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Growers sue over herbicide

Farmers, ranchers seek damages from DuPont that could reach in the millions

The Times-News and The Associated Press

Who's suing - A2

BURLEY - More than 100 south-central Idaho farmers and ranchers sued E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. Inc. on Tuesday, seeking potentially hundreds of millions of dollars for crop damage allegedly done by the herbicide Oust.

Aerial and ground applicators of the DuPont chemical also were

and reputation. The complaints allege more than 100,000 acres in 11 counties were affected by Oust. The chemical allegedly was carried by the wind from burned-off rangeland where the BLM had the herbicide applied in 1999 and 2000 to prevent the emergence of noxious weeds.

Boise attorney Walter Bitshell, representing the landowners, said in a Boise news conference that

some of them have defaulted on loans or been driven to the brink of bankruptcy by losses to potato, sugar beet, grain and other crops in 2000 and 2001.

"Last year alone we were probably over a million dollars worth of loss," said Dan Schaeffer, a Paul-aren farmer who was among the first to start investigating what was killing their crops. "Right next to the fire zone as we are, we're going to have problems for

several years." The Idaho Department of Agriculture investigated the crop losses and reported in January that the BLM violated state law by applying Oust near agriculture property to dusty, highly erodible rangeland that had been denuded by wildfire.

DuPont officials Tuesday reiterated the company's position that

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CRACKING DOWN ON JUNK



Robert Johnson said some of the vehicles on his property near Buhl are his, but some were brought by others against his wishes.

County takes Buhl man to court

The stuff showed up the past two years while he was in California, he says

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

BUHL - How all that junk arrived on his 40 acres is a mystery, Robert Johnson says. But one thing he doesn't dispute: "It's a mess - I'll admit it."

The 75-year-old said he just returned home from California late Monday. For two years he had been taking care of his sister, who died recently.

Johnson lives on the same small farm his parents acquired in the late 1930s. The rocky, hilly farm that slopes northward to the Snake River Canyon hasn't been farmed for a while. Picturesque properties nearby tend to feature emerald-green pastures and quaint, well-kept farm houses.

'Property rights is one thing, but what about the pursuit of peace and happiness for the neighbors?'

- Lec Taylor, county planning administrator

On Tuesday, as Johnson reacquainted himself with his land, he discovered many of his treasures stolen since last he was home. In their place, he said, he saw at least a dozen stripped-out vehicles, makeshift campers and countless heaps of rusted scrap iron and household garbage - all

unfamiliar.

Though he said the mess wasn't his creation, one of his first jobs is to clean up the property. He has little choice. The Twin Falls County prosecutor's office has filed a lawsuit against Johnson, based upon a history of complaints from the neighbors to the planning and zoning office over the past three years.

Johnson is not alone. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Administrator Lee Taylor, who is stepping up efforts to clean up the county, said there are other problem properties.

Though previously, cases such as Johnson's have not been processed through the court system, that might be changing. Deputy Prosecutor Rosemary

Emery said she has recently received several files from the planning and zoning office that she intends to pursue.

How it got this way

In Johnson's case, he said the eyesore on his property is unintended. One person who was supposed to have been watching the place is headed to prison, while the rest of the convict's family has abandoned the house that was built in 1906.

Johnson seems to be a man of gentle demeanor.

"Oh, you don't want to go in there," he said. "It's terrible. I let some folks live here who couldn't afford rent."

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Troops launch Afghan offensive

British lead fresh operation against Taliban, al-Qaida

The Washington Post

KABUL, Afghanistan - A coalition force spearheaded by British commandos swept into the frosty mountains of southeastern Afghanistan in recent days to open the latest search-and-destroy operation aimed at remnants of Taliban and al-Qaida forces, military officials disclosed Tuesday.

Joined by Afghan fighters and backed by U.S. airpower, hundreds of Royal Marines bounded from a chiv-

bin Laden escaped at Tora-Bora, U.S. concludes - A3

nook helicopters onto the 9,500-foot peaks, bringing with them 105mm howitzers last fired in combat during the Falklands War in 1982. The area, formerly used as a base by al-Qaida and Taliban, had already been cleared once, but reports indicated enemy fighters might be trying to reclaim it.

"Today there is a significant number of three commando brigades operating in the mountains of Afghanistan with coalition partners," British Brig. Roger Lane told reporters at Bagram air base, the headquarters for the U.S.-led military coalition north of Kabul. "The hunt for al-Qaida (and) Taliban goes on."

The deployment is the first major coalition operation in Afghanistan since U.S. forces drove enemy fighters from the mountains around Shah-e-Kot, about 120 miles south of Kabul, last month.

Other unpublicized missions also have been launched in the last weeks in an effort to track down any fugitives and prevent them from regrouping.

Powell prepares to return home without truce in the Middle East

Knight Ridder News Service

JERUSALEM - Secretary of State Colin Powell seemed likely to end his Mideast peace mission today without a formal truce and with only Israeli and Palestinian statements endorsing negotiations and condemning violence.

But even that modest accomplishment was not certain, and Powell conceded Tuesday that his 10-day mediation effort was likely to end in something less than complete triumph.

Israeli forces still occupied West Bank cities, Palestinian leaders still refused to end the suicide bombings, and a genuine breakthrough - a formal ceasefire - still seemed out of reach. In fact, Israelis moved to an even-higher state of alert amid

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Israelis celebrate at a rock concert Tuesday in Jerusalem. Today marks the 54th anniversary of the country's independence.

Court strikes down ban on 'virtual' child porn

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court struck down a federal ban on "virtual" child pornography Tuesday, holding that the law was so broadly worded it would suppress not only images that harm children but also legitimate artistic or political expression.

At issue was a 1996 law aimed at cracking down on child pornography on the Internet by prescribing prison terms for those who distribute or possess images that "appear to be" of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, or who sell images by "conveying the impression" that they contain child sex.

Writing for the majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy said that with such penalties "few legitimate movie producers or book publishers, or few other

speakers in any capacity, would risk distributing images in or near the uncertain reach of this law. The Constitution gives significant protection from overbroad laws that chill speech within the First Amendment's vast and privileged sphere."

Kennedy cited as legitimate artistic expression that might have been deterred by the law award-winning movies like "Traffic" and "American Beauty," which present sexual scenes involving minors - and even some modern versions of Shakespeare's classic about two teen lovers, Romeo and Juliet.

The court's decision showed that Tuesday is willing to forge ahead with an expansive First Amendment doctrine, even in a technologically novel context, where public sympathy for the rights of those seeking free expression is probably low.

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NATION

U.S. concludes bin Laden escaped Tora Bora

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has concluded that Osama bin Laden was present during the battle for Tora Bora late last year and that failure to commit U.S. ground troops to hunt him was its gravest error in the war against al-Qaida, according to civilian and military officials with first-hand knowledge.

Intelligence officials have assembled what they believe to be decisive evidence, from contemporary and subsequent interrogations and intercepted communications, that bin Laden began the battle of Tora Bora inside the cave complex along Afghanistan's mountainous eastern border. Although there remains a remote chance that he died there, the intelligence community is persuaded that bin Laden slipped away in the first 10 days of December.

After-action reviews, conducted privately inside and outside the military chain of command, describe the episode as a significant defeat for the United States. A common view among those



Honor guards carry the casket of one of four U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan as it arrives at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. The men were killed Monday in Afghanistan while attempting to destroy ordnance.

interviewed outside the U.S. Central Command is that Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the war's operational commander, misjudged the interests of putative Afghan allies and let pass the best chance to capture or kill al-Qaida's leader. Without professing second thoughts about Tora

Bora, Franks has changed his approach fundamentally in subsequent battles, using Americans on the ground as first-line combat units.

In the fight for Tora Bora, corrupt local militias did not live up to promises to seal off the mountain redoubt, and some colluded

in the escape of fleeing al-Qaida fighters. Franks did not perceive the setbacks soon enough, some officials said, because he ran the war from Tampa with no commander on the scene above the rank of lieutenant colonel. The first Americans did not arrive until three days into the fighting. "No one had the big picture," one defense official said.

The Bush administration has never acknowledged that bin Laden slipped through the cordons ostensibly placed around Tora Bora as U.S. aircraft began bombing on Nov. 30. Until now it was not known publicly whether the al-Qaida leader was present on the battlefield.

But inside government there is little controversy on the subject. Captured al-Qaida fighters, interviewed separately, gave consistent accounts describing an address by bin Laden around Dec. 3 to mujaheddin, or holy warriors, dug into the warren of caves and tunnels built as a redoubt against Soviet invaders in the 1980s. One official said "we had a good piece of signit," or signals intelligence, confirming those reports.

Quick removal of priests likely on Vatican agenda

The Associated Press

The extraordinary summit of U.S. cardinals and Vatican officials on clergy sex abuse will likely focus on speeding up the removal of errant priests, a key American bishop said Tuesday.

Also on the table at next week's meeting: the merits of implementing a binding national policy that would standardize how U.S. bishops handle charges of molestation against Roman Catholic clergy.

"The commitment to protecting the safety of children and vulnerable people, and the commitment of all of us — bishops and clergy — to lives of integrity is not going to end," said Bishop Joseph Galante, coadjutor of Dallas and member of a panel overseeing the bishops' response to the sex abuse scandal.

Observers cautioned against high expectations for the Rome gathering.

The church is known for its deliberate style, and the meeting next Tuesday and Wednesday should be seen as one step in a long struggle to restore trust in the church, they said.

Still, the Vatican has never before moved as swiftly to convene a meeting of cardinals.

The pope called all American archbishops to Rome in 1989 to discuss divorce among Catholics and other issues, but that gathering was planned long in advance.

"It seems to indicate that there was some concern not just to protect the church from scandal, but for the bishops to be true pastors and shepherds of their flock," said Christopher Bellitto, a church historian and academic editor of the Paulist Press.

"It seems to indicate that the pope is exercising his role as the good shepherd and not simply the CEO."

U.S. dismisses charges it sought Venezuela change

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration brushed aside suggestions Tuesday that it quietly encouraged the removal of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, who was deposed from power last week only to be reinstated after a brief period.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said that in meetings with Venezuelan leaders over several months, U.S. officials have delivered a consistent message. "We explicitly told opposition leaders the United States would not support a coup."

Fleischer was bombarded with questions about a New York Times account that senior Bush administration officials met with members of the coalition that helped depose Chavez and agreed with them that Chavez should be removed.

Fleischer's responses during a sometimes tense news briefing did not address whether the administration favored a referendum as a

means of ending Chavez's rule.

Attempts to obtain clarification from the White House were not immediately successful.

The initial State Department response last Friday to Chavez's ouster suggested that the mercurial leader got what he deserved by ordering his supporters to fire on anti-Chavez demonstrators, killing more than 10 and wounding hundreds.

Fleischer noted that once the situation in Venezuela was clarified with Chavez's reinstatement, the United States joined with its colleagues in the Organization of American States and condemned Friday's "alteration of constitutional order."

The department's initial welcome of Chavez's premature departure just three years into his term seemed at odds with the position of successive administrations that constitutional procedures must be strictly upheld in the hemisphere.

Saudi defends suicide bombs in letter to Bush

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — A Saudi official said Tuesday he told President Bush and Congress in a letter that Palestinian suicide bombers are not terrorists and are instead sacrificing "their souls for freedom."

The member of the unelected Consultative Council, which acts like a Parliament, also warned that Washington's perceived support for Israel would intensify mounting hatred toward the United States.

Ahmed al-Tuwajri said in his letter that U.S. policy has "destroyed our dreams and the dreams of peace-lovers around the world." The 120-member council is appointed by the king and reflects government opinion.

Last week, a government-run teletexton raised more than \$100 million to help the Palestinians amid the Israeli offensive in the West Bank.

Some in the United States accused the Saudis of fueling violence, though the Saudis denied any of the money was going to suicide bombers.

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warnings of attacks in retaliation for Monday's arrest of leading Palestinian militant Marwan Barghouti. Israeli tanks rolled into three Palestinian villages near Jerusalem in an attempt to prevent attacks on that tense city.

"The specific term 'cease-fire' has not quite the same significance as what actually happens," Powell said. "We're working on it."

Powell was scheduled to meet today with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the head of home, making a brief stop in Cairo to see Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Powell met again Tuesday with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, but the third session lasted only an hour. There was no

Israel reopens infamous detention camp - C7

sign that Powell had succeeded in nudging Sharon toward the swift, complete withdrawal from the West Bank that is demanded by Palestinians.

But some progress on that front did occur during Powell's mission: Sharon said Israel would withdraw from all major West Bank cities except Bethlehem and Ramallah by the middle of next week.

Danny Ayalon, an adviser to the Israeli prime minister, characterized the latest meeting as "good and friendly," but declined to provide details. He said a joint declaration was still "hypothetical" Tuesday night. "What's important to us is the action that Palestinian leaders take to stop attacks on Israel, he said.

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NATION

New tracking plan eases border crossing for trucks, planes, ships

DETROIT (AP)—Planes, trucks and ships that supply U.S. corporations will be able to avoid routine U.S. Customs inspections at border crossings under a federal program announced Tuesday.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, other federal officials and auto executives praised the program Tuesday at the U.S.-Canadian border in Detroit.

"We will enhance security," Ridge said. "We will facilitate commerce. And in the end, we'll be safer...country."

The partnership should result in quicker border crossings by U.S.-bound shipments than before Sept. 11, said Kevin Smith, General Motors Corp. director of customs administration.

GM, the world's largest automaker, is one of 60 companies that have joined the program, and more than 100 additional applications are pending.

Under the plan, importers agree to work with the government to boost security in their supply chains, including stiffer employee background checks and more scrutiny of goods being shipped across the border.

GM gets about 600 truckloads of goods shipped from Canada daily. Under the new program, Smith said, the automaker will give the government advance information on the goods and the suppliers.

Then, about 15 minutes before a shipment arrives at the border, GM will electronically notify U.S. Customs that a truck is approaching the border and exactly what is on it. An on-board transponder will identify the shipment at the border, Smith said.

Gov. John Engler said "things really going to a halt" after the Sept. 11 attacks. He said U.S.-Canada trade with Europe and Latin America combined.

"This is a critical economic issue that we're dealing with," Engler said.

Meanwhile, the Senate appears closer to sending President Bush legislation to tighten the nation's borders against terrorists.



Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge addresses the media below the Ambassador Bridge in Detroit, Tuesday. Trucks supplying the Big Three automakers and several dozen other big companies will be able to avoid routine U.S. Customs inspections at the bridge under a program announced Tuesday.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., had blocked the House-passed border security bill since December, saying it needs more debate. But Monday, Byrd said: "We're going to pass it."

Supporters said the bill has 61 co-sponsors, more than enough for approval when it comes to a

vote likely this week. The bill would add 1,000 new INS inspectors, investigators and support staff to America's borders, and require companies to disclose passenger and crew information on all flights and vessels entering the United States.

Guard finds drug tunnel under parking lot

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Authorities found another drug tunnel near the border at Nogales, Ariz., this one ending in a parking lot close to one used by U.S. Customs Service employees.

The 85-foot tunnel found Monday was reinforced with two-by-fours and strung with bare light bulbs, said Customs spokesman Roger Maier. It came within inches of the surface.

In some spots, the top of the tunnel touched the bottom of the asphalt lining the parking lot,

Maier said. He said the tunnel had been in use for some time. No drugs were found inside.

Maier said investigators believe the tunnel operators punched a hole through the asphalt and would pass narcotics up into a waiting vehicle, and then seal the hole with a prefabricated asphalt plug.

Rain may have weakened the structure because a security guard noticed a slight depression in the pavement over the week-

end, and saw a tiny hole that opened to a larger cavity beneath, Maier said.

Maier said Customs officials using a backhoe exposed about the first 20 to 25 feet of the tunnel running north from a fence marking the U.S.-Mexico border. That portion runs under part of the Customs parking lot, including an entryway, he said.

The tunnel appears to zig and zag as it encounters obstructions heading north from the border, Maier said.

Companies delay food safety laws

WASHINGTON (AP)—Legislation designed to give the government more power to prevent bioterrorist attacks has been delayed amid efforts by food manufacturers to loosen new safety measures.

Bills passed by the Senate and House in December would require food makers to register with the government and authorize the Food and Drug Administration to detain tainted products. The bills also would require importers to notify FDA inspectors before bringing products into the country.

