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SPARKING FIRES

As session end nears, lawmakers squabble over bills

By Jared S. Hopkins
Staff Writer

BOISE — Tuesday was April Fool's Day, but the Idaho Legislature was no place for joking around.

Politics — both partisan and between the two legislative chambers — ran rampant as legislators tried to bring the 2008 session to a close. The Senate and the House continued a stand-off on various bills, reacting to votes in the opposite body. One lawmaker even questioned another's commitment to democracy.

Legislators continue to promise to adjourn by the end of today, but a number of issues remain unresolved. The loose ends — and Tuesday's political struggles — raise doubts of the scheduled conclusion.

The strongest source of tension is the repeal of the personal property tax on business equipment. A bill that would gradually eliminate the tax over five years beginning in 2010 — \$120 million total — if the state's general fund grew by 5 percent was amended unanimously last week by the Senate. Giving a tight budget and shrinking economy, lawmakers chose to exempt 85 percent of Idaho businesses from paying taxes on the first \$75,000 of items from office equipment.

The amendments took a wild ride Tuesday, ultimately being rejected 42 to 25 by the House. Instead, legislative rules provide a

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The afternoon sun makes patterns in the entryway to the Capitol Annex Tuesday where Idaho state legislators tried to bring the 2008 session to a close. Legislators promise to adjourn by the end of today, but a number of issues remain unresolved.

Despite lack of school spending, Idaho students not at bottom

By Rich Greene
Staff Writer

Idaho ranked second to last among all states when it comes to dollars spent per student in the state's public school system according to a public education finance report released by the U.S. Census Bureau on Tuesday. Only Utah spends less.

While school districts in the United States spent an average of \$9,138 per student in the fiscal year 2006, Idaho spent \$6,440. New York led all states, spending \$14,884 per student.

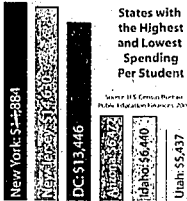
Despite the lack of spending, Mindoka County School District Superintendent Scott Rogers said students in Idaho are not performing near the bottom when it comes to college readiness tests.

Idaho graduates ranked 32nd among all the states' graduates in 2007 on the ACT standardized achievement exam.

"We get pretty good bang for our buck," Rogers said.

However, Rogers and Twin Falls School District Superintendent Wiley Dobbs

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Congress presses oil chiefs on profits

By H. Jozef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Don't blame us, oil industry chiefs told a skeptical Congress.

Top executives of the country's five biggest oil companies said Tuesday they know record fuel prices are hurting people, but they argued it's not their fault and their huge profits are in line with other industries.

Appearing before a House committee, the executives were pressed to explain why they should continue to get billions of dollars in tax breaks when they made \$123 billion last year and motorists are paying record gasoline prices at the pump.

Simon, senior vice president of Exxon Mobil Corp., which made a record \$400 billion last year.

"We depend on high earnings during the up cycle to sustain... investment over the long term, including the down cycles," he continued.

"The up cycle has been going on too long, suggested Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, D-Mo. "The anger level is rising significantly."

Alluding to the fact that Congress often doesn't rate very high in opinion polls, Cleaver told the executives: "Your approval rating is lower than ours, and that means you're down low."

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Toxic hazards found at Albion Normal School

Developers, DEQ clean up site

By Matt Christensen
Staff Writer

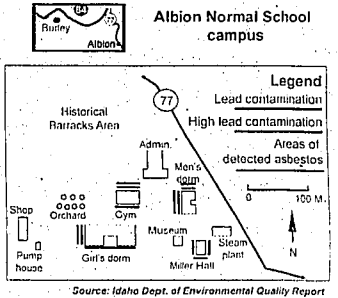
For decades, students, teachers and visitors to the Albion Normal School may have been exposed to health-threatening environmental contaminants.

Recent investigations by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality reveal asbestos in four buildings, as well as asbestos and lead in the soil surrounding at least five structures.

The school was closed in 1971, but the campus continues to pose threats. Youth track meets and city social events have recently been held at the site, according to DEQ reports. An alumni association still operates a museum on the campus. Vandals and vagrants sometimes hole up in the buildings at night.

"Based on... known concentrations, there is the potential for workers and the people visiting the site to be exposed to lead from dust," the DEQ wrote in a report released this month.

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Feds: Administration will waive rules to build more border fence

By Eileen Sullivan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will use its authority to bypass more than 30 laws and regulations to finish building 670 miles of fence along the southwest U.S. border by the end of 2008, federal officials said Tuesday.

Invoicing the two legal waivers, which Congress authorized, will cut through bureaucratic red tape and sidestep environmental laws that currently impede the Homeland Security Department from building 267 miles of fencing in California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas, according

to officials familiar with the plan. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to comment publicly about it.

The move is the biggest use of legal waivers since the administration started building the fence, and it will cover a total of 470 miles along the Southwest border, the department said. Previously, the department has used its waiver authority for two portions of fence in Arizona and one portion in San Diego.

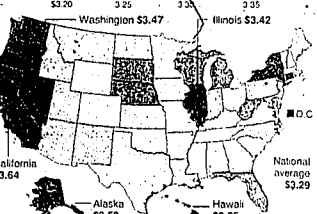
"Criminal activity at the border does not stop for endless debate or protracted

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Feeling the pain of high gas prices

Gas prices have reached a record-high of \$3.29 a gallon and are expected to continue rising through the summer driving season.

Price per gallon, regular unleaded gasoline, as of April 1



SOURCE: AAA

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Idaho Old Time Fiddlers Association Jammin' for the crowd and meeting, members will jam and entertain the public from 6 to 8 p.m. with monthly meeting to follow, Idaho Pizza Company, 1859 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, open to the public and prospective members, 735-1580.

CHURCH EVENTS

Centering Prayer practice, with topic: "Prayer in Secret," 7:30 p.m., Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Dr. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 734-9499 or 733-8881.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Mothers, Inc. of Magic Valley meeting and potluck luncheon, noon, Bridgeview Estates Great Room, 1818 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, 733-5133. Twin Falls Lions Club meeting and no-host lunch, speaker Randy Davis on the founding of Albion Christian College, location and courses, noon, Norm's Catering Room, 827 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, visitors welcome, 312-5057. Bliss Flower and Garden Club meeting, tour of Moss Greenhouse, 1 p.m., 269 S. 200 E., Jerome, container needed for planting (optional), 352-4660. Rupert Business and Professional Women meeting, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Drift Inn meeting room, 545 F St., Rupert, www.cassachamber.com.

EDUCATION

AIDS Awareness event, featuring pool Mayda Del Valle, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Theatre, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, no cost, www.csi.edu/aidawarenessvents.

FAMILY

Candlelight Tales, 30-minute, "end of day" presentation for preschoolers and early elementary age children (may wear pajamas), 7 to 7:30 p.m., in the Storyline Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library, 733-2964 ext. 110.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-1068. Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 820 Old Highway 30, 366-7436. Hagerman City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 191 State St. N., 837-6636.

HEALTH AND SUPPORT

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at several Magic Valley locations; CSI gym, Coaling ISDB gym, Jerome Rec Center, Shoshone High (old gym), Rupert Civic Center and Blaine County Campus gym; and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at CSI Rupert Outreach Center gym, no cost, 732-6475.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Ageless Senior Citizens, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, no cost, 737-5988. Silversneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 5 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bridgeview Great Room (north entrance, third floor), Bridgeview Estates, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., 404-4793 or 736-9282.

"Caring for Your Parents," two-hour documentary on the complexity of shifting caregiver roles, includes local experts and trained AARP volunteers on call until midnight, 9 p.m., M.T., Idaho Public Television, (208) 373-7369 or (208) 373-7368.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Woodcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Fier Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

MORNING BRIEFING

FOUR-DAY PLANNER

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

April 3 — The U.S. Navy Band Sea Chanters Chorus, sponsored by College of Southern Idaho and Times-News, 7:30 p.m., C.S.I. Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, ticket holders come early, some remaining seats on first-come, first-served basis, 735-3327.

April 4 — First Fridays "Cowboy Company," live Western swing with Johnny W. and Rob Harding on guitar and vocals, Byron Blakemore on pedal steel and Bill Liles on bass; Eric Etteswold, Rudy's in the Kitchen, free food-tasting and beverages sold by the glass, 6 to 9 p.m., Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 733-5477.

April 4 — Artist's reception and gallery walk, featuring new work by member artists, live music by Rick Kuhn and "Soa Slugs-A perspective" by Mary and Peter Tolt in the Galeria Pequeno, 7 to 9 p.m., Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, 132 Main Ave. S., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.

April 4 — The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary public dance, 8 p.m., D.A.V. Hall, 459 Shoup Ave., Twin Falls, 52 donation, 734-5208.

April 5 — The Danny Marzola Performing Arts Scholarship Fund "Final Competition," winners from the sectionals compete for larger scholarships; Danny Marzola as Master of Ceremonies, 6:30 a.m. doors open and 7:30 p.m. program, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$10 suggested donation, 736-1857.

April 5 — Forever Pals, Sun Valley, a collection of musical short comedy about close-harmony "pig groups," 6:30 to 8 p.m. happy hour and 8 p.m. show, Boiler Room, Sun Valley Village, Sun Valley Resort, 112 (no cost for children age 12 and under); admissions may enter for April 13 20/20 raffle drawing, (208) 822-2135.

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six-member conference committee will meet this morning to hash out the compromise. Otherwise, the bill — on the issue — is dead this year.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said that he doesn't expect much change from the committee besides possibly raising the exemption to \$10,000.

Senators chose \$75,000 to parallel the amount the expected homeowners' exemption is expected to decline to.

"I'm disappointed the House didn't occur," he said. "The amendments in the Senate would have helped every Magic Valley business and the majority of Magic Valley businesses would no longer have to pay property taxes and game and excise taxes on a weekly basis."

The political warring began in the morning when Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, made a motion for the House to agree with the amendments saying that game and excise taxes were unconstitutional since Friday.

But GOP House leaders voiced opposition, and suggested it be reviewed by the

House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Rep. Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, argued that bypassing the committee disrupted political principles.

"For anyone to deny the democratic process to allow for that vetting, and perhaps some additional testimony, perhaps they should not be in this place," she said on the floor.

The Democrat responded on the floor by citing how the House similarly approved other legislation without committee approval. The House Revenue and Taxation Committee later vetoed the measure, pending the amendments pass the full House.

Elsewhere, the political winds continued to swirl.

After the House committee vote, a bill to re-vote on local option taxes was approved, then removed from an afternoon Senate committee agenda. The bill, which would have accompanied a constitutional amendment to require votes on local option taxes, had already been voted down Monday because senators were opposed to the amendment.

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Albion

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Investigators say people may have tracked lead from paint to the soil outside the buildings, or it may have entered the ground from rain runoff off lead-containing roofing materials. Asbestos was used as an insulator in some of the buildings.

Lead poisoning can lead to death, and asbestos can cause cancer. But the site's hazards could soon disappear.

Developers Troy and Kent Mortensen, who bought the property from the city of Albion last year, are participating in DEQ programs that help identify and remove the contaminants. Asbestos in some of the buildings has already been taken away. Cleanup of the dangerous soils is expected to be finished by the end of July.

Just the general cleanup of debris is pretty much done," said Kent Mortensen. "By the first part of summer, all the material that is a hazardous substance will be removed."

The Mortensens have plans to develop the campus into a retreat, with bedrooms,

kitchens and meeting areas for family reunions or corporate getaways. They've sought grants through the DEQ's Brownsfields Revitalization and Volunteer Cleanup programs, which provide money to property owners or municipalities willing to cleanup environmental hazards.

Under the program, the Mortensens could be reimbursed up to 70 percent for the soil removal project, which is expected to cost at least \$44,000.

Both programs are fairly new, created to spur redevelopment in blighted areas, said Kristi Lowder, a DEQ brownfields specialist.

The Albion school campus, one of the oldest standing schools in the state, fell into disrepair after it closed more than three decades ago.

Opened in 1894, the school served the small south-central Idaho community until 1951, when the legislature cut its funding. It was reopened in 1957 as a Christian school and closed for good in 1971. The campus was listed on the National Register for Historic Places in 1980.

Since then, the site, excluding the museum, has been mostly vacant except for occasional teenagers' clandestine beer party. One caretaker, the son of the school's former head custodian, struggled to keep the windows boarded up and the vandals out.

The Mortensens' retreat, which they hope will return the campus to its original glory, is scheduled to open June 22.

"It's being updated," Kent Mortensen said, "but it will still have that historical feel."

If the cleanup goes as planned, it'll also be a lot safer for its visitors.

Schools

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agreed there is a correlation between money spent and student achievement.

"What we're looking at is a situation where our kids are in the middle of the pack and we're spending at the low end," Dobbs said. "From a business standpoint you have to spend money to make money and from an education standpoint you have to spend money to improve the performance of the kids."

Dobbs said immeasurable factors, such as parental involvement, may be aiding Idaho students.

"To offset some of that (spending) disparity with strong parent support," Dobbs said, "I would match our state's parent support with anybody's."

Dobbs said he was not surprised by Idaho's rankings.

"It's not anything new," he said. "We have some very dedicated people that go above and beyond knowing that there are some things we have to go without."

Of the money spent on students in Idaho, districts received on average 10.7 percent of their revenue from federal sources, 55.8 percent from state sources and 33.5 percent from local sources.

One place where the state's low spending continues to have an impact is teacher salaries.

Dobbs said the Twin Falls Schools District is having trouble finding qualified candidates for two administration positions, in part because it is unable to offer

higher salaries.

"We are competing with other states and with other regions for the best and the brightest and we have to get our salaries competitive with our salaries and with our class sizes if we're going to attract the best teachers," Dobbs said.

On March 5 the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee approved a 2.4 percent increase for teacher salaries after months of debate over the proposed ISAB's merit-based plan proposed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Iwan.

"I think the legislation needs to prioritize education," Rogers said.

Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and the co-chairman of JFAC, said the statistics are not surprising because Idaho has fewer kids, a smaller revenue base and a smaller average income than most states.

He cited several recent studies from the National Education Association that show high rankings in Idaho in areas for teacher pay and per capita spending. For example, Idaho's 17 students-per-teacher ratio is the eighth-highest, according to 2005 statistics.

"That study has no correlation in our state's ability to receive a good education," he said.

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Dems declare Iraq in turmoil, but undecided on how to end war

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic leaders returned from the spring break this week to declare that Iraq is in turmoil and that they will continue to try to force President Bush to end the war.

But facing another uphill battle, party members are undecided on whether to try to cut off money or take a softer approach that is more likely to succeed.

They will have to decide soon. Congress has approved only \$86.7 billion of the Bush administration's \$196.4 billion request for war spending this budget year, which began Oct. 1. Most of the money is required by the military, which says it is about \$102.5 billion short and will run out this spring.

By early May, the House is expected to consider spending legislation addressing the military's needs, with the Senate following suit. And by the end of May a separate policy bill should arrive that authorizes billions in defense programs.

The legislative push will come after Gen. David Petraeus, the top military commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador there, report to Congress on the status of the war on April 8-9. The two officials are expected to tell lawmakers that impressive security gains and modest political progress have been made since last year's buildup of U.S. troops, and that troop withdrawals can continue this fall only after officials ascertain that the drawdown wouldn't hurt security.

Already, Democrats are challenging their recommendation that troops should stay, contending that the Iraqis are not doing enough to bring progress and remain divided politically. As an example, they point to the recent upheaval in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, where Iraqi leaders have launched a bloody offensive against Shiite militia forces.

Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said a political settlement in Iraq "appears to me to be no closer to reality." "There is no unity even among the (Shiites)," he said. "The only thing they have in common is that they don't like the Sunnis."

Republicans counter that the Basra operation shows promising signs that Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who is a Shiite himself, is willing to target Shiite militias.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Tuesday declined to say whether Democrats would attempt to tie the money to troop withdrawals as they have in the past. Many Democrats advocate an alternative approach — for example, insisting that troops reach certain training levels before being deployed.

Home defibrillators save lives, but so does CPR, study of heart-shock devices finds

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — Having a defibrillator at home can help a heart attack survivor live through a second crisis, but so can CPR and at a much lower cost. That's the bottom line from the first test of using these heart-shock devices in the home.

The devices worked. But so few people in the study were stricken at home, and CPR by spouses in the comparison group was so good, that the 7,000-person study swayed up being the too small to prove that a defibrillator can improve survival.

It did for South Carolinian James Kennedy. For three years, his family logged one after another stroke, heart and other trips. "Thank God we had it" last August, when his daughter used it to save his life at home, said Kennedy's wife, Debra.

Others also benefited — several friends and neighbors of people in the study. They got a lifesaving heart shock, too.

