 false burglary reports this year, compared with 66 to the same time last year. The Central Park Conservancy says 20 million people visit the park annually.

Investigators are used to separating fact from fiction. Sometimes, the stories take on insane proportions. A few



Pathways wind around a pond on the southern end of New York's landmark Central Park Wednesday. New York City police have noticed a recent trend of false robbery claims by visitors from the United States and foreign countries.

favorites around the precinct:

• "The armed-to-the-teeth tale: 'One guy from England said he was robbed by three men, and one guy had a knife in his belt, up his arm and up another sleeve.'"

• "The 'robbers on Rollerblades ruse,' involving two purported victims and three scowling stalkers."

• "The 'robbed in broad day-

light surrounded by hundreds of people' scenario. (This one really had cops rolling their eyes)."

European insurance companies have cracked down on travel insurance fraud, said Suzanne Moore, spokesperson for the Association of British Insurers.

Travel insurance fraud costs Great Britain 50 million pounds a year — about \$82.5 million in U.S. currency, Moore said.

Public adores Providence mayor for making his city a media star

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Another corruption scandal has hit City Hall, and yet the mayor's approval ratings are going up, up, up.

The fact is, people in Providence are feeling mighty good about their city, and many give credit for its renaissance to Mayor Vincent A. "Buddy" Cianci Jr.

The biggest city in the smallest state has gone from an urban eyesore, once known for its mobsters and strip joints, into a welcoming destination for tourists and conventioners. Newspaper travel sections run features on the city, and the TV series "Providence" opens with a romantic view of the skyline.

Without a doubt, the 58-year-old Cianci has some rough edges. A decade ago he got in trouble for an assault. He is known to use foul language to upbraid city employees. And political opponents have accused him of not always playing fair.

But he is also adored as the man who made Providence a media star — the Seattle of the East.

"Everyone loves Buddy," said Jeanne Dupuis, who lives in Scituate but wants to move to Providence, largely because of the city's rebirth.

"He has breathed life back into the city. Ten years ago it was like a ghost town," she said as she was leaving The Arcade shopping mall.

This city of 160,000 started to die in the 1940s and '50s with the closing of textile and jewelry factories. Later on, suburban shopping malls bid rent life out of much of downtown. But Providence has undergone an astonishing metamorphosis under Cianci.

He was behind the creation of

Waterplace Park, a system of canals and brick walkways formed by connecting two rivers. Iron pedestrian bridges and gondola rides give the area a Venetian-like atmosphere. The city also has an art and entertainment district where artists who live

and work in new lofts studios get art breaks. Also, a \$460 million, 650-store shopping mall opened last summer on edge of downtown, a block from the \$550 million convention center and hotel that were completed in 1994.

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Experts reassess approach to research on inmates

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — AIDS doctors and other experts who say HIV-infected inmates are being denied the latest treatments are calling for an expansion of research on prisoners.

Last week, top health, prison and medical experts met here to begin drafting guidelines that would ensure such research is done ethically.

Conference organizer Dr. Anne De Groot, co-chair of the HIV Prison Project at the Brown University AIDS Program, said guidelines regarding research on prisoners were written in the early 1970s — before AIDS and hepatitis C — and are in need of updating.

According to De Groot, 17 percent of people infected with HIV, and 33 percent of those infected with hepatitis C, pass through the nation's prison system each year.

"On the outside, patients have the right to participate in medical research and there is no ethical reason to deny them that right in prison," De Groot said.

Not everyone at the conference agreed.

"This country has a terrible history on this issue, and that there are physicians and medical ethicists who want to get back into this gives me a chill," said Allen Hornblum, who teaches at Temple University and has written a book, "Acres of Sins," about medical testing done on inmates in the United States.

In the 1950s, U.S. researchers conducted medical tests on American prisoners that were likened by critics to Nazi experiments. Inmates were injected with herpes, hepatitis and

syphilis. Some had their testicles radiated; others were inflicted with wounds to see how they healed.

Partly because of such abuses, research on inmates dropped dramatically and was banned in some states.

Nancy Neveloff Dubler, a lawyer, said prisoners may feel coerced to participate in research programs to get better medical care, more comfortable accommodations or other such considerations. Prisoners are also sometimes paid for participating in drug trials.

Still, ailing inmates should be given access to experimental treatment, said Dubler, director of the Division of Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Care at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

The three-day conference is funded by Bristol Myers Squibb and several other drug companies.

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# Florida communities grow weary as mouse infestation continues

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Richard Hummel hung in there when the mice pillaged his home. He resisted for weeks with poison and sticky traps as the rodents overran his neighborhood and nearby businesses.

The 60-year-old waiter was washing 20 of them each day at his place. But finding two of the furry critters in his shower was more than he could stand.

"I give up. I'm moving," Hummel grumbled as he packed his trailer home in Apopka. "I've had to put everything I own — even my socks — in plastic containers. I'm not battling them anymore."

For weeks, lightning-quick mice have invaded thousands of homes and businesses in a 50-square-mile area north of Orlando.

They sneak into buildings through openings smaller than a dime and eat holes in clothes, packages and paneling. They crawl up curtains, scurry across bare feet, unsuspecting sleepers, computers, hair dryers and radios. They gnaw through paper and wood, and feast on seeds at plant nurseries. They contaminate food. Droppings are everywhere.

Battle-weary residents in Zellwood, Plymouth and Apopka are sick of playing cat and mouse. They've been loading spring traps with peanut butter, putting down sticky glue strips, mouse bait and rat poison.

Even the cats aren't interested anymore, bored and fat by too much of a good thing.

"We've got a healthy cat around here — but it's tired of eating," said L. Marvin Barrett of the Orange County Fire Department.

The infestation is in the shadows of the home of Walt Disney World. So far, only Mickey and Minnie have been spotted at the sprawling resort. The mouse problem is about 25 miles north of Orlando.

Health officials said they tested a sampling and found the creatures are not bearing disease. Exterminators have been overwhelmed with calls.

Angry residents said government agencies have been slow to



Tim Landers, of Benchmark Follage, Inc., in Plymouth, Fla., displays mice caught in one of his 'Tin Cat' traps at his greenhouse Wednesday. Landers has the traps spread out all over his property in an attempt to combat the mouse infestation.

control a state-made menace they blame on the restoration of Lake Apopka about a year ago.

The St. John's Water Management District bought 14,000 acres of peat-rich soil for growing vegetables on the north side of the lake and flooded fields, creating wetlands to improve water quality.

When birds began dying at the lake, the fields were drained amid fears that chemical residue from the farms might be to blame. Once the farms were

abandoned, vegetable packing houses were no longer needed and were bulldozed.

Then came the mice.

"We not sure of the origin of the problem, but suspect it has something to do with the buy-out of the farms — which the state did," said Mel Martinez, chairman of the Orange County Commission. He said farmers managed to control the mouse population and once they were gone, the population flourished.

# NAACP approves boycott

National board upset about S.C. battle flag

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — The NAACP's national board on Saturday approved a tourism boycott of South Carolina until the state removes the Confederate battle flag from the Statehouse dome.

"The ratification officially mobilizes all of our chapters and members to not visit or spend dollars in South Carolina until the flag is removed," said NAACP spokeswoman Sheila Douglas.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has 2,200 branches with about 500,000 members nationwide, Ms. Douglas said.

The NAACP's national leaders say they are working to make

sure South Carolina will feel economic pain from the national boycott, which would begin Jan. 1. More than 500,000 a year that black travelers spend in South Carolina could be at stake.

"We know that economic sanctions work. When talking fails, when diplomacy fails, when appeals to the moral conscience of these individuals fails, you can always appeal to the economic side," said Lonnie Randolph Jr., chairman of the NAACP's programs and research committee.

State legislators have refused to remove the flag. Supporters say it represents Southern heritage and honors some Carolinians who died in the Civil War. But the NAACP says it is a symbol of racism.

Several groups from across the nation have already canceled plans to hold meetings and con-

ventions in South Carolina since the NAACP called for the boycott.

Earlier this week, the Seventh-day Adventist Church canceled a meeting that would have brought 7,000 people to Columbia for four days in March. Officials said the event would have brought \$500,000 worth of tourism business.

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# Hayride accident kills 12-year-old girl

EUREKA, Mo. (AP) — A wagon carrying members of a Girl Scout troop on a hayride careened down a hill and overturned Friday night, killing a 12-year-old passenger and injuring 21 other people.

The injured girls were among 24 thrown from the wagon at the Rocking J Ranch, about 10 miles north of Eureka in eastern Missouri.

"The tractor, the trailer, everything went down the hill together," Jefferson County Sheriff's Lt. Mark Tulgeske said. "It went down into a grove of trees and just pingbailed around in the trees."

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Gun raffle draws fire, but officials defend the idea

HALIFAX, N.C. (AP) — A private school plans to raffle off guns, provoking criticism that the fund-raiser shows insensitivity to acts of school violence.

John Hardison, headmaster of the Hobgood Academy, said the raffle will go on despite the complaints, adding that the prizes reflect the important place hunting occupies in the community's culture and heritage.

The academy, a kindergarten through 12th-grade campus that has operated for 30 years, said it bought the guns from a reputable dealer and will require the winners to undergo background checks and meet other legal requirements.

Money raised through the raffle will support the Future Farmers of America class for high school students.

"We're sorry it's been blown so much out of proportion," Hardison said. "We're certainly not insensitive to the issue of guns and violence in schools."

Even though gun raffles are common in eastern North Carolina, this one raised eyebrows among advocates for school safety and gun control.

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Clinton plans help for disabled federal workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Directing the government to set an example by opening career opportunities to the disabled, President Clinton urged Congress to pass legislation to make sure people with disabilities don't lose insurance coverage when they accept jobs.

"I'm releasing the first-ever government plan to ensure positive career paths for people with disabilities in our federal workforce," Clinton said Saturday. "I'm directing every federal agency and department to take concrete action to expand opportunities for people with disabilities at all levels of the work force, from entry to senior ranks."

"We are the nation's largest employer, and I want us to be a model for private industry," Clinton said. "The president said that despite good economic times, three out of four disabled people who want to work can't find work. He also said that if economic prosperity is going to continue, employers must seek new pools of employees."

"I'm calling on all agencies to recruit and promote people with disabilities, to reach out to students with disabilities, to provide reasonable accommodations for applicants and employees with disabilities," Clinton said. "I'm also calling on our federal human resources agency, the Office of Personnel Management, to ensure that every agency gets the help it needs to fulfill these commitments."

The plan was developed by a task force headed by Vice President Al Gore.

— Bill Clinton


Clinton also again asked Congress to approve legislation to ensure that the disabled don't put at risk their federal health care coverage by taking jobs.


"One of the biggest barriers facing people with disabilities is the fear of losing their health insurance," he said. "Under current law, many people with disabilities cannot keep Medicaid or Medicare coverage if they work."

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# Cohen sets up oversight group to investigate alleged massacre

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Army will lead the U.S. investigation of an alleged mass killing of South Korean civilians by American troops during the Korean War, but the Defense Department will set up its own steering group to coordinate the work, Defense Secretary William Cohen said.



William Cohen

In a letter sent Friday to Army Secretary Louis Caldera, Cohen said the Army would conduct interviews and other work to determine "the full scope of the facts" and compile a report of its findings. He said there would be no deadline but the inquiry should be done as expeditiously as possible.

On Sept. 30, The Associated Press reported accounts by American veterans and South Korean villagers that U.S. soldiers killed up to 400 civilians under a bridge at No Gun Ri, South Korea, early in the war.

This week a subsequent AP report said that in addition to the No Gun Ri incident in late July 1950, a short time later the Army destroyed two strategic bridges in South Korea, killing hundreds of civilians. Cohen made no mention of investigating the additional incidents.

Besides Cohen's instructions to Caldera, the Pentagon on Friday

made public a Cohen letter to South Korean President Kim Dae-jung from Oct. 8, in which he promised to pursue the truth "no matter where it leads."

"I want to convey my commitment to determine, as accurately as possible and in close coordination with your government, what happened at No Gun Ri 50 years ago," Cohen wrote in the letter to Kim.

"We understand the enormous historical, political and emotional importance of this undertaking for you, your government and your people," Cohen said. "It holds great importance for the U.S. government and the American people."

Cohen's letter contained his most extensive comments on No Gun Ri. Asked about the AP report on the day it was published, Cohen told reporters he knew of no evidence to support the allegations. "But to the degree there is any substantive information that is forthcoming, then certainly we will look at it," he said, adding that the matter had been examined by the Army

in the past. Shortly afterward he authorized Caldera to begin a formal investigation. The South Korean government has begun its own inquiry; the U.S. investigation has not yet started, although Cohen set it in motion Friday.

Cohen told Caldera the Army is responsible for a "full and comprehensive review of the facts." Cohen also said he was establishing a Defense Department steering group to oversee the probe and to coordinate with the South Korean government. The group will be headed by Rudy deLeon, the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and will include other high-level officials including Judith Miller, the department's top lawyer.

Cohen also said he would ask several people from outside the Pentagon to advise the steering group. He mentioned no names but officials said the outsiders likely would be retired officers and ambassadors.

"This will enable us to receive a variety of perspectives and insights on this particularly sensitive and important matter," Cohen wrote in a letter to Caldera. He said there would be no deadline for completing the investigation.

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# Slow train comin': 'Rail rage' hits Ohio

**Traffic snarls at rail crossings put some in a cranky mood**

**FOSTORIA, Ohio (AP)** — Children climb under bouncers to get home from school. Firefighters send two trucks on different routes to the same fire just to be sure, gets stuck. One neighborhood can be entirely hemmed in by trains.

No wonder many people in northern Ohio are experiencing "rail rage," as a bottleneck of train traffic boils tempers and tests patience.

"I've threatened to do everything but blow the damn train," Heron County Sheriff Dick Sutherland said at a recent town meeting — where the only topic was train traffic.

The rail jams are being blamed on one of the most massive rail acquisitions in U.S. history. Traffic along some routes in the Midwest



**A CSX freight train blocks a rural grade crossing near Willard, Ohio. Train-traffic along some Midwest routes has tripled recently.**

has tripled since CSX Corp. and Norfolk Southern Corp. started splitting up Conrail's routes in June.

There simply were too many trains and not enough tracks.

"We absorbed more cars than could be processed efficiently, and we found ourselves in a deep hole from which we're having a hard time recovering," Norfolk Southern Chairman David Goode said last month.

CSX and Norfolk Southern spent two years planning the Conrail split, but have had problems with computerized routing systems and staffing.

"Our goal first and foremost is not blocking rural crossings," said Norfolk Southern spokeswoman Susan Terpay. "It's impacting our customers and the communities we work in."

Both railroads have lost business to the trucking companies because of train delays. United Parcel Service and General Motors Corp., two of the largest rail customers, turned to trucking companies in order to meet shipping deadlines.

But for residents in the affected areas, waiting for stopped trains is becoming more of an inconvenience — it's downright dangerous, say ambulance drivers and firefighters.

This summer, a train crew blocked two crossings for three hours and forced an ambulance to make a 21-mile detour in the jerry-rigging a patient to a hospital.

# GOP lawmaker declares schools must be returned to local control

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — While a federal role cannot be denied, education in America must return to its local foundations to protect the nation's future, a Republican congressional expert on education said Saturday.

"Local supervision of schools has been the hallmark and promise of American education," Rep. Bill Goodling said in the weekly GOP radio address.

"The federal government must aid in those efforts by providing special assistance for the disadvantaged, ensuring equal access to a quality education," said Goodling, chairman of the House Committee on Education and the

Workforce.

Goodling, R-Pa., said the Republican-controlled Congress is working on an amendment to the current government school program, the \$22.3 billion Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The current program is to guarantee the act's Title I, which aims to provide quality education for poor children.

"State Title I's integration in the federal program and Title I, which aims to provide quality education for poor children, is a critical element of the federal program," Goodling said. "We must ensure that the federal program is not a patchwork of different programs."

# Albright visits victims of diamond - driven African wars

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — It hardly is a coincidence that bloody African civil wars have broken out in Sierra Leone, Congo and Angola. Each boasts a rich resource of diamonds that rebels have exploited to finance their quest for power.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright comes face to face Monday with the grim legacy of the eight-year war in Sierra Leone when she visits a camp housing some of the war's victims. It is the second stop on her six-country tour of Africa.

That legacy can be seen in the faces of the children and ears, which reflect the RUF rebel movement's fascination for mutilation. Some victims were as young as 3 or 4 years old.

For Albright, the stop in Sierra Leone easily will be the most difficult of her weeklong tour. She also will visit Guinea, Mali, Nigeria, Tanzania and Kenya.

The secretary of state will encourage both sides in Sierra Leone to abide by terms of a peace agreement negotiated three months ago. One meeting is planned with RUF leaders who oversaw the brutality. Susan



**Madeleine Albright**

Rice, Albright's top aide for African affairs, said the meeting is necessary because peace in Sierra Leone will be impossible if the insurgents are ignored.

When the RUF, the acronym for Revolutionary United Front, took up arms eight years ago, they had just a few hundred men. But as they tapped diamond mines in areas under their control, the ensuing windfall reached \$100 million to \$150 million annually, and the number of combatants soon rose to 10,000 to 15,000, according to U.S. estimates. The diamond trade enabled the RUF to buy weapons as well as influence.

The consequences were catastrophic for the West African nation, a former British colony. U.S. officials say almost half the population of 4.6 million has been uprooted from their homes — and these are the lucky ones. Thousands more have been killed

or maimed in RUF attacks.

As U.S. officials see it, the diamond trade tends to prolong conflicts in Sierra Leone and elsewhere on the continent. The struggle for justice becomes a struggle to maintain an economic enterprise, officials say.

In Sierra Leone's case, diamonds often are transferred to neighboring Liberia, then flown to Europe. Much of the RUF's output ends up in shops in the United States, officials say.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, thousands of Zimbabwean troops protect rich diamond areas in the southwest part of the country from encroachment by rebel forces fighting the govern-

ment of President Laurent Kabila. Part of the diamond haul is used to pay the Zimbabwe military for its protection.

Instability has kept eastern Congo in turmoil recently because the armies of both Rwanda and Uganda have been drawn there by diamond deposits. The competition has produced outbreaks of fighting.

Profits from diamonds also have enabled Angola's UNITA rebel movement, a Cold War ally of the United States, to persist in its 24-year civil war.

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## 'Twin for radio' dies near Florida home

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jean Shepherd, the prolific radio raconteur whose easy storytelling style earned comparisons to fellow Midwesterner Mark Twain, died early Saturday. He was 73.

Shepherd, once described by media critic Marshall McLuhan as "the first radio novelist," died in a hospital near his home in Sumbel Island, Fla., said his longtime friend and business adviser, Lewin Zwilling.

Shepherd spent 21 years on 50,000-watt WOR-AM in New York City, attracting a large, loyal following along the Eastern seaboard. He worked without a script, conjuring tales based on his Indiana upbringing, creating characters like his alter-ego, Ralph Parker, and his neighbors, the Bumpuses.

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# Backlash builds against Pokemon cards

Schools ban trade of big-eyed characters

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — They arrived in America from Japan about a year ago — cards bearing big-eyed little characters with names such as Charizard, Wigglytuff and Bellsprout whose enigmatic powers fascinated children. But the trouble began when the little "pocket monsters" began coming to school — stuffed in the pockets of cargo pants, encased lovingly in acrylic photo albums and stashed in Hello Kitty backpacks.

Now Pokemon cards are being sent to the principal's office, banned from playgrounds even in schools where toys were not already taboo. School officials from Connecticut to California have concluded the cards are disrupting learning, poisoning playground friendships and causing such distraction that some children forget their homework, tune out in class and even miss school buses as they scramble to acquire one more card.

"It just became such a mon-

ster," said Judith Franks, principal of Valerio Elementary School in Van Nuys, Calif., who recently banned the cards.

Among children from preschool to middle school, collecting and trading Pokemon cards has fired imaginations and touched off a frenzy of entrepreneurship. The cards — about 150 in all — depict pinnacled fantasy critters who do battle with one another but "faint" rather than die when beaten by another player's cards. The cards come in packs of 11, costing from \$3 to \$11. But they are in such demand that a second-hand market has sprung up, driving the cost of the most sought-after cards beyond \$100.

At Daniel Boone Elementary in San Diego, Principal Barbara Bethel banned the cards after she learned that, in addition to their milk money, children were bringing cash wads of up to \$40 to school, hoping to buy a coveted card.

And that financial dimension is what school administrators and psychologists say distinguishes the Pokemon craze from earlier kid frenzies over marbles, yo-yos or even Beanie Babies.

"The thing with the Pokemon cards is that kids are really aware of ... their value," said Robert Butterworth, a Los Angeles-based child psychologist whose son was until recently a devoted "pack rat," as Pokemon card aficionados are called. Recross at his son's school "turned into a little flea market ... They had their calculators out. It really became a buy-and-sell bazaar."

But principals say they are seeing the dark side of the deal-making tears, fights and, ultimately, appeals to teachers to arbitrate trades later regretted.

"Fights started breaking out," said Franks of the card trading at Valerio Elementary. "Children would swap the cards or lend them, and then it would take me and an act of Congress to get them back."

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# Peace agreement continues to elude Barak

JERUSALEM (AP)—In his wallet, Ehud Barak carries a small, laminated card listing his campaign promises — a daily reminder of why he was elected prime minister in a landslide. His plans are hugely ambitious: nothing less than full peace with all of Israel's immediate Arab neighbors and economic prosperity within four years. As he marked 100 days in power last week, Barak could claim some achievements, but big breakthroughs have eluded him. For now, many Israelis believe the former army chief when he says he can withdraw troops from Lebanon by next July, conclude peace accords with Syria and the Palestinians, create 300,000 jobs



Ehud Barak

and heal the nation's social rifts. He enjoys more support than any prime minister since the 1960s. In a Gallup poll last week, 56 percent said they would vote for him again, despite losing the May election result. Moving swiftly after taking office July 6, Barak negotiated a new interim land-for-security agreement with the Palestinians, ending three years of deadlock under his predecessor, Benjamin Netanyahu. The September deal

created a new atmosphere of trust and strengthened Israel's ties with the United States. He also has put together a political coalition broad enough to make difficult peace concessions while taming some of his toughest opponents, including Jewish settlers. But there are signs of dissatisfaction. His critics say he is too cocky and tries to do too much himself. "He has been extremely self-centered, if not arrogant, in ignoring advisers," said Amotz Asa-El, associate editor of The Jerusalem Post. Barak did not consult with Labor Party colleague Shimon Peres, the architect of the Oslo peace accords, before plunging

into talks with the Palestinians. And the negotiations got off to a rocky start because he miscalculated the Palestinian reaction to his proposal to renegotiate existing agreements. Barak has loaded his staff with political inexperienced ex-army buddies, sidelining Labor leaders. Obsessed with preventing leaks, he keeps Cabinet ministers in the dark about peace moves and tells journalists at arm's length.

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WORLD

# Russian forces close in on Chechen capital

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian artillery and tanks dug in atop a hill just outside the Chechen capital Grozny on Saturday in preparation for what Moscow said was the next phase in its campaign to wipe out insurgents.

After their deepest push yet into the breakaway republic, Russian troops were digging in on heights overlooking the city. There were no indications whether Russian commanders would try to push in to Grozny, which is heavily defended by Chechen forces.

Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev said that his troops had finished creating a security zone to seal off the militants, and that a second phase

was underway to wipe out the bases of the insurgents.

"We will not launch strikes against peaceful villages," he told The Associated Press on Saturday. "We will destroy the bandits on the territory of Chechnya."

While the Russian troops dug in near Grozny, Chechen militants struck back with a nighttime raid, crossing the Terok River and taking back a small village, they said.

Shamil Basayev, who led two separate raids on villages in neighboring Dagestan this fall,

told The Associated Press his men had killed 26 Russian troops in the attack Saturday on the village of Shchedirinsky.

*"We will destroy the bandits on the territory of Chechnya."*

— Russian Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev

Russian forces were badly defeated in a 1994-96 war in the republic, eventually withdrawing and giving Chechnya de facto independence. But Russia's military commanders say they can defeat the insurgents this time.

The Russian side said it was making extensive progress with

few losses. A military spokesman on Saturday said units of Russia's 58th Army had taken control of the highway linking Grozny with Nazran, the capital of Chechnya's western neighbor Ingushetia, the IFAR-Tass news agency reported.

The spokesman also said that the Chechen guerrillas used "serious losses" from Russian artillery and air raids.

Before its push toward the Chechen capital, Russia had overrun Chechnya's northern plains, halting their operations for a while along the line of the Terok River. The militants have been reluctant to hit north of the river, where the plains favor the Russian tanks and big guns.

# China urges Taiwan to accept aid

BEIJING (AP) — China urged Taiwan on Saturday to allow the Chinese government to send experts and aid to help its "flesh and blood" compatriots recover from the recent earthquake.

ing rumors in order to weaken ties between the Chinese mainland and the island.

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Debbie has lived in the Twin Falls area for 4 years and enjoys Kiwanis Club as well as being a Chamber Ambassador for the Twin Falls community. Debbie has two sons, JD, 18 and Cody, 17. Debbie would like to thank the Twin Falls community for the support of the Comfort Inn, while she was the General Manager there and now the wonderful support of the new addition of the Summit Group, The Holiday Inn Express.

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**Monie Smith**

Monie Smith is the Marketing Director for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She is responsible for the hospital's advertising and community relations efforts. A Twin Falls native and 1981 University of Idaho graduate, Monie is a member of the American Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, and serves on the board of directors for the Twin Falls Rotary Club and the Magic Valley Boys & Girls Club.

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### Clinton's roadless decision renews the War on the West

Nobody can do the dirty on the American West quite like Bill Clinton. Even by his standards, Clinton hit a new low last week when he declared up to 40 million acres of roadless U.S. Forest Service land off-limits to development.

Liberal environmentalists are sizing him up for a spot on Mount Rushmore next to Teddy Roosevelt, who created the Forest Service. The rest of us - particularly those who live, work and play in Idaho - are left knowing that Clinton's War on the West will never end as long as he and Al Gore are in office.

No state in the Lower 48 contains more roadless forest land than Idaho. Estimates vary, but the figure is somewhere between 8.38 million and 9.45 million acres.

Clinton's goal is to keep these roadless areas roadless forever. They deserve preservation, he says, because they "... represent some of the last, best, unprotected wildlands anywhere in our nation."

Banning future development in a roadless area does not yield the same protective status as declaring it a wilderness area or a national park, but it's almost as effective. It means no roads - and without roads, it's virtually impossible for anyone but the hardest hikers and horse packers to get into these areas.

That may be fine with Clinton and

his backpacking boosters, but it's a dirty deal for the average Idahoan. It's also a short-sighted sellout for generations yet-unborn. The day will surely dawn when America needs the timber and underground minerals from these roadless areas.

Clinton and his cronies piously claim they are preserving these lands for all Americans.

Hogwash. People who believe America's public lands can be managed for all Americans are dreaming with their eyes open. Declaring 2.2 million acres of the Salmon-Challis National Forest off limits to road building for the sake of

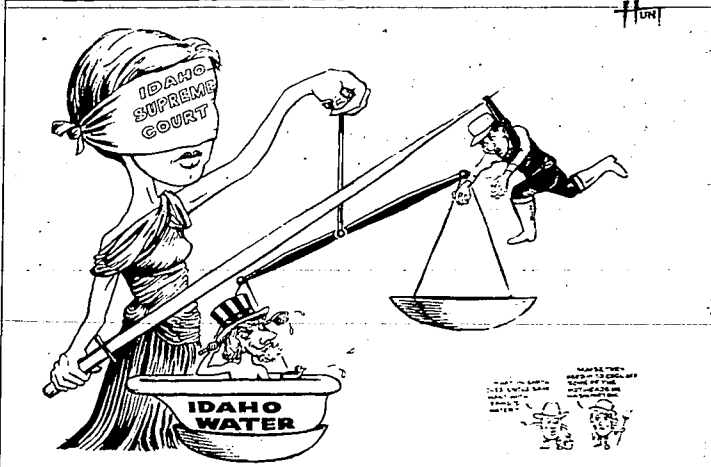
children in East Los Angeles or New York runs counter to the interests of those who live here. By this twisted eco-logic, people with no stake in Idaho are the winners and those who live here are the losers.

It's a story that's too often told these days.

Once upon a time, Congress designated national parks and wilderness areas, and then the legislation was signed by the president. Now Clinton, with the insouciance of office, is cutting Congress completely out of the equation.

It's an alarming precedent. Left unchecked, it could lead to the rest of America - not just the West - dancing while King William and Prince Albert call the tune.

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### It's time to regulate and tax 'illegal drugs'

JOANNE JACOBS

Politicians speak out boldly for peace, prosperity and subsidies for Iowa and New Hampshire residents. They pledge to cut government waste, preserve Social Security, and crime, heal the sick, educate the children and, of course, get tough on drugs.

When real political leadership is needed, they wimp out. Usually. New Mexico Gov. Gary Johnson is providing an example of political courage by saying out loud what many have been saying in private: The war on drugs is a high-priced failure, the conservative Republican says. It's time to talk about legalizing drugs.

The drug warriors want to avoid a debate on drug policy, so they're accusing Johnson of being a drug pusher. The governor "should be ashamed for talking to a bunch of college students and telling them that marijuana use is great and heroin use is great," drug czar Barry McCaffrey said on a visit to Albuquerque.

The college students in question, members of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, responded that Johnson said no such thing in his Washington speech. Instead, he repeated his standard advice: "Don't do drugs. Drugs are a handicap. Don't do drugs, don't do alcohol, don't do tobacco."

A 46-year-old triathlete, Johnson follows that advice himself. But he's honest about his drug use in his college days, when he smoked marijuana regularly and tried cocaine. "It's a bad choice. Me and my buddies smoked - did we belong in jail? Man, I don't think so."

McCaffrey also told Rotarians in Albuquerque that the state's schoolchildren call their governor "Puff Daddy Johnson."

If that's true, New Mexico schoolchildren should be remarkably well-served on

current events - and the White House drug office must have agents in Southwest schoolyards.

Johnson is serving his second term as governor, and he can't run for reelection. He has nothing to lose by tackling "the biggest head-in-the-sand issue" in politics, as he said in response to McCaffrey.

The federal drug budget has quintupled in 10 years, reaching \$18 billion. Two-thirds of the money goes to law enforcement, 22 percent to treatment and 12 percent to anti-drug education. State and local spending raises the bill to about \$40 billion.

Overall, drug use has declined since 1979, a peak year, as the drug czar claims. But the down cycle ended in the early '90s. Adolescent drug use is up since 1992, according to federal surveys. Legalizing drugs would lower the violent crime rate by destroying the black market, Johnson said. The billions of dollars saved could fund treatment programs instead of jails and prisons.

"Control it, regulate it, tax it," he said in a speech to the Cato Institute in Washington, a libertarian think tank. Johnson suggested that drug sales to minors could be banned, and that more dangerous drugs, such as heroin and cocaine, might be available under a doctor's prescription and be administered in a hospital or clinic.

Legalization would create new problems, the governor conceded. "But I suggest to you they will be about half the negative consequences we have under today's scenario, which is basically to arrest and lock up our citizenry."

Treatment is the most effective way, by far, to limit drug abuse and crime. Yet

access is limited, and waiting lists are long.

Intervening in drug-exporting countries - the helicopter and herbicide strategy - is the least effective way, by far, to limit drug use.

McCaffrey advocates pouring another billion dollars into Colombia's civil war. Hapless government troops and brutal right-wing militias are fighting left-wing guerrillas, who are entrenched in the jungles and mountains and enriched by cocaine taxes. Drug warriors want to send more helicopters, more weapons, more U.S. military advisers and more air - what are they smoking?

A few corrupt politicians, notably Baltimore Mayor Kurt Schmoke, have called for treating drug users instead of jailbaiting them.

In the November issue of Playboy, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura advocates decriminalizing drugs. "The prohibition of drugs causes crime. You don't have to legalize it, just decriminalize it. Regulate it."

But Ventura is a stunt act, a man who aspires to rebirth as a brassiere. Johnson is a serious man raising serious issues that are worthy of debate.

Instead of asking whether George W. Bush ever used cocaine, let's ask him why he's signed laws lengthening prison terms for looting and irresponsible Texans. Ask Al Gore how he justifies grossly disproportionate mandatory minimum sentences that have filled federal prisons with low-level drug offenders, who serve longer sentences than rapists.

Ask Bill Bradley what civil rights Americans should abdicate to prevent people from getting high.

Gary Johnson says the emperor has no clothes. Is he wrong?

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Nixing the test-ban treaty makes the world dangerous

From the Los Angeles Times

The world may be a more dangerous place following the U.S. Senate's untimely and unnecessary rejection of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty - a goal of American presidents for more than 40 years. The GOP leadership of the Senate must bear the responsibility for this decision, the first time the Senate has ever down an arms control pact.

The Republican leadership forced last week's vote in spite of desperate efforts to postpone action, probably until the next Congress, in 2001. Why the rush? The reason appears to be partisan real to 2 to 1 ratio.

President Clinton, who signed the pact in 1996 and made its ratification a priority of his second term. This could be a risky ploy to pay for political points. The danger is that would be nuclear nations will read the vote as a diminishing American commitment to nuclear nonproliferation. They might also read the action as undermining the moral authority and leadership of the United States in the field. That would be a mistake.

The president must make it clear that his administration will do whatever is in its power - a power not legally diminished by the vote - to discourage proliferation.

The timing was acutely unfortunate, coming the day after a military coup in Pakistan. Both Pakistan and India, its longtime foe, tested nuclear weapons last year and missiles this year, leading to fears of a nuclear conflagration on the subcontinent.

Moreover, the treaty would not be fully operable until ratified by all 44 nations that now have some form of nuclear capability. So far, 26 have done so. Others, including China and Russia, looked to the United States to lead the way to final approval of a test ban treaty.

Legislatively, the treaty remains in the possession of the Senate and could be taken up again at any time. Americans should demand that Senate leaders recognize the magnitude of last week's decision and reverse it with a future vote for ratification.

weapons last year and missiles this year, leading to fears of a nuclear conflagration on the subcontinent. What message will Pakistani generals take from the Senate's treaty rejection? Might India now be more willing to risk a confrontation? That should not be the case, but no one can know for sure.

Treaty critics led by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., the conservative chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, argued that the pact would commit the United States "in perpetuity" to an agreement that would not guarantee its ability to verify any size of nuclear test and could allow this country to fall behind in nuclear capability. That States could withdraw from the compact any time that nuclear tests were needed to guarantee U.S. security.

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### Morality doesn't equal homophobia

I am submitting this letter in response to Bruce Mirken's commentary published on Oct. 7. "Gay-bashing words can lead to violent deeds." It is indeed sad and tragic that man should rise up against his fellowman and slay him because he lives a different "lifestyle." However, this is to be expected, considering the greater part of humanity remains unregenerate and rebels against the holy ordinances of a righteous God and creator.

Violence directed toward one's lifestyle should not be criminal or tolerated, and there are laws to deal with the perpetrators. On the other hand, certain "lifestyles" should not be promoted or flaunted when they are not in accord with the established precepts of God.

The Bible is full of warnings to those who continue to disobey God's laws. Romans 1:18-32, Revelations 2:18, and the Book of Jude pretty well predict what the outcome will be for those who fail to acknowledge God as their Lord and creator. They bring their own condemnation upon themselves.

It has become ironic to see the laws of this country, which were derived from the holy scriptures, now being changed from what God said they should be to what man thinks they ought to be. What folly! "Only a fool says in his heart that there is no God." Is it not indeed sad and tragic that man should rise up against his Lord and creator?

We are now approaching the second millennial anniversary of the birth of the son of God. Look how long his message has not been taken to heart. CHRIS JOHANSSON Twin Falls

### Rep. Smith does his job well

District 23 is lucky to have Leon Smith in the Legislature. I believe Rep. Smith was mischaracterized in a recent editorial regarding Senate Bill 1087. You made the statement that a couple of lawyers (including Smith) "pecked to death" the employer immunity bill brought by the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI). Smith didn't peck the bill to death; it was flawed and died on its own. The bill would have immunized careless employers who, because of such carelessness, expose innocent employees to the criminal acts of a co-employee or ex-employee. Once the House committee realized how overreaching, and unneeded the bill was, a majority voted to kill it.

This bill would have greatly reduced the right of each one of us to seek redress for such unreasonable conduct of employers. IACI said, "Trust us. This is 'good for business.'" Smith and the other members of the House committee decided what is "good for business" in our district is to expect reasonable conduct from the bill would have greatly reduced the right of each one of us to seek redress for such unreasonable conduct of employers. Thank you Rep. Smith. BART D. BROWNING Twin Falls

### 'Enhanced' 911 center isn't

Wow! I was amazed by the letter from Deb Caster in the Oct. 9 issue of The Times-News! What amazed me the most was that the letter even made it to print.

Things must be changing at The Times-News to print a letter that says anything bad about the "enhanced" 911 center. And to think that we "enhanced" 911 center that "serves the public" with a million-dollar budget should be able to at

least know what city the help is needed in.

There are hundreds of calls that have been handled by our "enhanced" 911 center. I hope that when there are so many people who are working perfectly and nobody seems to have a problem with it. At least that's what the fire and police chiefs are being told.

The big question is, "How many mistakes have to happen and how many people have to die before the joint board overseeing the center realizes the actual problems and do something about it?" If you would like to know more, just drop me a note. BOB BAILEY Wendell

### A puppy to ease your sorrow

To The Frey family: I normally wouldn't respond to a letter in the paper, but my eyes thought I should. My boys thought that it was very cruel that someone stole your family's new pet, and we all felt that if one of our new puppies were stolen they would feel really bad. So when they heard that you had children, they wanted to do something that would make your family happy. We recently had 11 puppies and have two little boys left. So if you would like to have one, we know that it can't replace the one you lost but it might comfort your family. If you would want one, you can call us at 829-4159.

I can't understand why someone would steal a puppy when there are so many that need good homes that don't have one. It is reprehensible, and I hope the person responsible feels really bad. I hope this will be some comfort to you and your family, even if the puppy is not what you want, at least you know that there are others that find this as bad as you do. LINDA DELCAMBRE Hazelton

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OPINION

# Once again, the lawyers string us along

**M**agicians call it misdirection: the art of getting audiences to look in the direction the magician wants them to, so they miss the trick.

Today, politics itself is being misdirected. Some of the biggest controversies in America—debates over gun control, auto safety, health-care policy and pharmaceutical development—are no longer being decided by the democratic process or by the rule of law as traditionally understood. Sure, the politicians continue to talk, but their words are increasingly just part of the illusion. The real tricks, and some very big bucks, are being generated by a small group of trial lawyers who are pulling the ultimate trick: They are making the substance of politics disappear.

Even at the presidential level, politics has been privatized. Will Al Gore will keep wearing his brown suits? Will Bill Bradley agree to debate Gore? Will George W. Bush keep saying mean things about his fellow Republicans? These questions may be fascinating to the reporter and pundit class, but they obscure the public because the chase for answers to these and other trivial pursuits, the

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real dynamic of trial-lawyer power goes mostly unnoticed. Consider gun control. Gore has called for licensing new handgun purchasers. Bradley has called for licensing all handguns, new and existing alike. Meanwhile, Bush defends his policy of allowing Texans to carry concealed weapons. But any new gun policy could be mostly mooted because if, present tort trends continue, there won't be any new handguns manufactured in the United States. Public officials talk, but it's private lawyers who take action. Now that's misdirection.

Newsweek reports that Colt Manufacturing Co. will soon stop taking orders for virtually all consumer handguns. Colt disputes the story, but with legal costs mounting—the gun industry faces 27 lawsuits, and the \$246 billion precedent of the tobacco settlement is staring it in the face—it's hard to see how shallow-pocketed domestic gun makers will survive the onslaught of the politicians to get their whack at them.

Why hasn't this angle been

covered much? Two possible explanations: First, journalists mostly support this legal onslaught against industries and products they don't like.

Second, to cover the story of how trial lawyers are preempting policies, newswires would have to travel to tort hotspots such as Hayneville, Ala. In 1996, a jury there heard the case of one Alex Hardy, who apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his Chevy, leading to an accident that left him paralyzed. Yet, plaintiff's lawyers claimed—against all reason—that the vehicle was defective. Hardy was awarded \$150 million in a case that has set a low standard for auto liability cases since.

And so, while top-tier reporters collect tiny tales about who was in the room, for example, when the decision was made to move the Gore campaign headquarters to Nashville, the big stories—the events that will shape the country in the next election—get away like so many wily trout.

Worried about health care? Who do you think will have more effect on the future of medical research—the next bureau chief appointed to head the Food and Drug Administration or the trial lawyers who shook down

American Home Products for \$4 billion based on dubious ten-penny studies?

And, without waiting for Washington to enact a "bill of rights" for HMO patients, trial lawyers are already crushing the industry; an Indianapolis HMO suffered a \$51.5-million verdict just last month. Billions of dollars' worth of new cases are pending.

It could be argued that trial lawyers today play the same role that demagogic politicians did yesterday: there's always a market for anti-corporate populism and snark-the-rich redistributionism. But if so, litigation is a perverse road to "social justice," since legal fees, reaping fat contingency fees, are themselves getting Fitch rich along the way.

Eventually, it will dawn on Americans that they themselves are paying for this costly and clumsy system—in terms of diminished innovation, higher costs and lower shareholder values, including those held in pension funds. But that day hasn't come yet. The misdirection of replacing wily publicizing with greedy lawyering looks like the winning trick for 2000 and beyond.

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# Listing women as hate-crime victims blurs the lines

**F**irst you see the guy in the T-shirt following the teenage girl in the store. She glances back at him and keeps going. He hustles up and shoves her, really hard, into a rack of shoes. When she looks at what he's doing, he's glaring and ranting and coming at her as she backs off, and then he goes hot and out the door. It's all there on the video from the security camera.

If this had happened only once, the charge would be a misdemeanor. But five times now, at the beach, in downtown San Diego, in stores, to five women, all strangers to the man in the T-shirt—as the San Diego County deputy district attorney sees it, that's a string of felony hate crimes, committed because the victims were women. And he's prosecuting the man in the T-shirt as the suspect in all of them.

"We know what a hate crime is, don't we?"

"Shooting up a community center because the sign out front says 'Jewish.' It's dragging a black man behind a truck until his head comes off. This week, we're watching a murder trial in Wyoming for one of the men who confessed to pummeling a gay college student into a coma before the victim was left hanging on a wooden fence to die. And yet here is the San Diego

PATT MORRISON

case, filed under a rarely used 1992 state law that extends hate crime statutes to gender-based crimes. Even for Hector Jimenez, who prosecutes hate crimes for San Diego County, it's a first, based on "the fact that (the suspect) is committing crimes somewhat randomly against women who do not know him, with no provocation, no sexual desires or sexual motives, no financial motive. The motive seems to be to attack women."

What is the standard of proof for a gender hate crime? Is it the difference between a thug snarling, "Shut up or I'll pop you one," or "Shut up or I'll pop you one, bitch?" Does a gender hate crime require a pattern, or can it be a single incident, as one burning cross on a black family's lawn can be sufficient evidence of hate?

The U.S. Supreme Court is even now considering the constitutionality of the 1994 federal Violence Against Women Act, which lets some battery and rape cases be categorized as hate crimes so the victims can sue their attackers.

And this year, in the sweetly heated of a Beltway August, a

woman named Carole Carrington testified on Capitol Hill, asking Congress to shore up federal gender hate crime laws.

Her daughter, her granddaughter and a family friend were simply tourists visiting the winter beaches of Yosemite when they disappeared, spirited off and murdered. The man who confessed to killing them, Carrington testified shakily, "claims to have fantasized about killing women for the last 30 years." They died, said their mother, grandmother, friend, "simply because they were women."

Put the lens of gender hate crime to your eye and history, recent and distant, takes on an altogether different cast.

The ancient Romans' mass rape of the Sabine women—a favorite subject in classical art depicts a permitted painting, naked women for aesthetic purposes—becomes a class-action hate crime.

The laws are so new that the standards are still in flux. Is it a law only for strangers? Or when do domestic crimes qualify as hate crimes? Is a man beating his wife excessive, or is he beating every woman who ever stood him up? Is he killing a woman, or Women? And where, the question must be asked, would the Y chromosome victim rank the male victims of the rare female serial killer?

A Justice Department attorney said last summer that the law would not mean the Feds would prosecute every rape and beating—only violent outrages with indispensible gender hatred at the core.

Still, some gaze on the expanding range of hate crimes and ask in dismay where it will all end. Their question should be asked not of the laws, but of the crimes that put them on the books in the first place.

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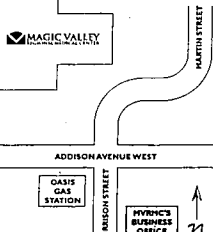
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WORLD

# Chilling tales come from Timor

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Maria Ramos said she still has the terror of the assassin's bullet shattering the leg in the memory of her 5-year-old daughter, who died after being wounded in the attack.

But three weeks later, her most chilling memory is that day in the face of the uniformed gunman. She is sure she saw a neighbor.

"His name was Paulino," Ramos, 35 years old and five months pregnant, said. Ramos was in a hallway at a French military hospital where she and her daughter were recovering. "We never thought he would shoot us."

As international peacekeepers gradually assert control in the mountainous hinterlands of East Timor, villagers are coming forward with accounts of the violent rampage by Indonesian militia forces after the territory's people voted to separate themselves from Indonesia in a 1999 referendum.

The campaign of intimidation forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee into the forest or to refugee camps in neighboring West Timor. Indonesian property damage — mainly burned homes and businesses — can be seen in the air and on the ground throughout the territory.

There has been evidence of Indonesian systematic killings since a refugee camp in the mountainous interior of Timor, about 35 miles south of Dili, the East Timor capital.

The family said that on Sept. 23 — three days after the first peacekeepers arrived in Dili, but before they began fanning out into the countryside — about a dozen armed militiamen arrived at the village and ordered them and their neighbors to leave for West Timor.

The Ramos family refused and tried to flee into the forest. With that, they said, the militiamen opened fire. Maria's 5-year-old daughter and Maria's sister, Isadora Araujo, who also is pregnant.

Their account could not be independently verified. But Dr.



An East Timorese man salvages the remains of a shop to rebuild his house in the Provincial capital of Dili, East Timor Saturday.

Jean-Dominique Singland, the French army surgeon who treated their gunshot wounds, said the Amoro villagers had provided vivid and consistent descriptions of the day's events.

"They were very lucky, because they were found fairly soon after and brought here, where we were able to treat them," he said. "Also, their wounds are in their extremities. In these tropical conditions, those who are shot in the abdomen would be much more likely to get infections and die without immediate help."

Since it was set up three weeks ago, the French field hospital has treated about 30 gunshot victims, many of their brought from the countryside by relief workers, Singland said.

The villagers of Amoro suggested they might have been targeted by local members of the Mahidi militia because their area had long been a stronghold of the pro-independence Falintil rebels.

The regional Falintil chief, known as Commander Cobra, said in an interview that the villagers probably were right. "In other places, they (the militia) drove people out and burned down their houses, but didn't shoot them," he said.

Despite speculation that corpses may have been buried en

masse or dumped into the sea, only about 100 bodies of apparent victims of militia violence have been found in East Timor, said Michel Barrot of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Activities, a U.N. agency.

Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, the peacekeeper commander, said no mass grave — a half-dozen bodies or more in a single site — had been found, but promised to aggressively investigate reports of any.

# Clashes in East Timor get worse

DILI, East Timor (AP) — In the bloodiest clash since international forces arrived in East Timor nearly a month ago, anti-independence militiamen ambushed a peacekeeping patrol Saturday, setting off a firefight that left three of the militants dead and three wounded, an official said.

No one in the international force was injured in the clash, which took place near the village of Marko, said peacekeeping spokesman Col. Mark Kelly.

Marko is about 10 miles from the border of Indonesian-controlled West Timor, where many of the anti-independence militiamen have been gathering.

The Australian-led foreign force was deployed to East Timor on Sept. 20 to stop a rampage by Indonesian forces and their militant allies after the territory voted for independence. Militia leaders who fled to West Timor when the peacekeepers arrived have repeatedly threatened to launch a guerrilla war against the foreign forces.

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By  
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**DON'T ASK ME**  
Steve Crump

In parts of the state, coffee is the only thing you can't get on your corner; you can't get it around the corner if you were a different color.

Therein, day-trading, teched-up squiggles in Friday candlestick drawings can queue up for half-

Four when coffee is everywhere, it's neither an aperitif nor a pick-me-up; it's a prop. How else to explain self-conscious, fidgety, fidgety like dead double espresso?

By contrast, coffee out here in the Empty Quarter is still an exercise in cannibalism, and it rarely a drink taken in solitude. Folks here gather for coffee, and they like the company as much as the Folger's.

Seattle, it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum.

They, it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum, and it's still made in perlustrum.

It's not that there's a hypocrite about drinking coffee; everybody knows she did it. But Idaho coffee drinkers, Marmon and Gentile, regard a cup of coffee as a secret with something to share a secret with.

And you don't stand in line at Starbucks to share secrets.

But in these parts, they go to the Empty Quarter, the Minidoka Cafe, the Elmer's Cafe to drink coffee.

Coffee with a soul, coffee with a smile, coffee that leaves a ring around your collar.

It was something in line in a franchise coffee shop in Bellevue, Wash., a Seattle suburb, a couple of weeks ago, that the manager behind the counter was laughing at me.

"We do a volume business at this time," she explained to him. "Our target price is 1.500 units a day, but on some days we do 3,000."

Coffee is not a unit; it's a conversation. No wonder they serve it in cups without handles.

It's sure Starbucks will be a big success in Idaho. McDonald's is. But Jack's not proud that we're receiving the coffee houses of London where Starbucks is still a foreign concept.

It happens that there's a big controversy at the moment among conservationists over whether coffee should be grown on bushes outdoors in the shade of a tree.

Seems to me they should care more about being sipped in the shade of a tree.

# Hailey considers low-income housing

By Barb Nelwert  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** - If the City Council approves, nearly 200 apartments will be built in south Hailey to provide low-income housing.

The 16-building, 192-unit Balmoral Apartments has received unanimous approval from Hailey's planning and zoning commission. The City Council, which has final authority over conditions placed on the project, will debate the proposal Nov. 8.

The planning and zoning commission's OK for the project came after two meetings with Thomas Development Co. The Boise-based developer has 35 similar apartment complexes in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah. Two are located in Twin Falls: the Glen Eagles Apartments at Poleline Road and Harrison Street, and the Saratoga Apartments at Caswell and Wendell streets.

"The city has a significant and demonstrated need for affordable apartments," said Thomas Development Co. owner Thomas Mannschreck during an interview. He cited two market studies that indicated a substantial need for affordable housing in the Wood River Valley.

Rents would run from \$310 to \$742 a month, depending on the renter's income and whether the apartment has one, two or three bedrooms.

Even though the Balmoral Apartments would be financed and constructed outside of the guidelines of the Blaine County Housing Authority, the project would receive financing from a variety of sources, including the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and its HOME below-market loan rate program for developments such as this.

The Balmoral Apartments would be located on 15 acres west of Woodside Boulevard between Shenandoah Drive and Laurelwood Drive.

Thomas Development is asking the city to vacate a one-block, unimproved section of Blairwood Drive so a 3.2-acre park and soccer field can be built next to the bike path. In addition, with increased traffic in the area, a traffic light would need to be installed where state Highway 75 intersects with Countrywide Boulevard.

The apartments would be built in two stages. The first phase, which would begin next spring, would involve 120 apartments in 10 buildings. Six more six-building units would complete the project, but no construction date has been set for the second phase.

Several neighbors to the proposed project presented concerns about impact on property values in the neighborhood.

Elizabeth Burlian said the project was not massive for the area and voiced concerns about a potential increase in crime and traffic, as well as proper site management.

