

Today: Cloudy, colder, some snow High 30, Low 14.



How exactly do the cultured live? Watch as chef, decorator make quick work of columnist Steve Crump.



Hardwood highlights Defending state 1A girls' basketball champion Shoshone heads west to defend its title.



The Times-News

IDAHO GOVERNOR'S RACE

Sempre PAC gives \$6,000 to Republican

Democrat sends back \$250 donation from company

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — Officials with Sempra Energy seem to be keeping close tabs on Idaho's gubernatorial race.

And, for good reason. With the state and federal requests for money from coal-fired power plants still up in the air, the next governor of Idaho could have as much to say on permitting plants like Sempra's in Idaho as the current lead of state. Campaign fi-

nance reports released earlier this month show that Sempra has donated \$6,000 to one candidate and saw another candidate return the company's donation.

Democratic candidate Jerry Brady has taken a strong stance against the 600-megawatt coal-fired facility that Sempra Generation wants to build in Jerome County. A look at Brady's campaign finance report reveals that the candidate returned a donation of \$250 to Sempra on Sept. 16, 2005.

"I don't think it's right to accept money from people when you oppose their project," Brady said. "When I looked at the overall project, I could not support it."

Republican candidate and current U.S. Rep. C.L. "Bunch" Oter received a total of \$6,000 from Sempra Energy Employees PAC during 2005. Oter's campaign finance director, state Rep. Debbie Field, R-Boise, released the following statement on Sempra's donation:

"Congressman Oter receives contributions from businesses of all types and sizes from Idaho and throughout the region, as well as thousands of individuals from all walks of life. ... In all those cases, no favors are sought and none are given. All his contributors and supporters expect him to serve the public interest with the highest degree of integrity, as he has sworn to do. Only the most cynical see connections between donations and public policy where none exist."

Mercury rule and the governor

Last year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released its Clean Air Mercury Rule — a rule that would reduce annual mercury emissions from coal-fired power plants nationwide from 48 tons to 31 tons by 2010. The next governor of the state could determine how Idaho applies the federal rule. The decision could either leave the door open or shut it for coal-fired power.

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UPDATE

Sun Valley man to put down wax and race

The Associated Press

SAUZIE D'OUX, Italy — Graham Watanabe, an alternate for the U.S. snowboarders team, traveled to Italy to serve as a wax technician for his friends on the squad. But because of an injury to a teammate, the Sun Valley, Idaho, man will likely find himself racing in the Olympics Thursday.

The rough-and-tumble sport of snowboarding claimed its first Olympic victim before the opening race was even run when American Jayson Hale tore up his knee during a practice session Tuesday.

Hale was taken to a medical center in Sestriere, Dr. Jim Sterling, the U.S. Olympic Committee's chief medical officer, said. Hale tore his anterior cruciate ligament and suffered significant bone bruising around the knee.

His spot on the U.S. team is expected to be taken by Watanabe. The USOC and U.S. Ski and Snowboard were preparing to submit Watanabe's name as an injury replacement.

Barring any surprises, Watanabe, 23, will race for the United States on Thursday when snowboarding makes its Olympic debut.

In the final rounds of snowboarding, four riders race down the motocross-type course, taking big jumps and vying for the fastest line down the slope. The top two in each heat advance to the next round until a winner is decided.

Watanabe won the U.S. Snowboarders Championships in December.

Death-risk test is not a boomer's parlor game

By Lindsey Tanner Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — It sounds like a perfect parlor game for baby boomers suddenly confronting their own mortality: What are your chances of dying within four years?

Researchers have come up with 12 risk factors to try to answer that for people over age 50.

This is one game where you want a low score. Zero to 5 points says your risk of dying in four years is less than 4 percent. With 14 points, your risk rises to 61 percent.

Just being male gives you 2 points. So does having diabetes, being a smoker, and getting poopied trying to walk seaweed.

Points accrue with each four-year increment after age 60. The test doesn't ask what you eat, but it does ask if you can push a living room chair across the floor.

The quiz is designed to try to help doctors and families get a firmer sense for what the future may hold. To help plan health care accordingly, says lead author Dr. Sei Lee, a geriatrics researcher at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, who helped develop it.

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Bill to put hold on coal-fired plant advances in House

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — On Tuesday, a House committee breathed new life into the debate over placing a moratorium on coal-fired power plants in Idaho.

"It is my intention with this legislation to allow the state of Idaho some time to gather the facts," Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin Falls, told the House Environment, Energy and Technology Committee.

The committee voted 10-3, with one member absent, to send Block's legislation to print. The representative's bill puts a hold on the permitting or building of coal-fired power plants in Idaho until April 1, 2008. Block's legislation takes aim at the 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant proposed by Sempra Generation for Jerome County.

The committee, however, amended Block's bill to clarify that the legislation does not apply to state-regulated utilities, such as Idaho Power and Avista, municipalities and cooperatives.

"A hasty decision made before all sides of the issue are heard and before all factual information is known may be a decision that we all regret," Block said.

Last week, the committee rejected Block's initial attempt to see her legislation printed, making specific recommendations for Block to revise her bill.

Sen. Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, saw his coal-fired power plant moratorium bill printed earlier in the session. Yet, the bill has not been reintroduced a hearing in the Senate State Affairs Committee. Stennett said he supports Block's efforts and will vote for her legislation if it passes the House and makes it to the Senate.

To the dismay of Rep. Elaine Smith, D-Pocatello, Block's moratorium does not apply to coal-ification plants, such as the one proposed for the old FMC site near American Falls.

Do you support a moratorium?

With coal-fired power plant moratorium bills printed in both the House and Senate, we asked Magic Valley legislators if they would support a moratorium.

"Yes. We need to get this thing straightened out."

— Sen. Tom Cannon, R-Buhl

"I would need to look at the legislation. In general, I support the authority of the counties to enact a moratorium more than the state."

— Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert

"Yes. I think we need a time out."

— Sen. Chuck Colner, R-Twin Falls

"Yes. I think it's good we're having the debate."

— Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson

"I haven't yet read Sen. Stennett's or Rep. Block's legislation. I could support the right kind of moratorium."

— Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Declo

"I'm supporting that. This is a different type of situation that we've never encountered before. I think we need some time."

— Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding

that the legislation might send the wrong type of message to industry.

"I have a hard time voting to support anything that doesn't make it better for industry in our state," Rydelski said.

FIRE BUILDING



UWS Wilderness Program Field Instructor Mike O'Brien blowing smoke while making a fire.

Wilderness program teaching teenagers life survival skills

By Rusty Tews Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE — Making fire is one of our oldest technologies. Survival our ancestors depended on this essential skill. The SUWS Wilderness Program uses the metaphor of teaching troubled teens to build a fire as an essential skill for social survival.

SUWS, originally an acronym for the School of Urban and Wilderness Survival, is the first licensed program of its kind in Idaho. The original program taught wilderness survival skills to outdoor adventurers. By 1981, the program began counseling troubled kids.

The youth program's headquarters — located on the Lincoln/Gooding county line — is bustling with kids, staff and flames. The flames, part of the therapy program, greet visitors with an icy stare from the corals adjacent to the office. Barracks, a ropes confidence course and volleyball court, seem out of place in the sagebrush and rocks of the Bennett Hills.

For more information

Information about the SUWS troubled youth programs can be found at their office in Gooding, 934-8523, or on their website at www.suws.com. Information on the University of Idaho study on the success rate of outdoor programs can be found at www.cnr.uofidaho.edu. Publication number 944 College of Natural Resources.

With a permanent staff of 30 and nearly 70 seasonal field staff, Executive Director Kathy Rex emphasizes that the program is no longer a survival-off-the-land program. "Our goal is for kids to learn about themselves," said Rex, "not to learn to live off the land."

SUWS emphasizes low-impact uses at established campsites throughout the Bennett Hills. The program operates under a special license from the Bureau of Land Management.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and chilly with possible light snow showers or flurries. Highs near 30.
Tonight: Small chance of snow showers or flurries, otherwise cloudy and cold. Low to mid 20s.
Tomorrow: Turning colder with mostly cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Highs only lower 20s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy with possible light snow showers and flurries. Highs in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and lingering snow showers or flurries. Lows in the lower teens.
Tomorrow: Cold temperatures and mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the lower 20s, near 10.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

Today: Highs 12 to 24. Tonight's Lows -6 to 1.
Boise: Coldest temperatures, cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and a touch of light snow is likely at times through Sunday. The coldest weather is expected a little later in the week.

NORTHERN UTAH
Light snow and small accumulations are likely for today. Snow showers will then come and go through Sunday. It will also be much colder.

Weather: High 30, Low 14.
Precipitation: 0.00".
Humidity: 75%.
Barometric Pressure: 30.24 in.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 30, Low 14).

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with 2 columns: City, HI Low. Lists various cities and their high/low temperatures.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes sunrise and sunset times.

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Very cold. Conditions will be making its presence felt for the next several days. Not only will it be cold but light snow is also likely at times through the weekend.

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GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, HI Low, Today, Tomorrow. Lists regional cities and their forecasts.

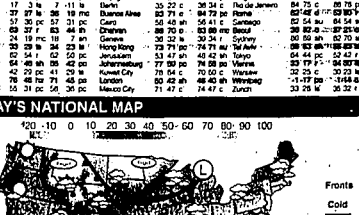
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: City, HI Low, Today, Tomorrow. Lists Canadian cities and their forecasts.

BOOMER or bust

If you're over 50, this test developed by researchers at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center attempts to calculate your risk of death within four years. Researchers say it can give you a rough idea of your survival chances.

A form for the 'Boomer or bust' test, including sections for 'What is your age?', 'Body Mass Index', 'Give yourself 2 points for each...', and 'What is your waist size?'.

Mortality

Continued from A1. "We know that patients and families want more prognostic information from doctors," Lee said. "It's a very natural human question of, 'What's going to happen to me?'"

Boomer or bust

I'm going to die and nobody cares either. "My grandmother, they said she wouldn't last the night away, she lived three more years," Hood said.

Financial Lesson of the Week

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Sempra

Continued from A1. EPA pulled its rule back for further review and DEQ halted its process. The department will start anew once the federal agency finalizes its rule.

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Brought to You by Edward Jones. www.edwardjones.com • Member SIPC. Think Twice Before Cashing Out 401(k). If you leave your job, what should you do with the money you've accumulated in your 401(k)?

Alternatives to "cashing out"

- Move your money directly into an IRA - If you move your 401(k) into a "Rollover IRA," your investments continue to grow on a tax-deferred basis...
• Convert your 401(k) into a qualified annuity...
• Leave the money in your plan - Not all 401(k) plans offer this option...

IDAHO/NATION

Teens

Continued from A1

Management across an area from the Blissfill City road north of Bliss to Highway 75 north of Shoshone.

Winter camping in the Idaho desert provides challenging scenarios for the troubled teens. Visitors to the Preacher Creek drainage area north of Shoshone can spot the dozens of white canvas tents scattered across the landscape. These isolated shelters are winter homes to some of the 500 kids that go through the program each year. During their 10-day stay in the program, they move several times to experience a variety of situations in the treatment program. They are always accompanied by at least two instructors per eight kids.

"We look for people that have a passion to really help other people," said Rex of the young professionals that spend two weeks camping in the desert with the kids. "These are usually college students or graduates who are venturing west." Rex usually only stay a year or so and then move on to other similar programs or a degree in therapy.

Incidents of the southbound miles in the account of the rigors of winter survival on the Yukon River of Alaska, young campers must know how to build a fire to be comfortable in this rugged setting. Unlike their summer counterpart, there is little chance or chance that they won't survive.

"Two-drift fires are actually easy to do with primitive tools," said Cliff Stockton, program director and eight-year veteran with the program. "We teach taking responsibility for your actions in making and using these fire building tools."

Field Instructor Mike O'Brien teaches bow-drill technology. His demonstration of fire-building never ceases to amaze.

A bow drill fire-starter kit consists of a curved wood branch with a string tied between ends. The string is wrapped once around a pointed stick. The bow is drawn back and forth, similar to playing a violin. The pointed stick rotates like a drill bit cutting into a flat board, creating friction, heat and ultimately a spark. The spark is captured in tinder, the tinder is then transferred to dry grass where the fire builder blows more oxygen onto the tiny ember and a fire grows in the dried sagebrush bark.

As teens progress through the program, they learn several fire-building methods. They use these and other outdoor skills in a "Search and Rescue" metaphor. They search for themselves and ultimately rescue themselves from their troubles.

At \$25 per day, the program isn't cheap. According to the SUWS Web site, a study by the University of Idaho's Wilderness Research Center found participation in programs similar to SUWS resulted in "clinically significant" reductions in behavioral and emotional symptoms.

The study also indicated that 83 percent of participants made significant improvement. SUWS' own studies indicate similar results from their treatment program.

Cheney victim has mild heart attack

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The 78-year-old lawyer wounded by Vice President Dick Cheney in a hunting accident suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday after a shotgun pellet in his chest traveled to his heart, hospital officials said.

Harry Whittington was immediately moved back to the intensive care unit and will be watched for a week to make sure more of the pellets do not reach vital organs. He was reported in stable condition.

Whittington suffered a "silent heart attack" — obstructed blood flow, but without the classic heart-attack symptoms of pain and pressure, according to doctors at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial.

The doctors said they decided to treat the situation conservatively and leave the pellet alone rather than operate to remove it. They said they are highly optimistic Whittington will recover and live a healthy life with the pellet in him.

Asked whether the pellet could move farther into his heart and become fatal, hospital officials said that was a

hypothetical question they could not answer.

Hospital officials said they were not concerned about the six to 200 other pieces of birdshot that might still be lodged in Whittington's body. Cheney was using 7.5 shot from a 28-gauge shotgun.

The pellets in 7.5 shot are just under a tenth of an inch in diameter. Cheney watched the news conference where doctors described Whittington's condition. The vice president called him, wished him well and asked if there was anything that he needed.

The vice president said that

he stood ready to assist. Mr. Whittington's spirits were good, but obviously his situation deserves the careful monitoring that his doctors are providing, the vice president's office said in a statement.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not spoken publicly about the accident, which took place Saturday night while the vice president was aiming for a quail. Critics of the Bush administration called for more answers from Cheney himself.

Whittington has said through hospital officials that he does not want to comment on the shooting.

A young man at Whittington's Austin home who identified himself as his grandson said Tuesday he did not have time to talk to a reporter and closed the door.

The furor over the accident and the White House delay in making it public are "part of the secretive nature of this administration," said Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "I think it's time the American people heard from the vice president."



Whittington



Cheney

Blast tosses boulder into teenager's bedroom

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A teenager's attempt at a bed nest turned into a close encounter with bedrock when a blast at a nearby development sent a 40-pound boulder crashing through the roof.

"It just ploved through the roof," 16-year-old Tyson Taylor, who is recovering from the flu, told the Post Register. "It was pretty intense."

Taylor's parents, Ron and Mary Taylor, had been recording blasts at a nearby construction site out of concern for their safety and caught on video the blast that damaged their home. An image from the video shows what appears to be hundreds of large chunks of earth and rock hurtling skyward from the massive blast that rattled the neighborhood.

"The main thing we're really

thankful for is that (Tyson) was not injured in that event," Ron Taylor told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"When they blast, it just shakes everything when you are in your house," said Nancy Vantress, who lives nearby. "And when you have animals, it scares them."

Bonneville County Sheriff's Capt. Paul Wilde said last Friday's blast was done by George McDaniel, a partner in Foothill Properties that is developing a subdivision in Ammon, just outside of this eastern Idaho city.

In a news release, Foothill Properties said: "Certain uncontrollable variables existed and damage did occur to the Taylor home from a piece of frozen earth. Steps have already and will continue to be made to remedy all damages caused by the incident."

All the states surrounding Idaho require contractors who do blasting to have licenses. Jerry Dilly, who owns a blasting company in Nampa, said the

Idaho Legislature in the past has declined to require licenses.

"Our Legislature wouldn't want to restrict anyone from doing something stupid," Dilly said.

The blast that damaged the Taylor's home was about 175 feet away. The rock that hit the house shifted a support beam, and left cracks in Tyson's bedroom.

Dilly said that, if done properly, blasts should not send debris skyward as that is wasted energy. But Ron Taylor said every one of the blasts at the nearby construction site have gone skyward and sent debris hundreds of feet in every direction.

