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INSIDE TODAY

The return of Home & Garden

Say goodbye to dirty piles of snow and chilly winds. At least for today, spring is here, because in today's Tribune is the first issue of our revived Home and Garden magazine.

We've got some great ideas about what to do with your dysfunctional kitchen. No, we don't recommend throwing it out, but we do recommend painting, refaced cabinets and even getting the kitchen and starting from scratch. Examples of how to do all three are in the magazine.

Meet the 2006 Perennial of the Year, Fuchsia Danthia. It's beautiful, easy to maintain and a vigorous climber. On a day when the only winds of March are blowing, that's an easy, breezy taste of spring for gardeners.

For the more industrious among you, there are some handy handy spring cleaning tips. So get out your favorite cleaner and wash away winter's grime.

We've got tips on fixing, home shows, plumbing and even how to coax your lawn back to life for another season of green.

So turn the pages of Home and Garden and, at least for this morning, pretend it really is spring and we really can start digging in the dirt. It won't be long now.

By Gini Farlin, La Crosse Tribune

MADNESS BEGINS

UW-L wants to prove it belongs

HOLLAND, Mich. — Dick Vitale was nowhere in sight, but that didn't stop the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse men's basketball team from coming down with a case of March Madness on Thursday.

And who needed ESPN's loud, breathy announcer anyway? The Eagles were happy to step into NCAA Tournament hoop.

Division III style, for the first time in school history.

UW-La Crosse (20-7) played Central Michigan (Mich.) (22-6) at 6 p.m. today at Hopi College in a first round game.

The Eagles earned their place here as an at-large addition to the 68-team tournament field, announced Sunday night. They traveled here by bus — a trip that took eight hours, two time zones, three movies and one interesting detour through the South Side of Chicago.

"It's been a special year and this adds to it," junior guard Chris Aik said after a 90-minute evening workout at Hopi College's \$22 million Davis Fieldhouse. "Now we want to show that we deserve to be here."

MORE ON TODAY'S TOURNAMENT GAME IN SPORTS, D-1

Local battle looms over Iraq war

Campaigns begin, pro and con, on bring-the-troops home referendum

By JOAN KENT
La Crosse Tribune

North Side Bob Wronski, Marine from 1969 to 1977 whose first of duty included Vietnam, remembers what war protests did to the troops.

"All it does is demoralize them," said Wronski, who helped organize Choose

victory.org, a group opposed to the April 4 referendum calling for withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

On the other side of the issue is Jessica Thill, member of Bring Them Home Now-La Crosse, the group that circulated petitions in the city to get the referendum on the April 4 ballot.

But she doesn't see it as a

question: Should the U.S. begin immediate withdrawal of troops from Iraq, starting with the National Guard and Reserve?

VOTE ON IT: April 4

the war are being unfairly painted as against the troops, when in fact the majority of people who plan to vote in April very much support our troops and want them to come home safely and soon," said Thill.

Troop withdrawal referendum will go before voters in March.

"People who are against

THE PLAYERS

For more information on the Iraq troop withdrawal referendum vote, visit:

www.chooseprogressive.org

Supporting events planned by supporters of the referendum, www.wild.org Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice site on the statewide referendum campaign, choosethevictory.org information on local opposition.

COOL CATS IN SILLY HATS



Kindergarten students wearing paper "cat in the hat" hats are paired with second graders as they take turns reading Dr. Seuss books Thursday in celebration of Read Across America at Southern Bluffs Elementary School in La Crosse.

Our favorite books

By DAN SIMMONS
La Crosse Tribune

Who's Dr. Seuss? "This is a cat in the hat," said Ashley Gray, second grader at Southern Bluffs Elementary.

"He writes lots of books," said classmate Mia Hergel.

"He's a monkey cat. I mean, a book star," said classmate Zach Gheill, giggling.

Thursday, the late Theodor Seuss Geisel, the man who wrote 44 children's books and inspired Read Across America, a national day of reading silly stories, would have turned 100. So what to do?

Students and staff at Southern Bluffs Elementary wore striped red hats.

They went to the hallway with the whole school.

They read Dr. Seuss books. They laughed like fools.

"Green Eggs and Ham is my favorite," said Kristin Laufenberg, a fourth grader.

director of the school since it opened 13 years ago.