A House-Senate conference committee that is trying to merge the two bills has yet to reach agreement on a final version. "We have never really felt these food provisions were that necessary," said Kelly Johnston of the National Food Processors Association, which represents companies such as Campbell's and Kraft. "There really are vast legal authorities on the books."

In addition to the food safety measures, the bioterrorism bills would authorize funding for stockpiling vaccines and provide grants to hospitals and local health agencies to improve communications systems and otherwise prepare for potential attacks.

Pilots assail plan to play Flight 93 voice recording

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Many airline pilots and aviation experts are upset by the FBI's decision to allow victims' families to hear the cockpit voice recording from hijacked United Airlines Flight 93, fearing it could set a precedent that would allow such tapes to be used in a variety of ways after future airline crashes, officials said.

While pilots express sympathy for families of the people aboard the Sept. 11 flight, which crashed in rural Pennsylvania after an apparent struggle for control of the aircraft, they argue that the final words of pilots and crew members are too personal and anguished for public review under any circumstances.

The FBI, facing escalating criticism and threats of a lawsuit from some relatives, recently reversed its position and announced it would allow interested families to listen to the 30-minute tape Thursday in Princeton, N.J.

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Agency seeks to loosen health privacy rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration made changes to Clinton-era patient privacy rules because they were "impractical" and would have hampered patients needing medical care, a White House official said Tuesday.

Mandatory consent requirements proposed by the Clinton administration were "coercive and a fundamental hurdle to health care for patients and the doctors, hospitals and pharmacists that serve them," Claude Allen, deputy secretary for the Department of Health and

Human Services told a Senate committee.

The Clinton proposal would have required health care providers to get written permission to disclose patient information — even for routine matters such as treatment and payment.

When the Bush administration offered its revisions in March, it said that no such permission will be needed, just like it's not needed today.

Instead, doctors and health care providers must notify patients of privacy policies and make a "good faith effort" to get

written acknowledgment. Health care providers had complained that getting permission could stall needed treatments.

"We put ourselves in the shoes of the patient and we discovered that the rule was not practical for patients, their doctors or pharmacists," Allen said.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. and chairman of the Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee called the Bush proposal "a serious step backwards."

Requiring consent "is the only real way to assure that patients — and only patients — control sensi-

tive information," Kennedy said.

But Republican Sen. Bill Frist pointed to last year's anthrax scare and other bioterrorism concerns and noted that the earlier consent rules could have made it "impossible to effectively track and monitor disease outbreak."

The issue of medical privacy is likely to resonate in the fall elections. Kennedy promised legislation to reinstate the mandatory consent forms soon after the announcement. Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., said the change would not occur without "significant, significant opposition."

'Vegas,' Spenser' actor Urich succumbs to cancer



Robert Urich

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television tough guy Robert Urich, an Emmy-winning actor best known for his starring roles in sleuth series such as "Vegas" and "Spenser: For Hire," died Tuesday of cancer. He was 55.

Urich died at a hospital in Thousand Oaks surrounded by family members and friends, publicist Cindy Guagenti said.

Urich said in 1996 that he was suffering from synovial cell sarcoma, a rare cancer that attacks the body's joints. He

underwent chemotherapy, radiation treatments and two operations in the mid-1990s to combat the cancer.

One of Urich's most recognizable roles came as private detective Dan Tanna in "Vegas," which ran on ABC from 1978 to 1981. His knack for solving crimes led to the starring role in another ABC detective series "Spenser: For Hire," which was based on Robert Parker's novels. That series aired from 1985 to 1988.

More recently, Urich appeared as a

wanderer suffering from amnesia in "The Lazarus Man."

Urich sued Castle Rock Television, which produced "Lazarus Man," claiming the show was canceled because he had cancer. In July 1996, Urich told Castle Rock that he had cancer and would have to undergo treatment, but his lawsuit said he was able to perform under the agreement both parties signed. The breach of contract suit sought the amount he would have received for the second season.

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EDITORIAL

City should protect value of northeast area homes

Sometimes, less is really more. That appears to be the case north-east of Twin Falls, where developers are seeking approval for a 37-acre, 87-lot subdivision in an area of expensive homes on one-acre lots.

The neighbors contend the Hankins Road Subdivision would depress their property values by bringing smaller, more densely located homes to the area. But they're especially unnerved by the prospect of commercial development and increased traffic on nearby Falls Avenue.

Our view: Hankins Road neighbors have a legitimate point objecting to new subdivision and commercial building. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The neighbors are also, right to worry that adding 300 or so new residents to the area — and maybe more, if the city approves the nearby Morning Sun Subdivision — would substantially increase traffic on Falls, which is crowded already.

And there's no easy outlet for that congestion. The Idaho Transportation Department has designated a truck route, and it's the most likely east-west artery to be widened to take the load off Blue Lakes.

Until that happens, this may not be the time to add substantially more cars and trucks to the eastern end of Falls Avenue. But Hankins Road neighbors should also realize that whatever the fate of these two subdivision proposals, growth is inevitable in their pleasant, upscale canyon-side neighborhood. It's time to plan for it, starting with the issue of sewer and water.

The area is suffused with wells and septic tanks, and no longer has plentiful groundwater of high quality. Sooner or later, it will need to connect with the Twin Falls city sewer and water system.

Sewer and water development in the area is needed, and neighbors should consider whether they should help bear the cost of that as a tradeoff to a lower-density project, without the commercial, on the ground.

In any case, Hankins Road area is unique for the price of the houses, but it's one of many quiet neighborhoods in Twin Falls County. Its residents are well within their rights to try to keep it that way.

We need bin Laden, dead or alive

The recent capture of Abu Zubaydah, one of the top al-Qaida leaders, is certainly good news. But where's Osama bin Laden?

In the immediate aftermath of Sept. 11, President Bush pledged to bring back the world's top terrorist, "dead or alive." He was promptly pilloried for "personalizing" the conflict. Now administration officials stress that, while they'd dearly love to get their hands on bin Laden, this is no longer a top goal.

It's true that capturing or killing bin Laden wouldn't win the war on terrorism, but not capturing or killing him would be a huge setback. To get a sense of how huge, we need to go back to 1916. On March 9 of that year, Francisco "Pancho" Villa, the famed Mexican bandit turned revolutionary, attacked the town of Columbus, N.M. His "hit-and-run" tactics killed 18 Americans and wounded nine.

President Wilson, sounding very much like George W. Bush in 2001, pledged that an army expedition "will be sent at once in pursuit of Villa with the single object of capturing him and putting a stop to his forays." Gen. John J. Pershing's expedition is incorrectly remembered as a clumsy, lumbering, slow-footed beast. Actually its 10,000 men engaged in some of the fastest and longest cavalry rides in U.S. history. But they came close to snaring Villa only once, and that was when he fled into the mountains. The Mexican revolutionary, wounded in the leg, barely escaped and then hid out in a cave to recuperate while Pershing's men searched all of northern Mexico for him.



Pershing did manage to kill 135 Villistas, wound 85 and capture 19, but in the process he almost sparked a war with the Mexican government. By July 1916 the expedition was forced to retreat to a camp site in northern Mexico, where it remained until being withdrawn entirely in early 1917. Villa had been on his last legs when he attacked Columbus. But the armed "lynchings" in their midst allowed him to rally patriotic sentiment to his side. Before long he had 5,000 men and was on the offensive. The outcome of the Pershing expedition has long been debated by historians. Was it a success or a failure? It was a little of both, but more failure than success because it didn't snare Villa. It didn't matter how many of his followers were killed or apprehended. As long as their charismatic leader whose eyes, according to one person who met him, were "really not eyes at all, but gimlets which seem to bore into your very soul" — was still at large, he could always assemble another army.

Osama bin Laden is, by all accounts, every bit as magnetic as Villa, and even more dangerous. He might be dead, but if he's not, we'd better get him fast, lest he stage a Villa-like resurgence. The consequences of not capturing bin Laden are far worse than the consequences of not capturing or killing bin Laden. Bin Laden has killed far more Americans than the other revolutionaries combined. If he lives to defy America's wrath, the consequences might make Sept. 11 seem benign by comparison. President Bush had it right from the beginning: We must bring back Osama bin Laden, dead or alive.

Max Boot, the Wall Street Journal's editorial features editor, is author of "The Savage Wars of Peace: Small Wars and the Rise of American Power."

House is insulated from winds of change

In designing the new American government, the founders expected tremors in public opinion to rattle the windows in the House of Representatives before anyone else. James Madison, in "The Federalist Papers," insisted that all the government's branches, the House most needed "an immediate dependence on, and intimate sympathy with, the people." To stay attuned to the people, Madison believed House members had to stay accountable to the people, with frequent elections that he considered the only way to ensure that "dependence and sympathy."

Two hundred fifteen years later, the House has become the arm of government that is now arguably the most insulated from shifts in the public mood. Throughout the 1990s, almost three-fourths of the 435 House seats never changed hands between the parties, calculates independent political analyst Rhodes Cook. The signs pointed toward even less turnover in the years ahead. By this fall, experts on both sides expect the number of truly competitive contests to drop to as few as two dozen. It's a trend that should have Madison turning in his grave. Partly, the death of competition in the House can be explained by

doomed. Just as important in the muffling of competition has been redistricting. That's the process where states, once every 10 years, redraw the lines of congressional districts after the census maps the new distribution of population. This year's redistricting is likely to be remembered as a bipartisan monument to back-scratching. In a few states where one party controlled the state legislature and the governorship, it used that leverage to draw maps that will tilt several congressional seats in its direction. Most often, though, the two parties colluded to protect incumbents, creating districts so heavily Republican or Democratic that the other party has little chance of ever taking them.

That prospect has several implications, none of them healthy. First, it means that absent some major unpredictable event — a recession, a big scandal — there won't be enough truly competitive seats to give either party more than a slim majority in the House. That will make governing tough. Governing will get even tougher as more House members represent seats so safe that they don't have to consider the views of voters outside their own base. That allows — indeed encourages —

them to embrace purist ideological positions, which impedes compromise. It is probably no coincidence that legislators were more willing to cross party lines on key issues when more of them had to run in competitive districts. Twenty years ago, members of Congress sided with their own party on about three-fourths of major votes, according to Congressional Quarterly. On average since 1995, Democrats have voted with their own party 83 percent of the time, and Republicans 88 percent. An excess of safe seats is transforming Congress into "Crossfire."

The heaviest price for shrinking competition will be paid by voters, especially moderate voters not firmly aligned with either party. Those swing voters will be dissected and courted and coddled in presidential elections and statewide races for governor or senator. But in most House districts, they can be safely ignored because the result is guaranteed by the die-hard partisans around them. I

That's a mockery of Madison's vision of the people's house and a bipartisan assault on the right to cast a meaningful vote. Ronald Brownstein is a national political correspondent for the Los Angeles Times.

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Customer applauds fence firm.
I would like to relate an experience I had with a Twin Falls business.
Last November, I contacted Precision Vinyl Products Inc. of Twin Falls and asked for an estimate to install a new fence. The salesman, Todd, gave us the estimate, and my wife asked if he would throw in a new vinyl mailbox, which he said he would look into. I told them at that time I would need to remove some trees before they could install the fence, which they said would be OK. Well, the snow came and I was unable to remove the trees until last month. They called again and asked if I was ready now, and I said I was and they made an appointment to install the fence a week later. They sent three men over to install the fence, and they were polite, courteous and very professional. When they were done, the fence was installed perfectly and not one bit of litter was left behind. And yes, they also installed a new mailbox.

It was a very tough job because of the lava rock, and there was no complaining or bad language from any of these men. They were a joy to have on the property.
Now for the part for the reason for this letter: They presented me a bill for exactly what they quoted me last November. I just thought maybe people would like to read that there still are really good people to do business with.
TOM NORTHCOFF
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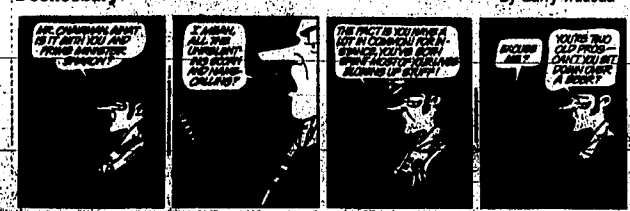
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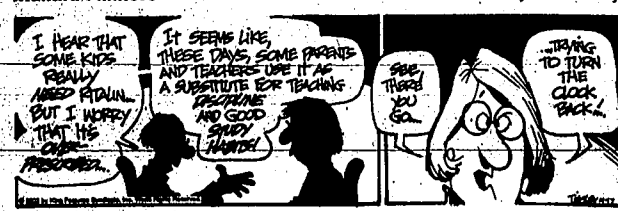
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Agency has shown little appetite for enforcing campaign finance laws

LISA J. DANETZ

Passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act may tempt some to believe that Congress has passed, and the president has signed, legislation that will be a remedy for the distorting effect private money has had on politics.

But even assuming that the law's provisions are perfectly tailored to have the effects intended, true reform will remain elusive without proper enforcement by the Federal Election Commission. If recent history is any guide, the FEC has little appetite for rigorous enforcement of the nation's campaign finance laws.

Although it is the federal agency entrusted with enforcement of the campaign finance laws, the FEC frequently refuses to enforce the laws against violators. This problem is especially acute when complaints about prominent candidates are before it. With no threat of enforcement, many candidates increasingly feel free to disregard the disclosure requirements and contribution limits of our federal law.

For example, the FEC has refused to act for over a year on a complaint regarding the campaign practices of our nation's top law enforcement officer, Attorney General John Ashcroft.

On March 8, 2001, two Missouri voters and three national campaign reform groups filed an administrative complaint with the FEC, alleging that Ashcroft's leadership PAC, Spirit of America, impermissibly contributed a fundraising list of 100,000 donors to his 2000 Senate campaign in Missouri, and that neither the PAC nor the campaign committee reported the contribution.

According to a report in The Washington Post on Feb. 1, 2001, the PAC developed the list between 1997 and 1999 "at a cost of more than \$2 million." Upon receiving the list at no charge, the Ashcroft campaign, in turn, rented the list and made over \$100,000 in rental income.

These actions by the Ashcroft campaign and his leadership PAC

violate a number of provisions of the nation's campaign finance law, which relies on both disclosure requirements and contribution limits.

Quite simply, Ashcroft's campaign committee and his leadership PAC violated the campaign finance laws by the giving and

receiving of a contribution that, at a minimum, exceeded the federal contribution limit by 10 times and possibly by more than 200 times, and by failing to disclose the contribution in the first place.

An investigation of these egregious and serious violations of the nation's campaign finance laws would require few resources. Most of the information is contained in the FEC's

own records, and the remainder can be determined by interviews with the one or two officers who worked for both Ashcroft's campaign committee and his leadership PAC. Yet the FEC has done nothing.

To force the FEC to shoulder its statutory responsibility, the two Missouri voters and the Alliance for Democracy have brought a lawsuit seeking a federal court order mandating

agency action. If the public cannot rely on the FEC to enforce the nation's campaign finance laws, there is no legislation that will ever reduce the influence of money in politics.

Lisa Danetz is a staff attorney at the National Voting Rights Institute and lead counsel for the plaintiffs in "Alliance for Democracy et al. v. Federal Election Commission"

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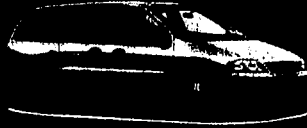
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Nowitzki returns in Dallas win

DALLAS (AP) — Michael Finley scored 35 points and Dirk Nowitzki returned from a four-game absence to add 24, making the Mavericks' bid to win the Midwest Division to the final day of the season.

Alexander scored 20 points and Tyrone Nesby had 18 as the Wizards finished 37-45, nearly doubling the number of wins from the 19-63 season a year ago.

Hornets 88, Heat 81

MIAMI — Jamal Mashburn scored 23 points and sparked a fourth-quarter rally as Charlotte overcame an 11-point deficit.

Magic 102, Hawks 95

ATLANTA — Monty Williams scored a season-high 23 points and Troy Hudson added 18 as the Magic snuffed a three-game losing streak.

Pistons 103, Nets 98

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Chucky Atkins scored 21 points and the Detroit Pistons won the second-best record in the Eastern Conference.

Spurs 95, Suns 71

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan scored 24 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Spurs to the verge of the Midwest Division title.

Nuggets 101, Rockets 70

DENVER — James Posey had 26 points to lead six players in double figures as Denver beat the depleted Rockets.