"It's pretty crazy," Ron Taylor said. "You don't have to be licensed to light that stuff off. What's it take, somebody to be killed?"

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A 40-pound boulder (top photo) fell on the third-floor Ron Taylor's home near Idaho Falls, Idaho, on Monday after it came crashing through the roof during a nearby construction blast Friday.

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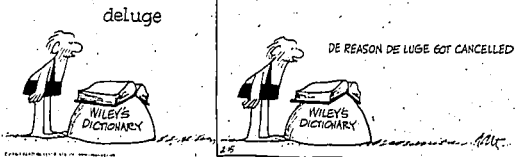
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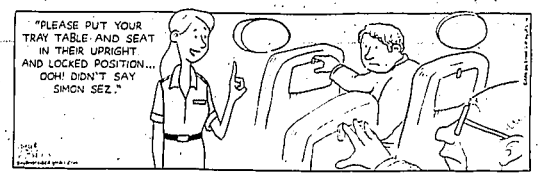
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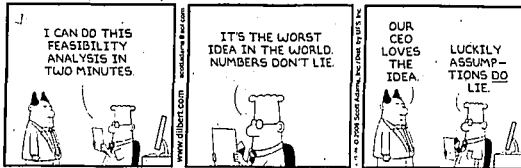
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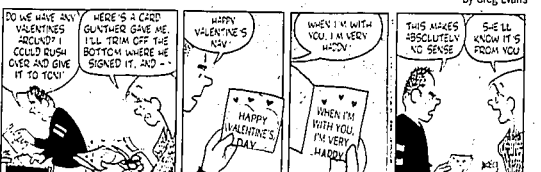
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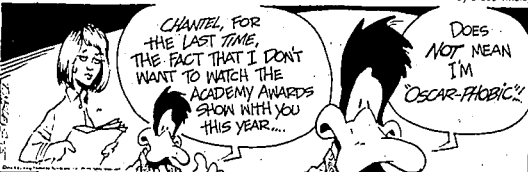
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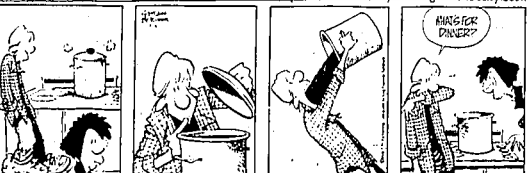
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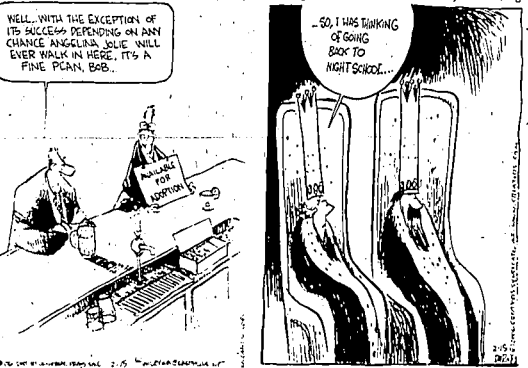


Non Sequitur

By Wiley

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Leo, put a positive spin on

IF FEB. 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Sometimes you may feel like Dorothy and there's no place like home, but this year you may feel more like the great and powerful Oz. You may bask in the increased popularity that makes it easier than ever to win a promotion or find ardent admirers — especially in October and November. You might be gripped by a deep passion to succeed in the material world, as well. You are certain to succeed in attaining whatever you aim for because you will receive recognition for your hard work and determination and be blessed by the opportunities to demonstrate them this year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Treat friends like family and they will repay you in kind. Honor your commitments and listen to the boss. Those you love the most may instinctively know how to please you tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A gentle, sympathetic and compassionate attitude works wonders. Make public appearances or lunch at the latest hot spot with friends while your glamour and allure is at a high point.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Silence is golden. Keep public presentations to a minimum

HOROSCOPE: Jeraldine Saunders

and don't send that gripe letter to the phone company or complain to the boss. You shine brightest at home with your honey.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make peaceful overtures. Sent undecided issues about joint monies or possessions that could cause an irritation later. But don't stir things up and create a mountain out of a molehill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Deal with the public. Put a positive spin on your public image by being "out there" even if you prefer to crawl back under the cozy covers. Dive back in tonight and struggle all night long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make a few extra dollars or earn a few extra brownie points. You can score by knowing just what others need. Amorous encounters with a special sweetie could reach ecstatic heights tonight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The "mimic" was written on a recently received valentine, so perhaps you're dreaming of white picket fences, lace curtains, and two cats in the yard. Get romantic while the getting is good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pick permanent and enduring things rather than ephemeral items. Candy is dandy but quickly consumed. Lasting love is so much better — and as they say, sex won't rot your teeth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Maintain your cool under contact with people who say or do things on the spur of the moment. Keep promises and others will appreciate your efforts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Money can't buy you love. But it can certainly make life more pleasant. Steer clear of fads and fancies and look for solid values and classic designs if you go shopping today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be true blue. You shine with the brilliant light of inspired commitment to whatever cause or faction you defend and this may make you more popular than usual. Indulge your fantasies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Overlook embarrassing gaffes. When someone close says the wrong thing or a coworker lets the cat out of the bag it's best to simply ignore it. The cosmic lights are green for love tonight.

Daughter struggles to reveal details of mom's violent death



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Leaving is not your only option. Document the times, dates and examples of the sexual harassment. Give copies to your boss and explain that the conduct has continued. According to my employment law expert, Nancy Bertrando, if the boss doesn't deal with this, you should file a complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. (It is listed in your phone book under Government Agencies.)

change the subject. You are under no social obligation to bare your soul to anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old male with a problem. I work at a small business with six employees and 12 contracted associates. My problem concerns one of the female associates, "Stella."

Over the past year, Stella has made sexual advances toward me. She asks me to come over and watch movies, while her husband is away; she asks me to hug while I'm busy with customers, and shows me her new undergarments. When I told Stella I was uncomfortable with the situation she placed me in, she became upset and accused me of being rude, unprofessional and sexually discriminatory.

I have brought this to the attention of my employer. He says he had a talk with her and that it will stop, but it hasn't. I love my job and don't like being treated this way, yet I feel my only option is to leave. Can you please help?

— UNCOMFORTABLE IN CALIFORNIA

— BRIDE-TO-BE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: There is no "law" against it, but I would recommend against wearing your bridal gown to the airport because the idea is impractical. Airport floors are dirty and could soil the gown. A trip up or down an escalator could tear the hem. The compulsory security screening could also create a problem, and so would the seating on the aircraft.

It would be much better to do what brides traditionally do: After the reception, change into comfortable traveling clothes and have your wedding gown at home.

DEAR ABBY: My mother was murdered by a serial killer about 16 years ago. Whenever the subject of my parents comes up at work, I don't know what to tell people when they ask about my mom.

Jan 26. Once in a while, they will ask me about what happened to her, but when I open my mouth to say something, I get nervous and start blushing. This might be because I know people get uncomfortable when you talk about stuff like this. I also feel weird telling them that my mother was a prostitute and that's how she was murdered. Sometimes I say she was in an accident—but that's a lie.

Can you give me any advice on the proper way to discuss this in the office without it being weird for me or the other person?

— MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON

DEAR MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER: The fact that you became a mother when trying to discuss what happened to your mother means—to me—that you are still traumatized by the circumstances of her death. (Frankly, I'm understanding your mother, it's not necessary to give chapter and verse unless you want to. Tell the person your mother passed away many years ago, which is the truth, if you are pressed for details, say that the topic is painful and

Log cabins came from Finland

This day in history: 50 years ago, on Feb. 15, 1956, the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Kansas City A's canceled an exhibition game in Birmingham, Ala., because of laws banning playing baseball with interracial teams.

J. Alfred Wright wrote some of the best stories about animals and veterans. Perhaps you know him better by his pen name, James Herriot, author of "All Things Bright and Beautiful."

Log cabins seem like they're the essence of Americana, but they originally came from Finland and Sweden. In the 1630s, Finns and Swedes began setting up the practice of log design to the new land.

If an octopus released its ink inside an aquarium, it would kill everything inside the glass walls—including the octopus itself.

In 1907, Woodward Avenue between Six and Seven Mile

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Erin Barrett

Roads in Detroit became the first mile of concrete road poured in the United States.

If you've got chrematophobia, you've got a deep, unshakable fear of money. Send us a bank check, and we'll quickly cure your problem for you.

Over the last 60 years, farmers and ranchers have resulted in a large increase in meat and dairy production. The bad news is that they've also resulted a huge drop in the mineral content of those products. According to the Food Commission in England, a rump steak contains

only 45 percent of the iron that had in 1940, and milk contains 2 percent less calcium, 21 percent less magnesium, and 60 percent less iodine.

The Statue of Liberty was first built in France, then in 1885 loaded aboard a ship in 250 separate pieces to be assembled here.

A parachutist who freefalls in a spread eagle position will go about 125 mph. One who rolls into a tight ball will go about 75 mph faster.

Wise Brown, who wrote many a tender animal tale like "Good-night Moon" and "The Bunny's Birthday," loved hunting rabbits. She collected their feet as trophies.

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Valentine chiseled into soybean field

By The Associated Press

LINDSBORG, Kan. — Forget the pen and paper. Richard Patrick made his wife of nearly 50 years an early Valentine with a piece of farm equipment.

Pulling a 12-foot wide chisel behind his tractor, the 70-year-old plowed a huge heart into his soybean field last week, with the words "Be My Valentine" inside it. He then took his wife for a drive on an elevated highway nearby.

"It's the first time he's ever drawn me a Valentine's card," said Delrena Patrick, 68. "I thought it was pretty nice. He usually does it like every other male. He goes to the store and buys one."

The Patricks, who were married Feb. 29, 1956, have four children, 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Word of Richard Patrick's Valentine spread quickly among relatives and friends.

"It's kind of cool and special, being it's their 50th anniversary," said an in-law Duane Koelling. Still, Richard Patrick isn't off the hook for Valentine's Day. He said that when he and his wife got home after he showed her the meaning, the first thing she said was, "You aren't gonna get by with just that."

Man hides after losing Super Bowl bet

BASIN, Wyo. — A man staged his own disappearance from the Big Horn Mountains after losing \$40,000 on a Super Bowl bet, authorities said.

Marvin Hackworth, 46, of Gillette, was reported missing Feb. 6, the day after the Super Bowl, according to the Big Horn County Sheriff's Office.

Search and rescue teams spent two days looking for him in the Big Horn Mountains, where he had told his wife he

lost his elbow for a squirrel, authorities said.

Sheriff's Lt. George Arthur Sikkenka, 64, of Muskegon, was wounded Sunday morning in Oceana County's Golden Township, in the west-central Lower Peninsula.

Troopers said Sikkenka and Gregory Scott Wood, 44, of Muskegon, split up while hunting.

Sikkenka was wearing camouflage clothing except for an orange hat, which he had covered with a hood after sitting down behind a tree. The Muskegon Chronicle reported.

His clothed elbow was all that was visible when Wood approached from behind the tree and fired his weapon, which the Ludington Daily News described as a .17-caliber rifle.

Sikkenka was treated and released at a nearby hospital. Police were investigating the shooting.

Same lottery numbers repeat in two days

MADISON, Wis. — Here's a reason to keep playing the same lottery numbers.

The winning SuperCash numbers drawn Jan. 20 and Feb. 9 were 4, 5, 10, 16, 25 and 29.

The odds of that string showing up twice in 10 days is 1 in 326,262, said state lottery mathematician Jon Michael Rasmus.

It is to happen every so often," Rasmus said. "On the scales of an unlabeled tree, it would be more likely that you would flip a coin 16 times and they would all be heads."

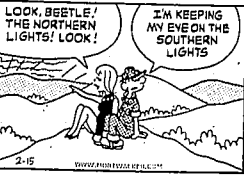
Jan. 30, no one had all six numbers. The game divided \$45,500 among those who had some of the numbers.

But on Feb. 9, three people had all six numbers. Each won \$330,000, and the game paid out a total of \$1,080,027.

Man mistakes partner for a squirrel

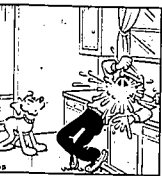
GOLDEN TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A man was shot and injured when his hunting partner mis-

Beetle Bailey



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Blonds



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Garfield



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By Chance Browne

Classic Peanuts



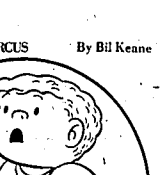
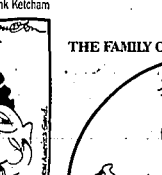
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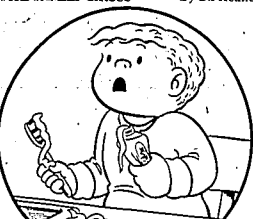


By Hank Ketcham

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Mommy, can you help me put some of this toothpaste back in the tube?"

"I rounded it off."

EDITORIAL

Background check delays pose risk to local schools

Do a background check for a gun, and it will come back within five minutes.

Do a background check for a job in a local school district, and it could take days, weeks, even months.

Therein lies a serious issue for the state of Idaho and state school districts.

Our view: Fingerprint background checks take too long for many school districts around Idaho. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

A concealed weapon permit is only a name check against the database. But an employment background check uses a fingerprint-based check, which is scanned and checked with state and national databases.

Still, the time needed for public sector employment background checks is unacceptable. State officials need to look further into the problem as they grapple with the other issues of sex offenders and background checks.

Lawmakers are currently considering a bill that would require state workers, who would have unsupervised contact with children or vulnerable adults, to undergo fingerprint-based criminal history and background checks.

It's a sound bill, but it doesn't fix the delays in getting those background checks back quickly.

The issue is serious when you consider that an employee with a criminal record could be in the position for months before a report comes back. Local school districts, including Twin Falls, Buhl and Kimberly, all say a fingerprint check usually takes a number of weeks.

Linda Baird, human relations director for the Twin Falls School District, said most searches take four weeks. The longest have been two or three months.

"The process has large gaps in it," she said "in terms of when you hire

somebody, even a certified teacher when you get prints, you simply can't wait five months for a background check to come back before you put them in the classrooms."

Baird says a newly certified teacher already has a background check. But experienced teachers from outside the district must submit to another fingerprint check, as would a classified job applicant.

A typical fingerprint check begins at the district level, with the district or a local police station taking the fingerprint. The print is then mailed to the state Department of Education and entered into a state database with the Idaho State Police's Bureau of Criminal Investigations. The FBI then checks the scan with a regional database of western states, and it's then off to the FBI.

Baird said these checks are very thorough for misdemeanor and felony offenses. And the vast majority of applicants for professional, clerical and classified positions in local school districts come back clean.

But sometimes they don't. And when that applicant's record comes back with some criminal background, it gives an administrator — instant heartburn. That official will have to frantically ask if the applicant had any contact with minors.

At a recent state meeting of school district human resources directors, the delay in background checks was a common topic of concern. Many officials said a electronic scanning system created by the state could tighten the time period for the checks. The problem, however, is money. The systems are highly advanced and require synergies among local, state and federal agencies.

Those costs may be high, but so are the risks with an applicant with a criminal history — especially if he is on the job for weeks or months.

Blame dead-eye Dick for 'accident'

When I was a kid, hunting quail with my dad and brother in a Kansas mom would always holler on the door as we left: "And don't shoot each other." We chuckled about that. But we took hunting safety seriously, and we never shot each other.

Vice President Dick Cheney wasn't that fortunate on Saturday when he shot and injured one of his fellow hunters on a Texas ranch. I feel badly for Cheney. I can't imagine what that must feel like.

SAM COOK

But the responsibility for the accident lies squarely on Cheney's shoulders.

Cheney was hunting quail when he accidentally shot Harry Whittington in the face, neck and chest at 30 yards, according to news reports.

Whittington, 70, initially was hospitalized in intensive care, though by Monday he had been moved to a "step-down unit," according to the Associated Press. But say, he suffered a minor heart attack after a pellet of shot aimed at his brain, according to news reports.

In Kansas, quail are usually hunted in a hunter's blind. However, when a covey flushes, perhaps a dozen to 25 birds fly in several different directions. A hunter must react quickly.

In my youth, blue-orange was not a requirement, and nobody I knew wore it. But I never



witnessed a hunting accident, and I never heard of one in the counties where we hunted.