Mannschreck said the commission has a commitment to the project for the full 40 years of the loan. One full-time manager, an assistant manager and a maintenance man would look after the apartments.

He also said police records in larger cities do not reflect any problems with affordable housing developments.

Times-News correspondent Barb Nelwert can be reached in Hailey at 733-9331.

## Some follow trends with costumes, some stick with classics

By Ruth Streater  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Some people are struck with a revelation in July of the grandest Halloween costume of all. When Angela Mercado, 8, of Jerome, was asked what she wanted to be, she said she hadn't quite made up her mind.

"Just something weird," Mercado said. But plenty of kids still want what's trendy. This year's hot sellers are the M & M blokes, Star Wars characters, wrestling gems like Stone Cold Steve Austin, Pokémon and Teeny Bop.

Twin Falls K-Mart Assistant Manager Linda Williamson. "I didn't think they'd sell because of the price, but they have been," Williamson said.

In an Idaho town where October evening temperatures plummet into the 20s, a good costume may have to be compromised by the desire to keep warm.

"Last year I got [my kids] costumes that were really big so I could put their coats on under them," said Becky Stanford of Carey, as she pondered masks for her children in the Twin Falls K-Mart.

Some local costume shops tend to steer clear of trends, because such merchandise is more expensive, and if it doesn't sell, it's a loss.

"They may be popular one year, but not the next, so you don't want to gamble on those," said Susan Buhler, owner of Pinocchio's costume and novelty shop.

Buhler said she sells adults standard scareware like witch and vampire costumes more than she rents out her more exotic characters. Customers sell for \$19 to \$50, but many people push the total to \$75 with their irresistible urge to accessorize.



Megan Stanford laughs at the antics of her brother David as he tries on Halloween masks Saturday at K-Mart in Twin Falls. When it comes to Halloween costumes, some kids follow the trends while others prefer to dress up in more original disguises.

Buhler, co-owner of Pinocchio's, said she specializes in custom costume orders and said she begins receiving them as early as July. She said Renaissance costumes are popular this year.

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## Sun Valley gets all jazzed up

By Karen Bossick  
Times-News correspondent

**SUN VALLEY** - Want some banjo with your Corn Flakes? Topped with a Clarinet Club cake?

They're serving up jazz for breakfast, lunch and dinner in Sun Valley this weekend during the 10th Annual Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree.

About 7,300 jazz fans from as far away as Russia, Africa and South America have turned Sun Valley into the New Orleans of the North.

Sun Valley Road? It's now "Bourbon Street." The River Run parking lot - a "French Quarter" of RVs and fishwheel trailers. The Boiler Room - "Satchmo's Lounge."

The jamboree is a real high-light of our year - it has been for nine years, said Darlene Gratton, of Meridian. "I was looking out on the beautiful golden aspen as I listened to one woman sing 'Oleber Song' and thinking, 'How fortunate we are to be listening to and looking at something so beautiful. We've been to the Sacramento Jazz Festival, which is the biggest, but it's nowhere as beautiful as this.'"



Nineteen-year-old Dan McMahon of Twin Falls plays clarinet with one of his influences, Bob Draga of Draga Vax Connection, at the annual Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jamboree in Sun Valley Saturday.

started on Wednesday. But Frank Sinatra has been revived in the Limelight Room, thanks to New Blue Eyes Curt Caldwell. And Ella Fitzgerald and other great ladies of jazz have been heard in the Duchin Room.

More than half of the jamboree fans, who hail from every state but Alabama and West Virginia, have white hair. But it's tough to keep them planted in chairs all day at this event, even if some of them do admit to cranky joints.

A couple bars of music and 70-year-old kids like Vic and Barbara Reisig of Sarasota, Fla., are up and swinging. You can tell they've been at it awhile, with their matching black fedoras, identical shirts and unique style. They met dancing seven years ago.

But even with hundreds of thousands of dance steps under his belt, Vic can't bear the thought of letting a note go by

## Cassia looks at future of CAFOs industry

By Ruth Streater  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - Ag diversity has become the mantra in Minidoka. And though the departure from a reliance on potatoes and sugar beets seems imminent, officials are paving the way for new industry enthusiastically - yet methodically.

A part of the process has been the creation of an overlay area that attempts to ensure the best interests of the county, a move that local businessman Bill Mendenhall said is lauded by officials in the livestock industry and conservationists alike.

"I think it's a very progressive approach," Mendenhall said. Confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs, are subject to regulations by state and federal agencies. A local ordinance, however, enforces string regulations in keeping with the objectives of the county.

Mendenhall is part of a local corporation of farmers and business people, known as Ag Alliance, which revamped Cassia County's original livestock ordinance. Ag Alliance established an overlay zone that would allow

### Public hearing

What: Public hearing for Confined Animal Feeding Operations Ordinance.  
When: Monday, 7 a.m.  
Where: Commission room, Government of Cassia County Courthouse

a glaze for new livestock industries, such as dairies and cheese plants, on livestock, and would in turn allow a mutually beneficial relationship between industry and traditional Minidoka agriculture.

"So simply, 'to bring farmer and dairy together,'" Mendenhall said. At the same time, Ag Alliance has been looking around the valley, in order to avoid mistakes made elsewhere.

"We're trying to boost the economy here," Mendenhall said, "but we're trying to keep it from being a wreck."

The original ordinance, drawn in 1955, did not limit the size of a livestock operation on prime agricultural ground, nor did it prevent CAFOs from locating within a city's buffer zone.

Steve Crump is the Times-News features editor.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Children's blood-lead levels decrease in Superfund site

KELLOGG (AP) - Children living within the Bunker Hill Superfund site are showing the lowest levels of lead in their blood since government studies started 12 years ago.

But blood-lead levels rose slightly this year in children who live in Coeur d'Alene River towns outside the 21-square-mile Superfund site, according to 1999 blood screening results.

Officials said. "Overall on the site, it's basically good news," said Jan von Lindern, president of Moscow-based TerraGraphics Environmental Engineering, a contractor evaluating the data.

Hagerman looks to head off violence

District slates drill for Tuesday afternoon

By Kelly Bryant Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - In the aftermath of a rash of school shootings, school districts are taking measures to prevent future incidents and protect students and faculty.

Hagerman High School will conduct a crisis management drill exercise beginning at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. The drill will begin with a mock shooting inci-

dent and will involve local law enforcement agencies, emergency medical services, fire department and LifeFlight.

According to Hagerman School Resource Officer Ronnie Geer, the purpose of the incident is to show teachers and students what would take place in the event of a real incident and train them on how to respond in a crisis situation. He said students have voiced concerns about what would happen in the event of a shooting or hostage situation at their school and want to know about what they can do to protect themselves.

"We hope to learn a great deal from this exercise," Geer said.

Most of the agencies participating in the drill will be stationed at the Hagerman City Park. As students are evacuated from the school, they will be allowed to stay in the park and look at equipment and ask questions of agency representatives.

Geer said Hagerman residents should not be alarmed when they hear sirens and see emergency personnel responding to the high school on Tuesday. He said the drill will wrap up about 3 p.m.

Sen. Crapo laments U.S. trade policies at Idaho Falls hearing

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - American states have no protection against market distorting practices caused by other countries, Sen. Mike Crapo said Saturday.

He was backed by about two dozen other speakers at the Senate subcommittee hearing on International Trade and Finance held in Idaho Falls.

Many of the speakers called for the elimination or equalization of tariffs and export subsidies that they said have put U.S. producers at a disadvantage to foreign goods entering

this country. Idaho Lt. Gov. Butch Otter worried that world trade is increasingly affecting the state's agriculture.

"In past negotiations, agriculture has been used as a trading chip negotiated away," said Crapo, who chaired the hearing. "It may require a super-human effort, but we will not let it be negotiated away as it has in the past."

Crapo plans to carry that message to the World Trade Organization which is scheduled to meet in Seattle next month.

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Clayta N. Bayley Christensen, of Pocatello, 10:30 a.m. Monday at the 9th Ward LDS Chapel in Twin Falls; interment will follow at 3 p.m. at Restlawn Cemetery in Pocatello.

at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel; Mass of the Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flower Catholic Church.

Norma L. Ellis-Watts, of North Bend, Ore., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial service from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Pacific Rim Gallery in Astoria, Ore.

Richard Henry "Dick" Westendorf, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Monday at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls; Parkes's Magic Valley Funeral Home.

at the Hansen Mortuary Burial Chapel; Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday at the chapel. Family and friends may sign the book from 5 p.m. until time of the Rosary on Monday at the chapel. A full obituary will appear at a later date.

Jeffrey Norman McGuire, 43, of Tonopah, Nev., and formerly of Tonopah, died Friday, Oct. 15, 1999, as a result of an automobile accident near Tonopah. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Antonio "Tony" Flores Gonzales, of Baldwin Park, Calif., and formerly of Burley, rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday

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TWIN FALLS



Jenny Stewart, one of the most prominent women in the social and business arenas of the Magic Valley, passed away at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital on October 10, 1999, at the age of 95. Most remembered for her idealistic, vibrant spirit, Jenny was never encountered by monotonous routine. She lived a passionate, exciting life. Much of her life was spent nursing big game and fishing all over the North West and abroad with her loving husband and fishing buddy, Lynn Stewart, and her friend of 44 years, the legendary fisherman and outdoorsman, Russ Slayner. She also flew her own airplane during World War II for the Civil Air Patrol and Search and Rescue (a highly unusual activity for women at that time), and traveled often outside the United States.

months later they traveled by cowhide wagon to what is now known as the Rock Creek area and settled in Cottonwood, a few miles south of Twin Falls. William Hoops and his sons started Hoops Construction and, using a team of wagons, cleared sagebrush and rocks to make the city streets of Twin Falls. Tillie Hoops was a self-educated woman who taught her daughter the importance of honest and intelligent business ownership.

After graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1922, Jenny married Ray Buller and had a son, Freddy, who died at the age of 22. Jenny and Ray divorced and she later married Lynn Stewart. She used the knowledge instilled by her mother and father to own and operate the Ropertson Cafe in the 1930s and the Park Hotel in the 1940s. She was very generous to the needs of others, especially during the Great Depression and World War II. She was very careful not to bring attention to herself for that generosity.

Jenny excelled in both domestic hobbies such as seamstress and culinary arts, and in outdoor and indoor recreation. She was an accomplished marksman, bowler and skier (even sidestepping the slopes of Sun Valley before there were lifts). Photography was also a great passion. She took pictures of Idaho's beautiful scenery and developed them in her own darkroom, then printed them with oils as her mind's eye envisioned the two colors. In full dress and regalia, Jenny showed her famous White Hackney pony in numerous parades and special events. Her passion as a horse woman led her to enter competitions in several states, receiving many awards with her palled American Saddle Bred Club and French Riding Club. She was also involved in many other organizations. Other than her family and friends, her affection went to her beloved dogs.

Mildred Gilson

Mildred Walf Gilson, 96, of Twin Falls, died Friday, October 15, 1999, at Snake River Rehab in Buhl.

She was born October 5, 1903, in Santequin, Utah, the daughter of Albert and Maria (Oporn) Gilson. Mildred attended schools in Santequin and Payson, Utah, on July 6, 1922, she married John Franklin Gilson Sr. in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mildred and John moved around in Utah and Nevada, where John worked in the gold mines. In 1937, they moved to Rupert, Idaho, where they bought a farm. They also became involved in a sawmill, later moving to American Falls in 1950 and starting a sawmill there. They also started a self-service laundry.

Mildred was an active member in the LDS Church and held many positions. On May 13, 1955, she and John had their marriage solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple.

Mildred is survived by 7 children, Jack Albert (Hazel) Gilson of Twin Falls, Sylvia Faye (Edwin) Craig of Lodi, Calif., Betty (Glen) Dossett of Twin Falls, Josephine (Roe) Wamsley of Garden City, UT, John Franklin (Dorothy) Gilson Jr. of Williamsburg, NM, Annie Mildred (Woody) Marrs of Tyler, TX, and Sherman Frederick (Helen) Gilson of Ca., 20 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren; and 1 sister, Elaine Kirk of Coosho, UT. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 1 child at birth, 1 grandson and 1 great-grandchild.

Services for Mildred will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at White Mortuary with burial to follow at Sun Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, October 18, at White Mortuary and on Tuesday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Parents have concerns about student survey

POCATELLO (AP) - Some parents and educators are concerned about questions involving sexual habits, drugs and suicide included in a health-related survey students will take Nov. 10.

Controversial issues are only a small part of the 156 questions local sixth- through 12th-graders will be asked. Most involve healthy habits in school and family life.

School officials have a permission slip, giving parents the option of not having their children participate, will solve the problem. But some parents remain critical.

"My first objection was about the negative permission slips. If you don't send it back, your kid will take the test," said Terry Anderson, a mother of seven. "I don't know what information they're going to find out that they don't already know. Those 156 questions are 10 minutes of education time."

The survey also has advocates, including leaders of Healthy Pocatello. The umbrella network of community organizations includes the Bannock Youth Foundation, Children's Advocacy Network, the city of Pocatello, the state Department of Health and Welfare, McDonald's, Our Gathering Place, Road to Recovery and the Pocatello Interfaith Fellowship.

The "Profiles of Student Life: Attitudes and Behaviors" survey is aimed at measuring 40 developmental assets believed by the authors to be essential for the positive development of youth. Among other things, it is designed to measure family support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learning, positive values, social competencies and positive identity.

Other cities have used the survey, including Blackfoot, Caldwell, Meridian and Nampa, as well as Blaine, Cassia, Goding, Jerome and Minidoka counties. "We loved it," said Mary Enslay, assistant superintendent of the Nampa School District. "We base many of our student assistance programs on the outcome of the survey. We've used it twice."

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# Funds take hit after enrollment drop

By Lorraine Caverer  
Times-News writer

BURLEY - While enrollment in Cassia County and Minidoka County schools has been dropping steadily over the past few years, enrollment in private schools locally has not increased.

With a loss of more than 200 students from 1997 to 1998, and another 100 the following year, the Minidoka County School District is suffering a loss of state money, which is allocated on a per-student basis.

Many students from Minidoka County transferred to Burley when the new high school opened, said Minidoka Superintendent Nick Hallett. There is an open enrollment policy between the two districts.

But Minidoka officials are baffled because enrollment at new Cassia County facilities has not fared well over the past two years, either. Cassia schools announced a 117-student drop from this time last year, and district officials have become alarmed about the numbers, Cassia Superintendent Jerry Dorgett said.

There was no apparent reason for the drop, Dorgett said. The district will lose \$272,000 in state money because of the decline, said Ed Evans, an auditor for the school district.

The largest drop has been from Burley Junior High School, Dorgett said. Forty-nine students were tracked to in-state transfers, and 19 transferred out of state. Seven Burley Junior High students are unaccounted for by district statistics.

Of the 17 Declo High School students the district lost, 11 transferred within the state, one transferred out-of-state, four dropped out and one is not accounted for.

Fourteen Declo Elementary School students transferred within the state, four to private schools and three moved out-of-state.

Minidoka County School District does not track students who



Hallways still bustle at Burley's Dworshak Elementary School, though enrollment in the Cassia County School District has dropped dramatically over the past couple of years.

leave the district, said Darrell Black, district clerk.

But students are not flocking to private schools, either. Enrollment at Calvary Christian School has dropped over the past couple of years as well, said DeWayne Wageman, administrator for the private school.

"Enrollment is at a low now," he said. "In the last two years it has decreased."

Normally the school has more than 50 students enrolled, but this year the school's enrollment is 48. Calvary Christian peaked at 90 students about 10 or 15 years ago.

"When Simpson's had layoffs we felt it. That was a major factor," Wageman said.

Jobs are a large contributing factor to school enrollment, said John S. Church, a private economic consultant from Boise. "It is more than likely job

growth is too slow to keep the population fully employed," Church said. "The Magic Valley labor market only gained 800 jobs from 1997 to 1998. That is real slow growth."

Younger families with children and lower job skills are leaving the area, he said.

"When they leave it has a significant impact," Church said. "Families with a higher number of children are moving to areas such as Nampa and Meridian, he said."

"Jobs are attracting people to move to that area," Church said. "The growing trend in home schooling also may be contributing to the loss of enrollment in public schools."

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that home schooling more than doubled and possibly tripled from 1990 to 1995, with 1 percent to 2 percent

of school-age children home schooling during the 1995 school year.

The numbers of home schoolers across the country could have reached nearly 1 million by the 1997-98 school year, the federal department estimates. That compares with an estimate of about 10,000 to 15,000 home-schooled children in the late 1970s and the early 1980s, and between 250,000 to 350,000 in 1990.

The Idaho Department of Education doesn't track home schoolers, said Allison Westfall, department spokeswoman. It has no evidence to show whether the movement has grown or declined, she said.

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# CAFO

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The overlay zone would be established on prime agricultural ground, and could host CAFOs of up to 10,000 animal units - or more with a conditional use permit.

Those who could comment at a public hearing about a CAFO located in the overlay zone would be those who live within a mile of the proposed site, as well as those who can establish that their substantial rights would be affected by the approval or denial of the permit," according to the ordinance.

Complaints would be limited to those which address legal violations of the ordinance, in an effort to curb frivolous testimony. People would first submit an opinion in writing to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which would gauge the complaint for legitimacy.

"It's a hearing that's not an emotional hearing," said county commissioner Dennis Crane. "It'll be based on scientific findings."

More subjective testimony - such as that of anticipated odors or disturbances - would be allowed to be voiced for those CAFOs which would house more than 10,000 heads of livestock. All those whose "substantial rights would be affected" by such a CAFO would be allowed to voice concerns at a conditional use hearing.

Once a CAFO permit is granted, a person could file an appeal, at a recommended \$200.

Hurst said the fee will help prevent frivolous complaints, although he is not yet sure if \$200 is the right amount.

An appeal fee would be new to

Cassia County. Hurst said, although other counties around the state have implemented such fees for their zoning ordinances. The fee also helps defray some of the costs of the permit application process.

Other proposed amendments would restrict new CAFOs from the buffer zone with the intent of keeping potential odor impacts to a minimum, and to prevent encroaching on the periphery of a city that may want to be approved.

"I think it protects the livestock area, as well as the people who are living in an urban sprawl area," said county administrator Tim Hurst.

The ordinance also would set limits on how big CAFOs that were in existence prior to July 1, 1993 can become. The county attempted to establish such limitations in 1993, but encountered too much resistance, according to Hurst.

Since then, complaints such as those regarding odor have convinced some dairy owners that such limitations would be in their best interest.

"Enhanced grandfather rights" under the new ordinance would allow CAFOs that were in existence prior to July 1, 1993 in residential-agricultural zones to increase by no more than 100 percent. Operations in impact zones could increase by no more than 50 percent, and CAFOs in agricultural-residential zones could increase by no more than 100 percent, or to 800 animal units, whichever is greater.

"There are opportunities to grow, but there are safeguards," Hurst said.

# Exact cause of fire near Malta eludes authorities

The Times-News

MALTA - A human-caused wildfire burned about 1,500 acres of forest area Friday and Saturday in Sawtooth Forest's Black Pine mountain range, about 10 miles southwest of Malta.

"We're calling it person-caused only because we haven't had any lightning events in it while the Sawtooth dispatcher Pat Simpson said. She said an investigator is looking into the cause of the fire."

"Firefighting efforts were hindered Friday because of

high winds, low humidities and dry fuels, a Sawtooth press release said. Visibility on Interstate 84 was hampered by dense smoke.

By Saturday evening the fire was 40 percent contained and helicopters were mainly working on interior hot spots, Simpson said.

The Malta Rural Fire Department was on the scene Friday, according to the press release. Engines and helicopters were also brought in by Sawtooth Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management in Idaho

Falls, Burley and Shoshone, Simpson said.

The fire is feeding off of grass, sagebrush and juniper pine and no structures are threatened, the press release said. The esti-

mated containment time is 6 p.m. today.

Simpson warned people to be cautious with fire. "It's very, very dry out there," Simpson said.

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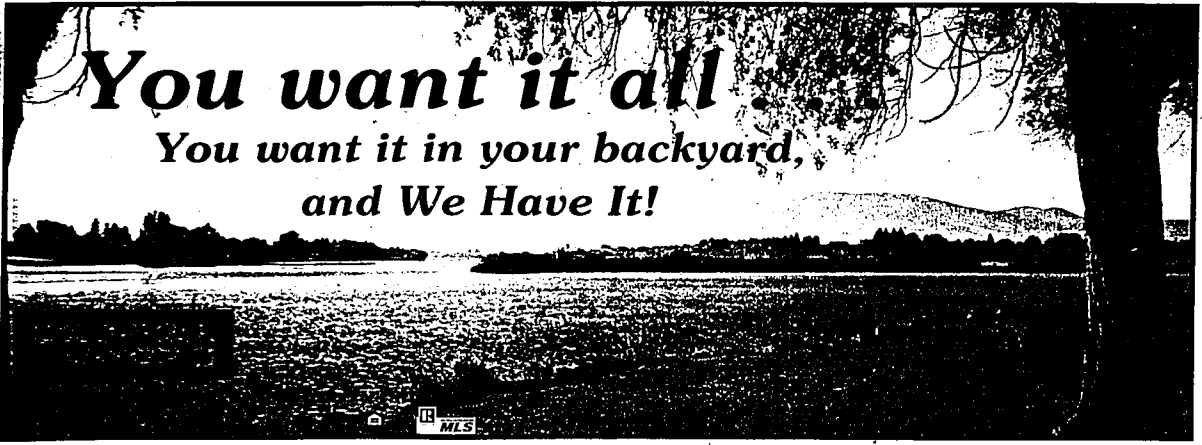
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# Kennewick Man differs from modern people

PAKMA, Wash. (AP) — Kennewick Man may have had Asian or Polynesian roots, but none of the scientists who wrote a report on him for the U.S. Department of the Interior said there are still a lot of questions to be answered. It is similar to what we see with other ancient skeletons from North and South America. There's some difference between them and our modern people any where in the world," Powell said. Powell, professor of anthropology at the University of New Mexico, said the Kennewick Man skeleton was buried in a shallow grave, possibly by a member of his own tribe. Powell said the bones, part of a federal team

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— Joseph Powell, UNM professor of anthropology

where in the world," Powell said.

He also noted that ancient skeletons found in Europe or Asia, for example, don't necessarily look like modern-day Europeans or Asians. Any number of factors could have influenced the degree of variation among humans then and now.

Kennewick Man, found in the shallow of the Columbia River in 1996, is believed to be more than 9,000 years old. Results of new carbon dating tests

are expected to be available next month. The collection of 350 bones is one of the oldest and most complete skeletons found in North America.

"Kennewick (Man) is certainly an important part of American history, and certainly can tell us something about what life was like in the past," Powell said.

The bones are stored at the Burke Museum in Seattle, but custody of the remains most likely will be decided by the courts.

Five Northwest Indian tribes have claimed Kennewick Man as an ancestor, as has the Asatru Folk Assembly, an old Norse pagan group.

Representatives of the tribes and of the Asatru did not immediately return calls seeking comment Friday.

The disposition of the bones has been hotly contested ever since the first anthropologist to examine Kennewick Man noted that the skull bore little resemblance to today's Indian people.

On Friday, the U.S. Department of the Interior said it would accelerate efforts to determine whether Kennewick Man can be linked to any existing Indian tribes, a key part of validating the tribes' claim to the bones.

# Students may face penalties for cat deaths

IDAHO FALLS, (AP) — Several Skyline High School students could face criminal charges and school punishment for hanging two dead cats on Idaho Falls High School's marquee.

City Police Detective John Huston declined to say how many students were involved but added they admitted hanging the dead cats as an Emotion Bowl prank.

A custodian discovered the cats around 2 a.m. Thursday. Police said the cats, one orange and the other black, were hanging by orange baling twine.

They were removed before students arrived at school, and investigators spent all day Thursday talking to teen-agers at both schools. The suspects claim they found the cats dead on the road.

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# Thai wheat contamination may not have PNW origin

SPokane, Wash. (AP) — A scientist says Thai officials say contaminated genetically modified wheat may not have come from the Pacific Northwest after all, a wheat industry spokeswoman said.

The region's wheat growers are accused of releasing a number of test samples that contained genetically modified wheat, not intended for commercial sale, to a wheat steppage from Portland, Ore.

Dave Forsythe, spokesman for the U.S. Wheat Associates, an industry export market development organization, said initial reports claimed that the contaminated grain came from a test plot in Washington, Oregon or Idaho.

But "from what the Thais told us, that wheat would not have been grown in the Pacific Northwest," Forsythe said Friday. She would not say where the genetic material might have come from.

Genetically modified wheat, called transgenic wheat, has not been approved for commercial sale, and seeds from the plants are supposed to be destroyed after field trials. Transgenic wheat is grown by private companies and university researchers in small test plots across the region.

The Thai government is sending the suspect shipment back to the United States, Forsythe said. Researchers at the University of Idaho will try to duplicate the Thai test results and then determine where the DNA contamination came from, she said.

The genetic modification technology has met relatively little resistance in the United States, but it is a major concern in the European Union. Thailand tested the wheat because it uses the grain to make products for countries in the European Union, Forsythe said.

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# Nampa shows high exhaust fume levels

**BOISE (AP)** - Concentrations of carbon monoxide now are higher in Nampa than in the capital city, making air pollution a regional problem.

The state's Division of Environmental Quality has found higher levels of the odorless, colorless gas from car exhaust in Nampa than were detected in Ada County. In neither area do pollution levels exceed federal health standards.

"It underscores the need to address air quality issues in a holistic fashion rather than

piecemeal," said Steve West, division regional director.

That is prompting Canyon County officials to consider some of the same programs Ada County has used successfully to reduce levels of carbon monoxide, like vehicle emissions testing, burning bans and dust control.

"I think if the public is educated and understands, they'll support it," said Nampa Mayor Maxine Horn.

Northern Ada County already is designated a "non-attainment area" for carbon monoxide

by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. That carries with it limits on new sources of the gas.

Corporations that want to expand or relocate to Ada County are prohibited. Companies who might move to Kuna or Canyon County face none of these restrictions yet.

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# Judge hears monument argument

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - The attorney for an alternative religion that wants to place its marker near Ogden's Ten Commandments monument said the city's monument would only violate the separation of church and state if the city's does.

U.S. District Judge Bruce Jenkins heard arguments Friday in Sumnum's lawsuit against Ogden.

Sumnum attorney Brian Bernard argued the city created a public forum when it allowed a local fraternal order to erect the Ten Commandments monument in the lawn of the Ogden City-Boyer County Municipal

Building, and should be required to allow Sumnum to participate with its own monument.

Jenkins asked Bernard if that would violate constitutional principals of separation of church and state.

Bernard struggled to answer, but under repeated questioning finally said it would depend on whether the Ten Commandments monument is allowed. He said if it is, then Sumnum's marker with its "seven aphorisms" should be allowed as well. If the Ten Commandments are unconstitutional, he said, then so is Sumnum's monument.

Jenkins also asked Bernard to recite Sumnum's seven aphorisms.

"I'm trying to ascertain whether this is a philosophical group that likes to get together, or whether it's some kind of traditional religious group," Jenkins said.

Attorney Richard Van Wagener, who represents Ogden, argued that the Ten Commandments are cultural and historical tenets that helped form the city's moral base. He compared the monument to other religious expressions on government-produced coins and in court invocations, and said it constitutes public speech.

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# Study shows 111 state-owned buildings need repairs

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** - Utah officials surveying state-owned buildings have found that 111 out of the 195 reviewed so far, are in need of repairs. Some need light work, others require major upgrades for earthquake safety.

Matthew Mueller of the state Division of Facilities Construction

and Management (DFCM) said.

Mueller told the Utah Seismic Safety Commission Friday that he did not know how much it would cost to repair them. But his division is expecting the Legislature to appropriate roughly \$35 million for building improvements.

Some of that money would go

toward fixing the 111 buildings, but DFCM assistant director Bob Wood said that would cover only a fraction of the needed work.

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# Policeman accused of having sex with a minor quits department

**BOISE** - An officer accused of having sex with a teen-age girl while on duty has resigned from the police department.

A grand jury this month indicted Randall Russell Hayes, 32, on two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor. He is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday before 4th District Judge Ronald Sullivan.

Hayes is accused of having intercourse with a 15-year-old girl while he was on patrol last Nov. 14. He was arrested and suspended from the department with pay last month after the girl came forward with the complaint.

Hayes' attorney, Mark Muenzler, declined comment Friday on Hayes' resignation, which officials said was submitted in Wednesday.

The Boise Police Department is conducting an internal investigation. The probe will continue, but Hayes no longer is required to answer any questions for it.

# Man with foot fetish arrested for propositioning girls

**GREAT FALLS, Montana** - A man suspected of targeting girls and making inappropriate propositions involving feet is expected to appear in court on Monday.

Jose Thomas Cowan, 22, was arrested Friday. He faces four charges of misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He also faces possible charges in Helena, said Great Falls Police Sgt. David Smith.

Police launched an investigation after getting at least four reports in recent weeks of a man who was asking girls to remove their shoes or socks. In some cases, he offered them money to comply. Each of the cases was near a school, police said.

Police stopped Cowan near Burns Gibson Middle School Friday because his car fit the description at all of the complaints.

Cowan allegedly admitted to the four incidents, Smith said.

## West in brief

Helena police are investigating similar reports, McDermott said.

Cowan was in the Cascade County regional jail in lieu of a \$2,000 bond.

## Teen accused of stabbing newborn to be charged

**GREELEY, Colorado (AP)** - A high school cheerleader accused of stabbing her newborn baby is waiting to hear what charges will be brought against her.

A court hearing for the 18-year-old was postponed Friday, but prosecutors asked for a delay. It has been rescheduled for October 29.

Sarah Renee Vasquez, captain of last year's Greeley West High School cheerleading squad was arrested two weeks ago after her baby was found in a toilet with 27 stab wounds from a pair of household scissors.

She was booked into the Weld County Jail on suspicion of second-degree murder and child abuse resulting in death. She was later released on a personal recognizance bond.

## Security squadron deployed for war exercise

**BOISE (AP)** - Thirty-four members of the Idaho Air National Guard's security forces squadron have been deployed for three weeks of duty at Osan Air Force Base in South Korea.

The squadron, which left Friday, will participate in an annual exercise testing war capabilities that involves all branches of the U.S. military. South Korean forces also will participate in the exercise called "Frog Leap."

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# WAGON TRAIL INTO THE PAST

Mom, kids trace 2,350-mile route

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Once Boss Mama and her clan decided to dispack 2,350 miles by wagon train, they weren't going to let a little thing like the elephant stop them.

"When the early pioneers crossed the Plains and they ran into something too big for them to confront, they'd say, 'I have seen the elephant.' They'd turn around and go back home," said DuLane St. John, The Heber City woman acquired the nickname "Boss Mama" driving the lead wagon on a trek this spring and summer from Atchison, Kan., to Sacramento, Calif.

Since son Del, 13, and daughter Heather, 12, joined St. John as three of the "Magnificent Seven" going all the way on America's Gold Rush Wagon Train, she figures they learned a lot about handling challenges.

"I don't think there will be any elephant big enough to turn them around anywhere in life," said St. John, a Washoe County Hospital nurse. "I think that was one of the main benefits of doing this."

Getting up every morning at 4:30 a.m., feeding and harnessing mules by moonlight, then leading 5,000 pounds of animal, wood and steel down the road tends to test a person.

So does pushing through plains, mountains and deserts, experiencing temperatures from 32 to 108 degrees, snow, hail, rain, lightning storms and 35-60 mph winds that broke the bows on some wagons.

Some folks bend. Some break. Some grow stronger under such conditions.

The St. Johns showed they were made of stern Conestoga stuff.

"I saw a boy turn into a man in Del," said Russ Leger of Plainsmouth, Neb., the proprietor of Old West Trails, and organizer and trail boss for the Gold Rush Wagon Train. "He was 14 when he started, never been on a mule team. But he ended up driving one all by himself most of the way across the country."



From left to right, DuLane, Heather and Del St. John stand in front of the team they camped in during their 2,350-mile wagon trail trip. The family traveled from Atchison, Kansas, to Sacramento, Calif.

"Heather was our tough little angel, flitting around doing everything: outriding one day, helping drive a team the next, pitching in and setting up camp for anyone and everyone."

As for Boss Mama, Leger said she earned that nickname.

"The best thing I can say about DuLane is, you could set her down in any century and she would do just fine. She is that rare combination of strength and know-how and willingness to help

anybody and the absolutely will not be defeated in anything she does."

Those are attributes as handy for the trail today as they were for original pioneers.

"Sometimes, I think it might be tougher today, knowing modern comforts and conveniences are available anytime you want to leave the train and still choosing not to accept them," Leger said.

What possessed the younger St. Johns to venture into an MTV-

and X-rated world?

"The first thing I wanted to be involved in was riding and I did it in the Great Smoky Mountains National Monument. But when my parents learned of my interest, they learned to ride on the grand parents' horse farm. The more you ride, the more you love it," said Heather.

And Heather's interest in riding continues the tradition.

"At one time, I had the front two straight and the back two of the cracked. Then the front two would weave all over the road," she said. "My parents let me get all the cracks out of them."

"It takes patience. I asked that you couldn't hand it to me to get someone else to do it for you."

For Heather, a Washoe Middle School sixth grader, the hard part of the journey was the pace, or who woke the group at 4:30 each morning.

"He's called King Richard because he always gets his way if you don't move, he'll keep crowing 'til you do or come and peck you on the ground," Heather said.

# Federal government eyes buying coal leases in national monument

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush seeks a multi-billion-dollar deal to sell coal leases in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. But some lawmakers say it is after three years of negotiations the sale of a compromise is the only way forward.

The U.S. Department of Interior has agreed to sell 10,000 acres of coal leases in the monument. The agency made a \$1.4-billion deal for coal to coal leases owned by Nevada. Some coal leases had been

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WORLD

# South Africa tries to heal wounds of violence

THOKOZA, South Africa (AP) — President Thabo Mbeki and a rival party leader, whose followers slaughtered each other in the worst black-on-black political violence in South Africa, honored the dead Saturday and pledged to prevent it from happening ever again.

Our being here together on this occasion marks one of the most important moments of South African history," Inkatha Freedom Party leader

Mangosuthu Buthelezi told thousands of people at a soccer field. "It is a moment long overdue."

In the run-up to South Africa's first all-race elections in 1994, Kumalo Street, the main thoroughfare in the black township of Thokoza near Johannesburg, was a front line in an unrelenting war between the IFP and the African National Congress. Hundreds of men, women and children died.

On Saturday, people lined

Kumalo Street, laughing and waving as Buthelezi and Mbeki, of the ruling ANC, drove past. A school marching band led the way.

The two men unveiled a black granite memorial inscribed with the names of 688 people who died in Thokoza — a Zulu word meaning Place of Joy — in four years of fighting. Hundreds more died in the clashes, their names now lost.

Much of the fighting was hand-

to-hand, with knives and clubs. Apartheid security forces, seeking to undermine the ANC, which led the struggle against white rule and seemed poised to win the elections, secretly gave guns to IFP followers.

Thousands more died elsewhere in fighting between ANC and IFP supporters, mostly in eastern KwaZulu-Natal province.

Buthelezi referred to it as "one of the darkest chapters" in South African history.

# Taliban rejects U.N. ultimatum, refuses to hand over bin Laden

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's Taliban leaders rejected a U.N. ultimatum to surrender suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden and castigated the world body on Saturday for threatening sanctions.

"We will never give up Osama at any price," the Taliban's Foreign Minister Mullah Mohammed Hassan Akhund said.

The U.N. Security Council on

Friday decided to impose limited economic sanctions on the Taliban if it does not hand bin Laden over by Nov. 14.

The resolution demands the militia deliver bin Laden for trial in the United States or another able country on charges he masterminded the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, which killed 224 people.



A Pakistan soldier guards a road near the Governor's House in Peshawar, west of Islamabad, Saturday.

## Pakistan army chief cuts speech

Officers begin hunt for looted wealth

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistani army officers combed bank records and questioned travelers at airports Saturday after the new military regime made economic revival and the hunt for looted wealth its top priorities.

The search for illicit assets was the first act of the regime, which ousted the elected government Tuesday, announced emergency rule and proclaimed army chief Pervez Musharraf as the supreme leader.

Musharraf canceled a promised television address Saturday that was expected to outline an interim government. His spokesman did not say when the speech would be rescheduled.

In the city of Lahore on Saturday, police raided a sugar factory owned by the family of ousted prime minister Nawaz Sharif and hauled away boxes of documents and checks.

The military sent out orders Friday freezing hundreds of bank accounts owned by politicians.

"We are happy with the effort to recover the nation's looted wealth, but in return we hope that there will be real accountability and not just an eyewash," said Sarfaraz Shahid, manager of an Allied Bank branch in the northeastern city of Lahore.

In a meeting of his senior officers, Musharraf said "economic revival, accountability and ensuring national integration" topped his agenda.

On Friday, U.S. Ambassador William Milam delivered to Musharraf a message from President Clinton that the United States wants to see a rapid return to civilian rule, an embassy spokesman said.

In Washington, White House press secretary Joe Lockhart said Milam failed to win a commitment for an early restoration of civilian rule. He admitted the United States had little leverage over Pakistan, which is already under sanctions imposed last year after Islamabad tested a nuclear bomb.

The 15-nation European Union, meanwhile, threatened to halt aid to Pakistan unless it produces a plan to restore democracy by Nov. 15. The United States has said it will impose new sanctions.

Pakistanis are wary of the military, which has ruled the country for 25 of its 52-year history, but they have generally welcomed the ouster of an unpopular prime minister and his corrupt administration.

Several of the nation's banks, uniformed officers sat alongside bank officials scouring mounds of records. Among the accounts frozen were those of Sharif and his family, and his predecessor Benazir Bhutto.

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I'm coming back for them.

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*—Ricks College volleyball coach John Reeve, after the Vikings' loss assured them a return trip to Twin Falls to face the Golden Eagles in the regional tournament.*

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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### IN BRIEF

#### Steelheads lose season opener

BOISE — Stephen St. Amour and Mark Stitt each scored a pair of goals and Bob Quinnell had two assists to rally San Diego to a 7-5 win over Idaho Friday in the West Coast Hockey League opener for both teams.

The Gulls scored the final four goals of the game after leading 5-3 at 11:45 in the second period.

Idaho led at 2:21 in the first period on a one-timer by defenseman Rob Dumais, and followed it up with another goal six minutes later from Todd Robinson. Robinson later scored to make Idaho ahead 3-1, and Marc Genest and Jeff Perruc added the Steelheads' other goals.

The teams were to play again late Saturday night.

#### BYU wins Fresno golf tournament

FRESNO, Calif. — The Brigham Young University golf squad won the 16-team Fresno Lexus Golf Classic Saturday at the 72-hole, 6,481-yard course at Belmont Country Club.

The Cougars shot a three-round 1,034, besting Fresno State University by 19 strokes. San Diego State University placed third at 1,073.

Arkansas' Craig Lile won another event in Eugene on Sept. 20, one stroke ahead of BYU's Andy Miller and Manuel Merizalde.

Idaho placed 15th at L124, as Ryan Beuzel led the Vandals at 1-under par 215. Other Idaho golfers included Travis Inlow (223), Ron Daack (225), Mychal Gordon (231), Taylor Corjan (233) and Doug McClure (239).

#### Idaho women's soccer falls to North Texas

MOSCOW — North Texas' Gina Turner broke a 2-2 tie with only five minutes remaining to lead the Lady Eagles past the University of Idaho 3-2 in Big West Conference women's soccer Friday at Wicks Field.

The loss dropped Idaho's record to 1-5 in the conference, 7-7-1 overall. The Lady Eagles lead the Big West at 5-1-1, and are 9-4-1 overall.

Vandal Megan Cummings gave Idaho the lead off an assist from Andy King at the 21-minute mark, but North Texas responded less than five minutes later with a goal by Michelle Brophy. Both teams traded goals with UT's Sara Best tying it again at 2:22 in the 73rd minute until the women's heroics won it for the Lady Eagles.

Idaho travels to Utah State today for a 3 p.m. match.

#### Vandal hoops teams begin practice today

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho men's and women's basketball teams launch their 1999-2000 seasons today. The men, who finished 16-11 last year, meet for their first two-day training at the Kibbie Dome with the women coming off a 16-12 mark — their best showing in 10 seasons — are slated to work out from noon to 3 p.m. at Memorial Gym.

# CSI blows out Ricks in three games

## Eagles lock up homecourt for regional

By Kevin Hall  
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the fifth showdown of the season Saturday between the College of Southern Idaho and Ricks College, the six-time national champions once again showed their longtime rival that the boss is definitely back. And this time, it wasn't even close.

In their final regular season home match in front of a packed house, the Golden Eagles (10-0 Scenic West, 36-1 overall) overwhelmed the Lady Vikings 15-3, 15-1, 15-1, sweeping the series and assuring they will host the SWAC Northern Division regional Nov. 13.

The win was also an important momentum builder going into next weekend's road trip to Salt Lake Community College and Utah Valley State College, against the three-ranked Bruins and eighth-ranked Wolverines.

"We played hard, our defense kept the ball up and we worked off transition," said CSI coach Steve Farnsworth. "It was a good win heading into next weekend."

Following Friday night's lethargic outing against North Idaho College, where the Golden Eagles committed a season-high 26 hitting errors and were outblocked 13-5 by the Cardinals, the black-and-white team returned to form Saturday.

As a team, CSI hit .615 for the match, committing only four errors while dishing up a torrid 10 four-aces and outblocking the Lady Vikings 8-2. Senior Stephanie Martin led the Golden Eagles with a 71.4 average on 10-14 hitting.

"I just knew from my game out (against) that I had to come out and play hard," Martin said. "And so I did."

Martin, who was benched for Kara Erickson in Game 1, grabbed the early momentum in



College of Southern Idaho volleyball player Foster (5) is congratulated by teammates Roberta Robert, left, Stephanie Martin and Carmen Small after scoring a service ace against Ricks College Saturday.

action with vengeance against Ricks.

Along with her outstanding hitting attack, the 6-foot-4-inch middle blocker also stuffed four shots and served three aces.

Stroud said it was one of the most dominating team performances he'd witnessed all season.

"We were ready to play, we got a lot of people involved in our offense and we just crushed the ball," he said. "We just played really, really well."

After Martin, setter and outside hitter Fabiani de Abreu contributed nine kills while Friday's star Anna Popenko smashed six kills and made nine digs.

"We were just disappointed with the way we played (Friday), and we wanted to come out with intensity," said CSI setter Holly Foster.

"That they did. Although Ricks grabbed the early momentum in

Game 1, the Golden Eagles soon controlled the match with their crisp passes, booming spikes and smothering block.

Ricks (6-4, 32-11) started fast, running out to a 3-0 lead in Game 1 off a Foster net violation before CSI battled back to even the score at 3-3 off a Martin solo block of Danika Hoyt. The big stuff seemed to stoke the fire underneath the team, as it soon picked up the tempo and ran away from Ricks 15-3.

After her team's hot start, Ricks coach John Reeve said it was unsettling to see the Lady Vikings crumble.

"We just played less than we could," Reeve said. "The Golden Eagles kicked it into overdrive for Game 2 as Ricks gave up point after point on its attack by hitting the ball out-of-bounds and into the net.

For the match, the Lady Vikings hit 21 errors. After two service winners by Carmen Small made it 6-1 CSI, an exchange of side-outs saw Golden Eagle Brooke Please see CSI, Page C3

## Murtaugh, Castleford advance to Southside conference final

By Jeff Rosen  
 Times-News writer

HANSEN — State volleyball hopes are alive and well in Murtaugh and Castleford today, but qualifying for the big show remains a challenge for the rest of the Magic Valley Conference.

The top-seeded Red Devils (9-1) and upstart Wolves (6-4) won out at the A-4 Southside Sub-District Tournament Saturday night, and will vie for the conference title Monday at 8 p.m.

The Red Devils remain the only conference team to have beaten Murtaugh this season. Raft River, Hagerman and Oakley must now battle back through the losers' bracket to earn a shot at continuing through the postseason.

Three teams from the Magic Valley Conference meet the top

three schools from the Sawtooth Conference Thursday for the district tournament in Hansen. From there, the top three schools advance to the Class A-4 state tournament.

Winning didn't come easy to Murtaugh or Castleford Saturday, but it keeps them from entering the fray to decide the remaining spot to districts.

"It's not a relief," said Murtaugh senior Kimberly Kidd. "It just gives us more to strive for — going to districts at the top seed."

#### Oakley def. Raft River 15-12, 15-6

The Hornets were the shorter of the two teams by far, so they went to what became an effective tactic: Surrender the front line to the Please see SOUTHSIDE, Page C3

## Red Sox crush Yankees

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Pedro Martinez and the Boston Red Sox turned the most anticipated pitching matchup ever at Fenway Park into a historic trashing of the New York Yankees.

Martinez dominated for seven shutout innings while the Red Sox roughed up Roger Clemens in sending the Yankees to their most lopsided loss in postseason history, 13-1 Saturday in Game 3 of the AL Championship Series.

"You never let up against the Yankees," Red Sox manager Jimmy Williams said. "Best of two tense, one-run decisions at Yankee Stadium, Boston returned home to a delirious crowd and cut New York's edge to a 2-1 series to 2-1. "I had no doubt we would shift and have a carryover coming back here," Martinez said.

"I didn't feel well at all coming out of the bullpen," he said. "I just hoped for my team to protect me."

The Red Sox ended their 10-game ALCS losing streak and their fans reveled, chanting "Where is Roger?" New York had its postseason winning streak stopped at 12, tying its own record by the Murderers' Row teams of 1927, 1928 and 1932.

Game 4 will be tonight with Boston leading the series against New York's Andy Pettitte. Martinez set a Red Sox postseason record by striking out 12 and allowed just two singles. Baseball's top pitcher in 1999, a nearly replicated effort at New



Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez delivers a pitch during Game 3 of the American League Championship Series Saturday in Boston. The Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 13-1.

York on Sept. 10 when he struck out a record 17 Yankees in a one-hitter.

"He's an artist out there," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He has a baseball instead of a paintbrush."

Rather than "Cy Old vs. Cy Young" — as the bumper stickers billed it — the only duel that developed was between the Boston batters, seeing which one could connect the best against Clemens and the Yankees.

The Red Sox finished with an ALCS-record 21 hits, 10 for extra bases. John Valentin homered and drove in five runs, and Nomar Garciaparra and Brian Daubach also homered. Garciaparra went 4-for-5 with a Please see ALCS, Page C3

## Mets finally rock Braves, stay alive

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Mets saved their season with another dramatic finish and finally silenced John Rocker.

John Olerud hit a two-out, two-run single off Rocker in the eighth inning and the Mets avoided a sweep in the NL Championship Series with a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Saturday night.

The Braves still lead 3-1 in the best-of-7 series, with Game 5 set for Sunday afternoon at Shea Stadium. It will have a hard time topping this one.

"We really wanted to win that game tonight," Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said. "We were four outs away from doing it."

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with a solo homer in the sixth.

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New York Mets first baseman John Olerud connects for a solo home run during the sixth inning of the Mets' 3-2 win over the Atlanta Braves in Game 3 of the National League Championship Series Saturday in New York.

York fans with his inflammatory comments and kept up the trash talking before the game, boasting that he would be immersed in champagne at the end of Game 4.

While Rocker charged toward the mound, one fan threw a baseball and another launched a cup of beer. Both missed the mark, but the Mets didn't.

Barely paying attention to the runners, Rocker allowed them to pull off a double steal. Then, on a 2-2 pitch, Olerud hit a high chopper up the middle.

Rocker leaped for it but had no chance. Ozzie Guillen, who had just entered the game for Walt Weis in a double-switch, got his glove on the ball but couldn't hold on, and it rolled into short center field while both runners scored. Rocker stood near the mound, with the fourth straight time in the series. He had infuriated New

stops catch that ball," Cox said. "It ends up the same way."

Olerud was 0-for-9 with five strikeouts against Rocker in his career, fanning in both at-bats, during the first two games.

"Well, Rocker, he's been awfully tough on us," Olerud said. "I got a good pitch to hit on the first pitch three outs and a save, something Rocker couldn't do. The Mets have made a habit of rallying from the dead in recent weeks. They were two games behind wild-card leader Please see NLCS, Page C3

SPORTS

Bruins blank Burley

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

BURLEY — Coming off a 16 day, gameloss respite, the Bruins gave soccer fans a treat to the field for the first time since September, squaring off against a banged-up Twin Falls team Saturday at Burley.

Even with the added spring in their steps, however, the Bobcats failed to find the net and fell to the Bruins 2-0. "I think we played well," said Twin Falls head coach Steve Schmid, whose team shut out the Bruins for the second time this season. "But I have got to hand it to Burley. I think Burley is a much-improved team. We beat them 3-0 the first time and I thought they gave us a much better game this time."

Burley head coach Don Pringle agreed with Schmid's assessment of his players. "They gave (Twin) a good game today. They played hard," Pringle said. "I'm proud of the girls."

Playing even with Burley in the early going, Twin Falls got on the board in the 18th minute when junior Rachel Welch knocked in a rebound from a Doree Boldt's shot.

Defensively, the Bruins' leading scorer last season, played Saturday for the first time since suffering a elbow earlier in the season.

"She was still a little bit gassy," Schmid said, "but I think she contributed. Her goal gave the Bruins a 2-0 lead."



Twin Falls' Jennifer Andrews, right, goes for the ball against Burley's Maricela Rios during Saturday's girls' soccer game at Burley. The Bruins downed the Bobcats 2-0.

1-0 advantage going into half-time. Perhaps two of Burley's best scoring opportunities in the game, however, came just before the break.

In the 35th minute, a Robyn Lyons free kick in front of the Bruins' goal ricocheted off the Twin Falls wall. Four minutes later, Mollie Stoddard just missed on another hard, close-range shot.

When play resumed in the second half, both teams began tackling more frequently and showing more aggression. In the 56th minute, Bruins senior Megan Delamore took a pass from Kristen Patterson and blasted it past the Burley keeper from point-blank range to give Twin Falls a 2-0 lead.

Delmore's goal accounted for the final score, but the physical play continued.

"I thought we were overdoing it a little bit on physical play," Schmid said. "I want them to play physical, but you've got to find a happy medium (Burley) almost got a penalty kick down here because of our (play)."

While the physical play never got out of hand, Pringle acknowledged the increased intensity in the second half. "In part, it's because the girls are new," Pringle said. "We encourage them to be aggressive, but never to the point of someone getting hurt."

Both team's played scoreless soccer for the game's final 24 minutes. In recording the

shutout, the Bruins got a strong defensive effort from sleeper Eleanor Jones and goalie Lily Morse.

Twin Falls, now 4-1 in district play, takes on first-place Wood River next week, while Burley, now 3-6-1 overall, hosts Minico Tuesday.

"I think we still need to work on ball control and passing," Schmid said. "The only way we're going to beat Wood River is if we can control the ball a little better because they're a good ball control team and they have an excellent defense."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bengals tie Grizzlies in Big Sky soccer

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University soccer team battled to a 1-1 double-overtime tie with heavily-favored Montana Saturday in Big Sky women's soccer.

Montana took the lead in the 50th minute on a goal by Heather Olsen. Brooke Pollard scored her team-high sixth goal of the season on Ashley May's team-record eighth career assist to tie it for Idaho.

The Bengals improved to 6-7-2 and 1-1-1 in conference, while Montana sits at 7-5-1 and 2-0-1. ISU plays at home Friday against Sacramento State and Sunday against Portland State.

Idaho doubles duo falls in hardcourts

AUSTIN, Texas — The University of Idaho men's tennis doubles tandem of senior Darin Curral and junior Amod Wakaluk advanced to the quarterfinals of the Reebok ITA National Championships Thursday but fell to Stanford's Geoff Abrams and Alex Kim 6-4, 6-3 in Friday's round.