Wizards 114, Knicks 112

WASHINGTON — Courtney Ford scored 27 points and led the Wizards to a season-high 114 points.

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THE VALLEY

Police charge man with robbery attempt

TWIN FALLS - A delivery driver told police he was jumped late Monday while stopped at a traffic light in Twin Falls, and a Twin Falls man was arraigned Tuesday on charges related to those allegations.

Papa Kelsey's delivery driver Cole Ward told police he was stopped at a light on Blue Lakes Boulevard North at about 7 p.m. when a blue Isuzu Trooper with three people inside stopped in the turning lane next to him, according to police reports and court documents.

Cole told police a male passenger got out of the Trooper's back seat, approached his car, pulled his door open, punched him in the face and tried to grab his money sack, according to court records. Cole said he was able to push his attacker away, and the man got back into the Trooper, which turned onto Filer Avenue and drove away. Cole told police he was able to get the vehicle's license plate number, according to reports.

Police later pulled over a vehicle matching the description and plate number Cole gave and arrested Allen Paul Fresquez, 18, according to police reports.

Fresquez was arraigned on a charge of attempted robbery and a battery charge, court records say. He pleaded innocent to the robbery charge and faces a preliminary hearing on the attempted robbery charge April 26. He was held late Tuesday in the Twin Falls County Jail on \$105,000 bond.

Blasting work began Tuesday on U.S. 93

SHOSHONE - Work started Tuesday to blast rocks from the hillside on U.S. Highway 93 between Richfield and Carey, the Idaho Transportation Department said in a press release.

The blasting work will make it safer for motorists who need to pull onto the shoulders of the two-lane highway. Rocks will be removed to prevent them from blocking the shoulders or creating a safety hazard.

Crews will work from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. During the two-week blasting operation, flaggers will direct traffic to stop when blasting occurs. A pilot car will lead motorists through the area between blasting work. A minimum delay of 15 minutes should be expected.

CSI baseball joins tribute to former Hunt Internees

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho baseball program is joining in the tribute to the former internees of the Minidoka War Relocation Camp, locally known as the Hunt Camp.

The Golden Eagles will donate proceeds from its game vs. Douglas Community College at 5 p.m. Friday toward the restoration and preservation of the camp's national historical site.

During World War II, more than 110,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry were removed from their homes on coastal areas and interned in makeshift camps in America's interior. More than 10,000 were sent to Jerome County, bringing with them only what they could carry. Not long after arriving, the internees built a baseball field on which they played nearly every day. Author Ken Mochizuki wrote, "Baseball saved us."

While their families were being held, many young men of age volunteered to serve in the U.S. military. Most were placed in the 442nd Infantry Battalion, one of the most highly decorated military units in history.

Individuals who served in that unit and who now call the Magic Valley home will be presented with a military honor guard at Friday's game. George Semba, who played baseball in the camp and later served in the 442nd battalion, will throw the commemorative game ball.

The game will be played at Frontier Field.

Compiled from staff reports

Golfer interrupts tournament play to rescue boaters

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - While Tiger Woods was the center of attention at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia Sunday, Mike Bridges was creating some excitement of his own at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

Playing in the Buhl Amateur Golf Tournament, Bridges, Mike Wolverton, Larry Rick and Jim Schwanveldt were coming up on the 17th hole, which is along the Snake River, just as the wind kicked up and fell.

The foursome noticed an upset boat in the river with two people

hanging on to it. They checked with the two boaters, who initially said they could manage but then a few minutes later yelled to the golfers to call for help.

Bridges, 38, a volunteer fireman on the Buhl squad, immediately stripped down to his underwear and went into the water to help the duo to shore.

Ten-year-old Tony Palma and 30-year-old Lester Morris of Buhl had launched the 8-foot flat-bottom aluminum boat with a 3.5-horsepower motor while the wind was blowing hard and the water splashed into the boat and filled up faster than the two could bail it out, causing the boat to sink.



Mike Bridges

Morris and coaxed him onto the sandbar and eventually to shore. Mike Gemar was in the four-some ahead of Bridges but heard his name being called and went back to help. Morris recognized

Gemar and yelled for him to help. "We got them out of the water and back to the clubhouse to warm up for fear of hypothermia," Gemar said.

Crews from the Gooding County Sheriff's Department and Gooding Ambulance Service arrived after the rescue.

Bridges said he reacts to emergencies "automatically," having been a volunteer firefighter for 20 years and a member of a quick response unit 10 years ago.

"The emotion sets in after the rescue," he said.

Bridges credits Kathleen Thom of Buhl for his yearly "brush-up course" in volunteer rescue.

"I'm a better swimmer than a golfer," Bridges said.

When the excitement died down, Bridges said, he took off his wet underwear, put on his clothes and finished the golf game.

Bridges told the other members of his foursome that he would drop out of the tournament when he decided to go to the rescue of the boaters and for the three to go ahead. But the three stayed and helped, allowing the foursome behind them to play through.

The sheriff's department cited Morris for having no lifejackets and no registration on the boat.

GIRLS AND GADGETRY



College of Southern Idaho professor Jim Wilson helps students Heather Jones, Elizabeth Albright and Rachael Montoya with their experiment during the 'Girls in Technology' conference at CSI. The students were learning how to separate DNA from wheat germ.

CSI staffers encourage careers in technology for women

By Robert Mayer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - After mixing the ingredients, Heather Jones was given the task of gently rocking the test tube back and forth.

If it was done correctly, the O'Leary Junior High School ninth-grader would be rewarded with a string of DNA, extracted from wheat germ cells.

"It was quite fun," she said. "It was cool to just be able to take it out; you'd never think it was possible."

The hands-on workshop at the College of Southern Idaho was part of the "Girls in Technology" conference Tuesday designed to encourage girls to pursue technologically oriented careers. The event, organized by the college's Center for New Directions, drew

nearly 100 girls, grades 8-10, from Magic Valley area schools.

CSI professors volunteered their time to teach one-hour workshops on a variety of subjects that included creating Web pages, analyzing food for pesticides, and, yes, DNA extraction.

"Most people don't have the opportunity to extract DNA," said Jim Wilson, professor of agricultural business. "I think it's

important to get girls involved in science and technology."

"It's also important to get them planning several years in advance for a career," said DeVere Burton, CSI's instructional dean.

Idaho's education code calls for eighth-graders to develop, with help from parents and educators,

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Engineer says communities should address arsenic problems

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - A few years ago, everyone took water for granted and thought there would always be plenty. But not so anymore.

Now the cities are faced with arsenic in the drinking water and are expected to lower their levels according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and local community water system standards.

Bryan D. Donaldson, an engineer with J-U-B Engineers' Nampa office, conducted a seminar on arsenic in drinking water last month in Buhl for Castleford and Buhl city council members. He said each community must make an individual analysis of its system to estimate specific costs, and depending on the severity of arsenic, will choose the best method to extract the arsenic.

"It's hard to defend yourself if you don't know what you are dealing with," Donaldson said.

Arsenic in southern Idaho ranges from zero to 110 parts per billion. One part per billion is equivalent to one drop of water in a 10,000-gallon swimming pool.

Buhl has a concentration of 9 parts per billion. Hollister registers 11.15, Twin Falls 3.17, and Chubbuck 10.13 parts per billion. Concentrations are higher in comparison to other parts of the state such as Boise, which has 9.22 parts per billion; Fruitland has a concentration of 30.48; and Weiser, 7.26.

The treatment techniques that communities take will depend on several needs such as source water quality, finished water quality, treatment needs, costs of treatment, residual treatment, management and disposal, ongoing operation and maintenance, land availability and operational complexity, Donaldson said.

Regardless of the many funding assistance such as grants and loans through state and federal agencies, some costs will have to be passed on to the consumer,

Donaldson said. In 1942, federal regulators set the arsenic limit at 50 parts per billion. In 1956 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, Congress directed the EPA to have a new arsenic rule.

After a series of delays, in October 2001, the EPA announced the rule would be changed to 10 parts per billion and all water systems must meet the standard by January 2006. Communities are directed to file a report to the EPA by July 1, 2002, giving arsenic levels and the city's water history. If capital improvements are necessary, a two-year extension is available, otherwise communities must be in compliance by January 2006.

Arsenic can cause cancer in the bladder, lung, kidney, liver and skin. Non-cancerous effects are diabetes, heart disease, skin pigments and ulcers.

The World Health Organization, European Union and Canadian Health Organization allow only 10 parts per billion in drinking water.

Dietrich looks to promote trail

By Almee L. Durand
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH - An old trail could lead a small town to economic growth.

From 1879-1883 the miners in the Wood River Valley journeyed far to gather lumber, food and other supplies on a trail that went through what is now known as Dietrich.

At a recent Dietrich City Council meeting, councilman Wanless Southwick announced the creation of an economic development committee whose purpose is to bring economic growth into small-town Dietrich by promoting tourism via this trail.

The former passage contains a variety of sites, including Wilson Butte Cave, Crater Butte and the Ice Caves. There are enough sites to attract some interest and boost the town's economy, Southwick said. The trail will be known as the Treasure Trail and aimed at various travel groups such as mountain hike clubs, Southwick said.

Committee members include

Brian Hinther, Kathy Whittaker and Gary Bowman. The project is still in its preliminary stages and the group has not yet met.

A grant application was submitted to the U.S. Forest Service, which has offered funds for a feasibility study.

The study would address many issues, including the use of U.S. Bureau of Land Management land, possible interest in the trail, comparison with and surveys on other U.S. trails regarding their economic benefit and the overall impact potential, Southwick said.

Other city business last week included a public meeting about the ongoing sewer project and construction.

Because of rock blasting that had led to the project's lengthened time frame, community members at the council meeting were happy to hear that the lift-station pumps and the manholes would be installed this year.

"We will start getting residents hooked up to the sewer this year. It would be nice to have this project complete this year," said Ina Lee Green, town clerk.

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Gooding will match government grant to expand Walker Center

By Aimee New
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The city of Gooding has received its anticipated \$363,000 Idaho Community Development Block Grant for the Walker Center expansion project, the City Council learned this week.

Gooding's required \$88,200 match is being provided through the services of city workers.

"Ten more days and the city will be done with their part," said city superintendent Todd Bunn.

In the expansion project contract, the Walker Center said that the center would pay for materials and work even if the grant money did not come through. The Walker Center will be reimbursed for the \$53,300 it has already spent.

The council voted to accept the Idaho Department of Commerce and the Walker Center expansion contracts.

The council also reaffirmed Resolution 124, which had originally been approved in January 1993. The resolution says that the city will not use its police force on civil rights demonstrators. Walker center grant facilitator Carleen Herring said this is just another requirement for cer-

tain grants.

Other city business included:

- Funding request — The council approved Judge Gooding's request for \$130 in registration assistance to attend the governor's recreation and tourism conference May 1-3 in Nampa. Gooding said she will pay for food and lodging personally.
- "Last year's conference held in Lewiston was very educational," she said.

The conference brings people together for education in topics such as marketing, economics, future for recreational access, and others.

- Out-of-town vendors — The council discussed limiting out-of-town vendors who sell goods that can be bought in the city.

City Attorney Craig Hobbey said, "I'm not sure exactly what you want concerning rules and regulations, there's already a host of rules and the peddler's ordinance out of the books."

Bunn said business owners and possibly the chamber of commerce could get together and form a committee to evaluate what sort of protection would benefit local businesses from out-of-town competition. Bunn will speak with area business owners.

Irrigation season will begin

April 29. "It might start strong, being able to irrigate once a week to slowing down to every other week, we just don't know yet," Bunn said.

• Spring cleaning — Spring cleanup week will be the week of May 6. Yard waste will be picked up in alleys that week and will be hauled away.

City Councilman Tom Stevenson, Mayor Herb Stroud and Bunn had driven around the city and reported that many properties needed to be cleaned up. Of those properties, eight to 10 are severely in need of cleanup.

"There is a lot of metal out there such as old cars and boats," Stevenson said.

Photographs will be taken and letters sent within 30 days notifying residents that they are required to clean up property. If the properties are not cleaned within a time limit, the city will clean them, possibly at a cost to the property owner.

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UI students rally after gay flag incident

MOSCOW (AP) — Students and faculty held a rally against the theft and attempted burning of a gay rights flag, urging a little enlightenment from the University of Idaho community.

Campus groups organized the Monday rally to protest the actions of four student body leaders. Students carried signs proclaiming "I Am My Brother's Keeper," chanted "We will not go back" and called for more diverse representation in student government.

Kevin Smith, Joel Sturgill and Matthew Henman told authorities they entered the Gay/Straight Alliance office in the Student Union Building on March 31. They took the alliance's flag and brought it to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house where they failed to burn the flame-resistant material. They later threw it in a trash bin.

The three senators resigned

their posts. Student body president Kasey Swisher admitted his involvement at the frat house and also resigned.

Donna Black of the Gay/Straight Alliance called on students to join a write-in campaign to get more students running in the upcoming senate race. The deadline has passed for students to sign up for the campaign, so any new candidates must garner write-in votes.

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— GOODING COUNTY RECORDS —

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GOODING — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Gooding County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Faren M. Gilmore, 20, 161 Park Ave., Lewiston; battery; court trial May 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Ernest J. Robison, 18, 621 Nevada St., Gooding; driving without privileges; status hearing April 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

James D. Battles, 35, 320 Illinois, Bliss; battery; hearing May 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Lorie Lee Simer, 24, 302 1/2 Montana St., Gooding; injury to a child; hearing May 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

John Taylor-Chapolla, 28, 1847 E. 3200 S., Wendell; domestic violence-battery; court trial scheduled May 16; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Joseph Wayne Stachowicz, 35, 1125 Idaho St., Gooding; violation of no contact order; \$1,000 fine, \$900 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee, 24 months unsupervised probation; 360

days in jail, \$68 suspended; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Guillermo V. Jimenez, 24, 747 S. Bliss N-23, Wendell; under the influence; today driver's license suspension; \$1,000 fine, \$600 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee, 12 months unsupervised probation; 180 days in jail, 173 suspended; falling to purchase/valid driver's license; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Jacoby McHenry, no street address listed; Gooding; petit theft; \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, \$100 public defender fee, 24 months unsupervised probation; burglary-conspiracy; assault/battery; burglary; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Kevin P. Cassidy.

Divorces

Randy Dean Money vs. Dorothy Elizabeth Money

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Shantel Rae Smith and Christopher Troy Richards. Seeking establishment of child support. Christopher Troy Richards is the father of Joel Janelle Rose Stone, defendant. Christopher Troy Richards will pay \$100 monthly child support plus 50 percent of any costs not covered by medical insurance; attorney fees of \$475 contested, or \$30 if judgment is by default.

— JEROME COUNTY RECORDS —

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JEROME — Recent activity in 5th District Court in Jerome County included the following:

Misdemeanor arraignments

Steven Carl Broadhurst Jr., 20, 400 N. 261 E., Jerome; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Robert Solomon DeCamp, 21, 645 Fawnbush, Apt. F124, Twin Falls; use or possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

John J. Pineda-Lalonde, 29, 417 N. 200 W., Jerome; driving under the influence; falling to purchase/valid driver's license; failure to appear for hearing or trial, warrant issued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Shelia Diane Lewis, 24, 749 18th Ave. E., Jerome; domestic violence, battery; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Francisco Javier Lopez, 18, 514 E. Ave. J, Jerome; driving without privileges; failure to appear for hearing or trial, warrant issued; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jeremy B. Binns, 20, 705 W. Bonneville, Pocatello; driving under the influence; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Jeffrey L. Stapleton, 41, 145 Eighth Ave. E., Apt. 2, Jerome; driving without privileges; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

William L. Stedrick, 18, 821 E. 17th, Jerome; driving without privileges; possession of a controlled substance; pre-trial conference April 29; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Misdemeanor sentencing

Craig E. Abbott, 29, 3045 E. 3500 N., Apt. B, Twin Falls; inattentive, careless driving; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six month unsupervised probation; five days in jail, suspended; falling to use safety restraint; \$5 fine; falling to provide proof of insurance; dismissed by prosecutor; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Troy A. Gull, 29, 66 S. 225 E., Shoshone; open container; \$300 fine, \$250 suspended, \$63.50 court costs, \$35 probation fee, six months unsupervised probation; 20 days in jail, suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Abel Ornelas-Heredia, 33, 944 N. Eisenhower St., Jerome; driving under the influence; 180-day driver's license suspension; \$750 fine, \$550 suspended, \$78.50 court costs, 12 months supervised probation; 180 days in jail, 178 suspended; Magistrate Judge Thomas H. Borresen.