It is the responsibility of every hunter — and Cheney's in this case — to know where other hunters are and not to shoot in their direction. In my land hunting a bird will often flush and fly in the direction of another hunter, or between two hunters. It isn't uncommon for a hunter to see that situation developing and pass up a shot.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department issued a report Monday that found the main factor contributing to the accident was a "hunter's judgment error," according to the Associated Press.

Mike Hammer, education coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Enforcement, agrees.

"Any time there's a hunting-related firearms incident, somebody was not practicing the rules of safe gun handling, no matter who it is," Hammer said. "It sounds like Vice President Cheney wasn't sure of his safe zones of fire, because if he had known, he wouldn't have pulled the trigger."

Hunting accidents, though often widely publicized, are relatively rare. So far in the 2005-2006 Minnesota hunting season, there have been 24 accidents among an estimated 600,000 hunters, Hammer said.

It's regrettable that Cheney has chosen not to address the issue publicly and that the White House chose not to comment on the incident for almost 24 hours, and then only when asked by reporters. A little accountability would be welcome.

Even less palatable is that White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan joked about the matter during the University of Texas football team's visit to the White House on Tuesday, according to AP reports. The school's colors are burnt orange.

"The orange that they're wearing is not because they're concerned that the vice president may be there," joked McClellan, quoted in the AP story.

That leads me to believe the White House views this as a laughing matter. Just a little accident among old cronies.

I wonder if that's how Whittington feels living in intensive care with quail shot in his heart.

Sam Cook is an outdoors columnist for the Duluth News Tribune of Duluth, Minn.

Good for Bremond, but not for Idaho

I found *The Times-News* articles by reporter Michelle Dunlop on Feb. 5 and 6 interesting, and I am very happy for the citizens of Bremond, Texas, who are trying to stop the financial bleed from their Sempra coal-fired plant. Best wishes to them, and Sempra should go and build its coal-fired plants in places like Bremond where it is loved and embraced.

I asked myself a few questions after reading Ms. Dunlop's article.

How many people in the surrounding areas were interviewed? With three government officials, a rancher, a dayman and three coal-fired plant workers expressing their opinions, is this information sufficient for us to conclude that Sempra is a good thing for our valley?

Does the coal-fired plant in Bremond sit on top of an aquifer that will be water for more than 50,000 people?

Do we have enough water to sustain the 600-megawatt coal-fired plant when we have serious water shortages? What will happen to our agriculture and tourist-based businesses if we don't have enough water for farming and safe water for drinking?

Idaho has many alternative clean energy options. Why only our government and our Legislature would put their minds to work on expanding them and developing them, Energy from coal-fired plants is not our only option.

For time years, I lived in three different states in the South and have been in Texas several times. How could any one of the valleys, Idaho is worth pristine, beautiful state of Idaho? We have the majestic mountains, the crystal clear streams and rivers, and the breathtaking views of and across the valley. Idaho is worth fighting for to keep in its best place to live.

The issue will affect our lives and generations to come. We need to educate ourselves so we can make informed decisions. What price are we really going to pay for some tax dollars and gaining a few jobs? And what good does monetary incentives do if we lose our healthy environment, our safe

drinking water and our clean air?

Contrary to the portrait painted by those who resort to name calling of those who oppose Sempra, the people who oppose Sempra are from all walks of life and include Democrats and Republicans. They care about the future of our valley and have great concern for our valley's quality of life — and that is why they oppose coal-fired plants.

PHUONG SMITH
Filer

Earliest arguments against Sempra still stand

Many moons ago when Sempra Energy first announced its plan to build a coal-fired electric plant in our Magic Valley, I was one of the first ones to voice objection in your letters to the editor. It has been most interesting to observe the widespread and logical objections to Sempra's plan.

The facts of the matter have not changed. I am extremely disappointed in your coverage of the power plant proposal.

In the past, *The Times-News* has been a lot of things — inaccurate, poorly edited and occasionally trivial — but I have never seen *The Times-News* present a shamed point of view. The news has always been objective. This is not this officially ended. This is the most biased coverage I have ever seen, and I am considering cancelling my subscription.

I was not pro or con on the issue of coal-fired power plant until I read the obviously biased coverage of *The Times-News* during this past week. Now I feel that this power plant and its proponents have an agenda and they are giving equal time to both sides in the future.

RICO ALIERS
Hansen

Southern Idaho has most to lose with emissions

There appears to finally be some concern developing about the quality of the air we breathe. I hope those not concerned have taken note of how bad the air quality in these valleys gets when inversions occur. I think many forget southern Idaho is mostly valleys surrounded by mountains. In an inversion the

particulate tends to settle in these valleys. There seems to be a huge amount from our legislators about the health of Idaho and of their constituency.

Could that be because Boise is west of these proposed power plant polluters? The problem inherent in developing a one-party government are becoming more evident. Competition is still the greatest motivator for people to do a one-party system answers only to themselves, they can become dictatorial. The answer to the problems and pollution Sempra and others offer lies in Boise. Maybe it is time to offer an alternative to those we now have in charge of protecting our land and our health. Maybe it is time to reestablish our two-party system of government.

I realize there are many who think we have accomplished a great thing in eliminating competition. However, I think not. The competition should have been improved and strengthened rather than eliminated.

I find it scary that three people could decide to allow a system into our area that is not controlled. A coal-fired power plant can and will pollute everything in this valley. We already have a mercury problem. Why can't we understand the danger inherent in spreading our best to it is on the land? What about the arsenic that will be spread abroad? We will have to treat our water, not Sempra.

Let Sempra, or our leaders, release those with asthma or those with emphysema? Will they pay for those with neurological problems caused by mercury poisoning? I guess not, that is not a concern. They will happen, but I guess I'm not to worry about. After all, money is far more important. I surmise that some will become concerned too.

ERNEST K. RAMEY
Rupert

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LETTER

Candidate reaffirms stance against Sempra

In a Feb. 9 letter to the editor, Lyle Pence of Gooding asked where the two candidates for governor stand on the Sempra coal plant. As one of those candidates, I can tell you: I am against it!

I've been against it since October when I first understood what was at stake and said so in this newspaper. I restated my opposition before the Ivin Falls Kiwanis Club the same day. My friend's letter was published.

Magic Valley is doing very well without Sempra: new business parks, an advanced fiber optic network, rising wages, 4 percent growth and nearly full employment.

cake or setting a beautiful banquet table and then adding a pile of coal for a centerpiece. This is the wrong place for a coal plant.

Sempra will burn 300 tons of coal an hour, 2.5 million tons a year. This will unquestionably be bad for the dairy farms, trout farms and for the health of every man, woman and child in this region. We don't need a coal plant in our energy mix.

Wind could generate more power than Sempra with no pollution and with greater net benefit to Idaho. Dirty waste can be turned into natural gas. Idaho has a lot of geothermal energy available.

Idaho may be the right place for Sempra but Sempra is not the right solution for Idaho.
JERRY BRADY
Idaho Idol
(Editor's note: Jerry Brady is a Democratic candidate for governor.)

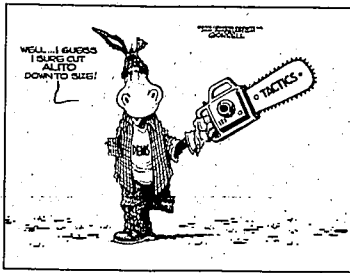
The Democrats are blowin' it once again

President Bush was in trouble. Nothing was going right, and the war in Iraq was rapidly losing support. Democrats smelled victory but kept bungling the chance. Their nominee was so unimpressive that Bush and the GOP scored a giant victory.

MICHAEL GOODWIN

That's a short history of the 2004 elections, when Bush won a second term and the GOP gained seats, and kept control of both houses of Congress.

Fast forward and 2006 is shaping up like *deja vu* all over again. Bush hasn't seen 50 percent approval in the polls for months. Iraq is stuck in bloody neutral and congressional Republicans are under fire for ties to a corrupt lobbyist. With midterm elections in the fall, Dems should be able to take one or both houses and exert much more influence over the last two years of Bush's term. But Democrats are still getting in their own way, and



could blow their chances again. The most prominent party leaders, including Hillary Clinton and Ted Kennedy, have become so extreme that their attacks make Bush look good by comparison.

Clinton seems to have gone off the deep end. She followed up on her stupid remark at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event that the House is "run like a plantation" by charging the White House with a "deliberate policy of neglect" in rebuilding New Orleans. She suggested in a San Francisco

appearance that Bush saw the hurricane as "a mixed blessing" and that he was afraid "all those Democrats might come home." NAACP Chairman Julian Bond topped that by saying Republicans would be happy to fly the Nazi flag.

Such nutso talk feeds the rage of party fanatics, but it's a surefire turnoff to the independents who decide close elections. The situation recalls the 1964 election when Lyndon B. Johnson's memorable line about Palestinians — "they never miss an opportunity to miss an

opportunity." So it seems with Democrats.

Their blunders allow Bush to defy political gravity despite having only one issue where the public trusts him — keeping America safe from terrorism. Sentiment turns against him on most everything else.

A recent Los Angeles Times poll, citing the economy, health care and Iraq, found that more than 60 percent of Americans say the country needs to change course. Only on whether Bush's policies had made the nation more secure did a slight majority give him a thumbs up. That's pretty much where he was when he beat John Kerry in 2004.

Yet as bad as he is doing, Bush has higher approval ratings than congressional Dems — 43 percent to 36 percent, the poll found. And that poll was taken before Kennedy finished his disgraceful attempt to smear Samuel Alito and before Bush's forceful State of the Union address.

The Kennedy episode is the perfect example of what's wrong with Democrats. Alito is a smart and humble man

whose conservative views are a prime reason Bush nominated him to the Supreme Court. Kennedy tried to bring him down by outrageous attacks on his integrity.

The hypocrisy was breathtaking. From his two expulsions from Harvard for cheating on his leaving Mario Jo Kapachne to drown off Chappaquiddick to his notorious philandering, Kennedy has zero standing to lecture on ethics. But there he was,

smearing Alito in ways that would have made Joe McCarthy proud. And not a single Democrat rebuked him. Just think: If Dems take the Senate, Kennedy's senility would give him enormous clout and a committee chairmanship. You don't have to love Bush to say, no, thanks.

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LETTERS

Coal-plant will hurt Idaho's precious scenery

Idaho doesn't need a polluting coal-fired plant. Idaho is a beautiful state with exciting scenery and enormous natural resources. The state has towering, snow-capped mountain ranges, swifling white rapids, peaceful lakes and steep canyons. What would get into our water?

The charming waters of Idaho's Snake River rushes by to Hells Canyon, which is deeper than the Grand Canyon. Shoshone Falls on the Snake River plunges down rugged cliffs from a height greater than that of Niagara Falls. Protect the water on the Snake River.

Idaho's natural resources include fertile soil, rich mineral deposits, thick forests, a great

water supply. Idaho farmers need water to grow sugar beets, wheat and many other crops. But mostly, the famous potatoes. Idaho ranks first in potato production, and people throughout the United States enjoy Idaho baked potatoes. What would get into the potatoes everyone eats? Will it be safe to eat?

Something to think about before we let Sempra in our state. Let's protect our water for all people.

Thank you!
DONALD TANNER
Jerome

Hit-and-run case could have killed boy
You know who you are!
You were driving your blue suburban with tinted windows

on Monday morning, Feb. 6, at 7:50 a.m. My 15-year-old grandson was crossing the street at the corner of Sparks and Caswell Avenue on his way to Robert Stuart Junior High. You hit him with your vehicle and knocked him to the ground. When he moved from the street, you left the scene. You have committed a crime. My grandson suffered damage to his knee and severely bruised ribs, according to the physician at the hospital.

Someone driving a white van witnessed your act! The Twin Falls City Police are looking for you! Do the right thing — turn yourself in, admit your crime. If you had hit a smaller child, you could possibly have killed him.

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Monday - Feb. 20 - 1:00 pm at the LDS Church south of Jerome (50 East, 100 South).
All friends, former patients, and fellow Tiger fans are invited to attend. Please, no gifts.

Have a HeART for Childhood Cancer
Saturday, February 18th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm at Hands On Art Studio
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Valentine's Day: Time to review

Your fourth-grade teacher told you that the best way to prevent mistakes in the future was to learn from the mistakes you'd already made.

So the day after Valentine's Day seems a good time to explore, folks. What went wrong.

You can tell something went wrong last night because you woke up this morning in the bed of your choice. This is the surest indication that, as far as your sweetie is concerned, your *snore* was not *fair*.

Next year, remember that ...

• No. 1: ... It's a bad idea to wait until Valentine's Day to order roses. And there was no choice — none — that she wasn't gonna notice that those blooms you presented to her last night might be made of rice paper.

• No. 2: Chocolate, in one form or another, is indispensable on Valentine's Day. I had you taken the simple precaution of securing a bag of Hershey's Kisses while you were in the 7-Eleven looking for the last Valentine's card (*"Happy Valentine's Day to My Dear Grandmother"*), you could have saved yourself banking with Fido, Maxie and Cupo.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

• No. 3: Just because it says "wine" on the label doesn't mean it's romantic. This pretty much applies to any wine called "Bionne's Farm."

• No. 4: I may be generalizing here, but most women are not going to react well to receiving a fire-engine red polyester t-shirt from the dollar store.

• No. 5: You know all of the romantic habits you've developed since you got married? Break them.

• No. 6: Some women don't like facial hair on any guy they're expected to kiss. It's always a good idea to ask.

• No. 7: Valentine's Day is about fantasy, not about gravity. Get rid of those comfort-fit jeans.

• No. 8: You're not Elizabeth Barrett Browning; leave the poets' to Hallmark.

• No. 9: In general, ordering spurs and cowboy hats because saucer is a bad dining strategy, romance-wise.

• No. 10: Take off the damn baseball cap when you go to bed.

• No. 11: Count down about a man leaving a woman, particularly at the altar, will not take you where you want to go.

• No. 12: On the other hand, a country song about a man losing his pickup is an innovative Valentine's Day voting strategy.

• No. 13: Comparing one's current Valentine with past Valentines is the royal road to having no Valentine.

• No. 14: The name *Caipid*, not *Stupid*.

• No. 15: I looked it up: You don't get a pass on Valentine's Day evening just because that's your homecoming night.

• No. 16: If you take your Valentine to a Valentine's Day dance, it's generally expected that you will dance.

• No. 17: St. Valentine was canonized by the Catholic Church in the fifth century, and his feast day has been celebrated on Feb. 14 for almost as long. Your excuse that you didn't know *when* Valentine's Day was is too feeble for comment.

• No. 18: Tell me, please, that you didn't think giving your Valentine a *rouen* was really gonna work.

• No. 19: I don't care if you snore the rest of the year; *restrain* yourself on Valentine's Day evening.

• No. 20: It's sweetie, cut, dog and truck, in that order. Only one of the aforementioned can be your Valentine, and you don't get any clues which one.

Columnist Steve Crump is executive vice president of the Dog House Sleepers of America.

Snowpack levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	Peak**
Salmon	123%	85%
Big Wood	128%	87%
Little Wood	127%	89%
Big Lost	123%	82%
Little Lost	107%	70%
Henri Fork/Teton	118%	83%
Upper Snake Basin	119%	84%
Oakley	157%	116%
Salmon Falls	146%	101%

* Comparison of basin snowpack on this day with a 30-year average.
** An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in April.

Injured Marine back in intensive care

Hospital gave him wrong drug, his mother says

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — They say recovery is often one step forward and two steps back.

Marine Cpl. Travis Greene went back to the National Naval Medical Center's intensive care unit Monday due to one of the most common medical mistakes — he was given the wrong medication, his mother, Sue Greene, wrote on the family's Carlingbridge Web site Monday night.

Greene, 24, a 1999 Twin Falls High School graduate and a star on the 5th floor and left field team, lost both of his legs in an explosion Dec. 7 in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, just west of Baghdad. One Marine was killed and three other Marines and one Navy corpsman were injured. They transferred to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in nearby Washington, D.C., several weeks ago and Greene is expected to join them eventually.

Once there, he will begin another long journey of intensive physical therapy and learning to walk again on prostheses.

By Tuesday, Greene was back on the 5th floor and left field team to eat two pills from a special Valentine's Day meal provided by the Marine Corps League, his mother wrote Tuesday in the family's online journal.

Two weeks ago, after 52 days in the Bethesda, Md., hospital's ICU, almost a record, Greene was finally well enough to be moved to the fifth floor. He continued to improve and even posted his first entry on the family's Web site last weekend.