Curral, of Sydney, Australia, and Wakaluk, of Pune, India, defeated South Carolina's Olat Ajekson and Guillaume Legat 5-7 (8-6), 6-3, 6-1 to reach the semifinals.

The Vandal pair, ranked No. 42 in the nation, were the second Idaho team to advance to the Final 16 in three years. Curral and Amod Williams accomplished the feat in 1997.

Jerome Ladies announce awards, officers

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Ladies Golf Association held its Fall Banquet Wednesday, announcing new officers and recognizing several golfers for their achievements through the year.

Shauna Roberson received the club champion trophy, and several women took home Goller of the Year trophies. Noting these honors were: Ann Thomason, first gross; Norma Jensen, first net; Ardith Morgan, second gross; Sharon Robinette, second net; Shirley Ridgway, third gross, and June Reed, third net. Most honored Goller went to Jenni Roberson.

Ridgway was also named new president, with Reed stepping into the role of vice president. New secretary is Helen Likely, new treasurer is Leona Watson and the new board of directors is Carol Town, Shirley Black and outgoing president Louise McBride.

Bengals drop rematch with Northern Arizona

POCATELLO — The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks held Idaho State University to minus-650 hitting in a 15-8, 15-13 sweep of the Bengals in Saturday's Big Sky volleyball match.

Kadie Leonhardt led ISU with five kills and Melissa Lucas had seven digs. The Lumberjacks got eight kills from Maggie Barrera and Chelsea Robb, the latter of whom also had 10 digs to tie for the team lead.

ISU (9-11, 3-7) host Boise State Monday at Reed Gym. The Bengals beat the Broncos Sept. 7 in Boise to even the all-time series between the two clubs at 24.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Wandals beat Indians in overtime 30-24

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Greg Robertson threw three touchdowns on Saturday, including one in overtime that provided the winning margin in a 30-24 Big West Conference triumph over Idaho.

Idaho (4-2, 2-0 BWC) never trailed, but the game was tied at 14 in the second quarter and at 14-14 at the end of regulation time. The contest was decidedly different from last year's meeting of the two teams, won 32-14 by Idaho.

Arkansas State (1-6, 0-2) allowed the Vandals to take a 14-0 lead in the first period on Robertson scoring three to Mike Reed on a 4-yard run, and to Shaun James on a play that went 53 yards.

But the Indians came back to tie the game in the second period when Robert Bell ran a punt back 75 yards for a touchdown, and Scott Mitchell picked up a fumble and made it to the end zone 24 yards out.

Idaho took a 17-14 lead into the locker room at the half after Ben Davis kicked a 23-yard field goal at the end of the first.

At the third quarter, the two teams traded TDs. Idaho's Anthony Tenille scored on a 31-yard run, while Lamar Zachery nailed a pass from Andy Schuler and went 63 yards for an ASU score.

ASU's Nick Garza tied the game with a 23-yard field goal early in the final period. Robertson hit RBerg again in the end zone in overtime, from 2 yards out, to get the victory.

Idaho's Tenille and ASU's Zachery each rushed for 107

Idaho college football

yards, Tenner on 35 carries. Zachery amassed his yardage on 20 carries.

Robertson finished with 293 yards passing, completing 23 of 36 attempts and throwing one interception. ASU used three quarterbacks — Cleo Lemon, Zachery and Andy Schuler — who threw for 562 yards altogether, completing 13 of 27 throws with one interception, thrown by Lemon.

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down less than a minute into the game to lead North Texas to a 17-10 win over Boise State in the Big West on Saturday.

North Texas (2-4, 1-1) needed just 50 seconds to score on a 1-yard drive by Wilburn after defensive back Heath Moody intercepted a Bart Hendricks pass on the second play of the game. Broncos' receiver Jeb Paterson tipped the ball and Moody returned it 23 yards to the Boise State 1-yard line.

North Texas had the first sustained drive of the game late in the third quarter, marching 79 yards in 11 plays. Broderick McGrew capped it with a leaping 21-yard touchdown reception from Richard Bridges with 6 seconds left to put the Mean Green up 17-3.

Boise State (4-3, 0-1) had just 26 yards in the third quarter but started moving the ball in the fourth.

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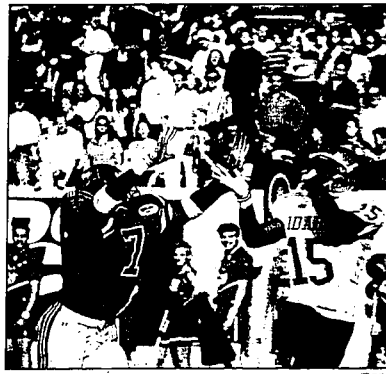
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SPORTS

Bruins blank Burley

By Matt Peterson Times-News writer

BURLEY — Coming off a 16 day, gameless respite, the Burley girls' soccer team took to the field for the first time since September, squaring off against a banged-up Twin Falls team Saturday at Burley.

Even with the added spring in their steps, however, the Bobcats failed to find the net and fell to the Bruins 2-0. "I think we played well," said Twin Falls head coach Steve Schmidt, whose team shut out the Bobcats for the second time this season. "But I have got to hand it to Burley. I think Burley is a much-improved team. We beat them 3-0 the first time and I thought they gave us a much better game this time."

Burley head coach Don Pringle agreed with Schmidt's assessment of his players. "They gave (Twin) a good game," he said. "They played hard," Pringle said. "I'm proud of the girls."

Playing even with Burley in the game going, Twin Falls got on the board in the 18th minute when junior Rachel Welch knocked in a rebound from a DeBodis' shot.

Dodds, the Bruins' leading scorer last season, played Saturday for the first time since fracturing a fibula earlier in the season. "She was still a little bit gimpy," Schmidt said, "but I think she contributed."

Welch's goal gave the Bruins a



Twin Falls' Jennifer Andrews, right, goes for the ball against Burley's Maricela Rios during Saturday's girls' soccer game at Burley. The Bruins downed the Bobcats 2-0.

1-0 advantage going into half-time. Perhaps two of Burley's best scoring opportunities in the game, however, came just before the break.

In the 35th minute, a Robyn Lyons free kick in front of the Bruins' goal ricocheted off the Twin Falls' wall. Four minutes later, Mollie Stoddard just missed on another hard, close-range shot.

When play resumed in the second half, both teams began tackling more frequently and showing more aggression. In the 56th minute, Bruins senior Megan DeMoro took a pass from Kristen Patterson and blasted it past the Burley keeper from point-blank range to give Twin Falls a 2-0 lead.

DeMoro's goal accounted for the final score, but the physical play continued.

"I thought we were overdoing it a little bit on physical play," Schmidt said. "I want them to find a happy medium. (Burley) almost got a penalty kick down here because of our play."

While the physical play never got out of hand, Pringle acknowledged the increased intensity in the second half. "In part, it's because the girls are new," Pringle said. "We encourage them to be aggressive, but never to the point of someone getting hurt."

Both teams played scoreless soccer for the game's final 24 minutes. In recording the

shutout, the Bruins gave a strong defensive effort from sweeper Eleanor Jones and goalie Lilly Morse.

Twin Falls, now 4-1 in district play, takes on first-place Wood River next week, while Burley, now 3-6-1 overall, hosts Minico Tuesday.

"I think we still need to work on ball control and passing," Schmidt said.

"The only way we're going to beat Wood River is if we can control the ball a little better because they're a good ball control team and they have an excellent defense."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Bengals tie Grizzlies in Big Sky soccer

POCATELLO — The Idaho State University soccer team battled to a 1-1 double-overtime tie with heavily-favored Montana, Saturday in Big Sky women's soccer.

Montana took the lead in the 56th minute on a goal by Heather Olsen. Brooke Pollard scored her team-high sixth goal of the season on Ashley May's team-record eighth career assist to tie it for Idaho.

The Bengals improved to 6-7-2 and 1-1-1 in conference, while Montana sits at 7-5-1 and 2-0-1. ISU plays at home Friday against Sacramento State and Sunday against Portland State.

Idaho doubles duo falls in hardcourts

AUSTIN, Texas — The University of Idaho men's tennis doubles advanced to senior Darin Currall and junior Amud Wakalkar advanced to the quarterfinals of the Reebok ITA National Hardcourts Thursday but fell to Stanford's Geoff Abrams and Alex Kim 6-4, 6-3 in Friday's round.

Currall, of Sydney, Australia, and Wakalkar, of Pune, India, defeated South Carolina's Olof Akesson and Guillaume Legat 6-7 (8), 6-3 to reach the semifinals.

The tandem pair, ranked No. 42 in the nation, were the second Idaho team to advance to the Final 16 in three years. Currall and Danny Willman accomplished the feat in 1997.

Jerome Ladies announce awards, officers

JEROME — The Jerome Country Club Ladies Golf Association held its Fall Banquet Wednesday, announcing new officers and recognizing several golfers for their achievements through the year.

Sauna Robinson received the club champion trophy, and several women took home Goller of the Year trophies. Noting those honors were: Ann Thomason, first gross; Norma Jensen, first net; Ardith Morgan, second gross; Sharon Robinette, second net; Shirley Ridway, third gross, and June Reed, third net. Most Improved Golfer went to Jenni Robinson.

Ridway was also named new president, with Reed stepping into the role of vice president. New secretary is Helen Likely, new treasurer is Leona Watson and the new board of directors is Carol Town, Shirley Black and outgoing president Louise McBride.

Bengals drop rematch with Northern Arizona

POCATELLO — The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks held Idaho State University to minus-050 hitting in a 15-8, 15-11 sweep of the Bengals in Saturday's Big Sky volleyball match.

Kadie Leonhardt led ISU with five kills and Melissa Lucas had seven digs. The Lumberjacks got eight kills from Maggie Barrera and Chelsea Robb, the latter of whom also had 10 digs to tie for the team lead.

ISU (9-11, 3-7) host Boise State Monday at Reed Gym. The Bengals beat the Broncos Sept. 7 in Boise to even the all-time series between the two clubs at 24.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Wandals beat Indians in overtime 30-24

JONESBORO, Ark. (AP) — Greg Robertson threw three touchdown passes Saturday, including one in overtime that provided the winning margin in a 30-24 Big West Conference triumph over Arkansas State.

Idaho (4-2, 2-0 BWC) never trailed, but the game was tied at 14 in the second quarter and at 24 in the end of regulation time. The contest was decidedly different from last year's meeting of the two teams, won 52-14 by Idaho.

Arkansas State (1-6, 0-2) allowed the Vandals to take a 14-0 lead in the first period on Robertson scoring throws to Mike Rieppel from 4 yards out, and to Ethan Jones on a play that went 53 yards.

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Idaho took a 17-14 lead into the locker room at the half after Ben Dadds kicked a 23-yard field goal as time expired. In the third quarter, the two teams traded TDs. Idaho's Anthony Tenner scored on a 31-yard run, while Lamont Zachery pulled in a pass from Andy Shadley and went 63 yards for an ASU score.

ASU's Nick Garto tied the game with a 23-yard field goal early in the final period. Robertson hit Robert again in the end zone in overtime, from 2 yards out, to get the victory. Idaho's Tenner and ASU's Zachery each rushed for 107

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yards, Tenner on 18 carries, Zachery amassing his yardage on 20 rushes.

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Both teams combined for 1,109 total yards, but it was Eastern's defensive stand that sealed the win. Down 45-31 in the fourth quarter, the Idaho Bengals scored on a 37-yard pass from quarterback Kevin McCarthy to Nate Harrison with 2:39 left. It was McCarthy's fourth touchdown pass of the game. The Bengals recovered



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# Southside

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 "I thought we played as a team," Roudy said. "Oakley coach Jeff Harrah said we're the best defensive team around, and we played our game tonight."  
 The Trojans just couldn't sustain their intensity.  
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going," said Raft River coach Dennis Lee. "We need to stick it up. I think we have the talent to go to state, but it's up to the girls."  
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 With Lori Puschel serving, the Wolves ground out a 3-0 lead, then marched to 9-2 on a trio of Amy Schofield aces. The lead grew to 10-0 on several Raft River miscues before Hansen mounted a comeback.  
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Puschel started Game 2 with another ace and served the Wolves to 9-0 before Hansen was able to side out. The drive resumed to 11-0, and Hansen nearly halved the difference. Ashley McCormick served a final ace for the decision.  
 "We were pretty confident," Puschel said. "We knew we had swept them this year, but knew they'd be better too. We were just really good on our serving."  
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 The story was the same when these two met Thursday. Oakley won Game 1, then faded in losing the deciding second and third.  
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hound him, serenading him with chants of "Roger, Ro-ger" from the start.  
 Boston also liked its friendly field. The last time the Red Sox had played in their park, they set a postseason record for runs in beating Cleveland 23-7 in Game 7.  
 Trot Nixon and Garciaiparra hit doubles in the second off Clemens as Boston made it 2-0 and got Iwabuchi warming up. Bullpen coach Tony Cloninger could be seen urging Iwabuchi to hurry.  
 Stanley single into the left field corner in the third and Clemens was pulled after one pitch to Daubach, once Iwabuchi was ready.  
 Earlier, Clemens could be seen grimacing in the dugout. It was the score, rather than an injury, that seemed to be bothering him.  
 Clemens was charged with five runs, six hits and two walks in two-plus innings.  
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SPORTS

Penn State breezes past Buckeyes 23-10

The Associated Press

Top 25

Penn State still has a clear path to the national championship game, although three-ranked opponents await them over the final five games of the season.

Eric McCoo slipped tackles all day and finished with a career-high 211 yards on 22 carries, including runs of 53, 2, 24 and 22 yards, as the second-ranked Nittany Lions (7-0, 3rd Big Ten) defeated No. 18 Ohio State 23-10 Saturday.

McCoo also caught four passes for another 47 yards as the Lions won their ninth straight game — the second longest winning streak among major schools behind Marshall's 10 in a row.

"We didn't do anything different," said McCoo, a sophomore whose previous top game was a 206-yard effort against Michigan State last season. "Everybody thinks we're fooling people. We're just running off tackles."

Still remaining for Penn State, trying for its first national championship since 1956, are road games against Purdue, Illinois and Michigan State and home games with Minnesota and Michigan.

"We are far from the finish line," linebacker Brandon Stuart said. "We get Drew Brees next week, and that's what we'll be ready for."

The Nittany Lions' coach, Joe Paterno, career win No. 214, tried him for third place with Amos Alonzo Stays for most victories against major colleges, Bear Bryant has 223, and Pop Warner 319.

Paterno, in his 34th season, was more concerned with mistakes than history. The Lions were penalized 10 times for 85 yards and Kevin Thompson fumbled in the end zone to hand the Buckeyes their only TD of the game.

"We were in scoring position and then our own carelessness and the plays took us out of it," Paterno said. "There was absolutely no reason for the blocked field goals. That could have cost us the game."

The Lions had a defensive effort of the season made sure Ohio State (4-3, 1-2) and quarterback Steve Bellasari couldn't take advantage. Bellasari ran for his life as the Beaver Stadium crowd of 97,007 roared in approval. The left-hander was sacked eight times — 2.5 credited to linebacker

LaVar Arrington — and was hit 23 times by sacks and an interception.

No. 1 Florida State 33, Wake Forest 10

At Tallahassee, Fla., Chris Williams threw for a career-high 257 yards and Florida State (7-0, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) outscored its inebriated home-field streak to 45 games, including 25 consecutive ones.

The Seminoles, now 104-1-1 in the 1990s, have won the most games at a venue in NCAA history.

Florida State scored the game's first touchdown, a 47 into the third quarter when Andrew Bell caught a 26-yard pass from Williams to give the Seminoles a 10-0 lead.

The run looked up again on a 4-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of the game period.

Florida State will lead in 2001.

No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse 0

At Blacksburg, Va., Virginia Tech (6-1, 3-1 Big East) improved to 6-1 in its last nine games and its two-year homecoming run.

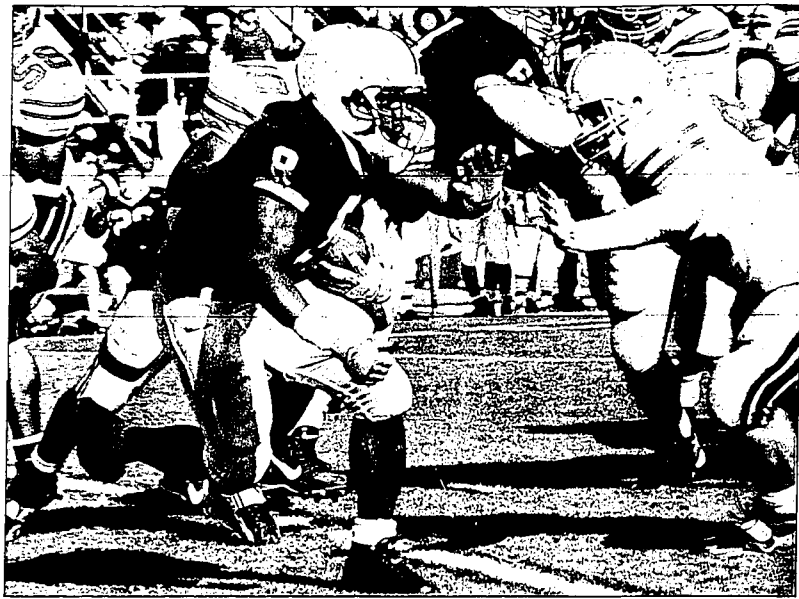
The Gramscians (5-2, 2-1), hurt by poor State passing, gained just 35 yards in total offense against the first-string Blacks defense and 231 yards for the quarter.

Virginia Tech completed 9 of 16 passes for 135 yards and one touchdown. In his last three games, Tech has completed 25 of 37 passes for 285 yards with six touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

No. 22 Purdue 52, No. 5 Michigan State 28

At West Lafayette, Ind., Drew Brees threw five touchdown passes in the first half, including three to Chris Daniels, and ran for one in the second half as Purdue (5-2, 2-1 Big Ten) topped Michigan State (3-1, 1-1) from the brink of the unbeaten.

Brees finished with a season-high 309 yards, including 40 of 37. His career run is 321, set against Wisconsin last year. Daniels, who went into the game leading the Big Ten with 37 interceptions, set



Penn State punting back Eric McCoo heads upfield against the Ohio State defense during the Nittany Lions' 23-10 win over the Buckeyes Saturday in Happy Valley. McCoo finished the day with 214 yards rushing.

Big Ten records with 301 receiving yards and 21 catches.

No. 8 Georgia Tech 38, Duke 31

At Durham, N.C., Georgia Tech followed its six-turnover effort of a week ago with a near-second-half collapse.

The Yellow Jackets (5-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) took a 21-0 lead and appeared to be cruising, only to be outscored 31-7 and trailing by three in the fourth quarter.

A short field goal and Sean Grayson's 18-yard scoring run up the middle with 2:56 left gave Georgia Tech the win and kept the Bulldogs on the heels of ACC-leading Florida State.

No. 9 Kansas State 40, Utah State 0

At Manhattan, Kan., Joe Hall,

a 300-pounder subbing for the injured David Allen, rushed for 195 yards and two touchdowns.

Hall, a junior college transfer with surprising quickness for his size, ran for 143 yards in the second half, including a 47-yard gallop after the Wildcats (6-0) had taken a 26-0 lead.

No. 11 Alabama 30, No. 22 Mississippi 24

At Oxford, Miss., Shaun Alexander ran for 214 yards and three touchdowns, his sixth straight game with at least 100 yards rushing and fifth with three touchdowns for the Crimson Tide (5-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference).

No. 13 Texas A&M 34, Kansas 17

At College Station, Texas, Randy McCown rallied 13th-

ranked Texas A&M to 21 points over a 1:50 span of the second and third quarters.

McCown took advantage of two Jayhawks mistakes, a roughly-ing-the-kicker penalty and a fumble to complete two touchdown passes and run for a third score in the 21-point surge for the Aggies (5-1, 2-1 Big 12).

No. 14 Georgia 27, Vanderbilt 17

At Nashville, Tenn., the Commodores (4-3, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) scored 17 unanswered points in the first 18 minutes and looked ready to pull off their first upset of a ranked opponent since 1992.

But Georgia (5-2, 3-1), looking hungover from its loss at Tennessee last week and playing most of the game without leading rusher Jasper Sanks, finally got going thanks to a defense that

came in as the SEC's worst.

No. 17 Wisconsin 59, Indiana 0

At Madison, Wis., Ron Dwyne ran for 167 of Wisconsin's school-record 705 yards of total offense.

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Regional scores

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Allen's 20-yard touchdown with 26:33 left gave Stanford a 14-0 lead, its first of the game. Roidy Dwyne caught a 40-yard, 21-7 pass for Oregon State on the next play, but Allen responded with his 37-yard TD run with 2:45 remaining.

Oregon State (4-2, 4-0 Pac-10) won despite four turnovers, including two fumbles by tailback Kerry Carter with yards of the Oregon State goal line. The Ducks also have won their first four conference games for the first time since 1970.

Oregon State (3-3, 0-3), trying for its first winning season since 1970, committed three turnovers — bringing its total to 14 in the last three games, all losses.

Oregon State's coach, Ken Slomotion, who entered the game third in the nation in rushing with 158 yards per game, was held to 115. He fumbled twice near the Stanford goal line, and was stopped on fourth-and-goal from the Stanford 1.

Stanford entered the game fourth in the nation in total offense and fifth in scoring efficiency with 41.4 points per game. Oregon State was fifth in offense and fourth and averaged 24.4 points per game.

Notre Dame 25, USC 24

Notre Dame (6-1, 4-1) defeated USC (5-2, 2-1) in a game that turned into a comedy of errors. The game was tied 24-24 at the end of the third quarter.

Notre Dame's offense was held to 20 yards and two touchdowns. Rex Stewart had 31 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown.

California 27, UCLA 0

Los Angeles — Freshman Kyle Butler threw a touchdown pass, Salem Muhammad ran for a score, and the California offense did the rest.

The game was the first for the Bears since freshman San Jose State beat a 2-0.

Regional college football

UCLA (3-4 overall, 1-3 Pac-10) came in averaging 31.1 points per game after averaging 39.7 last year. The Bruins had scored 20 in each of their last 31 games.

Cal (3, 2-1) snuffed a four-game losing streak against UCLA and ended the Bruins' 13-game regular-season winning streak at the Rose Bowl.

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# Furyk steps closer to Vegas repeat

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Defending champion Jim Furyk, his game steady despite gusting winds that sent scores soaring, shot a 1-under 71 Saturday to open a three-shot lead in the Las Vegas Invitational.

Furyk, who also won the tournament title in 1995 and has won just one other event in six years on the PGA Tour, pulled out of a three-way tie at the top and went to 23 under through four rounds of the five-day event.

Jonathan Kaye began the day one shot off the lead and moved into second alone with a 73 at the 7,243-yard TPC at Summerlin course.

It was two more shots back to Harrison Frazar, who struggled to a 76 as guests up to 40 mph turned club selection into a guessing game.

Bob May, who shared the third-round lead with Furyk and Frazar, had a 78 to fall seven shots behind.

Some other well-known players also had their problems. Fred Couples, in contention early in the tournament, had a

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79 and was 11 under. Justin Leonard had a 78 and was 8 under, along with Phil Mickelton, who had a 79.

### O'Meara's pains take on Montgomerie's aches

VIRGINIA WATER, England — It's Mark O'Meara's stiff neck and shoulder spasms against Colin Montgomerie's aching hip in today's World Match Play final.

In Saturday's semifinals, Montgomerie's mouth was "numb, all dead in there" in his 7 and 6 win over Ireland's Padraig Harrington.

O'Meara, walking the last few days like a one-legged pirate "carrying a parrot on his shoulder" beat Nick Price on the 36th and final hole, chipping in from 60 feet to win 1 up.

Montgomerie gets his aching tooth pulled on Monday "after being numb for nine days." He's the favorite trying to win

the event for the first time playing on a layout — the 7,006-yard West Course at Wentworth — that's just miles from his home.

O'Meara's at home here, too. He clipped in to beat Price, did the same thing from 20 feet to beat Craig Parry on the 39th hole Friday.

A year ago, he rolled in a long putt from off the green to beat Tiger Woods 1 up on the 34th hole.

And he beat Montgomerie a year ago 5 and 4 in their second-round match.

"I imagine he wants a little redemption," O'Meara said.

### Hjorth clings Tournament of Champions lead

MOBILE, Ala. — Maria Hjorth maintained her three-shot lead in the PGA Tournament of Champions despite following a record-setting 67 with an even-par 72 Saturday.

Hjorth, the last player to qualify for the tournament when she won the Safeco Classic on Sept. 19, was at 9-under 207 after

three rounds at the Magnolia Grove Crossings course.

Three strokes back are first-round leader Karrie Webb, Laura Davies, Chris Johnson and Cindy Figg-Currier.

Figg-Currier has been in second place since the first round.

Hjorth, a native of Sweden who shot a tournament and career best 67 Sunday round on Friday, was as low as 11 under at the turn after birdies on Nos. 4 and 7.

But three bogeys and only one birdie on the back nine kept her from extending her lead.

Playing together, Webb and Davies each shot a 70 and were at 210.

Figg-Currier was in the final pairing with Hjorth, and matched her 72.

Johnson moved within three shots with a 69, while Sweden's Helen Alfredsson made the biggest move with a 67 that put her at 211.

Also at 211 were Hall of Famer Pat Bradley, Michele Redman and Aiko Fukushima.



# Hings, Williams meet in final

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Top-ranked Martina Hings and second-seeded Venus Williams met in the final of the Swisscom Challenge on Saturday, eliminating a couple of old rivals to set up a showdown between the two highest-ranked women.

Hings, still looking for her first tournament win in some soil, ousted 25-year-old Frenchwoman and eighth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat, 6-2, 6-3 to reach her 10th final of the season.

Williams, who lost in last year's final to Lindsay Davenport, defeated third-seeded Mary Pierce 6-4, 6-4.

The two 18-year-old rivals have met five times this season, with Williams winning their last match in the semifinals of the Grand Slam Cup two weeks ago. The time before, Hings eliminated Williams from the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

"She's a machine, man," said Williams, said "I'm not winning her to win. I'm sure it's something she really wants."

Hings, who didn't play in Zurich in two years, says being sidelined with a strained ankle last year, but she had an edge over Williams, playing in her first

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tournament without a family member accompanying her.

"Venus doesn't have her family here and I have the advantage of having my people around me," said Hings, who won her seventh title this season in Filderstadt last week. "I've had to go through that myself in Wimbledon this year."

"It's difficult to be alone," said Hings, who reached the final in Zurich only once before, in 1996 when she lost to Jana Novotna.

"When you're in a crunch situation you have no one to rely on and you can get shaky."

### Kiefer, Rusedski reach CA Trophy finals

VIENNA, Austria — Fifth-seeded Greg Rusedski of Britain defeated unseeded Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-2, 6-4 Saturday to reach the final of the \$800,000 CA Trophy tennis tournament.

Rusedski will face Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, a 7-6 (11-9), 6-4 winner over sixth-seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek, in today's final.

Capitalizing on the nervousness of the 18-year-old Federer, making his debut in an ATP semifinal, Rusedski broke service at 3-1 in the first set and again at 1-0 in the second.

"I really didn't have to do anything spectacular. I just had to wait for him to make the mistakes," Rusedski said.

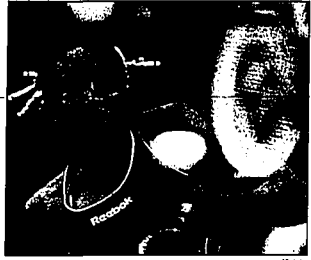
Rusedski described the Kiefer-Krajicek match as the best singles match he had seen this season. Krajicek was unable to capitalize on seven break chances and allowed the first set to fall into a tiebreak.

"I had to fight for every point in the first set, but I did know that Richard had his weaknesses in his return shots," Kiefer said.

Kiefer, who needs to be among the top eight to make the ATP World Championships in Hannover in November, picked up valuable points by making into today's final and increasing his ranking to sixth.

### Rios, Swede end youngsters hopes of reaching final

SINGAPORE — Top-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile and unseeded Mikael Tillstrom of



Sweden advanced to the finals of the Heineken Open on Saturday.

Rios, who beat Australian Lleyton Hewitt in last year's quarterfinals, defeated the teenager 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinals Saturday.

Tillstrom ended 20-year-old Paradorn Srichaphan's hopes of making his first ATP final earlier in the day.

The Thai wonder, who entered the tournament as a wild card, was stopped 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 by Tillstrom, who hasn't played a final since he lost to Australian Patrick Rafter in Chennai

Venus Williams returns a shot to Mary Pierce during her 6-4, 6-4 semifinal win Saturday in Zurich, Switzerland.

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# Trouble awaits NASCAR drivers at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Talladega Superspeedway's race is just over 2.5 miles long, and there won't be a safe spot anywhere on it today during the NASCAR 500.

Forty-three cars will start the 188-lap event, and fewer than half could be running at the end, thanks to the rule requiring car bumpers to crumple.

Those plumes, required by NASCAR at the tracks in Talladega and Daytona Beach, Fla., to keep the 2.5-mile-race stock cars under 200 mph, bump just enough to snap them to even out the competition.

"When you're going to see a Sunday race running in big groups close together," said promoter Joe Neumann, "it's not fair to run away in a race and then race. In fact, the cars will see a lead group get away a little bit and, the next thing you know, those guys in the next group have bumped and caught them."

"That's just the way we live at Talladega and Daytona."

Having all those cars running

nose-to-tail most of the day almost guarantees there will be at least one big wreck — the 20-car variety.

"The wreck is going to happen," said Jeff Burton. "You just need to avoid it. If you can, you are likely to have a good finish."

Add to the dangerous mix today is the No. 66, a bonus

program that will pay \$1 million to any of five drivers if they win.

The quintet — Jeremy Mayfield, Burton, brother Ward Burton, Mark Martin and Kevin Lapage — earned the opportunity to go for the big money by finishing in the top five in September in the Southern 500.

Jeff Burton already has won

two of the five \$1 million bonus races this season — the Pepsi 400 July and in the Southern 500 last month. In fact, the series sponsor has paid out the money six of the last seven times it has been offered.

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Florida State scored the game's first touchdown 4:17 into the third quarter when Arreese Ball caught a 16-yard pass from Weinke to give the Seminoles a 15-0 lead.

The duo hooked up again on a 93-yard touchdown pass in the final minute of the third period as Florida State built its lead to 23-3.

No. 4 Virginia Tech 62, Syracuse 0

At Blacksburg, Va., Virginia Tech (6-0, 2-0 Big East) improved to its best start since 1967 and ended its two-year homecoming jinx.

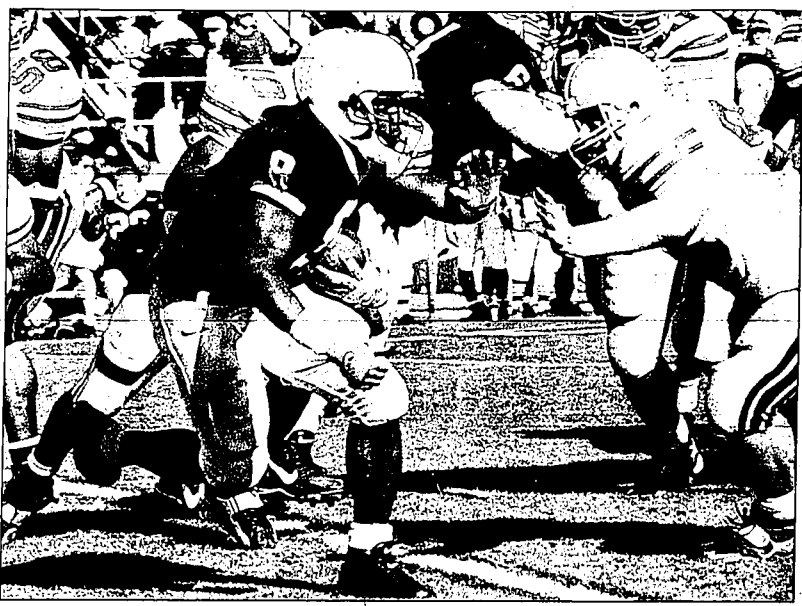
The Orangemen (5-2, 2-1), hurt by poor field position, gained just 56 yards in total offense against the first-string Hokies defense and 120 yards for the game.

Freshman quarterback Michael Vick completed 8 of 16 passes for 135 yards and one touchdown in his last three games. Vick has completed 26 of 37 passes for 605 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions.

No. 22 Purdue 52, No. 5 Michigan State 28

At West Lafayette, Ind., Drew Brees threw five touchdown passes in the first half, including three to Chris Daniels, and ran for one in the second half as Purdue (15-2, 2-2 Big Ten) knocked Michigan State (6-1, 3-1) from the ranks of the unbeaten.

Brees finished with a season-high 509 yards, hitting 40-of-57. His career high is 522 set against Wisconsin last year. Daniels, who went into the game leading the Big Ten with 37 receptions, set



Penn State running back Eric McCoy heads upfield against the Ohio State defense during the Nittany Lions' 23-10 win over the Buckeyes Saturday in Happy Valley. McCoy finished the day with 214 yards rushing.

No. 8 Georgia Tech 38, Duke 31

At Durham, N.C., Georgia Tech followed its six-turnover effort of a week ago with a near second-half collapse.

The Yellow Jackets (5-1, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) took a 21-0 lead and appeared to be cruising, only to be outscored 31-7 and trailing by three in the fourth quarter.

A short field goal and Sean Gregory's 19-yard scoring run up the middle with 2:56 left gave Georgia Tech the win and kept the Bulldogs on the heels of ACC-leading Florida State.

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No. 11 Alabama 30, No. 22 Mississippi 24

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Allen's 20-yard touchdown with 2:15 left gave Stanford a 17-0 lead, its first of the game. Roddy Tompkins snatched a fumbled scoreless pass for Oregon State on the nation's top defensive team...

Standard 4-1, 0-1 Pac-10 won despite four turnovers, including three fumbles and a blocked punt. Carter walked with 1:53 left in the game. The Cardinal have won their last four conference games for the first time since 1970.

Oregon State (3-6, 0-3) trailed for its first regular season since 1970, committed three turnovers and a blocked punt in the last three games, all losses.

Oregon State's backup Ken Simmons, who entered the game with 158 yards and 10 catches, was held to 135. He finished twice near the Stanford goal line and was stopped on a 12-yard punt from the Stadium 23.

Stanford entered the game fourth in the nation in total offense and fifth in scoring offense with 40.4 points per game. Oregon State was fifth in total offense and had averaged 34.4 points per game.

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Notre Dame 25, USC 24

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Jabari Holloway recovered Jarius Jackson's fumble in the end zone with 1:07 left to cap a 29-point comeback as Notre Dame snapped a three-game losing streak to the Bruins.

Jackson was once again the hero for Notre Dame, going 19-of-30 for 257 yards and a touchdown and keeping the Irish going despite an erratic running game that was limited to 119 yards and had just 13 yards in 13 carries in the first half.

His performance overshadowed a Rauphorst throwing 23-of-41 for 288 yards and two touchdowns. R. Swadlow had 10 catches for 101 yards and a touchdown.

California 17, UCLA 0

LOS ANGELES - Freshman Kyle Bolles threw a touchdown pass, Saleem Muhammad ran for a score, and the California defense did the rest.

The shutout was the first for the Bears since blanking San Jose State 59-0 in 1994.

UCLA (3-4 overall, 1-3 Pac-10) came in averaging 31 points per game after averaging 39.7 last year. The Bruins had scored 20 or more points in each of their last 31 games.

Cal (3-3, 2-1) snapped a four-game losing streak against UCLA and ended the Bruins' 13-game regular-season winning streak at the Rose Bowl.

Brigham Young 31, New Mexico 7

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Kevin Peterik, the nation's total offense leader, passed for a season-long 211 yards, but No. 21 Brigham Young turned three early New Mexico mistakes into touchdowns.

Peterik, averaging 354 yards of total offense, was 14-of-25 in the first half. He completed just one more pass before leaving near the end of the third quarter as BYU (5-1, 2-0 Mountain West) ran its record against the Rebels to 26-2 under coach LaVell Edwards.

A lightning storm, which delayed the start of the second half for 43 minutes, was the only thing that slowed down the Cougars. When play resumed, BYU freshman Lucas Sisto, hurt on 61 yards untouched on BYU's first play from scrimmage for a 14-0 lead.

New Mexico (2-4, 1-1) finished with minus 10 yards rushing, had 124 total yards and quarterback Sean Stein was sacked seven times. The Rebels' rushing yards were the second lowest in school history,

behind a minus 56 yards against Texas in 1988.

The Rebels averted the shutout when Stein threw a 5-yard scoring interception on 31 yards by Smith just 1:45 apart early in the third quarter.

CS Northridge 36, Sacramento St. 24

LOS ANGELES - Mel Miller broke a 36-year-old school record by returning an interception 31 yards and Marcus Brady passed for 333 yards and two touchdowns.

Miller's return of Ricky Ray pass midway through the first quarter gave the Matadors (3-3, 2-2 Big Sky Conference) a 10-0 lead and broke the Northridge record of 88 yards set by Jack Burgett against Long Beach State in 1963.

Ray completed 18 of 36 passes for 276 yards with two interceptions. Lamont Webb caught eight passes for 157 yards, and Charles Roberts gained 167 yards on 26 carries for Sacramento State.

Northridge rolled up 509 yards in total offense to 423 for Sacramento State.

Utah 21, Air Force 15

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - While the Rebels still had seen the Purple Raiders lose only the fans and media seemed to get emotionally involved with the historic implications of the game.

The general admission areas of the small stadium were packed 90 minutes before game time. With the exception of Steve Smith, the public address announcer asked those without a seat to stand behind the chainlink fence circling the field. They stood three and four deep until the final gun.

Utah (5-0 overall, 2-0 Mountain West) rallied from a 3-0 halftime deficit with two touchdowns by Smith just 1:45 apart early in the third quarter.

On the first play from scrimmage of the second half, Air Force quarterback Mike Thiessen fumbled and tackle Garrett Smith recovered at the three. Three plays later, Darrell Arceneaux passed 13 yards to Smith on a slant pattern for the game's first touchdown with 13:19 left in the game.

Moments later, Smith circled under a punt and dropped the ball. Utah quickly recovered and dashed around the left side for a 14-3 lead with 11:34 to go.

W. Washington 27, Cent. Washington 7

ELLENSBURG, Wash. - Quarterback Scott Mitchell ran for 106 yards on 15 carries, the first 100-yard rushing performance by a Western Washington quarterback since 1995. The Vikings, ranked eighth nationally, improved to 5-1 overall with their fifth straight victory. The Panthers, ninth in the Big Sky Division II West region, slipped to 3-3. Mitchell completed 10 of 15 passes for 121 yards. He also threw two interceptions, his first two of the season.

Winning streaks

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Regional scores

Table listing regional scores for various teams like Washington, Idaho, Idaho St., Arizona, etc.

Pacific Lutheran 33, Whitworth 17

WHITWORTH, Wash. - Pacific Lutheran's defense held visiting Whitworth to only 153 yards, while the Lutes racked up 351 yards of offense.

Pacific Lutheran improved to 4-1 overall, 1-1 in the Northwest Conference, and Whitworth's record fell to 3-3 overall, 1-2 in conference play.

Mount Union stands alone with winning streak

ALLIANCE, Ohio 32 - Mount Union's record 41 consecutive victory wasn't a whole lot different from the 47 that preceded it.

The Purple Raiders, 8-7 tied on their 41st consecutive win over Central Oregon 46-20 Saturday and surpass Oklahoma's 42-year-old all-time record of 47 consecutive victories.

Gary Smeek completed only 11 passes in the first half but they went for 105 yards and two touchdowns as the three-time defending Division III national champion built a 28-7 lead. Smeek's leadout was stopped on a 12-yard punt from the Stadium 23.

Over the life of the streak - stretching back to a 20-17 loss to Wisconsin-LaCrosse in the 1995 national semifinals - Mount Union has averaged 514 yards per game, mostly through the air.

Their quarterbacks have thrown a touchdown pass in 107 straight games.

Mount Union, a 2,000-student school midway between Canton and Youngstown in northeastern Ohio, has won 70 of its last 71 games and has won 45 straight in the Ohio Athletic Conference.

attempted to keep the focus on the game. There probably wouldn't have been much interest from the student body, since few of the residents had ever seen the Purple Raiders lose. Only the fans and media seemed to get emotionally involved with the historic implications of the game.

The general admission areas of the small stadium were packed 90 minutes before game time. With the exception of Steve Smith, the public address announcer asked those without a seat to stand behind the chainlink fence circling the field. They stood three and four deep until the final gun.

There was no pep rally, bonfire or parade for the players during the week as coach Larry Kehres

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# Furyk steps closer to Vegas repeat

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Defending champion Jim Furyk, his game steady despite gusting winds that sent scores soaring, shot a 1-under-71 Saturday to open a three-shot lead in the Las Vegas Invitational.

Furyk, who also won the tournament title in 1995 and has won just one other event in six years on the PGA Tour, pulled out of a three-way tie at the top and went to 23 under through four rounds of the five-day event.

Jonathan Kaye began the day on hot off the lead and moved into second alone with a 73 at the 7,243-yard TPC at Summerlin course.

It was two more shots back to Harrison Frazar, who struggled to a 76 as gusts up to 40 mph turned club selection into a guessing game.

Bob May, who shared the third-round lead with Furyk and Frazar, had a 78 to fall seven shots behind.

Some other well-known players also had their problems. Fred Couples, in contention early in the tournament, had a

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79 and was 11 under. Justin Leonard had a 78 and was 8 under, along with Phil Mickelson, who had a 79.

## O'Meara's pains take on Montgomerie's aches

VIRGINIA WATER, England — It's Mark O'Meara's stiff neck and shoulder spasms against Colin Montgomerie's aching molar in today's World Match Play final.

In Saturday's semifinals, Montgomerie's mouth was "numb, all dead in there" in his 7 and 6 win over Ireland's Padraig Harrington.

O'Meara, walking the last few days like a one-legged pigette "carrying a parrot on his shoulder" beat Nick Price at the 36th and final hole, chipping in from 60 feet to win 1 up.

Montgomerie gets his aching tooth pulled on Monday "after being numb for nine days." He's the favorite trying to win

the event for the first time playing on a layout — the 7,006-yard West Course at Westworth — that's just miles from his home.

O'Meara's at home here, too. He chipped in to beat Price, did the same thing from 20 feet to beat Craig Parry on the 39th hole Friday.

A year ago, he rolled in a long putt from off the green to beat Tiger Woods 1 up on the 35th hole.

And he beat Montgomerie a year ago 5 and 4 in their second-round match.

"I imagine he wants a little redemption," O'Meara said.

## Hjorth clings Tournament of Champions lead

MOBILE, Ala. — Maria Hjorth maintained her three-shot lead in the LPGA Tournament of Champions despite finding a record-setting 64 with an even-par 72 Saturday.

Hjorth, the last player to qualify for the tournament who she won the Safeco Classic on Sept. 19, was at 9-under 207 after

three rounds at the Magnolia Grove Crossings course.

Three strokes back are first-round leader Karrie Webb, Laura Davies, Chris Johnson and Cindy Figg-Currier.

Figg-Currier has been in second place since the first round.

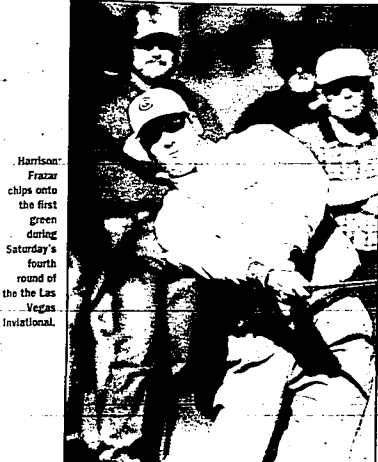
Hjorth, a native of Sweden who shot a tournament- and course-record 5-under round on Friday, was as low as 11 under at the turn after birdies on Nos. 4 and 7.

But three bogeys and only one birdie on the back nine kept her from extending her lead.

Playing together, Webb and Davies each shot a 70 and were at 210.

Figg-Currier was in the final pairing with Hjorth, and matched her 72. Johnson moved within three shots with a 69, while Sweden's Helen Alfredsson made the biggest move with a 67 that put her at 211.

Also at 211 were Hall of Famer Pat Bradley, Michele Redman and Akiko Fukushima.



Harrison Frazar chips onto the first green during Saturday's fourth round of the Las Vegas Invitational.

# Hingis, Williams meet in final

ZURICH, Switzerland (AP) — Top-ranked Martina Hingis and second-seeded Venus Williams advanced to the finals of the Swisscom Challenge on Saturday, clinching a couple of all-hands to set up a showdown between the tour's highest-ranked teenagers.

Hingis, still looking for her first tournament win on home soil, ousted 32-year-old Frenchwoman and eighth-seeded Nathalie Tauziat, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 to reach her 10th final this season.

Williams, who lost in last year's final to Lindsay Davenport, defeated third-seeded Mary Pierce 6-4, 6-4.

The two 19-year-olds have met five times this season, with Williams winning their last match in the semifinals of the Grand Slam Cup two weeks ago. Limited by time, Hingis eliminated Williams from the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

She's at home and she's No. 1," Williams said. "They'll be wanting her to win. I'm sure it's something she really wants, too."

Hingis, who hasn't played in Zurich in two years since being sidelined with a strained ankle last year, felt she had an edge over Williams, playing in her first

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tournament without a family member accompanying her.

"Venus doesn't have her family here and I have the advantage of having my people around me," said Hingis, who won her seventh title this season in Filderstadt last week. "I've had to go through that myself in Wimbledon this year."

"It's difficult to be alone," said Hingis, who reached the final in Zurich only once before, in 1996 when she lost to Jana Novotna.

"When you're in a crunch situation you have no one to rely on and you can get shaky."

## Kiefer, Rusedski reach CA Trophy finals

VIENNA, Austria — Fifth-seeded Greg Rusedski of Britain defeated unseeded Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-3, 6-4 Saturday to reach the finals of the \$800,000 CA Trophy tennis tournament.

Rusedski will face Germany's Nicolas Kiefer, a 7-6 (11-9), 6-4 winner over sixth-seeded Dutchman Richard Krajicek, in today's finals.

Capitalizing on the nervousness of the 18-year-old Federer, making his debut in an ATP semifinal, Rusedski broke service at 3-1 in the first set and again at 1-0 in the second.

"I really didn't have to do anything spectacular. I just had to wait for him to make the mistakes," Rusedski said.

Rusedski described the Kiefer-Krajicek match as the best singles match he has seen this season. Krajicek was unable to capitalize on seven break chances and allowed the first set to fall into a tiebreaker.

"I had to fight for every point in the first set, but I did know that Richard had his weaknesses in his return shots," Kiefer said.

Kiefer, who needs to be among the top eight to make the ATP World Championships in Hannover in November, picked up valuable points by moving into today's final and increasing his ranking to sixth.

## Rios, Swede end youngsters hopes of reaching final

SINGAPORE — Top-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile and unseeded Mikael Tillstrom of



Sweden advanced to the finals of the Heineken Open on Saturday. Rios, who beat Australian Lleyton Hewitt in last year's quarterfinals, defeated the teenager 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinals Saturday.

Tillstrom ended 20-year-old裴裴's hopes of making his first ATP final earlier in the day.

The Thai wonder, who entered the tournament as a wild card, was stopped 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 by Tillstrom, who hasn't played a final since he lost to Australian Patrick Rafter in Chennai

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# Trouble awaits NASCAR drivers at Talladega

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Talladega Super Speedway's oval is just over 2.5 miles long, and there won't be a safe spot anywhere on it today during the Winston 500.

Forty-three cars will start the 188-lap event, and fewer than half could be running at the end, thanks to the rule requiring carburetor restrictor plates.

Those plates, required by NASCAR at the tracks in Talladega and Daytona Beach, Fla., to keep the 3,400-pound stock cars under 200 mph, chop just enough horsepower to even out the competition.

"What you're going to see on Sunday is cars running in big groups close together," said pole-sitter Joe Nemechek. "Nobody can run away in a restrictor-plate race. In fact, I'm sure you'll see a lead group get away a little bit and, the next thing you know, these guys in the next group have hooked up and caught them."

"That's just the way it is all day at Talladega and Daytona."

nose-to-tail most of the day almost guarantees there will be at least one big wreck — the 20-car race.

"The wreck is going to happen," said Jeff Burton. "You just need to avoid it. If you can, you are likely to have a good finish."

Added to the dangerous mix today is the No Bull 5, a bonus

program that will pay \$1 million to any of five drivers if they win.

The quartet — Jeremy Mayfield, Burton, brother Ward Burton, Mark Martin and Kevin Lepage — earned the opportunity to go for the big money by finishing in the top five in September in the Southern 500.

Jeff Burton already has won

# Talladega

two of the five \$1 million bonus races this season — the Pepsi 400 July and in the Southern 500 last month. In fact, the series sponsor has paid out the money six of the last seven times it has been offered.

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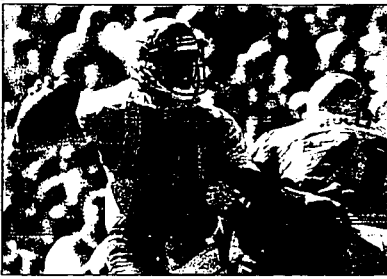
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New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe expects the Miami Dolphins defense to come at him with a variety of blitzes during today's game in Foxboro, Mass.

## Jimmy vs. Dan vs. Drew vs. the Patriots

By Dave Goldberg  
Associated Press writer

The attraction is obvious: Miami at New England, each with one loss and both in a three-way race with Buffalo in the AFC East, the NFL's toughest division.

But instead of worrying only about Drew Bledsoe and the Patriots, Jimmy Johnson and Dan Marino are worrying about each other.

"Guys, I'm sick of these. Enough, OK?" Johnson said when he was asked this week about his reported threat to bench Marino for lackluster performance against Arizona and Buffalo.

That debate is over, at least for now, after Marino rallied the Dolphins past the Colts last week, throwing for 393 yards and completing a 48-yard fourth-down pass to Oronde Gadsden to set up the winning score.

Yes, maybe it was Johnson's motivation. More likely it was simply Marino demonstrating that at 38, he still retains some of the brilliance he had at 28.

The real problem might be an old one — a weak running game that doesn't take the pressure off Marino. It's averaging 82 yards a game, 23rd in the NFL.

"I feel we're making strides," Johnson says. "But people have heard that statement for about the past 15 years here."

### Green Bay (3-1) at Denver (1-4)

This replay of the 1998 Super Bowl is the perfect example of what a good quarterback means these days. Without Brett Favre, the Packers probably would be 0-4; without John Elway... Denver's record speaks for itself.

And, of course, isn't the only missing Denver star. Add Terrell Davis and now Shannon Sharpe to their last two Monday night appearances at Giants Stadium, the Packers probably would be 0-4; without John Elway... Denver's record speaks for itself.

### San Francisco (3-2) at Carolina (1-3)

This is a reunion game: George Seifert, against the team he coached to two Super Bowls in San Francisco.

Seifert's Panthers, who were off last week, have been getting a brilliant season from Tshimanga Bikaubutika, who has been alternating with Fred Lane, but is averaging 10.8 yards per carry to Lane's 3.2.

The 49ers' problem is not Jeff Garcia, who will start again at quarterback for Steve Young. It's the fact there's little young blood on a team that's finally falling back to the pack.

### Dallas (3-1) at New York Giants (2-3) (Monday night)

The Cowboys not only lost Michael Irvin in Philadelphia, they managed to find a way to lose to the Eagles.

First Jerry Jones and then Deion Sanders embarrassed the Giants in their last two Monday night appearances at Giants Stadium. The Giants' quarterbacking has been embarrassing. (Kent Graham will start, but his defense remains good enough to make this a close game for the prime-time audience.)