"I like working with Lily because she's a sweetheart," Laufenberg said, hugging her kindergarten companion.

Hergel loves "If Ran the Zoo" most.

"I like it because he lets all the animals out," he said.

If he ran the zoo, what would he do?

"I'd jump around the monkey cage. I'm a monkey, you know," he said, pounding his chest and making monkey noises. Then he giggled.

If classmate Gheill ran the zoo, what would he do?

"I'd let out all the animals and close the gates and throw a big party with a disco ball," he said.

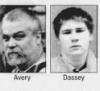
Bevers said Dr. Seuss books have universal appeal.

"He's a perennial favorite."

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PROSECUTORS SAY:

AVERY HAD HELP



Nephew, 16, charged with rapping, killing photographer

By ROBERT MARIE
The Associated Press

CHILTON, Wis. — Steven Avery's 16-year-old nephew said his uncle asked him to join in on the rape of a photographer and then encouraged the teen to help him kill her, according to a criminal complaint filed Thursday.

Brendan Dasey, who lives in a house near Avery's trailer, was charged Thursday with being party to first-degree intentional homicide, mutilation of a corpse and first-degree sexual assault.

Steven Avery, 41, was charged in November with first-degree intentional homicide, mutilating a corpse and possession of firearms by a felon. Avery, who was released from prison in 2003 after serving nearly two decades for a rape he denied committing, has repeatedly

In a fender bender? Move your car; it's the law

By DAN SPRINGER
La Crosse Tribune

When vehicles collide, most drivers first check to see if anyone is injured. That's good.

They then typically survey the damage and call police. That's fine. Then, they often keep the vehicles in the same spot until police arrive.

That's illegal.

Although Wisconsin's incident clearance law has been in place since 1996, many motorists still

have the outdated idea vehicles shouldn't be moved after an accident until police reach the site, said La Crosse police Sgt. Terry Kogger.

Leaving vehicles in the road usually backs up traffic, Kogger said, and can put those involved in the accident in danger.

The clearance law — passed by the phrase, "If you can't see it, clear it" — states that damaged vehicles must be moved out of the way.

WHAT TO DO

- On busier streets, vehicles should be moved onto side streets or into parking lots if that's not possible, vehicles should be moved to clear as much of the driving lanes as possible.
- When crashes happen on two-lane streets, the vehicles can be moved into parking lanes to allow others to pass.



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WAR REFUNDUM

Green Party and Democratic Party. The state referendum supporters and opponents are expected to meet...

Wanted calls the proposal a 'cut and run' referendum. 'A lot of people do not realize this war through...

SHRINE CIRCUS advertisement for March 10th and 12th, featuring showtimes and ticket prices.

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Shootout with federal marshals kills Duluth man, hurts toddler. ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A man wanted on federal drug charges was killed and his 2-year-old son wounded in a shootout with authorities at a house in Duluth, Minn.

TODAY IN YOUR BACKYARD

ENTERTAINMENT. Legos Square, Just David, Last House on State, Forever Tomorrow and Claiming Nothing. LET US KNOW. To submit a calendar item, e-mail it to calendar@lacrossetribune.com.

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To submit a calendar item, e-mail it to calendar@lacrossetribune.com. Bay St., La Crosse, (808) 784-8925. FOOD. Food distribution, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Central High School.

NEPHEW CHARGED IN AVERY CASE

From A-1. In off: the complaint said. Afternoon, Dasey said and Avery left the bedroom. Dasey said Avery told him...

TERESA HALBACK MURDER CASE

Oct. 21 — Photographer Teresa Halback, 26, of Riblet in Calumet County goes to apartment to take pictures for Auto Trader Magazine at Steven Avery's Auto Salvage near Mishicot, Wis.

CLEAR IT

From A-1. main driving lanes if one is equipped and the vehicles are operable. A lot of people aren't aware of the law. A lot of people are concerned they don't want to move until the officer sees it.

SHOOTOUT WITH FEDERAL MARSHALS KILLS DULUTH MAN, HURTS TODDLER

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—A man wanted on federal drug charges was killed and his 2-year-old son wounded in a shootout with authorities at a house in Duluth, Minn. His two children were in a second car with him.