But Greene had a setback sometime after 9 p.m. Sunday when he was given an antibiotic he is highly allergic to, Sue Greene wrote Monday. She wrote that his skin began to turn red again and peel, his fever shot up to 104 and his heart rate at one point soared to 160 beats a minute. At 6 p.m. Monday night, Sue Greene said she was told her son was back in ICU.

Common reasons for medication errors

- Incomplete patient information, such as not knowing about patients' allergies, other medications they're taking, previous diagnoses and lab results.
- Unavailable drug information, such as lack of up-to-date warnings.
- Miscommunication of drug orders, which can involve poor handwriting, confusion over drugs with similar names, misuse of zeroes and decimal points, confusion of metric and other, using units and inappropriate abbreviations.
- Lack of appropriate labeling as a drug is prepared and repackaged into smaller units.
- Environmental factors, such as lights, heat, noise and interruptions that can distract health professionals from their medical tasks.

Source: American Hospital Association

"They started him immediately on a steroid, along with Tylenol, cooling blanket and heurpicks," the Marine's mother, wrote.

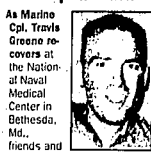
His fever was down to 103 and his heart rate slowed to 135, she wrote. To prevent further mistakes, the pharmacy was notified of the three medicines Greene is allergic to, and a note had been put on the cover of his medical chart, she said.

"I'm going to insist that sign be on his door on the fifth floor," Sue Greene wrote Monday night. "He is settled in ICU and our favorite nurse, Sissanne, has him tonight." The Greene family could be reached for comment Tuesday.

Medication errors are a problem in hospitals, even in hospitals like the prestigious National Naval Medical Center where the president of the United States gets his annual checkup. Since 1992, the federal Food and Drug Administration has received some 20,000 reports of medication errors, and those are just the voluntary reports. The FDA suspects the real number is much larger than that.

Greene was on his third tour of Iraq when he was injured. He

Keep in touch



Greene

As Marine Cpl. Travis Greene recovers at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., friends and strangers alike have written messages of support in his guestbook on the family's Carlingbridge Web site.

Greene's parents also provide daily updates on their son's condition. To read more, or to leave a message yourself, go to the Web site at <http://www.carlingbridge.org> and click "visit." In the first box, type "travisgreene" and click again on "visit."

recently received the Purple Heart and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

Times-News writer Sandy Miller can be reached at 735-3264 or by e-mail at smiller@magiclevel.com



Carey Progressive Club member Lois Stoeckel, left, contemplates a hand of pinochle while fellow club member Mary Hunt awaits her turn.

After 92 years, spirit of sisterhood lives on in Carey Progressive Club

By Jamey Colter Times-News correspondent

CAREY — If bonds between women are some of the strongest in the world, nowhere is it more apparent than within the Carey Progressive Club. "The club," as the 13 members like to call it, is the root of the elderly women in the Carey community.

The Progressive Club celebrated its 92nd year in February during a dinner at the senior center at Carey City Hall.

"We used to meet in each other's homes, but meeting at city hall has just gotten so busy," said club president Bonnie Justesen.

Justesen, as well as many others, is a second generation club member. "The club was formed back in 1914, so many of our mothers, sisters, aunts, and even mothers-in-law were founders of the club," said club vice president Mary Hunt.

Initially, the group was formed in order to keep women informed about political, governmental, and legislative issues.

"They used to send ladies to the Legislature every year, and they would report back to club members on current issues," said Hunt.

Not only were the ladies focused on government, but in 1920 (when women earned the right to vote), club members focused on raising awareness of issues affecting women.

"We used to also fix lunches for election boards, huge water meetings, and most all community events," said Justesen.

But that was then, this is now. With significant changes in technology and the American lifestyle, the club is feeling the pinch of a decline in attendance.

"We've recently lost some mem-

ber. Although the girls meet for a "friendly" card game, they still win prizes, donated by each month's host. A prize is awarded for both the highest and lowest hand, and they also give away a traveling prize. The traveling prize can be misleading. "The traveling prize is not for the person who travels the farthest, it's given to the lady who gets a certain pinochle hand," Justesen said. "And this month I'm the host so I'm giving a step-stool and some candles. We just give whatever we have handy at the time," she said.

"The Progressive Club still — like its name implies — does perform some progressive things."

"We donate to a college scholarship every year, and we are greeters for the Blaine County Fair."

— Mary Hunt, vice president of the Carey Progressive Club, on some of the group's activities.

bers. I think part of the reason for the drop-off in membership is (that) we now have TV, radio, newspapers and Internet to keep us informed," said Justesen.

The club started out with about 20 members in 1914 and has dwindled down to a handful of regulars, on Thursdays afternoons, only four women could be found at the Progressive Club meeting.

"People also have doctor's appointments and other personal issues to attend to," said Justesen.

But lack of attendance never dampens the spirit of the club. Regardless of the number of attendees, the ladies continue the business of setting up tables and readying the snacks. Numbers are irrelevant to this group — the focus is found in the pleasure of being among friends.

"I started coming to club because I wanted to play pinochle with the girls, and I get to see when I come," said club member Lois Stoeckel.

"We don't go to the Legislature anymore, but we always try to meet for pinochle once a month," Justesen said.

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"We would love to have more people come and join us," said Justesen.

But members give one important caveat: By joining the Carey Progressive Club, there will be certain things to count on.

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Public transport returns to Mini-Cassia

By Renee Wells For The Times-News

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia once again has a public transportation service.

S&I Services, owned and operated by Ron Thomezt, has a three-vehicle fleet including a handicapped-accessible bus.

The company is Medicaid certified and can transport within and outside of Mini-Cassia, Thomezt said. It also provides transportation for a nominal fee.

Having just started the service, Thomezt is working on routes and schedules, but says he hopes to be able to fit a general transportation route into this agenda where residents can travel to appointments, grocery shopping or just take a ride to get out and about.

"The business was started after Thomezt saw a need for dialysis patients to have reliable transportation to and from treatments."

"I have renal failure myself and I was seeing dialysis patients sometimes having to wait for hours for rides," Thomezt said. "When Eagle Rock Transportation left Mini-Cassia, we saw about half of the clients who pay vehicle works without transportation."

Many grant programs have taken a beating because they have had to help participants with transportation, cutting into the funding that could be used elsewhere, Thomezt said.

"Within two weeks of telling one medical provider that he intended to see his dialysis patients, he had 15 different providers across the valley calling him about transportation for their clients."

"We have had parents who need rides for their children ask us how much extra they will have to pay to ride with them," Thomezt said. "We are not charging an extra fee for a personal provider to ride with us. We are only charging to take a separate vehicle. If there is room for a parent or family member and we're driving the bus, or car, anyway for the client, we don't mind to assist their child or sibling."

Thomezt has three certified drivers, besides himself. Eric Baro is his bus driver; Jennifer Prinsone and Tami Pugh, who is the company's office manager, drive the van and sedan. Thomezt is certified to drive all three vehicles.

"The company will transport clients locally, or they can take them to appointments out of town. We'll take them to Boise or Salt Lake City if they need to go there," Thomezt said.

"The one thing we do require of Medicaid clients is that they give us a minimum of 24-hour notice for their appointments so we can secure authority to transport. We'd like two to three days' notice if possible, but we can't get the permission taken care of ahead of time."

To reach S & I Services about transportation, call (208) 878-3730.

Jamey Colter lives in Carey and can be reached by e-mail at colterj@skylink.net.

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Henry H. Holland



RUPERT — On Feb. 13, 2006, our loving husband, father and grandfather, Henry H. Holland, returned to the arms of his Lord and Savior...

Henry was born Nov. 24, 1918, in Billings, Mont., to Dennis Timothy Holland and Adele Gray Holland. He attended schools in Florida, Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana...

Henry married his lovely and dedicated wife, Irene Barber, while serving in the Air Force in Anacosta, Mont., on June 27, 1946...

In 1956, Henry and Irene drew a homestead on the north side of Rupert and farmed there for 17 years. He also worked as boiler operator at the Annamagnated Sugar Factory...



on the little Wood River and Fish Creek near Gary, Idaho. He was a member of St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert, Idaho...

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Irene; one son, Dennis (Linda) Holland of Idaho Falls; two daughters, Sandy (Bundy) Anen of Burley and Sharon (Gene) Adnesh of Boise...

"We will always love you, you will be greatly missed. You not only taught us how to live, you taught us how to die." Special thanks to Minidoka Home Health and to the staff at the Warren House...

Home Health and to the staff at the Warren House, especially Blake, Carol, Lewis, Karen, Misty, Renee, Ada and Linda.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 1021 9th St. in Rupert.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Mike St. Marie officiating. Burial with military rites will be at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 7 p.m. until the time of the vigil service Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Friday at the church.

Scott Levoir Shepherd



GOODING — Scott Levoir Shepherd, of Gooding, passed Feb. 11, 2006, after a long illness and went home to the Lord.

Scott was born Aug. 1, 1956, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to George and Lora Shepherd. He grew up in Boise and graduated from Capital High School in 1975.

He married his high school sweetheart, Dawn Beckman, who was blessed with two children, Lindsey Rae and Jeffrey Dean. He married his second sweetheart and loving caregiver in 1987, Melissa McIntosh, and gained another son, Jacob McIntosh. Scott loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping, motorcycles, cars, and trucks, and enjoyed playing pool.

He was an all-around handyman and could build and do his own mechanics on his own cars, but his main trade was as an electrician. He belonged to

Scott is survived by his wife, Jan of Gooding daughter Lindsey (Dan) Lam of Boise; sons, Jeffrey (Carole) Shephard of Oregon and Jacob (Britney) McIntosh of Idaho Falls; his grandchildren, Olivia and Owen Lam; parents, George and Lou Dean Shepherd of Twin Falls; sisters, Deborah (Mark) Williams of Pocatello and Christa (Kylie) Anderson of Jerome; brothers, Kent (Sandra) Shepherd of Idaho Falls and Douglas (Ellen) Shepherd of Jerome; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Gooding. Visitation for family and friends will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Dendarray Funeral Service in Gooding.

Matthew William Hilling



BURLEY — Matthew William Hilling, a 17-year-old Burley resident, passed away Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, in Burley from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Matthew was born Jan. 9, 1989, in Burley, to Stacey Hilling and Phyllis Cox Stumph. He attended schools in Burley, Minico and was a varsity junior at the Burley High School. Matt enjoyed skateboarding, hanging out with friends and family, especially his Uncle Billy and Aunt Kimberly's family.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Phyllis and Bob Stumph of Burley; father, one Stacey Hilling of Utah; one

brother, Zackary Hilling; grandparents, Bill and Juanita Cox of Burley; uncles and aunts, Billy and Kimberly Cox, Bill and Julie Gonyea, and Bobby and Monica Cox; his cousins he lived with, Phillip, Monica, James and Nicholas of Burley.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at the First Baptist Church, 2212 Highland Ave., with the Rev. Nels Maler officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main St. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Tipton.

James Richard Seech



BURLEY — James Richard Seech was born on April 13, 1991. He got his wings on Feb. 12, 2006, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

The "mighty protector" went to heaven to be a protecting angel for his family and friends. Meanwhile, still living through others, the family donated his loving parts to others in need. His family said that James would have wanted that.

James was a "little Romeo" who loved to charm hearts, not only with all the ladies but with anyone who knew him. He loved to skateboard, skateboard and anything to be outdoors and close to his friends. Also, playing video games with his twin brother, Justin, was his No. 1 pastime. Even when trying to show off for his friends or be a macho man, you knew how low James was and how low Justin very much. James's dreams included wanting to be a tattoo artist and a professional skateboarder and snowboarder. Also playing football for Burley High

missed by his mother and stepfather, and his sister, Erin. He was the son of his father, Richard Seech; his sister, Megan; brothers, Lance and Justin; step-sisters, Tasha and Britna; his grandparents, Jackie and Duke Ballard and David Anderson; and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at the First Baptist Church, 2212 Highland Ave., with Pastor Dave Carver officiating. A viewing for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to the service Friday.

The family has requested if any family or friends that have pictures of James to please take them to the church. Also the family wants those that attend to wear something pink or a shirt with old rock band logos. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to James's mother, Lori Davis, to help cover the cost of the services. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

SERVICES

Ruth Lachele Koch Ellenberger Bill of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Reba Inez Howe of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E.; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary).

Cody Russell Arthur Cornellson of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary.

Catherine Emily Tolman McFarland of Murtaugh, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Murtaugh LDS Church, 23709 Highway 30; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

James Michael Nottle of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Church; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Saturday at the church.

Spencer J. Lind of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Magley Mortuary Chapel in Magley, Utah; friends may call from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Friday at the mortuary.

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Lynn E. Garner JEROME — Lynn Edwina Garner, 85, of Jerome, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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Lemuel Edward Chapin

KETCHICUM—Lemuel Edward (Ed) Chapin, MD FACP, FACC, passed away Dec. 14, 2005, at the home of his daughter, Rebecca Lofholm in Kentfield, Calif., after three years of battling cancer.

He was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, as the only son of Irene and Lemuel Chapin, on Feb. 4, 1924. He attended school in Twin Falls, where he debated and lettered in all major sports and graduated in 1942. He was one of two Idahoans who attended Stanford that year as an undergraduate.

He volunteered for the Army in 1943. He became a medic and participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was proud to be a patriot and an American.

He returned to Stanford to pursue his medical career and founded the Sigma Chi Fraternity on campus. He finished his



studies in 1946 and was accepted to medical school at Temple University. He was married to June Swand in 1947. They had four children, Linda, Barbara, Edward and Stephen. Upon completion of his medical degree, he went to the University of Colorado, Denver General Hospital, where he

completed his internship in 1952. Next he went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he completed his residency in internal medicine and completed a master's in science in medicine in December 1955.

Dr. Chapin and his family moved to Fullerton, Calif., in 1955. He and Dr. Don Mahoney founded the Fullerton Internal Medicine Clinic. He was a clinical professor of medicine at UC Irvine and mentored students in his practice in Fullerton. He practiced internal medicine and received his Internal Medicine Board status in June 1958. He became a fellow in the American College of Angiology in February 1963. He specialized in gastroenterology and became a Fellow in July 1969. He was a founding fellow of the American Geriatric Society (1972). He became a Fel-

low of the American College of Physicians in April 1973. He was a member of the staff at St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton, Calif., and served as its president. He retired in 1992 to pursue his hobbies and enjoy life.

His first wife predeceased him in 1975. He married Nancy Rice Gray in 1976. She had three children, Rebecca, Cynthia and Catherine. His wife, seven children and 15 grandchildren survive him. He retired in 1992 and moved to La Jolla and built a home in his native Idaho in Ketchum (Sun Valley). He enjoyed fishing, golfing, hiking and model building. He was an ac-

complished musician, playing in a Dibeland jazz band as a clarinetist and soprano saxophone player. He was a great storyteller and could entertain for hours.

Dr. Chapin was a special man who helped many people along the way.

His wisdom, strength, conviction, insight, thoughtful involvement, mentorship and statesmanship were all part of Dr. Chapin's character. He enjoyed life and experiences with his wife, Nancy, as they had many good times with friends, travel, fishing, golf, family, and the conservative and contemporary issues of the day.

He had a positive attitude and saw the potential and the best in everyone. He was a gentleman and a scholar, a friend, a doctor, a father, grandfather and an inspiration to all. He never met a stranger he did not know, and all who were fortunate to know him will miss his friendly smile, boisterous laugh and good times.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 29, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton. The family requests that donations in Dr. Chapin's memory be made to the St. Jude's Cancer Research Foundation, P.O. Box 4138, Fullerton, CA 92835.

Richard Loran Kunz

TWIN FALLS — Richard Loran Kunz, age 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, after a heroic battle with cancer.

He was born Aug. 5, 1927, in Los Angeles, Calif. to Loran and Irene Kunz. After graduating from school, he served honorably in the armed forces, where he trained as a pilot. He married Gloria Darlene Murphy on Jan. 31, 1950, and their marriage was solemnized in the Logan Temple on April 23, 1951. Together they raised five children. After Gloria died, he married Norma Williamson in December 1987, and they lived both in Arizona and Twin Falls. Richard (Dick) worked for the FAA as a flight control specialist. Upon retirement, he spent a few wonderful years traveling with Gloria and taking photographs all around the country. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who especially during his time in Alaska, was an exemplary member missionary.