### St. Louis (4-0) at Atlanta (1-4)

Two teams that symbolize the modern NFL, one going up, the other tumbling after soaring from the bottom to the top a year ago.

St. Louis' quarterback — Atlanta has missed in-and-out Chris Chandler, the Rams are riding the arm of Kurt Warner, and the coaching staff thought so little they left him exposed in the expansion draft. The Rams and Warner could be ripe for a fall here.

### Oakland (2-3) at Buffalo (1-4)

The Raiders' three losses are by a total of eight points, but they count the same as blowouts. Just as it has been in few seasons, it's "Just Lose, Babe," the other side of owner

Al Davis' harsh phrase. And yet another reason why this is a quarterback league: The Bills had the NFL's fifth-ranked defense.

### Seattle (3-1) at San Diego (3-1)

Another example of the upside-down season is two teams from the lower depths of the AFC West playing for the division lead. Credit two new coaches named Mike — Holmgren and Riley, with the latter doing just as well with the Chargers as his much more renowned colleague is doing up north.

The defense has been the key for San Diego. But so has quarterback, where Jim Harbaugh and Erik Kramer are a major upgrade from Ryan Leaf and Craig Whelhan.

### Washington (3-1) at Arizona (2-3)

The Redskins are yet another example of the rank of the quarterback. They rank last in the league in yards allowed and are giving up 20 points a game. But the offense, led by Brad Johnson, is averaging 37.5 points a game.

Jake Plummer, who has thrown three TD passes and 12 interceptions, got things turned around a bit last week in a 14-3 win over the Giants, his first game without an INT.

### Minnesota (2-3) at Detroit (2-2)

The Vikings are in crisis after losing at home to the Bears. "My spirit is crushed," says cornerback Jimmy Hitecock, speaking for a team that's lost three times as many games as it did last season and has yet to score 24 in a game — the fewest the Vikes had last year.

### Indianapolis (2-2) at New York Jets (1-4)

The 25 points the Colts allowed Miami in the fourth quarter last week are an indication they're not excited about the playoffs since the heroics of Peyton Manning, Marvin Harrison and Edgerrin James.

But the Jets aren't a playoff team either with Rick Mirer at quarterback.

### Tennessee (4-1) at New Orleans (1-3)

The NFL's microcosm: Three of the Titans' four wins are by a total of five points, and the other is unimpressive because it was against Cleveland. The Saints have lost three straight by a total of 10 points.

Was Ricky Williams worth two years' worth of drafts to the Saints? Maybe, but not yet.

### Philadelphia (1-4) at Chicago (3-2)

The Bears might be the NFL's most pleasant surprise, thanks to Dick Jauron, one of the least heralded new coaches. Cade McNown will get his first start in place of Shane Matthews, another pleasant surprise, who's out with a pulled hamstring.

Even the Eagles seemed surprised the offense last week produced their first touchdown since the first quarter of the opening game.

### Cleveland (0-5) at Jacksonville (4-1)

The Jags, despite their relative lack of offense, are on track to get home field in the AFC because of games like this — 10 of their final 11 games are with teams that currently have losing records. The Browns had their best shot at their first win last week against the Bengals.

### Pittsburgh (2-3) at Cincinnati (1-4)

The Steelers still have the reputation, but look at the record. They're lost three in a row, eight of their last 10 and 10 of their last 14, which puts them down near the Bengals, whose only win came last week over the weak Browns.

The one positive for Cincinnati was the play of Aklil Smith, who demonstrated the promise that made him the No. 3 overall pick in last April's draft.

## Lingering problems should send signal to 49ers QB

DALLAS — In search of advice on whether to continue playing, concussion-victim Steve Young has sought the opinion of various experts. One was naturally a neurosurgeon. Another a former NFL quarterback.

Roger Staubach is less expert than veteran of the brain-bruising experience. An accumulation of concussions dating to school-boy days led Staubach to retire from the Cowboys after the 1979 season. That wasn't the only factor to force the future Hall of Fame quarterback from the game at 37, but it led the list.

Young is pondering the same decision for the identical reason.

### COMMENTARY Frank Luksa

The effects of a Sept. 27 concussion against Arizona have sidelined the San Francisco 49ers' passer indefinitely.

"He's certainly feeling something I never went through after being knocked out. It's lingering," Staubach said last week.

Young called Staubach more than a week ago while the latter was in New York on business. Staubach returned the message by leaving his home number for

him. Were they to speak, Staubach would emphasize several differences between his and Young's reaction to a series of concussions.

Staubach never missed the next game after being KO'd the previous week. Young will sit out his third consecutive game and has been declared unfit to play next week. Staubach said he didn't feel the aftermath of a concussion longer than 24 hours. Young's symptoms already have lasted 20 days.

"There's something going on," Staubach said, referring to the inability of Young's condition

to stabilize.

Numbers-wise, Young's history of concussions is better than Staubach. The latest was Young's fourth in three years. Staubach suffered five concussions within the calendar year preceding retirement. In reviewing a playing career dating to high school for medics, Staubach counted 20 concussions.

"I didn't feel I ever had any side effects," Staubach said. "I might have headaches that night, by the next day they were usually gone."

Frank Luksa is a columnist for The Dallas Morning News.

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# Women show they got game, too

The Associated Press

A couple of months ago, Angela Ruggiero of the U.S. women's hockey team, wandered into a public rink in St. Clair Shores, Mich., carrying her skates and sticks, looking for a pickup game. Sorry, she was told. She couldn't play.

And why was that, the Olympic gold medalist asked. The reason: a men-only rule. In this rink, the girls couldn't play with the guys, regardless of who had the gold medal and who didn't.

That changed when the rink's proprietors were reminded that gender prejudice violates several state and federal civil rights laws. This, after all, is 1999, not 1959.

The story was no surprise for Donna Lopiano, executive director of the Women's Sports Foundation, which celebrates its 25th anniversary Monday.

"Discrimination is still perpetrated," she said. "You can't believe what goes on."

And that's why the Foundation goes on, determined to wipe out inequities that are holdovers from the dark ages of sports.

"The function of the Women's Sports Foundation is to be the impatient, intolerant voice of women's sports," Lopiano said. "I see that as having been our major role. I wish in my lifetime I could see no need for the Women's Sports Foundation."

At times, it's one step forward and two steps back. An all-star roster of female athletes will gather at the Foundation's sold-out dinner to celebrate their forward steps.

The list includes Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Gail Devers, Mia Hamm, Sandra Hays and dozens of others.

Nancy Lieberman-Cline, general manager and coach of the WNBA Detroit Shock, is president of the Foundation and the person behind her generation of players, swept along by Title IX legislation that required equal funding for male and female athletes, providing opportunities where none existed before.

"I was the first full-scholarship athlete at Old Dominion," she said. "I was poor. Without Title IX, I would have been a casualty of my environment."

All she ever wanted was a chance, an opportunity to compete. She and some others never got that chance.

Like generations of black ath-



Angela Ruggiero skates off with the American flag after the U.S. Women's Hockey Team won the gold medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, Feb. 17, 1998.

letes whose skills were lost when they were barred because of race, the same is true of women.

For every Lisa Leslie or Chamique Holdstock, there's a Nera White.

"Let me tell you about her," Lopiano said. "She was special. She was some player." Lopiano ball. A great jumper. But no one ever saw her. She was one of those athletes who never saw the light of day. The only people who saw her were the ones who played against her.

"In the '60s, playing AAU basketball in Gallup, N.M., I saw her take off from the foul line and touch the rim with a finger roll."

That's the stuff of Michael and Magic, Hakeem and Kareem. White did her stuff hidden away in the shadows of AAU ball at Nashville Business College, where she played for 15 years. "She was some player," Lopiano said, shaking her head at the memory.

Lieberman-Cline was a swag-

gering 16-year-old player on the U.S. team when she first heard about White. Older teammates would regale her with tales of skills that basketball players only dream about. She was determined to learn more.

Years later, she got White's phone number. She waited six months, working up the courage to call. Finally, on an Easter Sunday, she dialed the number.

"What do you think, I live in a hole," the voice at the other end snapped.

"I just wanted to thank you for what you did for me, for being a role model," Lieberman-Cline said.

"You're the first one that ever thanked me," White replied.

Finally, player to player, Lieberman-Cline shot a question right out of the playgrounds. "So," she said to White, "did

you have game?" "Did I have game?" White bristled. "You know that move Jordan made on the Lakers, switching the ball from one hand to the other? I was doing that in the '50s."

And nobody knew it. Soon, the conversation was over. "I'm busy," said White, who works her own farm. "I'm breaking horses."

They've become pals now, these women from different times, with basketball as their common denominator. Both of them are in the Basketball Hall of Fame, one the product of a generation that played in shadows, the other the beneficiary of a more enlightened time.

And one day, the Women's Sports Foundation will honor Nera White, Nancy Lieberman-Cline would love that.

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## Kwan unveils elegant new short program

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) - If her grades are as high as the marks she received Saturday for her new short program, Michelle Kwan will soon be an honor student at UCLA.

Playing hooky from her freshman studies, the 19-year-old, two-time world champion and 1998 Olympic silver medalist successfully unveiled an elegant new short program in the Masters of Figure Skating, one of the first big competitions of the skating season.

This program is completely different. It's a bluesy version of a Beatles song. It's not like Ice Breakers, itself a classic. Kwan said. "I was really at ease. I felt like I was over my skates. Today I just felt like the ice and I were one."

Kwan skated to a Jeff Beck version of the Beatles tune "A Day in the Life," a natural choice because she said her father named her after the song (Michelle, a Beatles hit). He also named her sister, Karen, after another favorite singer, Karen Carpenter.

In a competition featuring both professional and amateur skaters, all five judges ranked Kwan first

after the short program ahead of Yuko Sato of Japan, Maria Butyrskaya of Russia, Angela Nikodinov of the United States and Ekaterina Gordeeva of Russia. After the short program five-time U.S. champion Todd Eldredge led three other skaters while Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao of China had top marks among the three pairs. The competition concluded Saturday night with the long programs.

Despite the added pressure of college studies, Kwan skated a flawless short program, receiving

all 5.8 scores for required elements and 5.8 and 5.9 marks for presentation to distance her competition. Clad in a sparkling red dress with silver slashes, Kwan had the crowd at the Brown County Arena standing and cheering at the finish of her new 2.5-minute routine.

"No matter how many times you do it in the ice rink, in practice, it's not the same as getting out there in front of the judges, the people. I was really at ease. I just went out and had fun," said a relieved Kwan.

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Friends, family recall Wilt's humor, curiosity

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Wilt Chamberlain was remembered Saturday as one of the country's most intelligent and curious people, as well as the most curious of the basketball court.

Laudner participated in the 1.5-hour memorial service at City of Angels Church of Religious Science, where about 800 people celebrated the 7-foot, 6-inch Hall of Famer.

Chamberlain died Tuesday of apparent heart failure. He was 61. His body was cremated.

"In Wilt's life, there were no sad stories. He lived up to the fullest," said Meadowcroft Lemon, a Chamberlain teammate on the Harlem Globetrotters.

Others attending included Bill Russell, whose Boston Celtics team twice beat Chamberlain's teams in the NBA Finals. Met Hamann, who coached Chamberlain, and the Philadelphia 76ers to the NBA title in 1967. NBA greats Elton Brand, George Mikan, Bob Lanier, Nate Thurmond, Bill Walton and Jerry West.

Russell, also a Hall of Fame center, recalled his intense showdown with Chamberlain, who was 3 inches taller and 50 pounds heavier. Although Russell's Celtics had a 29-20 edge in regular-season games, Chamberlain averaged 23.7 points and 28 rebounds to Russell's 14.6 points and 24.7 rebounds.

"I knew how good he was and he knew that I knew how good he was," Russell said, drawing laughter. "I'd just say that as far as I'm concerned, he and I will be friends through eternity."

Two photos graced the church's stage: the famous black and white shot of Chamberlain holding up a piece of paper with 200 on it after he scored that many points in a game and, a color photo of him smiling in his Los Angeles Lakers jersey.

But only one speaker made a passing reference to Chamberlain's incredible statistics, including the 300-point game, the 55 rebound game, 41 points, Russell and the five seasons averaging at least 40 points.



NBA Hall of Famer Carmel Hawkins, left, and Bill Russell show up for the memorial service of Wilt Chamberlain Saturday in Los Angeles.

Most of the memories focused on Chamberlain away from the court, including his habit of phoning friends and family at 3 a.m. to quiz them about geography or history.

"He lived a really good life," said St. Goldberg, Chamberlain's attorney and friend of 40 years. "He didn't want to be a basketball player, he wanted to be the man for all seasons, and I think he was."

Goldberg said Chamberlain's thoughtfulness had a wider side.

"He would give money to almost anyone who needed it," Goldberg said. "The important thing was you were to keep your mouth shut about it. No one could purchase his philanthropy. It was always direct to the person who needed it and there was no publicity."

Staw, Shaw co-wrote Chamberlain's first autobiography, which Chamberlain insisted on naming "Wilt: Just Like Any Other 7-Foot Black Millionaire who Loves Next Door."

Staw recalled being with Chamberlain and three others 20 years ago in a boat that pulled up a good share of the docks on the San Francisco Bay. Chamberlain planted his left foot on the dock, his right foot on the boat and lifted his two companions "like a 5-pound sack of flour."

"What I remembered most was not the feat of strength, but the determination to overcome any obstacle, the determination to help his friends and his ability to laugh at the absurdity of any situation," Staw said.

Chamberlain, nicknamed "Spill" and "The Big Dipper" during his career, loved to talk and friends often found themselves awing most of the listening.

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Chuck Hansen pounds a nail into the framing of an interior wall of a house he is remodeling in Filer.

## How to hire a contractor

By Cathy Malachuk  
Times-News contributor

**TWIN FALLS** - Compared to the sunny new bright white modern kitchens that invite families to gather to eat, watch TV, do homework, play games, plan meals and - oh, yeah - cook - you're still rubbing two sticks together for fire.

You're tired of tapping over the dog bowl, bleaching the stained spot in the 30-year-old corner cup, and listening to the drippy faucet.

"You want a new kitchen. But how is that done?"

"Know what you want before you even start," advised Chuck Hansen, a Twin Falls general contractor. "Sit down with someone who knows what they're doing. Meet with an architect or a qualified licensed designer."

But the words "architect" and "designer" sound pretty expensive.

"It's cheaper in the long run," Hansen said. "You'll have a road map," Hansen said.

Once you have a pretty good idea where you're going on the long remodeling road, find a contractor. There are a couple of ways to go about it.

"Call the local materials supplier," said Dave Saxe, a contractor for 15 years and now the director of A.R.E.C. "He does not have contractor licensing, so there's only a couple of agencies to call for references. Instead, call a lumber yard. Ask if they know of a good fellow who pays his bills on time. Most lumber yards will help and have, but usually they'll tell you something."

"Then you ask at least two of those contractors over for a cup of coffee. You interview them. They will be interviewing you at the same time. You both are looking for someone you like and trust. After all, you're going to be living together for a year."

"The first visit should be a get-to-know-each-other visit," Saxe said. "I listen. I want to hear what questions you ask. I'll ask if you have a budget. You say, 'You tell me what I can get for this much.' It should be able to give you a price range, and tell you about three jobs in the last year or two that are similar to yours. And you can go see those projects. The contractor should welcome references."

Then go see the people and the work.

"When you call the folks you should ask if they had a good experience," Saxe said. "Did he do what he said he would do? Were you treated well? Do you mind if I come have a look? You can't talk anything over the telephone. Just go look and leave, and leave within 15 minutes."

Then get a written bid. The bid is your contract.

"The two biggest rules you need to know are: Always get more than one bid and never pay anyone up front," Hansen added.

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And watch out for the guy who just blew into town and shows up with a truck, a dog and a level, says Dave Hamilton, owner of Accurate Construction.

"The Magic Valley has a lot of good remodeling contractors," he said. "A few phone calls will be worth a lot of dollars and grief down the road. The bottom line has to be looked at against professionalism."

"Too many of us who are legitimate companies are bidding against the guy in the truck with a dog and level - that's what we call the new out-of-staters with no history," he said. "He can probably read a level and can probably nail, but that doesn't mean he can get that job done to your satisfaction."

The fellow who arrived last week might not know how to run a business responsibly, might even have a string of creditors chasing him from another state. Or he might be looking to settle down here.

"I'm not opposed to hiring new people," said Randy Rayborn, a Twin Falls contractor. "But don't go with the cheapest person you find. Go with someone you like and trust. He'll be moving in with you. You'll be relying on the advice of the contractor and you need a comfort level so you can feel that the contractor is being up front with you. You're turning your checkbook over to the contrac-

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#### And now there's remodel.com

HomeNet.com, the giant of a Web site that oversees Realtor.com and other real estate Web sites, has added another one: Remodel.com.

The site includes a database of more than 75,000 contractors and other remodeling professionals, searchable by various categories, including location and specialty. The site also contains information for potential do-it-yourselfers.

Remodel.com has some catch-up to do, however, as its foremost online competitor,

ImproveNet.com, already has expanded its own site and offers more options than its newer competitor.

ImproveNet.com allows visitors to calculate the cost of a job, obtain legal reports on contractors and complete online applications for financing.

ImproveNet.com screens the contractors it includes on the site, while Remodel.com simply uses members of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry or the National Association of Home Builders.

- Source: Newsday

## Step by step

### Six tips to help you select a contractor

Invite the contractor over, and have a list of prepared questions:

- 1 Ask for proof of liability insurance.** "Any contractor worth his salt will love this question," said retired Twin Falls contractor Dave Saxe. "He pays through the nose for this insurance. It shows he's a reliable businessman. I would never work with a contractor with less than \$500,000 of insurance. The good ones have a million."
- 2 Ask for proof of workmen's comp.** "If he doesn't have those, say goodbye," Saxe said. "If he says he does everything himself, and if you trust him, and he gets hurt on the job, he better be the only one on the job. Self-employed contractors are great guys, but if they don't have workmen's comp on themselves, it's hard to buy that. We want to hire someone with helpers so you know he has workmen's comp." Unless, of course, you just need a little fix-it or repair. But anything over a \$5,000-\$10,000 job just moved to the next contractor.

**3 Talk about the project** and ask the contractor to submit a bid. Don't waste time with estimates; they're worthless, Saxe said. "It doesn't hold anybody to anything. A bid is half of a contract. It will say for X, Y, Z, for a sum of . . . An estimate is, well, just an estimate. On the other hand, he has the right to find out if you can really afford this project."

"Expect to pay \$20-25 an hour, plus materials," said Chuck Hansen, another Twin Falls contractor.

**4 The most difficult thing** about hiring a contractor is meeting expectations.

"When I am interviewing a client, I want to know if you are after a palace on a beer budget? Or a rustic effect with a bankroll?" Saxe said.

**5 The first visit should be** a get-to-know you visit. "I'll ask if you have a budget. I'll tell you about three jobs in the last year or two that are similar to yours," Saxe said.

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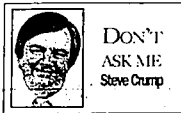
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FOOD & HOME

Idaho cultural angst: Waiting for bidet

I'm pretty darned embarrassed to admit this, but my wife and I remodeled the bathroom this past summer and we didn't have enough money left over to install a bidet.



I just hope the neighbors don't find out. I don't want them thinking that every time we knock on their doors, we're gonna ask to use THEIR bidets.

Oh, I'm sure they have them. Steve Thomas, the host of Public Television's "The Old House," writes that bidets "have become de rigeur in the well-heeled American bathroom."

De rigeur? Wow. You just can't imagine how fervently I aspire to own a well-heeled bathroom. Just about everybody in the Magic Valley who drives an SUV will tell you that there's a well-heeled dummy, don't you think? I believe it's on the application form at the country club.

Back here, our principal building facility contains both a bidet and the color mauve. So if it gets out that the Crumps practice personal hygiene by conventional means, members of the smart set will start averting their gaze when we encounter them in Albemarle's.

Bidets, of course, have long been popular in Europe and particularly in France, which not coincidentally refers to its national history as "France" and has the lowest per capita consumption of bathroom tissue of any developed country.

This is because bidets have made further deforestation unnecessary in Europe, while permitting Gallic households the flexibility of what amounts to a second kitchen sink that's not the kitchen.

Listen to Thomas again: "My wife says a bidet is an excellent place to wash lingerie or soap socks or orchids."

Notwithstanding, we all know what a bidet's principal purpose is, and when I told you a few moments ago that my family couldn't afford to install one, I was not being completely candid.

Truth is, we could have had a bidet if we'd just dispensed with the toilet.

That decision, I must say, was not an easy call. A toilet is not my favorite piece of furniture for I am not an avid reader.

And through judicious use of the service station rest room down the block, my family might have missed having a toilet all that much. Instead, we could have revealed in our bidet, and not coincidentally, enjoyed the cleanest orchid pots in the neighborhood.

But there's always the nettlesome question of what to do about company, and my wife was not of the opinion that we could in conscience urge restraint upon visitors when they asked to use the loo.

Still, it was breaking my heart ever since. I was in a Home Depot in Portland last spring, and they had a bidet for sale with about the quietest, most efficient hand-held spray nozzle, and SONIC JETS.

SONIC JETS. Can you imagine. My brother-in-law doesn't even have those in his hot tub.

If you think about it, a bidet is really a hot tub for shy persons: It's simply not necessary to cavort

on a redwood deck when one can feel April fresh at any time in the privacy of one's water closet.

And then there's the matter of generational pride.

My grandfather was the first Crump to graduate from high school; my father the first to own a combine. Before I shuffle off this mortal coil, I was hoping to be able to boast that I was the first Crump to own a bidet.

Now they'll have to write something else on my tombstone. "Here lies Steven Crump; he drove a Rambler."

Boradlean Browder, who was the matriarch of her family and the unofficial cultural arbiter of Arbon Valley, once angered my mother by proclaiming that the Crumps never amounted to much — and she expected the same of me and my half-brothers.

Now it looks as if she was right, so it's sad that me and Gerry McGee will have to bid against a house that Halloween when we were 9.

See, she was in it.

How to arrive at a remodeling design

By Cathy Walworth Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — You'll know it when you see it. If you can't design your way out of a paper bag, you can have your perfect kitchen. With a little help.

"Go by feel," said Eric Neria, a designer at J&M Kitchens in Twin Falls. "A lot of people know what they want, others want something different than what they have."

"Most people see something in magazines or somebody else's house that they like. Those people come in and I can show them the showroom (of cabinets) and it helps them incorporate what they're wanting," he said.

All you need is a general idea, then take it to an expert. You already have ideas of what you like to look at, but most people need help putting that together with making it all work.

"What is functional for the room? For the family using the room? How is this space going to be used? And, the integrity of the period of the home needs to be taken into consideration," advised Michael Young, manager and design consultant at Inspirations in Twin Falls.

You don't want to install a super-hi-tech, ultra-modern kitchen into a Victorian house, for example.

"Decide how the space is to be used, then talk about design," Young said. "I can create a beautiful atmosphere, but if it doesn't fit I've done a horrible job."

From there, things get easier. Young said someone once told him that designing a room is a lot like buying yourself an outfit: Start with the larger foundation pieces, then accessorize.

Floors, cabinets and counter tops are the most important, largest things in a kitchen. Choose them first.

"It all goes to function," Young said. "If the family has growing children, I would shy away from tile unless I accept the risks — dropping pots and pans can chip tile. Tiles can be replaced, but

Be there if you can

As much as possible, you should try to be around when the job is being done at your home. It has a number of benefits.

First, you will be able to ask questions, raise, you're there to give immediate input.

Also, when something is being done, you can see if it is what you anticipated. If it isn't, then you may want to change it. When you're there, you'll be able to do this sooner rather than later.

Being there on certain jobs where it's easy to get ripped off — those where it is virtually impossible to see the final product — will help mitigate against his happening.

Following are some typical jobs:

• Concrete driveway: If you're not there, then you won't know how deep the contractor poured the concrete. Is it the 4 inches you contracted for, or 3?

• Asphalt driveway: How thick was the mat? You have to be there to see.

• Wall insulation: To do this job properly, shingles have to be removed, holes drilled through the sheathing, and the insulation pumped in. You can't know his is being done unless you're there.

• Paint job: How can you know you're

getting two? One happy cost may cover the existing coat — and you'll never know (but your house will).

• Roof jobs: If repairs are required on the roof, how will you know they've been done unless you're there?

• Windows: If you've contracted to have insulation put in around those new windows, how will you know it's been done when all the trim is in place?

All this does not mean that you have to climb into a tree with binoculars and put a contractor under surveillance or become what one contractor called "a total pain in the butt." No one likes to be someone breathing down his or her neck, but being there at critical points is important.

The happy fact, despite what has been said above, is that even if you aren't there or can't be there, you'll likely be fine. Because the guy swinging the paintbrush or the hammer or whatever said, just make sure you've carefully selected individual. Carefully selected by you. And it is times like these that you'll be happy you did all that hard work to find and endure a little pain to avoid a lot.

—Source: Tom Phillips, "How to Hire a Home Contractor Without Getting Chisel-bled," St. Martin's Griffin (\$12.95)

tant," but you certainly can scratch something if you set out to do so, like warmed.

Hardwood floors are still hard to take care of. And they are expensive.

(Hardwood is one of the more expensive applications, but if you enjoy the true warmth of real wood, it is certainly one to consider," Young said.

The downside of real wood is that can dent, scratch and fade. The upside is that it can be sanded down and refinished.

"It's not a pleasant process, but it is an option to the true warmth of wood."

When you're choosing the flooring, pick out the cabinets at the same time. You want them to complement each other. Like

flooring, you get what you pay for in cabinets.

"Nothing can ruin a kitchen faster than poor cabinetry," Young said. "People are very particular about them when they are looking to purchase a home (a good point if you're thinking of remodeling). Think of cabinets as good quality equipment. It has to be functional, not just look good. It has to be suitable to your needs and your budget."

The material you choose for counter tops is everything, Young said. Decide how your counters will be used, then decide on the material they will be made of.

"Granite is absolutely fabulous," he said. But it's expensive.

Solid surfaces, known as Gibraltar or Corian, are also very good, Young said. They can be customized for your look, they clean easily and if you scratch them, you can buff out the surface.

Ceramic tile is fine, but you've got to realize there's the possibility that it can chip or break. And there is grout maintenance.

"Formica" come in a huge range of colors, textures and patterns. But they cannot be cleaned with abrasives and can stain. Otherwise, they are easy to care for.

Stainless steel makes a good, easily sanitized surface, but be careful to buy a good quality. Check the density for quality, Young said.

"It is vitally important to remember that a designer or architect can give you direction," he said. "One of the best reasons to use a designer is because they are in the field and are probably the person most aware of what is available. They can generate ideas, and end up with what you really want."

"There are so many times we attempt to do something we know nothing about and it ends up being more expensive when you have to do it over," Young said.

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With no contractor licensing law Idaho consumers are on their own

By Cathy Walworth Times-News correspondent

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TWIN FALLS — Let's say Joe Zimmerman, who has been building bad houses in another state — one with contractor licensing laws — is tired of being cited for shoddy work. He's looking for someplace without that kind of regulation.

Idaho is one of 16 states that doesn't license home builders. Joe can come here, put an ad in the paper, toss a level and a

Labrador in the back of his pickup, and call himself a contractor. No fees to pay, no bonds to secure, nobody looking over his shoulder.

"Without any kind of registration we have out-of-state contractors coming in who don't have to pay sales tax for one thing," said state Rep. Leon Smith, a Twin Falls Republican. "If every contractor had to be licensed to work in the state, then it would not only increase revenue in the state, it would level the playing field for all contractors. When contractors bid against out-of-staters, it makes a difference who gets the bid," he said.

That's because Joe Zimmerman is probably buying materials out of state, skipping Idaho sales tax. Because Joe doesn't bother with details such as worker's compensation insurance or liability insurance, he's able to bid much lower than the local guys. And, if things don't work out, he can throw his tools back in his pickup and ride off into the sunset.

"Personally I feel licensing levels the playing field," said Larin Novak, incoming state president of the Building Contractors Association. "We bid projects against people who don't carry worker's comp, liability — from my perspective if everyone is bidding from the same level and having to pay the same fees it makes it a more professional line of work, as opposed to those who come in for a month or two and then they're gone."

"Historically the association has supported licensing laws in the state, but it's been difficult to get a bill that everyone can agree on," Novak said.

"I think I got within one vote at one time, but it's never made it

The Idaho Building Contractors Association supports a Master Builder Program, which consists of almost 50 builders in the state of Idaho. "We are asking we are willing to register ourselves," said Larin Novak, incoming president of the association. "Basically what the program does is show that we want to be the highest ethical standards in our profession." Builders pay a \$300 fee to become a member and there is a \$200 annual renewal fee. For more information, call Novak in Twin Falls at 734-3481, or the Idaho Building Contractors Association in Boise at (888) 234-2222 and ask for Cynthiaanna.

through," said Smith, an attorney and former county prosecutor.

The problem has been that the different groups — heavy construction, area builders, small builders, commercial builders, as well as all the specialties such as plumbers, drywallers, well drillers and all the other groups couldn't agree on anything. But now they're in agreement that they've got to do something, and contractor licensing law is likely to be considered by the next Legislature.

"Now it appears that most of the groups are coming together and saying we need a regulatory power," Smith said.

With it, there will be a recourse to consumers with beefs, Novak said.

"Unfortunately, the lien laws which is the only thing on the books now, in some ways don't protect the consumer. They usually protect the contractor."

For now, you can do a little research on the contractors you're considering hiring to build your house or remodel your kitchen.

"The best thing a consumer can do is to look at the contractor's work," Novak said. "Find out how long he has been here and what type of work he's done before you hire him. Ask for references, then check them out. If a consumer is doing his homework, it can save a lot of problems down the road."

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# Start planning now for Y2K, experts say

The Baltimore Sun

Why not Y2K? OK, so Jan. 1, 2000, probably isn't going to be the end of civilization as we know it. But why not take a few precautions around the home, just in case there are minor disruptions in our computer-driven society caused by the turn of the millennium? Especially if those precautions aren't costly, make sense as general disaster preparedness and don't contribute to the millennium hysteria.

As 1999 winds down, it's no longer just the extremists suggesting we should be ready for problems created by the so-called millennium bug, which causes some computers to shut down because they won't know how to calculate the year 2000 (otherwise known as Y2K).

"It's a big project here," says Leslie Credit, spokeswoman for the American Red Cross. "We're preparing for it as we would for any other disaster."

At one end of the spectrum are the survivalists who are stockpiling freeze-dried foods and emergency generators in their basements in case power grids fail. At the other are those stockpiling champagne because the price may skyrocket in December.

Somewhere in between fall the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, organizations not prone to unfounded

## Resources for Y2K Information

- American Red Cross [www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/Y2K.html](http://www.redcross.org/disaster/safety/Y2K.html)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- Federal Y2K Information Center (888) USA-4Y2K
- President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion [www.Y2K.gov](http://www.Y2K.gov)
- Y2K for Women [www.Y2Kwomen.com](http://www.Y2Kwomen.com)
- Y2K Citizen's Action Guide (The Red Cross) [www.y2k.org/Y2K](http://www.y2k.org/Y2K)
- "Your Y2K Personal Protection Plan" (HarperCollins, 1999) by Jim Hickman
- "Y2K: An Action Plan to Protect Yourself, Your Family, Your Assets and Your Community on January 1, 2000" (HarperCollins, 1999) by Victor Porter
- "Y2K & YOU: The Sane Person's Home-Preparation Guide" (Chelsea Green, 1999) by Dermot McGugan and Beverly Jacobson
- "Y2K for Women: How to Protect Your Home and Family in the Coming Century" (Sovereign Press, 1999) by Karen Anderson

## Year 2000 emergency checklist

- ✓ Three-day supply of water (3 gallons per person)
- ✓ Three-day supply of nonperishable food
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Nonelectric can opener
- ✓ First-aid kit with any necessary prescription medicines
- ✓ Flashlights
- ✓ Battery-operated radio
- ✓ Extra batteries
- ✓ Extra pair of glasses
- ✓ Sanitation supplies, such as toilet paper and disposable baby diapers
- ✓ Cash to meet essential needs
- ✓ A gas for a car
- ✓ Full tank of gas in the car
- ✓ Extra blankets or sleeping bags

—Source: The Baltimore Sun

for FEMA, says cautiously. FEMA is suggesting people prepare as they might for a winter storm, with three days' worth of food and water on hand, flash-light batteries and a full tank of gas in the car.

"We believe there will be problems if people get panicked

and start hoarding," Walker says. "It makes sense to start preparing now."

In other words, judging by how people react to the mere threat of snow - let alone a millennium - don't expect to find any toilet paper or bread left on supermarket shelves come Dec. 31.

# Contractor

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"We pre-qualify our subcontractors," Hamilton said. "They have to furnish certificates of workmen's comp, their vehicle insurance and references. We are very diligent in how we handle our subs. We track their insurance, check to see if they keep it paid. We do a credit check on everybody who works for us," he said.

"We build a team for each job."

"If some aspect of the work is not up to your standards, the general contractor fixes that, too."

"He gets taken back apart and done right," Hamilton said. "That's why you want quality subs."

"Any extra expense that is incurred because of a mistake like that the contractor shoulders. It's not the homeowner's problem."

"The homeowner should never have to pay for something that was not their fault," Hamilton said.

Homeowners change their minds, materials come in late, whatever, but there will be delays.

"Every homeowner changes at least one thing in a job," Hamilton said. "Some homeowners change 20 to 30 percent of a job. It's a hard process."

"Not everybody is visual - they can't imagine how things are going to look until it's a concrete object staring back at them. And sometimes they decide that isn't what they want at that point."

"It's a fact of life. Most of the time we try to have plenty of lead time, taking possible change into consideration."

"If more money is needed to cover the new changes, then the homeowner and contractor negotiate that, and the work continues."

"Ofentimes you just say, 'Do it.' It's a verbal contract at that point most times, but a written

change order is the smart way," Hansen said.

"The change order will detail the extra costs and time involved. If the contractor bids another job already booked, then he will make arrangements to get your job done, and keep the next client happy too."

"Time marches on during your project. People need to be paid."

"Most contractors will ask for payment in full if yours was a short-term job, say, three to four weeks. They also have to pay their bills on time, though, and anything over that period puts them in a bind with the lender."

"Expect the contractor to present you with bills for materials on a monthly schedule. He will also give you bills for subcontractors once they have finished their portion of your job."

"The owner will only cut the check for the portion that has been done," Suss said. "Never give a final payment without a lien waiver for all subs and material suppliers."

"A lien waiver is a statement from a subcontractor or materials supplier saying they've been paid. When you tell your contractor up front that you have to have a lien waiver you have made a requirement of the job. The contractor is self-financed - he doesn't need your money to pay the bills. When he has completed the job and everybody is paid, you can hand him a check, after he has shown you the lien waiver."

"Say, 'Give me a lien waiver that says it's all been paid for and I'll say you.' That way you'll never have a materials supplier coming back on you for, say, the roofing shingles after you thought everything was paid for," Suss said.

"And after everything is paid and in order, 'Now you owe him in full. Right now,' Suss said.

"If you have 30 days you should get a satisfaction survey from your contractor. It will ask if you would recommend him to your friends. Were you happy with the work done? Fill it out and send it back to him. References are everywhere."

# Mixing at-home business with pleasure

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - At 17, Kristin Faett and Aimee Correnti, founders of Correnti & Co., work in an atmosphere that would force Mister Rogers to swear off children.

At one end of the spectrum are the survivalists who are stockpiling freeze-dried foods and emergency generators in their basements in case power grids fail. At the other are those stockpiling champagne because the price may skyrocket in December.

At any time during the workday, 2 1/2-year-old Shane Faett (a.k.a. "the Monster") is likely to catch the trash can over his head during a phone call. Correnti's 2-year-old, Nicolas, prefers sneaking upstairs to the bathroom to turn on the water.

It may appear that Faett and Correnti have failed to strike the elusive balance between work and family. But to them and to many home-based entrepreneurs, balance is an outdated notion. Today, it's all about blending.

Faett and Correnti may be an extreme example of the blurring lines between work and family, but as the home-based business and telecommuting scene matures, "there are some people who think it's a perfect solution to have the two mixed," said Alice Bredin, a New York-based columnist and author of two books on working at home.

There are about 23.8 million home offices (offices used by telecommuters and entrepreneurs) in the country, according to International Data Corp., up from 8.7 million in 1989. Of people who work at home, 59.6 percent have children under the age of 18.

"I think that when people first started talking about home offices, it was always about the idea of how do you keep yourself

## One way to handle pesky calls at home

The Washington Post

Michael Arndt, a work-at-home personal chef, found it difficult to explain to Brian, his 7-year-old, the importance of a business phone call.

"The hardest is getting him to understand that when I'm on the phone it's a professional phone call and that having a kid screaming in the background isn't really professional," said the single father.

One solution Arndt discovered was a distinct "identity ring" for his business telephone line that lets Brian know right away when a call is important. The distinct ring also helps Brian from becoming an accidental receptionist. "He hears that and lets it go," Arndt said.

Arndt has a separate office in his house. When he is not cooking, he often uses it to prepare menus or do administrative tasks for his business, Culinary Convenience. But for the most part, he and Brian hang out together around the house. If the clients approve, Arndt sometimes brings Brian along on jobs. That way, "he can visualize where he's going," on the nights he has to stay home with a sitter, Arndt said.

Mixing kids and clients is always risky. "You have to carve out what works for you and what works for your clients," said Alice Bredin, a New York-based author. "Some people think it's neat when your kids are in the background, but some people are not going to think that's cool."

## Go figure

Here are some suggestions for setting up your home-office computer.

Component	Minimum	Ideally
Processor	Celeron 426B	Pentium III, 426B
Ram	4MB	8GB
Operating system	Windows 98	Windows NT
File storage	CD-ROM drive	Zip drive or
SuperDisk drive		

## Other items to consider

Utility software: Fix-It Utilities 99 or Norton System Works  
 Virus protection: Norton Antivirus  
 Multifunction device (prints, scans, faxes and makes copies): Hewlett-Packard OfficeJet 720  
 Printer: Epson Stylus Color 640  
 Instant messaging: ICQ freeware; others are available from America Online and other sources.

—Source: Washington Post

from being distracted," Bredin said. Now a writing number find flexibility is the key, that "it's not such a bad thing to integrate

things more closely."

"The way in which home-based entrepreneurs choose to blend work and home vary. For some, it

means answering the phone with one hand and feeding a baby with the other. For others it may mean involving spouses, children, even parents in business tasks.

For Gayle Young-Monroe, owner of Positive Organizations Inc. - a consulting company whose specialty is managing change - working at home means bringing the family closer together.

Her husband, Steve Monroe, a programmer, also works from the country in northern Virginia. His "office" is in the corner of an unfinished basement, two feet from the washing machine and dryer; she occupies two converted upstairs bedrooms.

Having him around has been a major benefit, Young-Monroe said, sitting in her office, dressed comfortably in black slacks, purple sweater and stocking feet.

"He's my computer support," she said. While preparing training sessions, it isn't uncommon for her to turn to her computer, adorned with brightly colored stickers, and dash off a quick e-mail to her husband, who is cleverly networked all eight of the household's PCs. Because he is often on the World Wide Web anyway, he is usually happy to pull up information for her on customer support or whatever the topic may be.

The Monroes respect each other's space when it comes to work, and Steve often works at client sites. But the couple, former high school sweethearts from Kansas, also take advantage of their setup.

"What has been great about both of us working from home is we would say, 'You know what, there's a 4 o'clock movie, let's go see it.'"

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Informal '90s change shape of dining table

The Washington Post

The informality of the 1990s has dictated a whole new home-furnishing style, from slouchy slipcovered sofas to earthy aial rugs. Now it's changing the shape of many dining tables.

Yo, Dad. The pizza's here. Take your place at the table.

Slurping a meal together is one of the few family traditions idealized in the American home, even in this decade of crazed work and school schedules and cyber madness. The recipe for creating a comfortable setting for this crucial family face time is part attitude and part logistics.

So what shape of table should we gather around? A rectangular table is still the traditional choice of the majority of consumers and has been since someone slapped a board across two trees hundreds of years ago. But in the past decade, sales of round tables have been on the rise.

"King Arthur had the right idea. Everyone is equal at a round table," says Washington interior designer Barry Dixon, who dines on a round, iron table with a glass top. "A round table is

the ultimate dining table.

Sitting in the round is a prescriptive, almost democratic, play date you have never left or subtracted one of them as a man's room there is never an air dated and castles, seated awkwardly on one side. Think it walking into the auditorium with a group of eight friends and someone says that that round table is the center.

The image of the iron, dark wood table with the power chairs at the head and the floor, semi-circular and cast-iron dining at the Cleverly, "The formalism of a patriarchal society has manifested in the 1990s," says Jim F. Pina, professor of design at the Institute for 50 years. "The fact that Papa sits at the end and Mama at the other is an imperious theme of family life."

Shifting demographics — 25 percent of family households with children are now headed by two parents, according to a recent Census Bureau survey — also have influenced designers at the dinner hour.

"Does shape make a difference?" In Decorating 312, design stu-

dents are taught that it does. From "Interior Design," a textbook written by Pile (Harry N. Abrams Inc., 1995, \$34 pp.). Table shape "strongly influences the degree of formality that will be associated with dining. Circles and squares, having an obvious head or foot, favor informality, while rectangles and ovals are the norm for formal dining."

Some furniture manufacturers and designers say round tables are milms of the sales floor in growing numbers.

"There has been a trend toward dining rooms becoming less of a formal space and more of an every-day dining room," says Craig Stein, Ethan Allen's vice president of product development, whose family of five chows down at the round. "We've gone from extremely formal interiors to more of a relaxed elegance. Everyone is treated as an equal at a round table."

"Round is more pleasing, there's something less pretentious about it," says Michael DeLuca, vice president at Century Furniture, a high-end manufacturer in Hickory, N.C. DeLuca says Century is pump-

ing out more and larger round tables, some with 60-inch to 70-inch circumference. For mega-mansions, a 20th-century model is a 65-inch pedestal table with a cool marble round inset in the middle \$5,450.

Forget square, says Delgado. "Square tables are tough. Square is not that functional." Too many wood legs to deal with.

Not everyone is sold. Who's in charge here? "I have noticed that my clients are asking for them, but I discourage it," says Catherine Bailey Dunne, a Los Angeles-based designer and author of the book "Interior Designing for All Five Senses" (Golden Books, 184 pp., 1988). "I don't like a round table, you can't have an intimate conversation unless it's to the person to the right or left of you. There's a lot of you."

For many families, she recommends an oval shape, where two people could sit at either end. "But there is nothing wrong with having a head of the family either," she says. Somebody has to be there to say no when the children ask for like phones in their room.

To drip or not to drip

NEW YORK (AP) — Tired of the drip, drip, drip of the bathroom faucet when you're trying to sleep? Or are you always out of rubber washer rings when the kitchen tap starts leaking?

Consider installing dripless models. "It's a relatively simple weekend project that is perfect for this time of year," says Paul Erickson, consumer affairs manager at Ace Hardware Corp., based in Oak Brook, Ill.

The nationwide hardware retailer offers these tips:

• Preparation: If the mounting posts on your old faucet are rusted, use a penetrating oil to help ease the faucet out of the sink. Before removing the faucet, remove contents of an under-sink

cabinet. Finally, shut off the water supply and spread a drop cloth to protect the floor or cabinet base.

• Installation: Look for a faucet with easy-to-read instructions and illustrations that identify each faucet part. Disconnect the supply line and use a wrench to detach the mounting nuts. Remove the old faucet and clean any residue. Center the new faucet in the openings, mount it to the sink and tighten the nuts.

• Water Connection: Install the new supply lines and test the connection for water pressure and leaks. When secure, turn on the water and let it run for at least a minute to clear any blockage.

Avoid bathroom backups

NEW YORK (AP) — The price of a plumber and the inconvenience of a kitchen or bath temporarily off-limits should be enough to warrant family cooperation in preventing clogged drains.

"Drain problems often result from a buildup of grease, food, soap and hair particles," says Johnnie D. Roto, a director of plumbing for Roto-Rooter Services Co. in Cincinnati.

Among his recommendations:

• Wipe grease from pots and pans and put it in the trash, not

in the sink. Liquid fats solidify in pipes and create clogs.

• Never put hard-to-grind waste into the garbage disposal. That includes poultry skin and bones, carrots, celery and banana peels.

• A strainer in the bathtub drain helps catch pipe-clogging soap residue, hair and lotions. Clean regularly.

• Put a small trash can in every bathroom. Nothing but toilet paper should be put in the toilet, not even facial tissue. It is made of stronger fibers and doesn't dissolve well.

Stressed consumers buy their bed and lie in it

Knight Ridder News Service

Are you satisfied just finding a place to lay your head or seeking a place for a great night's bed?

We're talking more comfort, more possibly customized, mattress sets, as consumers increasingly opt for bedding that can cost from about \$1,000 to more than \$8,000.

That could buy you more support for your neck, lower back and knees. Extra layers of foam, cashmere and silk for a really plush feel. Or variable firmness so both you and your partner can be happy.

Whatever you choose, shed that old think that firmer is better. Comfort is the new mantra, as the industry pitches the prospect of rejuvenating sleep to a society running on fumes.

Why are consumers spending more?

"People are taking the view that they deserve it — finally there's something for me," said Donald Hofmann of Simmons. "It doesn't matter where you are. They're stressed out now."

Such outlays are often viewed as money well spent in a fast-

paced culture, where increasing demands can take their toll on sleep. "Some people are going to bed with a great night's rest, and they don't look at it as a luxury product. They think it's the right mattress," said Andrea Herman, director of the mattress-affiliated Better Sleep Company.

Such was the case for the Jacksons of Birmingham, Ala., who recently shelled out \$3,000 for a queen-size King Koil by Karoly Jackson, 46, works part time as a waitress and office worker, and her husband, John, 48, a construction worker. Karoly attributes her back problems to years of mattressing, says she hadn't planned to spend quite so much, but after trying several mattresses, kept going back to this one.

"I spent more," she said, "but it was worth it."

The excitement at the upper end of the nearly \$1 billion industry reflects a general preference for larger beds. The queen has become a \$100 million a year, accounting for about 25 percent of the market.

Another factor is an aging population that may prefer a greater

deep surface for their less-flexible bodies.

But products that emphasize extra support are not new. They have always been available, said Herman — just not in such profusion.

She can notice the change right away in the profile of mattresses, said Michael King, mattress buyer for Macy's East Coast Stores. "They're thicker and more luxurious," he said.

Walk into a mattress store these days, and there's one word you'll hear.

There's been a trend to making mattresses softer, although they don't like to use the word "soft," said Larry Thomas, better sleep editor for the trade publication Furniture Today. "It's got a negative connotation. They call it 'plush' or 'luxurious.'"

When 15 to 20 years ago, the prevailing wisdom was that a hard or firm mattress was good for the back. But it doesn't need to be so firm, says Thomas, said. "Most of the softer surfaces come from different types of foams and other cushioning materials. The mattress is firmer

underneath for the support you need."

The new thinking on mattresses came as news to Robert DeVecchio, 36, when he walked into Rockaway Bedding's Deptford store with his wife, Rita, 37.

The Philadelphia-area couple had been experiencing back pain, and Robert was sure he didn't want a bed that was "soft and squishy." But he found that a Stearns & Foster with a pillowtop offered the best support and comfort.

"I stayed away from it at first because of the money and all. We're newlyweds," he said. Robert is a sheriff's officer for Camden County, N.J., and Rita is marketing director for an electronics store.

But once he tried it, he said, "It's top-of-the-line. I'm not going to worry about price." The couple paid \$1,200 for a king set.

Most people change mattresses every 10 years or so, and increasingly, "they don't want the cheapest bed out there," said Hofmann, Simmons' vice president of marketing. "They want a better night's sleep."

New scroll saw to hit market

Orange County Register

Not content to have one of the best rotary tools on the market, the folks at Dremel are coming out with a new variable-speed scroll saw.

Among the features Dremel touts is especially noteworthy are the top-mounted controls for easy access, a 45-degree-angle table that tilts left and right for two-way level cutting, and a table angle detents that lock in place at 15-degree intervals for consistent bevel cutting.

The saw also includes an attached adjustable light and a multi-directional dust blower that keeps the area free from debris.

The new scroll saw has a suggested retail price of \$299.

Name that paint

Knight Ridder News Service

You move in, and the first thing you want to do is repaint.

But what's already on that surface? Check it out with a PaintCheck (\$6.49 for a 2-swing blister card) from HomeRight, which will tell you right away if it's an oil or latex paint. That way, if you're going to put a latex over existing oil paint, you'll know to prime it first.

Home preparation: Quakes happen

The Orange County Register

If the massive Tuesday earthquake doesn't shake it in earthquake country out of our back-of-preparedness lethargy, it will be our own fault if we're not ready when the Big One hits.

The thing is, it doesn't take much effort or money for us to prepare. Lots of stores — particularly the big home centers and larger hardware stores — have sections devoted to earthquakes, preparedness materials. It should take one stop and a couple of hours of work and you're done.

• Book and display cases. Find a wall stud behind one of these large pieces of furniture. Use a metal bracket you can find in a number of the earthquake materials sections and fasten the case to the stud in the wall. It may take a few screws, usually supplied with the brackets. The cost: \$5-\$20.

• Heavy or loose objects. If fasten down a heavy book near your bed, use straps and ties. Quickhold, an adhesive tape you can find in many stores, just put it on top of the shelf and piece

the object down on it firmly but gently.

If something is too large, use a narrow-gauge wire to fasten around the object. Attach the wire in a screw or nail you put in a wall behind the object or top of a bookcase.

• Glass. When it isn't possible to attach a large object to a wall or cabinet, put it anywhere except where it might fall on someone sitting in a chair or lying in a bed.

• Gas shutoff. A major danger in an earthquake is a natural-gas pipe breaking and a fire or explosion erupting. Some natural-gas companies and several private companies sell \$185-\$225 automatic shut-off devices that can be placed on your main gas line entering the house. (That's something you can do yourself, but you'll be smart to have a professional do it for you.) If a major quake hits, the shaking triggers the device and it shuts off your gas.

• Make sure the shut-off device you use can be easily reset. It's not having to call the gas company to come out. In a big quake, there's people will be mighty busy

and might not get to your home for days or weeks.

If you don't want to buy an automatic shut-off device, at least have a wrench or special wrench/keys ready expressly for turning off your gas line. Again, most home centers and lots of hardware stores sell special keys (\$5-\$10) that can be left near the shut-off areas.

• Water heater. In a massive quake, a water heater can bounce right off its platform, destroying it, causing a little flood and possibly igniting a fire from a ruptured natural-gas line.

Strap down the water heater. Locate wall studs on each side in back of your water heater. Buy plumber's tape (it's a perforated metal strip) you can find in all those home centers and hardware stores for about \$6. Stretch the tape across the front of the water heater and fasten the ends with a lag screw to the studs. (Some advice strapping the tape to a 2-by-4 stretched across the studs and lag-screwing the 2-by-4 onto the wall studs.)

As for food and water, water is the most important. But make sure you store it in a place adjacent but outside your home.

Lighting the way all year long

Knight Ridder News Service

Are you one of those people who leaves Christmas lights up all year because you love the way they look? Is your deck rail lined with strings of light white lights? Thanks to a company in Durango, Colo., called Primal Lite Inc., you can now string season-appropriate lights everywhere inside and outside your house.

The lights come in a variety of shapes — in red hearts or roses for Valentine's Day to bunnies and carrots for Easter, to ghosts and skeletons for Halloween. But you can also get smiling half-moons, lobsters, chili peppers, autumn leaves, cactus, trout, flamingos and palm-tree, cows, bees, butterflies, bunches of grapes, playing-cards-and-dice, starfish, billiard balls, men-and-women, Star of David, turkeys and flags. And oh

yes, Christmas-tree lights.