"There's no downside" to having a home defibrillator, said study leader Dr. Gust Boriani of Seattle's Institute for Cardiac Research.

However, they cost \$1,000 or more. And others say health dollars are better spent boosting CPR training. Arguments to expand access to defibrillators "have an emotional quality" not justified by cost and success rates, said Dr. David Callans of the University of Pennsylvania.

He wrote an editorial that the New England Journal of Medicine published on the Internet along with the study. Results also were given Tuesday at an American College of Cardiology conference in Chicago.

"They come a day after the American Heart Association changed guidelines to recommend hands-only CPR — pressing vigorously on a victim's chest until help arrives.

Cardiac arrest happens when the heart beats chaotically. Automated external defibrillators, or AEDs, can shock it back into normal rhythm, and have been successfully used by bystanders in airports, casinos and other public places.

However, three-fourths of the 165,000 cardiac arrests



James Kennedy, right, is examined by cardiologist Dr. John Thornton, as Kennedy's daughter, Britany, left, and wife Debra, second from left, watch, during an examination at the Medical College of Georgia Cardiovascular Center, Thursday in Augusta, Ga. When Kennedy suffered a heart attack last summer, his daughter used a home defibrillator to revive him.

that occur outside hospitals each year happen at home, and only 2 percent of victims survive. One home defibrillator, made by a Seattle-based division of Philips Healthcare, weighs in with four pounds and is sold on the Internet for as little as \$1,200.

Researchers tested them in 7,000 people in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Germany, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. About half were

given a device and a spouse or companion was trained to use it, then told to call emergency medical services. For the others, family members were trained in CPR and told to call EMS.

Over about three years, 450 people died, but only 160 were from cardiac arrest. Of those, only 56 were at home and suffered the attack in front of someone.

Defibrillators were used in 32 cases — all of them appro-

priately. The overall survival in both groups was comparable and far better than researchers expected.

"We did have some people that simply panicked and didn't know what to do," he said.

It happened to Debra Kennedy when her 55-year-old husband James, was stricken in August at their home in North Augusta, S.C. Her 20-year-old daughter, Britany, took over while her mom called EMS.

"I grabbed the defibrillator, I put the little pads on him and it shocked him. That was really easy. It gives you all the instructions," the young woman said.

The experience inspired her to return to school to become a nurse.

"I always thought if a patient was hit with a defibrillator and not know what to do, but after this, I figure, if I can do it on him I can do it on anybody."

Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, said the study "does not invalidate the use of AEDs by any means."

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EDITORIAL

Promises to keep: No more double-talk on INL waste

This time, does "all" really mean "all"? The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled last month that the federal government must remove tens of thousands of cubic meters of nuclear waste from the Idaho National Laboratory by 2018. The Department of Energy would rather haul away a fraction of it.

The transuranic waste is perched above the Eastern Snake River Plain Aquifer, a Vermont-size water source for hundreds of thousands of Idaho residents. In 1995, DOE predicted the contamination would reach the aquifer by 2025.

Our view:
Enough procrastating. DOE now has a clear legal and moral obligation to remove all transuranic waste at the Idaho National Laboratory. We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

But since agreeing to then-Gov. Phil Batt's demand to remove all transuranic waste, the agency has dragged its feet, insisting that it had only agreed to remove above-ground waste — not the barrels, boxes and equipment dumped in unlined trenches and covered over.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ruled otherwise. The 9th Circuit Court concurred.

Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality hopes the DOE will start talking seriously about estimated the \$13 billion cleanup. The agency's far more modest plans run about \$1 billion.

That's a lot of money, and it's far from certain Congress will come up with the difference in time for the DOE to meet the 2018 deadline. Especially since President Bush's budget, pending in Congress, actually cut INL cleanup funds this year.

Waste, mostly from weapons programs, was dumped at the site from 1954 until 1970, often haphazardly rolled off the backs of trucks.

The feds have already removed about 700 cubic meters of waste — a fraction of the 36,800 cubic meters there — and DOE proposed taking just 6,200 cubic meters more.

That's not what the agency agreed to in 1995. We've waited 13 years for the feds to keep their word. We're still waiting.

In about 17 years, the danger posed by INL's radioactive waste will cease being a theoretical threat to the aquifer. DOE isn't close to heading off that threat.

"All." It turns out, really does mean "all." When will it mean results?

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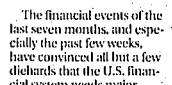
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A wilderness of smoke and mirrors

Anyone who has worked in a large organization — or, for that matter, reads the comic strip "Dilbert" — is familiar with the "org chart" strategy. To hide their lack of any actual ideas about what to do, managers sometimes make a big show of rearranging the boxes and lines that say who reports to whom.

You now understand the principle behind the Bush administration's new proposal for financial reform: It's all about creating the appearance of responding to the current crisis, without actually doing anything substantive.

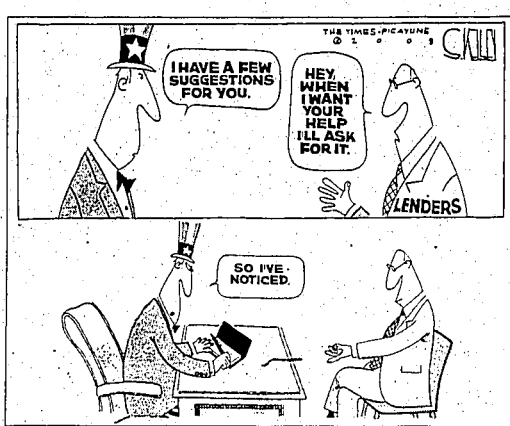


The financial events of the last seven months, and especially the past few weeks, have been all but a few dribs and drabs that the U.S. financial system needs major reform. Otherwise, we'll lurch from crisis to crisis — and the crises will get bigger and bigger.

The result of Bear Stearns, in particular, was a paradigmatic event. Traditional, deposit-taking banks have been regulated since the 1930s, because the experience of the Great Depression showed how bank failures can threaten the whole economy. Suddenly, however, "non-depository" institutions like Bear didn't have to be regulated, because "market discipline" would ensure that they were run responsibly.

When push-came-to shove, however, the Federal Reserve didn't dare let market discipline run its course. Instead, it rushed to Bear's rescue, risking billions of taxpayer dollars, because it feared that the collapse of a major financial institution would endanger the financial system as a whole.

And if financial players like Bear are going to receive the kind of rescue previously lim-



to deposit-taking banks, the implication seems obvious: They should be regulated like banks.

The Bush administration, however, has spent the last seven years trying to do away with government oversight of the financial industry. In fact, the new plan was originally conceived of as "promoting a competitive financial services sector leading the world and supporting continued economic innovation." That's bankers-speak for getting rid of regulations that annoy big financial operators.

To reverse course now, and seek expanded regulation, the administration would have to back down on its free-market ideology — and it would also have to face up to the fact that it was wrong. And this administration, even now, admits that it made a mistake.

This Jeffrey Paulson, the Treasury secretary, declares, "I do not believe it is fair or accurate to blame our regulatory structure for the current financial crisis."

for the rest, it blithely declares that "market discipline is the most effective tool to limit systemic risk."

The administration, then, has learned nothing from the current crisis. Yet it needs, as a political matter, to pretend to be doing something.

So the Treasury has, with great fanfare, announced — you know what's coming — its support for a rearrangement of the boxes on the org chart. OCC, OTC, and CFTC are out; FDIA and CBA are in. Whatever.

Will rearranging these boxes make any difference? I've been disappointed to see some news outlets report as fact — the claim that lack of coordination among regulatory agencies was an important factor in our current problems.

The truth is that that's not at all what happened. The various regulators actually did quite well at acting in a coordinating fashion. The reform that's been coordinated in the wrong direction.

For example, there was a 2003 photo-op in which officials from multiple agencies used pruning shears and chainsaws to chop up stacks of banking regulations. The

occasion symbolized the shared determination of Bush appointees to suspend adult supervision, just as the financial industry was starting to run wild.

Oh, and the Bush administration actively blocked state governments when they tried to protect families against predatory lending.

So, will the administration's plan succeed? I'm not asking whether it will succeed in preventing future financial crises — that's not its purpose. The question, instead, is whether it will succeed in confusing the issue sufficiently to stand in the way of real reform.

Let's hope not. As I said, America's financial crises have been getting bigger. A decade ago, the market disruption that followed the collapse of Enron, the next crisis. Management was considered a major, scary event; but compared with the current earthquake, the LTCM crisis was a minor tremor.

If we don't reform the system this time, the next crisis will be even bigger. And I, for one, really don't want to live through a replay of the 1930s.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make environmentalists pay when wolves kill

The wolf issue! In the last few years, wolves have prospered and are eating well at the expense of the sportsmen, the cattlemen, the sheepmen, and others who have lost valuable livestock. Now let's eliminate the emotion here and solve the issue!

Instead of the environmentalists spending money on attorneys and the courts, essentially wasting the public resources and inhibiting progress, why don't they (environmentalists) establish a fund for the equalization, maintenance and enhancement of our natural and economic resources. The wolf, in this case!

For example: 1. For every cow that is killed (open, with no call inside or on side), a fee of \$1,500 is paid to the owner of the cow; 2. If a cow or sheep is killed on side, a fee of \$3,000 is paid; 3. sheep, same situation; however, a lesser amount; 4. elk, deer and antelope, a similar scenario, or female, etc. (an amount to be determined by expense); 5. State Fish and Game for resources to devote closer management, etc.; 6. a miscellaneous classification to address folks, dogs, etc.

With this program, it satisfies the sportsmen and the livestock owners, the environmentalists are contributing to the enhancement of the wolf population and the "flora and fauna" of our great wilderness! The courts could maintain the fund with interest. As a result, everyone would be satisfied.

Oops! I forgot the lawyer. Well, possibly a season could be established for them also! The current idea of having a season to hunt wolves is absurd! If they only ate from October to December, that would be fine! However they don't. They'll buy a ticket and, if you enter your lot and choose to kill it, problem solved!

WILLIAM W. KNOX II
Fairfield

Closures eat away at South Hills ATV riders

In response to the article in the March 26 edition of the Times-News regarding the closure of motorized trails in the South Hills, this is not an accurate statement. Yes, he may be converting non-system trail miles to system trails, but do not be misled — this is not the plan. The motorized trail miles that are currently available to the motorized user. We will still be losing more than 50 percent of the motorized ridings that we now enjoy.

Now if it isn't bad enough, the link on the travel plan is hardly dry and Mr. Nannemga has released a scoping document that closes more roads to motorized use.

If you feel that enough is enough, I suggest that you drop the line to Scott Nannemga at the Minidoka Overland District, 3650 S. Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83418, or you may phone them at (208) 677-4078.

STAN MAI
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Stan Mai is the president of the Magic Valley ATV Riders Inc.)

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THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS



Book on self-discipline and pitching applies to other jobs as well

A few years ago, a former professional baseball player mentioned a book that had made a great impression on him. It was called "The Mental ABCs of Pitching," by a sports psychologist named H.A. Dorfman. I read the book one spare evening, though, as you may have noticed, I'm not a pitcher — and no major league organization has expressed interest in making me one.



DAVID BROOKS

"Self-discipline is a form of freedom. Freedom from laziness and lethargy, freedom from expectations and demands of others, freedom from weakness and fear — and doubt."

His assumption seems to be that you can't just urge someone to be disciplined; you have to build a structure of behavior and attitude. Dorfman shapes thought. If a player disciplines his behavior, then he will also discipline his mind.

Dorfman builds that structure on the repetitiousness of baseball. It is commonly said that it takes 10,000 hours of practice to master

any craft — three hours of practice every day for 10 years. Dorfman assumes that players would have already put in those hours doing drills and repetitions. He urges them to adopt their own program rituals. He notes that Trevor Hoffman, the San Diego Padres closer, walks from the clubhouse to the dugout every game in the fourth inning and moves to the bullpen in the seventh.

As a pitcher enters a game, Dorfman continues, he should bring a relentlessly assertive mind-set. He should plan on attacking the strike zone early in the count, and never letting up. He will not nibble at the strike zone or try to throw the ball around hitters. He will hit around hitters. Even when the count is zero balls and two strikes, he will not alter his emotional tone by waiting a pitch out of the strike zone.

Just as a bike is better bal-

anced when going forward, a pitcher's mind is better balanced when unceasingly aggressive. If a pitcher does not actually feel this way when he enters a game, Dorfman asks him to present. If your body imparts confidence that long enough, then the mind begins to adopt it.

Dorfman then structures the geography of the workplace. There are two locales in a pitcher's universe — on the mound and off the mound. Off the mound is for thinking about the past and future, on the mound is for thinking about the present. When a pitcher is on the pitching rubber, Dorfman writes, he should only think about three things: pitch selection, pitch location and the catcher's glove, his target. If he finds himself thinking about something else, he should step off the rubber.

Dorfman has various breathing rituals he endor-

ses, but his main focus during competition is to get his pitchers thinking simple and small. A pitcher is defined, he writes, "by the way the ball leaves his hand." Everything else is extraneous.

In Dorfman's description of pitching, batters barely exist. They are vaguely, generic abstractions that hover out there in the land beyond the pitcher's control. A pitcher shouldn't judge himself by how the batters hit his pitches, but instead by whether he threw the pitch he wanted to throw.

Dorfman once approached Greg Maddux after a game and asked him how it went. Maddux said simply: "He's out of 73." He'd thrown 73 pitches and executed 50. Nothing else was relevant.

A baseball game is a spectacle, with a thousand points of interest. But Dorfman reduces it all to a series of

simple tasks. The pitcher's personality isn't at the center. His talent isn't at the center. The task is at the center.

By putting the task at the center, Dorfman illuminates the way the body and the mind communicate with each other. Once there were intellectuals who thought the mind existed above the body, but that's been blown away by evidence. In fact, it's easiest to change the mind by changing behavior, and that's probably as true in the office as on the mound.

Not long ago, Americans saw the rise of a therapeutic culture that placed great emphasis on self-discovery, self-awareness and self-expression. But somehow, the tide seems to have turned from the worship of self, and today's message is transcend yourself in your job — or get shelved.

David Brooks is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

Clinton may show how to win when she has lost

Any time other than in the midst of a heated electoral battle, it's hard to imagine that Nancy Pelosi would attract much controversy by opining that the Democratic Party's nomination for president should be the elected one who draws the most votes. The House speaker has done just that, last week drawing an angry backlash from wealthy supporters of Hillary Rodham Clinton.



ANDREW GUMBEL

37 states that still allocated their nominating delegates by backroom fiat instead of the ballot box — a strategy that may well have clinched his nomination even if Bobby Kennedy had not been assassinated.

The lack of serious intra-party competition in the intervening 40 years — despite the central role now accorded to primary/caucuses voting — has been largely the result of a playing field tilted to favor establishment candidates such as Walter Mondale in 1984 and Al Gore in 2000.

Most Americans — presumably including the 100 million who have participated with unprecedented enthusiasm in the Democratic primaries and caucuses — still view this country as a representative democracy. To look at history, though, and the power of the popular vote in determining the next occupant of the White House starts to look a lot less obvious.

And, as an insurance policy, the party leaves any really close race in the hands of non-elected superdelegates, the issue central to the Clinton-Barack Obama showdown now.

The will of the people has been even more compromised when it comes to general elections for the presidency. In fact, on every occasion in American history when the race for the White House has been close enough to be contested, the candidate with fewer votes has prevailed.

Given this long history of dogged, dirty, win-at-any-cost electioneering, Clinton's determination to keep fighting in the face of seemingly insurmountable electoral arithmetic makes a lot more sense.

When her surrogates argue that carrying big states such as California and Ohio is more important than being alight in the real popular vote, or when they argue that pledged delegates are not really pledged at all, they are following a well-worn playbook compiled by both parties — which is to say and do anything that might push

your candidate ahead.

In the end, the key to winning is not the number of votes but the efficacy of a candidate's political campaign. If the Clinton camp can create the perception that voters from the early primaries are now suffering "buyer's remorse" about the party's grass-roots supporters went her after, she still has a chance. Conversely, if she comes off as a sore loser unwilling to risk her party's chances in favor of further her personal ambition — a perception already dragging down her approval ratings — her gambit probably will fail.

It shouldn't be this way, of course. Democracy should be about the will of the people, pure and simple, as Pelosi has already demonstrated. American politicians are generally very good at the rhetoric of deferring to that popular will. When their careers and their futures are on the line, however, it's a whole different story and always has been.

Andrew Gumbel, the Los Angeles correspondent of the *Independent of London*, wrote this commentary for the *Los Angeles Times*.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pellet-gun shooter should be ashamed of killing cat

This is an open letter to the man across the street who has been killing pigeons with a pellet gun and shot our cat at all times.

The cat never hurt anyone. We raised her from the kitten that was born here. She was our residents' cat. Her name was Little.