Child support cases

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Daniel T. Grant. Seeking \$300 per month child support plus 77 percent of children's medical expenses for Isiah D. Grant and Joshua Grant; attorney fees of \$363.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Gilbert Tacez. Seeking \$9,046 for support for a prior period; \$287 per month plus 50 percent of all medical expenses for Nicolas R. Tacez; attorney fees of \$363.

State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare vs. Matthew Ryan Hatley. Seeking determination that defendant is the father of Cayden Jaxon Grammer; \$325 for medical assistance granted; \$226 monthly support plus 64 percent of child's medical expenses; attorney fees of \$330.



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Dutch government falls over massacre report

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The Dutch government collapsed Tuesday under pressure of a report that blamed political leaders in part for failing to prevent the Serb massacre of Muslims during the 1995 fall of the Bosnian town of Srebrenica.

The resignation was announced by Prime Minister Wim Kok, who also headed the government in 1995, when Bosnian Serb forces stormed past outgunned Dutch

peacekeepers and overran the U.N.-declared "safe zone," killing some 7,500 Muslims.

The government-commissioned report, which took nearly six years to research, harshly criticized the government for sending Dutch soldiers into a danger zone without a proper mandate or the weapons needed to defend about 30,000 refugees who had fled to the Dutch base seeking protection.

The Dutch military was in charge of peacekeeping operations in the region when Serb forces attacked Srebrenica, driving out or killing its Muslim residents, in a week of bloodshed at the end of 1992-1995 Bosnian war.

After the report's release April 10 by the Netherlands Institute for War Documentation, Kok said the government would accept responsibility for its failure to protect the enclave.



A military truck drives Monday toward an entrance to Ketzioz Military Prison in the desert near Israel's border with Egypt. The camp holds some of the thousands of Palestinians rounded up during the recent military operation.

Israelis reopen infamous camp

KETZIOZ, Israel (AP) — Israel reopened a sprawling desert detention camp this week to hold some of the thousands of Palestinians it has rounded up during its 19-day West Bank sweep, an Israeli military official said Tuesday.

The confirmation came after Associated Press reporters saw resumed activity at the Ketzioz camp in the southern Negev Desert. Towering spotlights beamed down on the site and soldiers stood in guard towers. Civilian and military trucks entered and left and bright new Israeli flags and corps banners of

the military police hung limply in the baking desert air.

The Ketzioz camp held thousands of Palestinians during the first Palestinian uprising, from 1987-93. At the time, prisoners were held 26 to a tent, exposed to scorching heat in the summer and bone-chilling cold in the winter. It was closed in 1996.

The army declined comment on the camp's reopening.

In its current 19-day-old military offensive, Israel has detained 4,258 Palestinians, including suspected leaders of the Palestinian uprising, the army said.

The army said 387 of the thousands detained this month were previously known terror suspects. Suspicions against others emerged during interrogation and altogether about 1,200 men would be kept in custody, Israeli security sources said. The army has started releasing the others, said the Israeli military official who confirmed the camp's reopening, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The latest top Palestinian to be detained was Marwan Barghouti, the top-ranking grass-roots activist in Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement.

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Venezuelan president meets with OAS chief

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez, working to rebuild his authority after a failed coup, met Tuesday with the head of the Organization of American States, who called for reconciliation between Venezuela's bitter rivals.

OPEC Secretary-General Ali Rodriguez also entered Chavez's presidential palace. Markets have seen Chavez's return two days ago after a tumultuous week as a sign Venezuela would continue its policy of restricting production and thus keep oil prices high.

OAS Secretary-General Cesar Gaviria said after his talks with Chavez that Venezuelans must find a way for "dissent to be

expressed constitutionally."

The OAS condemned the military's removal of the democratically elected Chavez on Friday. Two days later, the coup leaders were themselves overthrown and put in detention.

Chavez, normally known for his caustic criticism of his rivals, has repeatedly called for reconciliation since returning to power and promised a series of meetings with political foes this week.

During his three years in power, Chavez has enjoyed strong support among the nation's poor, but in recent months large sectors of society grew alienated with his strong-arm drive to bring a "revolution" to the country.

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Germany tries terror suspects

FRANKFURT, Germany — Five Algerian men charged with plotting to blow up a French holiday market went on trial Tuesday, and one of them — calling out "My God is my defender" — was led away before proceedings could begin.

World in brief

Germany before the explosion, said Frauke Scheuten, a spokeswoman for federal prosecutors.

Pakistan leader says he'll remain as army chief

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said Tuesday that he will remain in his position as head of the armed forces, despite his resignation vote this month to extend his presidency for five years.

"I will continue to be the army chief," Musharraf, dressed in military fatigues, told a nationally televised news conference.

Musharraf refused to discuss what he would do if he loses an April 30 referendum in which Pakistanis will be asked whether they want him to remain in power after parliamentary elections in the fall.

Musharraf who seized power in a bloodless coup in October 1999.

New book claims Canadian hero lied about his record

OTTAWA — One of Canada's greatest war heroes lied about his record and made up the story of an air raid that won him the Victoria Cross, according to a new book.

Billy Bishop, a World War I pilot, is credited with 72 air victories, a record among the Commonwealth nations of former British territories.

In his book out in June — "The Making of Billy Bishop" — Canadian historian Breerton Greenhouse called Bishop "very brave." But Greenhouse said the need for a Commonwealth hero to match the exploits of Germany's "Red Baron" — Manfred von Richthofen — caused Bishop's superiors to exaggerate his air victories.

Police question man in explosion at synagogue

BERLIN — German police questioned and then freed a man on suspicion of acting as a contact in the explosion of a truck at a synagogue in Tunisia that killed 15 people, including 10 Germans, prosecutors said Tuesday.

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The railroad's final frontier - space

The international space station's new railcar made a test-run Monday on the first-ever railroad in space. The car will be used to ferry the robotic arm and other cargo from one end of the station to the other. The first section of track was delivered last week by the shuttle Atlantis.

The robotic arm is nearly 80 feet long and has seven motorized joints. It is used for assembly and maintenance of the station's components.

The two-pronged robotic hand can operate delicate assembly tasks that previously required astronauts.

The mobile base attaches to the railcar.

Mobile transporter
The railcar travels at a top speed of one inch per second. It is attached by wheels above and below the rails.

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The rail
The completed rail line will stretch more than 100 yards and have 10 stops along the way where the car is immobilized.



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Astronauts finish construction girder

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - NASA's most experienced spacewalker and his rookie partner wrapped up work on the international space station's new 44-foot girder Tuesday and hung powerful floodlights outside the orbiting outpost.

It was the fourth and final spacewalk for the visiting astronauts of space shuttle Atlantis, who are due to leave today.

"Sure beats the dollar an hour I used to get for baling hay," said Jerry Ross, an Indiana farmboy making his ninth spacewalk.

Ross and Lee Morin ventured out for the second time in four days. As they worked 240 miles up, Morin jokingly asked Ross whether they should be paid for four days, considering they were going to be experiencing four sunrises during their six hours outside. "We couldn't pay them enough money for what we're getting to do," Ross replied.

Ross is flying for the seventh time in space, a world record, and may not get an eighth because of all the other astronauts in line. His nine spacewalks, totaling 58 hours, are a U.S. record.

The 54-year-old retired Air Force colonel savored the sights as he toiled outside, including a thunderstorm over the Pacific, the moon over the Atlantic and the space station he started building in 1998 on the first assembly mission.

"This is what I call a room with a view," he said. As the 6.5-hour spacewalk came to an end, Ross received warm congratulations from his crewmates.

"Colonel Jerry Ross, on behalf of your nine crew members up here and the whole team on the ground and every little boy or girl that has ever wanted to spacewalk or ever worked on spacewalking suits or tools or procedures, congratulations on your record-setting ninth spacewalk. Great job. Great inspiration," said shuttle astronaut Steven Smith, in second place at NASA with seven spacewalks.

Replied Ross: "It's an honor to serve the country this way." Ross and Morin - nicknamed the Silver Team by their crewmates because they are both grandfathers - installed a pair of 40-watt halogen lights on the space station.

The spacewalkers attached a 14-foot guide rail and smaller handholds to the girder and put shock absorbers on the railcar that rides a track on the beam. They also set up a radiation monitor outside the space station as well as a gas-sniffing gauge to detect any ammonia coolant leaks.

The framework will extend more than 350 feet by 2004 as more girders are added to the one delivered last week by Atlantis.

Ex-Idaho teacher. She'll carry on McAuliffe's dream

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Barbara Morgan, the astronaut and former Idaho teacher tapped to fly in space in 2004, said Tuesday she will be carrying on Christa McAuliffe's mission and dream.

Morgan was McAuliffe's backup for NASA's 1986 Challenger mission that ended tragically 73 seconds after liftoff.

"It's not that I'll be fulfilling Christa's mission, but helping carry it on," Morgan told reporters before heading over to Mission Control to help coordinate the spacewalk outside the international space station. "Every year you have a new group of students. You have a new generation coming. So there's no end point to education, just like there's no end point to the universe and the kinds of things that NASA is doing to

explore that universe." NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe announced Friday that Morgan will fly to the international space station sometime in 2004, after the preliminary version of the outpost is completed.

Morgan, 50, a former third-grade teacher in McCall, said she does not know whether she will be assigned to a short space shuttle flight or a much longer space station mission.

By then, 19 years will have passed from the time Morgan and McAuliffe were selected for NASA's teacher-in-space program. Back then, the space agency required just months of training for the two teachers. Now, Morgan and future space educators are required to go through full-fledged astronaut training that lasts one to two

Movie gives viewers ride to and inside space station

WASHINGTON (AP) - Millions of Earthbound viewers will soon get a chance to experience life in the international space station up close and personal.

They will ride on the station's long loading arm during a space walk, drift frighteningly free in space testing an individual propulsion pack and dodge pieces of fruit during a playful meal inside the station.

And they will do it without leaving the safety of a theater - though at points in the new giant screen Imax movie "Space Station 3D" it's hard to believe you aren't actually in space.

The filmmakers built special 3-D cameras, trained seven crews of astronauts and cosmonauts to use them, and sent them into space to make the film.

The combination of the massive Imax screen and three-dimension

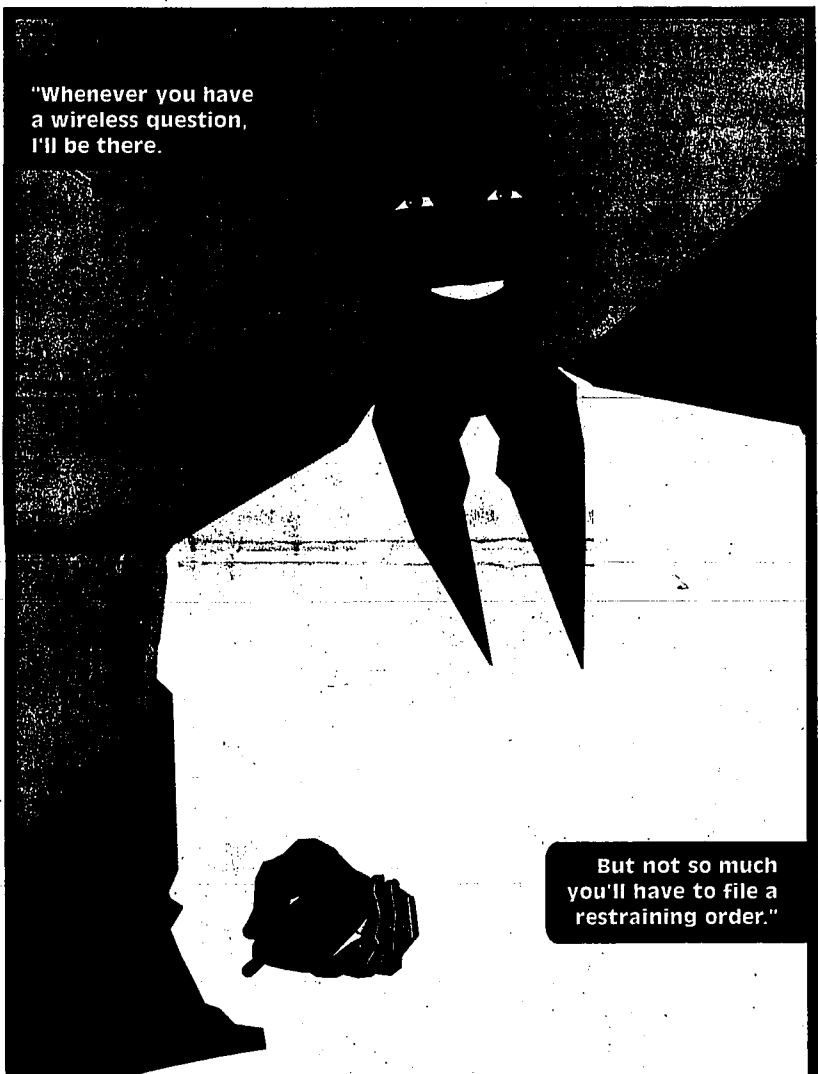
projection put the result right in the viewer's face, with many in the audience ducking as objects float by.

"There were some parts of it that gave me goose bumps," said retired astronaut Brian Duffy.

"It does take you right back to being in space," added astronaut William M. Shepherd.

The film's premiere is Wednesday at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

It opens at 24 more theaters in the United States on Friday and is scheduled in more than 100 in 14 countries. The theater itself seems to shake from the massive power of launches from the Kennedy Space Center and Russia's rocket center in Kazakhstan. Flying debris sails toward the viewer, cracking a protective cover on the camera at Russia's launch.



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NYC gets a new daily newspaper

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sun rose again in the city on Tuesday.

The newspaper, a broadsheet, hit the streets with an initial press run of 75,000, becoming the latest New York City-based daily in the nation's most competitive newspaper market.

Its debut front page featured new articles, including pieces on a court battle over New York wine sales, Mayor Michael Bloomberg's welfare reform position and an Associated Press story about the discovery of an ant colony stretching from Italy to Spain.

"We've felt an enormous sense of good will from an extraordinarily diverse segment of New York," editor and publisher Seth Lipsky said.

Staffers in the paper's Tribeca offices sipped champagne and Lipsky said he had just fielded a congratulatory phone call from Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y.

"I invited her to dinner with the editors of the Sun," he said. "She promptly accepted."



The New York Sun, a newly-launched newspaper with an initial press run of about 75,000, is sold on the first day of publication on a corner near New York's Grand Central Terminal Tuesday.

The Sun adopted the name of a paper that began publishing in September 1833 and went out of business in January 1950.

The original New York Sun was perhaps best known for its "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus" editorial — its response to an 1897 letter from an 8-

year-old girl asking if Santa was real.

An introductory editorial explained the revival of the newspaper: "We have waited the longest time to pick up the flag of the Sun because it reminds us more than that of any other newspaper of the importance of guiding principle. For more than a century, the Sun stood for constitutional government, equality under the law, free enterprise, and the American idea."

The New York Times and the tabloid Daily News and New York Post were the only 21st century survivors out of more than a dozen New York dailies from the 1900s—New York Newsday, launched in 1958, folded a decade later after losing more than \$100 million. The Long Island-based paper continues to publish a New York City edition.

The launch comes at a time of increased circulation reported by the city's dailies since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Industrial production rises, but so do oil prices, inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy chugged ahead on the comeback trail with production by U.S. factories posting the biggest gain in nearly two years. But inflation crept higher, reflecting a worrisome spurt in oil prices, a potential pothole for the recovery.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities jumped 0.7 percent in March, after a solid 0.3 percent gain — a sign that the turnaround in the manufacturing sector is gaining momentum. It marked the third straight monthly increase.

That's good news for the national economy and for America's manufacturers, which saw hundreds of thousands of jobs evaporate during the recession.

Though the budding economic revival isn't causing a run-up in consumer prices, soaring oil costs are a concern. A dramatic increase could slow or derail the recovery.

Oil prices: That's the great wild card. David Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, a closely watched inflation gauge, rose 0.5 percent in March, following a 0.2 percent advance. Virtually all of the pickup came from energy prices, which shot up 3.8 percent, the biggest increase in 10 months.

Tensions in the Middle East were a key force behind the increase. Oil prices retreated last week, only to flare again this week, stoked by uncertainties in Venezuela, the world's fourth-largest oil exporter.