There are also larger lights designed to be used outdoors — a string of flamingos, a row of flags, a set of cactus. The strings of smaller lights generally have 10 bulbs, and are double-plugged so you can add strings together. They cost from \$12.99 to \$15.99.

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# The hows and whys of renovating a patio

**Knight Ridder News Services**

WICHITA, Kan. — Norman Warminski decided this summer he needed a facility. Not for himself, but for the patio on the rear of his Wichita home.

The 70-by-45 foot slab was cracked and discolored but still structurally sound after more than 42 years.

"To come in and break all the concrete up and haul it out and then to lay brick would have been \$10,000. This was more like less than \$1,500," said Warminski, retired horticulturist for the Sedgewick County (Kan.) Extension Service.

"This is a combination of using a concrete saw and applying an acrylic stain to create a three-color design of concentric circles and nine squares on the existing concrete."

"I had the design in my head, so I didn't do any drawings," he explained. He outlined the design with a felt-tip marker and chiseled the lines directly onto the slab. A paving installer, Kirby Jant of Heartstone in Wichita, carved a 1/4-inch-deep groove to outline the color areas, finishing in about a day.

Warminski applied an acrylic concrete stain, which didn't require a sealer top coat as paint would have. "So I'm hoping I'm through with this project," he said.

The opaque stain required two coats for the orange and gray and three for the creamy beige. The stain also comes in a translucent mixture, which allows more of the surface to be seen. The floor at the Piccadilly Grill is an example of that look, he said.

The stain is not widely available. Warminski bought his from Porter Paints. It comes in a wide variety of colors and can be custom mixed.

The terra cotta orange accents complement several clay pots and clay fireplace on the patio, and the gray-blue squares echo the Silverdale stone on the ranch-style house, Warminski said.

The integrated color scheme is an example of Warminski's advice to apply the same design principles to outdoor spaces as they do to indoor rooms. Enclosures such as fences or screens are like walls, and open views are like windows, he said.

"If you can stick your head out the back door and see the whole vista, it doesn't entice you outside."

Large square pavers, like large ones, need to be broken into smaller ones.

"I think most people just get by enough to get on their patio," he said. "I have more than one alternative. It gives a different perspective as the pavers."

One-by-two slabs are a viable alternative for a driveway, but not for a driveway. They are a five-foot square, and they are a viable alternative to represent the driveway.

Two oval pavers, one in the center of the patio, screen the area. The slabs are set in the driveway, and the driveway is set in the driveway.

"When I read the paper, I had to move all the pavers off the driveway. I had to move all the pavers off the driveway. I had to move all the pavers off the driveway."

# REC ROOMS

More sports-minded homeowners are adding places of shoot, pitch or putt

**Knight Ridder News Service**

ST. PAUL, Minn. — When Bob Beedle undertook an extensive remodeling of his Stillwater Township home last year, he installed a 27-by-47-foot basketball half-court in the project.

His daughters, Alicia and Carina, play basketball, and Beedle coaches girls traveling basketball teams. "Getting access to gyms can be a problem in Stillwater," Beedle explains.

Beedle's home gym is part of a trend of installing sports facilities in the home. "People are getting more gutsy and confident about making their homes fit who they are and what they like to do," says Kate Halverson, a Twin Cities interior designer who last spring installed an indoor putting green in a house on Lake Minnetonka.

Luke Elmo architect Dave Heerdt, who with Christine Beedle's home gym is part of a trend of installing sports facilities in the home. "People are getting more gutsy and confident about making their homes fit who they are and what they like to do," says Kate Halverson, a Twin Cities interior designer who last spring installed an indoor putting green in a house on Lake Minnetonka.

The Beedle basketball court has cushioned maple floors and three regulation baskets. Green storage is built into walls covered with laminate that is impervious to dents — essential because a

girls fast-pitch softball team that Beedle coaches also uses the facility. Other features include daylight-quality lighting, a sound-system so the space can be used for parties and controls on the basketballs so they can be locked tight to the walls when a net is strung for volleyball.

Inspired by Beedle's court, Dan and Sue Braaten are including a 35-by-26-foot basketball facility in the Stillwater home they're building. "Others may think we're goofy," says Sue Braaten, "but this costs no more than a swimming pool, and we can use it all year."

— Sue Braaten, referring to her home's indoor basketball court

The Braatens also have two basketball-playing daughters, ages 12 and 15. And Beedle, Sue Braaten coaches a basketball team — Stillwater's senior-grade girls traveling squad.

Exercise pools, which typically cost \$15,000 to \$20,000, are also being added to homes. Ron Widlund, owner of Scandinavian Home Construction based in

Houlton, Wis., says he frequently gets inquiries about adding the pools to the homes he builds.

Widlund installed one in the North St. Paul home of Dick and Peggy Hinds. The 7 1/2-by-17-foot pool was added during a remodeling project by removing a deck from the north side of the house.

"We call it our cabin up north," Peggy Hinds says, with a laugh. The pool has three current-circulating motors, which provide resistance during swimming exercises. One end of the pool functions as a whirlpool.

"I always wanted a swimming pool. It's the only athletic thing I do," Hinds says. "When I come home from work and my neck and shoulders are stiff, a swim cures me."

Seven Edling always wanted his own putting green. This year, the Osceola, Wis., chiropractor and 6-handicap golfer finally had to have fun things to do at home," Dave Harvieux says. "We have no regrets."

has a water table 6 feet deep. The area below the green was excavated about 6 feet deep, filled with sand, topped with a dirt mixture and seeded. "I've mowed it once, and we're reseeded some spots, but it looks really pretty," the 37-year-old Edling says. He expects to be putting on the green next spring.

Because of the homeowner would like a putting green in their yard or a basketball court in the house, homeowners have to consider the impact of the sports facilities on future marketability of their residences. A homeowner has to consider resale, says Beedle, who is a real estate agent.

"There's a limited demand for this kind of facility, but we built the basketball court so it could be remodeled as a business space."

Dave and Kathy Harvieux don't regret adding a putting green to their yard. It's been home 18 years ago. It's also been used for basketball, Wallyball and soccer and softball practice, even as a roller-skating rink and tricycle track.

"Our thought was that we wanted our kids and their friends to have fun things to do at home," Dave Harvieux says. "We have no regrets."

# Homeowners can't avoid maintenance

**Knight Ridder Newspapers**

Say you buy a master and use it every morning, but never clean it. Then, a year down the road, right after the manufacturer's warranty expires, a thick slice of bread gets stuck in one of the slots, starts to smoke, and ignites the accumulated crumbs. The result: fire burns the master, the rest of the kitchen and your house.

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er. Just because pressure-treated wood is supposed to last 40 years doesn't mean that it will endure on its own.

In a 1993 survey, undertaken to discern how long the components of new homes might be expected to last, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) found that although a well-built house can last for centuries, many of its parts have to be replaced or refurbished regularly.

Most appliances have lifespans of between 10 and 20 years, according to the survey, while ceramic countertops can last a lifetime — with proper installation and proper maintenance.

A wood casement window has a lifespan of 20 to 50 years. Drywall, including varieties designed as tile backing in high-moisture areas such as bathrooms, can last 30 to 50 years. Some high-end door hardware come with lifetime guarantees.

Most builders and remodelers will agree that although the craftsmanship of pre-1940 housing was beyond reproach, today's materials tend to be more versatile, safer to use and live with, and easier to maintain.

A brick still lasts 100 years or more and marble continues to endure a lifetime plus, but buyers of new houses these days don't have to live with lead-based

paint, asbestos insulation and aluminum electrical wiring.

Even when the materials require less maintenance, they still need some attention.

And sometimes, with all the precaution taken and all requirements met, these materials don't perform the way they should. Some builders offer warranties of years designed to help ease the financial burden of such calamities and protect builders from lawsuits.

Even with such warranties, new-home buyers need to check the reputation of the builders they are dealing with. They should visit other communities the builders have developed, and talk to residents there.

# CLEAR THE DECKS

A little upkeep goes a long way

NEW YORK (AP) — Decks of pressure-treated wood are durable, but they, still require upkeep to keep them looking good and to assure longevity.

For easy cleaning, use a vacuum cleaner hose to its exhaust and use it to dislodge dirt and debris which accumulates in the cracks. Dirt retains moisture and can lead to warping and decay.

Ask your contractor or home improvement dealer how often the deck should be scrubbed and resealed. If you're handy and have the time, you can do it yourself with the help of how-to

books such as "Homeowner's Deck" (Bantam Books) and "Decking: The Ultimate Guide" (The Home Depot).

Like the deck, a little ongoing maintenance can preserve an asphalt driveway for years, even with the expansion and contraction caused by weather.

Fill in cracks, clean it out with a garden hose, use leaf blower or power washer. When it is clean and dry, apply an asphalt sealer. If you're not sure, it's best to call a professional.

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HOME '99

Do some homework before spending big on leather

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Following on the spiky heels of all those leather-clad models strutting down runways in Paris and Milan last spring, the furniture industry, too, is dressing in new models in fashion's hottest material: leather.

And today's leather home-furnishings offerings have more looks, colors, applications and price points than ever. For wild ones, there are big, brassy teacoy chairs from Pottery Barn. The Ch-inclined might fancy Baker Furniture's clean-lined sofas dressed in skintight leathers. Those who like to surround themselves in rustic, earthy environs? Check out the whistly-soft Bodegas settee by Eric Brand for Mulholland Brothers. Sexy designs done in lipstick reds or lime green from Roche Bobois can satisfy diva draciers. And fans of long-loved Coach leather bags will be thrilled to know Coach has entered the world of home furnishings with director's chairs, folding screens and sofas.

Leather is even covering tables, walls and floors. With so many possibilities, how do you decide on the right leather piece and price for them? What is the difference between the \$799 leather sofa and the one that sells for \$7,999?

Planning designs and manufacturers aside, focus on the leather's grain and how it has been processed for color, softness and stain-resistance. The grain and the aniline dyes used to finish the leather make the difference.

The full-grain/full aniline leather is the softest, most luxurious and the most expensive because the leather has not been mechanically altered, says Matthew Rosson of Thomasville Furniture Industries and Leather Shoppes, an online leather furniture store — <http://www.leathershoppes.com>

The more processing and finishing the leather undergoes, the harder and stiffer the texture of the skin becomes.

Full-grain leather also has not been scuffed so the scars of a cow's life — from insect bites to scratches with barbed wire — can be seen. The best full-grain leathers are those with the fewest imperfections.

If you aren't sure whether a leather is full-grain, use a magnifying glass to see the pores in the leather, suggests Jim Hays, manager of Roche Bobois stores in Chicago and Winnetka. Roche Bobois, known for its clean-lined contemporary leather styles, sells only full-grain leather designs.

Expect to find leather sofas in this category starting at \$3,000. If the manufacturer has "A1" grade

Don't shed tears over tears, marks

Chicago Tribune

It is not the end of the world if your cat decides to do a leaping dance on the back of your leather sofa, or if you spill nail polish remover on it or your house keys scratch your club chair.

There are leather cleaners and conditioners to get rid of smudges and marks, and some blemishes, such as pen marks, can be removed with an artist's gum eraser.

"Finished leather tends to be more washable," says Robert Lonscarvic, owner of The Leather Solution in Chicago — which handles repair work for furniture leaders such as Walter E. Smith and Roche Bobois. Lonscarvic recommends using Neutrogena or

Ivory soap — on finished leathers only.

For common problems such as pen marks, cat and dog scratches, or urine, and nail-polish remover stains and discoloration, Lonscarvic recommends the Leather Solution Cleaner and Conditioner (see below) and the German-made Zymol (available at better auto shops). If newspaper ink should wipe off onto leather furniture, consult an expert; there are no home remedies.

To prevent discoloration and drying, Lonscarvic suggests using window-tinting agents or window treatments to protect your leather furniture from ultraviolet rays. He also recommends placing leather furniture at least 1.5 feet away from radiators or other

heat sources so the leather will not dry out.

"Navy-blue leather sofas will fade if they are in the sun," says Jim Hays, manager of Roche Bobois stores in Chicago and Winnetka. "Black and brown (leather furniture) not so much. The black will lighten slightly. These can be easily redyed, but the best way to prevent this from happening is to make sure there is protection from ultraviolet rays." And what to do about rips or tears? Don't cry, call an expert. That kind of damage can be corrected, says Lonscarvic, although he doesn't give away his secret tricks.

Leather Solution Cleaner and Conditioner (\$40 for 20-ounce bottle) can be ordered by calling 773-685-2162.

African, South American and Asian); "C" grade hides constitute 18 percent of the total world hides.

The remaining 60 percent or so of the world hide supply does not meet requirements for upholstery and is used for clothing, shoes, belts, handbags and the automotive industry.

Price will give you some indication of the hide and the processing used to create the design, but if you are in doubt, ask. If you can't get your question answered to your satisfaction, then shop around before making this investment.

Why the leather explosion? Fashion, comfort and sex appeal, in that order, are the three top reasons people choose leather for their homes, says Brit Beemer, founder and president of America's Research Group, a Charleston, S.C.-based company that tracks furniture industry trends.

It has that element of fun and of surprise," says Chris Casson Madden, designer, author and host of HGTV's "Interiors by Design." Madden, who also is creative consultant for Virginia-based Bassett Furniture Industries Inc., will introduce her namesake line of furniture, including several leather designs, in the fall. "There's elegance, permanence and rebellion in leather," adds Madden.

hides (cows from Southern Germany, northern Italy and Spain; goats from New Zealand, Norway and Finland) an even higher starting price is not unusual, because only 5 percent of the total world hides fall in this category.

Semi-aniline leathers often are embossed and buffed to enhance the grain. They are durable and

stain-resistant and tend to be the most popular category for consumers. Sofas in this category range from \$1,200 to \$3,000. Typically, "B" grade hides (from northern Germany, Netherlands, England and the United States) fall in this category, representing 10 to 15 percent of the total hide supply.

Pigmented leathers are hides

whose grains have been corrected by sanding, buffing and/or embossing to make the texture more uniform. Dye dyes are used to cover and minimize natural marks and scars. This is considered the most durable kind of leather and requires the least maintenance. Most pigmented leathers come from "C" grade hides (Australian, American

the American College of Emergency Physicians and the Mayo Clinic recommend keeping on hand the items in the accompanying list.

Many people also have prescription drugs in their medicine cabinets to handle specific needs, such as allergies or asthma. Don't forget to check expiration dates on over-the-counter and prescription items. Throw out any unused prescription drugs once you no longer need them.

And be sure to keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

Parents want kids to have it all

Knight Rider News Service

MIAMI — Fairy tales are splashed on wall murals, beds are shaped like boats, closets are turned into Old West saloons and holes are drilled into walls to make room for slides.

Go into builders' model homes in South Florida, and you'll see children's rooms decked out like never before.

While the ever-expanding master bedroom suites have taken all the ink, children's rooms haven't been left behind in the affluent '90s. They, too, have gotten fancier and bolder.

Think queen-size beds for 7-year-old princesses, computer stations for future Bill Gateses, Jack-and-Jill bathrooms for siblings. And don't forget the game and toy rooms for the new generation. A common standard in many new home developments: Telephone and cable wiring in each child's room.

Many parents are wanting to lavish things on their kids that they themselves never had, said

interior designer Nury Faria, who owns Design Perceptions in South Miami-Dade. And builders have discovered a '90s marketing message: Kids drive sales, from Pottery Barn's dining cards to a five-bedroom home in the 'burbs.

"All of a sudden it's not just the parents' decision — it's the kids' decision," said Dean Anderson, project manager for G.L. Homes' SilverShores planned community in Miramar.

"How many kids influence me — don't you?" asked Jim Carr, president of Westbrooke and Aerie home builders in South Florida.

To cater to these youthful consumers, both companies have themed children's homes for each of their model homes. At SilverShores, for example, there is an easel in one room for the budding artist, a bullet bar in another for the dance enthusiast and stereo equipment and a Beanie Baby poster for a teen.

Builders like Luscum, which is building attached homes in Miami Lakes, also make sure

they have all age levels represented in their model rooms, from infants' nurseries to kids about ready to leave the nest, President Oscar Barbara said.

"You want the kids to feel comfortable and happy," he said. "It's one thing for the wife to love the kitchen. Then the kids get attached, and now they're saying, 'I love my room,' and suddenly there are even more compelling reasons to buy," said Sissy DeMarina, a public relations executive who represents several South Florida builders.

Kids — and their growing numbers — already are driving much of the '90s building boom in both western Broward and Miami-Dade.

The Baby Boomers and Generation Xers are having their kids — and buying new homes to raise them.

The burgeoning 5- to 22-year-old crowd, nicknamed the Echo Boom generation, is expected to surpass even the Baby Boomers in size, according to American Demographics magazine.

Stay ready for emergencies in the home

The Washington Post

Home may be where the heart is, but it's also a prime site for medical care. From burns and scrapes to headaches and sniffles, many health problems are frequently treated at home.

That's why you need medical supplies to handle emergencies when they occur. An estimated 6.8 million Americans were injured at home in 1998 seriously enough to sideline them for at least a day, according to the National Safety Council.

Stairs are among the most dangerous places in the home, accounting for more than 914,000 emergency room visits in 1997, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Slippery floors and other flooring hazards were responsible for 841,000 injuries, while knives accounted for 435,000 visits to emergency rooms.

Many less serious injuries, such as a minor cut or a twisted ankle, can be managed at home. To keep a well-stocked medicine cabinet, the American Red Cross,

Furniture for the kids: Design of the times

Los Angeles Times

A little boy sits in a wooden chair, his feet barely reaching the ground, and says, "I've been drawn to the simplicity of Shaker design." A little girl bounces merrily on her bed and states, "It's really the comfort that pulls the whole room together."

This out-of-the-mouth-of-babies television ad campaign is from E.A. Kids, a new Edina, Minn. furniture line for the junior set that includes cottage-style nightstands and bookcases, overstuffed chairs and contemporary desks and bedding. Also available are Victorian metal beds, farmhouse-inspired armchairs, cottage-style chests, Shakerish desks and French provincial desks from companies such as Pottery Barn, Lexington

Home Furnishings, Stanley Furniture Co. and Garnet Hill.

The look is anything but juvenile, and are the prices. These scaled-down versions of mommy and daddy's furniture are fast replacing cartoon themes as the design of choice for kids' rooms, with prices ranging from \$100 for a twin bed, \$600 for a wicker rocking chair, \$900 for an armchair and \$1,999 for a leather loveseat.

Furniture companies are pitching the pieces to adults, capitalizing on the fact that older, affluent parents have more sophisticated taste than their younger counterparts and gravitate toward furniture that harmonizes with the rest of the house. They're also aware that parents may be nostalgic for the whimsical bedrooms they never had — but

can now give to their kids. But kids have opinions too. A generation used to dressing like clones of adults, thanks to Gap, can now mimic adult designs in their bedrooms.

Families in this country didn't always focus such attention on their child's bedroom rooms, says Jo Laura, assistant curator of decorative arts at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

"At the turn of the century not everyone had the money to differentiate furniture like that," she says.

"Furniture was multipurpose. You may have had rocking chairs that were scaled down or had shorter legs, but you would have whole suites of furniture dedicated to a particular age group. Also, houses were smaller, and people shared rooms.

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# Laminates make big comeback in American homes

The Associated Press

In homes today, the mid-century modern look is big. Along with a return of the era's furniture and accessories, there is a revival of interest in one of its prominent surfacing materials: plastic laminate.

Besides being used — just as it was before — to cover counters, cabinets and walls, new types of laminates are showing up in flooring, furniture, and the finished particleboard used to build shelves and other projects.

Laminates also are found increasingly in manufactured housing, says George Carter, executive director of the Laminating Material Association Inc. The workhorse used in laminates on counters and cabinets really never faltered, even though the material lost its cachet in the 1970s and 1980s.

Laminate flooring is particularly popular now. Although it has been available in Europe for at least 15 years, it's been on the market for U.S. consumers for only about the last five years.

Flooring patterns imitate materials such as wood, tile and stone. It's easy to maintain, scratch resistant, fade resistant, and often sold with 15-year warranties. And it can be installed over existing flooring materials.

The flooring often sells at about \$4 a square foot, not including installation. That places it below hardwood flooring in cost but above sheet vinyl.

A bit of history puts laminates into perspective: Although identified as part of the postwar plastics era beginning in the 1950s,

The Associated Press

What should be done with a 1959 ranch house check full of plastic laminate-covered counters, walls and cabinets in colors such as aqua, bright pink and orange? "Tear it down" is what 99 out of a 100 might say. But sometimes that one voice in the wilderness that says "save it" wins out.

Restoration is what happened to the Ralph S. and Sunny Wilson House in Temple, Texas. The refurbished house was given laminate's second life in July, 1998, by the National Register of Historic Places and the Texas Historical Commission.

Quite a turnaround, especially since demolition had already begun when efforts to save the house began in 1996.

Ralph Wilson Sr. built the house in 1929 for his son. As the founder of Wilsonart, a leading producer of high pressure laminates, he decided to treat his home as a demonstration of unusual uses and

experimental applications of laminates.

Instead of employing sheet-rock — the common wall material of the day — Wilson had laminate panels installed as walls. The method of construction was to tack laminate panels directly onto the structural two-by-fours.

The kitchen and bathroom counters are one of the first examples of bending a laminate sheet so it forms a continuous curve from the top to the side edge of the counter, in a process known as post-forming.

Post-forming is common today, but in 1959, it was an experimental technique. Laminate shower surrounds were another application innovative at the time. There was also a decorative geometric pattern in laminate on a living room wall. Fashionable colors of the era such as aqua, bright pink, lemon yellow, and pumpkin were used.

The house was featured in the company's advertisements in the 1960s.

Magazine articles spoke of its

design as an example of affordable modern living.

After Wilson's death in 1972, his widow, Sunny Wilson, lived in the house for a while, but by 1996 it was up for sale. To make it more saleable, removal of the laminate panels had already begun when Grace Jeffers saw it.

Jeffers, a decorative arts historian from New York, was helping to set up Wilsonart's corporate archives.

"The minute I walked in, I knew the house must be saved," she recalls.

"I told them it was historically important as the oldest example that I had seen of certain laminate applications, such as post-forming and an all-laminate tub and shower surround." Jeffers managed to persuade the company to buy the house. Through research and documentation, she was able to satisfy the National Historic Register and the Texas Historical Commission that the house is an excellent example of a mid-20th century ranch house. The preservation groups also recognized the house for its use of

laminate and innovative technology.

Wilsonart now is housing its archives in the building, located at 1714 South 61 Street in Temple. Tours are available to the public by appointment.

Restoration started in March, 1998, and was completed in September. The work included removing wallpaper and joint compound that was covering the original laminate walls, polishing the walls, cleaning and regluing original vinyl tile floor.

The exterior landscaping also was refurbished. There is a correlation between the landscaping and the interior decorating details.

"Pampas grass outside relates to fluffy pillows inside and spiky yucca has a similar decorative feeling to spiky accessories that are used indoors," Jeffers says.

With landmark designation has come more respect for the house. "People used to treat it as a joke. Now they're rather proud of it," says Jeffers, who is curator of the house. "And they call me the Dalí Laminate."

Design, a furniture store in Oklahoma City, sees laminate turning up more often on the modern furniture he stocks either instead of, or in addition to, wood.

"It's a durable material and comes in many different colors. And plywood and laminate used together can be more cost-efficient than other materials," says Huff.

"Furniture designers on the edge who show their work in galleries are looking at laminate," says Kent Busch, editorial director of Laminating Design & Technology, a trade publication in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

One designer is Chris Deem of Berkeley, Cal. His award-winning Boss-series of cabinets features laminate-covered doors.

"I find laminates are an effective way to get color and texture into my designs," Deem says.

Laminates have always been valued as a relatively inexpensive way of getting color and pattern into a room and for offering a durable and easy-care surface.

"Now, there is a shift from plain color without visual texture to the use of laminates with visual and physical texture as well as color," says Renee Hytry, director of design for Formica Corp.

Various types of patterns also are available, thanks in part to the improvement of the printing technology used to create the design.

"Fake woodgrain used to look fake," Hytry says. "Now the printing is so realistic that woodgrain laminates are overcoming the architects' resistance to the use of fake materials."

they originated when the first experimental laminated sheets made of fruit paper and liquid Bakelite were developed around 1910. The process involved soaking the paper in liquid resin, then in levers and compressing them in a flat-bed hydraulic press. The former paper sheets emerged as a simple rigid laminated sheet

with the chemical and electrical properties of Bakelite, a type of plastic.

Although the original work was done elsewhere, the company was founded in 1913 to manufacture laminate sheets, and its early start has made its trade-named product almost a synonym for plastic laminate

sheets no matter that a number of different companies make and market them.

Through World War II, uses of the product were mainly industrial and commercial. But after the war, they blossomed in consumer applications, ranging from countertops to desks.

In the 1950s and 1960s, lami-

nates were used by avant garde designers for furniture and surfaces. A design community backlash against the product and in favor of natural materials during the late 1970s and 1980s put laminates on a back burner. Now, young designers are rediscovering the material.

Jim Huff, owner of Inside

## Getting to the basics of ceiling fans

Orange County Register

Other than opening the windows of your home and letting a stiff breeze flow through, ceiling fans are the most economical way of cooling your home. Whether used alone or with air conditioning, they're capable of decreasing humidity by increasing air flow, thereby making a person's skin feel drier and cooler.

Basically, a ceiling fan consists of an electrical motor and its housing, the blades and blades. Many types of ceiling fans also come with lights, or lights can be added. You'll find a wide variety of ceiling-fan styles from Victorian to ultra-modern to children's fans shaped like their favorite cartoon characters or sports paraphernalia.

Choosing among the wide range of prices is the first hurdle when you're shopping for a ceiling fan. Even the cheap ones, perhaps starting as low as \$40, often look as good as those selling for nearly \$800.

The more bells and whistles, the greater the price. But to really understand the other differences, you have to begin with the basics.

Let's start with the way the fan is fastened to the ceiling. There are two methods: One is called a "pusher" and the other attaches by a rod.

A hugger ceiling fan hugs the ceiling. The fan's motor housing is made to fasten directly to an electrical box in the ceiling. Hugger fans are generally not as efficient as rod fans because there is very little space between the blades and the ceiling for the blades to work properly. However, hugger fans may be neces-

sary when the ceiling is so low that the blades would be less than 1 foot from the floor.

Rod fans use a slim pole (rod) between the ceiling and the motor housing. The rods can vary from a few inches to several feet long.

When it comes to fan motors, the most important differences involve how the moving parts are cooled and lubricated. In the case of a sealed-bearing system, constant lubrication takes place within the sealed area. No motor maintenance is required. This type of fan motor is widely preferred and generally found in the mid- to high-range fans.

With the other type of motor — an oil bath — occasional maintenance is required. The major trouble with this type of motor is that homeowners will pay little or no attention to maintenance until the fan has significant problems because the motor is not receiving proper lubrication. You'll find this type of fan in the low- to lower-mid-priced models.

The housing around the motor can also make a significant difference in its longevity. In cheaper fans, the housing is of the thinnest material, usually a water-thin metal. The thin material has a twofold effect on the fan.

Another major difference is in the fan blades. Most fans come with four or five blades. Some — especially children's fans — come with three. Fan blades also come in different lengths. Generally they are either 36, 42 or 52 inches long. How do you decide the number of blades you need? The size of the room, height of the ceiling and the amount of air movement required are all factors. Generally, the larger the room, the greater the number and size of blades required.

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# Show creativity with faux finishes

**Knights Ridder News Service**

Forget plain white walls. They're out. What's in?

Faux finishes. That is, decorating your walls with paint. More than ever, people are using rags, feather dusters, sponges, fancy paint rollers, designer paint lines and trendy antique glazes to transform their walls—and even furniture—into personal artistic statements.

Paint experts point to such influences as Martha Stewart and Ralph Lauren as designer paint lines, the Home & Garden Television network and home-improvement stores, such as the Home Depot and Menards, for promoting this paint boom.

The faux-finish trend is connected to the nation's current preoccupation with craft projects, says Linda Trent, director of color marketing and design for the Sherwin-Williams paint retailer.

The key to the faux-finish phenomenon is that the homeowner gets a creative outlet," Trent says. "Although most of us are dealing with three ranches in our lives, people still seem to want to take the time to do this as a way to personalize their own space—it's more of an artistic outlet than just using a solid wall color."

Here's a highlight of some of the popular decorative painting techniques, with demonstrations by John Gumband and Patti Heller of the Home Depot in Woodbury, Minn.:

### The Woolie

As a professional faux finisher, Barbie Jennings Tolchiner of Plymouth, Minn., often had clients ask her to incorporate several colors from their room or onto their walls. To do this, she had to roll a new base coat and then apply the faux-finish techniques. She then applied each color in separate layers.

"Things became simpler when she invented The Woolie, a hunk of sheepskin with a handle attached (you can now find

Woolie decorative painting kits around the nation).

Color-matching with The Woolie allows the painter to use from two to six colors in one coat and allows them to reach edges, corners and ceiling lines without using additional tools or steps. Also, no new base coat is required prior to faux finishing.

Think of The Woolie as finger-painting—a big-kid size. First, you apply paint in splotches with a brush, spreading it across the wall's surface. Then, you blot the paint with The Woolie, achieving the desired look by tapping the Woolie across the wall. The technique makes for an illusion of depth and dimension.

"You do not get graded on neatness with this," says Grandlund as she slopped big X shapes across the test wall at Home Depot. "It's a good technique for damaged walls—it really hides a lot."

Woolie kits (from \$19.97 to \$29.99) also allow how to paint with sponges and feathers as well as create clouds, stripes, diamonds and other shapes.

### Ragging

The rag look on walls—similar to sponge painting—is growing in popularity. Rags can be used to blot on color or blot off color. Ragging on a color is easier, Grandlund says, because speed is not a consideration. But speed is important when using a rag to blot off a freshly-applied coat of paint, because paint dries fairly quickly.

### Magical walls

The Wall Magic Decorative Kit (\$38.88) looks cool, with double-roller system and patterns on the rollers to make interesting designs. It's simple enough to apply after dipping the roller in a special tray that comes with the Wall Magic kit. It also leaves a marbled effect. But it's difficult to do once you hit corners and baseboards.

You can also use the Wall Magic Accent Kit (\$14.97) to roll out single images, such as shells. But again, this is a tricky process,

and it's often difficult to use the right amount of paint to get a consistent look.

### Feather duster

If you want to keep it simple, try a feather duster. Once your first coat is dry, dip your feather duster in a complementary color of paint and start dabbing it across your wall.

"You just dip the tips of the feather duster in the paint," Grandlund said. "You can use several colors."

### Ralph Lauren look

With the use of special Ralph Lauren tools and paint, people can give their walls the look of denim, linen, chambray and antique leather. But achieving the Ralph Lauren look can be complicated and expensive (the instructional video costs \$10; the Ralph Lauren Chambray Weaver tool costs \$39.67; the Ralph Lauren Denim Kit costs \$69.77).

Experts recommend testing these high-expensive techniques first on a piece of posterboard.

Or, choose the simple "aging" look for your walls by using a Ralph Lauren glaze that is designed to evoke a shabby chic patina. It can even be used on wallpaper. To achieve the aging look, prepare the surface by applying a base coat to the painted surface of a sealant non-vinyl wallpaper; next, roll on the Ralph Lauren glaze (choose from sun-fade, tea-stained, smoke and tobacco); finally, soften the look by rubbing it with lint-free rags.

### Patterns

Sherwin-Williams also tells consumers how to create faux finishes (see <http://www.sherwin-williams.com/> for detailed instructions on decorative paint techniques). Both the Web site and store brochures, for example, show how to create a pattern of diamonds on walls. Here's how it works (see Sherwin-Williams for full instructions):

After the base coat dries, mark off diamonds using a car-

pent's level, a pencil; and a good-quality, low-tack painter's tape.

After mixing the appropriate paint, start in an upper corner of the wall and working in 3- to 4-foot sections, use a rag to blot some color across the diamonds. Remove the tape before the glaze dries.

### Martha to the rescue

Tolchiner says do-it-yourself painters sometimes become frustrated when they fall at complicated faux-finish techniques they've seen on television programs or in decorating magazines. The tools may be complicated to use; the sophisticated faux-finish looks sometimes must be completed quickly, before the paint dries—requiring an expert hand.

"Anyone can make a piece of posterboard look good, but you need to examine the technique to see if you can make it consistently across the whole surface," Tolchiner said. "You need to examine the tools and techniques. That's where I see people become disillusioned."

The Home Depot, Sherwin-Williams and other home-decorating centers often offer free classes on faux-finish techniques. But if the myriad painting options remains overwhelming, don't despair. You can always stick to plain paint and turn to Martha Stewart, who has a paint line through Kmart. At her paint display, she provides free cards that show which paints are best paired together—Martha Stewart says.

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Martha should know, right?

# Group analyzes the cost of U.S. homes

## Home news

ROCHESTER, Wis. — San Francisco, Honolulu, Boston, Washington, D.C., and Los Angeles are among the most expensive areas to buy housing, according to a home value analysis by Runzheimer International.

Runzheimer looked at market values in 300 population centers in North America, analyzing costs of a typical 2,000-square-foot, four-bedroom, 2.5 bathroom home in suburban communities, typically lived in by a family of four covered by \$50,000 in annual income.

The house cost more than \$400,000 in San Francisco; nearly \$350,000 in Honolulu; \$304,200 in Boston; \$291,000 in Washington, D.C.; and \$239,500 in Los Angeles.

At the other end of the scale, the same home could be had for \$127,000 in Dallas and \$146,000 in Omaha.

"Of course, the purchase price of a home is just one of many housing-related expenses encountered when you move," says Art Balchik, a Runzheimer consultant. "In addition to the finance charges associated with a home mortgage loan, other major costs include property taxes, homeowner's insurance, utilities and maintenance. These separate cost areas should all be taken into account prior to a move."

### Homeowners deserve better

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The 42 million Americans who live in condominium, cooperative or organized communities aren't getting the leadership they deserve, say experts in the field.

They should be getting plain language rules, alternative dis-

pute resolution, equity in tax treatment and increased scrutiny of reserve funds, said Ewan MacKenzie, University of Illinois professor, speaking at a conference of the Community Association Institute last fall.

Brent Herrington, an association manager speaking at the same meeting, told colleagues that too many governing groups engage in heavy-handed rules enforcement and bureaucracy and have board members who serve to advance personal agendas.

There also is poor communication and resident quality. He observed that today's association manager needs the business skills of a corporate executive but the heart of a social worker to provide leadership, inspiration and know-how to help volunteer boards create successful communities.

### Sprinklers beat detectors

QUINCY, Mass. — An automatic sprinkler system installed in your home goes one better than the smoke detector, since it goes to work against a fire immediately, says the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition.

The systems can be retrofitted into existing homes as well as made a part of new construction, the organization says.

Since the system reacts quickly, it can reduce heat, flames and smoke, often containing or even extinguishing a fire before the local fire department arrives.

— Compiled from wire reports

# Fall provides great atmosphere for projects

**Knights Ridder News Service**

Outdoor projects are among the most popular with do-it-yourselfers. Twenty-five percent of people responding to a recent survey by tool manufacturer OXW said they plan to build a porch or deck within a year.

Fall is an excellent time to begin a project, says Mark Moore of Seaside Landscapes, a Wichita, Kan., nursery specializing in water features. The summer heat is gone, and there are many pleasant fall days ahead to enjoy being outdoors.

Even plantings can go forward, with hardy water plants, not tropicals, so they can get a jump start on growth in the spring. However, he wouldn't introduce any fish into an outdoor pond much later than early October.

"I'm sure we'll be putting in ponds until the snow flies," he said, describing how he put the

finishing touches on a waterfall just in time for a client's Christmas Eve.

Do-it-yourselfers, however, would be prudent to complete projects before Thanksgiving, Moore says. Prolonged rain, as often happens in the fall, during excavation could soften the dirt and crumble the sides.

Also, concrete projects are temperature sensitive. A do-it-yourselfer should not work with concrete if rain is anticipated within a 24-hour period or if temperatures are predicted to fall below 40 degrees, says Ron Coleman of Concrete Accessories, which sells mixes and additives in Wichita.

Professionals, though, can adapt to those conditions.

Larry Gutzmer, owner of LAM Pools & Spas in Wichita, says he had pouring concrete was on a Dec. 23. It was 33 degrees with a

light snow. That moisture kept our concrete going so nice."

He prefers working in fall and winter because construction equipment doesn't seem to damage lawns as badly when the grass is dormant. "And if you get it done in the fall, you have time to get the planting done in the spring. Then, the owner can enjoy the project all season next year."

If a homeowner is planning a professional installation, especially a major project, "now is the time to contact" landscape architects and contractors, Gutzmer said.

"I schedule 4 to 6 months in advance," he said in late August. That provides enough time to prepare a plan and explore the many options in products and designs and to order supplies, "not just rush out there and build something in a weekend."

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# It's not your mother's laundry room anymore

The Washington Post

Already snagged your trophy kitchen and status spa bathroom? Here's your next conquest: the Power Laundry Room.

If you're still schlepping your basket of sweaty T-shirts down flights of stairs to a rattling washing machine in the basement, run this through your spin cycle. The laundry room is moving upstairs.

Changes in the social fabric of our lives have rearranged the dreaded chore of caring for our personal wardrobes. For one thing, loading clothes into the washer and dryer has become more of a family affair (i.e. Mom's not the only one who does it), and there's been a growing demand for making the whole process more pleasant and efficient.

What's more, the Casual Friday phenomenon, as well as more informal dressing in general, means Americans are washing more and dry cleaning less. Manufacturers are scrambling to offer appliances that can offer greater services than to provide greater services to gentler cycles for all those cashmere twin sets and space-age fabrics.

"The laundry room is a much nicer place," says Sarah Anti, director of the Whirlpool Institute of Fabric Science, which has determined that the average American household is doing about seven loads of laundry per week, with each load rinsing and tumbling about \$350 to \$500 worth of clothes.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, 75 percent of new single-family homes have separate laundry rooms, up from 60 percent in existing residences. And in more cases, that fully outfitted and color-coordinated space is moving up to the second floor, closer to where many people dress and undress. NAHB figures show that 31 percent of home buyers would prefer the laundry located near the bedrooms. Kids can download filthy soccer uniforms

directly into a machine instead of onto their bedroom carpets.

"Everybody has dirty laundry," says Heloise, America's household-tidiness queen, whose syndicated column appears in more than 500 newspapers. Heloise says stain questions are still her most frequently asked. "It's a chore that won't go away."

Heloise says she likes the idea of "making the area you wash your clothes in as pleasant and as workable as possible" and says if she were to redesign her San Antonio laundry room, she would put in better lighting and build in more room for folding.

Manufacturers have developed a hamper full of products to entice consumers to organize and prettify the area around their washers and dryers.

Stores such as Linens 'n Things and Bed Bath & Beyond now have entire departments dedicated to laundry and ironing accessories. Rubbermaid recently introduced an attractive wheeled hamper so it's easier to shuttle dirty clothes to the washer.

If you can't afford the \$130 German-engineered Rowenta iron or the \$139 chrome-steeled professional ironing board with padded cotton cover at Hold Everything, perhaps you can treat yourself to the \$25 folding minimalist metal drying rack with vinyl-coated rods.

And if you aren't about to hire a decorator to tart up your basement, you can turn to Martha Stewart for help. As coordinated as Stewart's catalogue Martha By Mail, your perfect, homey little laundry space will be cozy and well-organized. There would be gallon-size glass apothecary jars storing detergent and quaint clothespin bags holding vintage wooden clothespins. A trio of handwoven white ash baskets, fitted with ticking-stripe fabric liners, would be perfect for sorting loads.

But don't make the room too nice. The whole point of the Power Laundry Room is to spend less time there.

# Sofas add comfort; they're here to stay

The Washington Post

A home without a sofa would be an uncomfortable place.

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# It's not your mother's laundry room anymore

The Washington Post

Already snagged your trophy kitchen and status spa bath-rooms? Here's your next conquest: the Power Laundry Room. If you're still schlepping your basket of sweaty T-shirts down flights of stairs to a rattling washing machine in the basement, run this through your spin cycle. The laundry room is moving upstairs.

Changes in the social fabric of our lives have rearranged the dreaded chore of caring for our personal wardrobes. For one thing, loading clothes into the washer and dryer has become more of a family affair (i.e. Mom's not the only one who does it), and there's been a growing demand for making the whole process more pleasant and efficient.

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directly into a machine instead of onto their bedroom carpets. "Everybody has dirty laundry," says Beemer. America's household-hints gurus, whose syndicated columns appear in more than 500 newspapers, make such basic questions as "Will her most frequently asked, 'It's a choice that won't go away'."

Beemer says she likes the idea of "making the area you wash your clothes in as pleasant and as workable as possible" and San Antonio laundry room, she would put in better lighting and build in more room for folding.

Manufacturers have developed a longer list of products to ensure consumers to organize and prevent the area around their washers and dryers.

Stores such as Linens 'n Things and Bed Bath & Beyond now have entire departments dedicated to laundry and drying accessories. Bed Bath & Beyond, for example, has an attractive wheeled hamper so it's easier to shove dirty clothes to the washer.

If you can't afford the \$130 German-engineered Rowena iron or the \$125 chrome-plated padded cotton cover at Bold Everything, perhaps you can treat yourself to the \$25 folding, non-slip metal drying rack, with vinyl-coated feet.

And if you aren't about to hire a decorator to tart up your basement, you can turn to Martha Stewart for help. As mentioned by Stewart's colleague Martha Stewart, you can turn to Martha Stewart for help. As mentioned by Stewart's colleague Martha Stewart, you can turn to Martha Stewart for help.

According to the National Association of Home Builders, 75 percent of new single-family homes have separate laundry rooms, up from 50 percent in existing residences. And in more cases, that fully outfitted and color-coordinated space is moving up to the second floor, closer to where many people dress and undress. NAHB figures show that 31 percent of home buyers would prefer the laundry located near the bedroom. Kids can download filthy soccer uniforms

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Although we buy a lot of sofas in our lifetime, shopping for one can be a stressful experience, partly because it's a big-ticket item and partly because it can be hard to get rid of once it's worn out its welcome. Often, saggy old couches are humped down to the basement, where they are allowed to live much longer than is attractive.

Despite the sofa's drawbacks, the thought of a room filled only with chairs just doesn't seem complete. And though the style and shape of sofas through the years gets stripped down, puffed up, downsized and super-sized, the good old take-off-your-shoes-and-flop-down sofa is probably here to stay. It's the biggest thing in your house. And it's darn hard to get rid of.

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# Use variety of methods to sniff out leaks at home

The Baltimore Sun

Finding the source of such a leak can be very difficult. Where the water is getting in on the outside may be far removed from where it is showing up on the inside. The best way is with an ordinary garden hose. Wait until you have a nice dry day to do it.

Start at one end of the wall where the water comes in. Slowly work your way along the wall, letting the water from the hose run against the wall. You will need someone inside to tell you when the water begins to come in. "Slowly" means very slowly, about one foot every five minutes. The water, may be entering a crack, filling up in a point inside the wall, and then leaking on the inside. The water-hose method also works very well for finding the source of roof leaks.

Once you find the source of the leak in the wall or roof, you know where to correct the problem. However, the hose system may or may not work as accurately on an underground, or basement, wall.

Actually, there are several things you can do to help prevent foundation leaks.

First look at the grade of the land around the foundation. It should always fall away from the house. Check the way the downspouts are located and

## Let control moisture in, under and around house

Daily Press

"Moisture, moisture go away. Oh how I wish for a dry, dry day." If your house sings that song, you need to take steps to control it.

Moisture is a natural part of our lives. The everyday routines of life cooking, washing clothes, bathing, outdoor temperatures and rainfalls all contribute to the moisture that settles in our floors, ceilings and walls, even under the house and in the attic.

Moisture causes doors and windows to swell and stick. Musty odors, mildew and mold muck up our furniture, clothes and carpets. Moisture causes mildew to grow indoors and outdoors. It can seem like one big damp sponge.

High humidity and rivers of rain mean many homes face moisture messes. In fact, subterranean water termite live in colonies, or nests, where moisture is available. They eat wood but the wood is not where they live. That's why the soil has to be treated to eliminate the termite colony. The crawspace is usually a prime place for water vapor and moisture. If the soil is damp, as much as 20 gallons of water per 24 hours can evaporate into the air in a 1,400-square-foot home.

Here are some solutions to controlling moisture in, around and under your home:

- Spread 1-2 inches of sand on top of the soil under your house. Then lay down 6-to 8-mil plastic as a moisture barrier

between the soil and your home. Overlap joints 6 inches, when the entire space is covered turn the plastic back 12-24 inches away from the edge of the foundation wall, exposing the ground around the perimeter of the house. Hardwood floors need some moisture to keep them from drying out or forming cracks and spaces between floorboards.

• Install foundation vents that allow plenty of air to flow under the house. Vents that automatically open and close with temperature are ideal.

- Use treated lumber and rat wire or window screen to make a summer ventilation screen for your crawspace access.
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• Install and run exhaust fans in bathrooms when showering.

• Install ridge vents in your roof and/or a temperature-controlled fan in your attic.

• Repair leaky plumbing or any drainage under the house.

• Use splash blocks and/or flexible drainage pipes to carry rain water away from your house.

• Keep gutters clean. When replacing gutters, consider installing the larger sized ones, especially downspouts.

• Grade your lawn so it slopes slightly away from your house.

• Keep shrubs pruned or planted away from home so air and light can get to home's exterior surfaces.

holes drilled into them to allow any water to drain into the french drain. Then the concrete is replaced, usually with a gap at night run down the wall to go into the drain.

There are some newer systems that are made of vinyl or PVC (polyvinyl chloride), in which sheets of material are applied to the walls to direct the water to a hose channel 5 or 4 inches high that is applied to the floor with an epoxy glue. The base channel carries the water to the sump pump. These systems do not require breaking up the floor. They also do not stop the water from coming through the wall, although they control it once it does.

For very minor leaks, you can get an expanding cement, called hydraulic cement, to patch a crack. Some epoxy will stop the water while it is leaking. There are also waterproofing masonry paints that work well for sealing walls and help to lower the humidity level in the basement under control.

If you feel you need to hire a waterproofing contractor, be sure to get quotes from several. Be sure to check references and get prices from more than one. You will likely get a variety of solutions and help to choose. You'll just have to decide which is the best one for your situation.

where the water from them is directed. If a downspout is dumping water along the wall, it is also not contributing to the problem. Be sure you have splash blocks under the downspouts and that the water is being directed away from the house.

If you have rain leaders (underground pipes) that your downspouts feed into, check to see

that they are not clogged or broken. Old terra-cotta rain leaders often break and fill with dirt. If they don't drain, you should either replace or abandon them. Planters or landscaping timbers around the foundation would trap water and cause it to run back to the wall.

Those are the first things you should check, and correcting them could solve your problem

simply. However, if you still have leaks, you most likely need professional help.

There are many ways to deal with leaky basement walls. The best way is to dig around the wall and water and cause it to run back to the wall.

problem on the inside of the wall. The most common solution is to install or repair an existing french drain. The drain is installed by removing about one foot of the concrete floor around the perimeter of the basement. Then you dig down to the footing, below the slab, and install a perforated pipe that drains into a sump pump pit.

# Computers change home entertainment

Hartford Courant

Those who remember the vinyl LP's heyday, quadraphonic stereo, 8-track tapes, black-and-white television and rotary antennas are probably feeling prehistoric right now.

They're the lucky ones. They might feel eligible for carbon-dating because of the passage of technology, but at least it took more than 30 years. Imagine what today's young people are about to go through, having already endured body piercing as fashion. They're facing about 30 years of change compressed, digital style, into the next six or seven.

The computer is transforming home entertainment.

Look at some of the new products on the market. Tapless "personal video recorders" that work more like a PC than a VCR. DVD players with updatable software. Loudspeakers from Meridian, a British audio company, that serve as self-contained music systems, lacking only the CD player, with its inner workings coordinated by computers.

Another look what's coming. The new DVD-Audio format, a possible successor to the CD, will appear this fall, joining DVD-ROM drives and DVD movie players as a three-headed media monster.

Thomson Consumer Electronics, known for its RCA brand of televisions, VCRs and stereos, says it will begin shipping the RCA Lyra MP3 player this fall. Analysts say more than 1 million MP3 players, devices no bigger than an audiocassette, will be in use by the end of the year. Diamond Multimedia's Rio has

led the revolution, rocking the recording industry with the new digital format that readily stores and plays back music files downloaded - most often, free - from the Internet. With audio manufacturers like Thomson getting involved, MP3 players could soon become integrated into the home stereo system, although they can now store only about 60 minutes of highly compressed audio.

Digital television and its interactive capabilities - under the Federal Communications Commission's optimistic scenario, broadcasters will stop delivering analog signals by 2006 - has created a frenzied consolidation of corporate power to offer consumers, from a single source, digital television, telephone service and high-speed Internet access.

AT&T purchased cable giants TCI and Mediacom, becoming the largest cable provider in the United States. Microsoft two years ago bought WebTV, which last month agreed to invest \$5 billion in AT&T - the deal could put WebTV technology, and the Windows CE operating system, into as many as 10 million set-top cable boxes.

Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft with Gates, is building a similar, if smaller, arsenal. Last month, he bought cable TV com-

pany Esalon Communications in a \$3.6 billion deal. Allen's Charter Communications, with 5.5 million subscribers, is now the nation's fourth-largest cable company. He also owns High Speed Access Corp., a supplier of high-speed Internet access over cable TV lines, and the Internet portal Go2Net.

For consumers, the arrival of two personal video recorders, ReplayTV and TiVo, is the most striking example of the turn toward digital technology in home electronics. These devices are part recorder, part instant-replay machine.

Both set-top boxes work like a computer, using a hard-disk drive much larger than one in a household PC and MPEG-2 real-time compression technology. Both also need a telephone connection to link with a server that updates a channel guide nightly.

Like a VCR, they can be programmed to record your favorite shows. But you can listen as Ebbert Butler says in real time. "Frankly, my dear," hit the pause button and answer the phone, then return to hear, "I don't give you a damn." You can even catch up to real-time action by fast-forwarding through commercials. A QuickSkip button on the remote control advances 30 seconds, the length of most commercial returns.

Because the hard drives are always recording, sports fans have instant replay at their fingertips - another advantage. You also

can develop your own channels by entering a keyword like "Bullwinkle" or "Bozart" - the machines will record anything corresponding to the keyword.

For now, both machines are limited by the size, and expense, of hard drives. Replay Networks' ReplayTV (www.replaytv.com) offers three models, ranging from 10 to 28 hours of storage at prices from \$699 to \$1,499, with a free channel-guide service. TiVo (www.tivo.com) which charges a \$9.95 monthly subscription fee for a channel guide that carries advertising, offers a basic 14-hour recorder for \$499 and a 30-hour version for \$999 that's equipped with two 13.6-gigabyte hard drives.

ReplayTV's model 2003, a \$899 recorder with 14-hour storage, experienced some typical computer problems in a recent test. The company's server was down one night, so the channel guide could not be updated. A day later, the unit could not deliver a picture. It needed a hard reboot, a not-so-high-tech routine of pulling out the plug and reinserting it after 30 seconds.

For real future shock, examine the rear panel of the ReplayTV. Among the familiar RCA connectors found on almost every TV and stereo are two FireWire ports, installed for future storage expansion. The peripheral standard designed by Apple as a fast, universal connection for computers could someday end the nightmare of looking up components with a maze of wires jammed behind the television set or stereo rack.

It also could be the final link between the computer and home entertainment.

# Take steps to stop injuries from falls in your home

Orange County Register

No matter what age you are, whether you're in an old home or building a new one, it's not too soon to begin thinking about fall-causing features. A great majority might be avoided if you take a few simple steps.