Shame on you! You know who you are. You left her in the gutter and on the street. Yes, we took her to our veterinarian on Sunday but she was injured so badly she couldn't be saved.

You will answer for this, my man. You didn't even have the nerve to come to tell us. I hope you can sleep at night. We will be watching your actions.

KAREN BACI Kimberley

(Editor's note: Karen Baci is the director of Port of Twin Falls. She submitted this letter on behalf of the residents at the Port of Hope.)

Those who reject English should remember war vets

The late Norman Neilson introduced me to the Burley Kiwanis Club several years ago as follows: "I wish to introduce my good friend, Lovell Turner, as a new member among us. I have suggested that Lovell lay a pipeline from the Pacific Ocean and if he can 'suck' as hard as he can 'blow,' he can create an inland sea for us to enjoy." I am proud to have a "Mini-Cassia Veterans, who provide the flag ceremony, and our Declo American Legion, which provides the firing squad for military funerals.

We did 87 cities during one 10-month period in 2002 and performed rites for 12 veterans during the past three weeks.

Patriotic emotions are quite visible, emanating from mourners surrounding the casket while the flag is folded and a vocal rendition of "I am your flag," is offered by a veteran.

Especially moving to me are the lines which read, "I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free. It does not hurt, for I am invincible. I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my own country it hurts, but I shall overcome — for I am strong. When I lie in the

trembling arms of a grieving parent or at the graveside of their fallen son or daughter or in the arms of a child or spouse who will have to go on without their loved one, that is my finest hour. I am proud."

Taps are played by our bugler and the folded flag, along with 21 spent cartridges, are presented to the next of kin. The only requirement is that the veteran served during war time and matters of whether it was in a foxhole or behind a desk. A request for these rites is made to the mortician, and the veterans donate their time and expenses, traveling to cemeteries from Rupert to those in Oakley.

Side note: A French moderator at a national symposium held in France, previously questioned why they had to speak English instead of French. An American veteran quickly responded, maybe it is because I and a bunch of Americans, Brits, Aussies, etc., made arrangements so you wouldn't have to speak German.

Those who reject English as our official language should recall that the same "arrangements" were made by our veterans to prevent German from being the official language east of the Mississippi and Japanese the official language west of the Mississippi.

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- IDAPA 56 – DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255
- **58-0101-0801, Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho (Temp & Prop). Implements the provisions of HB 557 for the open burning of crop residue to be administered by the IDEQ and repeals the Smoke Management and Crop Residue Disposal Act previously administered by the ISDA; prohibits field burning of air quality levels exceed or are expected to exceed 75% of any national ambient air quality standard; requires that farmers obtain a notice of approval to burn, provide notice of proposed burns, and pay a registration fee based upon the number of acres to be burned and ensures that the public has ready access to this information. IDEQ is required to conduct ongoing and annual reviews of the program, develop a revised State Implementation Plan and get approval of the plan by the USEPA before burning can resume in Idaho. Comment by: 5/2/08.

- NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ON THE FOLLOWING: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
- 16-0613-0801, Rules Governing Emergency Assistance for Families and Children
- 16-0737-0801, Children's Mental Health Services (New Chapter)
- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- 58-0108-0801, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems
- 58-0111-0801, Ground Water Quality Rule
- 58-0116-0801, Wastewater Rules
- 58-0124-0801, Standards and Procedures for Application of Risk Based Corrective Action at Chemical Release Sites

- PUBLIC HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE FOLLOWING: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
- 16-0701-0801, Behavioral Health Fee Schedules
- 16-0710-0801, Behavioral Health Development Grants
- 16-0717-0801, Alcohol and Substance Use Disorder Services
- 16-0733-0801, Adult Mental Health Services
- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- 58-0000-0805, Proposed Revision to the Idaho State Implementation Plan, Enactment of Section 39-114, Idaho Code (Comment period extended to 5/2/08)

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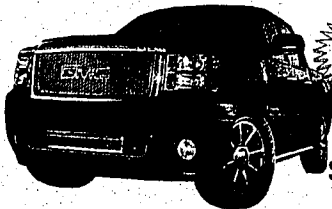
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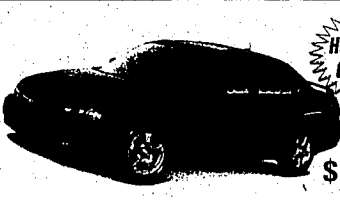
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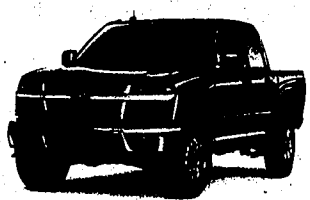
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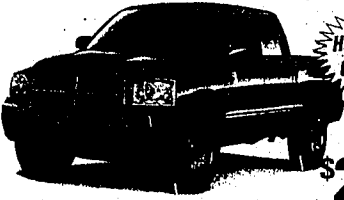
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Merkle, Wright lead Kimberly charge against Filer

By David Bashore
Staff Writer

FILER — Lately, Kimberly pitcher Anthony Merkle is in a really good place every time he takes to the mound. Less than a week after tossing a no-hitter against Buhl, the junior flirted with perfection Tuesday night in a Southwest Central Idaho Conference tilt against Filer before settling for a two-hitter in a 11-0, five-inning

Bulldogs victory. Merkle fanned seven batters and walked one, and did not allow a baserunner until losing pitcher Ryan Balles broke up his perfect-game bid with two outs in the fourth. But that did nothing to dampen Merkle's spirits following another outstanding performance. "I'm just hitting my spots and throwing strikes," he said.

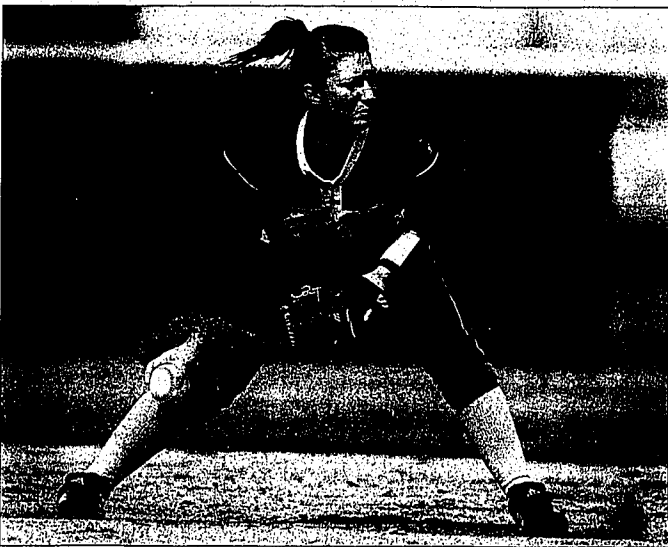


The dominant pitching effort was augmented by an offensive eruption in the third and fourth innings, which came after Kimberly squandered chances in each of the first two innings after the Wildcats boned the ball three times. But when it came around for the Bulldogs, it was emphatic and ruthless in its precision. And it was much needed to get the team back

on track after stumbling to splits against Buhl and Wendell last week. "We've been practicing all week just on hitting and hitting, keeping composure and only swinging when we need to," said Bulldogs senior Nick Wright, who doubled, tripled and homered and bagged three RBIs. "This is really big for us, to keep us motivated." After a two-run double in the third-inning, Wright took Balles deep over the dead

center field on the first pitch he saw to lead off the fourth inning. The nine-batter fourth followed a 12-hitter third as Kimberly put up enough runs to invoke the 10-run rule in those two innings alone. "The pitch looked good, so I figured, swing. I just swung for contact," Wright said. "Homers are errors, because you aren't trying to do it, so it just happens." Filer head coach James

Madsen credited his team for not throwing in the towel and mounting a threat to extend the game past five innings, even though the Wildcats couldn't produce a run out of a bases-loaded, none-out situation. He also saw the writing was on the wall in the first two innings. "We worked hard in the first two innings, and (batter) Please see **BULLDOGS**, Page B2



The College of Southern Idaho's Katelynn Warren fields the ball during the Golden Eagles' doubleheader against Treasure Valley Community College Tuesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

Bubb resigns as Idaho State A.D.

By Mark Lipka
Correspondent

Recent ISU athletic directors

POCATELLO — Idaho State University's to-do list just increased by one, and it's a big one, as the school now is looking for a new athletic director.

While the focus Tuesday was expected to be the first day of spring football, that all changed when word got out that Paul Bubb, who was on a paid leave while the subject of an investigation, had officially resigned. Bubb turned in his resignation Friday. School officials, coaches and members of the athletic administration department were notified of the decision at a short meeting Monday morning.

Bubb was put on paid leave by the university in February and was escorted off campus by the school police force. The university and the campus police force were conducting an investigation into matters surrounding him but refused to disclose the issues, saying that it was a "personal matter."

Now that Bubb has resigned, that investigation has officially ended. Replacing him for now, under the title of acting director of athletics, is Jeff Tingey. Tingey was hired by Bubb last summer to take over the position of assistant athletic director for marketing and corporate sales. Before coming to Pocatello, Tingey spent a year at Brigham Young University in

Idaho State athletic directors from February 1, 1993 to April 1, 2008
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Paul Bubb
Jeff Tingey

Provo, Utah, where he handled the marketing profile for football and coordinated game-day presentation and other game activities for the football team. At BYU, Tingey also coordinated many athletic department special events and trade accounts. Tingey, a graduate of Weber State University, becomes the latest in a long line of other official or interim athletic directors at ISU. Since Feb. 1, 1993, Idaho State has had seven individuals hold the position. The average length of those tenures is just more than two years. Tingey is considered a strong candidate to get the position on a permanent basis.

Head football coach John Zamborini was asked about his reaction to Bubb leaving. "He hired me, he gave me this opportunity and I'll always be appreciative of his decision. It is what it is," said Zamborini. "I heard that he Please see **BUBB**, Page B2

CSI women's rodeo to compete at nationals

Sheehan top cowgirl in region

By Diane Phibin
Staff Writer

It was a big weekend for the College of Southern Idaho rodeo team at the final rodeo for the Rocky Mountain Region at Utah Valley State College rodeo in Heber City, Utah, March 28-29. The CSI women's team captured the backhoe and the region reserve women's team title with a strong weekend showing to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyoming in June. The CSI women's team won the weekend's team title with a huge margin, scoring 536 points with the next closest women's team, Weber State University scoring only 315. The men's team finished third behind Weber State and Utah Valley State.

Additionally, junior Ivy Sheehan of Gooding was named the rodeo's all-around women's champion. Sheehan scored more than 443 points, an outstanding performance over 200 points. She captured the top spot in breakaway roping, finished third in barrel racing, second in goat tying and fifth

in team roping with Weber State partner Kyle Dahl.

Freshman Jackie Smith from Bear Lake finished fourth in the all-around standings, finishing eighth in barrels and ninth in goats. "Our women's team really stepped it up and did well," said Sheehan. "Lacey (England) and Jackie did better than some of the other top girls in the region." Sheehan will automatically be on CSI's team at nationals because she won the women's regional all-around title and claimed the regional championship in barrel racing. She will also compete in breakaway roping and goat tying.

England and Smith are the other two members of the women's team. Both will vie in breakaway roping. "We had to write out our goals before the season and my three were to first qualify for Nationals, second, attempt to win the All-Around, and third win the barrels title. So this is just very cool," said Sheehan. "I really wasn't a contender for Please see **RODEO**, Page B2



Chuk and duck

Golden Eagles crush Chukars pitching

By Eric Larsen
Staff Writer

Tuesday's most memorable at bat may be the one that never happened. With the No. 11 College of Southern Idaho softball squad up 8-1 over visiting Treasure Valley Community College (Ore.) the bottom of the third inning ended with Golden Eagles sophomore Lacey Bowman holding a bat in the on-deck circle — with two outs recorded.

Aside from Bowman, practically nobody else at Eagle Field noticed the lack of a third out until two outs into the Chukars' half of the fourth. Instead of figuring out how to reverse time's forward progress, game officials credited Bowman with a walk and a pick-off, and let the game progress. Nobody seemed to mind, as the 32-13 CSI squad was well en route to a 13-1 victory with an 8-0 shutout in Game 1

already in its back pocket. "Umpire (Bill) Shohoney said, 'Can you imagine if that happened in a conference game?'" CSI head coach Nick Baumer said. "I said, 'No way.' And probably not, because we all do charts. We chart a little bit with Treasure Valley, but I looked up and there were two outs (on the scoreboard), and I couldn't count them, so I didn't worry about them."

Tuesday's doubleheader had the feel of an exhibition, as the 7-15 Chukars showcased former Magic Valley high school standouts Jennifer Bamberg, Whitney Peterson, Sarah Standley and Cassie Tipton. Bamberg finished with two hits, including a Game 2 home run, in five at bats, while Peterson picked up the Game 2 loss. Standley and Tipton went hitless, while former Buhl star Miranda Jucker didn't dress down for the doubleheader.

CSI sophomore Candice Benard came up with a 2-for-2, four-RBI performance

and game with a .100 batting average. Benard, who hit .286 as a regular at second base last year, hit a base-clearing triple that put CSI up 6-1 in the bottom of the third. "I was just really excited to get the chance to go in there," Benard said. "... Whatever chance I get, I do what I can to make the best of it."

Dani Grant followed with two-run home run two at bats later, as eight CSI players had multiple-RBI games on the day. For a team that has struggled both at the plate and with chemistry in the dugout heading into this weekend's pivotal scenic West Athletic Conference home series against Southern Nevada, Tuesday's tune-up was a definite positive.

"I think it was good because we've been struggling, just inside the team," said freshman Megan Zimmerman, who finished 2-for-3 with a double and two stolen bases in Game 1. "... It was great to come out as a team, work hard and get those wins. I think we pulled it Please see **CSI**, Page B2



Burley's Raquel Slanger drills an RBI single during Game 1 of the Bobcats' doubleheader against the Century Diamondbacks on Tuesday at Burley High School.

Bobcats sweep Century

By Zach Ytle
Staff Writer

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats swept a doubleheader from the visiting Century Diamondbacks Tuesday by the scores of 11-9 and 12-3, putting the Bobcats (5-1) back over .500 on the season.

Powering Burley's nightcap victory was pitcher Carl Parish, who earned her first career varsity win by holding Century to three runs on eight hits. "It's a confidence builder," Burley coach Tim Campbell said of his junior pitcher's outing. "Parish got stronger as the game went on. She struggled at the first, but she was able to stay in there and get some support behind her from the defense."

By exploding for eight runs in the fourth inning, the Bobcats offense also gave Parish all the run support she

needed. First baseman Stacey Campbell's two-run single and Molly Mills' RBI double highlighted the 13-batter Kristy Beck finisher, the game with three RBIs on a pair of singles for Burley.

Game 1 was more interesting than it needed to be, as Century scored five unearned runs and Mills, Burley's pitcher for Game 2, uncharacteristically recorded six walks. However, the Burley bats came up big with 16 hits in just six innings, and most of Mills' seven strikeouts came with runners on base to squelch Diamondback rallies.

"Molly struggled a little in that first game, but she battled out of some key situations," Tim Campbell said. "We made some stupid mistakes, but we battled back with the bats and hit the ball hard."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST
 Today: Plucky sun. Highs, 50s.
 Tonight: Quiet weather conditions. Lows, upper 20s.
 Tomorrow: Near average temperatures. Highs, 50s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Yesterday's Weather
High 54	Low 29	55 / 32	60 / 36	59 / 34	63 / 40	High 50 Low 29

BURLINGAME FORECAST
 Today: Mostly sunny. Highs near 50.
 Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows, upper 20s.
 Tomorrow: Sunny skies expected. Highs, lower 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST
SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 Good days, city nights and many dry weather conditions are expected over the next several days thanks to high pressure. We will be in and out of the clouds, but precipitation is not expected.

BOISE
 Today: Highs 30 to 40. Tonight's Lows 4 to 17.
 Abundant sunshine and very settled, quiet weather conditions are expected through Friday. No weather systems or fronts are scheduled to roll through during this time frame.

Today High/Lows 81 to 88 in 20 to 30
 Northern Utah
 There could be a low-light shower, mild showers or mountain flurries today through early Thursday. Otherwise it will be pretty cloudy.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 50 Yesterday's Low: 29	Month to Date: 0.00"	Yesterday's Humidity: 47% Today's Minimum: 15%	Today's Minimum: 30.00" Yesterday 30.02"	Today's Sunrise: 7:11 A.M. Today's Sunset: 8:07 P.M.

