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A Bright Idea

Are you ready to take the plunge and remodel your bathroom? Keep lighting in mind when making plans. **Recessed lighting** fixtures may be a popular recent home trend, but they can often leave you in a "shadow trap".

Focused lighting such as halogen or flood lights creates unwanted shadows, making it look spooky rather than inviting.

To avoid this lighting pitfall, use a **soft-focused** or **diffused** light fixture and mount it at eye level or just above. Positioning light this way will cause it to shine at your face, not down from above.

If you do choose **recessed lighting**, place the lights close to the mirror and center them above the faucet. A dimmer switch at the vanity area helps control the lighting, allowing you to adjust for day and nighttime levels.

Follow these steps and you'll be brilliantly pleased with your new bathroom.

Fed Holds Key Interest Rate Steady

Pointing to a revved-up national economy and encouraging news on inflation, the Federal Reserve held interest rates steady, which should bode well for consumers in Utah and across the country.

The federal funds rates will stay at 5.25%. And that means commercial banks' prime interest rate for certain credit cards, home equity loans and other loans stays at 8.25%.

Rates on 30 year mortgages are also expected to remain stable or even fall throughout the rest of the year.

SL Tribune

In Memory

On Wednesday
January 24, 2007,
the world lost a great man.
Brett Pendleton died following a skiing
accident at Park City. Brett was not only
a good friend, Curtis' paragliding buddy,
but he and his wife Shawna were also
loyal clients. We will miss Brett's great
example of joyful living. He knew how to
get every ounce of life out of living. If you
were lucky enough to know Brett, as we
know many of you were, you know what a
class act he was. We want Shawna and her
daughters to know the world is a better
place because of Brett and his widespread
influence for good.
Fly like an Eagle Brett...
We will miss you.



Did You Know???

"Sweethearts" was the name that was originally used by NECCO for candies with mottos printed directly on them. They were not always heart-shaped; rather they were in the shape of many things such as horse-shoes and baseballs. They are now produced exclusively in the familiar heart shape as a Valentine's Day candy.

Conversation hearts are the most popular Valentine's Day candy

Spring Fix Up

Here are 5 improvements you can make that might help your home sell faster.

-**Create a welcoming entrance.** Make sure your front door is clean, polish the hardware (or replace it if necessary) and repaint the door if it is in poor shape. Finally, add a new doormat, update your mailbox, and place attractive greenery or flowers on either side of the door.

-**Remove clutter and put it in storage.** Box up anything you won't use in the next few months (including holiday decorations, seasonal clothing or sports equipment, old toys, etc.) and send it to a storage facility.

-**Replace outdated window treatments** with simple white miniblinds or wood blinds cut-to-measure at a home center. This is a fairly simple fix that can refresh your rooms in just one weekend.


-**Update your storage space** with closet systems so the closet looks organized, not cluttered.

-**Have wood floors professionally cleaned and polished.** If you have worn, dirty, or badly colored carpeting with wood underneath, tear it out and expose the wood.

LORI'S CORNER

MY FAMOUS SUGAR COOKIES

(Not all sugar cookies are created equal)

3 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
2 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp salt 
2/3 cup butter or margarine
1 1/2 cups Granulated Sugar
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla 2 eggs 1 TBSP. milk

Sift together flour, baking powder & salt. Cream butter; add sugar gradually and cream until light & fluffy. Add extract. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Alternately add flour mixture & milk, beating until well blended after each addition. Wrap dough in foil or plastic wrap & chill several hours or overnight.

Roll out part of the dough at a time about 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with floured 2 1/2 inch cookie cutters. Bake on ungreased baking sheets at 400 F. 8-9 minutes until edges are slightly browned. Cool on racks. Yield: 6 dozen.



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