One of the easiest and least costly methods of helping anyone - but especially folks whose eyesight is far from good - to avoid missteps and falling is to differentiate between floor surfaces and levels of surfaces. Changes in floor surfaces - such as one or landing - should be prominently marked. Often, they aren't.

In fact, too often the same material, tile or pavers, for instance - is used for the landing and steps. How many times have you entered a movie home, restaurant or store and seen the edges

of a couple of short stairs sporting high-contrast tape and a little sign that tells you to be cautious? You may not have to strip a colorful tape across your entrance landing, but there should be something to mark the steps.

If you have carpeting, consider putting in a border of contrasting color. If you have carpeting that gives way to hard-surface flooring (wood or a laminate, for instance), make sure there's a substantial contrast in color. If it may be possible to have a carpet expert remove a few inches around the carpet edge and sew in a border of contrasting color.

Slippery area rugs can be especially dangerous also. No matter where they're located, use a nonskid backing or two-sided carpet tape to keep them in place. Perhaps the most important place to check for slipping area rugs is at the foot of a stairs.

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# Be careful when choosing a home builder Orange regains its zest

By Alan Heavens  
Philadelphia Inquirer

The kind of house you want to own usually determines whom you want to build it.

Some buyers prefer dealing with a large homebuilder with hundreds of employees. Others want a smaller builder who, they believe, will offer a comfortable, "family" feeling.

Before you choose, investigate the builder thoroughly. Look at current and previous developments. Talk to the residents. See whether the builder has kept to construction and delivery schedules, and how rapidly he or she responded to concerns, changes and punch-list items.

Check the building sites to see whether they are protected from wind and the elements.

Although nuances abound, there are basically three kinds of residential builders.

Production builders are those who build in high volume. They offer a limited list of choices for floor coverings, fixtures, cabinetry, and interior and exterior finishes that makes it faster and

## Commentary

easier for the buyer to make selections.

The standardized list means that costs are known upfront, which should make it easier to select what you want for your house.

High-volume construction means that there is a lot of reputation, allowing the builder to work the bugs out of the floor plans early on. Therefore, construction time is much shorter, and costs savings are fairly large.

Because of this, production builders typically attract first-time buyers.

However, production builders usually aren't willing to change the floor-plan-to-seller-structural elements such as foundation walls. Such changes require reengineering, which can disrupt the rhythm and schedule of an entire subdivision.

Semi-custom builders are more flexible with changes, though they, too, tend to work with standard floor plans, and any alterations can disrupt con-

## Ask questions

When you meet a builder, begin asking the questions that matter to you.

Q Try to get a sense of the builder's personality. Because you are going to be spending a lot of time with the builder and his employees, determine at the outset whether you and they are compatible.

Q Be certain to ask to meet the person who will be in charge of building your house. Find out what experience that person has, and especially how long the person has been with the builder.

Q If the builder's staff changes often, consistency in service will be lost.

Frequent personnel changes also may bring problems inside the company that could affect your dealings with it while your house is being built.

Q Find out the name of the person to contact with questions. See whether there are routine times when you can tour the house as it is being built, accompanied by the builder's representative, to talk about what's going on.

Q At the outset, you should find out what the builder's policy is on design changes. Also check whether the builder offers a home warranty policy, and ask to have a copy of both the policy and the builder's standard contract to take with you, to review at your leisure.

struction schedules and result in higher prices.

Custom builders tend to construct one-of-a-kind houses. The builder will design a house to the buyer's specifications. Custom houses require a substantial initial investment in design, end up costing much more than either production or semi-custom houses, and take longer to build.

However, the high-end buyer usually ends up with the dream house he or she has always wanted.

There are a number of sources for finding a builder: newspaper advertising and real estate agents, for example, or simply by driving to new home sites.

Local home-builders' associations also can provide lists of members.

## Update that dark family room with some muted tones

Knight Ridder News Service

In order, you begin from the floor and work up.

Instead of having continuity and a lighter color scheme in your house in addition to updating the space, try a low, level, loop carpet. It is important in high-traffic areas to have a good-quality carpet. A medium-grade in light taupe or a sandstone color would be desirable. A nylon fiber is the most practical. Stay away from wool. It is harder to clean and more expensive.

In terms of furniture arrangement, try to avoid the recliner sofas and chairs because of the space they require. Maybe an 84-inch sofa and two 36-inch chairs with ottomans. If you place two chairs at a diagonal, it breaks up the geometry of the space and you can share an ottoman for intimacy and com-

fort. You might choose a large ottoman instead of a cocktail table - the latest trend. To make it functional for dining and serving, use a tray for glasses, plates, candies, etc. It also makes clean-up easy. The greatest advantage is that you can put your feet up on it and also use it for seating when you have a larger crowd.

For the entertainment needs, add a large wall unit. You have two focal points in the room: the fireplace and the television. It is best to "unclutter" your current bookcases to the left and right of the fireplace and consolidate all of your collections into one statement. Currently, it gives more interest to let the television stand proud with a deeper depth and height than the shallower, shorter bookcases that flank it. By placing a wall unit along the sliding-glass-door unit, it brings the outdoors in and enlarges

the space.

For drapery, buy an inexpensive iron rod with finials and put fabric drapery panels on it. Stack the drapery on the wall that backs the dining room.

For art and accessories, bigger is always best. Don't be afraid to put large candlesticks on the mantel or large vases with fresh, silk or dried arrangements in them. This can balance a large framed poster with garden imagery. It is most pleasing to pursue a complete color palette of warm and cool colors. Mix blues with berries, greens with yellows, etc. Incorporate any accent colors in artwork, flowers, accent pillows, chenille throws and whatever else has personal significance.

Lighting is the easiest of all. Light your art over the fireplace with a recessed spotlight. Light your sofa with floor lamps for

good task lighting to read by. Light the bookcases with low-voltage mini recessed cans that can be hidden in the top of the bookcase and disguised behind the crown molding. Glass shelves are helpful in the bookcase (wood shelves block the light).

Paint your ceiling fan the lighter trim color, but don't place any recessed lights in its path. You will create a strobe light effect if your lights and fan are on at the same time. If your immediate budget doesn't include money for recessed lights, install track lighting and remove the fan.

Finally, you may paint your paneling. Select your carpet color first and then decide on a neutral, warm color for the walls. It is best to pick a slightly darker color on the walls and keep your moldings, baseboards and casings light and fresh.

## Los Angeles Times

It's official. The powers that be in home and fashion design have ordained orange the color of the season. But why is orange, revived for so long, all of a sudden cool again?

One reason may be that orange is actually not cool at all. It's one of the warmest color in the spectrum.

"Warm colors are inviting. They remind us of our primordial attachment to fire," says Pat Verliout, president of Color Services and Associates, a Huntley, Ill., consumer products consulting firm.

Orange home accessories may be on the rise because they make good companions to the yellow and lime-colored home accessories that have been popular for the last few seasons. Also, paint-

ing a room terra cotta, the darker side of orange, is a way to make it homey.

But when orange shows up in plastic, the warm fuzzy theory does not hold true. Plastic by nature has a cold feel, Verliout says.

Orange is popular for personal technology items like pagers, cell phones and computers - many of which are made out of plastic - because it is sporty and new. It is OK to use orange in fun colors because they do not have to match a suit or a sofa.

Another reason orange may be in fashion is simply because we have not seen it for a while. The last time it was really "in" was in the 1960s.

Verliout says, "It's a knee-jerk trend because, let's face it, there are no new colors to make it."

## The furnace needs careful attention before winter sets in

Orange County Register

If your furnace isn't physically fit enough to withstand the rigors of the upcoming winter, get it in shape now or get ready for a visit from the furnace doctor.

Actually, with apologies to the American Medical Association, there isn't any such doctor, of course. The furnace guy won't show up wearing operating scrubs; he'll probably be in overalls.

But the problems will be there.

with your furnace just the same. The Lennox people (they make heating/cooling systems) recommend you:

- Listen to your furnace now for unusual noises.
- Sniff for unusual odors.
- Look for dirt or rust accumulations.
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# Try going against the grain when buying your winter firewood

The Orange County Register

Now is the time to beat the rush to buy firewood for your fireplace this winter.

There's even a chance you may get a better price if you buy now. Besides, if you wait until the last minute, chances are you'll not exactly get the pick of the litter. You may be left with the little "run" wood that's less than seasoned.

It's important to buy seasoned wood, which means it's had at least six months - preferably a year - to dry. Hardwoods take longer than softwoods to dry. Unseasoned wood is often so "wet" that it burns poorly. How do you know the firewood is seasoned? One of the easiest tests (though not foolproof) is to peel back a piece of bark. If the wood is green underneath, it's not properly seasoned.

Because unseasoned wood burns poorly, it also tends to produce more creosote. Creosote is a tar-like substance that can line the walls of your fireplace and cause problems, including the danger of a flash fire. One thing chimney sweeps go after when they clean is creosote.

OK, so you've made the decision to buy your firewood soon. You find your local wood outlet, and you're faced with mountains of wood of all kinds. What do you buy?

Well, the best burning varieties are hardwoods, such as oak. They burn hotter, providing a better

## When a house fire hits home

NEW YORK (AP) - Optimists that we are, we believe fire will never happen to us. After all, we installed smoke detectors and had the furnace checked.

Think again: 80 percent of fire-related deaths occur in the home, fire is the fourth-leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States, and one in four fire deaths are those of children.

While prevention is important, an escape plan is imperative for all members of the family to practice. Why? A fire can engulf a home in less than five minutes.

### How to proceed

- Crawl on the floor to the nearest exit.
- Cover your nose and mouth from smoke.
- Do not open doors that are hot.
- Do not re-enter a burning building.
- Call 911 from a neighbor's home.
- Once safely outside, meet at a predetermined spot so all can be accounted for.

And one more plan from Andrew Lee, co-founder of K11 Products LLC, maker of emergency escape ladders. If you live in a two-story house or the windows are particularly high off the ground, keep at least one escape ladder handy and in good repair. Be sure each ladder matches stairs where it is, and how to use it.

fire, and produce less creosote than softwoods. Hardwoods will burn slower and produce less smoke. However, hardwoods generally are more expensive than softwoods. The difference can vary depending on the type of wood, but it can be up to twice as much. It might be nice to have a lot of firewood, but most of us have to watch our pocketbooks, too.

So what do you burn? It may be best to buy and burn a mixture of hardwoods and softwoods. In that

way, the hotter fire produced by the burning hardwoods will help decrease the amount of creosote produced by burning softwoods. And you'll save money.

While it may be advisable to buy a mix of woods, not all firewood dealers may be inclined to sell to you. Ask first.

There are other questions you should ask a firewood dealer. For example, will the dealer deliver the wood and stack it where you wish in your yard or will he be on the curb or in your driveway for you to move?

of the Gaxtro, the Swiss faucet with a long flexible hose used by commercial chefs. Called the Domo Semi-Pro, the new faucet has lower base and flow rates to accommodate residential plumbing systems. It has the tall-mounted long hose with side lever that can be turned on and off with a brush of the elbow. In addition to a normal sink spout, it also has a pre-rinse spray to help clean large pots and pans.

If the spikes used on the gutters of your home need repair, you can fix them with the Gutter Spike Repair Kit (\$4.99) from Male Life Easier Products

## New fireplace can cool as well as heat

The Orange County Register

Now you can have your cake and eat it, too. Or at least you can have your fireplace and air-conditioning unit, too.

The folks at the Majestic Products Co. - known for many years especially for their fireplaces - have come up with a fireplace that can accept an air-conditioning unit. It can be powered by natural gas or propane, fit into a new house or an existing one and is especially helpful in rooms where there is little or no cool or warm air.

Dubbed the DVHVAC Heating and Cooling Gas Fireplace (model DVH36), it has a direct-vent, rear-vent-balanced flue system with an air filter and air-circulating blower that works alongside an optional central air-conditioning unit of up to 2 tons capacity.

Hot air? Cold air? Press a button and you have it.

By the by, a cord of wood is generally accepted to be a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide. Ask the dealer if the wood will be split or delivered as logs. If you have to split it, that's a lot of work. In addition, pre-split firewood generally has had the chance to season a lot more than whole wood.

For the tech buffs out there, here are some specs:

- Range of 25,000-45,000 BTUs (British Thermal Units).
- Operates at 78 percent efficiency.
- Multispeed direct-drive air-circulating blower.
- Return air plenum with a 16-inch-square air filter.
- Tubular heat-exchange system.
- Twenty-four-volt thermostat.

Is this thing going to heat your entire home? Probably not, unless your home is small. But it can bring needed heating and cooling to a room or rooms that might not get much or any with your present system. The system allows for up to three ducts to run up to 65 equivalent feet.

When you get your firewood, locate it at least 10 feet from the house if possible. No sense letting any bugs in the wood get closer to your house than that.

Also, stack the wood off the ground. If possible, stack it 12 inches off the ground. This will decrease the chance of bugs crawling into it and of the bottom

place showing. You don't need a chimney. Only an air vent on the wall is needed.

What's all this going to cost? Majestic sells just the fireplace. It won't include the air-conditioning system. That you'll have to add separately through an air-conditioning dealer. Majestic's fireplace, with all the apparatus that will receive the air-conditioning system, goes for \$2,699.

What would it cost to have the air-conditioning unit added? Maybe \$1,000, but that could vary substantially.

To find the Majestic dealer nearest you, call (800) 227-8683. You can also visit Majestic's Web site at <http://www.majesticproducts.com/>

A word of caution, though: This product is so new that some dealers may not know about it. Take this article with you. Be the first on your block.

areas getting wet. Stack your firewood crosswise, if possible. This will allow for greater air circulation to keep the wood as dry as possible.

While it's important to cover the top of the wood with a tarp to keep rain and dew from it, it's also important to locate the pile in a sunny area.

## There are some new products worth checking out at the home improvement store

The Associated Press

Some products to consider as you improve your house:

• Given their climate, northern Europeans have to have efficient heating. A mainstay is the soapstone fireplace, which retains heat longer, releasing it slowly with gentle radiant heat; burn a small amount of wood for two to four hours, and the fireplace provides heat for up to 24 hours. Distributed in the United States by the Finnish company, Tulkuvi, the fireplaces are available as corner, wall or freestanding units. A bonus is that the renewable wood fuel emits no

pollutants outside and is virtually dust-free inside.

• Something new from Andersen is a pair of classic French doors. The Frenchwood hinged doors can be installed in a 4-foot, 1-inch rough opening, and matching 2-foot-wide side lights are available. The company also continues to evolve its basic casement models. New versions have aligned extension jamb grooves, longer hinges, heavier frames and redesigned locks. They're easier to install, too, Andersen says.

• For foodies, KVC has introduced a scaled-down home ver-

sion of the Gaxtro, the Swiss faucet with a long flexible hose used by commercial chefs. Called the Domo Semi-Pro, the new faucet has lower base and flow rates to accommodate residential plumbing systems. It has the tall-mounted long hose with side lever that can be turned on and off with a brush of the elbow. In addition to a normal sink spout, it also has a pre-rinse spray to help clean large pots and pans.

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Co. Inc. Each kit will fix six loose gutter spikes with repair clips which fit over the spike holes on the back wall of the gutter; then reinsert the original spike securely. The repair clip will act as a spring when the gutter carries an extra load from rain, ice, leaves, etc., then allows the gutter to return to its original position after the load is relieved.

Wallplates tend to look pretentious, but AmerTac has a line of Deco Style wallplates that have decorative prints with floral, animal, farm, cross-stitch and other motifs. They're available in both single and double

toggle configurations and cost between \$4.99 and \$5.99.

If you're one of those people with latex allergies, you probably do without protective household gloves. Nyltex reusable gloves from Magla are made of a non-latex polymer that doesn't have the allergens found in latex versions. They have textured fingers and are extra long to keep arms and sleeves dry.

The Whole House Magnetic Water Conditioner and Descaler (\$49.95) by YBM Magnetics Inc., promises to tackle your hard-water problems by changing the molecular structure of water as

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# Dollar-wise decor: Home owners share low-cost decorating tips

Knight Ridder News Service

You've emptied your savings account, wiped out your mutual funds and done just about everything short of searching the sofa cushions for pocket change.

Congratulations - you and the financial institution of your choice are homeowneers.

But just how do you go about creating your dream home when you're terrifyingly large and empty stores you down each month? Hold on to that pocket change.

We've sorted through lots of useful advice from San Jose Mercury News readers who were once first-time homeowners, too. Decorating on a shoestring? Forget it. These are folks who can make do on a dental fluss-budget.

And besides all the practical tips, they have this message: Don't sweat it. Don't fret over the perfection you see in shelter magazines, the carefully coordinated display rooms in stores or rigid decorating rules you find tucked up somewhere along the way to home ownership.

"The most important decorating tip you can remember is to follow your own instincts about what you like to do, not what you think you should do," wrote Tori O'Halloran of San Jose, Calif. "You are creating a home, not a showplace. Here's your road map:

**Experiment with paint**  
It's the simplest, most obvious and perhaps the most economical dramatic change you can make. Grab a brush or a roller, and paint.

But don't stop there, by the white and off-white paint chips,

Take a sample of steps to your right or left. They're standing in the paint shop aisle. Yes, right there, where the color are laid out, you're there.

Get rid of the stain. Use white walls" (walled) Duffin. Maurizio of Santa Valley, Calif. "Take the redaction or light because it gives a new dimension to the space."

It doesn't take much to buy a little paint. In fact, the thing about paint, says reader Mary Adams of Sunnyvale, Calif., is "it's cheap. It's not like you have to buy a lot of it."

Adriani, who met her husband in Rome, has re-created the woman, Mediterranean times. Daily in her simple Sunnyvale tract home. She uses paint, elbow grease and her natural sense of fun but says anyone can follow her lead.

"I'm all self-sufficient," she said. "It's certainly something that people can take a technique and learn to do."

Adriani, who creates remarkable walls and rich, multi-layered blendings of paint throughout her home, advises to start simple. If you want to try out a painting technique or even create a formal masterpiece, start with a small piece of furniture, a flower pot, an old picture frame.

"People feel like they can't do things aesthetically, and it's such a mistake," Adams says. "And you'll find information about alternative painting styles at almost any paint counter these days."

**Be true to you**  
Your best decorating asset, the conversation pieces that will make your home appealing and inspiring to others, are probably some of the most simple.

"I love anything Italian because it's part of my ancestral heritage," wrote Maurizio. "I have the requisite silver framed

plasma, but I also have displayed my grandfather's clock, his ceramic vinegar jug, my great-grandmother's Bible, a crystal doorknob from the house where I grew up and an embroidered pillowcase that my mother made when she was a child."

An eye-catching collection can help make one area of a room the dramatic focus, wrote Linda Carmichael. Placing a collection of like objects together makes a bigger statement, she wrote.

Cara Stoneburner of Sunnyvale has a solution, too, for the sorts of collectibles that find a way into our hearts and our junk drawers. Her family has made a shrine wreath, tucking memorabilia such as wedding favors, a San Francisco Zoo key and family photos into a simple grapevine wreath. (The wreaths are often available at craft stores such as Michaels', but you're also likely to find them in a wine country outing.)

Originality is Stoneburner's strong suit. And one original statement in your home will be a conversation piece.

Stoneburner has turned two sturdy branches from a neighbor's plum tree and a string of tiny white Christmas lights into a chandelier. "It's just really warm and subtle," she says of her preferred lighting.

Sometimes, it's your vision of an object that makes it exceptional. Stand convention on its head. Maurizio took a tin panel reproduction of a classical ceiling design and bought for \$40 at an antique shop and placed it on the wall above her bed. That way she avoids the over-the-top of a headboard, which she does not

care for, yet makes a powerful decorating statement.

And Kathy Piro of Santa Clara, Calif., turned a \$25 Big Bird rug from Wal-Mart into a wall hanging for daughter Madeleine's room.

**Go natural**  
They're abundant, colorful and cheap. Seasonal fruits and vegetables and dried beans, pastas and the like make for instant decor in the kitchen and elsewhere. O'Halloran suggests lining fresh limes or lemons along a mantle or bathroom sink.

Carmichael finds inexpensive canisters at Cost Plus, then fills them with items such as beans, pastas and dried chiles. (Over time, though, with the exposure to light, these non-perishables can lose some quality when it comes to their first purpose - as food.)

**Shop like you're broke**  
"When I bought my first new home, a two-bedroom, two-bath condominium in Newark, it was one of the most exciting times of my life," wrote Sue Schlopp. But at the same time, she was overwhelmed at the prospect of decorating and improving her condo. She found her bible in "Bargain Shopping in the Bay Area" by Sally Scoville. She bought the book as her guide. Schlopp bought carpet from a Pleasanton warehouse, found furniture in bargain shops and picked up liners, towels and kitchen items at discount prices.

Other savvy shoppers look at the garage and estate-sale ads for expensive neighborhood goods. Kathy Sherman of Mountain View,

Calif., found the sectional she wanted for \$200 in the classified ads, then took the Palo Alto Adult School's upholstery class and reupholstered herself. "I estimate that I saved \$4,000."

The ready availability, too, of slipcovers and the popularity of the shabby chic look make the idea of buying used furniture more appealing.

A good number of homeowners aren't above scouring neighborhood curb sides for discards, though it's a good idea to ask permission before taking anything. Adriani found the additional kitchen cabinetry she needed on the curb.

The many professional gardeners who keep San Jose's Rose Garden neighborhood manicured offer separate large, overgrown plants, leaving agapanthus and fortnight lily and the like out for the recycling truck.

"You don't care who gets them, nor do the owners, as long as they're gone," wrote Barbara Newman. "I've picked up some absolutely gorgeous plants that would cost a lot if purchased in that size from a nursery. If you're not too proud to pick up castoffs, this is a great way to landscape."

She also finds inexpensive cuttings at garage sales. And many gardeners, wrote Newman, will simply offer a cutting if you admire a plant. "Just a suggestion from a poor but kindred homeowner," she wrote.

**Change is good**  
You don't have to be glad, say readers, that you don't have a lot of money to fritter on decor. Because chances are, no matter what you do in the next few months, some day you'll tire of it.

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# Used tools are becoming the next big rage on the home improvement market

Knight Ridder News Service

**PHILADELPHIA** - There was a time, not all that long ago, when only professionals and a very few serious do-it-yourselfers owned power tools.

Manufacturers didn't make power tools for home use. They were for builders and contractors who needed such heavy-duty tools to cut time and cost at work sites, where power tools were the key to productivity.

Clearly, times have changed. Today, sales of power and hand tools to professionals and nonprofessionals total about \$30 billion a year.

But new tools can be pricey. For homeowners who don't use tools as often as professionals or serious amateurs, spending \$150 for a Sawzall for one small demolition job isn't cost-effective.

What if you could buy a Sawzall for half that, and then sell it back to the store once the job is complete? Or even rent that Sawzall back to the store and trade it for another tool?

Those are a couple of the ideas behind ReTool, a growing chain of stores that sell and trade used tools, closets full of reconditioned power and hand tools often at a fraction of their original price.

ReTool, part of the retail product empire of Grow Biz International of Minneapolis, is hoping to have 500 to 700 used-tool franchises when it's done.

Two franchises have opened in the Philadelphia area - one in Bensalem and the other in Fairless Hills. Alan and Joyce Most own and operate the Fairless Hills store. Alan, trained as an accountant, spent many years as a chief financial

officer and controller for several manufacturers on the East Coast.

After years of working with companies that were involved in acquisitions, downsizing, financial restructuring and other opportunities, Most wanted was a franchise that could create a truly individualized link with painting techniques such as spraying or stenciling.

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Most signed the papers for ReTool's second franchise store in December and opened up in January. About 200 customers were spent on due diligence, making sure the business was a viable business in a business that would survive.

"I asked professional and amateurs both if this was a good one," Most said. "Their reply was that if the tools were priced properly, and in good condition, there was no way I could fail."

What's proper pricing? Well, if a new tool costs \$100, and you sell the same one used for \$65, "why should the customer buy a used one when the new one only costs a little more and it's brand new?" Most asked.

But if you price the same used tool at \$50, you're gonna sell. "Although it's been a long time,

don't see. Most believes that about as many professionals as do-it-yourselfers are frequenting his store on Lincoln Highway.

"People appear to be really surprised that there's something like this," he said, "because they always have thought of garage being the chief source of used tools. A lot of them come in every other day to see what new stuff we have that they're getting new inventory daily."

He also runs ads linking for tools. If someone is selling a lot of tools, Most will go to the house or business, look them over and make an offer. But usually, people come to the store with a box and negotiate with Most.

"When we trade, sometimes it's even steeper, with no cash to make up the difference," he said. "But if you come in with the same circular saw that ReTool sells for \$29.99 and want to trade it for a \$60 circular saw, think again. Grow Biz provides a sliding scale to its franchisees to guarantee their profit margin. You

would get only \$10 for your circular saw, so you would have to come up with the cash difference. What kind of tools are in demand?

"Pretty much everything," Most said. "We sell a ton of cordless power drivers, wrenches and grinders, as well as big workshop items such as drill presses and jointers-planers."

He's also selling a lot of \$2.99 hammers, and there's a large bin of \$9.99 screwdrivers.

"The hammers come in a tool box, and a lot of them are hardly used," he said. "We'll offer an extended warranty on everything for 10 percent of the purchase price, so if you buy the hammer, the warranty covers for 30 cents."

Professed "tool nut" Brian Mount of Fairless Hills has been a regular customer "since the day they opened," he said.

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# Try going against the grain when buying your winter firewood

## New fireplace can cool as well as heat

The Orange County Register

Now is the time to heat the rush to buy firewood for your fireplace this winter.

There's even a chance you may get a better price if you buy now. Besides, if you wait until the last minute, chances are you'll not exactly get the pick of the litter. You may be left with the little "run" wood that's less than seasoned.

It's important to buy seasoned wood, which means it's had at least six months — preferably a year — to dry. Hardwoods take longer than softwoods to dry, but seasoned wood is often so "wet" that it burns poorly. How do you know the firewood is seasoned? One of the easiest tests (though not foolproof) is to peel back a piece of bark. If the wood is green underneath, it's not properly seasoned.

Because unseasoned wood burns poorly, it also tends to produce more creosote. Creosote is a tar-like substance that can line the walls of your fireplace and cause problems, including the danger of a flash fire. One thing chimney sweeps go after when they clean is creosote.

OK, so you've made the decision to buy your firewood soon. You visit your local firewood outlet and you're faced with mountains of wood of all kinds. What do you buy?

Well, the best burning varieties are hardwoods, such as oak. They burn hotter, providing a better

NEW YORK (AP) — Optimists that we are, we believe fire will never happen to us. After all, we installed smoke detectors and had the furnace checked.

Think again: 80 percent of fire-related deaths occur in the home, fire is the fourth-leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States, and one in four fire deaths are those of children.

While prevention is important, an escape plan is imperative for all members of the family to practice. Only a fire can engulf a home in less than five minutes.

**How to proceed**

1. **Get out on the floor to the nearest exit.**

fire, and produce less creosote than softwoods. Hardwoods also burn slower and produce less smoke.

However, hardwoods generally are more expensive than softwoods. The difference can vary depending on the type of wood, but it can be up to twice as much. It might be nice to have a bit fire of the best wood, but most of us have to watch our pocketbooks, too.

So what do you burn? It may be best to buy and burn a mixture of hardwoods and softwoods. In this

2. **Cover your nose and mouth from smoke.**

3. **Do not open doors that are hot.**

4. **Never re-enter a burning building.**

5. **Cliff out from a neighbor's home.**

6. **Once safely outside, meet at a predetermined spot so all can be accounted for.**

And one more plea from Andrew Ivo, co-founder of KIT Products LLC, maker of emergency escape ladders. If you live in a two-story house or the windows are particularly high off the ground, keep at least one escape ladder handy and in good repair. Be sure each family member knows where it is and how to use it.

way, the hotter fire produced by the burning hardwoods will help decrease the amount of creosote produced by burning softwoods. And you'll save money.

While it may be advisable to buy a mix of woods, not all firewood dealers may be inclined to sell it to you. Ask first.

There are other questions you should ask a firewood dealer. For example, will the dealer deliver the wood and stack it where you wish in your yard or will it be left on the curb or in your driveway for you to move?

The Orange County Register

Now you can have your cake and eat it, too. Or at least you can have your fireplace and air-conditioning unit, too.

The folks at the Majestic Products Co. — known for many years especially for their fireplaces — have come up with a fireplace that can accept an air-conditioning unit. It can be powered by natural gas or propane, fit into a new house or an existing one and is especially helpful in rooms where there is little or no cool or warm air.

Dubbed the DVHVAC Heating and Cooling Gas Fireplace (model DVR36), it has a direct-vent, rear-vent-balanced flue system with an air filter and air-circulating blower that works alongside an optional central air-conditioning unit of up to 2 tons capacity.

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For the tech buffs out there, here's a bit more.

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• Operates at 78 percent efficiency.

• Multispeed direct-drive air-circulating blower.

• Return air plenum with a 16-inch-square air filter.

• Tubular heat-exchange system.

• Twenty-four-volt thermostat.

Is this thing going to heat your entire home? Probably not, unless your home is small. But it can bring needed heating and cooling to a room or rooms that might not get much or any with your present system. The system allows for up to three ducts to run up to 65 equivalent feet.

Want to use your air? It can fit on an outside wall so it can vent directly, either with the system protruding into the room or just with the front of the fire-

place showing. You don't need a chimney. Only an air vent on the wall is needed.

What's all this going to cost? Majestic sells just the fireplace. It won't include the air-conditioning system. That you'll have to add separately through an air-conditioning dealer. Majestic's fireplace, with all the apparatus that will receive the air-conditioning system, goes for \$2,699.

What would it cost to have the air-conditioning unit added? Maybe \$1,000, but that could vary substantially.

To find the Majestic dealer nearest you, call (800) 227-8683. You can also visit Majestic's Web site at <http://www.majesticproducts.com/>

A word of caution, though: This product is so new that some dealers may not know about it. Take this article with you. Be the first on your block.

By the way, a cord of wood is generally accepted to be a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.

Ask the dealer if the wood will be split or delivered as logs. If you have to split it, that's a lot of work. In addition, presplit firewood generally has had the chance to season a lot more than whole wood.

When you get your firewood, locate it at least 10 feet from the house if possible. No sense letting any bugs in the wood get closer to your house than need be.

Also, stack the wood off the ground. If possible, stack it 12 inches off the ground. This will decrease the chance of bugs crawling into it and of the bottom

areas getting wet. Stack your firewood crosswise, if possible. This will allow for greater air circulation to keep the wood as dry as possible.

While it's important to cover the top of the wood with a tarp to keep rain and dew from it, it's also important to locate the pile in a sunny area.

## There are some new products worth checking out at the home-improvement store

The Associated Press

Some products to consider as you improve your house:

• Given their climate, northern Europeans have to have efficient heating. A mainstay is the soapstone fireplace, which retains heat longer, releasing it slowly with gentle radiant heat, but a small amount of wood for two to four hours, and the fireplace provides heat for up to 24 hours. Distributed in the United States by the Finnish company, Tulivki, the fireplaces are available as corner, wall or freestanding units. A bonus is that the renewable wood fuel emits no

pollutants outside and is virtually dust-free inside.

• Something new from Andersen is a pair of classic French doors. The Frenchwood hinged doors can be installed in a 4-foot, 8-inch rough opening, and matching 24-inch-wide sidelights are available. The company also continues to evolve its basic casement models. New versions have slanted extension jamb grooves, slinger hinges, heavier frames and redesigned locks. They're easier to install, too, Andersen says.

• For foodies, BWC has introduced a scaled-down home ver-

sion of the Gastro, the Swiss faucet with a long flexible hose used by commercial chefs. Called the Domo Semi-Pro, the new faucet has lower base and flow rates to accommodate residential plumbing systems. It has the tall-mounted long hose with side lever that can be turned on and off with a brush of the elbow. In addition to a normal sink sprout, it also has a pre-rinse sprayer to help clean large pots and pans.

If the spikes used on the gutters of your home need repair, you can fix them with the Gutter Spike Repair Kit (\$4.95) from Make Life Easier Products

Co., Inc. Each kit will fix six loose gutter spikes with repair clips which fit over the spike holes on the back wall of the gutter; then reinstall the original spike securely. The repair clip will act as a spring when the gutter carries an extra load from rain, ice, leaves, etc., then allows the gutter to return to its original position after the load is relieved.

• Wallplates tend to look pretty anonymous, but AmerTac has a line of Deco Style wallplates that have decorative prints with floral, animal, farm, cross-stitch and other motifs. They're available in both single and double

toggle configurations and cost between \$4.99 and \$5.99.

• If you're one of those people with latex allergies, you probably do without protective household gloves. Nyltex reusable gloves from Magla are made of a non-latex polymer that doesn't have the allergens found in latex versions. They have textured fingers and are extra long to keep arms and sleeves dry.

• The Whole House Magnetic Water Conditioner and Descaler (\$49.95) by YBM Magnetics, Inc., promises to tackle your hard-water problems by changing the molecular structure of water as

it flows through the main water line. The gadget is clamped onto the line and requires no maintenance or filters.

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# Dollar-wise decor: Home owners share low-cost decorating tips

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You've emptied your savings account, wiped out your mutual funds and done just about everything short of sacrificing the sofa cushions for pocket change.

Congratulations — you and the financial institution of your choice are home owners. But just how do you go about creating your dream home when a terrifyingly large mortgage stares you down each month? Hold on to that pocket change.

We've sorted through lots of useful advice from San Jose Mercury News readers who were once first-time homeowners, too. Decorating on a shoestring? Forget it. These are folks who can make do on a dental floss budget.

"Besides all the practical tips," they have this message: Don't sweat it. Don't fret over the perfection you see in shelter magazines, the carefully coordinated display rooms in stores or rigid decorating rules you picked up somewhere along the way to home ownership.

"The most important decorating tip you can remember is to follow your own instincts, and do what you like to do, not what you think you should do," wrote Tori O'Halloran of San Jose, Calif.

You are creating, after all, a home, your home, not a show-place. Here's your road map:

## Experiment with paint

It's the simplest, most obvious and perhaps most economical dramatic change you can make. Grab a brush or a roller, and paint.

But don't stop there, by the white and off-white paint chips,

Take a couple of steps to your right or left when you're standing in the painting aisle. Yes, right there, where the colors are bolder, say readers.

"Get rid of the stark, flat white walls," e-mailed Donna Maurillo of Scotts Valley, Calif. "I like the reflection of light because it gives a new dimension to the space, so I always use semi-gloss."

And if semi-gloss seems too shiny, try the eggshell finishes now available. Not only is eggshell more reflective than flat latex, it's also easier to clean if your walls are under assault by small hands.

It doesn't take much to buy a little courage in a can. The thing about paint, says reader Mary Adriani of Sunnyvale, Calif., is "It's forgiving. Paint is fabulous." Adriani doesn't like a color, she just adds another layer in another shade. She suggests taking it one wall at a time.

Maurillo advises bringing the palette of your outdoor landscaping indoors. She uses lots of grays, blues, purples and pinks, the colors pop in the plants flowering in her yard, then leaves the color palette to her walls.

O'Halloran likes the look of buttery yellow kitchens or guest beds and the serenity of sage green bedrooms.

Her best tip: If you're going bold, don't overdo it. Make sure there's continuity in your palette, so that some color ties it all together.

And once you're mastered that courage, you can create a truly individual look with painting techniques such as sponging or stenciling.

Lisa Alcalá and her husband acquired a "huge mortgage"

along with their new-developer home. They redid their guest bedroom with two shades of periwinkle, sponged on the walls. A change of mirrors, substitutions for the flimsy toilet paper holder and towel rack, and the couple has a new bathroom for \$120.

"Now our bathroom looks cool and amazing," wrote Alcalá. Adriani, who met her husband in Rome, has re-created the warm, Mediterranean tones of Italy in her simple Sunnyvale tract home. She uses paint, elbow grease and her natural artist's gifts but says anyone can follow her lead.

"It's an self-taught," she said. "It's certainly something that people can take a technique and learn to do."

Adriani, who creates faux marble walls and rich, multi-layered blendings of paint throughout her home, advises to start simple.

If you want to try out a painting technique or even create a fresh-and-masterpiece, start with a small piece of furniture, a flower pot, an old picture frame.

"People feel like they can't do things artistically, and it's such a mistake," Adriani says.

And you'll find information about alternative painting styles at almost any paint counter these days.

## Be true to you

Your best decorating assets, the conversation pieces that will make your home appealing and fun to others, are probably stowed away in a closet or cupboard right now.

"I love anything Italian because it is part of my ancestral heritage," wrote Maurillo. "I have the requisite silver-framed

photos, but I also have displayed my grandfather's old oil can, his ceramic tiles, his great-grandmother's Bible, a crystal doorknob from the house where I grew up and an embroidered pillowcase that my mother made when she was a child."

An eye-catching collection can help make one area of a room the dramatic focus, wrote Linda Carmichael. Placing a collection of like objects together makes a bigger statement, she wrote.

Cara Stoneburner of Sunnyvale has a solution, too, for the sorts of collectibles that find a way into our hearts and our junk drawers. Her family has made a shrine wreath, tucking memorabilia such as wedding favors, a San Francisco Zoo key and funky sunglasses into a simple, grapevine wreath. (The wreaths are often available at craft stores such as Michaels's, but you're also likely to find them on a wine country outing.)

Originally it is Stoneburner's strong suit. And one original statement in your home will be what guests remember.

Stoneburner has turned two sturdy branches from a neighbor's plum tree and a string of tiny white Christmas lights into a talker of a chandelier.

"It's just really warm and subtle," she says of her preferred lighting method.

Sometimes, it's your vision of an object that makes it exceptional. Stand convention on its head. Many took a painting reproduction of a Victorian ceiling she bought for \$40 at an antique shop and placed it on the wall above her bed. That way she avoids the prosaic of a headboard, which she doesn't

care for, yet makes a powerful decorating statement.

And Kathy Piroos of Santa Clara, Calif., turned a \$25 Big Bird rug from Wal-Mart into a wall hanging for daughter Madeleine's room.

## Go natural

They're abundant, colorful and cheap. Seasonal fruits and vegetables and dried beans, pastas and the like make for instant decor in the kitchen and elsewhere. O'Halloran suggests lining fresh limes or lemons along a mantel or bathroom sink.

Carmichael finds inexpensive canisters at Cost Plus, then fills them with items such as beans, pastas and dried chiles. (Over time, though, with the exposure to light, these non-perishables can lose some quality when it comes to their first purpose — as food.)

Shop like you're broke

"When I bought my first new home, a two-bedroom, two-bath condominium in Newark, it was one of the most exciting times of my life," wrote Sue Schlopp. But at the same time, she was overwhelmed at the prospect of decorating and improving her condo. She found her bible in "Bargain Shopping in the Bay Area" by Sally Sechler. Using the book as her guide, Schlopp bought carpet from a Pleasanton warehouse, found furniture in bargain shopping in the Bay Area, linens, towels and kitchen items at discount prices.

Other savvy shoppers scour the garage and estate-sale ads for expensive neighborhoods. Kathy Sherman of Mountain View,

Calif., found the sectional sofa wanted for \$300 in the classified ads, then took the Palo Alto Adult School's upholstery class and reupholstered herself. "I estimate that I saved \$4,000."

The ready availability, too, of slipcovers and the popularity of the shabby chic look, make the idea of buying used furniture more appealing.

A good number of homeowners aren't aware scouring neighborhood curb sides for discards, though it's a good idea to ask permission before taking anything. Adriani found the additional kitchen cabinetry she needed on the curb.

The many professional gardeners who keep San Jose's Rose Garden neighborhood manicured often separate large, overgrown plants, leaving agapanthus and forget-me-nots the like out for the recycling truck.

"They don't care who gets them, nor do the owners, as long as they're gone," wrote Barbara Newman. "I've picked up some absolutely gorgeous plants that would cost a lot if purchased in that size from a nursery. If you're not too proud to pick up castoffs, this is a great way to landscape."

She also finds inexpensive cuttings at garage sales. And many gardeners, wrote Newman, will simply offer a cutting if you admire a plant. "Just a suggestion from a poor but kindred homeowner," she wrote.

## Change is good

One final note. Be glad, say readers, that you don't have a lot of money to fritter on decor. Because chances are, no matter what you do in the next few months, some day you'll tire of it.

# Used tools are becoming the next big rage on the home improvement market

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — There was a time, not all that long ago, when only professionals and a very few serious do-it-yourselfers owned power tools.

Manufacturers didn't make power tools for home use. They were for builders and contractors who needed such heavy-duty tools to cut time and effort at work sites, where power tools were the key to productivity.

Clearly, times have changed. Today, sales of power and hand tools to professionals and non-professionals total about \$30 billion a year.

But new tools can be pricey. For homeowners who don't use tools as often as professional or serious amateurs, spending \$165 for a Sawzall for one small demolition job isn't cost-effective.

What if you could buy a Sawzall for half that, and then sell it back to the store once the job is complete? Or even take that Sawzall back to the store and trade it for another tool?

Those are a couple of the ideas behind ReTool, a growing chain of stores that sell and trade used tools, closets and recommended power and hand tools often at a fraction of their original price.

ReTool, part of the resale-product empire of Grob Biz International of Minneapolis, is hoping to have 500 to 700 used-tool franchises when it's done.

Two franchises have opened in the Philadelphia area — one in Bensalem and the other in Fairless Hills.

Alan and Joyce Most own and operate the Fairless Hills store. Alan, trained as an accountant, spent many years as a chief finan-

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# Try going against the grain when buying your winter firewood

The Orange County Register

Now is the time to heat the rush to buy firewood for your fireplace this winter.

There's even a chance you may get a better price if you buy now. Besides, if you wait until the last minute, chances are you'll not exactly get the pick of the litter. You may be left with the little "runts" wood that's less than seasoned.

It's important to buy seasoned wood, which means it's had at least six months — preferably a year — to dry. Hardwoods take longer than softwoods to dry. Unseasoned wood is often so "wet" that it burns poorly. How do you know the firewood is seasoned? One of the easiest tests — though not foolproof — is to peel back a piece of bark. If the wood is green underneath, it's not properly seasoned.

Because unseasoned wood burns poorly, it also tends to produce more creosote. Creosote is a tar-like substance that can line the walls of your fireplace and cause problems, including the danger of a flash fire. One thing chimney sweeps go after when they clean is creosote.

OK, so you've made the decision to buy your firewood soon. You visit your local firewood outlet and you're faced with mountains of wood of all kinds. What do you buy?

One of the best burning varieties are hardwoods, such as oak. They burn hotter, providing a better

## When a house fire hits home

NEW YORK (AP) — Optimists that we are, we believe fire will never happen to us. After all, we installed smoke detectors and had the furnace checked.

Think again: 80 percent of fire-related deaths occur in the home, fire is the second-leading cause of accidental deaths in the United States, and one in four fire deaths are those of children.

While prevention is important, an escape plan is imperative for all members of the family to practice. Why? A fire can engulf a home in less than five minutes.

### How to proceed

1) Crawl on the floor to the nearest exit.

fire, and produce less creosote than softwoods. Hardwoods will burn slower and produce less smoke.

However, hardwoods generally are more expensive than softwoods. The difference can vary depending on the type of wood, but it can be up to twice as much. It might be nice to have a hot fire of the best wood, but most of us have to watch our pocketbooks, too.

So what do you burn? It may be best to buy and burn a mixture of hardwoods and softwoods. In that

- Cover your nose and mouth from smoke.
- Do not open doors that are hot.
- Never re-enter a burning building.
- Call 911 from a neighbor's home.
- Once safely outside, meet at a pre-determined spot so all can be accounted for.

And one more plea from Andrew Ives, co-founder of XFF Products LLC, maker of emergency escape ladders: If you live in a two-story house or the windows are particularly high off the ground, keep at least one escape ladder handy and in good repair. Be sure each family member knows where it is and how to use it.

way, the hotter fire produced by the burning hardwoods will help decrease the amount of creosote produced by burning softwoods.

And you'll save money. While it may be advisable to buy a mix of woods, not all firewood dealers may be inclined to sell it to you. Ask first.

There are other questions you should ask a firewood dealer. For example, will the dealer deliver the wood and stack it where you wish in your yard or will it be left on the curb or in your driveway for you to move?

## New fireplace can cool as well as heat

The Orange County Register

Now you can have your cake and eat it, too. Or at least you can have your fireplace and air-conditioning unit, too.

The folks at the Majestic Products Co. — known for many years especially for their fireplaces — have come up with a fireplace that can accept an air-conditioning unit. It can be powered by natural gas or propane, fit into a new house or an existing one and is especially helpful in rooms where there is little or no cool or warm air.

Dubbed the DVHVAC Heating and Cooling Gas Fireplace (model DVCR36), it has a direct-vent, rear-vented flue system with an air filter and air-circulating blower that works alongside an optional central air-conditioning unit of up to 2 tons capacity.

Hot air? Cold air? Press a button and you have it.

By the by, a cord of wood is generally accepted to be a pile 8 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 feet wide.

Ask the dealer if the wood will be split or delivered as logs. If you have to split it, that's a lot of work. In addition, pre-split firewood generally has had the chance to season a lot more than whole wood.

For the tech buffs out there, here's a brief list of features:

- Range of 25,000-45,000 BTUs (British Thermal Units).
- Operates at 78 percent efficiency.
- Features direct-drive air-circulating blower.
- Return air plenum with a 16-inch-square air filter.
- Tubular heat-exchange system.
- Twenty-four volt thermostat.

Is this thing going to heat your entire home? Probably not, unless your home is small. But it can bring needed heating and cooling to a room or rooms that might not get much or any with your present system. The system allows for up to three ducts to run up to 65 equivalent feet.

Where would you use it? It can fit in an outside wall so it can vent directly, either with the system protruding into the room or with just the front of the fire-

place getting wet. Stack your firewood crosswise, if possible. This will allow for greater air circulation to keep the wood as dry as possible.

While it's important to cover the top of the wood with a tarp to keep rain and dew from it, it's also important to locate the pile in a sunny area.

place showing. You don't need a chimney. Only an air vent on the wall is needed.

What's all this going to cost? Majestic sells just the fireplace. It won't include the air-conditioning system. That you'll have to add separately through an air-conditioning dealer. Majestic's fireplace, with all the apparatus that will receive the air-conditioning system, goes for \$2,699.

What would it cost to have the air-conditioning unit added? Maybe \$1,000, but that could vary substantially.

To find the Majestic dealer nearest you, call (800) 227-8883. You can also visit Majestic's Web site at <http://www.majesticproducts.com/>

A word of caution, though: This product is so new that some dealers may not know about it. Take this article with you. Be the first on your block.

## There are some new products worth checking out at the home improvement store

The Associated Press

Some products to consider as you improve your house:

• Given their climate, northern Europeans have to have efficient heating. A mainstay is the soapstone fireplace, which retains heat longer, releasing it slowly with gentle radiant heat; burn a small amount of wood for two to four hours, and the fireplace provides heat for up to 24 hours. Distributed in the United States by the Finnish company, Tulikivi, the fireplaces are available as corner, wall or freestanding units. A bonus is that the renewable wood fuel emits no

pollutants outside and is virtually dust-free inside.

• Something new from Andersen is a pair of classic French doors. The Frenchwood hinged doors can be installed in a 4-foot, 1-inch rough opening, and matching 2-foot-wide sidelights are available. The company also continues to evolve its basic casement models. New versions have aligned extension jamb grooves, longer hinges, heavier frames and redesigned locks. They're easier to install, too, Andersen says.

• For foodies, KWC has introduced a sealed-down home ver-

sion of the Gastro, the Swiss faucet with a long flexible hose used by commercial chefs.

Called the Domo Semi-Pro, the new faucet has lower base and flow rates to accommodate residential plumbing systems. It has the tall-mounted long hose with side lever that can be turned on and off with a brush of the elbow. In addition to a normal sink spout, it also has a pre-rinse spray to help clean large pots and pans.

• If the spikes used on the gutters of your home need repair, you can fix them with the Gutter Spike Repair Kit (\$4.95) from Make Life Easier Products

Co., Inc. Each kit will fix six loose gutter spikes with repair clips which fit over the spike holes on the back wall of the gutter; then reinstall the original spike securely. The repair clip will act as a spring when the gutter carries an extra load from rain, ice, leaves, etc., then allows the gutter to return to its original position after the load is relieved.

Wallplates tend to look pretty anonymous, but AmerTac has a line of Deco Style wallplates that have decorative prints with floral, animal, farm, cross-stitch and other motifs. They're available in both single and double

toggle configurations and cost between \$4.99 and \$5.99.

• If you're one of those people with latex allergies, you probably do without protective household gloves. Nyltex reusable gloves from Magla are made of a non-latex polymer that doesn't have the allergens found in latex versions. They have textured fingers and are extra long to keep arms and sleeves dry.

• The Whole House Magnetic Water Conditioner and Descaler (\$49.95) by YBM Magnetics, Inc., promises to tackle your hard-water problems by changing the molecular structure of water as it flows through the main water line. The gadget is clamped onto the line and requires no maintenance or filters.

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# Dollar-wise decor: Home owners share low-cost decorating tips

Knight Ridder News Service

You've emptied your savings account, wiped out your mutual funds and done just about everything short of searching the sofa cushions for pocket change.

Congratulations — you and the financial institution of your choice are homeowners.

But just how do you go about creating your dream home about a terrifyingly large mortgage stares you down each month? Hold on to that pocket change.

We've sorted through lots of useful advice from San Jose Mercury News readers who were once first-time homeowners, too. Decorating on a shoestring? Forget it. These are folks who can make do on a dental floss budget.

And besides all the practical tips, they have this message: Don't sweat it. Don't fret over the perfection you see in shelter magazines, the carefully coordinated display rooms in stores or rigid decorating rules you picked up somewhere along the way to home ownership.

"The most important decorating tip you can remember is to follow your own instincts, and do what you like to do, not what you think you should do," wrote Tori O'Halloran of San Jose, Calif.

You are creating, after all, a home, your home, not a show-place. Here's your road map:

## Experiment with paint

It's the simplest, most obvious and perhaps most economical dramatic change you can make. Grab a brush or a roller, and paint.

But don't stop there, by the white and off-white paint chips

along with their new-developing home. They redid their guest bathroom with two shades of periwinkle, sponged on the walls. A change of mirrors, substitutions for the flimsy toilet paper holder and towel rack, and the couple has a new bathroom for \$120.

"Now our bathroom looks cool, and amazing," wrote Alicia.

Adriani, who lives with her husband in Rome, has recreated the warm, Mediterranean tones of Italy in her simple Sunnyside tract home. She uses paint, elbow grease and her natural artist's gifts but says anyone can follow her lead.

"I'm all self-taught," she said. "It's certainly something that people can take a technique and learn to do."

Adriani, who creates faux marble walls and rich, multi-layered blendings of paint throughout her home, advises to start simple.

If you want to try out a painting technique or even create a freehand masterpiece, start with a small piece of furniture, a flower pot, an old picture frame.

"People feel like they can't do things artistically, and it's such a mistake," Adriani says.

And you'll find information about alternative painting styles at almost any paint center these days.

photos, but is also have displayed my grandfather's old oil can, his ceramic vinegar jug, my great-grandmother's Bible, a crystal doorknob from the house where I grew up and an embroidered pillowcase that my mother made when she was a child."

An eye-catching collection can help make one area of a room the dramatic focus, wrote Linda Carmichael. Facing a collection of like objects together makes a bigger statement, she wrote.

Cara Stoneburner of Sunnyside has a solution, too, for the sorts of collectibles that find a way into our hearts and our junk drawers. Her family has made a shrine wreath, tucking memorabilia such as wedding favors, a San Francisco Zoo key and funky sunglasses into a simple grapevine wreath. (The wreaths are often available at craft stores such as Michael's, but you're also likely to find them on a wine country outing.)

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They're abundant, colorful and cheap. Seasonal fruits and vegetables and dried beans, pastas and the like make for instant decor in the kitchen and elsewhere.