MOON PHASES
 Today: Moonrise 8:23 A.M. Moonset 4:27 P.M.
 Tomorrow: Moonrise 8:56 A.M. Moonset 4:34 P.M.
 Friday: Moonrise 9:18 A.M. Moonset 4:39 P.M.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	37-50	33-42	33-42
Idaho Falls	37-50	33-42	33-42
Pocatello	37-50	33-42	33-42

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	63-72	63-72
Boston	45-55	45-55
Chicago	45-55	45-55

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	50-60	50-60
Paris	50-60	50-60
Tokyo	50-60	50-60

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "People think I'm disciplined. It is not discipline. It's a great day to die."

NCAA WOMEN
UConn gets past Rutgers

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Connecticut's Maya Moore strategized to get open all night against Rutgers' smothering defense. Then, given a rare open look from long range, the fabulous freshman shot the Huskies back into the Final Four.

Moore hit a free-throwing 3-pointer with less than 3 minutes left to prop top-seeded UConn past the No. 2-seeded Scarlet Knights 66-56 on Tuesday night in the Greensboro Regional championship.

Beneze Montgomery and Keta Swannier each scored 15 points to lead the Huskies (36-1).

OKLAHOMA CITY REGIONAL TENNIS 53, TEXAS 4&R 45
OKLAHOMA CITY — Even with an injured shoulder, Candace Parker was still able to hit Tennessee into another Final Four.

Parker scored 26 points and returned after dislocating her left shoulder to lead the Lady Vols out of a second-half deficit for a win over Texas A&M.

She scored only eight points in the second half, but it was enough for the Lady Vols (34-2) to beat host Texas A&M (29-8).

Freshman leads AP's first team

The Associated Press
 Connecticut sensation Maya Moore became only the second freshman selected to The Associated Press women's All-America team, an honor her coach hoped would not prove a burden during the NCAA tournament.

Moore was named on the squad Tuesday by repeat All-Americans Candace Parker of Tennessee and Courtney Paris of Oklahoma and first-timers Sylvia Fowles of LSU and Candice Wiggins of Stanford.

Moore helped lead the Huskies to the Big East regular-season and conference tournament titles. She was the first freshman — male or female — to win conference player of the year.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Oklahoma State's Sean Sutton resigns under pressure

STILLWATER, Okla. — Only two years into his tenure, Sean Sutton resigned under pressure Tuesday as Oklahoma State's basketball coach following a 17-16 season.

Assistant director Mike Holder met with Sutton on Monday, two weeks after the Cowboys finished their season. Holder said Sutton knew the expectations for a program that reached the Final Four twice with Sutton on his father's staff.

"I think Sean was probably a victim of those expectations," Holder said. "He was put in a tough situation. It's hard enough to follow a legend. But when that legend is your father, that's probably tougher to the third power. Perhaps, in a different set of circumstances, he would have enjoyed more success."

"Life is not fair. Athletics is not fair," he said. "At the end of the day, I feel like it's the right decision."

Holder said he and Sutton agreed on Sutton's decision to resign. Sutton did not attend a news conference at the university Tuesday and did not return messages left by the Associated Press on his cell phone.

"It has been a great experience and I have loved every minute of my time here at OSU," Sutton said in a statement released by the university.

Sutton was two years into a five-year contract worth \$750,000 a year that he had agreed to when he was still an assistant on his father's staff. It called for him to be the head coach-designate, meaning he would take over when his father left.

Holder declined to reveal specifics of the university's buyout offer of that contract. But university spokesman Gary Shutt said after the news conference that details of the offer still are being worked out by attorneys and should be made public.

Holder said he did not speak with Eddie Sutton about the decision because "Sean's got to stand on his own two feet on this one."

Holder said he has not contacted any other schools to ask to speak with their coaches. Two prominent coaches with connections to either



Sutton

Oklahoma State or the state of Oklahoma, Bill Self of Kansas and Billy Gillispie of Kentucky, have indicated they would not leave their current jobs.

Hoosiers pick Marquette's Crean as new coach

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University will hire Marquette's Tom Crean as its basketball coach and is expected to introduce him at a news conference today.

University trustee Philip Eskew confirmed the hiring. Eskew said Crean had signed a letter-of-intent with the university and was meeting with the board Tuesday night.

The hiring comes near the end of a tumultuous six-week period in which former Hoosiers coach Kelvin Sampson resigned amid an NCAA scandal, interim coach Dan Dakich replaced him and then lost four of seven games.

Also Tuesday, Indiana dismissed guards Arron Bassett and Jamaricus Ellis from the team.

The players missed an appointment, then didn't show up to rap-laps as punishment, spokesman J.D. Campbell said Tuesday.

Cal has Nevada's permission to talk to Fox

RENO, Nev. — Cal's athletic director has been given permission to talk to Nevada basketball coach Mark Fox about the job opening at the Pac-10 school, Nevada athletic director Gary Groth said Tuesday.

Fox told reporters late Monday that he had not talked with any schools about coaching jobs.

Groth said she did not know if Cal has any interest in interviewing Fox but that she contacted Cal athletic director Sandy Barbour Tuesday afternoon to give her permission to talk with him.

Hilltoppers move on after Horn leaves for S. Carolina

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Western Kentucky athletic director Wood Selig isn't wasting any time looking for someone to replace former basketball coach Darin Horn.

Selig said he's already spoken with

several people high on the list to replace Horn, who left on Tuesday to become the head coach at South Carolina.

"We're not caught flat-footed, we're not unprepared," Selig said. "We've very quickly and nicely moved forward with our process. We've had contact with individuals who are very high on our list, and there is a mutual interest."

Portland State players held in Mexico after altercation

PORTLAND, Ore. — Two Portland State basketball players are in a Mexican jail after an altercation in the resort town of Cabo San Lucas but have not been charged, U.S. consular officials confirmed Tuesday.

Lorena Blanco, spokeswoman for the consulate in Tijuana, said a list of attorneys has been sent to the families of PSU players Jeremiah Dominguez and Scott Morrison.

She said Morrison, not Dominguez, beat up Kyle Meagher, 23, of Michigan.

"Dominguez was the not the one who beat him up but he ran away from police and that's what got him in trouble," she said.

Back from leave of absence, Lute Olson meets with media

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona's Lute Olson said he had his players' interests in mind when he took a personal leave of absence last season.

"The reason that I took the leave was that I didn't feel that I could be fair to the kids," Olson said. "And despite what maybe some of you think, the main thing that I have in my 50+ years (in coaching), has been the coaching of the kids."

Beyond that, a combative Olson declined to discuss the reasons behind his leave during a televised 48-minute news conference at McKale Center on Tuesday.

Olson also said assistant coach Kevin O'Neill will not remain on his staff, although O'Neill said last week he planned to honor the second year of a two-year commitment he made to the program. O'Neill led the Wildcats for the season and had been named as Olson's successor when he

Florida falls in NIT semis.

NEW YORK — Underzest post-player Dante Milligan had 17 points, 12 rebounds and made several blocks late, and the Massachusetts Minutemen defeated two-time defending NCAA champion Florida 70-66 on Tuesday night.

Gary Forbes scored 19 points, Chris Love and Ricky Harris added 10 each, and the starters scored all but two points for the Minutemen, who will play Ohio State on Thursday night.

OHIO STATE 81, MISSISSIPPI 69

NEW YORK — Jamar Butler and Evan Turner scored 17 each, and the Ohio state Buckeyes used a bucking halfcourt trap and an early 14-0 run to beat Mississippi 81-69.

Chris Warren had 10 points for Ole Miss, which already had the second-most wins in school history despite having three freshmen and two sophomores in its regular rotation.

— The Associated Press

"When he said he's coming back, or that he's going to fulfill the terms of his contract, he won't be on the staff," Olson said.

Ex-Kentucky, Louisville player Marvin Stone dies

JIDDAM, Saudi Arabia — Former Kentucky and Louisville basketball player Marvin Stone died Tuesday after collapsing during halftime of a game in Saudi Arabia. He was 26.

Louisville spokesman Kenny Klein said Stone died of an apparent heart attack. Stone had signed a contract with Ithaca Jeddah earlier in the week and was playing in the team's Elite Cup semifinal game when he fell ill.

Stone's agent, Hiram Manianik, said Stone was pronounced dead at a hospital.

— The Associated Press

NFL adopts defensive communication device between coach and player

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Taking another technological step forward, NFL owners approved a communication device for defenses Tuesday.

One defensive player will wear a helmet similar to what the quarterback is allowed on offense. Should that player leave the game, a teammate can be designated to also have the device, but only one defender with the device can be on the field at a time.

"We want to safeguard against a situation with two players on the

field at the same time with the helmet communication," said Atlanta Falcons president and competition committee co-chairman Rich McKay.

"We are talking about a three-down player, perhaps a linebacker who doesn't come off the field," added Tennessee Titans coach Jeff Fisher, the team's co-chairman of the committee that recommended instituting the device. Fisher has just such a player in Keith Bullock.

"In the event he goes down because of an injury, we'd identify

our backup player as another three-down player."

Fisher noted this change won't eliminate entirely the need for signals from the sideline, something that pretty much has disappeared for defenses.

"The defense will still have to signal in a hurry-up situation, where the ball is snapped very early," he said.

The vote was 25-7 in favor — 24 votes were required — and all seven negatives came from head coaches

with offensive backgrounds.

Voting against the measure were Seattle (Mike Holmgren), Tampa Bay (Jon Gruden), Oakland (Lance Kiffin), Philadelphia (Andy Reid), St. Louis (Scott Linehan), Washington (Jim Zorn) and Green Bay (Mike McCarthy).

New England coach Bill Belichick, whose involvement in the Spygate scandal that included taping opposing coaches' defensive signals made the communication device a hotter topic, voted for the proposal.



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Final match is set

The Flavorful Four battled on the hardwood and worthy contenders in Burley and Twin Falls dropped out, leaving next week's big game to a longstanding downtown favorite in Jerome and a colorful Blue Lakes Boulevard eatery in

Twin Falls. Pick your team and get ready to cheer. El Sombrero and La Fiesta will play for the 2008 Tournament del Taco championship, and it's likely to be a knock-down, drag-out fight to the

finish. The outcome has all the uncertainty of a contest between equals.

We're dispatching one more newsroom employee as a culinary referee, to taste La Fiesta and El Sombrero tacos and pick a favorite. This might



Tour of tacos

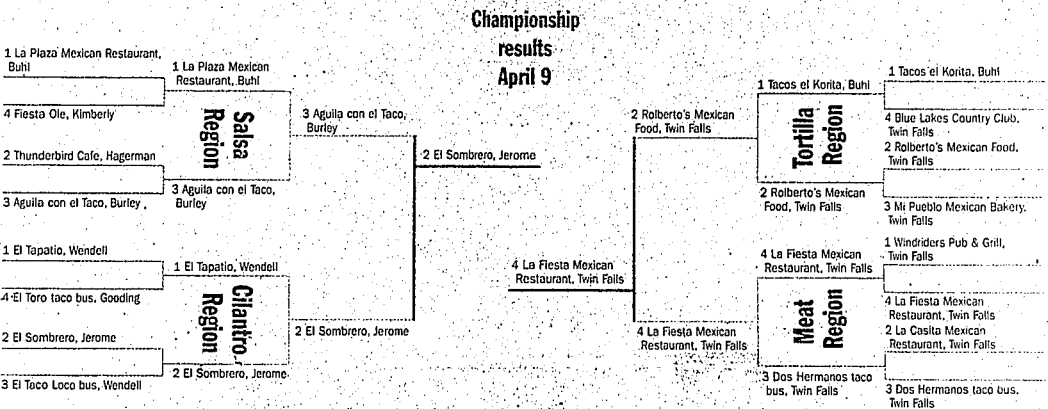
Our video story at Magicvalley.com takes you to visit finalists El Sombrero and La Fiesta.

be a great week to visit either restaurant. We bet they'll be playing their best.



Magic Valley's

Tasty Two



El Sombrero vs. Aguila con el Taco



Atypical toppings can't save Aguila

This wasn't an easy choice. Aguila con el Taco in Burley and El Sombrero in Jerome have much in common. Both boast good, friendly service. Both have attractive meal specials: \$5.25 for two tacos in Jerome, and a dollar more for two tacos in Burley. And both serve simple, tasty fare wrapped in corn tortillas.

El Sombrero's two shredded beef tacos came with lettuce, cheese and tomato, fairly standard toppings. The large chunks of beef were juicy and flavorful, and the tacos came stuffed as full as possible. A helping of salsa added only to the experience, as did the rice and beans — sliced up a bit more than I see

at most Mexican restaurants. Aguila con el Taco's D.E. tacos were a refreshing change, replacing the traditional American toppings with onion and cilantro. The tacos were smaller, but three of them full of carne asada were more than enough to satisfy. Unfortunately, the onions were a little too fresh, biting the drier marinated meat during my meal and emerging victorious as the only taste left in my mouth for the next three hours.

For overall taste, El Sombrero wins this match.

— Nate Poppina, health and human services reporter

La Fiesta vs. Roberto's



Spice makes La Fiesta a memorable dish

I'm not ashamed to say that in 30 years of eating tacos, most have been forgettable. It's only the rare obra maestra that stands the test of time.

But in this bracket showdown, the tacos hold up well to the "memorable" label. Fresh ingredients are always the foundation. Roberto's version of carne asada meets that standard easily. The corn tortillas are limber and even fragrant. The tomato, cilantro and onion fusion in the pico de gallo adds a pleasant color and flavor. The grilled steak comes with guacamole smeared inside, and a wedge of lime sprinkled on top for extra zip. It was filling, refreshing, although a little on the mild side.

That's not the case for La Fiesta's tacos al carbon. From the first bite it's obvious you taste more zest in the entree. Facos al car-

bon are not finger-friendly tacos. But that was never a prerequisite in my book.

For starters, the corn tortillas are dipped in La Fiesta's smoky onion-rich salsa. Others may complain that it's not a fitting taco texture. I didn't mind it at all. The tangy corn tortillas are filled with grilled steak, which went on the fire with extra seasoning. It was quite noticeable and akin to biting into a tender steak — and probably the biggest difference in this round.

Blended in with the charbroiled sirloin is a garnish of tomatoes, cotija Mexican cheese and guacamole, the latter being fresher and spicier with more cilantro.

The same can be said for the entire dish: Spicier, fresher and more memorable. For this round, the small staff makes a big difference in taste for La Fiesta.

— David Cooper, city editor

The secrets and the salsa

Dissecting the champion taco.

Next week in Food & Home

Be the teacher, or the student

Let us watch the process

Sometimes, a little lesson in the kitchen makes all the difference. Especially for a young cook attempting a first dinner party, or a complicated French recipe, or a get-to-know-you meal for potential in-laws.

But where do you go for help if Dad lives across the country or Mom never was a pro at dinner parties?

Invite a savvy stranger in. You'll get the help you need, they'll get the satisfaction of sharing their wisdom, and we'll get the story.

The Times-News wants to hear from two kinds of people: relatively inexperienced home cooks who want help preparing a special meal, and experienced, knowledgeable cooks who are willing to teach them. We'd like to match up a teacher and student and document the kitchen lesson in photographs, video and a story.

To volunteer for either

role, send an e-mail to virginia.hutchins@tcn.net with "kitchen lesson" in the subject line. Describe why you're suited for the role, and how to contact you.

In the interest of avoiding misunderstanding, a few ground rules: The student will buy the groceries for the meal, and the cooking will happen in the student's home kitchen. The volunteer teacher will help prepare the meal and won't receive pay. (Gratitude, however, is a certainty.) The meal will be served to the student's family or guests.

Few tickets remain for cooking school

By Melissa Davlin Staff Writer

Don't worry. It's not too late to get tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School "Sving Into Spring" on April 12.

But if you want to go to the event, sponsored by the Times-News, you'd better get moving. The last time "Taste of Home" came to town, two years ago, tickets sold out. And this year, only 250 tickets of the 1,200 originally available are left for the show, based on the popular Taste of Home magazine and cookbook series.

Karina Fitzgerald, master of ceremonies for the cooking school and columnist for *Ag Weekly*, said this year's lineup blends familiar structure with new recipes and techniques.

"It'll be the same format as our audiences have enjoyed in the past," Fitzgerald said.

Taste of Home Cooking School

When: 6:30 p.m. April 12
Where: Roper Auditorium, Twin Falls
Tickets: \$40, available at the Times-News office, 132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, or by calling Lana Hopworth at 735-3219.

"This year we're doing, of course, new recipes, some really wonderful dessert recipes that will be wonderful for spring, summer entertaining."

Fitzgerald said she's especially enamored with the featured sweets.

"There are these things called Flower Power Cupcakes that I haven't had a chance to try yet, but they just look beautiful," she said.