Surviving are his second wife, Norma; Kunz; his daughters, Valerie (Johnston) Smith (Brad), Pamela Burns (John),



and Lori Hansen (Van); and one son, Ricky David; along with 20 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his youngest son, Loran Iwayne Kunz; his first wife, Gloria Darlene Kunz; his parents, Loran and Irene Kunz; his sister, Bonnie Crane; and a grandson, Shawn Burns.

Dad was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be sorely missed. The funeral will be held 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls, with Bishop Devere Burton officiating.

Friends and family may pay their respects from noon to 1 p.m. at the mortuary. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

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Witnessing the culturization of Crump

From 'dumpy' to 'debonair' in a week



ASHELY SMITH/The Times-News
Steve Crump jokes with Huberta Phipps, center, during a cooking class at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls.

In 16 years of writing a humor column for *The Times-News*, Steve Crump has proven he can rusticate. Born in eastern Idaho, he grew up redneck. He lived in a trailer. At various times, he had both couches and major appliances sitting on his front lawn. He has spent most of his life watching a small television set that rested on top of a larger TV that no longer worked.

Crump has monster-trucked, mud-bogged and scooted boots all his life — truly a rural Idaho hard case.

But Crump is newly remarried, so we figured it was time to upgrade his image. Give him a little culture. Show him some of the finer things. The man knows tack; it's time he learned tact.

So we dispatched him to a cooking class. Then to an art-show opening. We called in an interior-decorating consultant to do something — anything — about the state of his private space. Even sent him to a dancing lesson.

Here's how it turned out.

See it yourself:
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Laurel Hatcher, of ReDesign Innovations in Twin Falls, talks with Steve Crump about makeover options in his apartment.

Elevating his kitchen creativity

The average person cooks to live. Guys who live alone during the week cook to avoid having to go back to Burger King for the fourth time since Monday.

How kitchen-impaired am I? Enough that I consider the slathering of peanut butter across bread to be an act of sublime creativity. Jake and Lane Rice, accomplished chefs who run Ein Tsehl Bed and Breakfast in Hagerman, would have been appalled had they known that when I walked through the front door of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in Twin Falls for a cooking class the other evening.

But they smiled, shook my hand and soldiered on bravely, intent on teaching a dozen and a half aspiring chefs — plus me — how to cook with *apptitudines*.

I blushed deeply, of course, especially when Jake and Lane broke out the oysters. Happily, the folks sitting around me — all, of course, more cultured than I — quickly assured me that the filices weren't talking about rocky Mountain oysters.

So I relaxed and learned, in theory at least, how

to make brandy-baked brie, coriander-crust pork roast with a spicy cilantro and other highfalutin fare that I'm going to try out on my wife as soon as the contractors finish the repairs from my last kitchen fire in our Boise home.

But I figure the experience can't help but improve my *savoir-faire* quotient. Did you know, for example, that the portobello mushroom is named after nothing at all; it's made up? Or that oysters on the half shell are supposed to be consumed, more or less, in a single gulp?

Or that you don't have to have a pomegranate to make most anything with "pomegranate" in the title? The juice will do just fine.

So does it all work, aphrodisiac-wise? I'll let you know.

I can't imagine why it wouldn't, though. If the lime zest, semisweet chocolate, whipping cream, carabe and crimini mushrooms don't do the trick, certainly the cabernet sauvignon will.

Shout, it's already done wonders. A single glassful got me to eat all those oysters.

— Steve Crump

Tuning his taste for art

In the service of culture, I went to an art show opening at the Magic Valley Arts Council office in Twin Falls the other evening, where I learned about gesso and perspective and making fine glass by using hammers.

I'm not making that up. Lillie Brown, a retired teacher and former elementary school principal, makes fine glasswork and fires it up in a kiln that's hotter than a three-parry out-of-state check. Lillie does makes exquisite glass with painstaking care — a process that often requires working with razor-sharp, red-hot and incredibly fragile materials. But Lillie fessed up that a hammer sometimes comes in handy when she wants to extract glass from where glass oughtn't to be.

From other artists at the opening, I learned that there are a lot of do-overs in painting. If things aren't quite working out with an oil painting, for example, you just slather a coat of paint over the top, wait until it dries and start again.

I wish I'd known that back in my Velvet Elvis period. Question is, will my newfound artistic sophistication stick?

Well, I sold my house in Twin Falls a while back, so there's really no room for the kind of rustic treasures I used to stash in the garage. But Laurel Hatcher, the interior designer who redecorated my apartment, cut me a little slack.

Before I ever met Laurel, I was the proud owner of a calendar made from prints of painter C.M. Coolidge's classic paintings of dogs playing poker — and cheating in the process. Laurel left it hanging in my kitchen, just where she found it.

And at the art show the other night, Carolyn White — the arts council's program director — told me that those Coolidge paintings, framed prints of which for years hung in my tool shed because my wife wouldn't let them into the house, are highly prized today as folk art.

I'm thinking maybe I was a lot more high-toned than I thought.

Maybe I should even show Carolyn the moose poster that Laurel made me throw away.

— Steve Crump

FOOD & HOME

Culturization

Continued from C1.

Reimagining his space

I sold my house in October and moved into a 3 1/2-room apartment, but that wasn't the biggest problem. My new wife lives in Boise, and we spend most weekends together there. Which means that Victoria rarely visits my Twin Falls digs.

That's right: My local flat is both unintended and unsurpassed. This is not a good thing.

During the first three months of my tenancy, my couch and TV sat in the living room and everything else in the bedroom. And I mean everything else. Neighbors avoided the place because of the constant threat that the Leaning Tower of Pizza Boxes might collapse.

My youngest son, a college student and hence an inveterate apartment-dweller, came home for Christmas, surveyed the scene and shook his head. "Dad," he said, "at least throw a tablecloth over some of those boxes."

Then about the turn of the year, I heard about Laurel Hatcher, a Twin Falls interior re-designer. Laurel, who runs her own company called Re-Design Innovations, reimagines interior space for folks whose interior space really needs reimagining.

But talented as she is, Laurel doesn't walk on water. So when she and her assistant first strolled into my living room and looked around, I didn't have high hopes.

"Timmy," she said, "this is pretty basic, isn't it?"

If "basic" means "monastic," then yes.

So she took some photographs, came back three days later and invited me to leave for a while.

I complied, with some trepidation.

Yet when I came back, I thought I had walked into the wrong apartment. Somebody had transformed my parlor into a glorious Mediterranean-themed sitting room.

I have curtains. I have sconces. I have a mirror. I have end tables and faux greenery. I have pictures of purnais and palm trees. I have candles, and decorative containers with lots of rocks in them. Shoot, I even have a wooden elephant. And all from the dollar store.

What I don't have is my prized framed poster of a moose taking a bath. It was exiled to the bedroom ("because you don't have a garage," Laurel explained) with a note that read "donate me."

Still, I retained my fake ficus tree, which seems to be thriving in its new environment.

Laurel wisely didn't tackle redecorating the bedroom; heck, even Hercules reorganized his limits. But the bedroom has a door I can close, leaving me with a living room fit for



The new dining area in Steve Crump's apartment, after interior re-designer Laurel Hatcher's deft touch.

company. And maybe only for company. I called up my wife in Boise and described my new room. "Don't move a thing until I see it," she said. "Do you hear me? Not a thing. And don't mess it up either. That's why my sleeping bag is out in the corridor."

—Steve Crump

Downtown store hosts wine-tasting event

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Wine vendors from Boise and the Wood River Valley will gather for a "Stock Your Cellar" wine-tasting event next week at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

The event is set for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday with representatives of BRJ Wine Cellars, Hayden Distributors and J.W. Thornton Wine Imports. Cost is \$50, and participation is limited to 25 customers.

The three wine distributors

will each feature six wines, which all have the ability to be cellared, or aged. The 18 wines will range from tried-and-true favorites to distinctive, small-production wines in short supply, Rudy's said. Prices will vary from \$15 to approaching \$100.

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Limbering his limbs

To a linehacker-sized guy such as myself, dance floors are scary places. Am I gonna stumble over my own Size 11 shoes? Will I fracture my partner's toes? Are you sure Fred Astaire started like this?

But dance is culture; even somebody from eastern Idaho like me knows that.

So I borrowed a spare room at the Boys and Girls Club, and Deborah Silver and Leroy Hayes bravely agreed to help me discover my inner twinkle-toes.

As dancers go, Deborah and Leroy are a marvel to watch — and they were just showing me the easy steps. The Strauss waltz on the boombox sounded as if it were written for them.

Then came my turn. I looked Deborah straight in the eye and said, "You sure you want to do this?"

She's a brave dancer. And within 10 minutes, I had mastered 1-2-3, 1-2-3 about as well as a fellow from Clubbuck can.

What I never learned to do was to stop looking at my feet while I danced.

Deborah explained that this was not necessary, inasmuch as my feet would still be there whether I looked at them or not. But it's a tough habit for a novice to break.

My other epiphany of the evening was that ballroom dancing is a lot harder for women than it is for men because they have to do more or less the same steps going backwards. I would end up sprawled out on top of the spectators in the front row.

My only serious prior experience with dance had been "boot-scootin'," but boot-scootin' is to ballroom dancing what checkers is to chess.

Shoot, I might even take some more dance classes. If I can get over my fixation with my feet.

—Steve Crump



Class will teach the secret of bread making

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A class next week aims to teach you how to make your own bread, from start to finish.

It's set for 6 to 9 p.m. Monday at Plum Natural Organic Market, at 439 Main Ave. E., Suite C (in the Rogerson Plaza), in Twin Falls.

Cost is \$15.

After the hands-on demonstration, participants can take their bread home. Instructor Susan Gallon will also speak about bread fundamentals, grain types and troubleshooting — why breads fail and how to correct the problems.

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Uncovering the secrets of electric fireplace kits

DEAR JIM: Lately, I have been hearing more about electric fireplace kits to help heat my home. Do they produce enough heat to warm a house, and do they require new wiring? Do the flames look realistic?

—Nick B. DEARNICK: As homeowners' heating bills are skyrocketing, there has been strong interest in electric fireplaces. The newer technologies create simulated flames of real burning logs which are quite realistic.

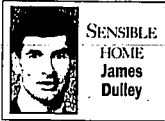


This electric fireplace comes complete with the attractive surround and mantel.

The dancing flames can be created in several ways. Red and amber lights hidden behind the amber bed reflect off a screen in the back of the fireplace. The movement of the flames can be created by reflecting the light off foil ribbons. A small fan blows air on the ribbons to make them dance. The fan speed can be controlled from lazy flames to a raging fire. Another design uses a rotating colored wheel through which the lights shine. By adjusting the speed and light intensity, the image of the flame can be changed.

Any of these designs can be used during the summer by just switching off the heating section. Still another option is a gelled-fuel fireplace or logs for your existing fireplace. These typically burn gelled alcohol made from grapes or grains. The fuel comes in small cans which fit into the special ceramic logs.

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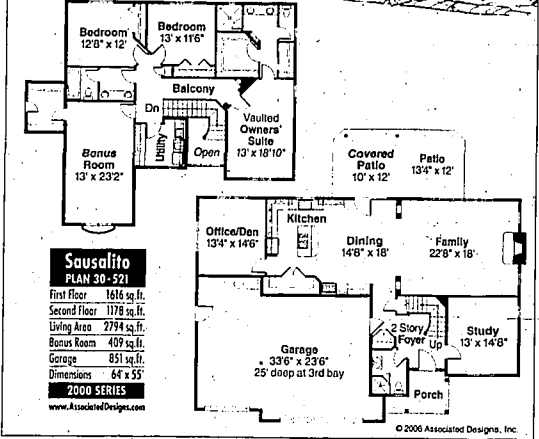
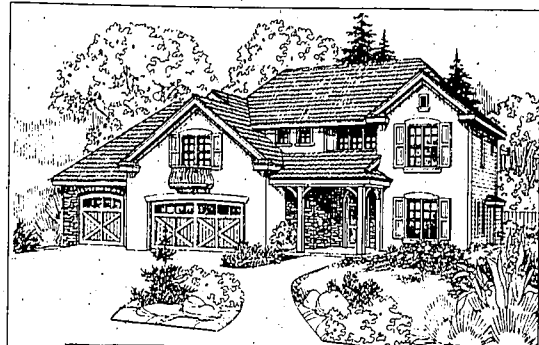
Many are available with complete, matched fireplace surrounds and mantels. You can unpack one from the box and be enjoying the fireplace in just 30 minutes.

The majority of electric fireplaces plug into a standard 110-volt electric wall outlet. For this reason, the maximum output is only 1,500 watts, about 5,000 Btu of heat. This is the equivalent of using a typical electric space heater. One can warm up a medium-size room but cannot heat an entire house.

Most models have an adjustable thermostat to control the room temperature. Several companies offer models which operate on 220 volts to produce about twice as much heat, but these require a new electrical outlet and wiring. The energy advantage from using either one is that allows you to set the furnace thermostat lower while you are relaxing in front of the fireplace.

There are quite a few technologies for producing the realistic flames. The most realistic one, by Lennox Hearth Products, uses a DVD to create high-definition 3-D simulation of a real fire along with a realistic log set. You are basically watching a real wood fire and listened to its high-quality sound. Most other technologies use lights to create the image of the flames. Lights in the ember bed inside the simulated logs glow red as do real burning embers.

Since there is no actual fire, some companies use real logs for an authentic appearance. Some also include sound-simulation devices.



Sausalito evokes French chateau

It's easy to imagine coming upon the Sausalito while meandering through the French countryside. That decorative iron railing exudes Frenchness, while the shutters, stone wainscot, porch posts, and multipaned windows add country charm. Arched openings lead into a roomy three-car garage with extra depth in the single bay.

Everyday family living and special occasions take place in the large, window-bright gathering space on the ground floor. Kitchen, dining and family rooms flow together, linked by a wide arch. Slender windows flank a gas fireplace that creates a cheerful focal point on the right side. Kitchen and dining are on the left.

Windows fill most of the rear wall. In the dining area, one of

two door-high windows opens onto a partially covered patio. Counters wrap around three sides of the kitchen, and more workspace is available on the work island. A mixed eating bar runs across the front, while a built-in cook top is seated on the opposite side. The step-in pantry is exceptionally wide.

In addition to the bathroom, two more rooms fill out this floor: a study, just inside the entry, and an office/den right off the kitchen. Either, of course, could be put to other uses.

On the second floor, a balcony overlooks the dramatic, two-story foyer. It also links the owners' suite on the right with secondary bedrooms, utility room, and a large bonus room on the left. The bonus room's large walk-in closet offers attic

access. The Sausalito's owners' suite boasts a large walk-in closet, plus a smaller one opposite. The owners' bathroom has a dual vanity, private toilet and an oversized walk-in shower with a built-in seat. Secondary bedrooms share a two-section bathroom.

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No tears here: Onion rings won't make you cry

By Jill Wendholt Silva
Knight Ridder News Service

Still resolved to strip your diet of excess in 2006?

There's no need to cry at the thought of indulging in a batch of Guilt-Free Onion Rings. The trick to this recipe: We swap the egg yolk and a seasoned flour mixture for a lighter breading of egg whites and crushed cornflakes. Then the onion rings are baked instead of deep-fried. But wait! The good-for-you health news doesn't end there.

A workhorse of the kitchen, onions are often overlooked as a source of phytonutrients — including flavonoids and more than 50 sulfur-containing chemical compounds — which help protect against a host of medical conditions, including cardiovascular disease, inflammation and a variety of cancers. As in most fruits and veg-

etables, the phytonutrients are concentrated in the skin and outer layers. Cut an onion and the cell walls will rupture, producing thiopropenal — sulfoxide, a substance that gives them their pungent smell and the ability to irritate the eyes and make us blubber at the sink.

To get the maximum health benefits from onions, you need to let them sit for 5 to 10 minutes on the cutting board before cooking, according to "Super-Foods for Health: Proven Strategies for Lifelong Health" by Steven Pratt and Kathy Matthews (William Morrow, 2006). Heat breaks down the thiopropenal sulfoxide so you want it to become as concentrated as possible before cooking.