O'Halloran suggests lining fresh limes or lemons along a mantel or bathroom sink.

Carmichael finds inexpensive canisters at Cost Plus, then fills them with items such as beans, pastas and dried chiles. (Over time, though, with the exposure to light, they're non-perishable.)

But at the same time, she was overwhelmed at the prospect of decorating and improving her home. She found her bible in "Bargain Shopping in the Bay Area" by Sally Scovich. Using the book as her guide, Scovich bought carpet from a Pleasanton warehouse, found furniture in bargain shops and picked up linens, towels and kitchen items at discount prices.

Other savvy shoppers score for garage and estate sale ads for expensive neighborhoods. Kathy Sherman of Mountain View,

Calif., found the sectional she wanted for \$300 in the classified ads, then took the Palo Alto Allied School's upholstery class and reupholstered herself. "I estimate that I saved \$4,000."

The ready availability, too, of slipcovers and the popularity of the shabby chic look make the idea of buying used furniture more appealing.

A good number of homeowners who got into the market through curb sides for discards, though it's a good idea to ask permission before taking anything. Adriani found the look make the kitchen cabinetry she needed on the curb.

The many professional gardeners who keep San Jose's Rose-Garden neighborhood manicured often separate large, overgrown plants, leaving agapanthus and gladioli to the like out for the recycling truck.

"They don't care who gets them, nor do the owners, as long as they're gone," wrote Barbara Newman. "We picked up some absolutely gorgeous plants that would cost a lot if purchased in that size from a nursery. If you're not too proud to pick up castoffs, this is a great way to landscape."

She also finds inexpensive cuttings at garage sales. And many gardeners, wrote Newman, will simply offer a cutting if you admire a plant. "Just a suggestion from a poor but kindred homeowner," she wrote.

## Shop like you're broke

Change is good

One final note: Be glad, say, readers, that you don't have a lot of money to fritter on decor. Better chances are, no matter what you do in the next few months, some day you'll tire of it.

## Use tools are becoming the next big rage on the home improvement market

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — There was a time, not all that long ago, when only professionals and a very few serious do-it-yourselfers owned power tools.

Manufacturers didn't make power tools for home use. They were for builders and contractors who needed such heavy-duty tools to cut time and effort at work sites, where power tools were the key to productivity.

Clearly, times have changed. Today, sales of power and hand tools to professionals and non-professionals total about \$30 billion a year.

But new tools can be pricey. For homeowners who don't use tools as often as professionals or serious amateurs, spending \$165 for a Sawzall for one small demolition job isn't cost-effective.

What if you could buy a Sawzall for half that, and then sell it back to the store once the job is complete? Or even take that Sawzall back to the store and trade it for another tool?

These are a couple of the ideas behind ReTool, a growing chain of stores that sell and trade used tools, closets and reconditioned power and hand tools often at a fraction of their original price.

ReTool, part of the resale-product empire of Grow Biz International of Minneapolis, is hoping to have 500 to 700 second-hand franchises when it's done.

Two franchises have opened in the Philadelphia area — one in Bensalem and the other in Fairless Hills.

Alan and Joyce Most own and operate the Fairless Hills store. Alan, trained as an accountant, spent many years as a chief financial officer and controller for several manufacturers on the East Coast.

"After years of working with companies that were involved in acquisitions or downsizing, I started looking for business opportunities," Most said. "I met with a headhunter for franchisees who got me interested in Grow Biz."

What Most wanted was a franchise for Grow Biz's Once Upon a Child chain of children's used merchandise. But when the headhunter mentioned tools, "something clicked," he said.

"I think every guy has this thing about getting involved in tools," Most said. Most watched his father build projects in his suburban Hartford, Conn., home workshop and worked as a bowling-ball mechanic while a student at the University of Connecticut.

Most signed the papers for ReTool's second franchise store in Bensalem last month, which opened up in June. About two months were spent on due diligence, making sure he was about to involve himself in a business that would work.

"I asked professionals and amateurs both if this idea was a good one," Most said. "Their reply was that if the tools were priced properly and in good condition, there was no way I could fail."

What's proper pricing? Well, if a new tool costs \$100, and you sell the same one used for \$85, "why should the customer buy a used one when the new one only costs a little more and it's brand new?" Most asked.

But if you price the same used tool at \$50, you've got a sale. Although he's been too busy to

## Be true to you

Your best decorating assets, the conversation pieces that will make your home appealing and intriguing to others, are probably stowed away in a closet or cupboard right now.

"I love anything Italian because it is part of my ancestral heritage," wrote Maurillo. "I have the requisite silver-framed

do the math, Most believes that about as many professionals as do-it-yourselfers are frequenting his store on Lincoln Highway.

"People appear to be really surprised that there's something like this," he said, "because they always have thought of garages being the chief source of every tool. A lot of them come in every other day to see what new stuff we have, since we are getting new inventory daily."

He also runs ads looking for tools. If someone is selling a lot of tools, Most will go to the house or business, look them over and make an offer. But usually, people come to the store with a box and negotiate with Most.

"When we trade, sometimes it's even steeper, with no cash to make up the difference," he said.

But if you come in with the same circular saw that ReTool sells for \$165, you can trade it for a \$65 power driver, think again. Grow Biz provides a sliding scale to its franchisees to guarantee their profit margin. You

would get only \$10 for your circular saw, so you would have to come up with the cash difference.

What kind of tools are in demand?

"Pretty much everything," Most said. "We sell a lot of cordless power drivers, wrenches and grinders, as well as big workshop items such as drill presses and jointers/planes."

He's also selling a lot of \$2.99 hammers, and there is a large bin of \$9-cent screwdrivers.

"The hammers come in a tool

box, and a lot of them are hardly used," he said. "We'll offer an extended warranty on everything for 10 percent of the purchase price, so if you buy the hammer, the warranty comes for 30 cents."

Because "tool nut" Brian Mount of Fairless Hills has been a regular customer "since the day they opened," he said.

Mount, a welder-mechanic, said he shops at both the Fairless Hill and Bensalem stores, often getting slightly better prices at one store over the other.

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## Playhouses allow kids to solve problems, develop imaginations

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Michael Kronstadt grips the rung of the rope ladder. He is careful to keep his balance as he climbs. The ladder hangs freely from a huge tree in his back yard. At the top — 15 feet above the ground — Michael hoists himself through a narrow passage between two thick branches so he can stand on the platform of the tree house he helped build and enjoy the neighborhood.

On nice days like this, when it is great to be outside, Michael, 11, and his sister Jamie, who is 9, are drawn to their tree house in their Kensington, Md., back yard. They clamber up the ladder to read, play with friends, spy on their neighbors and wage battles with survey-the-land water guns.

Above the fray, there is a sense of security in knowing that the tree house is a special place built just for them. But there is also a sense of danger. The windows are low and deep, without railings to protect against falls, and there is a tight, precarious space at the top of the ladder where you could lose your balance and plunge to the ground. Art Hansen, a family friend of the Kronstadts, who designed and constructed the treehouse, purposely built what he considered an acceptable level of risk in the structure to teach the kids responsibility. He and the children's mother were comfortable that Michael and Jamie would be cautious.

Michael and Jamie like the

## Children reinvent spaces to create environments they can control

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Children use their private spaces to "recreate the difficult situations that arise in their day-to-day life," explained Lisa Herrick, a clinical psychologist who works with families, adolescents and children in Washington and Virginia.

"It's a basic human need to create enclosed spaces with firm boundaries around oneself, and it's a feeling that children love," Herrick said. They love to go into tunnels, surround themselves inside blankets and hide under the covers where it is dark and cozy.

Throughout childhood, they're

continually reinventing spaces to create environments they can control. How they play often corresponds with an emotional issue on their lives and "is related to their own sense of mastery and trying to figure something out," said Herrick.

"When I went back to work, my daughter was a preschooler. She would set up our playroom to look like a playhouse with a kitchen and rope door and everything else. She'd take an old bracelet of mine and she'd make me be the dad and she'd be the mommy. She'd go to the door and wave goodbye and she would wave me to say, 'Good-bye.' Mommy! She was working on all of the feelings

that she was struggling with about leaving me one day, and she did it by creating a house-like structure. Because this house was designed by her, she felt very safe. The dollhouse made her able to tolerate something that was very hard for her — which was saying goodbye to me."

Herrick remembers that she and her friends hid out under fir trees that had very thick branches. Under the bottom branches, you couldn't be seen from the outside. "We used to dig in groups from the house — chairs, blankets and food," she said. "We played gaming away from bad guys when we were little."

"When you get a little older,

about 10 or 11, the fort serves a different purpose. At that point kids are working on how to get along in relationships. What they do is devise intricate rules among peers or siblings around the issues of inclusion and exclusion. They have secret passwords, and they're taking turns coping with unfairness and creating hierarchies for power."

They purposely don't invite their parents into these secret hide-outs, and if all things are going well, that's good. "It's a mastery issue," said Herrick. "You can't master your own challenges if a grown-up is intruding, so it is very important to keep the grown-ups out."

that for urban kids, they have a unique situation. There is a sense of adventure as they explore the underbrush. One of their favorite hiding places is a willow tree. The branches form a dome overhead.

Noticing natural and seasonal changes is another benefit of encouraging children to find special places outdoors. Sometimes the tree house, cottage or tent is "a vehicle that initially gets children out and interested in their environment, and then it can serve as the vantage point to start looking around," said Norm Lownds, a professor and curator of the 4-H Children's Garden at Michigan State University.

"At the 4-H Gardens, Lownds is the master of 64 "theme habitats" on two-thirds of an acre of land. Some are based on stories such as Peter Rabbit. There's also a maze, a butterfly garden and an area shaped like a cereal bowl filled with plants that are used as cereal ingredients.

Although Lownds may wield administrative power at the gardens, he loses to his 6-year-old son every time he is challenged to a footrace. "There is a 1/2-foot archway that leads out of one of our secret gardens. When we're in there, my son will say, 'Okay, Dad, let's run out.' He can get through that arch. As an adult, I have to bend down and it takes some additional effort. He knows that arch was made for him and not for me, and that is very empowering."

challenges that come with the height. They are able to flex their muscles. They become the masters of their own universe.

Control is important to children. They gravitate to secret places where they are out of range of the hovering eyes of grown-ups. Whether they're perched up on a ledge, knee-deep in a muddy creek or hidden under the dining-room table, they like a place to call their own.

"The spaces children use are quite variable," said Alice Whitten, professor of family and child ecology at Michigan State University in East Lansing. "A

cardboard box, a lilac tree, an empty lot — the type of structure is not what is important. It's the ability to have some level of control over a limited domain."

In a playhouse, tent or makeshift fort, children can make decisions about what they can do. Who comes in and who stays out is a microcosm of the world.

The playhouse that comes with recreating a home or a classroom — the types of environments that children are exposed to daily — are kids' practice socialization skills that are necessary for development.

"We're dealing with power and boundaries all through life," said Whitten. And children are not very good at making most of the decisions that affect them. Playhouses, she said, help children learn about how to take care of themselves, how to make decisions and how to structure their environment."

Not only are playhouses a lot of fun, but they also give children an opportunity for socialization and for solitary experience. An opportunity for sharing and for owning. Michael requested a rope ladder as the only access to his house. When he or his sister

wants to be alone, they pull up the steps and bask in solitude. When they want company, the ladder stays down.

He and Jamie also help to shape their identities through this play. "Height has a lot of meaning in terms of our nonverbal and our language," Whitten said. "The person on top is the most powerful person. We use phrases like 'at the top of the class' and 'the head of the company.' We associate being up high and being powerful with being in control."

Kari and Ally have grown into the yard, and Templeton feels

## A lot can happen in just one year, get your home ready for winter

The Orange County Register

On days when the weather is warm, it's hard to imagine the climatic onslaughts winter will bring to your home. Don't wait until winter's chilly invasion starts. Begin your fortification now.

One way your home can lose the war against cold weather is through leaks around doors, windows, electrical outlets, through plumbing and your ceilings. In some cases, caulking is called for. In others, one type of insulation or another may solve the problem.

For instance, windows rarely provide as much insulation as walls of a home.

However, more heat may also be a clue that caulking around the windows may need replacing. Just because you caulked last year doesn't mean it doesn't need refreshing. Caulk poured by tube can easily become dry and brittle and flake away.

Replanning caulk can be messy, though not necessarily so. Removing it does take time. For those who are less than confident about applying caulk from a tube, consider insulating strips. They come in a variety of sizes and colors and are available at home centers and hardware stores. Often they have an adhesive backing making them easy to apply.

These insulating strips aren't meant for all occasions, so it's best to talk with someone about where you need to caulk or insulate. Even these strips need removing sometimes, so don't think they're foolproof. One of the best things about them — other than their ease of application — is that they often can be removed a lot easier than scraping old caulk.

Another area of your home that should get a good look is your roof. Why wait until winter weather hits on you to get your roof fixed? That's when everyone else who postponed fixing their roofs will be clamoring for roofing companies to fix

their roof first.

Again, just because your roof was OK last winter doesn't mean it will be fine this year. Houses shift. Many types of roofing shingles dry out, come loose or curl. This is especially true after summer's sun takes its toll.

If you don't want to have a roofing inspector come out, you can do one of two other approaches. You can call a home inspector (who can analyze your entire home) or you can inspect your own roof.

Inspecting your roof doesn't have to mean crawling on it, though some close-up inspection around chimneys, vents

and skylights would help make your analysis more complete. Use binoculars to examine your roof from the outside. Look for missing or curled roofing materials or those that are out of place.

After that, use a garden hose with a pressure nozzle to spray your roof. Really soak it. Then inspect your ceilings and walls for evidence of leaks. (You may not find evidence for hours.)

An even better idea is to inspect your attic or attic crawl-space. Look at roof supports for dark or yellow areas. Remember to trace the leak back to its source. It may be somewhere other than at the bottom of a truss.



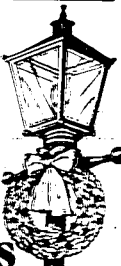
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# Art class: By-the-book ways to make your walls look smart

The Dallas Morning News

Using pictures effectively in decor is an art. Absolute ratios or recipes don't exist.

And some of the so-called guidelines for pictures seem a tad hazy: Hang 'em high enough (but not too high). Mix (or match) with other furnishings. Choose to complement (or contrast) the room's color scheme. Go for the bold (but not too bold).

Confused? Experts share do's and don'ts to help you get the hang of it.

## The backdrop

To start, study the room. Does it have high ceilings? Is it a spacious living room or a cozy office?

You must "consider the volume of space in the room," says Linda S. Steinberg of Linda Steinberg Interiors Inc. in North Dallas and a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers.

For instance, "when you have big tall ceilings, it's nice to have big pieces of art" to fit the room's scale, she says. One of her clients, dealing with imposing 15-foot-tall dining-room walls, commissioned art to cover one wall.

But few people have that luxury. To compensate for high ceilings while using art of typical size, you may need to hang the pictures a bit higher than usual, suggests interior designer Linda Blair, author of "Design Sense" (John Wiley, \$25) and a professional ASID member. The opposite is true with low ceilings, she writes in her book, adding that a vertical picture scheme will appear to lift the ceiling.

And what about a 14-by-10-foot hallway wall? A lone average-size canvas would look lost there.

Here's a sample of tips from the designer:

- Use art in odd-numbered collections for the most pleasing compositions, Menchu says.
- Take care with groupings. Many artists a dining room, decorator, lines up the top, left and right boundaries for a cohesive look; the bottom pieces sometimes can be signed, however. And although horizontal groupings are the most common arrangement, Holland encourages vertical thinking, saying "vertical grouping can be dramatic."
- Don't center a painting, even a single one, on a large wall, Holland says. "It appears smaller if centered" because there's such a large amount of empty space surrounding it.
- Don't have pictures start-stopping up and down around the room. Interior designer Linda Blair agrees.

Within the context of that hallway and many living areas and bedrooms, you'll see wide open spaces that beg for a jumbo dose of art. This is a case where bigger is better.

"The painting (or other type of picture) does so much more than a cluster of little ones," says Mary Holland, a professional ASID member whose firm is Mary Holland Interiors Inc. in Dallas. If you lack large art, go with a grouping if you have a traditional decor, but don't use groupings in contemporary rooms because they are a traditional decorating technique, Holland says.

Save smaller-scale, stand-alone pictures for cozy rooms or smaller wall areas — a corner by the window, perhaps. But large art isn't verboten in small spaces, Blair says, "don't be afraid to put a large picture on a small wall" for drama.

Have the bottom edges of the frames at one level; Holland likes to tie the top corners of a single theme, maintaining a loose unity and openness to the eye.

Go to wall-to-wall to show, Holland and Sherry Gaulton Menchu, a Portland, Ore., interior decorator, say. Use wide mat and to wide frame to separate the art from the wall.

Hang as well keep you from leaving the art's impact and will present it from existing with the wallpaper, Holland says.

Reverse family pictures for intimate areas of the home. Menchu suggests art "family photos in the dining room" but not a centerpiece in the formal living room.

"Don't feel you must decorate every inch of a space," Holland says. "Empty spaces make the room appear calmer and bigger."

—Sherry Gaulton Menchu, Portland, Ore.

You're also hanging the art in relation to the tops of windows and doors and in their moldings, Blair says. A small picture, even when anchored by an appropriately scaled dining table or chair, should be centered to relation to a prominent window or doorway.

"You've got to consider the big picture," Blair quips.

## Furniture facts

The relationship of the pictures to furniture largely determines final placement in the room, says Shirley Gaulton Menchu, an allied ASID member in Portland, Ore. Or, go larger than a 22-by-35-inch watercolor over a long-leg wood bench; hang a 5-by-4-foot canvas over a spindly 30-inch-wide console.

And Holland says furniture heights trump the old eye-level rule.

For instance, with a typical

desk that's about 30 inches tall, the picture should be much lower than standing eye level, which is 5 to 6 feet off the floor; it must be a few inches above the top of the desk. And if you're hanging art above a secretary, it would hang higher than standing eye level, she says.

Also, consider the objects that are standing atop the desk — a lamp or music baskets, for example, and group those objects, the art and the desk as one composition, Holland says.

Another factor is the vantage point for the art. In most living and family rooms, for instance, the art is viewed from a seated position. In that case, go lower, Holland says. 30 inches above the highest point on a sofa. And in children's rooms, also situate pictures lower, Menchu says.

If in doubt, err on the low side. As "Caring for Artwork at Home" (Facts, \$3) points out, "It is easier to look down than up."

In fact, designers cited hanging pictures too high as the No. 1 mistake. "It looks like it's bouncing off the furniture," Holland says. Eye-level height does apply when you'll be standing to view the pictures, such as in hallways without furniture and stairway walls.

Go sleep pictures at the viewer's eye level beside a staircase, hang them increasingly higher as the space ascends.

## Centerpieces?

According to "Caring for Artwork at Home," position art for visual balance even if that means, by measurement it is not centered.

In other words, if you're hanging a picture of a grouping above a side table with a large lamp on the left, you probably would hang the artwork technically off-center (going right-of-center) so it

becomes visually centered in the open wall space. This creates balance and assures that the lampshade doesn't obscure the top of the image.

But it's fine for a lampshade to overlap the picture some, Blair says. People are afraid to let a floral arrangement, lamp or the like hide a bit of the picture; she insists "it makes it an intimate grouping."

## The right viewpoint

Another decorating "do" is to consider how the art needs to be seen, whether up close or from a distance.

A giant contemporary canvas of geometric forms or 2-foot-high apples is meant for long-distance viewing, so a narrow hallway is out as a venue.

A delicate etching requires close-up scrutiny. Don't hang it above a deep piece of furniture — a bed or massive desk — so the viewer physically can't see the art from the appropriate distance.

## Art-to-art talk

Then there's the relationship of Picture A to Picture B.

When multiple pictures — whether a pair or a multipiece grouping — are meant to be viewed as a single entity, hang them close together, probably no farther than 2 to 3 inches apart, Blair says. This assures continuity, she explains.

Remember that large, important pictures can stand on their own, Blair says; give them breathing space, perhaps several feet.

## Hues to use

All the designers say it's great when the colors in your artwork harmonize with other furnishings: carpet, upholstery, drapes, whatever. It's not a necessity,

though. More important, they say, is that you adore the artwork and that it reflect your personality and life experiences.

"Pieces need to speak to the person and have charm," Blair says. "And if the painting that speaks to you doesn't fit your color scheme, use it anyway."

Menchu says there are ways to marry the diverse colors. "Use a vase with some color from the painting... Bring in a flower!"

## Frames and mats

Frames and mats should enhance but not dominate, Steinberg says. "I always remember Miles van der Rohe quote 'Less is more.'"

And a traditional frame on a contemporary painting (and vice versa) is downright jarring to Holland; she never mixes them. Mate the picture and frame in style even though the rest of the room differs, she says.

Not everyone agrees on this point.

Marty Cipolla, an award-winning framer who owns Marty's Frame Shoppe in Fort Worth, Texas, says he regularly works with an artist who paints abstracts and his pictures are framed with ornate, traditional frames. The frame becomes an ideal foil for the art.

Mats with elaborate cuts or bold colors can make a picture seem drab in comparison.

To use a strongly colored mat, the designers double-mat the picture, with just a sliver of that color showing next to the art.

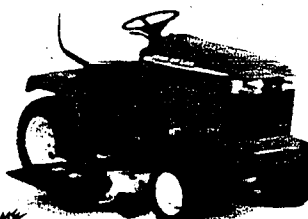
The top mat should nearly always be a neutral such as cream, gray or taupe. Within the neutrals, "you want a mat that will contrast with the wall," Menchu says. "It will pop that art out."

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# Stay on your ladder and out of hospital emergency room

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The ladder, that helpful bridge to many home improvement projects, also can be dangerous.

More than 511,000 Americans were treated for ladder-related injuries in 1997, and about 300 people die each year from such injuries, says the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Estimated costs of ladder-related injuries — including work loss, medical, legal, liability, pain and suffering — come to about \$11 billion a year.

Whether you use a stepladder, extension ladder, step stool or utility ladder, AAOS advises you to take precautions:

**To learn more...**

AAOS offers a free flyer, "Climb It Safely" with useful information about ladder safety. For a copy, call 1 (800) 824-BONES.

- Keep your body centered on the ladder while working. Never reach or lean too far to the sides.
- When possible, hold the ladder with one hand while working with the other hand.
- Don't bounce or "walk" the ladder to a new position while you're still on it. Climb down and reposition the ladder.
- Only one person should be on the ladder at one time.
- On single or extension ladders, never stand above the third

rung from the top. Never climb above the point where the ladder touches the wall or vertical support.

If you're using a stepladder, don't stand on the paint shelf, spreaders, or back section. Never stand above the second step from the top of a stepladder.

- Never use a ladder in high winds.
- Don't use a ladder if you tire easily, are subject to fainting spells or use medications that make you dizzy or drowsy. Never climb a ladder after having an alcoholic drink.
- Always wear shoes with nonkid soles when climbing a ladder.
- Don't leave a ladder unattended if there are children nearby.

# Insulating the installer from the insulation

NEW YORK (AP) — Sprinkle steel wool "dust" down your back and you'll have some idea of what it can feel like after a day of wresting rolls of home insulation. But unlike steel wool residue, those tiny shards of fiberglass are all but invisible.

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Such products make the task more appealing to do-yourselfers, whether they are starting from scratch or adding to the attic, ceilings, walls, floors or crawl spaces. For the attic floor, install insulation between the ceiling joists. To avoid a fire hazard, keep it away from heat-generating fixtures such as exhaust flues and attic

ventilators. For older houses with little or no insulation in the outer walls, the best remedy is to blow insulation into the exterior walls through holes drilled into each stud cavity.

The installer needs a tape measure, a utility knife and a staple gun and should wear long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothes, work gloves and eye protection. Also use a respirator mask approved for fiberglass protection.

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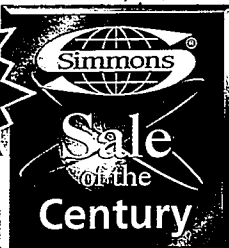


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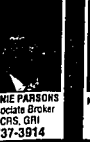
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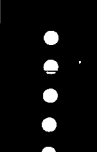
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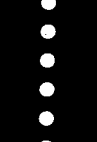
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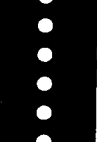
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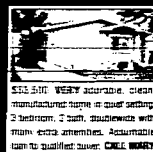
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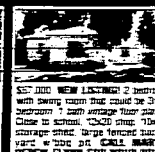
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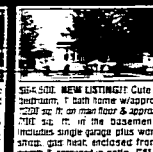
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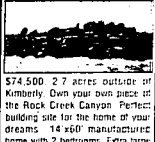
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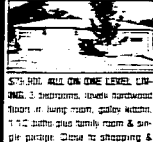
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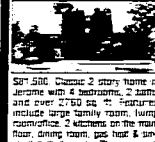
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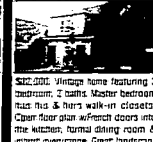
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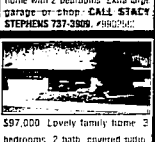
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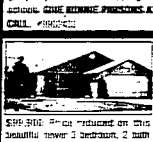
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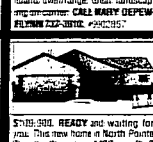
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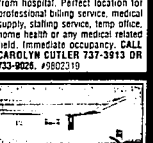
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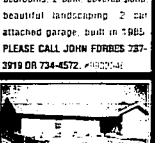
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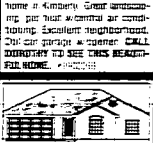
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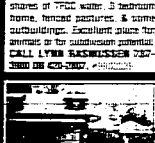
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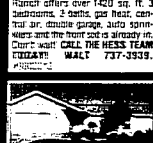
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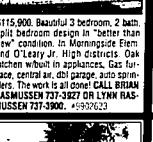
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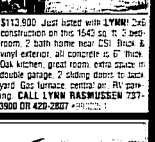
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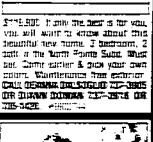
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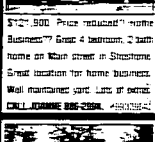
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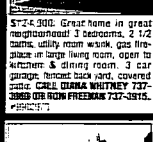
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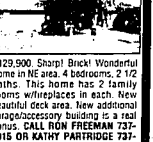
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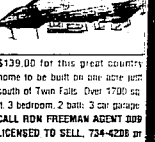
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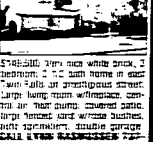
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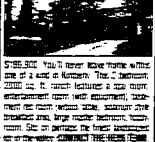
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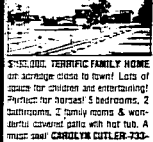
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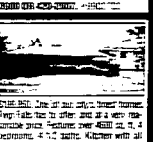
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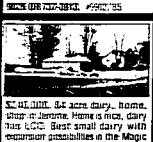
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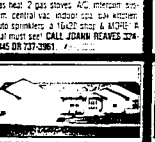
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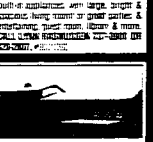
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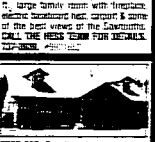
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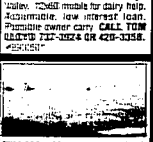
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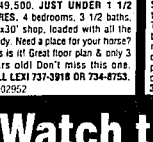
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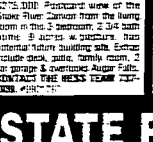
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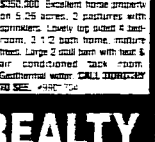
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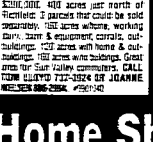
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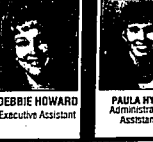


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Bobby Wolff

Dear Mr. Wolff:

"At duplicate, with neither side vulnerable, LHO deals and opens with a weak two-heart bid. Partner doubles for takeout, and next hand passes. What is my best action with ♠ 6-2, ♥ A-Q-10, ♦ A-10-2, ♣ 9-4-7?"

Square Head, Montreal, Quebec

**ANSWER:** Since your RHO is not likely to have much, you should expect to win four or five tricks with your red-suit holding. My vote goes to the penalty pass, with the expectation of at least a 300-point set.

Dear Mr. Wolff: Partner opens one no-trump (15-17 HCP), and I hold ♠ A-Q-J-5-2, ♥ 9, ♦ 8-7-3-2, ♣ 10-4. Playing Jacoby Transfers, I bid two hearts and had partner's forced two-spade response to three. Was my hand good enough to jump directly to game?

Mixed to Olympia, Wash.

**ANSWER:** Your invitational sequence seems about right for your holding. If partner made game after declining the invitation, he must have held the "right" cards. He probably had few wasted values in hearts and clubs and a good fit in diamonds.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

At duplicate, with only my side vulnerable, LHO opened two hearts (weats), and RHO jumped to four hearts. I bid four spades with ♠ A-K-Q-10-6-5, ♥ 8-3, ♦ A-Q-2, ♣ 9-8. Partner's RHO persisted to five hearts, and I doubled. What message did my double convey to partner?

No Surrender, Marblehead, Ohio

**ANSWER:** The primary message should be, "I have full values for my four-spade bid. Please do what you think is best. I am prepared to abide by your decision to declare or defend."

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner opens one diamond, and next hand overcalls one no-trump (16-18 HCP). What should I bid with ♠ A-J-9-8-7-5, ♥ K-7-4-3, ♦ K, ♣ 10-2?

Both Majors, Collierville, Tenn.

**ANSWER:** The first step is to tell partner that your side has the majority of high cards. A penalty double conveys that message nicely. If LHO bids clubs and partner falls to double, you can then introduce spades, forcing partner to bid once more. A spade game appears to be very likely if partner can raise.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

At duplicate, partner opens one diamond, and next hand overcalls one heart. If I hold ♠ Q-7-4-2, ♥ J-7, ♦ A-8-5, ♣ Q-10-7-2, should I bid one spade, or should I make a negative double?

Dummy Hog, Naples, Fla.

**ANSWER:** The negative double is more descriptive. Not only does it deny a five-card spade suit, but it also brings clubs into the picture.

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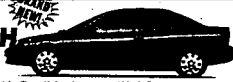
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# Careers that move you

## Doctors, database pros, some salespeople lead valley's earners

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The best-paid local physicians, surgeons, dentists, database administrators and some services salespeople lead the Magic Valley's pack of top earners.

A quarter of the valley's people in these occupations earns more than \$59.99 per hour, says a recent publication of the Idaho Department of Labor.

But in the highest-paid category of sales occupations, not everyone does as well: 25 percent earn less than \$14.20 per hour. A quarter of local database administrators earns less than \$30.22 per hour; for physicians and surgeons it's less than \$49.13 per hour, and less than \$35.20 for dentists in the lowest-paid 25 percent.

Here's the average hourly wages for the highest-paying occupations in south-central Idaho - Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties - compared with Idaho's average wages. (The Labor Department's report doesn't include every person's occupation, so this list might not be complete.)

In the box to the right, these Magic Valley jobs listed in the report pay more than \$25 per hour on average.

Occupation	Magic Valley worker total	Magic Valley average wage	Idaho Valley average wage
Financial managers	330	\$26.77	\$24.48
Education administrators	230	\$26.48	\$26.78
Electrical and electronic engineers	20	\$27.80	\$28.49
Physical scientists (this category excludes chemists, geologists, geophysicists and oceanographers)	40	\$26.52	\$25.32
Agricultural and food scientists	20	\$26.65	\$24.03
Database administrators	20	\$43.40	\$32.72
Psychologists	20	\$29.58	\$25.72
Lawyers	90	\$29.13	\$27.30
Physicians and surgeons	70	\$51.39	\$41.97
Dentists	40	\$46.39	\$39.86
Occupational therapists	20	\$25.48	\$23.64
Physical therapists	70	\$26.50	\$25.33
Speech pathologists and audiologists	40	\$27.03	\$23.57
Sales representatives and salespeople (for services (this category excludes insurance, real estate, advertising, travel, business services and financial services agents))	40	\$28.06	\$25.58

Source: Idaho Occupational Employment and Wages, a recently released publication of the Idaho Department of Labor.

## Sound engineers keep time

The Associated Press

**CHICAGO** - A great artist sings at a live concert. What talent. What a great person behind the sound board.

Sound reinforcement, or the art and craft of enhancing live audio, is a fast-growing field, said sound engineer and instructor Jim Cogan of Columbia College Chicago, which offers an audio major.

"Live sound is growing more strongly than any other discipline in our department," he said.

Technology keeps changing and improving the field, and sound engineers must keep up with it. But motivation and love of music are still at the heart of the field's attraction.

"There's more opportunity than ever before," says Dave Shadoun, president of Sound Image, a sound reinforcement touring company based in Escondido, Calif. "But you have to cherish and adore music. And you have to put in the time."

Cogan says most sound engineers have little problem with putting in the time.

"People want the glamour of dealing directly with musicians. But they also need the stability of full-time employment. So they'll take a steady job with a sound reinforcement company covering

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Todd Peterson, left, sound engineer at The House of Blues in Chicago, works with Columbia College Chicago interns Ryan Chindand and Laura Tegelaar at the audio console at the club.

## How to quit

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** - It's time to go. And no matter how you remember your managers.

Whatever your reason for leaving a job - even if you hated it and your boss was an absolute ogre - be your most diplomatic and graceful self in making your exit, says Sally Haver, president of the Aynor Group, a human resources consulting firm.

The reasons are practical, she says. Remember that it's a small world, and bad word of mouth can follow you wherever you go, should you choose an incendiary finale. Your feelings will pass, but your behavior will be remembered by others for a long time.

Suppose you have a job you like, and the people are great, but another, better opportunity comes along. Don't feel guilty about leaving, says Haver. Leaving one job for a better one is part of corporate life. And consider that you'd be let go in a minute if the budget was cut or your position was eliminated.

If you're leaving to join a competitor, it's a good bet that your current employer will want you out the door right away. The idea is to keep you from taking trade secrets and customers with you. So, says Haver, be prepared to make your exit with your personal possessions in shopping bags within the hour.

Haver points out that leaving one job without another one lined up cuts your leverage in finding one. Grit your teeth and hang in there as long as possible while you conduct your search, she advises.

She concedes that none of the rules may apply if you're in a "hot" specialty such as information technology. Her company has a division that specializes in IT recruiting and career management, and she says that IT professionals with cutting-edge skills are known as "gypsies" constantly on the move for top dollar. Sometimes they even are offered "stay bonuses" from current employers just to keep them from leaving within a specified period of time.

Haver observes that an IT pro can leave a current employer as without any social grace whatever, go across the street and have a new job by the next day. It's not fair, she says, but that's life.

## Stretching resumes can backfire

The Associated Press

**WOOSTER, Ohio** - Oh, it's so easy to make yourself look better to a potential employer. Just a simple window-dressing on your resume, for example.

Ahem. That's called lying, points out Lisa Kastor, director of career services at the College of Wooster. But it's easier than ever to get away with, she admits, since fear of defamation lawsuits has caused many companies to confirm only job titles and dates of employment of former workers during reference checks.

"So work experience - especially if a job is 10 or more years in the past - is often inflated by people who think they can enhance their job prospects with a fib and get away with it, because their former employers give out only the most basic data when someone contacts them about a former worker."

There's no part of a standard resume that's immune from tampering by a dishonest job seeker, says Kastor.

enhance the roles they've played in social services volunteer activities or will make minor awards they've received seem more important than they really are. Another all-too-common practice is to inflate salary history in hopes of getting a larger salary offer from the prospective employer."

Cogan now thinks that people are more likely to lie on resumes than



during face-to-face interviews. It's easier to put a fib on paper than say it out loud, she says, and a good interviewer usually can detect when the candidate is less than truthful.

The worst of it is that resume liars don't think too much about the consequences of their dishonesty, she says. "There's an arrogance and an ignorance that is common to all the people who

practice this form of deceit to get a job."

Kastor thinks it's all so unnecessary. Candidates can improve the effectiveness of their resumes honestly.

"First of all, I'm really a straight arrow," she says. "You don't ever lie on your resume. You don't put anything on it that's not true."

"But how you present the information about yourself can go a long way toward making your resume more effective. Basically, you want to explain the significance of what you've accomplished in the classroom and the workplace without ever going overboard."

She repeats classic advice: Learn the needs of the potential employer and organize your resume to address those needs. Emphasize useful skills, experience and academic preparation that will make you a good candidate for the position. Rewrite your resume for each job opening that interests you so that each employer can see how you fit their hiring criteria. Don't expect the same resume format to fit each place you may apply. Do your homework in detail about the hiring organization, and prepare your resume with those details in mind.

## Working by the book

Today's authors lead you through the maze

The Associated Press

Your career is like a book with familiar plot lines but perhaps unexpected developments. Follow the books for help to find your own happy ending:

• "Don't Stop the Career Clock" (Davies-Black Publishing, \$17.95 paperback), by Helen Harkness, looks at myths about older people and work.

The reality, she says, is that at age 65 your brain doesn't go soft and your skills are probably still in demand. It's an opportunity to re-cast your career to your liking.

"And in spite of the rash of downsizing and all the 'early out' options, this is still a good time to be designing a new career," she writes. "However, it requires turning loose your former guidelines and rules and recreating your work life."

• Though both working men and working women can be parents, it's the female half of the couple who's most often forced into the "superwoman" mode. And life changes - marriage,

parenthood, divorce, the empty nest - are especially challenging to women.

Sandy Anderson charts the challenges in "Women in Career & Life Transitions" (JIST Works, \$16.95 paperback), offering encouragement and information about how to cope, how to get back into the career mainstream if you've been out of it, and how to look at your options.

• Rebecca Mathias answered two questions in her mind at one: What can I wear to the office to look business-like while I'm pregnant, and why not start my own business at home while having this baby?

So this entrepreneur started her own maternity career clothes business, called Mothers Work, wheeling the baby stroller with her while touring garment plants and wholesalers.

Now she tells how she made it into a \$300-million maternity clothing conglomerate in "Mothers Work" (Doubleday, \$24.95 hardcover). Her mantra: "Think big. Focus. Never Give Up."

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# YOUR BUSINESS

## TELL US YOUR BUSINESS

**Y**our business is a weekly feature that highlights commercial activity in the Magic Valley. If you have something new about the business, The Times-News wants to hear about it.

Practitioners and staff changes, new certifications, seminars and courses, awards and achievements, charitable business activities, other business news.

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## Jerome Chamber of Commerce plans Halloween costume party

**The Times-News**

**JEROME** - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" Halloween costume party, set for 8:30 to 7 p.m. Oct. 28, will be held at Canyonside Realty, 700 S. Lincoln.

The event features networking, food and fun, said a chamber press release.

**Council on Economic Education sponsors class**

**TWIN FALLS** - An Economics and Personal Finance workshop designed for educators, business people, parents and students will be held in

November at the College of Southern Idaho.

Sessions are planned for 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 4 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5. Cost is \$45 (non-credit) or \$105 (one college credit), which includes all sessions, a ticket to the 1999 Sunset Breakfast and presentation (\$35 if purchased separately), a keynote lunch on Nov. 5 and resource materials.

To register or for more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 2450 or 2287.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Council on Economic Education at CSI, Edward Jones Investments and First Federal Savings Bank.

## MILESTONES

### Scottish Rite Learning Center changes its name

**TWIN FALLS** - The Scottish Rite Learning Clinic has changed its name to Southern Idaho Learning Center.

The organization still offers the same services for children with learning problems. It is not nonprofit and in the same location at 883 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-3914.

### Magazine readers name Sun Valley favorite resort

**SUN VALLEY** - Readers of "SKI Magazine" have selected Sun Valley as the No. 1 ski resort in the nation. Fine dining throughout the Sun Valley and Ketchum area and Sun Valley's rating of women's favorite resort also received a No. 1 ranking by the magazine's readers.

Sun Valley was rated in the top 10 resorts for the following, a press release from the resort said:

1. Dining and women's favorite.
2. Men's favorite, service, lifts and on-mountain food.
3. Grooming.
4. Lodging.
5. Off-hill activities.
6. Après-ski.
7. Family programs.
10. Weather and dream vacation.

Another top award was announced in the September issue of "Travel & Leisure" - the ranking of Sun Valley Resort as among the best resort hotels in the world.

## CAREER MOVES

**TWIN FALLS** - Dr. Mark W. Wright announced Jodi Tibbets and Kathie Cooper have joined his dental team.

Tibbets received her dental assisting certificate from ICS and her expanded functions certificate from the College of Southern Idaho in 1997. She has experience assisting with general dentistry and intravenous sedation.

She has worked in the dental field in the Magic Valley for the past two years.

Cooper received her dental assisting and expanded functions certificates from the U.S. Air Force in 1989. She is certified in CPR and a cardiac life support and with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (anesthesia assisting). She has experience in assisting with sedation, oral surgery and general dentistry.

Cooper has worked in the dental field for the past 10 years, the past seven in the Magic Valley.

**SPOSHONE** - The Idaho Transportation Department recognized IDT employee and Kimberly retired Jerry Heath as the 1998 District Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator of the Year.

Six district coordinators are responsible for promoting, organizing and administering the Adopt-A-Highway program statewide - in addition to their regular duties as IDT employees. The statewide award is given annually to a superintendent who provides excellent internal and external customer service, a press release said.

"Jerry is an excellent ambassador to the programs he coordinates," said Roadside Volunteer Services Coordinator Sherrie Sweeney. "Recent improvements in the AAH application form will enable better communication with AAH groups that have rotating leadership. This will help us retain these valuable volunteer groups."

Sweeney also said Health provides maintenance crews the tools they need to accurately

report litter pickups and credited his congenial nature with an increase in volunteers.

**TWIN FALLS** - Michelle Darcy has been promoted to news co-anchor for the News at 6 and the News at 10 on KMYT.

She will co-anchor with Ken Rickley.

Darcy graduated from the University of Idaho with a bachelor of science degree in visual communication. Before her promotion, she was co-anchor for the KMYT Weeekend News at 10 and reported the news three days a week.

**BURLEY** - Timothy F. Preston, president of Financial Strategies of Burley, attended the 1999 Utah Dollar Round Table annual meeting June 13-17 in New Orleans.

Preston is a certified financial planner, chartered financial consultant and chartered life underwriter.

Preston has been a member of the MDRT for 17 years. At the meeting, he was among about 7,000 members, special guests and speakers from more than 50 nations.

During the five-day meeting, discussion covered subjects of concern to the life insurance industry. Experts in estate planning, taxes, business and law shared information.

Preston can be reached at Financial Strategies, 1526 Overland Ave., or 678-0420.

**IDAHO FALLS** - Two Idaho Falls beer experts were recognized for their writing by the North American Guild of Beer Writers.

At the guild's annual meeting in Denver, Greg Smith - general manager of Idaho Brewing Co. - was presented a gold "Quill and Tankard" for best beer book of the year.

This was the second year in a row Smith captured the award. "The Beer Writer of the Year in 1997, he also was cited as a runner-up for this year's beer writer of the year."

Greg Variano won a bronze "Quill and Tankard" for best article writing. It was the third time since 1996 that Variano was so recognized. Sales manager for Idaho Brewing, he has worked at the brewery for the past two years and recently headed its expansion into the Twin Falls and Sun Valley markets.

### Brokerage takes top spot in national survey again

**TWIN FALLS** - For the third time in the past 12 months, A.G. Edwards has earned the top ranking in a national survey of full-service broker firms.

The most recent accolade came from "Kiplinger's Magazine," which announced in its special "Stocks 2000" issue that A.G. Edwards took the No. 1 spot in the magazine's survey, said the firm, which has a Twin Falls office.

"Kiplinger's" used a five-star scale to rate nine national broker firms in eight categories. A.G. Edwards said it was the only firm to receive a five-star ranking for its overall performance. The firm rated highest in the commission-free category and also rated highly in the areas of stock picking, wrap programs and broker conduct.

**New owners of furniture store will cut the ribbon**

**BURLEY** - Troy and Nancy Winnill are the new owners of Fine Furniture at 2338 Overland Ave.

A grand-opening celebration is planned for Nov. 6 at the store. The ribbon-cutting ceremony kicks off the week at 11 a.m. Nov. 8. A special evening with live entertainment is scheduled at 8 p.m. Nov. 12.

Customers during the week can register to win a bed set, mattress, box springs, recliner and other prizes.

## Shrewd employees build momentum early

### Knighl Ridder News Service

A few months ago, Megan Nelson was waiting tables at a local restaurant while finishing her degree at California State University-Fullerton.

Today Nelson, 24, works as an assistant account executive at Irvine, Calif.-based Morgan Marketing & Public Relations. She jokes about beginning her climb up the corporate ladder at the communications firm, and raves about her new job and the accounts she oversees.

"I have been very lucky to have landed here so soon after college," Nelson said. "So many of my friends are still floundering around."

Nelson is far from alone in making a fresh start. Companies hire more people in September - both college graduates and people in transition - than in any other month, experts say.

"That makes this a time for big breaks and big hops, since experts agree that the first few weeks on the job are the most critical period in determining whether you will be successful in your new position."

Michelle Olson had been in senior-level management positions for most of her career. But when she divorced her husband in California, Olson said, she knew she had her work cut out for her.

"I didn't know anything about working in California," Olson said. "So I did my homework."

While researching companies, she came across the Newport Beach, Calif.-based Employer's Group, which provides assistance to companies on human-resources and employee issues.

"By the time I interviewed

with them, I knew what the company was about, who the major players were and where the company was heading," Olson said. "By the time I started, I had relationships with those major players and came in ready to work."

Orange County, Calif., employment experts say Olson's strategy is right on the money.

"Getting off on the right foot begins long before your actual first day," said Michael Foust, director of Santa Ana, Calif.-based Highlands Program, which offers career and life planning programs. "When you walk in the door you should know everything about the company that you can get your hands on."

Foust said there is no reason for a new employee to walk in the door and be lost to the Internet and other sources of information, it's easy to research companies.

"That can make all the difference between someone who shines in the first week or someone who lags behind the curve while getting acclimated," Foust said.

Dave Brodeur, 45, had worked at a health-care company for the better part of a decade when he decided his career needed a jumpstart.

After conducting a monstrous job search - made easier by the convenience of the Internet and complicated by the vast amounts of information he could call up with the click of a button - he landed a job as human resources manager at Public Storage in Gandale, Calif.

"I did enough research to know that this was the place

that I was going to be happiest at, even with the horrendous commute," he said. Brodeur, an Anaheim Hills, Calif., resident.

Brodeur is preparing for a two-month review with his boss. He said he asked for the review to make sure he stayed on the right path.

"I think it is superimportant for me to know exactly whether or not I am meeting my boss's expectations, and for him to know whether he is meeting mine," Brodeur said.

A crucial part of fitting into an organization's culture is finding a way to open the channels of communication between the different levels, said Greg Variano, a principal at Irvine-based Executive Career Services.

"To be successful, you have to be able to communicate well with those above you and below you," Hill said. "That, more than anything else, will make people trust you and help you blend into the company's existing framework."

Hill said one of the biggest reasons that people fail to fit in is when they fail to ask for help when they need it, and when they talk when they should be listening.

"It's cliché, but when you listen to people, they feel important, and then they want to help you and will support you when you need them to," Hill said.

Just as anyone else starting a new job, a manager must do his or her homework when beginning a new job.

"You should form a hypothesis about what you have to do before you walk in the first day," said Dan Ciampa, author of "Right From the Start:

Taking Charge in a New Leadership Role" (Harvard Business School Press, \$24.95).

"The key is to learn to change it as you begin to learn things about the people you are working with and about the company you are now in charge of," Ciampa said.

For managers, the most important time in a new job is the first six months. In that period, a new manager has two crucial tasks, Ciampa said.

First, a new manager needs to secure early victories to mobilize support. With some early successes, the new manager's employees will begin to get a taste of the leader's skills and image. Also, it will allow the new manager to prove his or her worth to other employees who will have to learn to trust him, Ciampa said.

New managers have to master the art of sending signals in that organization's culture, and (they) must begin to pick out the people whose they need to have behind them," Ciampa said.

The other half of the equation involves laying a foundation for the future of the new company under the new manager, Ciampa said. After the first six months, the new manager should have a clear vision of the sort of place the organization should be, and the manager should be able to convey that vision to peers, bosses and subordinates in an ongoing way.

"This is the time to build momentum," Ciampa said. "That's how you build a critical mass of support so you can accomplish what you want, and get done what you need to in order to truly do your job."

## Books

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**Y**ou're not even sure how your ballpoint pen works, much less your computer. The idea of getting a job - or developing a career - in a high-tech company is a joke, right? Wrong, says author William A. Schrier, who teaches business school courses for yourself in "High-Tech Careers for Low-Tech People" (Ten Speed Press, \$14.95 paperback).

"The main engine that's been driving the American economy, really needs low-tech people like you and me."

And what kind of background do you need? Schrier lists these: history, general psychology, art, literature, urban planning, linguistics, economics and theology.

"If you're the creative type, you already know what that's all about," he says. "The conventional business job isn't really for you. And there seem to be so few spots you really will fit in."

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The world is changing, she observes, and you must find new opportunities because of it. If you're in a job that's not working, she says, "Believe me, it will be a lot easier to change your job or employer than your personality."

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She says you can't just latch into news about thousands of current job openings. The list she's arranged geographically is and by field.

"Job Hunting on the Internet" (Ten Speed Press, \$5.95 paperback), by Richard Nelson Bolles, tells how to get down to business at your computer screen. Cutting through all the clutter on the Internet he offers evaluation and help in deciding which Web sites are really useful.

And Richard Nelson Bolles' classic "What Color Is Your Parachute?" (Ten Speed Press, \$16.95 paperback, \$24.95 hardcover, November) is about to appear in its 30th anniversary edition.

Already used by six million readers, the title is on the Library of Congress' list of 25 books that have shaped our lives - right between "War and Peace" and "The Wizard of Oz."

## Sound

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speeches, conventions, or press conferences. And on weekends, they'll pick up gigs with musicians. It works, because they love the work, and they get into the business in the first place."

Today's engineers go to school to learn the craft.

"You really have to learn the fundamentals," says Bill, a live sound engineer who works with the Smashing Pumpkins and the Dave Matthews Band and is a Columbia graduate. "You still look at my notes from school to this day."

Changes in the industry and the technology make formal education in the field necessary.

"In the past, a person could just go to a club and learn by listening and watching," says Harry Witt, president of the Sound, L.P. training company of Des Plaines, Ill. "Nowadays, as the result of home (the sound console) and the advances, you have to know digital optical snakes, digital effects, programmable crossovers and other such things."

The budding sound engineer can earn a bachelor's degree from a school like Columbia College, or take formal institutions such as the Recording Workshop in Chillicothe, Ohio, or the Conservatory of Recording Arts

and Science in Tempe, Ariz.

Laura Teggelear, a Columbia sound student, has just completed an internship at The House of Blues in Chicago. She thinks her school training is what was crucial to getting a foothold in the club's fast-paced routines.

"I learned the basics at school, so even though I didn't have the hands-on before the internship, anything they threw at me I could pick up. I think they were really surprised at how quickly I caught on."

As a result, Teggelear has been hired by The House of Blues, with prospects of moving up to the main stage as the gains more experience.

Touring is probably the most desired and prestigious sound reinforcement specialty, observes Clayton. But long-term employment in the field is only about a "30 percent shot," he says.

"Most people just don't have the willingness to hang with it," he says, noting that always being on the road can be tough on personal relationships.

Edna Kutz "All the touring was great when I was a single guy. Being married has changed things. Very rarely does it work for a married guy. I love to travel, but I don't want to be on the road. After a couple of weeks, though, you want to be back home."

## Community

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# Companies shake up pension plan offerings

Knight Ridder News Service

In the debate now raging over many companies' shift from traditional pensions to "cash-balance" plans, a switch that older workers say treats them unfairly, a question recurs:

Why not simply give the worker the option of staying in the old plan or going into the new one as they see fit?