President Bush, who wants to take credit for steering the country out of its first recession in a decade, is keeping close tabs on

the situation.

On Wall Street, better-than-expected earnings from General Motors and Texas Instruments renewed investors' faith in the economic turnaround and sent stocks surging. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 207.65 points at 10,301.32. It was the Dow's biggest one-day point gain since March 4.

While many economists are hopeful energy prices will moderate, they acknowledge that soaring energy costs are a potential Achilles heel for the economic recovery.

Economists said the odds are growing that the Federal Reserve may leave short-term interest rates — now at 40-year lows — unchanged into the summer.

"In general, higher oil prices are a bad thing for the economy. They represent a very real cost to the U.S. that feeds through the whole economy," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock.

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Saving

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... said Marilyn Cherne, a fifth-grade teacher at Garfield who coordinates the school's banking program.

Cherne's challenge is to introduce savings and money concepts. She's been directing Garfield's Bank at School program for four years.

The program got its start in the mid-1990s when Bob Holden, then Missouri treasurer and now governor, urged bankers to work with neighboring schools and children to teach the importance of saving.

Garfield was a logical partner for Central Bank, a small community bank that has an office a few blocks from the school.

Bank at School starts in the fall. Fifth-graders signing up get their own passbook savings account at Central Bank. Tellers come to Garfield each month to collect the youngsters' savings and update the passbooks. The students stand in line to "deposit" their money.

The bank also provides worksheets and other materials that teach bank terminology, the

importance of long-term planning and the notion of paying yourself first when you get a paycheck. In late May, the students will tour the bank and see everything from the vault to the loan offices.

Since the program's inception at Garfield in 1996, the bank said, children have opened 263 accounts, with total deposits of more than \$98,000.

That's an average balance of about \$375 per account.

"Every year we probably have at least five kids who have saved \$100 or more," Cherne said.

Garfield students have learned that developing good savings habits takes dedication and hard work. Asked whether they now think differently about money and how they use it, several pupils said they no longer felt urged to spend all their pocket money on candy and other things. "We've improved!" said Fozzi Rashid, 10.

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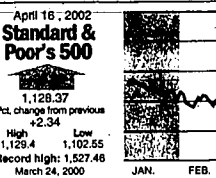
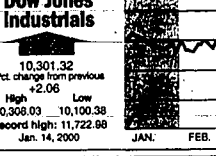
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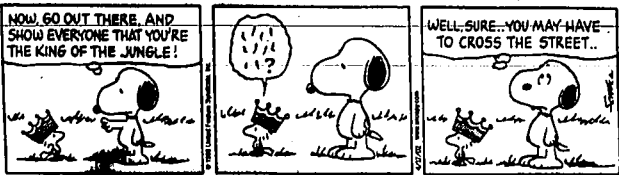
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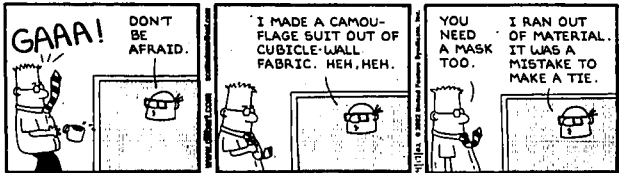
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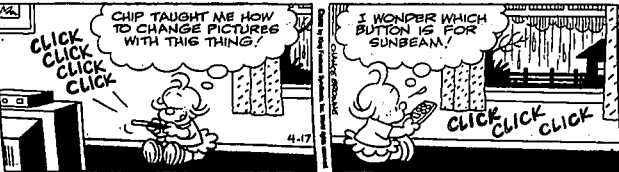
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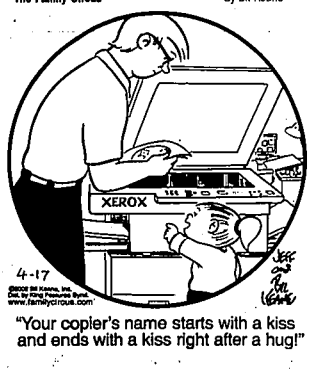
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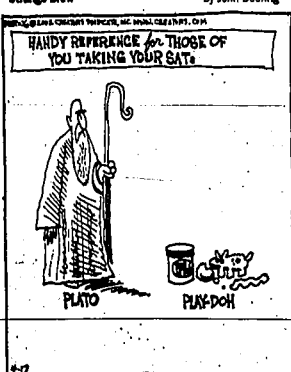
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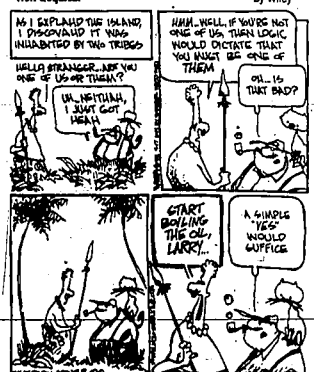
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Victory gardens make a comeback



Sept. 11 attack renews popularity of self-reliant gardening

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

"Eat what you can, and can what you can't eat."

It's a World War II saying that may be regaining popularity, against the backdrop of the war against terrorism.

World War II posters helped mobilize a nation and encouraged citizens to participate in the war effort in every possible way — growing, conserving, saving, producing. Out of this came the birth of the victory garden.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, there is a move to return to that. Maybe not on the same scale. But it sure looks like more people are gardening this year.

"It does seem that people are more interested in gardening as a family and staying closer to home," said JoAnn Robbins, Jerome County Extension Agent.

Robbins said the first Y2K, when people were unsure whether computer systems would function in the year 2000, and then Sept. 11 have re-enforced the notion that there may not always be fresh food in local grocery stores. Robbins has seen an increase in interest in local produce through both farmer's markets and you-pick fields.

Sterling Crothers, of Moss Greenhouses in Jerome, said despite the weather, he has seen more people than usual purchasing garden plans this year.

"They sure are wanting to get a start on the season," he said.

Crothers, who was a teen-ager during World War II and whose family had a huge garden on the farm where they lived, said he could see how transportation could shut down, leaving the area with only the produce that it grows.

"That's just one of my old folks' thoughts," he said. "I think people are thinking more about growing their own — with the times."

Whether the trend signifies a return of the victory gardens of World War II or just more interest in gardening as a hobby, people are definitely planting. Many may be first-timers who need some tips.

Robbins suggests starting small, and with plants that are easy to grow. Potatoes are good since they can be stored through the winter. Zucchini, beans and sweet corn can all be canned or frozen. Early-season lettuce and tomatoes also are easy to grow.

Crothers suggested buying most bedding plants at the local nursery, "so you don't get discouraged. It will improve your success rate."

He also suggested sticking with plants that grow well in the area, like tomatoes, peppers, cabbage and vine crops like pumpkins and zucchini. Make sure all the vegetables are short-season crops, though.

And don't be scared off by the amount of work that goes into a garden. It doesn't have to be time-intensive.

"Don't get too large," Crothers said. "You'll spread yourself too thin."

Raised beds allow gardeners to grow a lot in a small space, he said. The beds are usually 4 or 5 feet wide, "so it can be reached from two sides without having a row in between them." The garden can be raised only 4 to 6 inches off the ground, using bricks or wood to frame it, or it can be as tall as 18 inches. Crothers said this technique is easier on the back, especially for senior citizens, but is also a nice height for kids.

If that sounds like too much hassle, container gardening is an even easier way to go, and the only way for those who live in

apartments, Robbins said.

"It's also a good way to get kids started," she added.

Herbs are a great plant for containers, Crothers said. Set the pot outside the front door so it's handy to snip a little off to add to the roast for dinner.

"Anything can be grown in a container — pepper, tomatoes, even cabbage," said Dave Wright, president of Kimberly Nurseries and Landscaping Service. Make sure to choose a sunny location.

And then there are edible landscapes, Robbins said: "A row of lettuce in front of your pansies would be very pretty. Beans are also very pretty until late in the season."

Crothers has seen artichokes planted among flowers to add texture to the landscaping.

Robbins said southern-idaho soil is usually fertile as long as compost is added and it has good rotation. But if there is a concern, call the extension office or take a soil sample in.

Wright added that lots of manure or compost helps the pumpkin patch the nursery grows every year. Then, at the end of the season, he discs all the vines and any leftover pumpkins right into the soil, because it's better for the soil if you do this in the fall.

Crothers also stressed the importance of mulching.

"It makes it easier to plant into, and it controls the weeds," he said.

As Crothers spoke about gardening, he was reminded of the sign he placed in the vegetable section of Moss Greenhouses. "A garden is the best alternative therapy," it reads.

"It's very therapeutic and satisfying," Crothers said.



Top, avid gardener Larry Berg moves his young tomato plants from the greenhouse to the outdoors to 'toughen them up' and get them ready for planting. Berg plants more than 10 varieties every year. Above, tomatoes, apricots, asparagus, pickles and beans are only a few Berg's home grown fruits and vegetables that he cans each year.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Americans spend \$400M a year on designer soils

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

As consumers flock to garden centers this spring, they will find an enticing array of brightly colored, prominently displayed packages of ... dirt.

Shelling out \$4 or so for a bag of soil might seem lunatic, but in this age of bottled water and boutique coffees, the green industry is counting on dirt becoming the next product fad. Designer dirt, that is.

The hunch seems to be paying off. The largest player in this field, the Scott's Co. of Marysville, Ohio, reports a vigorous consumer response to its national brands of potting mixes, garden soil mixes and mixes to repair lawns. Other companies have added their own product lines to this lucrative market, including Purcell Industries, which sells the Sta-Green brand; Premier Horticulture, with Pro-Mix; and Schultz Co., with products bearing its name.

Previously, homeowners made up these soil concoctions themselves, often using inexpensive bags of topsoil or compost. The transformation from dirt as a commodity to dirt as a premium brand product has created a virtually new market of approximately \$400 million a year, said Keith Baeder, Scott's vice president for growing media.

The first products in the boutique dirt arena were potting mixes, used for house plants, plants in pots and containers, hanging baskets, window boxes and seed-starting trays.

Then came boutique garden soils, used for in-ground plantings of annuals, vegetables,

Dirty words

- Garden soil:** topsoil conditioned with an organic amendment such as peat moss or compost.
- Humus or peat humus:** fully composted organic matter, sold in 40-pound bags.
- Manure:** composted animal waste.
- Pellets:** granules of volcanic rock used as an inert soil lightener.
- Potting mix:** a basic concoction of sphagnum peat moss (50 percent) and inert soil lighteners, such as perlite (25 percent) and vermiculite (25 percent), along with fertilizers as desired.
- Sphagnum peat moss:** organic but soil-less growing medium taken from peat bogs. Often sold in compressed bales.
- Topsoil:** loamy soil used in garden soil or for filling depressions in the lawn.
- Vermiculite:** a silica mineral used to lighten soil and retain moisture.



Homemade potting mix

- 1 half-bushel sphagnum peat moss
 - 1 quarter-bushel vermiculite
 - 1 quarter-bushel perlite
 - 2 tablespoons ground dolomitic lime
 - 2 tablespoons superphosphate (20 percent powdered)
 - 3 tablespoons 10-10-10 fertilizer
 - 1 tablespoon iron sulfate
 - 1 tablespoon potassium nitrate
- Mix well in a wheelbarrow. Makes one bushel, sufficient to fill three 18-inch pots.

Source: Cornell University/Virginia Tech

At garden centers, gardeners are finding an array of brightly colored packages of ... dirt. Designer dirt for a gardener's every need: Left, Scott's Miracle-Gro Garden Soil; flowers and vegetables, and roses; Miracle-Gro Potting Mix; Above, Purcell's Sta-Green sphagnum peat moss and Smart Soil potting mix.



perennials and other ornamentals.

The convenience and marketing comes at a price: A cubic-foot bag of Miracle-Gro Potting Mix sells for \$3.27, compared with less than a dollar for a 40-pound bag of plain topsoil and approximately \$1.70 for a 40-pound bag of compost, the products gardeners used to scoop into their pots.

Gardeners can make their own soil concoctions just as professional greenhouse horticulturists have for years, but the new branded mixes do serve a need

for weekend gardeners who put a premium on time and who need small quantities, said Diane Relf, professor of horticulture at Virginia Tech.

Horticulturists say that to survive and flourish in the constricted environment of the pot, plants need a growing medium that is open and free-draining but able to hold moisture like a sponge. Unimproved dirt from the garden - or plain topsoil from a bag - would be devoid of nutrients, full of bugs and too compacted for root growth and moisture regulation.

Similarly, old potting soil loses

its beneficial structure, accumulates a buildup of fertilizer salts and could be harboring disease, so pots should be refreshed annually with new soil. (The discarded soil is useful on garden beds or compost piles, however.)

The name-brand versions typically contain sphagnum peat moss, compost or mulch, a natural soil lightener called perlite, plus slow-release fertilizers.

The consumer can buy these products separately and blend a homemade soil mix, though Baeder noted that the branded items contain a wetting agent that overcomes the natural tendency of sphagnum moss to repel moisture. In addition, he said, the ingredients and their ratios have been scientifically studied to create high-performing mixes.

Specialty versions from Scott's include mixes for seed starting, African violets, succulents and one called Moisture Control, which has a coconut byproduct called coir to hold water longer.

Gardeners donate rows of vegetables to those in need

By Ed Hutchison
The Associated Press

Sometime late this fall, the last tomato will be picked and the last potato dug and another harvest will be complete for an innovative gardening outreach effort that is expected to provide more than one million pounds of fresh produce to food banks and soup kitchens across North America.

"Plant a Row for the Hungry" sprouted in Alaska seven years ago when garden writer Jeff Lowenfeld asked local gardeners to expand their vegetable garden that season by adding one more row to their vegetable gardens and from that row, to donate the harvest to an Anchorage soup kitchen. Corporate and community sponsors such as HGTV, The Scott's Company, Wal-Mart, Fafard Inc., Master Gardeners and others stepped forward to offer support. In five years, the

harvest grew from a few hundred pounds in Anchorage to a collective harvest of one million pounds.

"The need is here and now," said Jacqueline Heriteau, of Plant a Row (PAR). "A major food bank we work closely with estimates their donations are down 40 percent. Requests for emergency food are up 5 to 50 percent."

Heriteau said about 750 growing locations participate in 48 states and several provinces in Canada. A growing location is defined as one individual, a garden club with many members, a church group with hundreds of members and so on. PAR growing locations are absent in North Dakota and South Dakota.

Often, gardeners already working an established garden, big or small, grow the produce. Sometimes the PAR program inspires groups to plant where

only grass had been before. In Peoria County, Ill., a group of Master Gardeners took over a 40-by-50-foot lawn at a nearby church and the harvest was about 1,170 pounds of beans, squash, cabbage, potatoes, peppers, okra and tomatoes. The Master Gardener organization is a nationwide educational and outreach effort typically led by county extension offices affiliated with land-grant universities in most states.

The corporate sponsors are

lending lots of support this year, said Heriteau, citing the planned distribution of leaflets about gardening and PAR in 2,700 Wal-Mart stores.

In the Magic Valley, produce is donated to the Salvation Army and to St. Edward's Soup Kitchen. Individuals harvest food all summer long and bring it in as it ripens.

More information: Plant a Row for the Hungry, 5281 Holly Springs Drive, Douglasville, Ga. 30135, or http://www.gvaaa.org.

Garden Club of Virginia stages its annual home tour

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. - The Garden Club of Virginia stages its 69th season of tours of grand houses and great gardens during Garden Week in Virginia, Saturday through April 27. Affiliated garden clubs throughout the state are involved in about three dozen events, which open historic estates, many of them privately owned, for a once-a-year treat for garden and historic-house buffs. Proceeds from the tours go toward restoring historic grounds

and gardens in Virginia. Among the highlights this year are the 1730s Sabine Hall in Richmond County, still owned by descendants of its builder, Landon Carter, and Eyre Hall, between Cheriton and Eastville, built by Landon Eyre between 1735 and 1760 and now owned by an 11th-generation descendant. A guidebook for tours is available for a \$5 donation to Historic Garden Week in Virginia, 12 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, Va. 23219.

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Raised soil beds can solve numerous garden troubles

By Ed Hutchison
The Associated Press

The term "native soil" sounds friendly enough, conjuring up images of rich, crumbly dark brown soil - soil in the garden and lawn that is fertile, rich in nutrients, quick to drain and enables plants and grass to grow beautifully and effortlessly.