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Paint: Vivid dialogue pops up across the blogosphere

By Annie Crow
The Washington Post

The baffled father posted a simple question online. "Any idea what color would be great" for the bedroom of his guitar-playing 13-year-old son? Kate Smith's answer, posted on her blog at www.decorating-outhome.com, pulled no punches. Many teenage boy rockers "tend to want black, white, gray with maybe some red, and while this may work for album covers and stage costumes, it can be unattractive and certainly unimaginative for a bedroom."

A color trend forecaster now working on her own paint line, Smith suggested a deep blue-gray, such as Valspar Paint's Dark Night. "If the room is small," she wrote on the blog, "I'd use this same hue but go a few shades lighter."

There are hundreds of blogs about furniture, design, decorating trends and must-haves for the home, with new ones launching nearly every day. They are written by experts and amateurs alike who happily dispense their opinions with varying degrees of authority.

In the past year, a few design blogs that focus heavily on paint and color have emerged. Paint is universally considered one of the easiest, quickest and cheapest ways to transform a room. But it can also be the most difficult, with consumers overwhelmed by choices and hungry for advice where the Internet comes in.

Blogs are "such an easy way for people to get hold of information. They don't have to have stacks of magazines and books. I really thought there was a gap that needed to be filled," says Rachel Perls, 33, of Fallinmore. A former pet portraitist who attended seminars at the International Association of Color Consultants and now advises residential and commercial clients, Perls started her blog at www.hueconsulting.blogspot.com, more than a year ago.

"Mostly people are asking about color courage and color confidence," says Smith, 51, who lives in Lorton, Va., and began writing her blog last fall. People "come to my blog with an idea and ask, 'What do you think? ... They don't have the time or energy to make a mistake.'"

Both blogs offer a highly accessible personal dialogue in color, with conversation peppered with news from the fashion, art, entertainment, architecture and marketing worlds. When a reader of Smith's blog asked for ideas about painting an accent wall blue, she posted Behr's Mexican palette, complete with photos of vivid interiors and exterior and a link to Behr distributors.

"I'll get a product, use it and talk about it," she says. "I used to use Valspar's brushed Pearl paint and thought it was the most forgiving faux finish I've ever used. I am so over faux finish, but it was perfect for the guest bathroom." She got 13 responses, with the upbeat assessment of the paint.

Perls says her blog queries cover the spectrum from where to find a "yellow that doesn't look strange" to "Do these colors go together with these fabrics?" They want a right-and-wrong answer. There is no right-and-wrong answer. It's a reflection of their personal taste.



Paint is universally considered one of the easiest, quickest and cheapest ways to transform a room. Rachel Perls, left, and Kate Smith are among the many bloggers who offer advice on paint color.

When "reader Christine" asked Perls for her most frequently recommended paints, Perls cited two "high-quality" brands: Benjamin Moore (for its color choices and "beautiful, long-lasting surface") and Sherwin-Williams. She also gave Pratt & Lambert a shout-out as "awesome for deep base colors like navy and deep, rich reds. BM tends to be pinky. And SW has a significant problem with their deep base and reds tend to run and streak."

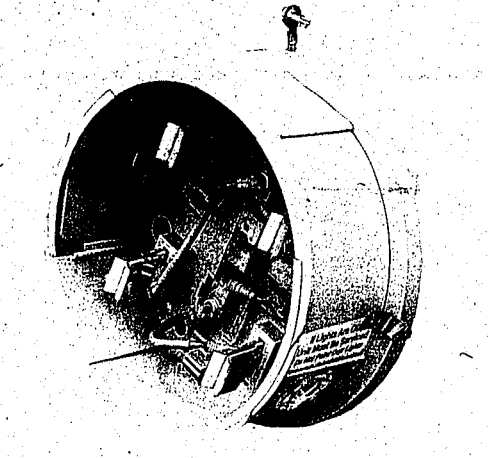
She and Smith know well the limits of the Internet, including imprecise color and misinformation.

"It's hard to discern the professional from others who have cut-and-pasted," Perls says. Blogging "has turned everyone into an expert because there's no way to prove and disprove."

Each mentions the same old wives' tale that appears on design blogs advising against painting a nursery yellow because the color will make a baby cry. Nonsense, they say.

Credibility is one problem, color variation is another. This is why cyber-striving for paint is only step one, warns Smith, a recent speaker at House Beautiful magazine's Color Institute at the Washington Design Center. Given the way computer monitors can distort color, she sees no substitute for painting directly on a large piece of poster board or a Tru-luc color test board, which mimics a wall surface, then studying it in natural and artificial light.

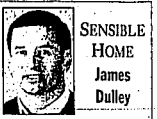
"A computer can do a lot of things better than humans," Smith says, "but matching color is not one of them."



This large base-type whole-house surge suppressor is designed to be mounted underneath the electric meter. It must be installed by an electrician.

Use two levels of surge protection

DEAR JIM: With all the electronic items I have, I thought about installing a whole-house electric surge suppressor. What are the various types, how can I compute the various models and do they save energy? — Kerry K.



SENSIBLE HOME
James Dulley

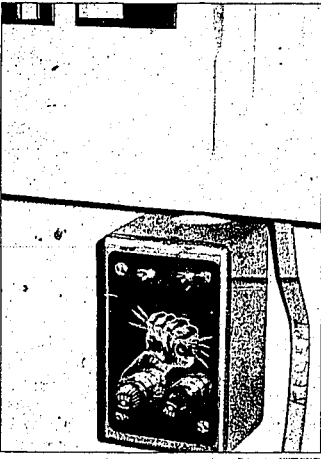
DEAR KERRY: Today's homes have more sensitive electronic devices than the most people realize. Everyone thinks of televisions, computers, DVD players, etc., but even most modern clothes washers and dryers, toaster ovens and other small appliances have sophisticated electronic components.

It is wise to install a whole-house voltage surge suppressor to protect entire branch circuits throughout your home. This does not eliminate the need for also using a plug-in point-of-use surge suppressor for the most sensitive electronic devices. Using these two levels of protection is best.

Voltage surges in your home wiring are actually called transient voltage surges by professionals. There can be hundreds of these voltage spikes every day. They are very short in duration, but can exceed many hundreds of volts in magnitude. Instead of burning out the electronics with one surge, they typically slowly degrade components and wiring insulation. This causes the electronic device to fail prematurely.

There are many more surges in your home voltage spikes than just lightning. If you live near commercial operations with large motors, such as large refrigeration units or pumps, surges occur when these motors switch on or off. Even the smaller motors in the clothes washer or vacuum cleaner inside your home can generate destructive surges throughout your house wiring.

Most whole-house surge suppressors use MOV (metal oxide varistor) components which absorb the electrical energy from the surge when it gets above a certain level (clamping voltage). Below this voltage, the surge suppressor has no effect. Some companies claim a surge suppressor can lower electric bills, but the primary purpose of one is protection. If a very powerful surge comes through, it may burn out the surge suppressor and it must be replaced, but your electronic devices are saved. When selecting a surge suppressor, consider



This whole-house surge suppressor is mounted beneath the circuit breaker panel in Dulley's house.

the manufacturer's protection warranty. Some will replace any of your electronic devices, up to thousands of dollars, which are damaged by a surge that gets through.

The most common design of whole-house surge suppressor is mounted in the breaker panel. Another design is used as a base under the electric meter. If you are adding new circuit breakers, some include surge suppression.

When comparing surge suppressor specifications, larger maximum surge current and total energy dissipation are better. This means they can block a more powerful surge without being burned out. Generally, lower clamping voltage is better.

DEAR JIM: I see ripples on the water in the toilet bowl,

so I think that means water is leaking. I installed a new flapper valve in the bottom, but I still see the ripples. What could be causing this problem? — Ron G.

DEAR RON: If there is a slow leak through the flapper valve, you should be hearing the water flow start and shut off every hour or so. Check if there is some appliance, such as a clothes washer, running which might be causing the ripple from vibrations through the floor.

If you hear the toilet water running at times and you know the new flapper valve seals well, check the height of the water in the tank. It may be running down into the overflow tube.

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Designers may cringe, but more people display flat-screens

By Annie Groer
The Washington Post

Sherry Davis knew exactly where she would put her new 50-inch flat-screen television: In the living room, above that other indisputable focal point, the fireplace.

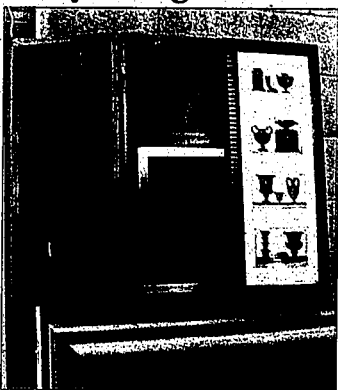
Never mind that many decorators (her old put her included) cringe at the display of exposed sets in living rooms, especially those prominently displayed. That opinion is so widely held among designers that some don't even like seeing TVs in plain sight in more casual family rooms.

But slim, sleek, flat-panel screens are changing our interior landscapes. This is particularly true for young people, says designer Justine Sanchez of Bethesda, Md. "They are very electronic in their thought processes, so we've had to design a main room where the focus is on a TV," she says.

Call it tech-toy pride. Putting the set front and center works for Davis and the "rabid sports fans" in her life — two grown children, their spouses and her ex-husband — who routinely gather at her condo for big games.

"I have a penthouse that is snit, modern and sleek. The fireplace isn't fussy. And the TV is so contemporary. It's almost like another piece of art," says Davis, a real estate broker.

Caroline Hall of Upper Marlboro, Md., exits in the "glorious" 40-inch flat-screen television that arrived before Christmas



Evelyn Avery's wall-mounted cabinets mask flat-screen televisions with doors adorned with photos or art.

and anchors the family room from its perch atop a console. "There's no hiding this 'baby,'" she says. "Considering what it cost" — \$1,000 — "it's worth displaying proudly. It was more expensive than a lot of my furniture. After all."

Since flat-screen TVs hit the market in 1999, they have grown bigger, thinner and less costly. That first year, the average flat-panel retail price was \$6,000, according to the Consumer Electronics Association in Arlington, Va., a trade group for manufacturers and retailers. By 2003, the average price had dropped to \$3,200. This year sets will

average about \$1,000, although the smallest models, often used in kitchens and bathrooms, are in the \$200 range, says Megan Pollock, a CEA spokeswoman.

Market acceptance has been brisk. Today, one-third of all American households have a flat-panel television. And the percentage is rising. Last year, 71 percent of all TVs sold were flat, Pollock says; for 2008, the industry predicts the number will increase to 81.5 percent.

Pollock is a prime example of tech-toy pride. She made a 42-inch TV the centerpiece of her family room because the set gets so

much use. One recent cold day, as she cooked in the adjoining kitchen, she picked up the remote control on the counter next to the olive oil, onion and garlic and began scrolling through the recipe for cranberry bean soup.

"I have hundreds of recipes on my laptop, and when I cook, I just download the one that I want to the TV," she says. When guests come over to her townhouse, she uses the same big screen to display vacation and party photos.

The popularity of flat-screens is understandable. Unlike their bulky predecessors, they take up little or no floor space and need no unwieldy armature or cabinetry to hold them. They sit easily on slim consoles and shelves, and are simple to mount on walls, either in place or attached to a swivel arm that extends a foot or two for optimum visibility. New models are available with color frames.

Picture quality has always been the most important selling point for flat-screen, but design is a close second, says Jonas Tannenbaum, Samsung America's marketing vice president for flat-panel televisions. "They have to look good from the side," he says. Samsung's very neat packaging on the back, minimalist design," he says.

The recent International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas proved his point. Samsung unveiled higher-end sets housed in a red bezel, the industry term for the frame around the screen. Those models, called Touch of Color, will be priced from \$2,200 to \$5,000 for sets measuring 40 to 52 inches, says Tannenbaum. "We feel 2008 is the year for us to push the envelope on the design side."

At the Las Vegas show, I.G. Electronics unveiled a 32-inch "bedroom" prototype in an orange bezel, color touted as "tranquil." Other manufacturers showed off sets thinner than an inch or two — which reminds us of that old axiom: You can

never be too thin. Too rich will be left for another day or another industry.

Now the downside. New designs may be an aesthetic knockout, but accompanying accessories and wires are still an eyesore.

"You go online and everything in the pictures looks nice. There are no wires! all the components are the same color," says Lisa Nicholas of Sterling, Va., a sales rep for a pharmaceutical firm.

It took some effort to achieve the finished, uncluttered look she sought. "We have so many components that need a central DVI cable stereo receiver and center channel speaker for surround sound," says Nicholas, who just paid \$3,300 for a 58-inch set in the family room. She spent \$175 extra for a console to conceal it all.

"For my snob level, I don't want to see all the wires and apparatus," says designer Betsy Stires of Great Falls, Va. "The cable box is the deal breaker and the DVD player, the TiVo, you can box them in if you have room in your wall."

Some decorators find themselves resisting client pressure to show off the TV.

Set in a formal living room, Washington designer Lori Graham says, "I am a purist in that regard." She is putting a set in one living room grudgingly, she says, quickly adding, "It was a little space where my style is much more modern and eclectic." Even there, the TV is mounted in a grid of shelving.

"I will not ever put one over a fireplace," declares

Out with the old

As millions of consumers buy the next new thing in television, what can be done with all those older models that still work just fine?

The Consumer Electronics Association has a Web site, MyGreenElectronics (www.mygreenelectronics.org), with information on recycling and repurposing old sets, listing charities, schools and community programs that accept donated TVs. These include Goodwill Industries (which resells them) and Thruplace.com, which matches old TVs with nonprofit organizations.

Other groups ready to take your old TV include Habitat for Humanity, which sets sets to support building programs at its Habitat ReStores (www.habitat.org/recycle/s.a.s.p). Online, there's Freecycle (www.freecycle.org), a cyber bulletin board for giveaways.

D.C. designer Susan Vallon. "It is a traditionally warm gathering place and focal point, and you are negating the whole thing by putting a TV there. I would rather have people dyaal over the fireplace and remove it as a center of attention."

Bethesda designer Canille Sam, who did the Davis condo, admitted defeat.

"I am giving in," she sighs, after yet another client requested a large flat-panel television over the living room fireplace. "So some sit in that room now, and it has the only fireplace in the house. She'd like to put a flat-screen there and actually use the room."

Fireplace TV tips

Before you pop that TV over a fireplace, consider some sage advice from the pros.

- A screen displayed too high can be a pain in the neck in a small room or a close-in seating arrangement. To avoid having to look up rather than straight ahead — that "first row of a movie theater" feeling — you'll want to sit 13 to 15 feet from the fireplace if the mantel is 64 inches off the floor, says Jean-Pierre Garcia, a home theater consultant at the Big Screen Store in Rockville, Md.
- When building or renovating a room for viewing, Silver Spring, Md., designer Debbie Wiener suggests using a low mantel and fireplace surround for clearline seating.
- Be sure the TV can be set back far enough on the mantel to be protected from rising heat or smoke — 12 inches if possible, says Garcia. Test heat levels — gas logs and wood-stove inserts burn especially hot — by taping a thermometer on the wall above a burning fire for at least 90 minutes, says home inspector John Vaughn of At Home Inspections in Monrovia, Md. If the mercury hits 90 degrees, consider installing a glass fireplace screen or putting the television elsewhere. By all means, check the owner's manual regarding your TV's temperature tolerance. Design assistant Will Weinberger neglected to take this step. "I ruined my own TV that way — a \$3,000 mistake."
- Before mounting the set over a masonry fireplace in older homes, have a certified fireplace investigation, Research and Education (FIRE) inspector check the wall, firebox, smoke-chimney and, if applicable, flue. Vaughn urges. Masonry damaged during hardware installation can create a hazard. Call in a certified electrician to install the outlet.
- Whenever you display the TV, do not wedge it tightly into a niche or cabinet. The electronics generate heat and need room for air circulation, Garcia says.

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Partying with paella

By Leslie Brenner
Los Angeles Times

I want to say one word to you, just one word. Are you listening?

The conversation could end here, because the picture tells it all. It's gorgeous in its saffron robe, with plump coral-colored shrimp and happy clams and purple wriggles of squid, bring it straight to the table in its own pan and you're got a party. Toss in some garlicky "alloli" to stir into the rice and a bottle of crisp rose and you've got a great party.

Everyone loves paella. But curiously, despite the fact that Spanish cooking is on the minds of gourmands around the globe — with IU Ball continuing to capture the spotlight and "tapas" having spawned an explosion in wine bars — paella, one of Spain's most beloved dishes, hasn't found a place on many restaurant menus.

That's all the more reason to make it at home.

Especially because it's the greatest dish imaginable for summer entertaining. Not only does it make a stunning visual statement — unbeatable for that dramatic entrance. But it also takes care of itself for the last half hour of its cooking time, leaving you free to toss together a salad or cook the final touches on a characteristic platter to serve as a starter. And you can even make it on the grill.