Shopping tip: Although delicious, fresh sweet onions such as Vidalia, OSO and Walla Walla contain fewer flavonoids than

yellow storage onions. Look for onions that have a tight neck and a crackly, shiny covering free of soft spots or blemishes. Storage tip: Do not store onions with potatoes; the spuds give off moisture, which spoils the onions.

Cooking tips: If onions make you tear up, try chilling them in the refrigerator for an hour before chopping. Allow the onions to come to room temperature and rest after cutting. (For rings, cut through the midsection.) Use a food processor to crumb cornflakes to a fine crumb coating.

You may need to prepare two baking sheets to hold all the onion rings.

GUILT-FREE ONION RINGS
Makes 4 servings
1/4 cup fine dry bread

crumbs
1/4 cup finely crushed cornflakes
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper, optional

1 to 2 medium yellow onions, sliced 1/4-inch thick and separated into rings
2 slightly beaten egg whites
Vegetable cooking spray

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a large baking sheet with nonstick spray coating. In a shallow pie plate, combine bread crumbs, cornflakes, salt and pepper. Dip onions into egg whites, then in crumb mixture. Arrange onion rings in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Spray onions with nonstick spray coating.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until the onions are tender and the coating is crisp and golden.

Getting the hang of it

The Washington Post

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An overnight sensation

Great Cakes
Los Angeles Times

By Donna Deane
Los Angeles Times

Stand in line at any cappuccino bar and your eyes are drawn to the pastry case, where pieces of strudel-topped "coffeecake" beckon back at you temptingly. Don't waste the calories. Coffeecake — real coffeecake — is not just a cold, sweet hunk of generic cinnamon-topped cake gobbled down in the front seat of your car.

Real coffeecake is a Sunday-morning experience. It begins (if you're a lucky houseguest) with the unforgettable aroma of bread filling the house on a winter's morning, a yeasty smell so tantalizing that it seduces you from the cozy bedcovers and down to the kitchen. There you pour yourself a fragrant cup of hot, strong coffee and score that slice of warm, fresh, not-too-sweet "cake" (that it's more like a buttery sweet bread), made rich with a filling that incorporates just a few luxurious details: hazelnuts, maybe, or citrus peel or chopped bitersweet chocolate. Each bite stands up to the java.

Real coffeecake is also the all-American answer to tea time. It's the warming, not-too-heavy snack to go with that 4 p.m. espresso.

Too much trouble? Not — for people who like to bake — with this update of an old family recipe that breaks the process down so that you make the dough one day and the filling the next.

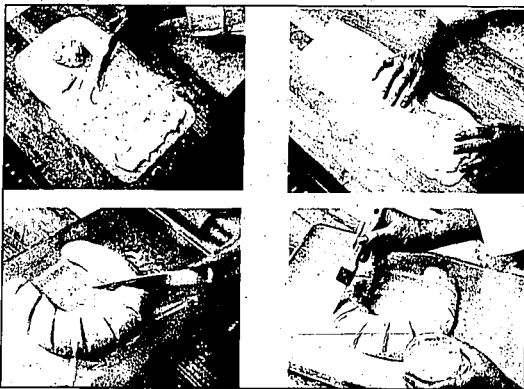
It allows for slow overnight rising, which gives the coffeecake its satisfying, rich flavor, and is so versatile that one master recipe allows for an endless number of variations. Get this technique down and you'll never need another coffeecake recipe again.

Prepare the dough using an electric mixer (there's no kneading). Refrigerate it overnight in a covered, lightly buttered bowl. The next day, remove the dough from the refrigerator and let it stand for about half an hour to warm before rolling. You will find the dough to be pliable and easy to roll out so there's no need for a longer standing time.

While the dough is standing, mix the meringue filling. Our master recipe calls for a hazelnut meringue, but you can vary it by adjusting the flavorings that are folded into the meringue filling. Each variation gets a different, complementary glaze. For an orange coffeecake, you'll fold orange zest and almonds into the filling; for chocolate, you'll use chopped semi-sweet or bitersweet chocolate with the hazelnuts. The pecan variation — substitutes — toasted pecans for the hazelnuts in the filling.

Next, roll out the dough and spread it with filling, then roll it up like a jelly roll. Slashing the dough reveals the meringue, creating a contrast between the filling and the pastry. There's also a practical advantage, because it helps the coffeecake bake more evenly.

After a leisurely 35-minute rise, brush it with a little beaten egg and milk. Then, after baking, glaze it, which adds not just sweetness but complexity. For the master recipe, a rum glaze is fabulous with toasted hazelnuts that go on top to finish it.



Top row, from left: SPREAD: Flavor the meringue filling, then spread it over the rolled-out dough to within an inch of the edge. SHAPE: Roll the dough over the filling lengthwise (jellyroll style) and pinch the seams so it doesn't pop open during baking. Bottom row, from left: SLASH: Use a sharp knife to slice into the dough at 2-inch intervals and make slashes through which the filling peeks. BRUSH: Make a wash of milk and egg and brush the dough (but not the filling) for a smooth, golden crust. Top photo: Chocolate and hazelnuts add richness to coffee cake.

Citrus flavor comes to the fore in an orange version of the coffeecake, with a zest-enhanced filling, juice-powdered glaze and bits of candied orange peel on top. For the chocolate variation, the master glaze recipe is used with a topping of hazelnuts and chopped chocolate.

Praline is the idea for the pecan coffeecake. Its brown butter and maple syrup glaze weaves together the buttery pastry and the toasty nut flavors. Or you can simply stick with the master recipe, topping it with Brazil nuts or even chopped glaze fruits such as cherries, pineapple or chestnuts.

Whichever variation you choose, our recipe makes two generous coffeecakes, so why not hide away a piece for later? Then when you get that mocha to go, you'll have something real to enjoy with it.

OVERNIGHT COFFEECAKE

Total time: 1 hour, 15 minutes plus overnight rising time, plus 1 hour, 15 minutes same-day rising time

- 1 cup milk, divided
 - 2 (1 1/2 ounce each) envelopes dry yeast
 - 1/2 cup warm water (100 to 110 degrees)
 - 4 cups flour
 - 1 1/4 cups sugar, divided
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 sticks butter, cut up
 - 3 egg yolks, lightly beaten, plus 1 egg yolk, divided
 - 3 egg whites
 - 2 teaspoons plus 1 tablespoon cinnamon, divided
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped toasted hazelnuts, divided
 - 1 cup powdered sugar, sifted
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla (optional)
 - 1/4 teaspoon cardamom
- L. In a small saucepan, heat 3/4 cup milk to scalding. Remove from the heat and let cool

- to warm.
- 2. Sprinkle the yeast over the warm water and stir until the yeast is completely dissolved.
- 3. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, combine the flour, 1/4 cup sugar and the salt. Work the butter in by hand or with a pastry cutter until the mixture resembles cornmeal.
- 4. Combine 3 lightly beaten egg yolks, the warm milk and the yeast mixture. Add to the flour mixture and beat at medium speed until completely blended and a soft dough forms, about one minute.
- 5. Divide the dough into two parts and shape each into a ball. Put each into a lightly buttered bowl. Cover and refrigerate overnight.
- 6. Remove the dough from the refrigerator; let it stand 30 minutes. Heat the oven to 350 degrees.
- 7. While the dough is standing, beat the egg whites until light and foamy. Gradually beat in the remaining 1 cup sugar until stiff peaks form. Beat in 2 teaspoons of the cinnamon. Fold in 1 cup of the chopped toasted hazelnuts.
- 8. Take one of the dough balls, shape it into an oval and, on a lightly floured board, roll it out to form a 10- by 18-inch rectangle.
- 9. Spread half of the meringue mixture onto the rolled-out dough, leaving a 1-inch border. Roll up the dough lengthwise jellyroll style. Pinch the ends of the roll to seal.
- 10. Gently lift the roll onto a greased large baking sheet, seam side down, and form it into a horseshoe shape. Cut slashes halfway through dough at 2-inch intervals.
- 11. Repeat the process with the remaining half of the dough.
- 12. Invert a large bowl over each of the coffeecakes. Set aside to rise about 45 minutes or until almost doubled.
- 13. Lightly beat 1 egg yolk and 2 tablespoons milk. Brush each of the coffeecakes with egg wash, brushing the entire sur-

face of the dough, but do not brush the meringue filling that shows.

14. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, until golden brown, turning the baking sheet halfway through. Cool on the pan for about 5 minutes before glazing.

15. For the glaze, stir together the powdered sugar, the remaining 2 tablespoons milk, the rum, if using, and the vanilla. Drizzle it over the coffeecakes. Sprinkle the cakes with the remaining one-half cup of chopped nuts.

Servings: 20 (8 to 10 per coffeecake)

Variations
Orange: Follow the master recipe, stirring 2 teaspoons grated orange peel into the filling. Replace 1 cup of the hazelnuts with toasted shelled almonds. For the glaze, substitute 2 tablespoons orange juice for the milk and stir in 1 teaspoon grated orange peel. After glazing, warm the coffeecakes and sprinkle 1 to 2 tablespoons chopped candied orange peel over the top of each. Omit the nuts on top.

Pecan: Follow the master recipe, replacing hazelnuts with toasted pecans in the filling. For the glaze, heat 1/4 cup butter over low heat until mid-brown, about 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool. Combine 1/4 cup powdered sugar, 1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar, the browned butter, 2 tablespoons maple syrup and 1/4 teaspoon vanilla. Drizzle the glaze over warm coffeecakes, warming it in the microwave if necessary to maintain drizzling consistency. Sprinkle with 1/4 cup toasted pecan pieces.

Chocolate: Follow the master recipe, stirring 1/4 cup chopped semi-sweet or bitersweet chocolate into the filling along with chopped hazelnuts. Omit cinnamon. Sprinkle chopped hazelnuts and 1/4 cup chopped chocolate over the warm glazed coffeecakes.

Here's the recipe for spectacular spuds

By Carole Kolkin
Knight Ridder News Service

A mound of fluffy mashed potatoes is the very essence of home-cooking. It forms a blank canvas to be embellished by cheese, garlic, herbs, caramelized onions or even horseradish.

As the emphasis on comfort foods has increased (and the panic about carbs subsided), this once-humble dish is enjoying renewed popularity in top restaurants as well as on dinner tables.

What does it take to produce the perfect mash? Let's start with the potatoes. Most potatoes fall into two categories: waxy (high water content, low starch content) ideal for boiling or steaming (low water content, high starch content). Russets, also known as Idaho or baking potatoes, belong to the latter group and are the best choice for mashing.

There are two kinds of mashed potatoes — with lumps and without. Some people like the lumps as an indication they are truly homemade. These are made with an old-fashioned potato masher. Unpeeled smashed potatoes are gaining in popularity too. I prefer mashes without lumps, so I use a ricer or food mill.

Mashed potatoes can be made ahead. Cover them with plastic wrap and store them in the refrigerator for up to six hours. At serving time, heat the potatoes in the microwave.

There are more pointers for spectacular spuds:
• Figure on six to eight ounces of raw potatoes per person.
• After draining the potatoes, dry them as described in the recipe. With the moisture gone, milk, cream and butter can fill the starch cells.

• Use a ricer (a tool that forces the potato through tiny holes with one push), food mill, electric mixer (don't overmix) or an old-fashioned hand masher. Never use a food processor; it overworks the gluten in the potatoes and makes them gluey.

• Mash the potatoes while they are still hot. Heat the milk or cream, too, so it doesn't cool them. Use softened butter to minimize the beating needed to incorporate it.

• A good rule of thumb for add-ins is 1 cup of liquid per 2 pounds of potatoes. To reduce fat and calories, substitute chicken stock, plain yogurt or buttermilk for butter and cream. For more interest, mash potatoes, incorporate such rich ingredients as creme fraiche, mascarpone cheese or truffle oil.

• Other mix-ins (based on 2 pounds potatoes): 3 ounces goat cheese, 2 tablespoons fresh minced herbs, 1/4 cup pesto, 8 cloves roasted garlic (squeeze from skins into potatoes with butter). Or, drained 1/2 cup prepared, drained horseradish in the cream to temper its pun-

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2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch chunks

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1/2 cup heavy cream or buttermilk

4 tablespoons butter, softened
Freshly ground pepper

Sprinkle fresh chives (optional)
Put potatoes in a pan with 1/2 teaspoon salt and just enough cold water to cover them. Bring to a boil and cook at a moderate boil for 15 to 20 minutes, until potatoes are easily pierced with a fork but not falling apart. Meanwhile warm the milk and cream together in a small saucepan until steaming hot (do not boil).

Drain potatoes and return to pan. Turn heat to high; shake pan for about 30 seconds, until water evaporates.

Mash potatoes by hand in the pot or press them through a ricer or food mill into the cooking pot. Or put potatoes in the bowl of an electric mixer with a paddle attachment and mix over low speed.

Beat or mash the milk mixture into the potatoes 1/4 cup at a time and the butter a tablespoon at a time. Check after adding 3/4 cup of the liquid to see if you have the consistency and richness you want. Add more liquid, if desired, and season to taste with salt and pepper. Garnish with snipped chives if desired. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

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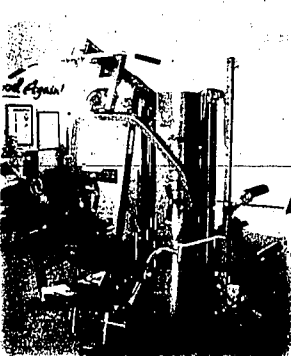
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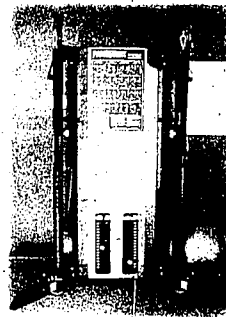
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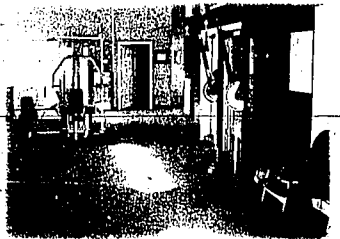
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Time for a sea change

By Joe Gray
Chicago Tribune

Americans have eaten oceans of squid since the growth in popularity of fried calamari. And you can blame us, since the lightly breaded calamari are delicious — whether dipped in a zesty tomato sauce or garlicky aioli or on their own.

But I'll wager that only a few of us have eaten squid prepared in other ways, whether sauteed, grilled, braised, or stuffed and baked. It's too bad; squid are delicious and beloved in Mediterranean and Asian cuisines. They're also rich in protein and low in saturated fat.

Don't let squeamishness put you off from trying a squid recipe. They're usually sold cleaned. Just make sure to rinse the squid well in cold water before cooking.

If your supermarket does not carry fresh or frozen squid, look for it at fish markets or some Italian or Asian markets.

Unconvinced about squid? Then use a mix of shrimp and bay scallops, but add them to the mix in the last 3-5 minutes of cooking.

Save time by buying pitted olives; chop them while the squid cooks.

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Yield: 4 servings

This recipe is loosely inspired by a Venetian-style calamari recipe in "1,000 Italian Recipes," by Michele Scicolone.

1/2 pound orrechiette pasta, or small shells
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 1/2 pounds squid, cleaned, bodies cut into 1/2-inch rings, tentacles left whole
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) chopped tomatoes
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 cup mixed black and green olives, pitted, chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper
1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

1. Cook pasta in abundant salted water according to package directions.

2. Meanwhile, heat olive oil over medium heat in a large heavy skillet. Add garlic; cook until garlic is golden, about 1 minute. Add squid, tomatoes and wine; heat to a simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, until squid is almost tender, about 25 minutes.

Add olives, salt and pepper to taste; cook 5 minutes more.
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SPORTS

Jerome seniors hold off Minico

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

JEROME — The Minico Spartans can shoot their way back into any game. With few offensive rebounds however, they can also shoot themselves out of one.

Such was the case Tuesday night as the contest in the first, third and fourth quarters sank the young Spartans in first-round action in the Great Basin West boys basketball tournament.

Jerome used a substantial rebounding edge, an unofficial 27-21 margin, and some clutch free throws in the final 46 minutes to hold on for a 58-46 home win.

"We beat up on the offensive glass," said Spartans coach Mike Graefe. "That put us behind the 8-ball. We were always fighting from behind."

The cold start to the third quarter helped Jerome shut Minico on the ropes, but the Tigers were never able to put the 6-15 Spartans away.

Minico did not score until a Dane Broadhead lay-in with 4:15 remaining made it 42-31. Jerome. The Spartans had trailed by only six, 35-29, at halftime.