Native soil may be anything but friendly. It may be heavy with clay or light with sand. The pH may be out of kilter. It may be compacted because of earthwork done recently or years ago. Native soil refers to the soil we have in our yard even though technically there may not be too much native about it because of how the neighborhood was developed or the land tilled.

One way gardeners cope with less than ideal native soil is by stepping above it - literally - creating raised beds of soil 6 to 15 inches deep and of a soil type that is much better suited to robust plant growth than the native soil. It is not a new technique but one that could be used more frequently as a solution to having a great garden on top of soil that is otherwise, in a word, crummy.

Other than being plant-friendly, a raised bed has at least two distinct advantages. One is that it is easier to maintain plants, since they are at a higher working height. Even eight inches makes a difference when it comes to stooping or bending over. Another advantage is that a raised bed is a defined area within the landscape. It is a garden with a picture frame surrounding it, rather than a garden on the same plane as the rest of the property.

But the big reason for a raised bed is to grow nicer plants, be they annual flowers and vegetables, more permanent perennials or long-lived trees and shrubs.

• Do you need to create a raised bed? If plants in your existing garden are doing poorly, then consider a raised bed. Often soil is at a higher working height. Even eight inches makes a difference when it comes to stooping or bending over. Another advantage is that a raised bed is a defined area within the landscape. It is a garden with a picture frame surrounding it, rather than a garden on the same plane as the rest of the property.

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• Fixing the soil. Depending on what your judgment or soil tests show, amending the soil is not complex but it can be hard work. Typically, creating a raised bed requires bringing in several - or many - yards of topsoil to create the elevation, or bringing the soil from elsewhere on your property. If you bring in a lot of soil, it's a good idea to have that tested, too. Do explain to the excavator or whoever your source of soil what it is going to be used for. Adding soil volume by purchasing bagged potting soil is expensive and typically these products tend to be heavy in composition and may require you to compensate for that. Better to work with an experienced excavator or nursery to truck in the soil you need to get the height of the raised bed you are after.

• Raw materials. Beyond bring-

ing in new soil, you'll need organic materials to add friendly texture to the soil. A number of materials, some free, are available for this task. Homemade or store-bought compost, sphagnum peat moss, rotted manure and similar earthy materials work well. A word about peat moss: Choose sphagnum peat moss over so-called Michigan peat, as the sphagnum product will last longer in the soil because its fibers are stronger and it is not as decomposable as the rich, dark brown moist Michigan peat. Sphagnum peat is typically sold dry, packaged tight in bales. If the raised bed is devoted to annual flowers and vegetables and you can work it each fall or spring, till in fallen leaves. This is a great way to dispose of the leaves and improve the soil at the same time. This can be done on an annual basis without fear of adding too much. Leaves will decompose quickly, but the soil temperature must be 50 degrees or warmer and these are conditions often seen in early autumn or late spring. If you add a lot of leaves in late fall, be prepared to be seeing them pretty much as they were when spring rolls around.

• Define the bed. The bed can be surrounded with treated lumber, especially if the elevation change is more than a few inches. Cheaper and easier is to create a sharp edge cut with a shovel between the existing terrain and the new bed. This is more than cosmetic, as the edge keeps weeds from creeping in and allows rainfall to gather and soak

into the soil more evenly than had the edge been defined by an artificial barrier like wood edging. Edging a raised bed with plastic edging is seldom practical because the bed is probably several inches higher or deeper than the edging.

• Watering. Water from rainfall or irrigation should drain quickly through the raised bed. Keep in mind that no matter how perfect the un-native soil, you have created a growing area that needs to be monitored for quick drainage run-off, moisture puddling and so on. Just as with a bed even with the surrounding ground, it is far better to irrigate using a soaker hose or drip irrigation. Doing so conserves water, reduces splash and that in turn reduces the chance that disease spores will be splashed about because of overhead watering.

Modern flower threatens daffodil

By Sue Leoman
The Associated Press

LONDON - Something is amiss among the "host of golden daffodils" that still dances on the English hills where William Wordsworth loved to wander.

A number of tougher, taller modern hybrids have crept in among the delicate wild blooms immortalized by the poet. And conservationists say they could wipe out the wild variety.

"If we do not move the common variety soon, they will take over," said Ken Ratcliffe, a senior warden for the National Trust.

"The wild ones will become larger and turn into the more common variety."

Trust staff noticed that some of the blooms that grow wild around Glencoyne Bay on the shores of Ullswater are bigger and less delicate than they should be, indicating they may already have cross-pollinated with the interlopers, believed to

be King Alfred or Golden Harvest.

Gardeners believe they were planted in adjoining woodland by someone with a taste for golden carpets of spring flowers and have found about 200 of the interlopers.

"At first, we thought the wild ones were getting larger simply because they were in better soil or taking in more sun," Ratcliffe said.

But the Daffodil Society advised that the wild flowers had been affected by the modern hybrids.

Conservationists say the common daffodils grow much more vigorously and if left unchecked could soon wipe out the wild variety. Daffodil Society president Jan Dalton said the only

way to save the wild flowers "is to remove the introduced bulbs."

The National Trust now plans to dig up all the offending tubers - and any wild deviants - and move them to Penrith, 20 miles to the south.

Beloved Wordsworth's Narcissus pseudo-narcissus flowers reach a height of about 6 inches and are thought to have been introduced into Britain in Roman times.

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Wordsworth waxed lyrical about the bobbing yellow blooms in his 1816 poem, "Daffodils," which begins with famous line "I wander'd lonely as a cloud."

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It's Bedtime

By Kathy Scott

Bedding plants are used to fill in the spaces around taller plants, flowerbeds and perennials. They give your yard, garden and even flower pots splashes of color and texture. Most bedding plants are annuals that only last a season. They come in a variety of flowers and green plants that allow you to choose your colors according to the plant, or plants, that will be the main focus of your area.

Since there are so many bedding plants from which to choose it's a good idea to plan ahead, choose carefully and keep some sort of record as to what worked and what you liked. You might also want to draw a diagram showing where and when you planted each plant and put that with the other information.

As tempted as you might be as you start shopping for the colorful, small plants, don't buy the plants that are already blooming. Choose the ones that have yet to sprout any blooms. If you can't resist and want to buy them, blooms and all, to make sure they will look like you had envisioned, pinch off the blooms and buds when you plant them.

In addition to the color, you should also make sure the plants that you buy have healthy

green leaves, stems with several tiny branches and moist soil that is not pulling away from the edges of the peat pot. The plants should also be free of insects, weeds, and algae.

Some bedding plants you might consider are:

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You'll want to start planting bedding plants as soon as possible. After all, you want to provide plenty of time for them to grow and spread.

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Take a break under a shady trellis

California Redwood Association

Many people enjoy being outdoors but don't care for the glare of direct sunlight. The solution is a redwood shelter. A trellis can also add a new dimension to your landscaping by defining outdoor areas, protecting shade-loving plants and providing support for decorative climbing vines. And the addition of a sturdy shelter will add value to your home and cut energy costs by screening windows and sliding or French doors from sun.

Building a shade shelter is not difficult, but careful planning is essential. Before beginning, check local building codes to find out if a permit is required. A shade structure of 400 square feet or less usually does not need permission from authorities, but a drawing may have to be submitted for review.

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Left, elements of this multi-level deck include a bubbling spa, privacy screen and overhead shade shelter. Above, an inviting trellis tops this deck. The shelter and railings are coated with a heavy-bodied white stain to add a crisp finished look. Bottom, an outdoor dining alcove was created on a spacious deck by adding a shady redwood trellis.

Redwood can be left unfinished. Left alone, it will eventually weather to a pleasing driftwood gray. Some do-it-yourselfers and builders apply a water-repellent finish containing mildewcide and UV screening.

For plans to help you build your own shade shelter, send \$1 to California Redwood Association, Department WSS-01, 405 Enfronte Drive, Suite 200, Novato, Calif. 94949. Plans and other information are available at www.calredwood.org.



and the infill, which spans the spaces between the beams to provide shade. An attached structure is one of the most popular styles because it has the advantage of being strongly supported by the house and, therefore, requires fewer support posts.

The durable knot-textured grades of redwood are a popular choice for trellises. The use of proper nails and fasteners is essential for professional appearance and long-lasting performance of your projects. The California Redwood Association recommends aluminum alloy, stainless steel or top quality hot-dipped galvanized hardware for all outdoor applications.

Before you begin construction, consider location and design. If your shelter is to be located on the south side of the house, shading should be almost totally overhead because this area will probably be sunny most of the day. For a western exposure with low, late-afternoon sun, it may be necessary to incorporate trellis or lath on the sides of the structure to block the sun.

There are many styles to consider. It can be simple or complex, based on need and carpentry skills. Every shelter is made up of three basic elements: the foundation, the superstructure consisting of columns and beams

Web site lets you see the N.Y.C. daffodils

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

On the Web: Daffodil Watch <http://www.bbg.org/daffodil-watch/>
Lives lost on Sept. 11 are being remembered in the bloom of daffodils across New York City. More than 1 million daffodil bulbs were planted there late last fall as a memorial to those who died in the terrorist attacks. Now

that they're blooming, you can track their progress and see photos of some of them on the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Web site. The bulbs were a gift from the city of Rotterdam, Netherlands, and were planted in public spaces throughout New York's five boroughs. The creation of the living memorial was the largest volunteer "greening" effort in the city's history. The botanic garden's site is tracking daffodils that were planted in

Brooklyn with photos, daffodil-sighting information and a map that's updated twice a week. So even if you can't get to New York to see the flowers, you can share in the healing power of their beauty.

Gardeners find voice in new quote book

By Mary Beth Breckenridge
Akron Beacon Journal

Twain and renowned garden designer Gertrude Jekyll.

On the shelf: Gardeners know that playing in the dirt is more than a hobby. It's a passion and a frustration and the source of a good laugh sometimes. Charles Elliott captures that attitude through the words of writers throughout the centuries in his new book, "The Quotable Gardener." Elliott compiled quotes about the joys, the challenges and the absurdity of gardening from such diverse sources as Henry David Thoreau, William Shakespeare, Mark

"I suppose that for most people, one of the darker joys of gardening is that once you've got started, it's not at all hard to find someone who knows a little bit less than you." —Allen Lucy, "Home Ground" (1984).
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OUTDOOR LIVING

It's not easy being green: Treat your lawn well this summer

By Amie Thompson
Times-News correspondent

No wonder homeowners across the Magic Valley struggle to keep their lawns green. Many of the lawns contain grasses that would rather sleep through the hot summer on the high-plains desert.

According to Dave Kiesig, horticulture program developer and instructor at the College of Southern Idaho for more than 30 years, a number of the lawns have been planted with a mixture of bluegrass — a cool-weather plant.

"Most people do not understand that bluegrass goes dormant when it gets hot," Kiesig said. It takes more water and an extra fertilizer treatment to keep it green during the heat of the summer.

For those who are ready for a remedy, Kiesig recommends overseeding or replacing the bluegrass with a variety of rye grass.

"Rye grass doesn't have as nice or fine of a blade, but it's still fine to play on and lay on," he said.

To overseed, use a verti-cut mower to score the ground.

The ground has to be scratched or loosened up in order to receive the seed," Kiesig explained. After it is seeded, keep it moist and stay off it. Rye grass will germinate in only 10 days.

If a verti-cut lawn mower is not available, thatch the lawn, keeping in mind that Kiesig warns it's an inferior alternative because it tears up the lawn.

Rye grass will stay greener with the hot weather and will stay that way longer into the fall. The downfall: It doesn't green up



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as fast as bluegrass does in the spring.

It is possible to keep a bluegrass lawn nice and lush throughout the season. It just takes more care and water.

Kiesig offers several tips to a greener, healthy lawn, regardless of the variety of grass:

- **AERATE:** Right now is a good time to aerate the lawn. Overseeding is in the plan, wait until after the lawn has been aerated.) An aerator pulls plugs out of the ground, usually below the root system. This gives the roots a breath, makes it easier for fertilizer to get to the roots and even-

tually helps the roots grow deeper.

"You're actually helping get the roots deeper, so you won't have to mow or water as often," Kiesig said. If the lawn doesn't need as much water, the grass doesn't grow as fast.

Kiesig said he knows people in Twin Falls who water about three times a week for an hour and only have to mow every 10 days. But that doesn't mean this could work for every lawn. It depends on the soil. Homeowners must experiment to see what works for their lawns.

- **FERTILIZE:** The lawn should

be fertilized two weeks after it's aerated this spring with a general-purpose fertilizer heavy in phosphorus to help the root system. The spring fertilizer should also have sulfur in it.

"The sulfur makes nutrients that are already present in the soil available to the plants,"

Kiesig said.

Fertilize again in the fall, two weeks after the second aeration, with a well-balanced fertilizer with sulfur. For those with bluegrass lawns, a third fertilization high in nitrogen could be necessary in the heat of the summer to help green up the lawn.

- **MOW:** To help the grass beat the heat, leave it longer in the summer. Set the lawn-mower blade to cut at 1 1/2 inches in the spring and fall. In the summer, though, set it at 2 inches to slow the evaporation of water from the soil.

Kiesig recommends mowing with a mulching mower, which breaks the grass into tiny pieces. With a regular mower, bag it all but one time a month.

"Otherwise, you start building up a thatch layer, which shortens up the root system," he said.

- **WATER:** Homeowners should

lengthen the amount of time they water their lawns as the season progresses, then shorten it in the fall. As it gets hotter, Kiesig usually doubles the amount of time he waters his grass a day. Water for longer periods to help the roots grow deeper into the soil to get the water. Otherwise, roots grow close to the surface where they could be burned.

Kiesig said lawns should be watered early in the morning or early evening, right after the heat has died down. But don't water later than that, because grass rests at night and this could send the plants into shock.

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Victorian kitchen garden goes organic

By Sue Loeman
The Associated Press

AUDLEY END, England — A subtle blend in a high red brick walk holds a clue to the ingenuity built into the kitchen garden at one of Britain's great stately homes.

"See that? It's deliberate," says head gardener Mike Thurlow. "The Victorians built it that way to tan the sun — that part of the wall wars up more quickly and fruit grown against it ripens earlier."

They're still growing things the Victorian way at the kitchen garden of Audley End, a magnificent Jacobean mansion that once belonged to the aristocratic Braybrooke family. With its regimented box borders, espalier fruit trees and giant, white-framed vine house, the 10-acre garden is a picture of Victorian order and good management. But there is none of the arsenic, strychnine or lead that the Victorian gardener sometimes used against pests.

Today all the plants are grown organically, and part of the garden is a testbed for 21st century methods of non-chemical fruit production.

The Victorians used many natural methods — the agricultural industry had yet to take off — so it's been relatively easy to marry Victorian and organic methods, said Thurlow: "The Victorians believed in what we believe in — look after the soil, and your crops will be good."

All the fruit, vegetables and herbs are the varieties grown in Victorian times — the latest cultivars are from 1899 — and Victorian cultivation methods are used, including careful crop rotation.

"We garden around about the 1850s — anyone from that time

coming back now would recognize what we are doing," said Thurlow. "This is not a pastiche, it is the real thing."

First created in the 18th century, the area was originally known as Lady Portsmouth's Garden and originally incorporated an orangery. Legendary landscape architect Capability Brown sited it between the park and the home farm when he designed Audley End's gardens in the 1760s. The garden came to real prominence in early Victorian times, when every stately home had a walled kitchen garden that provided produce throughout the year.

After World War II, Audley End House was sold to the Ministry of Works, predecessor of the conservation group English Heritage. In the 1990s, English Heritage restored the garden with the help of the Henry Doubleday Research Association, an organic group. The garden reopened to the public in 1999.

The early 19th century vine-house — at 170 feet (57 meters) one of the longest in Britain — had been removed and had to be rebuilt, frame by frame. Apart from the vines, some of which are believed to be nearly 200 years old, it now grows aubergines, tomatoes, peppers and ornamental plants. In Victorian times, a cleverly designed boiler circulated warm water through the vine-house without the use of electricity or fancy valves; today, in a small concession to modernity, there are electric heaters.

In keeping with the original Victorian layout, gravel paths have been laid out and edged with more than 2 miles (3.2 kms) of box plants. Espalier fruit trees — trained to grow on wire frames against walls — line the vegetable and cut flower beds: The rebuilt

orchard house, a large greenhouse, is awash with figs, peaches, cherries, peaches and pears and some vegetables.