Once you get the hang of the technique — and it doesn't take much practice — you'll want to make it a part of your repertoire, and even fly away on the ingredients. Unlike risotto, which is almost impossible to serve as a second course (unless you have a cook), paella has the grace to leave you time to sit and chill with a bowl of gazpacho first.

Confession: I was always afraid of paella. I think it's Craig Claiborne's fault, for my first tentative experience with the dish involved a recipe in the old New York Times cookbook. I remember it as being difficult, long and involved to prepare, and the rice turned out gummy.

A recipe for seafood paella in Anya von Braunzen's most recent book, "The New Spanish Table," was so easy and turned out to be so fantas-

tic — and such a crowd-pleaser — that it got me wondering why I hadn't been making paella every week for the last 20 years. Von Braunzen, a Spanish-food authority who divides her time between Spain and New York, suggests serving the paella with alloli. Spain's version of aioli. Just a little dab of the garlicky mayonnaise stirred into the rice as you eat it takes it to a whole new level.

When most Americans hear "paella," we automatically think of seafood paella, but in fact the original paella doesn't involve seafood at all. "It comes from Valencia and involves rabbit, snails, sometimes chicken, never seafood," Von Braunzen says. "It's an inland dish, the rice cooked in the paella pan with a very simple sofrito. Even adding onion is something of a heresy."

In fact what defines paella is the pan: The word comes from the Latin "patella," a shallow pan.

Although it's not the original dish, seafood paella is extremely popular on the Valencia coast, where it's served at "chiringuitos," seaside seafood shacks. It might include mussels, clams, scallops, monkfish, squid or even squid ink for a black paella. Mixing seafood and meat is taboo.

But don't stop at seafood — the dish is a natural for adapting to your own tastes. A true paella Valenciana might include some combination of rabbit, chicken, duck and land snails (rosemary is the traditional substitute), with the permissible additions of flat green beans, butter beans and artichokes. Consider also chicken, Romano beans, fava beans, rosemary and artichokes.

And there's no reason you can't get more imaginative. In Valencia and Alicante, the two regions paella rates in Spain, meatballs, pork, sausages (including "morcilla," or blood sausage) and pine nuts are used, as well as potatoes, cauliflower, chickpeas, red pepper and artichokes. So why not use quail or spiky lobster, zucchini or mushrooms or eggplant — or whatever looks great at the farmers market or is just coming up in the garden?

But whatever you embellish it with, the important thing to

It's all about rice

The short- to medium-grained white rice traditionally used for risotto are the best ones to use for paella too.

By far the best is *Vialone Nano* from Italy's Veneto region, says Spanish food authority Anya von Braunzen. "I've tried everything. It absorbs flavor really well, it remains separate."

Second best is *Arborio*, the most common risotto rice. It's a little gummy, but it's fine," says Von Braunzen. *Carnaroli* doesn't absorb as much flavor, and *Bomba*, which is popular in Valencia and Alicante, is difficult to work with because it absorbs so much liquid and it stays very al dente.

remember is paella is all about the rice. You want it to absorb as much flavor as possible, and wind up just a bit al dente, with the grains keeping their integrity. The Italian rice called *Vialone Nano* is ideal for this. And the seafood or meats and vegetables shouldn't overwhelm the rice.

The pan is also important. It absolutely must be a paella pan, or it's not paella. The whole idea is to heat as much surface heat on the bottom as possible so it cooks properly. There's only one kind of paella pan; they're inexpensive, and you can find them at many cookware and restaurant supply stores. They always have two handles and come in different diameters. When you buy one, it'll need to be seasoned (instructions usually come with the pan); then after you cook with it and wash it, dry it thoroughly and wipe it with vegetable oil.

It's important to use a pan that's the right diameter for the amount of rice you're cooking, as the layer of rice shouldn't be very deep: ideally, no more than half an inch. (Our recipes, which each serve six, call for a 15-inch pan.)

And you might want to take it outside. "Paella is something you do in the country, outside, with the family," Von Braunzen says. "You can get it in a

restaurant, but it's kind of a festive, outdoor home thing."

How do you do that? Finish it on a grill rather than in the oven, as most recipes call for. That adds a smokiness that you can also play up by using smoked paprika instead of sweet paprika. A Weber works perfectly — just place the paella pan on the grill and cover the grill. The effect is subtle, but it's a nice option when you're entertaining outside. Adding soaked wood chips to the charcoal will add smoke, enhancing the effect.

The technique for making paella is simple. Start with the meats and vegetables, sautéing them in olive oil. Push them to the edges of the paella pan, and add a little more olive oil to the center of the pan, along with some crushed garlic or onion, cooking just till it's fragrant. Next add fresh tomatoes that have been grated on a box grater. That's the sofrito. Grating the tomatoes is easier than it sounds, and results in a quick, fluffy puree (discard the skins). Stir the tomato into the oil and garlic or onion and cook it six or seven minutes, until it's reduced and thickened.

Combine the meats or seafood with the sofrito, add the rice and stir to coat it. At this point, you can stop the process, and time the rest to when you want to serve it. That's actually good for its flavor.

About 30 or 45 minutes before you want to serve it, resume cooking. Heat the rice again, and add simmering stock or broth into which you've added a generous pinch of good saffron threads that you crush with your fingers. The proportion is important: For 1 3/4 cup rice, add 4 cups stock. (You can adjust the stock up or down depending on how much rice you use.) Cook it on high heat for seven or eight minutes until the liquid is almost level with the rice, but the rice is still soupy.

Now put it in a hot (425-degree) oven, uncovered — or on a grill — for 45 minutes. Remove the pan, cover it with



Paella is a natural for adapting ingredients like artichokes, chicken, fava beans and rosemary.

foam, and let it sit 5 minutes, then uncover it and let it stand another 5 or 10 minutes. Grasp the paella pan by its two handles and bring it straight to the table. A grill swooning is guaranteed.

CHIRINGUITO SEAFOOD PAELLA

Serves 6

This recipe is adapted from "The New Spanish Table" by Anya von Braunzen. You may substitute scallops for the monkfish and mussels for the clams. Arborio rice may be substituted.

3 1/2 cups clam juice diluted with 1 1/2 cups water

1 large pinch saffron, pulverized in a mortar

5 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1/2 pound monkfish or other firm-fleshed fish, cut into 1-inch chunks

Coarse salt (kosher or sea)

4 to 6 ounces cleaned squid, monkfish and tentacles cut into 1-inch pieces

10 medium garlic cloves (if crushed with a garlic press, 2 minced), divided

2 large, ripe tomatoes, cut in half and grated on a box grater, skins discarded

1 1/2 teaspoons sweet (not smoked) paprika

1 3/4 cups short- to medium-grain rice, preferably Vialone Nano

1/2 cup minced fresh flat-leaf parsley

12 small littleneck clams, scrubbed

12 jumbo shrimp, shelled and deveined

2 lemons, cut into wedges

Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Place the diluted clam juice in a medium saucepan and bring to a simmer over medium heat. Add the saffron and keep the stock at a slow simmer until ready to use.

Place 3 tablespoons of the oil in a 15- or 16-inch paella pan set over a single burner and heat on medium heat until it starts to smoke. Add the monkfish and cook until barely seared, 1 to 2 minutes, seasoning it lightly with salt. Using a slotted spoon, transfer the fish to a bowl and set aside.

Add the squid to the pan, searing until just seared, about 2 minutes, seasoning it with salt.

Push the squid to the edges of the paella pan, where it's not as hot. Add 1 tablespoon of the

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Paella

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olive oil to the center of the pan. Add the 8 cloves of crushed garlic and cook until fragrant, less than 15 seconds. Add the tomatoes to the center of the pan, reduce the heat to low and cook, stirring the tomatoes several times, until they are thickened and reduced, 5 to 7 minutes. Season lightly again with salt. Using two wooden spoons, press the squid toward the center of the pan and mix it up with the tomatoes. Add the paprika and stir for a few seconds.

Add the rice to the paella pan and stir it gently to coat with the pan mixture. Pour in 3 1/2 cups of the simmering stock, keeping the remaining stock simmering in case it is needed later. Set the paella pan over two burners, stir in the parsley and a sprinkling of salt, and shake the pan gently to distribute the rice evenly. Press the clams and the monkfish into the top of the rice and cook until the cooking liquid is almost level with the rice but the rice is still more soupy, another 2 to 3 minutes. If the liquid is absorbed too fast and the rice still seems too raw, sprinkle on some more stock.

Transfer the paella pan to the oven and bake, stirring the clams open and the rice tender but still a little al dente, about 15 minutes. Check the paella a few times and sprinkle more stock over the rice if it seems too al dente. Remove it from the oven and discard any clams that have not opened. Cover the pan with aluminum foil, and let stand for 5 minutes. Uncover the pan and let stand for another 5 minutes (the rice gets better as it stands).

While the rice is still moist, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet or wok over high heat. Stir-fry the shrimp, a few at a time, adding some of the minced garlic to each batch, until the shrimp are bright pink and just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes per batch. Transfer the shrimp to a bowl and keep warm.

To serve, arrange the lemon wedges around the edge of the paella pan and decorate the top with the shrimp. Serve the paella straight from the pan, along with alloli, for stirring into the rice.

BASIC ALLIOLI

Makes slightly more than 1 cup

Adapted from "The New Spanish Table" by Anya von Bremzen.

- 2/3 cup best-quality olive oil
- 1/3 cup peanut or canola oil
- 4 large garlic cloves, minced
- 2 large egg yolks
- 4 teaspoons fresh lemon juice, or to taste
- Coarse salt (kosher or sea)

Stir together the olive and canola oil in a measuring cup with a spoon. Place the garlic, egg yolks and lemon juice in a blender, and pulse until a coarse paste forms. With the motor running, add the oil a slow, thin, steady stream. The mixture will be the consistency of a thick mayonnaise. Scrape the alloli into a bowl, and season with salt to taste, and more lemon juice, if desired. Let stand for at least 1 hour before serving, or cover and refrigerate if keeping longer. If the alloli seems too thick, thin it out with a little water before using. Makes just over 1 cup.

CALIFORNIA PABELLA

Serves 6

You may substitute three-quarters cup to 1 cup frozen peas or lima beans (defrosted) for the fava beans.

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks
- 1 teaspoon sweet Spanish paprika, divided
- 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 garlic cloves, crushed through a garlic press, divided
- 5 cups chicken broth
- 1 generous pinch of saffron
- 1 1/2 pounds fava beans, shelled
- 2 large or 3 medium ripe tomatoes
- 1 lemon, cut in half
- 1 1/2 pounds baby artichokes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 1/2 pound blue lake green beans or Romano beans, cut into 1 1/2-inch lengths
- 1 roasted medium-size red pepper, peeled and cut into medium dice (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 branch rosemary
- 1 pinch of cayenne
- 1 3/4 cup Valenone Nano or Arborio rice

Place the chicken in a medium bowl and sprinkle with one-half teaspoon of paprika, one-half teaspoon salt, a few grindings of pepper and half the garlic. Toss the chicken to coat with the mixture, then set aside.

Bring the chicken broth to a simmer in a large saucpan and add the saffron, crushing it with your fingers as it goes in. Turn the heat to low and cover until ready to use.

Fill a medium saucpan with water and bring it to a boil. Add the shelled fava beans, blanch for 2 minutes, then drain and shock in ice water. Peel the skin from each fava bean; discard the skins. Set aside.

Cut the tomatoes in half horizontally and grate them on a box grater into a large bowl, discarding the skins. Set aside.

Fill a medium bowl with cold water, squeeze the lemon halves into it, and drop in the very small or in quarters (if it's bigger). Drop the pieces into the lemon water. Trim the rest in the same manner. Leave them in the acidulated water until ready to use.

Heat 3 tablespoons of olive oil in a 16-inch paella pan over high heat until it's smoking. Add the chicken, and saute for about 3 minutes over high heat, until the pieces start to brown. While they're browning, drain the artichokes, pat them dry, and add them to the chicken, continuing to saute for about 7 to 8 minutes until the artichokes are tender and beginning to caramelize (you may need to turn down the heat a bit). Add the string beans and continue sauteing for about 2 minutes. Add the red pepper and a good pinch of salt, and stir to combine.

Push everything to the edges of the pan.

Add the remaining olive oil to the center of the pan. Lower the heat to medium, add the remaining garlic, and cook until fragrant, about 15 seconds. Add the tomato puree to the center of the pan and cook, stirring occasionally, until the tomatoes are thickened, about 5 to 7 minutes. Push the chicken and vegetables into the tomato mixture, and stir to combine. Add the remaining paprika, the sprig of rosemary, the cayenne, and a good pinch of salt and stir. Add the rice and stir to combine.

Meanwhile, heat the oven to 425 degrees or light a grill to a lid. If using a grill, do not continue with the recipe until the grill is nearly ready when the hot coals are coated with white ash.

Add 4 cups of chicken broth to the paella pan, and stir to combine. Shake the pan gently to distribute the rice evenly. Place the pan over two burners and continue to cook over medium heat until the cooking liquid is almost level with the rice but the rice is still soupy, about 7 minutes. Periodically move and rotate the pan so that the liquid boils evenly. If the liquid is absorbed too quickly, sprinkle on some additional broth.

If using a grill, when the rice is almost done, distribute the coals evenly on the bottom grate. Transfer the pan to the grill and close the lid, or to the oven. Bake or grill for about 15 minutes, until the rice is tender, but a little al dente. Check on it a couple times as it cooks, and if it seems too al dente, sprinkle on a little more broth. Remove the pan from the oven or grill, cover the pan with foil and let it stand for 5 minutes. Uncover it and let it stand an additional 10 minutes. Serve from the pan.

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Staff Report

Chefs from Aramark, the College of Southern Idaho, food service provider, will hold short cooking demonstrations called "Chef on Display" starting at noon April 9 and each of the next four Wednesdays.

director for CSI, said Aramark chefs will demonstrate how to prepare various entrees at each demonstration and will handle questions from the audience.

The sessions are free and open to the public and will be held in the Taylor building cafeteria.

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Just as exciting is the atmosphere at the cooking school, which she described as fast-paced and fun.

"It's all the things we see on Food Network, but live," Fitzgerald said.

Cooking school students will receive a goody bag and a "Taste of Home Cooking School" brand Name Cookbook. Participants will

also be entered into drawings for prizes. Two years ago, prizes included cookware, grocery gift certificates and spa packages.

"It's worth the cost of admission for one of the amazing door prizes," Fitzgerald said.

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Tips for First-Time Fertilizers

When it comes to fertilizing a lawn, there are so many theories and suggestions out there it can make a novice lawncare enthusiast's head spin. With so many supposed tricks of the trade out there, it's no wonder so many home-owners turn to the professionals when it comes time to take care of the yard.

While it's never a bad idea to consult or even hire a professional, homeowners needn't feel that giving their lawn over to the local landscaper is an absolute necessity.

In fact, taking care of a lawn can be an enjoyable and worthwhile hobby. When it comes to fertilizing, it's not nearly as intimidating as it may seem. Just keep in mind the following tips.

• **Don't fertilize to excess.** Follow the application and dilution instructions on which-ever fertilizer you buy. Excessive feeding can

cause rapid growth that is very appetizing to pests and critters. In addition, there are environmental concerns with respect to excessive application of fertilizer. Should you apply too much, you run the very real risk of fertilizer run-off. That run-off could eventually end up in rivers, streams or lakes and pollute the water supply.

• **One size does not fit all.** There are differences between types of fertilizers. For example, using lawn fertilizer on flowers could make it difficult for those flowers to bloom. While the foliage of the flower will likely grow, the flowers will not bloom to capacity.

• **Growing plants need different fertilizer.** A plant that is already actively growing should be given a water soluble fertilizer. These fertilizers will promote rooting and strong growth in already developing plants. However, plants

that are not actively growing won't benefit from this type of fertilizer, as it will merely be washed away before the plants can utilize it.

• **Test your soil.** Lots of lawn and garden enthusiasts have sat bewildered as to why they just can't seem to grow certain plants on their property. The problem could rest with the quality of your soil. The soil pH is something all gardeners need to know and consider before planting. Some plants prefer alkaline soil conditions while others prefer acidic. Without getting too technical, if you're planting a plant that prefers alkaline conditions in acidic conditions, then that planting will not be successful. Have your soil tested before planting to ensure you're not wasting your time, money and effort.



Though it can seem intimidating at first, properly fertilizing a lawn can be effectively accomplished by weekend lawn enthusiasts.

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When lentils are overcooked

The Washington Post

Q. Save my lentil soup: I like to make a big pot of something and eat it for lunch throughout the week. Every time I make lentil soup, by the next day I have mush. I follow the liquid directions and the lentils are fully cooked, but they just keep taking on liquid for days. How can I make lentil soup, and not lentil mush?