Some companies have done that — indeed, the government gave its employees a choice in the 1980s, when it refashioned federal workers' pensions — and it avoids a lot of grief.

But different companies' work forces have different characteristics, and they interact with pensions in different ways. While choice may be a no-brainer strategy for some firms, it could be quite expensive for others. And in some cases it may not match the cash man's goal of making the new workers and keeping older ones on the job.

Here's why: Traditional pensions generally employ a formula that relates benefits to years of service and average pay in the final few years of employment. This formula results in backloading of benefits — that is, the size of the worker's pension escalates rapidly in the last years of a long career. But the formula also creates a strategy to accrue very limited benefits in the early years of work.

And this is one of the rips on traditional pensions. While they are very good for employees who spend 30 years or more with one company, they shortchange workers who change jobs frequently. Leave after 10 years and you're likely to have the right to collect only a very small annuity from an employer's pension plan.

A cash-balance pension plan works differently. The company sets up a hypothetical account for each worker and contributes to it a fixed percentage — such as 5 percent — of pay every year. And the employer guarantees that the account will earn a certain rate of interest over the years.

This means that benefits accrue in a much more linear fashion than in a traditional plan. A worker who changes jobs after, say, eight or 10 years will have accumulated significantly greater benefits than would have been the case with a traditional plan. And these benefits are portable. The departing worker can take the cash and roll it over into an individual retirement account or, if allowed, into the new employer's plan.

Now think about what this means for a company's work

## Road to retirement

Are you better off retiring under a cash-balance or a traditional pension plan? Here are two examples of possible differences:

**Example 1**  
Compares the lump-sum value amount at certain ages under a cash-balance and a traditional pension plan.

**Assumptions:** Company has 25 years of service; worker has 10 years of service in the current plan; 5% interest rate on cash-balance account.

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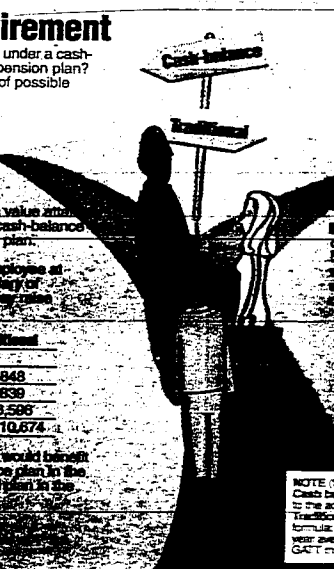
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force. If the work force is stable and most employees spend their careers there, the company could structure its cash-balance plan so that workers end up with the same benefits as the traditional plan. In such a situation, there would be little overall financial impact from allowing choice.

But suppose there is a lot of turnover. A cash-balance plan is appealing to the young workers because the company is trying to hire, because they know they will accumulate more benefits by the time they leave. And they do expect to leave.

This means that the company will be providing higher benefits to a large group of former workers as well as to the workers it hires to replace them. Thus, the cash-balance plan could become much more expensive — unless benefits to long-term employees are reduced.



And indeed many companies converting to cash-balance plans do reduce benefits for long-term employees, compared with what they would have received under the old plan. Often, the firm will bite the bullet and allow a group of the most senior workers to remain in the old plan, but allowing everyone to choose would enable workers to pick the plan most beneficial to them and most expensive to the company.

Benefits experts say they doubt workers are generally that analytical. And even if they were, it may not be easy to predict whether they will stay with the company or not.

But there is likely to be a tendency beneficial to those who expect to stay with the company to remain in the old plan — which is likely to be the right decision for them, and more expensive for the company. Likewise, more venture-seeking workers, who are more like-

ly to leave, generally will opt for the new plan, and that, too, will be right for them and more expensive for the company.

Thus, companies are confronted with a choice of their own: Spend more money or give long-term workers a raw deal. Many choose the latter.

Although many employees' pension funds are beginning with money they prefer to cash pay and benefits in cash, a survey estimates their timing strategy but doesn't raise costs. Typically, this means simple pension benefits are not cashed out, while long-term workers take advantage of how their benefits would compare to their old ones. Pension benefits are not cashed out to decipher, so switching to a cash-balance plan is an ideal way to cut benefits for some workers in a way that is not obvious to them.

Most experts say companies

don't go into their benefits planning aiming to cut pensions.

"We asked a lot of companies about what they are trying to do. Many say they are conservative with the fiscal dollars they are spending on retirement," said one expert, who asked not to be identified with the firm. "But cash-balance plans are now so controversial, many accountants don't want to be identified with them in any way."

"They don't go in thinking, 'Can I cut?' but they do go into the discussions talking about the pension benefits," said another expert (naming the firm). "Maybe (reducing the) market value of the pension plan. Where do you get the resources? They talk about the visibility or value to employees of the old pension plan. Almost without exception, the original intent is to provide roughly the same career retirement income."

What often emerges from these

discussions is often a sense that traditional pensions are not appreciated by workers, and a realization that sweetening other benefits — including implementing a cash-balance plan, with its better upfront benefits — requires cutting someplace. Reducing pension benefits to long-term workers is often viewed as the least-visible way to do it.

Other factors also are at work. On top of that, many companies have gone from trying to rid themselves of "excess" workers in the downsizing 1980s to trying to hang on to skilled older workers in the labor-short 1990s.

Generous pensions, especially those with features left over from the '60s that encourage early retirement, help get older workers out the door. Cutting back on these benefits can make retirement less appealing and persuade them to work a few more years.

There are several lessons to be learned from the cash-balance story.

For companies, using benefits, such as pensions, that have very long time horizons in order to solve a short-term problem doesn't work very well. A company's labor needs are likely to change a lot faster than it can alter its benefit structure, and when it does make changes, workers may feel betrayed.

For employees, understanding the true value of benefits is vital. In today's market, where workers, a well-funded traditional pension is one of the finest benefits you can have. It's government-secured, it covers your lifetime, and all the risk and investment work is borne by the company. The fact that it's largely invisible leads some workers to undervalue it. Don't make that mistake.

And for employees, labor unions can be valuable after all. After years of being off the radar of many workers, especially younger ones and those in the technology sector, unions are looking a lot better to a lot of workers who have had their pensions whittled.

Whereas companies are free to make changes in benefits of nonunion workers, they must bargain when they want to change benefits of unionized employees.

Morton Salt, president of the Communications Workers of America, told a Senate hearing on cash-balance plans last week that he had been in 1992 to 1993 to negotiate a cash-balance plan with the CWA, and got it only after the company improved benefits for workers at every stage of their careers.

## Colorado farm reaps profits from current echinacea boom

LONGMONT, Colo. (AP) — Just west of Longmont, striking purple flowers grow in neat rows, soaking in late-sunlight rays.

Known as purple coneflowers, or echinacea, the flowers are popular among xeriscaping gardeners who favor low-water plants.

But these plants are merely ornamental — they are cultivated for the medicinal properties of their roots, flower tops and greenery, and are a sign of the country's flourishing herbal industry.

The echinacea at Mountain Thyme Herb Farm, off Colorado 66 between Longmont and Lyons, will be transformed into supplements that the nation's consumers are snatching from store shelves to ward off colds and flu.

Signs of medicinal herbs, those taken for health benefits, totaled about \$4 billion in the United States in 1998, according to Herb and Spice Growers of San Diego, which tracks the herbal industry.

Sales of echinacea products account for about two-thirds of making echinacea (pronounced "eck-in-AY-shay") one of the nation's top five herbs, the journal reported.

The sellers are St. John's wort, taken for depression; ginkgo biloba, used to improve memory; ginseng, taken for energy and stamina; and garlic, used to reduce cholesterol and blood pressure.

Up-and-coming herbs include saw palmetto, taken for prostate health, and black cohosh, used to relieve symptoms of menopause.

There's a raging debate among health experts about how the federal government regulates herbal products and whether the products are as safe and effective as conventional pharmaceuticals. Even so, herbal supplements

have gained popularity among consumers who trust the restorative power of nature and a long history of herb use among native healers. Surveys indicate that 30 percent of U.S. adults have tried herbal supplements and 8 percent are regular users.

"Herbs are coming into their own," said Darrin Duber-Smith, marketing director for Natural Business Communications of Boulder, which also tracks the herb industry. "People couldn't pronounce 'echinacea' 10 years ago, and now it's a household word."

Echinacea has become one of the country's best-known medicinal herbs because it boosts the body's immunity, said Robert McCaleb, president of the Herb Research Foundation in Boulder.

"It's very popular, especially during cold and flu season, because it has the very first sign of a cold or flu, it will knock it out in a day," said McCaleb, who cited clinical research that he says proves the herb's effectiveness.

Mountain Thyme Herb Farm, founded a decade ago, is one of the nation's largest medicinal herb growers in Colorado, members of the herb industry said. The farm began just as herbs started to take off and enter the mainstream.

The operation is notable as a certified-organic farm that grows only echinacea — no thyme, as the name suggests. It also grows a fresh and highly potent product to herbal manufacturers in Boulder County and elsewhere, the farm's business associates said.

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pioneers such as tea maker Celestial Seasonings.

Partners Ron Strear and Don Blessing formed Mountain Thyme Herb Farm in the late 1980s in an old cattle ranch with stunning views of Mount Meeker and Long Peak.

Strear used herbal products and a local herbalist encouraged him and his partner to try growing medicinal herbs; they soon found a niche with echinacea.

"Though Strear and Blessing were new to herb cultivation, they were not new to agriculture. Both had been key managers for Longmont Foods, a well-known turkey processor founded by the Strear family and acquired by the Food Giant Co. in 1987."

When the deal was complete, Strear and Blessing sought a new venture. "Once we started looking into this industry, it was obvious that it had potential and was a young industry," said Strear, 46, who lives on the immaculate farm with his family.

"There was a demand for a product like this, and we knew it. We found out almost accidentally," said Don Blessing, 74, a Longmont resident who describes himself as an herb convert.

Despite burgeoning demand, herb growers are vulnerable to the same unpredictable forces that affect other farmers — weather, production costs and shifting consumer trends among them.

## Herb retailers battle over virtual turf

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Three Flatbush offline retailers are fighting for a share of the virtual turf in Washington, the global capital of Internet vitamin sales.

The two best known are HerbNet and Better Herb, the latter a cash-balance plan. The third is Kim Hakema. He founded his AllHerb.com with more than \$3 million of the \$20 million profit he made in the 1980s selling "Wicks" Washington rubber stamps that crawled down walls. No slouch on marketing, Hakema, 34, has a track record: he founded Stages, a shaman, or tribal healer, who from an Amazon.com forest dispenses e-mail advice on AllHerb.com.

Hakema's site is focused on the struggle of herb retailers, offering weekly features, columns and tips from two dozen herbals. It's the only one that has opted to venture capital and spends little on advertising.

HerbNet's HerbHealth.com has only eight employees, using a mail-order site for products and shipping. Formed primarily on order-taking and low prices, it necks high sales volume, so it operates virtually as a wholesaler on Web parcel sizes.

"I had a whole series of trucks and online businesses, and I found herb and mortar is very expensive," HerbNet said. "It adds \$0 to \$40 percent to the cost of direct mail orders."

In addition to selling deals with Yahoo Inc. and others, HerbHealth.com recently purchased to pay America Online Inc. \$10 million over two years and gave AOL 5 percent of the company in return for links to HerbHealth.com on AOL's electronic properties.

Robert Earl's Vitamins.com processes a smaller "clicks and mortar" mix of internet, mail-order and retail-store sales. He is relying on customers and advisers of his 10 Washington-area "Vitamins Supercenters to help his Web site."

"We think internet is a fascinating (sales) channel but not the only channel," he said. To handle the competition, he recruited Stages, a vitamin wholesaler that owns a 50,000-square-foot warehouse. He is also planning Web links in his stores to people on advertising sites and has shipped up 10,000 customers for a frequent-buyer discount card.

Stages has taken in \$10 million in venture capital and Robert Earl's million, putting each on track for likely initial public stock offerings next year. Hakema calls their business model "the '90s version of the '70s or '80s version, meaning their monthly 'burn rate' — the difference between expenses and

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## THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Craig Smith

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MONEY

# "Take the money and run": Some cash out 401(k) funds

By Kathy Bergen  
Chicago Tribune

**CHICAGO** — Like many American workers, Paul Watford has changed jobs several times in the course of his career.

And with each job change, he has made sure the nest egg he has accumulated by participating in his employer's tax-deferred retirement-savings plan remained in such an investment vehicle after his departure.

Twice, he left his balance to grow in the former employers' plans, and two other times, he rolled over his balances into individual retirement accounts.

Not once did he consider taking the balance as a cash distribution, as exiting workers are entitled to do, albeit with a stiff price tag in taxes and penalties.

"It's for retirement," said Watford, director of financial planning and analysis for the Sears Roebuck Group in Hoffman Estates, Ill. "I've never been tempted to touch it, not at all."

Now, at age 40, Watford says he should be able to retire in 15 years, thus realizing the full benefit of his college graduation: to retire before 60.

Watford's disciplined approach is case study in doing things right, financial planners say.

And while growing numbers of Americans appear to be catching on to the wisdom of this approach, a strikingly high percentage still prefer "to take the money and run," according to a study released recently by Hewitt Associates, a Lincolnshire, Ill.-based management consulting firm.

Hewitt found that 57 percent of participants in 401(k) retirement savings plans took a cash distribution when they changed jobs last year, down from 64 percent five years earlier — but still a high rate.

"It is still quite common to see that many participants view the cash payment as a sudden windfall — that's a big mistake," said Mike McCarthy, a 401(k) consultant at Hewitt.

Financial counselors say it's a big mistake on two counts — loss of potential for investment growth and immediate loss of funds because of taxes and penalties that must be paid.

Under 401(k) plans, employees contribute up to \$10,000 a year in pretax earnings into investment accounts. Employers often sweeten the pot with some level of matching contributions.

Employees then select from a menu of investment options, be they equity mutual funds, company stock, bonds, insurance contracts or money market funds.

The most appealing point is that the return on these investments can compound tax-deferred. Taxes don't kick in until a distribution is taken, generally in retirement, a time when many people fall into lower tax brackets.

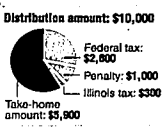
A balance of \$5,000, for example, will grow to \$50,000 in 30 years, assuming an 8 percent annual rate of return.

By taking a cash distribution when leaving a job, an employee is giving up all that potential growth.

"What people are using for retirement security when they spend their 401(k) money is a mixture of hope and fatalism," said Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics at the University of Notre Dame in

## The price of cashing out

A person who takes a \$10,000 distribution of age 30+ funds will bring home \$5,900 because of taxes.

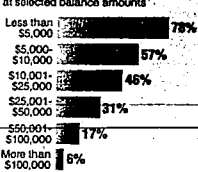


A person who does not spend the money until age 60+ will see \$66,811 to spend, even after paying taxes, assuming an 8% annual return.

SOURCE: Hewitt 401(k) Distribution Rollover Analysis

## 401(k) distribution rollovers

Percentage of people cashing out of solicited balances amounts



Chicago Tribune, EW

South Bend, Ind.

The second half of the double-whammy comes after an employee takes the cash. Taxes, as well as an early withdrawal penalty that applies to employees younger than 59.5, can eat up nearly half the cash distribution.

An estimated 65 million workers paid taxes on more than \$65 billion in plan distributions last year and either spent it or invested it on an after-tax basis, according to research by Spectrem Group, a consulting and financial services research firm in Windsor, Conn.

"One of the people who know the sting of taxes in such situations is Karie Davis, a 41-year-old self-employed consultant with replacement firm Lee Horton in Chicago.

When she was in her 20s, and switching from being a school teacher to a freelance corporate trainer, she found herself in a cash crunch and decided to pull about \$3,000 from a tax-deferred retirement-savings plan.

"I talked to an accountant, who turned out to be a bad accountant ... and he said it would be no big deal, that I'd pay a little penalty and a little in taxes," she recalls. "I had 60 cents on the dollar left, and I kick myself once a week for having done that ... Never again."

Employees generally have three options for keeping their distributions in a tax-deferred environment. They can roll them over into an IRA or their new employer's plan. Or if their balance is more than \$5,000, they have the option of leaving it in their former employer's plan.

The Hewitt study found 37 percent of 401(k) plan participants who took distributions rolled them into IRAs last year, up from 31 percent in 1998. Another 6 percent rolled over their balances into the new employer's plans, up 1 percent from '98. (Hewitt researchers have no data on how many job-changers leave their balances with former employers, but they sense that it's a small number.)

As might be expected, job-changers with higher balances tend to take tax-deferred rolls, while those with smaller balances go for the cash, the Hewitt research found.

Last year, 78 percent of those with balances of less than \$5,000 took a cash payout. In contrast, 31 percent of those with balances ranging from \$25,001 to \$50,000 took the cash, and only 6 percent of those with balances greater than \$100,001 cashed out.

Indeed, the Employee Benefit

Research Institute, which is conducting its own study to be released this year, has found that while a majority of job-changers opt for the cash, payments to them make up only 17 percent of total distributions. The remaining funds are rolled over into tax-deferred accounts.

Yet even small balances are vital for a decent nest egg, planners say, particularly because many workers will change employers several times in their careers, and will not have a traditional pension to fall back on. But many fail to grasp that notion.

"Generally people with lower balances don't see it as especially important," said McCarthy, of Hewitt. "It may seem like a bonus, or extra money."

Even larger balances can seem that way to some folks, noted Mark Balasa, a financial planner based in Schaumburg, Ill.

One of his clients, a 32-year-old salesman from the south suburbs, ignored Balasa's advice and withdrew \$25,000 of his \$72,000 retirement-plan nest egg to buy a car.

"Between the penalty and taxes, he lost essentially 40 percent of it," Balasa said. "So he had 60 cents on the dollar to buy something that will be worthless in five years."

The urge to splurge is just part of the equation, however.

Sometimes workers find they have little choice but to cash out.

Avery Lambert, a 34-year-old information technology project manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Hoffman Estates, found himself in that situation in 1994, when he was laid off by a previous employer that was restructuring operations.

"It was what I had to do," he said. "My family had just had a child and bought a house, and I needed to be sure we were OK."

With a balance of around \$5,000, "I took the tax hit and took the cash," he said, noting it was several months until he landed his next job, with Sears.

"Obviously with the way the stock market has been, it would've been nice to have had the money invested and to have had it grow."

# Investors should be well prepared for the effects of bond buy-backs

By Pamela Yip  
The Dallas Morning News

The recent announcement that Uncle Sam is thinking about buying back some of the \$3.6 trillion in outstanding U.S. government bonds holds significant implications for investors.

"It's generally good news, because any time a debtor pays back debt, those people who own the remaining bonds generally have some type of price appreciation because of reduced supply," said Paul Muller, a vice president and bond portfolio manager at J.P. Morgan Investment Management in New York.

"It's somewhat indicative of good fiscal policy and that generally portends good things for bond investors because presumably inflation is under control and interest rates are likely not to go up significantly," he said.

Bond investors are sensitive to inflation and interest rate levels because inflation tends to lead to higher interest rates, which erode the value of the bonds already in the hands of investors.

If the government goes through with a buyback, investors can expect lower yields — meaning less income for retirees — and possibly a change in the way they use Treasury securities as a key reference point to evaluate other fixed-income investments.

The government has a strong influence on interest rates because it's been a huge borrower in the credit markets to pay for its deficits. The government's strong demand for the way they use Treasury securities as a key reference point to evaluate other fixed-income investments.

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## BOND OPTIONS

Although U.S. Treasury securities are considered the safest in the world, they're not the only and best. Other fixed-income investments include:

- High-grade corporate bonds.
- Mortgage-backed securities.
- Municipal bonds (depending on your tax bracket).
- Junk bonds.
- Bonds issued by government-sponsored enterprises such as Fannie Mae, Ginnie Mae and Freddie Mac.
- Foreign bonds.

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Even junk bonds may be a possibility, depending on whether the issuing company is making money and improving its performance, and has been targeted by a rating agency for a possible upgrade.

But because junk bonds are typically issued by companies that lack long track records of sales and earnings, or by firms with bad credit, they trade more like a stock than a bond. A slowing economy, which would be good news for traditional bonds, would be bad news for junk bonds because it could hurt the company that issued the bond.

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"Average individual investors are well-served by buying a diversified

sified bond fund because they get diversity, professional management and they don't have to worry about it every day," Mr. Elliott said.

Besides lowering bond yields, the proposed buyback also could spark a fundamental change in the way investors have viewed Treasury securities.

"For one thing, investors may have to find another investment to replace Treasuries as the benchmark against which to gauge interest rate movements, return and investor sentiment.

Treasury securities are considered the safest investments in the world because they're backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

"The Treasuries are the cornerstone," said Paul Simpkins, vice president of the Bond Market Association in New York, which represents securities firms and banks that deal in bonds. "It's the thread that keeps the fabric of our economy together, and many things are keyed off of a benchmark, such as mortgage rates, credit card rates."

With fewer Treasuries being issued because of the government's decreased borrowing needs, the securities' "liquidity" — the ability to easily sell an investment — decreases.

"Liquidity is important because when we go into financial turmoil, liquidity becomes the most prized aspect of any investment," Mr. Muller said.

One possibility is to use as a benchmark the debt of a large Fortune 500 company that borrows often from the credit markets and has a good credit rating, Mr. Muller said.

"It means that investors' conversation with their brokers might be a little different because you won't necessarily be comparing your bond purchases to the U.S. government anymore," he said.

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# A matter of believing

"But all God's angels come to us disguised."  
— Scott Thurman

In this story by Scott Thurman, an assistant director with the Baptist Student Union in Fayetteville, Ark., a young boy's recovery from serious injuries baffles his doctor.

The school bell rang loud and clear at Evergreen Elementary — not for

6:58 a.m.!

What a feeling! A mid-storm about the laughing children

from out of nowhere, a car careened into him, knocked him off the bike and into the street, and rendered him unconscious. The paramedics arrived and rushed him to the hospital, where doctors whispered behind closed doors and shook their heads solemnly. They had little hope for the 10-year-old boy would make it.

News of the accident spread quickly. Teachers, friends and family showed up to the hospital to see their beloved Johnny, to pray and to wait. He was conscious, but he couldn't walk or talk. A nurse stayed by his side day and night, praying while she held his little hand.

Slowly, he began to recover, trying to form words, and even sitting up in bed. A nurse named Julie came by often to check on him and give him candy. But the doctors still doubted he would ever walk again.

Late one evening, Nurse Julie stopped in Johnny's room. She found him struggling to get out of bed. She turned to the window and soon, Johnny's feet were on the floor. Julie looked him square in the eyes. "It's time for you to walk again."

He took one step, and he stumbled. Julie reassured him, "Have faith, I'm here to help you. Believe you can do it, and you will." A few more steps led to a few more steps, and Johnny was walking! It was a miracle!

Johnny was standing by the window when his doctor came in. "How did you get over to the window?" he asked.

"Nurse Julie helped me," Johnny answered.

The doctor looked puzzled. "Who helped you?"

"Julie. She said all I had to do was believe and I would walk again."

The doctor walked out of the room, mystified. There was no nurse named Julie. A thought crossed his mind: He shook it off, saying, "No, I don't believe in angels," and he continued down the hall.

The doctor finally puzzled him. The doctor finally asked Johnny what the nurse had looked like. From this description, he talked with the nurses and he found that a nurse named Julie McKay had worked there 25 years ago. After a bad car accident, she also was told that she would never walk again. A few hours later, Julie died of heart failure.

The doctor talked with Johnny's parents, explaining the doctor's findings. Julie, Johnny's mother smiled, and said matter-of-factly, "Well, if God sent one of his angels, that's fine with me."

I met Johnny at a bike-a-thon for the American Heart Association. After sharing his story with me, his face beamed, "Today I'm going to be a flying angel of God touched me." I watched him ride, his muscles straining with the effort and his body blowing in the wind. He was on a bike again and truly flying high.

To submit a story for future publication, send it to P.O. Box 30880, Santa Barbara, Calif. 93139.



Dear Amy: What's the coolest way to learn about stuff using the Web? — Glenn, Coral Gables, Fla.

Dear Glenn: One of the coolest things about using the Web is that you can find out anything you want to know at any time. In fact, you can find out anything you want to know at any time. In fact, you can find out anything you want to know at any time.

Dear Amy: Where on the Web can I get freebies? — Cheryl, Lincoln, Ark.

Dear Cheryl: There are plenty of Web sites that give you up to thousands of freebies on the Web. Most of these offers are discounts, giveaways and samples. You can visit a Web site in exchange for something valuable to the site. For example, you can get a free CD-ROM by spending 30 minutes online to get the "freebies." Most important, kids should not give away personal information like their parents' permission to ask before you visit any freebie site.

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Define this fundamental term in genetics: clone. How many pictures are in Pappy's Hat of Funnies? Which legendary Irish queen avoided drowning in the food?

## When it comes to litigation, school systems just can't win

If you want to know where a good amount of the money is going, going, gone in public education, it's into hiring defense attorneys to fight lawsuits that school systems can't win.

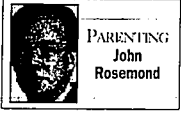
Last spring, a divided Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that a Georgia school responded "inadequately" to a fifth-grade girl's complaints of sexual harassment by a male classmate. There's no doubt the boy sexually harassed her. There's no doubt the girl suffered emotionally and, indeed, her grades dropped.

But did the school violate federal law? The 1972 law in question states that no person "shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under" any educational program receiving federal funds.

A majority of the justices ruled that the 1972 language applies when a school shows deliberate indifference to "severe, pervasive, and offensive" harassment of which the school has "actual knowledge."

No matter that the law says nothing about sexual harassment in grade school, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor maintained it was implied, and even more implausibly, Congress meant to imply it. One might ask, if Congress meant to imply it, why then, why is their simple state? Never mind.

Four justices dissented, saying that since Congress was not



John Rosemond

explicit about including grade school sexual harassment, the states had no way of knowing what sort of response was adequate. Justice Anthony Kennedy also noted that the ruling places schools in a double-bind.

If a school disciplines a child who is later diagnosed with a new or behavioral disability, the child's parents can sue.

It is reasonable to believe that a fifth-grade boy who sexually harasses a classmate in a "severe, persistent, and objectively offensive" manner is a budding psychopath. In other words, emotionally and behaviorally disturbed.

How is a school supposed to discipline this boy such that his harassment stops, thus preventing litigation from the girl's parents, but also in a manner which prevents litigation from his parents?

Let's face it, some parents will only accept that their child is emotionally disturbed if the diagnosis comes with the promise of winning megabucks in the litigation lottery.

John Rosemond is a family psychologist in North Carolina.

## ...And I'm not going to work naked

I'm a sucker for anything new. This summer, I saw an ad for an autographed Ken Griffey Jr. alarm clock that wakes you up the same old, "It's outside!" Or, "Oh my, what a play!" And it never ever says, "Strike three." Features include a "backlit display," a Seattle Mariners logo, a snooze button and a calendar. I decided my son had to have one.

My husband thought this was stupid, because our son already had "a perfectly good alarm clock." My husband's vote was certainly considered, but... well, let's put it this way... yesterday morning, my son woke up to, "It's a grand slam home run!"

I probably shouldn't want all the new stuff I see, because there's way too much of it.

According to "Consumer Tastes and Trends for 2000," a Massachusetts man named Ralph Lizio has patented a "Hold-over" thing Golf Hat," made with stretch pockets for sunglasses, tees, a ball marker and even a cigar in the brim.

And I don't smoke cigars. But I do wear sunglasses...

Then there is a Rapid Road Repair Vehicle — actually a bus filled with computers, scanners and tanks of epoxy cement — that can rumble down paved roads fixing every pothole and crack in its path.

I haven't figured out how to work that one into my everyday life yet, but just give me time.

Among other new stuff that intrigues me is the Name That Candy Bar game from the

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Science Museum of Minnesota. The object of the game, according to the Los Angeles Times, is to identify 24 candy bars from cross-sections of slices, which may not be as easy as it sounds — lots of people are sure they are looking at a cross-section of Baby Ruth when they are really looking at a Snickers.

Today, I called up the candy bar web site (<http://www.sei.com/~m.us/inf/crosssection/crosssection.html>). The chocolate is delicious looking, but the site isn't even cost anything to play.

Another new thing that intrigued me this week cost \$97. It's called "The Miracle Comb," and the news release I received told its story. A man named John Hallinan, age 84, was vacationing in China when he discovered a mysterious comb said to rejuvenate the hair's dormant root follicles. He is now importing the item. Hallinan, who was bald, says the comb grew hair on his head.

A small tank on top of the comb is filled with an herbal tooth (dating back to the Ming Dynasty) that flows through the comb's hollow teeth. The middle tooth contains a permanent magnet, and the fourth tooth delivers

a mild electrical impulse. If you're interested in more, call 1-800-803-4370.

I could order one of those for my husband, but even though I'm a sucker, I'm not stupid. Spending \$97 to remind my husband that he's balding would be a waste of money. I've already thinks being a sucker for anything new is not particularly cute.

So I'll just spend the rest of this week reading about things that intrigue me. Like the book "Express Yourself: Discover Your Inner Truth, Creative Self and the Courage to Let It Out," by Joy Lynn Freeman. The book ad that grabbed my attention read, "Should you go to work naked?"

Then it went on to explain that the same inhibitions that ensure we arrive at work fully clothed could also be crushing our individuality.

Among Freeman's steps toward being yourself: "Stop saying yes when you mean no. Find time to be angry in an overworked existence. Ask for that promotion."

I don't know if that last one is supposed to be easier or more difficult, but I don't think Freeman actually advises anyone to follow through on the naked idea.

I'm glad I may be a sucker for anything new, but I do have my limits.

Besides, it's starting to get really cold outside.

Denise Turner is a assistant features editor at the Times-News.

## Ten ways to be a little better human

Be honest now. Have you ever watched others and then said to yourself, "I wish they were a little quieter, or more considerate, or a little more thoughtful." The list could go on, couldn't it?

Well, it's time to turn the spotlight around and focus on ourselves. Find a mirror, look in and ask yourself: "How I could improve myself? Are there some areas where I could make myself easier and more fun to be around?" Can't think of any ways, or any areas that need improvement? Then consider finishing this article so you can give some pointers to your friends.

Here are 10 suggestions on how we can make ourselves better:

1. Compliment others when they deserve it. Steve Allen, a Florida businessman, often says, "Give flowers to the living." Don't make up compliments. However, don't miss a bona fide opportunity to give them. Many of us are quick to criticize and slow to praise.
2. Pick up litter rather than walking past it. This assumes that causing litter is not an issue. Help beautifully your place in the world. Set a good example.
3. A corollary to No. 1 is give encouragement to those you see making an honest effort to improve. Look for ways to help them. Don't interfere. Consider sharing your knowledge with them. Mentoring is an act of unselfishness.
4. Avoid judgment. We have a normal tendency to have preconceptions and opinions about everything. Often, these preconceptions block us from identifying situations. "A mind like a parachute works best when it's

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open." Enter situations with an open mind. Leave your attitude and prejudice at the door. Listen to the entire presentation before you draw a conclusion. Listen without arguing or debating before you form an opinion.

5. The next time you see a baby in its parents arms, picture their future for 60 seconds. However, see the child grown and prosperous, a healthy, happy and functional citizen who makes a positive difference.

6. Look in the mirror and accept yourself as a good, worthy and worthwhile person. Give yourself permission to succeed. Give yourself permission to love others and have them love you. Accept your faults and shortcomings. Commit to changing or releasing those negative traits.

7. Donate time, energy and money to causes you believe in. The various governments cannot and should not guarantee the success and survival of every group. Those who use their services and agree without need for praise. And, it helps the recipient by knowing

there are still good people in the world.

8. Learn from someone else's example. If you have trouble with selfishness, read about Gandhi. If you think limiting thoughts, find a person who represents grand ideas and model after them. If you're a pessimist, spend time with practical optimists.

9. Do no harm. Do not harm yourself through a poor diet and negative thinking. Do not harm others physically or with harsh words. Do not harm animals. Do not harm the environment.

Conscience, reason and moderation are three guiding forces for this suggestion.

This just a starter list. No all points will apply to all people. Customize the list to fit your biggest challenges and areas of need. The important part is to buy into the process designed to make real changes. Get going.

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## Rescue a dog this month

DEAR ABBY: Your readers have been wonderful in years past to rescue dogs from animal shelters during October, National Adopt-a-Dog Month, and we at North Shore Animal League would like to encourage them once again to visit their shelters and take home one or more of the thousands of homeless dogs and puppies. These animals have years of unconditional love to give to kind and caring animal lovers.

Abby, people can adopt from shelters any time, but October is dedicated to making it a better world for man's (and woman's) best friend — a canine pet. This visit to a shelter during Adopt-a-Dog Month will not only save a life, but will also bring a lifetime of love and happiness to both the needy animal and the caring, kind individual who takes a pet home.

Thank you, Abby, for your compassion and love for animals.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you individuals and families interested in acquiring some canine compan-

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ionship, I can't think of a more opportune time than National Adopt-a-Dog Month. Art art!

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 37 years. My wife likes to go out every day, seven days a week. I like to go out two to three days a week, and would to compromise and try the "middle" — about four times a week.

My wife is very energetic and will not meet me in the middle. What do you recommend?

— BOB IN PLANTSVILLE, CONN.

DEAR BOB: How about this for a compromise: Tell your wife that she's welcome to go out by herself or with friends a few days a week, and that you will join her for the other three or four days. That way, she gets seven days out and you get three or four.

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Doyle-Klippers of Buhl accepts the annual award for Advocates of the Year.



Left, Kim Carolee of Jerome, left, J.D. Sparks of Hansen, middle, and Terry Seal of Twin Falls represent Nellison and Company, which won the 1999 Employer of the Year Award. Right, Colleen McMaisters of Twin Falls, left, is presented with the 1999 F. Dwin Pruitt Memorial Award for Outstanding Participant of the Year by Suzanne Auth of Twin Falls with MVRS.

## MVRS honors advocates at annual award dinner

**TWIN FALLS** - Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services Inc. announced its annual award winners at its 26th annual meeting Sept. 22.

A dessert and coffee social kicked off the evening, followed by opening comments by Steve Silfer, Magic Valley Rehabilitation board president, and Jeffrey Crumrine, executive director.

During the awards presentation, Doyle Klippers was honored as Advocate of the Year. The Outstanding Employer of the Year was awarded to Nellison and Company of Twin Falls. The F. Dwin Pruitt Memorial Award, a participant of the year honor, was given to Colleen McMaisters of Twin Falls, and Crystal Cummins was honored as the employee of the year, receiving the Clarke I. Maddox Memorial Award.

Two new members of the board of directors were elected, including Laura Drake of Filer, a resident of the Magic Valley for 30 years and is an insurance agent. Leslie Crabtree of Burley was also elected to the Board.

John Crabtree, a resident of the Magic Valley for 25 years, works as a speech/language pathologist. Jim Astorquia, MVRS industrial director, was also honored for his 25 years of service.

## Twin Falls County Fair gives ribbons in goat category

- TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls County Fair awarded ribbons for goat entries.
- Goats - Alpha**  
 1st - Greta Meyer  
 2nd - Kilo Ranch  
 3rd - Greta Meyer  
 4th - Nana  
 Junior K April 1 To Show Date
- 1st - Susie Pratt**  
 2nd - Jodi Greenman  
 3rd - Heidi Rensch  
 4th - Jodi Greenman  
 5th - Jodi Greenman  
 6th - Randy Durham  
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- 1st - Susie Pratt**  
 2nd - Randy Durham  
 3rd - Jodi Greenman  
 4th - Randy Durham  
 5th - Carolee Vance  
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- 1st - Throughout 4th - Susie Pratt**  
 2nd - Randy Durham  
 3rd - Carolee Vance  
 4th - Carolee Vance  
 5th - Carolee Vance  
 Junior Champion  
 1st - Susie Pratt
- Reserve Junior Champion**  
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## SCHOOL LUNCH

- All schools serve milk with meals.
- BUHL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Monday: Burritos and salsa, spanish rice, celery sticks, peanut butter, peaches.  
 Tuesday: Fajitas, salsa, french fries, fruit Jell-O.  
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, barbecue sauce, scalloped potatoes, peas, hot roll.  
 Thursday: Taco burger, lettuce and cheese, tortilla chips, salsa, chocolate cake.  
 Friday: Chili, crackers, carrot sticks, apple-sauce, cinnamon twists.
- VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Breakfast served every day.  
 Lunch menu  
 Monday: No school.  
 Tuesday: Chicken burger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, tater tots, fruit, cookie.  
 Wednesday: Nachos, salsa, corn, peas, mangle bar.  
 Thursday: Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and pickles, french fries, fruit, chocolate cake.  
 Friday: Tomato soup, baked cheese sandwich, carrot sticks, fruit.
- CASTLEFORD**  
 Breakfast: Milk served every day.  
 Monday: Donuts.  
 Tuesday: French toast.  
 Wednesday: Hot scones.  
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls.  
 Friday: Scrambled eggs.  
 Lunch: Self-serve salad bar every day.  
 Tuesday: French dip sandwiches.  
 Wednesday: Burritos.  
 Thursday: Chili.  
 Friday: Cheeseburgers.
- FILER**  
 Monday: Enchiladas.  
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets.  
 Wednesday: Pigs-in-a-blanket.  
 Thursday: Pizza.  
 Friday: No school.
- HANSEN**  
 Breakfast: Milk served every day.  
 Monday: No school.  
 Tuesday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit.  
 Wednesday: Scrambled eggs, tortilla, fruit.  
 Thursday: English muffins, fruit.  
 Friday: Long joints, cereal, juice.  
 Lunch  
 Monday: No school.  
 Tuesday: Soft taco, refried beans, fruit.  
 Wednesday: Sweet and sour chicken, rice, green salad, fruit.
- IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL**  
 Lunch: Choice of white or chocolate milk each day.  
 Monday: Country style steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, choice of vegetable, wheat roll and jelly.  
 Tuesday: Salad bar, fruit, cinnamon roll.  
 Wednesday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, carrots and celery, apple crisp, whipped topping.  
 Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, pen salad, assorted dressings, garlic bread, fruit.  
 Friday: World Series day hot dog or chili dog, home run fries, batting, 40 peaches, 2 bagger peanuts.
- KIMBERLY SCHOOLS**  
 Elementary school will be served main line each school day. Grade 5 will be offered salad bar on Tuesdays and grade 6 will be offered salad bar on Thursdays. Middle school and high school will be offered choice of main line menu or chef salad each school day.  
 Lunch: Milk served every day.  
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, as grain potatoes, whole wheat rolls, peas and carrots, apricots.  
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich, tomato soup, crackers, cinnamon apples.  
 Wednesday: Tacos, salsa, breadsticks, corn, cherry cake.  
 Thursday: Hot dogs, french fries, fruit cup, cookie.  
 Friday: Roast beef, potatoes and gravy, peas, rolls, half banana.
- MAGIC VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Lunch: Choice of milk offered every day.  
 Monday: Beef and bean burrito, seasoned corn, cherry sauce, angel food cake.  
 Tuesday: Hot italian sub sandwich, sun chips, Jell-O with whipped topping, fruit juice bar.  
 Wednesday: Corn dog, mustard and ketchup, french fries, almond apricots, cookie.  
 Thursday: Chef's salad, cheese sticks, red grapes, super pretzel.  
 Friday: Grilled chicken wrap sandwich, french fries, diced peaches, rice krispie cookie.
- MURTAUGH**  
 Lunch: Milk served every day.
- ST. EDWARDS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
 Monday: Sloppy Jerry's.  
 Tuesday: Turkey chow mein.  
 Wednesday: Beef stroganoff.  
 Thursday: Bean and cheese burritos.  
 Friday: Chicken nuggets.
- TWIN FALLS ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS**  
 Breakfast menu  
 Monday: Choice of cereal, bagel with cream cheese, fruit.  
 Tuesday: Pancake on a stick, syrup, orange juice.  
 Wednesday: Choice of cereal, toast with peanut butter, fruit.  
 Thursday: Spaghetti combo bar, hash brown potatoes, toast, fruit.  
 Friday: Beef and bean burrito, pie, fruit.  
 Lunch: Junior highs have a choice of main line or second line menu. Salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, taco bar and potato bar available on alternate days.  
 Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned green beans, apple quarters, garlic bread sticks, chocolate milk.  
 Tuesday: Beef and bean burrito, Mexican corn, cherry sauce, angel food cake.  
 Wednesday: Corn dog, mustard and ketchup, potato coins, almond apricots, chocolate chip cookie.  
 Thursday: Chef's salad, cheese sticks, red grapes, super pretzel, chocolate milk.  
 Friday: Sub sandwich, potato chips, chilled peaches, rice krispie cookie, chocolate milk.
- TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL**  
 Breakfast served every day.  
 Lunch: The high school has a choice of main line, hamburger bar and salad bar each day, taco bar on Wednesdays and potato bar on Fridays. Main line menu varies everyday.  
 School lunch menus are printed as a public service. To have the lunch menu (breakfast menu if desired) printed with the menu in Sunday's edition of the menu for The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 734-5538, attention: Lunch Menu. Deadline is noon Wednesday for publication. Sunday.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

**1999 Memory Walk raises money to benefit Alzheimer's victims**  
 The 1999 Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk held Sept. 8, at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, raised \$2,500 for Magic Valley support programs and services for people with Alzheimer's, caregivers, and families.

Becky Jacobsen and Dee Foster, chapter spokespersons, say Memory Walk their largest annual fund-raising event, and proceeds help provide services and emotional support to those affected by Alzheimer's disease in the Magic Valley.  
 Sprint is the official national sponsor of the Memory Walk. More than 30 local businesses donated prizes, and local sponsors include SunBridge Care and Rehab, the Twin Falls Care Center, and Heritage and Woodstone. Twin Falls is one of the 200 mini-chapters throughout the country who participated in Memory Walk, the only nationwide event for Alzheimer's disease.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Twin Falls Head Start schedules open house**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Twin Falls Head Start will have an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at 296 Falls Ave. W. in Twin Falls.  
 The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Jan at 734-5550.
- Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club lists match results**  
**GOODING** - The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club announced the results of match play Oct. 15 at the Gooding City Hall.  
 First place went to Doris Watts and Bev Clark, second went to Susan Faulkner and Carol France, Adelaide Gerard and Joan Berrichon took third, and Les Surreddon and Joe Stansney attended fourth place.  
 Bridge players are invited to attend matches at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall. Refreshments will be served.
- Divorce support group plans meeting on Mondays**  
**TWIN FALLS** - The Divorce Care recovery seminar and support group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Mondays, beginning Monday and ending Jan. 10, at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, at 1631 Grandview Dr. N.  
 Divorce Care is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated, going through a divorce, or are divorced. Topics will include "Facing Your Anger," "Defacing Your Williness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "Kid Care," and "Forgiveness." Child care is provided, and new participants are welcome at any session.  
 For more information, call Vickie Brim at 734-7751, or Ross and Flo McNurlin at 733-7313.
- Federal employees group hears from Crapo assistant**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Chapter 1959 of the National Association of Federal Employees will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the Mandarin House, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.  
 Linda Norris, state assistant to Idaho Sen. Mike Crapo, will be the guest speaker.  
 Current and retired federal employees are invited to attend whether or not they are members of the association.  
 For more information, call Russell Rosenau at 733-0968 or 1-800-208-0518.
- Shoshone Senior Center hosts harvest dinner**  
**SHOSHONE** - The Shoshone Senior Center will host a harvest dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. at 218 N. Ruller St.  
 On the menu will be turkey or ham with the trimmings, and homemade pie.  
 Cost is \$6.50 for adults and children age 12 and up, \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 11, and \$2 for children under age 6. Tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Clover Lutheran School plans Oktoberfest dinner**  
**BUHL** - Clover Trinity Lutheran School will host its second annual Oktoberfest dinner and auction beginning at 5 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the school at 3552 N. 1825 E. in Buhl.  
 Suggested donations for dinner are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age under 10, and \$20 for a family. The auction begins at 7 p.m.
- Gooding hospital diabetes support group meets**  
**GOODING** - The Gooding County Memorial Hospital diabetes support group will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Hospital Conference Room at the hospital.  
 Kathy Pike will discuss chronic complications of diabetes, and address the upcoming flu season and how to stay healthy during the winter months. People with diabetes and their families are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.  
 For more information, call 934-4293.
- Times-News seeks holiday event info for section**  
**TWIN FALLS** - Holidays are for the celebrating and the Times-News' 29th Festivities special section will offer a guide for area celebrations.  
 The Times-News invites groups, organizations and churches to send information about their holiday event to include in the special section, which will be published Nov. 14.  
 The deadline for next year's Day.  
 Send information about the event to Pat Marcantonio, community editor, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or fax to 734-5548 or e-mail to patm@magvalley.com  
 The deadline for submission of information is Nov. 7.
- Singles Square Dance Club plans dance Tuesday**  
**JEROME** - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club are hosting a potluck dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Church Recreation annex at 216 2nd Ave. E. in Jerome.  
 Classes for new dancers will start Nov. 2.  
 For more information, call 734-5688.

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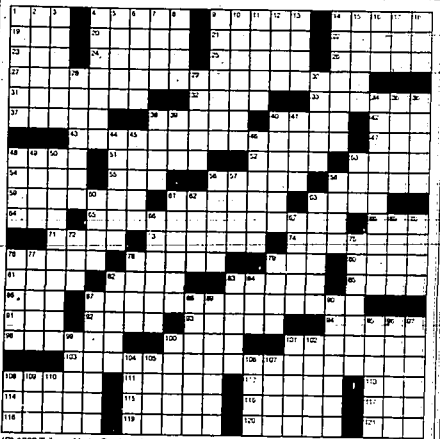
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**ANNIVERSARY**



Christy and Sidney Edwards Jr.

**THE EDWARDS**

**BOONVILLE** — Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Edwards Jr. of Durban, Tenn. will be honored at an open house during their 50th wedding anniversary.

The couple's 50th anniversary is celebrated on Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 205 East 5th in Shoshone. No gifts, please.

Edwards and Carolyn Brown were married Oct. 22, 1949, in Tn. Tenn.

They started their lives in Durban, where their first home was the Mortimer Paragon. He worked as a farm-ranch hand for her father, Herb Brown, later moving to Gooding where he worked as a farm-ranch hand for her grandfather, Lance Brown. They spent two summers in southern Idaho, where he worked as a farm-ranch hand in Lincoln County, he started working for the Idaho Transportation Department as a driver and worked in 29th. During this time, they lived in Durban, Shoshone, Mackay area, Richfield and Shoshone, after moving, where they worked in the timber, they still reside.

While living in Richfield, she worked as an alley rider for the Shoshone-Said Year for two years.

They were very active in riding clubs and high school rodeo. They are members of the First Baptist Church.

The event is being given by their three children and spouses, Pam-Tam, Cammie of Durban, Burch-Billy Edwards of Twin Falls, Ganna-Rona Gear of Elginman and Gayland (Jeanne) Brown-Edwards of Burley.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**WEDDINGS**

**BRESKE-CAMPBELL**

**TWIN FALLS** — Lisa Marie Breske and Bradley James Campbell were married Oct. 16 at the White House in Twin Falls. Officiating was Bishop John C. Weath Lancaster, cousin of the bride, was the witness.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Rosenda Breske of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bride are Larry and Chris Campbell of Twin Falls.

Tracy Godar, aunt of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor.

Bridemaids included Terri Brown, aunt of the bride, and Holly Anderson, cousin of the bride.

Kylie Godar, cousin of the bride, was the flower girl.

Larry Campbell, father of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen included Kelly and Mark Campbell, brothers of the groom.

Ushers were Mark Breske Jr., brother of Mark of the groom, and Bryce Campbell, brother of the groom.

Rayden Veerstra, nephew of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Bob and



Bradley and Lisa Campbell

Joan Lancaster, and Tom and Lorraine Breske, all of Twin Falls, and grandparents of the bride, Melvin and Margaret Feik of Nyssa, Ore.

A reception was held following the ceremony.

Tina Lancaster, aunt of the bride, attended the guest book. Gift attendants were Lindsay Lancaster, cousin of the bride, and Missy Campbell, sister of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School. She is employed at the Physician Center in Twin Falls.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Ben Franklin Academy in Twin Falls. He is employed at Pepsi Co.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

**HANSON-HUGHES**

**TWIN FALLS** — Ann Marie Hanson and Norman Davis Hughes were married Sept. 5 on the lawn of the White House. Officiating was Pastor Dale Metzger.

Val Alexander sang John Denver's "Annie's Song," and a special performance was delivered by Jeff Hanson, brother of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Peggy Hanson of Twin Falls.

Parents of the bridegroom are Alice Clark of Colorado and Frank Hughes Sr. of South Carolina.

Debra McGeuder served as the



Norman and Ann Hughes

maid of honor. Frank Hughes served as best man. Guests came from California, Arizona, Washington, Colorado, Georgia and Germany.

**Anniversary or wedding planned?**

Let us know soon  
The Times-News wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements.

Decide to get them into Sunday's Family Life section is 5 p.m. on Tuesdays.  
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**Study finds what makes home tick**

The Washington Post

**Hello, is anyone home?**

As daily life becomes more complicated — gridlocked commutes, multiple car pools, dozens of errands — it seems as if we spend less and less time where we live.

Not really, says John P. Robinson, sociology professor at the University of Maryland and co-author with Penn State sociologist Geoffrey C. Godby of "Time for Life: The Surprising Way Americans Use Their Time" (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1997).

We spend 15 hours and 48 minutes in and around the home, according to the revised book, due out this year. The authors based their findings on surveys of a broad range of Americans — full-time workers, part-timers, home-makers and retirees.

The biggest change since Robinson's first survey 34 years ago has been among women, tens of millions of whom now hold down two jobs. On average, women of 1955 spent a whopping 20 hours and 36 minutes a day in the house, tending children, cooking, cleaning. Today, women at home spend slightly less time there, getting out four to four and one-half hours, said Robinson. Those in the work force spend eight

**Consider the specifics**

8 hours and 35 minutes in the bedroom, but not necessarily sleeping. While awake, we watch television, get dressed, exercise and even stne our shoes there.

3 hours and 23 minutes in the living room, family room or den — which have come to be our main eating and lounging space. The anchor of that room, whatever we call it, tends to be electronic: TV, VCR, sound system and/or computer.

4 hour and 28 minutes in the kitchen. This may seem like a lot of time to people who rarely cook. On the other hand, 79 minutes is rather fleeting to those who labor over gourmet meals, pop pills, yag on the phone or do homework. And it includes clean-up time.

58 minutes moving from room to room, principally getting dressed but also pacing around with a portable phone or going up and down stairs.

29 minutes in the patio, garden or yard, mostly doing yard work.

27 minutes in the bathroom. This number might seem low if there are nonresidents at home. Indeed, American Standard, purveyors of plumbing fixtures, contends we each average 35 minutes a day in the bathroom.

12 minutes in the dining room. Even people who have a formal dining room

rarely use it, preferring the more casual of family room or kitchen. Moreover, said Robinson, millions of Americans live in apartments that don't have separate dining rooms.

8 minutes in the home office or study. This may span workaholic Washingtonians but such dedicated space is still a rarity in most American homes and apartments, he said. True, more people than ever are telecommuting or running small businesses home, but they often set up shop in a corner of the kitchen, den, bedroom or garage. Less than 3 percent of our total work time takes place at home, Robinson said.

8 minutes in the utility room or laundry room. Anyone with young children — who does two loads of wash a day might think this sounds low, but even people with pleasant laundry rooms don't stand around watching the spin cycle. In addition, many apartment dwellers rely on facilities elsewhere in the building or at a neighborhood laundromat.

4 1/2 minutes in the basement. Unless this underground room is finished living space, most of us venture downstairs only to retrieve something from storage, check for flooding or do the laundry.

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