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Great Basin West Tournament

Tuesday's games

Burley 79, Wood River 36

Jerome 58, Minico 46

Thursday's games

Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m., semi-final

Wood River at Minico, 7 p.m., loser-out

Two straight buckets by sophomore Bill Carney that made it 43-37. Minico would get no closer though.

Jerome senior David Prescott made 4-of-6 in the final 20 of the fourth quarter to help Minico to the Aggie. Failure to get second-chance shots off NBA-range 3-pointers hurt their Spartans.

"Prescott did a good job," said Jerome head coach Marty Espinoza. "Last game, free throws hurt us. This time we hit just most of them."

Most of Jerome's early points came on offensive putbacks.

The Tiger guards also did a good job rotating the ball around to find an open shooter. That sport helped Jerome (14-7) take a 12-4 lead before Minico's guards found their stroke.

In the second quarter, Minico

kept pace as RJ Salvi went off for 11 of his team-high 14 points, including three 3-pointers. Kyle Straitman added 10 for the Spartans.

Jerome's balance was helped by offensive rebounding. Mike Norris scored 12 while Prescott added 11, Zack Dietz 10 and Brett Boesiger 10.

Thursday Minico will have to overcome an even bigger Wood River team, featuring 6 foot, 4 inch forward Colton Miniard and 6-5 sophomore post Erick Jacobson. Minico hosts No. 4 seed Wood River at 7 p.m. in a loser-out contest.

"They're huge and more experienced," Graefe said. "We'll have to work harder on the defensive glass."

The victory sends the No. 2 seed Tigers to Burley at 7 p.m. Thursday.

"Our seniors know this is their senior Espinoza said. "They'll get us as far as they want to get."

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Burley routs Wood River in district opener

The Times-News

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats continued their late-season surge Tuesday night with a 79-36 rout of Wood River in the opening-round of the Great Basin Conference West tournament at Burley High School.

The Bobcats used a 16-2 run to open the game and were never threatened from that point on.

"We wanted to come out and put a lot of pressure on the ball and create some turnovers," Burley coach Jack Bagley told the South Idaho Press. "And we did."

The Bobcats forced Wood River into seven first period turnovers and kept them scoreless for the first five minutes.

"We had a lot of focus," Bagley said. "We knew they had a lot of injuries. I feel bad for them."

The Bobcats built a 21-point halftime lead with a 18-7 advantage in the second period. Burley did let up in the second half, but they were in control in the final 16 minutes.

The Burley Bobcats scored 40 points to Wood River's game total of 36.

Bob Searle led the Bobcats with 13 points, while Colton Moon finished with 11. Chris Turney added 10 in the win.

The Bobcats will get another opportunity to play at home at 7 Thursday with a second-round game against Jerome.

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Local sports

Jackson Hill netted 16 points and Anthony Pitman scored 14 for the Dietrich Blue Devils.

The Blue Devils will now have to defeat Oakley at 4:30 p.m. next Thursday in a state play-in game in the Murrugu gymnasium. The Tigers will play Hagerman for the District IV No. 3 seed afterward.

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7 p.m. Monday at the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

David Spencer scored the high points for Buhl with 16 followed by Will Chivers with 13.

For Filer, Tyson Johnson and Dillon Anderson put through 10 points each.

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Minico expects strong showing tonight</

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wendell Alumni reunion planners will meet Friday

WENDELL — A meeting for the Wendell Alumni reunion will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the Wendell American Legion Hall, 610 N. Main.

Anyone who has attended Wendell schools are welcome.

For more information, call Virginia at 536-6325, herald at 536-8561 or Montae at 536-1618.

Home seminar to be held Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Deb Drake, relationship manager with First Horizon Home Loans, and Susan Stevens, Realtor/GRI at Magie Valley Realty, are hosting a seminar, "Understanding Home Ownership," from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday at First Horizon Home Loans, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 115.

Participants will receive a manual and handouts on a variety of home ownership advantages, applying for a home loan, understanding credit scores, how they affect loans, how realtors provide information, agents and more. A free credit analysis also will be available.

There is no charge, but registration is required by calling Drake at 735-6550 or Susan Stevens at 731-1355.

Teenager to receive Eagle Scout award Friday

PRILEY — Stephen James Peterson, 16, will receive his Eagle Scout Award at a Court of Honor to be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the 2nd, 4th and 10th Ward building of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 515 E. 16th St.

Stephen has earned 29 merit

badges and one palm. For his project, he and the Scouts and leaders of Troop 120, his friends and family restored five canal bridges south of Burley for the Burley Highway District. There were more than 80 hours volunteered, scraping, painting and repairing the bridges. He will be the very first Eagle in his family.

He is the son of James and Kelly Peterson of Burley; the grandson of Keith and Nancy Cotton of Burley and a nephew of the late Gerald and Luggie Peterson. He is a sophomore at Burley High School.

Square Dance Club to host dance on Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Buttons and Bows Square Dance Club will host a 50/50 dance from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday at the Moose Lodge.

Regular workshop lessons will be at 7 p.m. Monday for Plus lessons and 8:30 for beginners. Dancers should bring a cherry dessert for President's Day.

Community Resource meeting is held in Heyburn

HEYBURN — The Multi-City Community Resource meeting will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Connor's Cafe, Highway 27.

Presentations will be by L. Hansen of the University of Idaho, Jennifer Threlk and Clint Collins of Deseret Industries. The event is a no-host

luncheon. The next meeting will be held March 15 and will include Esteban Marr of the Idaho Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and L. Castaneda of Idaho Commerce and Labor.

For more information, call Linda Castaneda at 678-5518, ext. 3128, Keith Andrews at 878-0725 or Pam Howard at 878-7705.

Minidoka Head Start accepts care applications

IRRIPIEC — Minidoka Head Start is accepting applications for all parts of the program, including full-day child care and part-day preschool.

For an application, apply in person between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Feb. 28 at the center, 122 Eighth St. in Irripec, or for more information, call 436-4553.

Buhl group offers variety of classes

BUIH — The Buhl Community Education and Recreation Association is offering several classes this spring.

"Intermediate Fencing" will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Friday and run for six weeks in the Puppelwell Elementary School gym, 200 N. Sixth. The cost is \$20 and \$5 for equipment rental.

Students will advance their skills in modern fencing, equipment is available for up to eight students. Students must be 12 or older. Prerequisite is "Beginner Fencing" or instructor approval.

"Backpack and Table Etiquette" will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Buhl Middle School Library, 525 Sawtooth Ave. The cost is \$10 plus \$5 for a

Buhl Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUIPEIC — The Buhl Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Feb. 7 results.

North/south: First, George and Nancy Gibson; second, Margie Manning and Steve Sans; third, Lila Brunan and Marjorie Snow; and fourth, Pat Adams and Marlene Temple.

East/west: First, Chuck and Shirley Hunter; second, Barbara Carney and Eunice Merrigan; third, Peggy Payne and Donna Kumar; and fourth, Leo and Donna Moore.

The club plays bridge at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Buhl Elks. Refreshments are served. All area bridge players are welcome. For more information, call 878-3997.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its weekly winners.

Feb. 4: First in A, Max Thompson and Peggy Hackley; tied for second, Irlley Burton and Boethe Planky and Alta Hoobey and Wilma Driscoll.

Feb. 7: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Feb. 10: First in A, Max Thompson and Peggy Hackley; tied for second, Irlley Burton and Boethe Planky and Alta Hoobey and Wilma Driscoll.

Feb. 13: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Feb. 16: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

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Feb. 22: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Feb. 25: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Feb. 28: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

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Apr. 3: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Apr. 6: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

Apr. 9: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; tied for third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; and fourth, Lela and Donna Moore.

and Max Thompson and Jeanne Metzger. First in B, Shirley Tschannen and Kathy Rowley; second, Carmen and Richard Kevan; third, Doris Finney and Beverly Reed.

Feb. 8: First in A, Irlley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Max Thompson and Alta Hoobey; third, Carmen and Richard Kevan; fourth, Sue Skinner and Joyce Astorquia; tied for fifth, Betty Sabo and Doris Watts and Lonnie Burns and Jessie Linn; seventh, Wilma Driscoll and Alta Hoobey; first in B, Carmen and Richard Kevan; second, Sue Skinner and Joyce Astorquia; third, Betty Sabo and Doris Watts; fourth, Kathy Rowley and Shirley Tschannen.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave. A Saturday game at 1 p.m. is at 2679 Pole Line Road E. All bridge players are welcome to attend.

For partners and more information, call Max Thompson at 735-8308.

Public welcome to Friday dance with DAV

TWIN FALLS — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. Friday at the DAV Hall, 459 Shoup Ave. Loren Perkins will provide the music. The cost is a \$2 donation.

T.F. Senior Citizens Center holds dance

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is holding a dance from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at 536 Shoshone St. W. Music will be provided by Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. For more information, call 734-6000.

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Outgoing child needs support

THE TIMES-NEWS

BOISE — "My name is Austin. I am almost 13 years old. There are two things I like

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Other

Gooding County Jaycees - call 944-5125 for more information.
Moose Valley Jaycees - 12:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at the Golden Eagle Hotel, 215 W. Main, Idaho Falls.
Ketchikan Sun Valley - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Ketchikan Sun Valley, 215 W. Main, Idaho Falls.
Moose Valley Jaycees - 12:30 p.m. second and fourth Thursdays at the Golden Eagle Hotel, 215 W. Main, Idaho Falls.

Lions Clubs

Burley - noon Fridays at Pater Cafe
Idaho Falls - 7 a.m. Tuesdays at Idaho Falls
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Support Groups

Mothers In Touch International - meets weekly for new mothers and their babies.
Maggie Valley Breast Syndrome Family Group - meets weekly for women with breast lumps.
Gamblers Anonymous - 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at 101 S. Broadway in Twin Falls.
Maggie Valley Elder Education - meets weekly for seniors.
Recovery for Life - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Community Church, 101 S. Broadway in Twin Falls.
Hoover's Incubator - meets weekly for women.
Anger Management - call 878-4011 for more information.
Narcotics Anonymous - meets weekly for those recovering from drug addiction.

Grandparents as Parents

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. second Monday at Episcopal Church, 171 E. 12th St.
Sandy Creek - 7 p.m. Thursdays at 943 Sandy Creek Ln. RSVP to 878-6945.

Woods

Chapter #8 - 10 a.m. Mondays at the Jerome Public Library, call 241-2478 or 326-3131.
Chapter #13 - noon Mondays at St. John's Episcopal Church, 200 Seventh Ave. E. in Jerome, call 878-4099.
Chapter #25 - 6:15 p.m. Thursdays at the Jerome Memorial Hospital, 101 S. Broadway in Jerome, call 878-4099.
Chapter #117 - 8 p.m. Thursdays at 1411 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls, call 735-1178.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meets weekly at 7 p.m. Mondays and 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Jerome Public Library, call 241-2478 or 326-3131.

DivorceCare

Twin Falls - 7 p.m. Mondays at Twin Falls Reformed Church, 601 Grandview Dr. or at 241-2478 or 326-3131.
Jerome - 7 p.m. Mondays at Jerome Reformed Church, 200 Seventh Ave. E. in Jerome, call 878-4099.

Alpha Phi Sorority

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Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	+138.07	11,028.39
Nasdaq Composite	+22.39	2,262.17
Standard & Poor's 500	+12.67	1,275.53
Russell 2000	+9.17	719.70

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.25	▲ .15
Con Agri	\$20.51	▲ .06
Deli Inc.	\$32.00	▲ .43
Idacorp	\$31.86	▲ .04
Micron	\$16.63	▲ .44

Commodities

Oil, by barrel	\$59.57	▼ 1.67
(March; light sweet crude)		
Live cattle	\$91.47	none
Gold (Feb.)	\$545.90	▲ 6.90

Big Mac vouches for China's fries

SIANGHAI, China — McDonald's Corp. says french fries sold in its Chinese stores contain no trans fat, following revelations that its fries sold elsewhere contain a third more of the potentially artery-blocking substance than previously thought.

In a news release, Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's said Tuesday it uses only fatty acid-free palm oil to make french fries in China.

"The taste of McDonald's is the same all over the world. However, we adjust our ingredients to match the different situations in disparate markets," the company said in the statement issued by its China headquarters in Shanghai.

Often used by restaurants and in packaged foods, trans fats are thought to cause cholesterol problems and increase the risk of heart disease.

Apple ready to ship new MacBook Pro

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Apple Computer Inc. said Tuesday it will begin shipping this week the new MacBook Pro, the company's first laptop computer to feature an Intel Corp. microprocessor, Apple, which is in the midst of a historic shift to Intel chips, last month introduced its first Intel-based desktop computer, the iMac G5, about six months ahead of schedule.

No tanker contract, no more 767s

CHICAGO — Despite a stream of recent orders for its 787 widebody jet, Boeing Co. says it has ended production of it without a new Pentagon contract for air-refueling tankers. Chief Financial Officer James Bell said Tuesday.

The 767, which first started flying in 1981, are being replaced in Boeing's commercial lineup by the more fuel-efficient 787 once that jet starts operating in 2008. The company had hoped to build 100 787s for the Air Force as a tanker, but that controversial \$23 billion deal was scuttled in 2004 after a military procurement scandal.

Seminar on home ownership Thursday

TWIN FALLS — Deb Drake of First Horizon Home Loans and Realtor Susan Stevens of Magic Valley Realty are hosting a seminar, "Understanding Home Ownership," from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Thursday at First Horizon Home Loans, 1411 Falls Ave., Suite 115. There is no charge, but registration is required by calling Drake at 735-6550 or Susan Stevens at 731-1355.

Briefly

Billionaire investor Warren Buffett will not stand for reelection to the Coca-Cola Co.'s board of directors, the world's biggest soft drink company said Tuesday. ... JC Penney this month is introducing a new casual apparel brand for women, A.L.A. ...

Woman seeks class-action suit against Wal-Mart

Retailer cheated hourly workers, ex-employee says

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A farmer Salt Lake City Wal-Mart employee has filed a proposed class-action lawsuit contending the company systematically shortchanged hourly employees.

The federal court lawsuit by

Norma Jean Williams, who lives in Wyoming, is similar to more than 40 other lawsuits across the country.

"Wal-Mart actually stole money from its own employees and used that money to gain a competitive advantage over its competitors," said Missouri attorney Dr. Deryl Edwards Jr., who is representing Williams. "And this didn't just happen in Utah. It happened all over."

The company employs about 5,000 workers at 24 retail stores and distribution centers in Utah.

Wal-Mart spokesman Kevin Thornton said it is the company's policy to pay its hourly workers for every minute that they work and anyone aware of that not happening is obligated to report it to upper management. "Any manager who requires or tolerates off-the-clock work or violates any company policy or employment law will be disciplined, and possibly fired," he said.

Williams' lawsuit contends that Wal-Mart altered employee records to make it appear they

worked fewer hours than they actually were on the job.

The company also allegedly deleted overtime hours and doctored time records to make it appear as if employees were taking meal periods when they were working.

Wal-Mart's hourly employees could not have been aware of the such practices because the company concealed the information from them, the lawsuit contends. It says the information came to light only after a New York Times article about the em-

ployee time records in 2004.

With so many similar lawsuits pending, Edwards said there is a good chance the federal courts might consolidate the actions and place them under the jurisdiction of a single judge.

Williams' lawsuit does not request a partnership settlement as the employees were reimbursed and that Wal-Mart be compelled to disclose all profits obtained from the alleged wrongful withholding of compensation earned by its Utah workers.

NOTHING LIKE A GOOD BOOK



Larry Carr, director of the Brown University bookstore in Providence, R.I., stands among shelves of new and used text books as a student searches for a title behind him at the bookstore Monday afternoon. Carr says during any given semester the store carries between 4,000 and 5,000 titles of which, at present, only three are ebooks. Carr says to date the bookstore has sold only one ebook.

Despite youths' comfort with technology, e-textbooks are still mostly a curiosity

By Anick Jansdoun
Associated Press writer

Brown University junior Stuart Thompson jumped at the chance to save \$30 and become a digital pioneer when his school bookstore offered a discounted, electronic version of an American history textbook.

But after making the purchase, he noticed a few things amiss: He couldn't run a highlight marker over key points or jot notes in the margins, nor could he curl up with the tome without printing out the pages.

"He won't rule out another e-book, but he's not completely sold, either."