Along one side grow varieties from the HRA's seed library of Victorian varieties — many of which face extinction — with exotic names like "Pear Josephine de Malines 1830" and "Plum Cool Golden Drop 1790." In all, the garden has 85 varieties of apples, 45 types of pears and 10 cherry varieties. Other unusual plantings include whitecurrants, prized by the Victorians, but overlooked now.

The current gardeners have followed the Victorian practice of planting one area of fruit, another of vegetables, with flowers and herbs separate.

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Use the color wheel to create a more sophisticated garden

By Cindy McNatt
The Orange County Register

It took me a long time to finally figure out what bothered me about my herb garden. The plants were deadheaded and otherwise neat. The walks were swept and tidy. Still something seemed amiss. Weeks later when I pulled out a self-seeded nasturtium blooming in the corner, I knew.

That splash of rusty red in the wrong spot unsettled my otherwise muted scene.

While harmonizing is not for everybody, I thought I should

learn something about color. Like Emery, I wanted to "crank it up a notch," by using the color wheel the way the pros do. There is little reason why we can't design a garden the way, say, a textile designer plans fabric or artists squeeze paint to load the palette.

Most books teach us to use the straight-across technique. Colors, they write, that are opposite each other on the color wheel are complementary. With an imaginary arrow — they ask us to combine yellow with its complementary color violet, red with green, and orange with blue. While this

looks terrific in small pots of spring bulbs, it's a bit garish on a wider scale.

To achieve the sophisticated combinations that professional colorists do, I applied the split-complementary technique to plants. Any basic color wheel from an art or craft supply store will demonstrate the principle. In fact, the Color Wheel Co.'s color wheel provides a complete lesson on color, printed right on the wheel. Mine cost \$1.98.

The results of my color experimentation were stunning and stylish. As in a Ralph Lauren bedspread, I combined burgundy

and all its shades, including pink, with butter yellows and green; sophisticated enough for any well-designed living space but especially refined when applied to plants. A classic split-complementary combo used in all types of design is blue, violet and yellow.

But what about orange, yellow and blue-violet, another split-complementary combination? If we tone down the colors and use a tint of orange (peach) and a shade of yellow (yellow-green) with a tint of blue-violet (lavender) — wow.

Watch out Laura Ashley.

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Young greens can add robust flavor to soup

By Jimmy Schmidt
Detroit Free Press

SPINACH SOUP

2 tablespoons olive oil
1/2 cup diced bacon
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 large yellow onion, cut into 1/4-inch dice

1 medium leek, white part only, cleaned well, diced
1 large potato, peeled and diced into 1-inch pieces
3 quarts vegetable stock

1 pound fresh young spinach greens, cleaned, stems removed and cut into 1/8-inch-wide chiffonade, divided

1 cup heavy whipping cream
Juice of 1 lemon
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 red bell pepper, roasted, peeled, seeded and diced fine
1/4 cup snipped fresh chives for garnish

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large pot, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook until golden, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes. Remove the bacon and drain it on paper towels. Reserve.

Add the garlic to the bacon fat and cook until it turns translucent, about 1 minute.

with heat. It is best to add it at the last minute to soups and sauces, or it ends up tasting like spinach.

The intense concentrations of

Add the onions and the leek, cooking until they soften and begin to brown on the edges, about 10 minutes. Add the potato. Cover the mixture with the cold vegetable stock and bring it to a boil over high heat.

Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until the potato is very tender, 45 minutes to 1 hour. Remove from the heat. Add 3/4 of the spinach greens, allowing them to wilt from the heat of the soup. Stir in the heavy cream. Transfer the soup to a blender in batches and carefully puree until smooth. Strain through a fine sieve into another large pot and add the lemon juice. Adjust the seasoning with salt and a generous dose of black pepper. Refrigerate until ready to serve. To serve, return the soup to a boil.

Add the remaining spinach just to wilt. Meanwhile, arrange the red pepper dice, bacon chives, Parmesan cheese and a pinch of black pepper in the center of warm soup plates. Serve the hot soup in a tureen. Ladle the soup into your guests' plates after presenting. Makes 3 quarts.

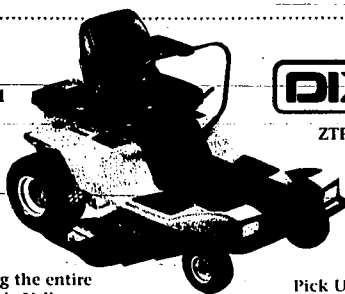
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OUTDOOR LIVING

Don't neglect your plants while vacationing

By Ed Hirtchison
The Associated Press

As you make plans for your summer vacation, don't forget your houseplants. They will be happy with a vacation a few feet away outside the back door.

Houseplants thrive outdoors in the summer because of their tropical origins. Brighter light is another consideration but with a few exceptions, blazing sun is not healthy for houseplants because it dries out leaves. Hibiscus and bougainvillea are notable exceptions, as both like direct and hot sun and respond with lots of leaf and flower growth.

A summer outdoors usually means these things will happen to a houseplant:

- Robust growth, so much so that it will likely need re-potting at summer's end.

- Insects likely will find the plant and need to be monitored and dealt with throughout the summer and especially before bringing the plant indoors again.

- Because the plant is growing quickly and is exposed to a lot of air movement, the soil will dry quickly and water may be needed every third or fourth day.

Houseplants are usually situated outdoors in a sheltered place where rainfall does not reach. This means you become the principal source of water.

Tall plants are susceptible to being blown over by even slight breezes; keeping them in a sheltered place helps but some anchoring is usually advisable. This is especially true for tall plants such as Schefflera, Norfolk Island pine, Dracaena and Ficus.

While you can be on vacation as soon as the destination is reached, a houseplant isn't quite that nimble. It's quite a transition from indoors to outdoors and most people err by pushing the plant out of the house too quickly. The better course is to first choose a good place for the plant and move it first for a week or so to a spot that gets less light and air than the chosen spot. Watch for any browning or scorching of the



Photo courtesy of National Flower Bulb Importers

Know the facts to keep your plants healthy both inside and outside the house. These potted bulbs brighten the spring window.

leaves that would suggest the plant is getting too much direct sun.

Pay attention to how quickly the soil dries. Remember that the plant is exposed to much more air movement than when it was inside. Plants in clay pots will dry out much more quickly because moisture moves more freely and quickly through clay than plastic.

While these tips may sound daunting, the task of taking a plant outdoors where it can thrive all summer long is really easy. It is just that you have to be careful in not taking it out too soon and watching for signs of too

much sun, too little water, insects and so on.

Probably the biggest part of the exercise is bringing the plant back indoors for the winter. In many parts of the country, a killing frost occurs before the plant needs to be back inside full time. Houseplants must be protected from frosty temperatures and the best way to do this is to take them inside or put them in the garage. Then, the day the next morning after the air has warmed, this is worth doing as typically you'll be able to give the plant another two or three weeks outside.

Be prepared to put the plant in a bigger pot. Most houseplants prefer their roots snug in a pot and this suggests moving to a pot only one size larger than the original one. Use commercial houseplant soil and not potting soil or soil from the garden. Soil blended for houseplants is light in weight and has the right blend of ingredients to provide a rooting mix that keeps oxygen, nutrients and moisture present where roots can use them. Regular potting soils and especially garden soils are much too heavy for houseplants.

Check the plant carefully for any insects that may have taken up residence. While there are usually some, their presence is seldom a problem. There may be so few they can be picked off, or the whole plant treated with an insecticide labeled for the particular plant. Read and follow instructions on the label to be sure the product is safe for the plant and will eradicate the insects in question.

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New York Botanical Garden leads trend in antique garden ornaments

By Jane Berger
The Associated Press

Mary, Mary, quite contrary, how does your garden grow? With antique shells and cast iron bells and gargoyles all in a row.

Open any garden catalogue, or take a trip to your local nursery. Along with all the plants, you'll find reproduction English-style benches, fountains in the shape of scallop shells, gargoyles in many shapes and sizes. It's all part of a trend that began about 10 years ago and became well-established at the New York Botanical Garden's Antique Garden Furniture Show and Sale.

This year marks the show's 10th anniversary, and if you're looking for an excuse to do your part and visit New York City, plan your trip around this event. The show, to be held this year April 26-28, is considered the country's highest-quality garden antiques show, and approximately 30 of the country's finest dealers will be offering American and European garden treasures for sale, from urns and benches to statuary, fountains, books, rare botanical prints, and herbarium specimens.

Robert Logan, associate vice-

Antiques

president for audience development, said interest in garden ornaments began to take off about 10 years ago, as people became fascinated with garden room style in England: "In the 1980s, people were really working to develop the interior of their homes, and in the 1990s, people moved out of doors and started focusing more on their gardens. So our show coincided with an awareness of gardens in America and garden rooms, and conservatory additions to people's homes."

The antiques show is adjacent to the NYBG's stunning Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, inside an enormous tent. Logan said the dealers take special care with presentation, and "the result is you get a walking history of garden ornament by the time you finish the show."

Some of Logan's favorites from past shows include an 8-foot-tall antique French birdcage that sold for around \$20,000; a collection of cast iron deer that appeared in the 1858 catalog of Wood and Perst of Philadelphia; and a pair of 19th century terra

cotta lions from an estate in the Cote d'Azur. While the show is not inexpensive, Logan said bargain hunters can find many charming items in the \$10 to \$200 range.

Barbara Israel ("Antique Garden Ornament: Two Centuries of American Taste") said interest in period garden antiques has been steadily increasing in the past several years. "Garden ornament has taken its place along with horticulture and other aspects of the garden. Obviously, the design of the garden is very important, but the ornament itself is beginning to fascinate people, as well as the history and the academic side of it."

Marty Shapiro, of the Finnegan Gallery in Chicago, said, "French has been real hot for the last few years, and there's no letup in sight. The decorators here and the retail public can't seem to get enough of the really good French pieces."

A special added attraction at this year's show is the display of 15 large-scale modern sculpture from the Museum of Modern Art's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden.

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Giving back to nature one yard at a time

By Susan Reimer
The Baltimore Sun.

Sharon Dick's back yard isn't much bigger than a playground sandbox, but every inch of it is dedicated to feeding her tenants: a couple of thousand frogs, maybe a million bees, plus enough drop-in birds, butterflies and bats to challenge the best census taker.

"I don't think of it as a garden," said the Lutherville, Md., naturalist. "I think of it more as a pantry."

There are bird feeders in evidence. But less obvious is the food masquerading as flowers, shrubs and trees. There is milkweed for the migrating monarch butterflies. The desiccated cone-flowers provide thistle for the goldfinches. The dogwood berries and the grapes are for birds, squirrels and raccoons still foraging before winter. In the spring, there are solar-powered lights to attract insects for the frogs and hundreds of daffodils to feed the bees.

Homeowners in the United States and Canada consume more than a billion pounds of bird feed each year. We think of it as a way to support the birds during the harsh months, and we enjoy watching them. But birdseed provides less than a fourth of a bird's total diet, and says nothing of the bees, butterflies and bats, which don't eat it at all.

So consider the concept of backyard habitats.

"The main idea was to give people something they could do in their own lives — literally in their own back yards — to benefit wildlife," says David Mizejewski, manager of the National Wildlife Federation's backyard habitat program.

Dick provides the four essential requirements for survival — food, water, cover and places to raise young — for many of the delicate creatures that humans have run off or poisoned. Since the National Wildlife Federation began the backyard sanctuary program in 1973, more than 30,000 homeowners have taken steps to restore habitat for wildlife and received sanctuary certification. Recently, schools, business and entire communities have also earned sanctuary status.

The NWF suggests:

- Assess your yard or garden



space, and identify the habitat elements that already exist. Look for native plants that provide food, such as seeds, fruits, nuts and nectar, and safe cover or nesting places. Restoring native plants should be your first step, because native plants and wildlife have co-evolved. Native plants require little maintenance, chemical fertilizers, herbicides or additional watering. To learn what plants are native to your area, visit www.wildflower.org. The feeders you supply should be an assortment — suet, platform and elevated perching — and at different heights. Do not place feeders out in the open where birds will be vulnerable to hawks, and don't place them too close together, because some birds are territorial and can be very aggressive.

- Water can be supplied in something as simple as a shallow dish or as grand as a man-made pond. But provide water year round, using a birdbath heater during subfreezing weather.

- Make sure you provide at least one good clump of evergreen trees or shrubs to provide year-round protection from weather and predators. Rock, log and mulch piles also offer good cover. Evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs provide nesting places, but dead and dying trees are favored by cavity-nesters.

More Information

- For information about the National Wildlife Federation's backyard habitat program, visit www.nwf.org and click on "environmental education" or "wildlife work." You can order a packet with step-by-step instructions on creating a backyard habitat by calling the NWF at (716) 461-3092 or by sending a check for \$12.95 payable to the National Wildlife Federation to NWF-Backyard Wildlife Habitat Program, 11100 Wildlife Habitat Drive, Reston, VA 20190.
- For information about the Humane Society's urban wildlife sanctuary certification program, visit www.wildneighboors.org, call (202) 452-1100, write Humane Society of the United States,

- 2100 L St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037; or email sanctuary@husu.org.
- For general information about birds, bees, bats and other wildlife, visit Wild Birds Unlimited at www.wbu.com.
- To assess your backyard, to plan your sanctuary, to display photos of your sanctuary or to keep an online journal, visit www.enature.com, a comprehensive resource provided by the NWF.
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Resources

- Here are some sources to help you plan a backyard wildlife sanctuary:
- "NWF's Garden: Restoring the Ecology of Our Own Back Yards," by Sara Stein
- "Creating Small Habitats for Wildlife in Your Garden," by Josie Briggs
- "The Bird Lover's Garden: Creating a Backyard Haven for Songbirds and Hummingbirds," by Margaret MacAvoy and Pat Kita
- "Landscaping with Nature Using

- Nature's Designs to Plan Your Yard," by Jeff Cox
- "Creating a Sanctuary: A New Approach to Gardening in the Washington Metropolitan Area," by Sherry Mitchell
- "Your Backyard Wildlife Garden: How to Attract and Identify Wildlife in Your Yard," by Marcus Schneek
- "The Backyard Birdhouse Book: Building Nestboxes and Creating Natural Habitats," by Rene and Christyna Leubach

Rabbits, shrews, mice and snakes and salamanders raise their young under boughs of plants or

in rock, log, or mulch piles. You will also need to plant host plants that will provide food for



Above, a bee investigates a pansy in the back yard of Sharon Dick, which she calls 'a pantry' for wildlife.

Above left, every inch of Sharon Dick's back yard is dedicated to feeding her tenants: a couple of thousand frogs, maybe a million bees, plus enough drop-in birds, butterflies and bats.

butterflies during their caterpillar stage. Think about providing bird, bat, toad and butterfly houses or roosting pockets. Or put out nesting materials such as dryer lint, dog hair or other fibers.

- Capture roof rainwater for use in planted areas. Use mulch to conserve soil moisture and cut back on weeds. Control pests by organic means. Or encourage natural predators such as lady-

bugs, praying mantises, birds and bats.

- Certify your backyard. Complete the application at www.nwf.org/habitat/backyard/certifyhow.cfm. Send it with a \$15 registration fee, or call and request a kit. You can also register with the Humane Society's Urban Wildlife Sanctuary Program. Upon approval, each will send you a sign to post in your yard for a modest donation.

Nursery owner makes pot planting appealing

By Denise Cowie
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Less is more, so the saying goes. But sometimes, more is better.

That was certainly the case when Kathy — Frankling to town to plant what are surely some of the biggest containers available — Italian resin pots from Campania International that are 54 inches in diameter. Pufahl worked with scores of plants, including many that are new on the market this spring, such as Cosmos Pincapple, with red stems and leaf edges; Amora, with its lovely large leaves; and Freckles, whose orange splotches without a hint of red make it unusual.

Just when it seemed even those huge pots couldn't accommodate one more plant, she'd cram in another annual or two. But the colorful end result, which had vines spiraling up and flowers cascading down, looked lush and inviting, not crowded.

"In general, I like a lot of fullness in the pot ... something that is just brimming full," especially for a big display, Pufahl said. "People ask how many plants I use for a pot, and my answer is however many I can fit. People are amazed at how much you can really chop down the root ball and abuse the plant, more or less, to squeeze it in."

Pufahl was invited to create the containers by Michael Petrie, of J. Frankling Syter Nurseries, as part of the "CD Garden" exhibit he designed for the Philadelphia Flower Show. For gardeners tempted to follow her example of packing lots of plants in a pot, she has this warning: It will mean more work from the start.