A. Overcooking the legume is usually the culprit. We've often called for longer, stronger lentil cooking times than are necessary. For non-pressure-cooker methods, avoid a rolling boil and shoot for liquid that is barely bubbling at the edges of the pot. French green lentils tend to hold

their shape well; maybe they're a good type for you to add to soups. FYI, there's no need to soak lentils; just rinse and discard any inedible bits. (Soaking them beforehand is another reason for mush.)

Also, are you adding salt to the cooking liquid? The USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council advises against it on grounds of toughness. But some experts say the salt will help keep the lentils firm while enhancing their flavor. In that case, it's best to add the salt close to the end of the cooking time.

And if your recipe calls for acidic ingredients such as lemon juice or tomatoes, wait to add those when you reheat, as they can promote the texture you're trying

to avoid. As a last resort, you could use a slotted spoon to remove the lentils from the soup; drain them and keep in a separate refrigerated container; then reheat them in the soup.



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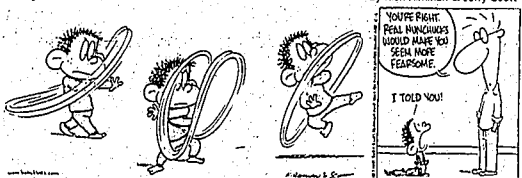
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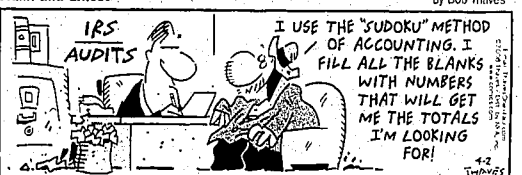
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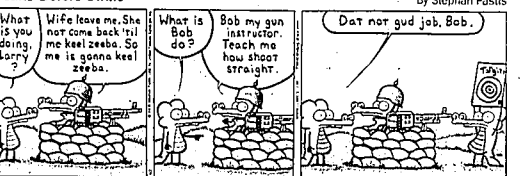
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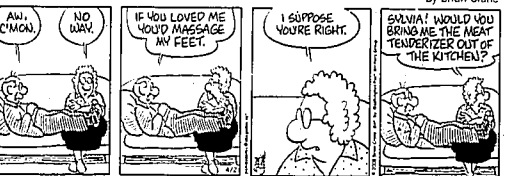
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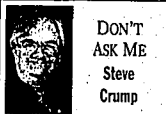
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How hard can a parakeet be to handle?

When did I lose control? Must have been a year ago, when my wife bought a parakeet to keep me company in my Twin Falls apartment (I live in Boise on the weekends). Duley, as we named her, was a handful from the start.



DON'T ASK ME
Steve Crump

The first day, she escaped her cage, flew around the apartment frantically and hid behind the refrigerator. Soon after, Duley threw up on me while I was feeding her. A couple of months after that, she soared headlong into the apartment's front door, knocking herself senseless. But the past was just prologue. Last Friday morning, I left the door open just a crack while I went to fetch my mail. Guess who squeezed through it?

My building has apartments located off a central corridor, so Duley couldn't exactly dart off into the blue yonder, but my flat is only about 20 yards from the building's front door, which could open wide at any moment.

So I went after her with all the speed a pair of chubby 56-year-old legs can muster. At first, the bird sought to blend in with the corridor's beige-colored baseboard — but I flubbed several attempts to corral her, the last time landing squarely on my nose on the floor of the building's laundry room. Then she flew into a vase that sits on a table in the lobby.

I quickly inverted the jug, hoping to trap her inside. It worked, but as soon as she turned the vase over Duley slipped the leash and flitted into the building's elevator, from which a fellow tenant had just emerged.

I caught the door just before it closed and squeezed inside, but just then someone up on the building's second floor pushed the elevator button. So Duley and I went for a ride.

Before the door opened on the second floor, I pushed the budgie with my shoe. With the toe of my other shoe, I pushed the "down" button. As we arrived on the first floor, Duley got away from me again and found sanctuary by under a straightjacket that runs along the corridor walls up next to the ceiling. It's an 8-foot ceiling, I'm 5-11.

Then I remembered the big, bright-orange Tupperware container that I use to drain pasta. I rushed back to the apartment, grabbed it from under the sink and took off after the parakeet again at a dead sprint. When I got close, I leaped to snag Duley. I missed, of course, but after 10 minutes or so I leaped her against the wall just a few feet from the building's front door. And through the door, at that very minute, strode my neighbor.

He looked at me like I was wearing a straightjacket. "Oh hi," I said, "I-I-I lost my bird." Duley is on lockdown now. I couldn't actually maneuver her back to her cage without her fleeing again, but she seems pretty content living under that straightjacket-strainer on my kitchen floor.

And my neighbor? Whenever he sees me, he walks out the back door.

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Trial delayed for suspected murder accomplice

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff Writer

A man charged with helping Daina Dade kill Leiland "Lee" Hoshaw delayed his trial Tuesday until after Dade's trial in hopes of calling Dade to testify on his behalf.

Jeremy Johnston, who was scheduled for trial in May on a charge of aiding and abetting a murder, on Nov. 15 in South Washington Street duplex, did not appear in court Tuesday. His attorney, Loren Bingham, however, told the judge

his client would prefer a Sept. 23 trial.

"I can see Dade helping my client but not my client helping Dade," Bingham said after court. "Dade is a witness. If his trial isn't out of the way, the state can't use his statements against him."

Johnston, Dade and John Bond, the latter of the trio who pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting a



Hoshaw

Johnston

second-degree murder in February in exchange for leniency by the prosecutor, allegedly drove together to the duplex. Dade is charged with then getting out of the car and shooting Hoshaw.

"Dade kept telling me he was going to shoot Hoshaw," Bond wrote in his Feb. 19 change of plea form. "And I drove him to Hoshaw's

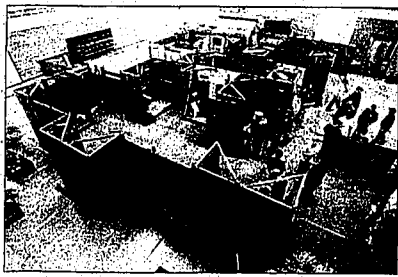
apartment and watched him carry in the gun and start to shoot Hoshaw, even though when he finally did it shocked me and then I drove him away and helped hide the gun."

Bond did not commit to testifying against either co-defendant, at least not in writing.

Dade has obtained county funding for a psychological evaluation while he awaits a May trial.

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BUILDING THE JOURNEY



Chris Hennig, who works with the World Vision Tour, helps to assemble part of the organization's exhibit Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The World Vision Experience will use the stories of Babirye, Emmanuel, Mathabo and another boy, Kombo, to highlight how AIDS changes lives and tears apart families. The 2,300 square-foot, interactive exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Sunday, the first time its West Coast tour is happening in a smaller rural area.

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See a photo gallery of the World Vision Experience being assembled.

Idaho meth ads get big-name director

By Matt Christensen
Staff Writer

The production credits to a widely known anti-meth advertising campaign just got a little louder. Organizers of the Meth Project have announced that Academy Award-nominated director Alejandro González Iñárritu has directed the latest in a series of TV ads for the project.

The Iñárritu ads began airing

Tuesday in Montana and are expected to air soon in Idaho.

Iñárritu directed "Babel," for which he earned an Oscar nomination for best director in 2006. His first feature film, "Amores Perros," earned a nomination for best foreign film in 2000.

Iñárritu agreed to direct the TV spots after watching several of the campaign's previous ads with his children, an organizer said. He was paid a small, undisclosed amount for his participation.

The Meth Project ad campaign, which began in Montana in 2005 and now airs in several other Western states, targets children and teenagers with hard-hitting images of meth abuse.

The advertisements began showing up on Idaho TV sets in January, a year after Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter announced he was bringing the program to Idaho after officials in Montana credited the program for curbing meth use there.

Buhl High School's service clubs host community prom

By Blah Koch
Correspondent

BUHL — Buhl couple Joelle Parin and Bob Squire came to the Buhl community prom Monday night "for something to do," they said. "Once they arrived they decided to stay because of the music and atmosphere."

If just for a weekend, Buhl's Seventh Street Gym had been converted into a romantic room. Stars swung brightly under the canopied sky, the Eiffel Tower in the backdrop.

Favorite tunes from the 1950s, '60s and '70s emanated through the air and a light aroma from rows of pink chrysanthemums topped the charrn.

It may be remnants from the

Buhl High School's prom, but for those who attended the annual community dance, hosted by the school's Key Club and National Honor Society, it was wonderful.

"I think it is so nice they've done this for the community," said Parin, 73. "But the first time we've been to this dance but I'm glad we came."

The couple touched on how beautiful the decorations were and the event brought back memories from their past.

"Way back ... in the '50s, everybody did a lot of dancing," said Squire, 75. "It's just nice to be able to come out."

For more than 10 years the school's two service clubs have taken the project under their wing. On average, it costs the

Key Club about \$300 to provide entertainment and refreshments, but the feedback makes the project worthwhile said club advisor Trish Weinstein.

Besides providing a dance for community members, the clubs also take down the prom decorations afterward.

"They love it," she said. "Usually the people that come wonder why there isn't a larger crowd."

She was wondering the same thing Monday night. Halfway through the event just a handful of dancers had shown up.

"This is the smallest group we've seen in quite a few years," Weinstein said Monday night. "But everyone seems to be having a good time, and that's why we do it."

More work for the mayor?

City government changes among new ideas for T.F. plan

By Nate Poppino
Staff Writer

As Twin Falls officials reviewed the city's strategic plan last weekend, the discussion largely focused on things such as infrastructure and finances.

But among the lists of proposed changes taped to the wall of the council chambers was a suggestion from days gone by: whether it's time to look at changing the city's leadership structure.

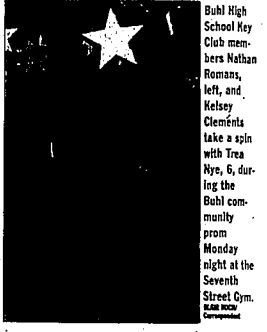
Twin Falls is one of only three cities in Idaho that uses a "city-manager" form of government, in which that unelected official handles the day-to-day administrative business as guided by the council. But City Manager Tom Courtney, appointed in 1980, is more likely than not to retire in five or six years. Given that, Councilman Will Kezele said, would it be worth considering a change?

It's not the first time the idea has come up. In both 1979 and 1994, city residents attempted initiatives to change the status quo and failed both times. It's anyone's guess when the next attempt would fare, but city officials themselves are just as resistant to the idea as they were in the past.

Kezele's comment, prompted by what he described as public input, was met by confusion Saturday afternoon. Other council members said they'd heard nothing of the sort, and Mayor Lance Clow stated his firm support for the current system, based more widely outside of the state.

"I think city manager is the envy of most cities in the state," Clow said. Speaking Tuesday, Kezele said most people he's heard from were more concerned about why residents don't elect the city's mayor, who is chosen by the council. But he

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Mark Durfee

ALMO — Mark Edwin Durfee, age 82, of Spokane, Wash., and formerly of Almo, passed away Sunday, March 30, 2008, at his home of natural causes.



Mark was born July 24, 1925, in Almo, the sixth of 10 children, to Leo and Mary Ann (Cahoon) Durfee. He served his country in the United States Navy from March 1944 to June 1946 during World War II. Mark married Jeanette Hill on March 25, 1953, in Elko, Nev. They had four daughters and one son. They later divorced. He married Patsy Ann Rhina on May 22, 1977. He owned Durfee's Cafe in Strevell and Sublett and always had a herd of cattle to run. He enjoyed many outdoor activities such as hunting, camping, working with and training horses by cut cutting, team roping, chariot racing and flat track racing. He was very proud of his family and enjoyed being with them.

Mark is survived by his wife, Patsy Durfee of Spokane; four daughters, Connie Arbon (Rod) of Snowville, Utah, Betty Jo Spencer (Carl), of Vot, Utah, Bonnie Templeman (Bob) of Elko, and Penny Jean Bankhead (Bron) of Wellsville, Utah; his siblings, Atha Jones of Dillon, Mont., Beth Jones of Moberg, Ia Webb of Pucetello and Curtis Durfee of Almo; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Mark Junior Durfee; his parents; one sister, Fern Jensen; and four brothers, Wayne, Ivan, Ellis and Joe Durfee.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the Almo LDS Church, with Bishop Kent R. Durfee officiating. Burial will be in the Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 9 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church. The family suggest memorials be made to the American Heart Association.

Josephine Lovenia Lawrence Murphy

In the early morning hours of March 28, 2008, Josephine Lovenia Lawrence Murphy slipped away to join Guy, Linda and other dear departed ones in Jesus' arms.



She was born in Logan, Okla., on Dec. 3, 1915, the fifth of seven children. Her parents were Richard Van Buren Lawrence and Lovenia Street Lawrence (one of the five Street Sisters who were raised on the prairie by frontiersman Robert Sylvester Street). Her siblings were Walter, Grace, Bill, Timbell, Harry and Ray, all of whom have gone on before her (Trim and Harry while serving their country during the second World War).

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next three years. Mom did everything to save her. Trips to special hospitals around the country including the Mayo clinic and two surgeries made no difference. The cancer ate away at her until she died a few days before her 13th birthday. All this time, Mom hardly left her side.

Guy and I lived in Murrough for two years, Oakley for three, then in the late '60s, settled in Burley. Their marriage lasted 62 years until Guy passed away in 1996. Both Guy and I were real Christians, serving their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ all of their lives. Never did we children observe their faith to falter, even during the most difficult times.

Mom had to work hard most of her life, many years, taking seasonal work.

She worked 19 years at Ore-Ida, retiring in 1979. She had raised several of her grandchildren. Her most fervent wish was for her children and grandchildren to be educated.

She is survived by four sons, Lawrence Murphy of Paul, Bill and Bonnie Murphy of Paul, Doyle and Ruth Murphy of Burley, and Ted and Jana Murphy of Twin Falls; one daughter, O.D. and Rita Baker of Kansas, Okla.; 21 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley, with visitation one hour before the funeral; burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Please donate honorariums to The American Cancer Society.

Smutny to run for seat on Buhl School Board

By Blair Koch Correspondent

After she retired six years ago, Janet Smutny of Buhl has wanted to give back to the community.



That time has come, she says. Smutny, 70, is seeking a three-year term for Zone 2 on the Buhl School Board. The position has been held for two terms by Jay Anderson, who will not seek reelection.

"This is something I've thought of doing," Smutny said. "With the seat coming up, I'm not running, I thought now is the time to do it."

One top priority that faces the district, she said, includes finding a replacement for Poppewell Elementary Principal Helen Brown, who will retire at the end of the school year. Another is helping the community school board, staff and administration to better work together.

"I would like to be the place people want to send their children to school," Smutny said. "The schools

have always been near and dear to my heart."

Smutny, a graduating senior at Buhl High School, earned a degree in education at Idaho State University. She taught first grade for 25 years at Poppewell Elementary and substituted 11 years at the school before that.

During her tenure with the district, Smutny also volunteered as a softball coach for 20 years and coached varsity girls' basketball for eight years.

"I think I offer something to the board," she said. "With my years of experience in the district, it gives me credibility — insight as to what the needs are, and I can contribute in the school before that."

She supports more open public comment during board meetings, she said, as well as extra-curricular student activities. "I think we've had really good school boards who have tried to do the best job for Buhl," she said. "Even with some of the issues that have come up I think the community will pull together and get past it."

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DEATH NOTICES

George O. Taylor

GLENNIS FERRY — George Oscar "Buster" Taylor, 87, of Glennis Ferry, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at his home. A graveside inurnment service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 4, at the Glenn Rest Cemetery in Glennis Ferry, followed by a wake at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Fifth and Lincoln streets (Rust Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home).

March 31, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Shoshone Cemetery; visitation from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday at the mortuary.

Dorothy D. House

Dorothy D. House, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 31, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Twin Falls. Burial will be Monday, April 7, in Casper, Wyo. (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Alice M. Carter

BURLEY — Alice Mae Carter, 74, of Burley, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Sheldon Yanke

HELLEBOUE — Sheldon Yanke, 74, of Bellevue, died Tuesday, April 1, 2008, in Jackpot, Nev.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise, Idaho.

Brandon S. Dayley

BURLEY — Brandon Scott Dayley, 31, died Friday, March 28, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Calif.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 4, at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visitation before the service (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Ethel V. Lowery

PAUL — Ethel Virginia Hatlow Lowery, 86, of Paul, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 5, at the Church of Christ, 724 S. Fourth St. in Rupert.

Peggy D. Sturgeon

Peggy Delpha Sturgeon, 49, of Twin Falls, died Monday.