So much for the belief that this generation of youths is comfortable with everything digital: The publishing industry has been talking about electronic textbooks for a decade already, but sales remain minuscule.

"If you're reading a 100-page book, staring at the computer that long — I don't think a lot of people would find that a better way to read," Thompson said.

Of the 100 or so students enrolled in the course where Houghton Mifflin Co.'s "A People and a Nation" is assigned, Thompson was the only student to buy the electronic version.

Brown is offering two other e-textbooks this semester, but none of the 150 students in those classes have bought one, even at 35 percent off the price of a new printed copy.

Students are going to have to see more value in e-textbooks before they take off, said Larry Carr, Brown's director of bookstore and services.

For now, it is mostly a curiosity.

"Students are pretty conservative when it comes to their grades," said David Serbun, director of partnerships for Houghton Mifflin's college division. "Our research has indicated they don't want to do anything that's a lot different than their peers."

Others, however, say the publishers are the ones that are conservative, doing little more than adding some hyperlinks and search capabilities. Tools are available for note-taking and highlighting, but Thompson said those are no substitute for marking up paper.

For the most part, e-books are merely electronic representations of the printed pages.

"It's like taking a book and ... trying to turn it into a movie just by trying to read pages," said Alexander Percin, chief operating officer of Xplana Learning Inc., an education software company that deliv-

ers e-books. "It's a different medium."

C. Sidney Burrus, former dean of engineering at Rice University and an e-book author, said technological changes typically come in two phases: Replication of older technology, followed by innovation.

"We're in the first phase, with electronic doing what the traditional paper has done," he said. "Nothings really novel."

How can e-books be more than print? Imagine a hi-tech e-book showing video of DNA's double helix coming to life, rather than the two-dimensional illustration typically found in printed books.

Or think of a math book with a built-in calculator or spreadsheet so students can try out formulas as they read. Waterloo Maple Inc.'s Maplesoft, for instance, is now making completely digital an advanced mathematical textbook that used to come with a CD.

Levis Mandell, a University of Buffalo professor who writes and publishes his own e-textbook, said he's able to update his finance books more frequently.

"The investment world is changing on a weekly basis," he said. "Tax rates change every year."

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Government witness No. 2 says Enron accounting looked odd

By Kristen Hays
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — A top trader who enjoyed a place in former Enron Corp. chief Jeffrey Skilling's inner circle testified Tuesday that the employees were reimbursed and that Wal-Mart be compelled to disclose all profits obtained from the alleged wrongful withholding of compensation earned by its Utah workers.

Rice said the former head of the company's highly touted broadband unit that never lived up to its hype and crashed along with the parent into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001.

He took the stand Tuesday as the government's second witness in the fraud and conspiracy trial of Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Officer Skilling. His follows seven days of testimony from Enron's former investor-relations chief, Mark Koenig.

Rice appeared comfortable, though his eyes remained focused on jurors or prosecutor Sean Berkowitz rather than the defendants. Skilling watched him intently, while Lay took notes.

He described Skilling as a hands-on boss, who saw broadband as an important venture that could help increase Enron's stock price.

With that in mind, Rice said the broadband unit struggled through a series of losses and slow progress in gaining market share after the Skilling and others unveiled it with a flourish at an analyst conference in January that year. "The unit often met earnings targets by selling inoperative fiber-optic cable or an interest in future revenue from a video-on-demand venture that later flopped."

Some of those deals were done with LJM, the Fastow-led partnership that helped Enron meet earnings targets.

Rice said he asked Skilling whether it was proper for a partnership run by Enron's CFO to do deals with Enron. He said Skilling explained that LJM could do transactions fast and that the deal "was an important thing for Enron to do."

Though Rice called the setup "gooey," his unit turned to LJM to meet earnings targets.

Rich people's tax increasingly haunts smaller taxpayers

By Ellen Abramo
The Baltimore Sun

Stephen Sapp never heard of the alternative minimum tax until he triggered it a few years ago.

The Lutherville, Md., audiologist considers himself upper-middle-income, but not one of the rich Americans the tax was intended to snag.

"It's designed for people who have a lot more money than I have," the 56-year-old says. "What really bothers me now ... people who are making less than I am are going to get hit with this thing. It's appalling to me."

Congress created the AMT in the 1969 tax reform act after rich people evaded taxes

through heavy use of deductions. Filers figure their taxes under the regular tax and AMT and pay the higher tax bill.

The AMT was never adjusted for inflation, so over time it began to net middle-income households. Tax cuts in recent years have exacerbated the problem. Regular income tax rates were reduced, but the AMT tax rates stayed the same at 26 percent and 28 percent. The result is more filers end up owing more under AMT and paying that bill.

The AMT doesn't allow many of the regular tax deductions, such as state taxes paid. Because of the higher taxes, Maryland ranks among the top states affected by the AMT, along with New York, New Jer-

sey California and Connecticut, according to the Tax Foundation, a tax research group.

Less than 1 percent of filers paid AMT in 2000, but that's expected to grow to about 20 percent — or around 30 million filers — if nothing is changed, the foundation reports.

To repeal the AMT would be enormously expensive, and for that reason many tax experts don't expect the government to get rid of it.

There are proposals to temporarily reduce the impact of the AMT on middle-class taxpayers. For the past few years, the AMT exemption — or the amount not subject to the tax — has been raised. But this relief expired at the end of December. In his proposed budget to Con-

gress last week, President Bush extended this by one year for 2006 returns. The Senate is proposing more generous AMT relief.

Without any temporary fix, the number of taxpayers caught by the AMT is estimated to swell from 3.6 million last year to 19 million next year, said Mark Luscombe, a principal with GCI Inc., a tax information provider in Illinois. Congress likely will pass some form of AMT relief, Luscombe said. "It's an election year."

Politics aside, what's the filter to do?

It's too late to do anything to avoid the AMT for returns now being filed.

But you may need to calculate whether you owe AMT this

year. There's no magic income number that tells you whether you owe the tax. Just less than 7 percent of taxpayers with incomes between \$100,000 and less than \$200,000 last year paid the AMT, according to a recent report from the Joint Committee on Taxation. But about 55 percent of filers with incomes of \$200,000 and over paid the tax. Once income reaches above \$500,000, though, AMT becomes less of a factor because these filers tend to owe more under the regular income tax.

The IRS recently launched an online calculator at www.irs.gov to help filers figure out whether they need to fill out the AMT Form 6251. The AMT Assistant

MONEY

Textbooks

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More editions and features isn't strictly new.
More importantly, professors are demanding consistency with the printed versions so page numbers match and readers are easier to assign.

back at the end of the term.
Even the 35 percent markdown for e-books at Brown is only slightly less than the 25 percent discount for used printed copies.
And e-books come with additional features. They are encrypted to prevent sharing and the ones from Thomson Corp. are even designed to expire in a year and prevent printing more than 100 pages a week, said Jeff Cohen, advertising and promotions manager for MBS Textbook Exchange Inc., which distributes e-books from several publishers.

Taxes

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It is geared more for those filing paper returns, the IRS said.
Other software programs usually calculate the AMT liability automatically for electronic filers.
What you'll find when dealing with the AMT is that it doesn't allow many of the familiar tax deductions, such as normal exemptions for yourself or children.
And forget about deducting state taxes. No tax is deductible under AMT, including state taxes, income and real estate taxes.

"Think twice before taking out a home equity loan," said Laurie Asch, a senior tax analyst with IFA, a tax information provider in New York. It could have an effect on AMT if you use the money for purposes other than improving a home, such as paying off credit cards, she said. In this case, the interest can't be deducted under AMT.
Exercising incentive stock options — often awarded to executives — could also have an AMT impact. Consistent with a tax professional before the sale.
For millions of filers like Seipp, the answer to the AMT problem may be out of the hands of accountants.
"I wish our people in Congress would do something," Seipp said.

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MINNEAPOLIS (API) - Treasury

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CHEESE

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SUGAR

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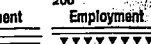
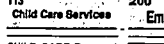
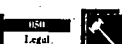
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NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A PROCESSOR MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 9:00 AM in the Fairfield Int Conference Room, 1293 W. Broadway Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho, nominations for one processor member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified potato processors residing in the State of Idaho. Said processors may nominate three qualified processors for the vacancy from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

Dated: February 7, 2006
/s/ Frank W. Muir
President/CEO
Idaho Potato Commission

PUBLISH: February 15 and March 1, 2006

NOTICE OF MEETING TO NOMINATE A PACKERSHIPPER MEMBER OF THE IDAHO POTATO COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 4:00 PM in the Idaho Grower/Shipper Association Conference Room, 705 John Adams Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho, nominations for one packershipper member of the Idaho Potato Commission may be made by qualified packershippers residing in the State of Idaho. Said packershippers may nominate three qualified packershippers from whom one will be appointed to the Commission by Governor Dirk Kempthorne.

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Idaho Potato Commission

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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITATION TO BID STORAGE AREA NETWORK SYSTEM

Sealed bids for a Storage Area Network system will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened.

Bids must be sent or delivered to the above address on or before the above listed date and time to be accepted. The outside of the envelope should clearly indicate "SEALED BID ENCLOSED".

For complete bid specifications, procedures, bid forms and additional information contact Jay Snodden at the College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238 by telephone 208-738-8247 or email at jgsnodden@csid.edu.

The College reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any formalities and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the College.

John M. Mason
Vice President of Finance

PUBLISH: February 8 and 15, 2006

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Bliss Joint School District #234, located at East Main, Bliss, ID, 83314, until 3:00 p.m., March 20, 2006, at the New Elementary School, 601 East Highway 30, Bliss, Idaho.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 23, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at the project site, 601 East Highway 30, Bliss, Idaho.

Bids will be opened at the above stated place and read aloud, following the closing time for receipt of bids. Bidders and other properly interested parties are invited to be present at bid opening. Drawings and specifications, including bidding information and conditions of agreement, may be examined at the following offices:

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Best and final Bidders and major sub-bidders may obtain one (1) complete set of construction documents at the office of Hutchison Smith Architects (HSA) upon deposit of \$100.00 for each set.

All bids must be made on the forms furnished and must be signed by the Bidder with his name and post office address.

No Bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled time for receipt of bids unless the award of contract is delayed for a period exceeding thirty (30) days.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities and to accept the bid or bids deemed best for the School District.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid amount including any add alternates, is required.

Bidders shall be licensed in the State of Idaho, in accordance with provisions of an act known as "Public Works Contractor's State License Law, Title 54, Chapter 19, Idaho Code Amend(2)".

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PUBLISH: February 15, 2006
February 22, 2006

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO NOTICE OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE VACANCY

Applications for the at large College of Southern Idaho Community College District Board of Trustee position vacated by Bill Babcock will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2006, in the office of the Vice President of Finance in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The trustee position is up for reelection on November 7, 2006. The trustee position term expires at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting after the November 7, 2006 election.

Qualified applicants must be a resident of either Twin Falls County or Jerome County. The application should include a resume and a letter of application indicating the candidate's interests and qualifications for the position. The application should be in an envelope clearly marked "Confidential" and delivered or sent to the following address:

Mike Mason
Vice President of Finance
College of Southern Idaho
315 Falls Avenue
P.O. Box 1238
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238

For additional information, please contact Mike Mason at the above address or telephone 208-738-8203.

Mike Mason
Secretary/Treasurer
College of Southern Idaho
Board of Trustees

PUBLISH: February 2, 8 and 15, 2006

AMENDED RESCHEDULED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

At 1:00 o'clock AM on March 16, 2006, in the Office of First American Title Company, 281 North Tenth Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all part of the following described real estate, to-wit:

The North 75 feet of Lot 9, Rice Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat recorded in Book 5 of Plats, Page 38, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

Parcel No. 2
Lot 8, Rice Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat recorded in Book 5 of Plats, Page 38, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, and the portion of Lots 20, 23 and 24 of Sunset Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point where the North and South centerline of the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 17 E., B.M., intersects the right-of-way boundary of the Union Pacific Railroad in the said Subdivision, thence S. 71°50' E. 31.6 feet; thence S. 190 feet; thence W. 9 feet; thence in a Northwestly direction parallel to and 15 feet from the centerline of the Railroad siding 286 feet, more or less; thence S. 70°50' E. 165 feet to the point of beginning.

Information concerning the remainder may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is 208-785-5511. According to the Trustee's records, the street address of 188 and 207 Court Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, and encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Michael W. Smith and Joni K. Smith, husband and wife, and Grantors, to First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as trustee, for the benefit and security of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Real Estate Mortgage Bank, Northwast, N.A., recorded November 14, 2002; as Instrument No. 2002020833, and modified by Modification of Deed of Trust recorded December 16, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005031892, all records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The above Trustee(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments of principal, interest and impounds of \$4,333.33, due per month for the months of July through October, 2004, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, uncollected late charges are due in the amount of \$1015.28, with interest accruing at an adjustable rate, the current rate is Prime + 2% annum, and continuing to accrue from June 13, 2004. Also due are delinquent taxes for 2003. The principal balance owing as of November 18, 2004 on the above sale, the following description of Trust is \$177,000.06, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due. Together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accrued taxes, assessments, trustee's fees and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED this 8th day of February 2006.
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By: Debrae Dillen-Nitsson, Trust Officer

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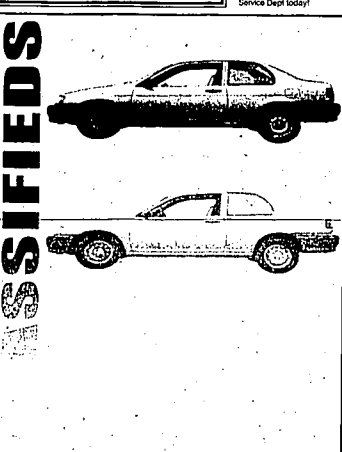
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Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006

THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"A spoon does not know the taste of soup, nor a learned fool the taste of wisdom."
— Welsh proverb

"Masterpieces of Declarer Play" by Julian Pottage, available from baronbarclay.com, is a slightly misleading title. My expectation was a book of brilliant plays by the stars, leaving us gasping with admiration. What I found were 72 excellent hands of the type often encountered in normal play, and therefore of much more practical use.

See what you think: In today's deal, imagine yourself as South in three no-trump. You let the heart king and queen hold; but win the heart continuation perfectly, noting that East has followed throughout. If East has the seven diamonds that his bid suggested, that accounts for 10 of his cards. Only the diamond suit can provide the required access to dummy, and for that to happen, East will need to be employed. Therefore, his first cards in the black suits must exit be extracted.

So, the ace and king of clubs are cashed, unblocking that suit. East discarding a diamond on the second. Next come the ace and king of spades. East following both times. Mission accomplished: East now has only diamonds left.

Now — how to tackle the diamonds? Low to the king? East will win and return the suit. With no entry to dummy, you are in the soup. Run the queen, then the 10 — or vice versa? In both instances East holds off.

No, the only way is to lead low to dummy's eight. If East wins with the nine he is employed, and if he ducks, you are where you want to be to cash the clubs.

NORTH 02-15-A
♠ 10 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K 8 3
♣ Q J 10 5 4 2

WEST ♠ Q 9 8 7
♥ K Q J 10 4
♦ 9 8 6 3

EAST ♠ J 2
♥ 8 6 3
♦ A J 9 7 6 4 2
♣ 7

SOUTH ♠ A K 6 5 4
♥ A 7 5
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A K

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North
The bidding:
South West North East
3 NT All pass
Opening lead: Heart king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
♠ A K 6 5 4
♥ A 7 5
♦ Q 10 5
♣ A K

South West North East
Dbl. 1♥ Pass 2♥

ANSWER: Bid two spades. This may look like an underbid, but it does sound as if your partner has next to nothing. Your free bid after doubling suggests a very good hand and lets partner assess his limited values to decide whether he might have enough to bid on.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@windsporing.com
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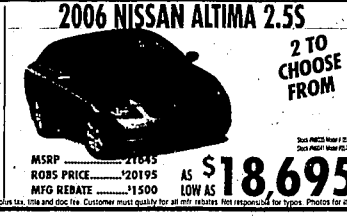
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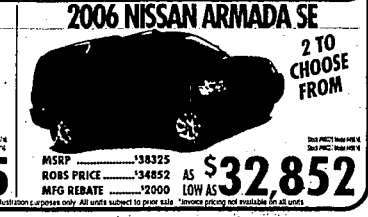
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