"Any number of plants are going to fill out a container, but it depends how quickly they fill it out," she said. "The more plants you put in early, the more maintenance you'll have with water and fertilizer. If you put fewer plants in, you'll have more soil to hold the water longer."

Container gardening has become enormously popular in

the last decade. At Beds & Borders, the wholesale nursery Pufahl owns on Long Island, unusual annuals and tender perennials are a specialty. In the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, Pufahl has been credited with popularizing the now-ubiquitous *Ipomoea batatas* Blackie, or sweet potato vine, along with such plants as *Petunia integrifolia*, a trailing pink species, and *Heichrychum petiolare* Limeslight, an herb that's now more often used as an ornament.

She has also designed container gardens for Martha Stewart Living.

"I always tell people that the vegetative verbenas and Superunties, any number of the nice varieties out there, perform so well in the heat of summer and are so versatile, because you can get them in a huge range of colors, from strong contrasts to almost monochromatic," Pufahl said. "It's effective to vary flower forms — not have all daisies or petunias. I may choose three plants for my centerpiece in a pot, but add a lot of fullness to them to draw your eye to them. At least one of those will

have some beautiful foliage to it. My eye goes to the midpoint on a pot, and if you rely too heavily on flowers in that place, at some point in the season it is going to look a little peaked. Things come in and out of flower. But if you use a foliage plant, a coleus or a plectranthus, it gives you some weight there (to balance) the trailing things."

To keep a container looking balanced, make the plantings two-thirds the height of the pot, she said, "but if it's an urn shape I keep it more draping and less height."

Pufahl recommends starting any container with a good-quality soil mix and adding maybe 20 percent of organic material such

as compost to help it hold moisture for summer plantings. Fertilizing is a personal preference," she added, but flowering annuals tend to need a lot of nitrogen.

"I use controlled-release fertilizers, like an Osmocote, because it's really hard to keep a pot fertilized in the summer when you are watering all the time," she said. "In a container, the plants are dependent on a gardener for the food supply, and I often think that is not adequate, (so) part of the way through the season I supplement feed with an organic fertilizer or one of the Peter's fertilizers."

Containers need a lot of water, and Pufahl suggests that a basic drip-irrigation system hooked up to the hose might be the best way to go for effective slow watering. Water-retaining crystals help plants get established but don't have a big effect later on in the season, she said.

"People ask how many plants I use for a pot, and my answer is however many I can fit."

—Kathy Pufahl, gardener

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OUTDOOR LIVING

Books can ease your garden growing pains

The Associated Press

Gardening books are definite. Takashi Sawano, one of the world's best-trained designers of Japanese gardens, concentrates on creating them outside of Japan in "Creating Your Own Japanese Garden."

For inspiration in planning, look at "A Japanese Touch for

Books

Your Garden," by Kiyoshi Seike, Masanobu Kudo, with David H. Engel. You'll see how the Japanese use stones, carved lanterns and signposts, waterworks, paths and other elements.

The improvements of rose types in recent years - hardier,

more disease-resistant, repeating blooms - has made it possible to use them freely in landscaping. Jeff Cox explores the possibilities in "Landscape with Roses." "Gardening in Containers" and "Accent Your Garden" are the newest titles in Taunton's Fine Gardening Design Guides series, which draws on the expertise of contributors to Fine Gardening magazine.

A great advantage of growing your own herbs is that besides providing fresh ingredients for your cooking, the plants play a decorative part in your garden, either alone or in partnership with your flowers and shrubs. "Better Homes and Gardens Herbs" offers ideas to grow these versatile plants. In the Home Depot's practical guide series, look for "Flower Gardening 1-2-3."

Let a mouse handle the heavy lifting

By Beth Botts
Chicago Tribune

Yeah, you know you should make a detailed plan of your garden, noting every plant and when you planted it. You know that before you choose a tree, you should consider how big it will grow. You know you should consider the design of the whole garden, not just buy plants piecemeal. But all that scribbling and erasing and graph paper is just too hard to face.

But what if the planning were fun? What if you could get your 12-year-old to help?

You might, if you started with a computer and a copy of "Master Landscape & Home Design" (Punch Software, \$69). With mouse in hand, you could create a basic plan of your house and lot, and then use it to keep records of your plantings. Or you could make copies of the plan and fool around endlessly, adding trees, paths, benches and hot tubs, trying out different patio shapes, considering different paint colors, planting hundreds of roses, even adding onto your house.

You could construct a three-dimensional model of your house and yard, and let the computer show you how big a spindly little sapling planted by the back door would grow in five years. You could scan in pictures of plants from catalogs or books and place them on your imagined garden.

Oh, it can't be that easy, can it? Well, this program will take some time to learn. It's actually a bundle of interconnected programs for designing houses and gardens, and with so much capability, there's a learning curve. But there's a thick, detailed handbook, and many of the features are standard enough to be readily obvious.

The biggest investment of time, though, would be gathering the information you'd need to start. The software contains a database of some 2,000 trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials and other plants, even wildflowers. There's a selection feature that lets you sort them by USDA climate zone and some information about the plants' needs. But you would want to research each species more thoroughly before you actually plant them.

The program lets you do pretty much anything in the yard, which could be dangerous. So it would best be used after reading a well-informed book on garden design, such as "Sunset Midwestern Landscaping" (Sunset Books, \$29.95) or "Ann Lovejoy's Organic Garden Design School: A Guide to Creating Your Own Beautiful, Easy-Care Garden" by Ann Lovejoy (Rodale Press, \$35). "Master Landscape & Garden Design" requires Windows 95 or higher and at least a 486-DX processor.

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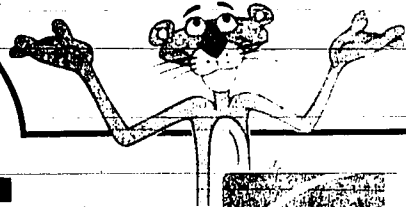
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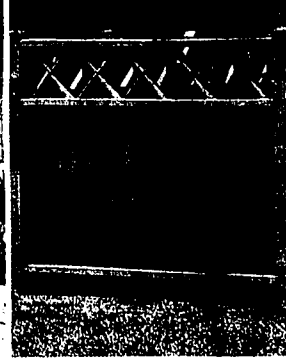
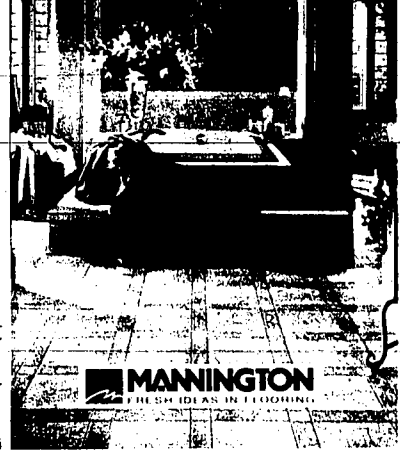
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Creating a garden path takes a few simple steps

By Megan Sexton
Knight Ridder News Service

A simple garden path made with stone can add the right touch to your garden.

It doesn't have to look perfect. The beauty of a stone path is in its imperfection and its flexibility. The path can circle a tree, wave through shrubbery or wind around the house.

At the Southern Spring Show in Charlotte, N.C., Adam Duffy of Lawn Etc. demonstrated ways to build a stone walkway.

• **Pick a path.** Decide where you want the walkway to go, and outline the area with spray paint or place a hose along the borders to mark the spot. An 18- to 24-inch-wide meandering path works for one person to walk alone.

• **Pick your stone.** For his demonstration, Duffy used Cumberland, chocolate gray and Tennessee field stone. He suggested shopping around for stone so you find something that matches or complements your house colors. To know how much you'll need, measure the length and width of the pathway. Generally, 1-ton will cover an area of 20 square feet. Ask the supplier.

• **Start digging.** Dig down 5 inches below the surface. Make

What you'll need

- Round-point shovel
- Square-point spade
- String and small wooden stakes
- Wheelbarrow
- Gravel
- Crushed stone or granite
- Stones

sure the pathway is even. • **Start filling.** Fill the ditch with 2 inches of gravel, packed tightly.

• **Mark the spot.** Using stakes and string, mark where you want the finished grade of the walkway to be.

• **Fill it up.** Next, take crushed granite (which is almost like sand and eventually will mold into a shape and stay in the gaps) and spread it 1 to 2 inches deep. Use your feet to pack it down and get out all of the air pockets.

• **Stone work.** Take a look at your stone. Start at the edges of the path and work your way in, picking the best straight edges for the outside and using the flat part of the stone on top. When you place the stone, it will not be level. Rock it back and forth and

work it into the crushed granite. Because some stones are thicker than others, some will be placed lower so they will be even at the top. Place the stones at least 1/2 inch apart. The will give the walkway a natural look and allow you to plant mosses or other small plants between the stones. If you want a lot of plants, you can leave as much as 3 inches in some spots for plant material. (If you plan to use plants, you'll need to work good soil between the stones along with the granite.)

• **Finish up.** Once all of the stones are placed, throw more crushed granite over the top of the stones. Use your hands to tuck it into the cracks. Then use a broom and sweep in different directions to fill in the cracks. You'll need to do that again in about two weeks and a final time about four to six weeks later. After two times, it should be stable.

Desire to entertain inspires elegant outdoor furniture

By Nick Harder
The Orange County Register

What's hot and what's not in outdoor furniture? If you study what the furniture designers have been brewing up in High Point, N.C., the furniture capital of the United States - you'll have a pretty good idea.

"With fewer consumers traveling this year, particularly to exotic locales, we can expect many of them will be looking to create their own outdoor escapes at home, often with tropical settings, motifs and colors," says Jackie Hirschhaut, of the American Furniture Manufacturers Association.

• **That's entertainment.** Look for more outdoor dining sets (and indoor ones, too) to seat more people. Look for larger tables, perhaps capable of sitting up to 14 people. The designers are betting that Americans will do a lot more entertaining at home.

• **The look is wood.** If the furniture isn't made of wood, it may have more wood tones. Medium and dark wood tones have gained in popularity and classic white is out.

• **Finish it.** Distressed finishes that give an aged look, furniture in natural colors with accents and multicolored and special-effects finishes, will all be very big.

• **How about fabrics?** Look for soft greens, earth-tone sands, architectural and earth metals such as anthracites, gold, coppers and bronzes. You'll even see a lot of soft reds, burgundies (dark purples) and more spots of bright colors, particular those associated with the tropics.

• **Materials.** Eclectic decorating isn't dead. In fact, it may be bigger than ever. Look for a lot of teak, but you'll also see stainless steel, wicker, aluminum and glass with

How it's made

• **Wicker wicker.** Usually virgin vinyl woven around a tubular aluminum frame coated in weather-resistant epoxy paint. Although water- and fade-resistant, it is not suitable for full exposure to the sun and other elements. It must be vacuumed or brushed regularly and hosed down occasionally.

• **Teak.** Hard, stable and durable, this classic material requires little care. As it ages, teak changes color from a light reddish brown to a silvery gray unless it is treated with an oil or stain. Its natural oil content helps protect against rot.

• **Wrought iron.** This heavy material is rigid when the wind starts to blow, iron cast out, but today's finishes greatly slow down that process and protect against scratches and corrosion.

• **Aluminum.** It's durable, won't rust and is light enough to move easily and easy to maintain. Cast aluminum is solid and generally heavier than extruded aluminum.

• **Plastic.** Most people think of heavy-duty plastic outdoor furniture when they really patted and made when it rains. Among the most popular materials, it is sold in mass-merchandise stores and home and garden centers. It's durable, easy to clean and easily portable. Of course, it's so lightweight that it can sometimes be blown about like

wood.

• **Function.** With so many people expected to entertain, look for multifunctional types of outdoor furniture pieces. This is the type of furniture that can be used for large or small groups. In particular, you'll be seeing a lot more service carts, buffets and furniture that can also be used to stash those giant pillows when all of them aren't needed.

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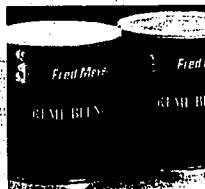
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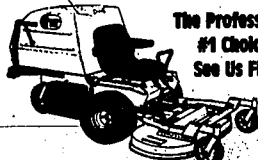
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DEAR ABBY: Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have worked hard all our lives and raised three wonderful children. She's retired now, but still works part time at another job. I plan to retire in three years. We are at a point in our lives that we can take weekend trips and one or two vacations a year. It's our way of unwinding and enjoying each other.

DEAR ABBY: I recently married a wonderful woman with an adorable, energetic 3-year-old daughter. My concern is my wife's mother, "Julia." She's a fine mother/mother-in-law, and the greatest grandmother in the world, but she harbors an intense dislike for my wife's ex-husband, "Trevor." Every time Trevor's name is mentioned, Julia says something negative about him. She refuses to talk to him or be in his presence. If she happens to be at our home when Trevor comes to pick up his daughter for visitation, she'll leave the room and go to a back bedroom.

were not good as a couple, this man has been nothing but a loving, patient and supportive father. He shows up on time, almost never cancels, pays his child support in full, and my stepdaughter is always excited to see him. My anger is that my mother-in-law's concern toward Trevor will eventually be confused with my stepdaughter. Although she is young now, there will come a time when she'll be old enough to know something is wrong. What can be done, Abby?

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Tokyo gets about 1,000 earthquakes a year



REVISITED L.M. Boyd

Most women who play hearts are married to men who play vinyl. Q. How many earthquakes does Tokyo get every year? A. About 1,000. Residents feel about 50 of them. Dictionary editors report one of the most frequently misused words in English is "commitment." Odd. Because it's so little needed, maybe.

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Different kind of romance materializes for Gemini; wishes come true for Leo

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HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on home, family and decision making. When it comes to status figures prominently, Capricorn, another Cancer native will play important roles. Wishes become realities. Elements of timing, luck will be on your side. Leo (July 23-Aug. 23): Celebrate! Wishes become realities. Elements of timing, luck will be on your side. Leo (July 23-Aug. 23): Celebrate! Wishes become realities. Elements of timing, luck will be on your side.

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NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION Minidoka County School District No. 331 Public Notice is hereby given according to law, and the requisite action of the Board of Trustees of Minidoka County School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, Idaho, to call a Supplemental Levy Election will be held on the 23rd day of April, 2002, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of said District their vote and determination on a Supplemental Levy Election.

and in said school district for at least 30 days next preceding this trustee election. Signature of Elector Address (Describe location of lot) Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 2002 Judge of Election PUBLISH: April 17, 2002

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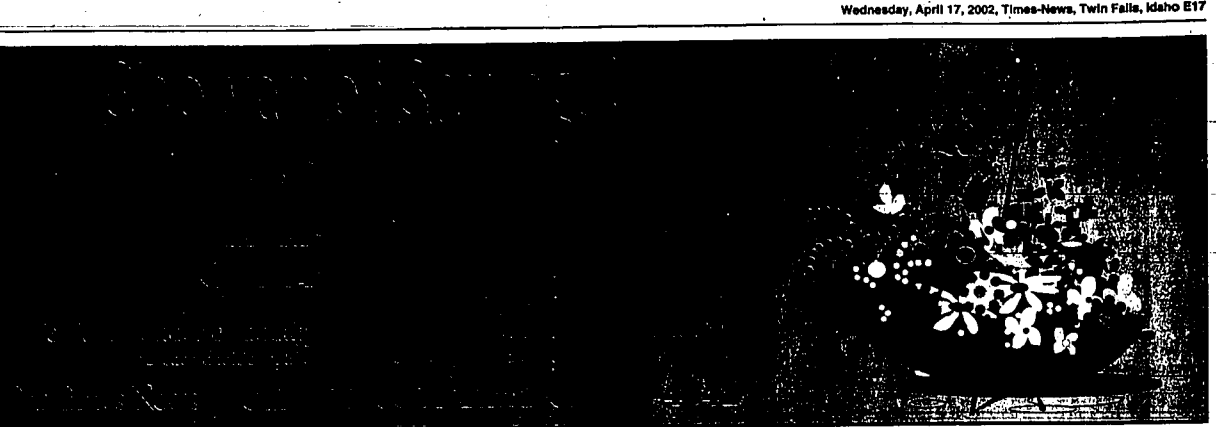
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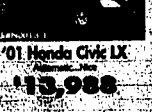

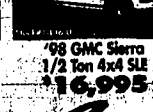
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