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Council

Continued from page D1 — said the city-manager discussion may be one worth having, if just to educate people about how things work. "Obviously, this form of government runs quite effectively and has for years, but that may be because of Tom Courtney," Kezele said. "I personally, as a City Council representative, would like to know if citizens like this form, if they understand it."

such as Councilman David E. Johnson, pointed to recent efforts to encourage county governments to hire county managers.

"Elected the mayor is a different issue, Clow said, albeit one that could be changed. "You could still have the city-manager form of government and do it that way, but it seems to be a cumbersome way," he said. One of the strongest city-manager supporters in 1994 was the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, which rallied against the citizen petition. Current cham-

ber CEO and former councilman Shawn Bariga said the form provides a certain professionalism to city services, and pointed to the chamber's support for managers in the county discussions.

"We've been, as an organization, pretty vocal on that," he said. As to the city's recent discussion, he added, "I'm a strong supporter of it's always worth talking about things." Courtney had little to say about the issue, though he acknowledged he'll likely decide to retire in as few as five years. His plans, he said, aren't definite yet.

HONOR ROLL - WENDELL

WENDELL Wendell Middle School's honor roll: Principals' list, 4.0

8th grade: Cory Bunn, Dakota Crocker, Justice Eason, David Henderson, Nicholas Mendes, Schuyler Neuber, Robyn Smith, Case Sublett

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Advertisement for 'See what's new at Magicvalley.com'.

Wall Street surges on better-than-expected economic data

(AP) Wall Street began the second quarter with a big rally Tuesday as investors pushed back into stocks, optimistic that the worst of the credit crisis has passed and that the economy is faring better than expected.

Dow Jones Industrials

3,391.47
12,654.38

Nasdaq composite

433.65
2,382.75

Standard & Poor's 500

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1,370.18

Russell 2000

422.87
710.64

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Few Idaho truckers participate in strike

Nationally, truckers pull rigs off road, others slow to crawl in loosely organized protest of fuel prices

By Joshua Palmer
Staff Writer

Few truckers in south-central Idaho participated in a loosely organized protest of high fuel prices, however, most agreed that something needs to change soon in order to keep truckers "on the road and shipping prices down."
The cost is \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members.

pressure President Bush to stabilize prices by using the nation's oil reserves. But the protests were scattered because major trucking companies were not on board and there did not appear to be any central coordination.
At the Flying J Truck Stop, 1000 Centennial Spur in Jerome, most truckers said they weren't taking part in the protest despite strong feelings that the industry is being ignored by the federal government and consumers.



Truckers park rigs to protest diesel price. See the AP video online.

"It's gotten bad — real bad," said a truck driver, who asked not to be named for fear of losing his contracts. "I'm not making a profit, in fact I'm not even covering my costs because fuel is at \$4 dollars a gallon right now."

He said he supported the protest, but he just couldn't afford to not follow through on a shipment he was carrying.

The average price for a gallon of

diesel fuel in south-central Idaho is about \$3.99 per gallon — a sharp increase from the nationwide average of \$2.79 per gallon during the same month a year ago.
Most modern trucks can drive about 5.5 miles on one gallon of fuel, which means that it costs truckers about 75 cents a mile.

However, the average shipping rate is between \$1.10 and \$1.30 per mile — meaning that truckers are left with between 35 cents and \$1.05 to cover additional costs such as tires, truck maintenance and other operational costs.

"Something has to give because

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Construction spending falls in February

Record 24th straight drop in housing blamed for decline

By Martin Crousinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Construction spending fell again in February as home building tumbled for a record 24th straight month.

The Commerce Department reported Tuesday that overall construction activity dropped 0.3 percent in February, reflecting weakness not only in home building but also in nonresidential activity. Only government building projects showed a gain in February.

Residential construction, fell by 0.9 percent in February. Residential activity has fallen every month since March 2006.

Coming tomorrow

Permits for new home construction in the Twin Falls, Jerome and Burley are on the rise.

Read more about what's affecting the housing market in the jump tomorrow in the Times-News.

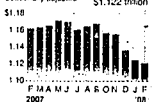
That effort is being hindered by the fact that mortgage defaults have soared to record levels, reflecting the abuses that occurred in lending activity at the height of the housing boom.

The weakness in housing is combining with soaring energy prices and a severe credit crunch to push the

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Construction spending

Monthly construction spending for the past 13 months:



SOURCE: Department of Commerce AP

CHANGING APPETITES



A shopper takes her son along for the ride while shopping at the Heinen's grocery store in Bainbridge Township, Ohio. Steadily rising food costs aren't just causing grocery shoppers to do a double-take at the checkout line — they're also changing the very ways we feed our families.

Shoppers face rising food prices

By Alan Scher Zagler
Associated Press writer

Steadily rising food costs aren't just causing grocery shoppers to do a double-take at the checkout line — they're also changing the very ways we feed our families.

The worst case of food inflation in nearly 20 years

has more Americans giving up restaurant meals to eat at home. We're buying fewer luxury food items, eating more leftovers and buying more store brands instead of name-brand items.

For Peggy and David Valdez of Houston, feeding their family of four means scouting grocery ads for the best prices, taking fewer trips

as a way to save gas and simply buying less food, period.

"We do more selecting, looking around, seeing which prices are cheaper," said David Valdez. "We are being more selective. We have got to find the cheapest price."

Record-high energy cost and wheat prices in the past year have led to sticker shock

in the grocery aisles. At \$1.32, the average price of a loaf of bread has increased 32 percent since January 2005. In the last year alone, the average price of carton of eggs has increased almost 50 percent.

Ground beef, milk, chicken, apples, tomatoes, lettuce.

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What legal protection do I have for taking days off work for religious reasons?

Q. What are my rights when requesting time off work for religious reasons?

A. For companies with more than 15 people, federal law requires employers to "reasonably accommodate" an employee's religious beliefs. Employers are exempt only if they can show the accommodation would cause an "undue hardship" on business.

Examples of accommodations include shift swaps, flexible scheduling or use of lunch time in exchange for early departure.

Employers generally do not have to pay workers for time off taken for religious

GOOD QUESTION
Candice Choi

reasons, however, so workers should arrange to use vacation or unpaid personal days. So long as religious needs are accommodated, the employer is not obligated to meet specific requests preferred by the worker.

Workers are not required to provide proof of their religious beliefs to employers, such as notes from a member of the clergy.

Growing diversity in the workplace has led to a spike

in religious discrimination filings with the federal government, said David Grinberg, spokesman for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"Some employers are having growing pains in adjusting their policies to comply with the law," he said.

Last year, there were about 2,300 religious discrimination filings with the EEOC, up 13 percent from 1992 and double the number in 1992. There are likely many more cases that go unreported for fear of retaliation or lack of awareness about federal protections, Grinberg said.

Of last year's filings, 375 complaints regarded accommodations, which would include matters such as taking time off for religious holidays or wearing religious clothing in the workplace.

Only a small percentage of religious discrimination filings with the EEOC result in the government suing the employer, but individuals may decide to pursue litigation on their own.

Federal law caps damages in discrimination lawsuits depending on the size of the business. Companies with 15 to 100 employees may be liable for damages up to

\$50,000, while bigger operations with 500 or more workers could be liable for as much as \$300,000 in damages. Those limits do not include backpay.

Potential employers are not allowed to question job applicants about their religion or whether their religion would prevent them from working certain days. However, employers may detail the days and hours of the job.

While employees certainly have rights when it comes to religion, they should nevertheless make it a point to let managers know about religious commitments when

they're hired or immediately upon becoming observant, according to the Anti-Defamation League. Some states have laws requiring employees to notify their employer a certain number of days before each absence.

People who work for businesses with fewer than 15 people would have "fewer legal recourses" when it comes to resolving religious discrimination cases, said Steven Freeman, director of legal affairs for the Anti-Defamation League.

Candice Choi writes about business issues for the Associated Press.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	24.20	▲ .25	Dell Inc.	20.33	▲ .41	Idacorp	32.77	▲ .66
Lithia Mo.	10.30	▲ .14	Micron	6.00	▲ .03	Supervalu	30.97	▲ .99

COMMODITIES

Live cattle	87.40	▼ .02	May Oil	100.98	▼ .60
Apr. gold	882.90	▼ 33.3	Apr. Silver	16.85	▼ .42

For more see page E2

What to expect today in business

WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on factory orders for February.

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies about the economy before Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

RICHFIELD, Minn. — Best Buy Co. releases fourth-quarter financial results.

ST. LOUIS — Monsanto Co. releases second-quarter financial results.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, % Chg, and various fund names like American Mutual, Bond, Equity, etc.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES

Table of commodity futures prices including Wheat, Soybeans, Corn, and other agricultural products.

BEANS

Table of bean futures prices, including Soybean Meal and Soybean Oil.

GRAINS

Table of grain futures prices, including Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal and money market prices, including Gold, Silver, and various currencies.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table of market indices including NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and various index values.

INDEXES

Table of market index values and changes, including Dow Jones Industrial Average.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the market report, detailing how to interpret the data and symbols used.

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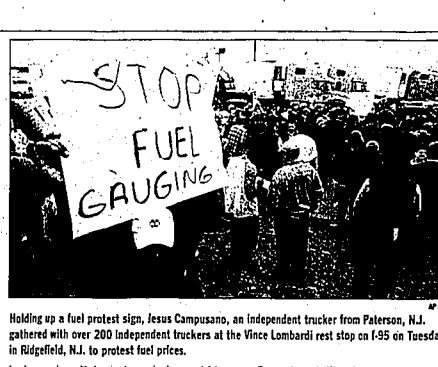
Table of local stock market activity, listing company names and their stock prices.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Textual report on commodity market trends, prices, and forecasts.

Strike

Article about a truck drivers' strike in the Twin Falls area, discussing the impact on local businesses.



Here are 700 of the most active mutual funds, the most recent commodities reports and a market summary. A complete listing of stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ National Market and American Stock Exchange is available at Maglev.com.

Slump

Article discussing the economic slump, mentioning the impact of the stimulus package and the current market conditions.

Food

Article about the food market, discussing the impact of the strike on food prices and the role of Wal-Mart and other retailers.

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Advertisement for investment services, featuring the name 'Nita Barnes Clontz' and contact information for Perkins, Smart & Boyd, Inc.

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T.S. No. ID-130769 - Loan No. 054234004 A.P.M. RP0951 E1E032900A
Notice is hereby given that the First American Title Company the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 6/12/2008 at 11:00 AM (recognition local time)...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
UNDER EXECUTION OF JUST Title Order No. W830306
11000 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC an Idaho limited liability company...

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality that it will be holding its public comment period and public hearing with to be held as follows:

REQUEST FOR BIDS
PAPER FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR
The Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties, will accept sealed bids until 9:00 A.M. local prevailing time, Wednesday, April 16, 2008...

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY ELECTION
Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Levy Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 331, Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome and Lincoln Counties...

NOTICIA DE ELECCION ESPECIAL PARA RECAUDACION GENERAL
Conforme a las leyes del estado de Idaho y a la resolución en el artículo 6 de la orden del tablero de administradores del distrito con número No. 331 de la escuela, condados Minidoka, Cassia, Jerome, y Lincoln de Idaho...

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EASY # 31

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-8.

Employment

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government changes all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548
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Miscellaneous Services

High heating bills? Home energy audits. The Inspection Co PO 208-326-5115.

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101 Lost and Found

- FOUND Border Collie**, born March 27 at intersection of 300 E Hwy 25 in Jerome. Call 324-7824.
- FOUND Chesapeake Lab**, north west of Hansen. Call 539-3747.
- FOUND Slih Zhu**, female, found in Jackson area (east of Rupert) 208-436-5670
- FOUND Top Box**, found at Orchard and Washington on 3/29. Call to identify. 208-539-0236
- LOST Cat**, near Sparks in Twin Falls, wavy orange hair with orange eyes. \$500 reward. Call 208-733-1455
- LOST Golden Retriever** by the Oregon Trail School Female, wearing a black collar. Please call 539-9273.
- LOST Golden Retriever** south of Burley in the New Area. Answer: Moose Reward offered. Call 312-4707
- LOST Lab mix** south of Burley. Male, 3 years old. Black spots, blue collar, half blue and half brown eyes. 208-678-4018
- LOST Lab**, yellow, in the Kootana area. 11 months old male. Ring colored collar. 208-438-5992 or 670-5992

104 Personals

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Twin Falls area
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Read The Classifieds Every Day!

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203 Construction

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CONSTRUCTION

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Dairy seeks a Manager/Herdsman. Responsibilities include: managing and improving herd health, feeding and nutrition, breeding, milking procedures, pest control and facility management. Previous Dairy experience. Bilingual preferred. Salary based on experience. Excellent benefits and flexible hours. Fax resume to: 422-5335 or mail to: ATTN: MANAGER P.O. Box 104 Kimberly, ID 83341

205 Accounting

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206 Drivers

DRIVER
Class A Driver to haul farm machinery & log. Contract. Jordan. Call 324-7149

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Needed for the pickup of dairy products. Must be able to lift 50 lbs continuously. Background check, clean driving record and valid license. FT. \$10/hr to start. Full benefits & 401k. Contact: Jordan 208-539-9979 between 8am-4pm 1920 Highland Ave. E. (across from Pacific Steel & Recycling)

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207 Education

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206 Drivers

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*OR Scrub Tech. (PRN)
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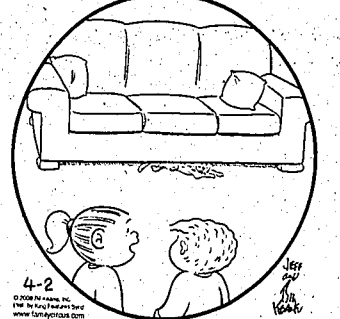
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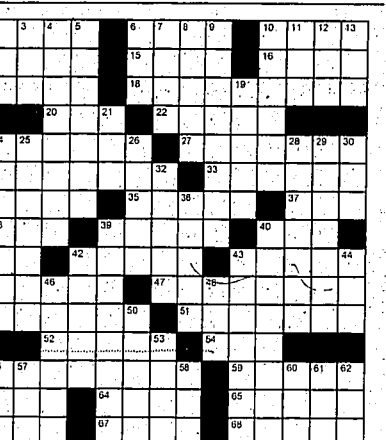
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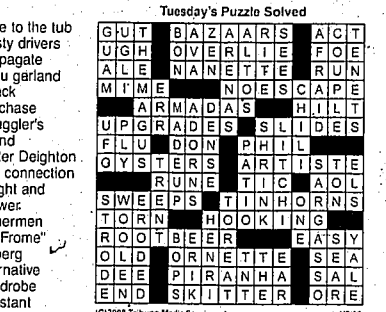
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"There is no sadder sight than a young pessimist, except an old optimist."
 —Mark Twain

Today's deal illustrates the dangers of doubling simply on the basis of holding a trump stack, as this alerts declarer to the distribution.

When North-South identified their 4-4 heart fit, they bid on to game, and East could not resist doubling — a move he was soon to regret. West led the club king — as good as anything, since there is no lead that will defeat the contract so long as declarer draws all the right inferences.

South, Eric Leong, won in hand. Warned by the double, he left trumps strictly alone. His first move was a diamond to dummy's ace, then the spade queen, which held. A diamond to the king and a diamond ruffed in dummy established that spilt. Next he ruffed a club to hand and led a good diamond, discarding dummy's low spade. East ruffed, then returned the spade king, pinning dummy's jack (no other return is better), and South was able to win in hand to ruff a spade in dummy.

At this point after four rounds of diamonds, three spades and two clubs, with the lead in dummy, East was down to all trumps. However, declarer, who had already scored eight tricks, could lead a club from dummy and could not be prevented from taking two more tricks, the heart ace in dummy and eventually the jack in hand.

Of course, if declarer plays a round of trumps prematurely, he will go down, but the double had tipped him off.

NORTH 04-2-A
 ♠ Q J 7
 ♥ A 9 3 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

EAST
 ♠ K 8 2
 ♥ K Q 10 8 4
 ♦ 6 5 2
 ♣ 7 6

WEST
 ♠ 10 9 6 3
 ♥ Q 10 9
 ♦ K Q J 10 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ A 5 4
 ♥ J 7 6 5
 ♦ K J 7 4 3
 ♣ A

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 ♠ 3 Pass 4 Db. Pass
 All pass

Opening lead: Club king

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
 ♠ Q J 7
 ♥ A 9 3 2
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 5 4 3 2

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

ANSWER: I hate to give up a part-score easily, so I would bid one no-trump. The range for this action is 11-15 or so (not 15-17, since with that hand in the balancing seat, one doubles, then bids no-trump). I appreciate that it may still be the opponents' hand, but I hate to give them a free run in these positions.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Last Word," contact 801-902-3400 or email him at bobbyw@magicvalley.com

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