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Freshmen Derek Withers, 15, and Kandice Johnson, 14, pack up their belongings after the final bell sounded Tuesday afternoon at Twin Falls High School. Ninth-grade students in the Twin Falls School District were moved into the district's two high schools this year, after previously attending the district's two junior high schools.

## EASING THE TRANSITION

### Twin Falls schools adjusting well after dropping junior high



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WATCH an interview with students about their transition to high school.

By Damon Hunzeker  
Times-News writer

Junior high school is rapidly becoming a thing of the past — and not just for people who haven't set foot in one for 25 years.

This year, the Twin Falls School District — in conjunction with the opening of a second high school in town — switched its junior high facilities to sixth- through eighth-grade middle schools and introduced freshmen to its high schools.

It's a national trend — part semantic, part academic.

"The middle-school philosophy is different than a junior-high philosophy. It's not a senior elementary school or a junior high school. It has its own identity," Wiley Dobbs, the district superintendent, said. "A lot of research has shown that the 6-8 and 9-12 configuration better addresses students' unique educational needs ... Research shows

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## Judge denies release of Blue Hadden to grandfather, victim of shooting plot

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Fifth District Court Judge John Butler denied a motion to reduce or eliminate Blue Hadden's \$500,000 bail on Tuesday after Craig Hadden asked the court to allow his grandson to live with him five months after the 15-year-old allegedly plotted to kill him.

The 61-year-old businessman was shot four

times in the driveway of his home on April 1. Charged in connection to the shooting are Blue Hadden, his mother, Traci Hadden, 34, and the alleged shooter, Michael Cannon, 16. All are of Shoshone.

Blue Hadden is charged as an adult with willfully withholding, concealing or harboring a felon and theft by possessing stolen prop-



Blue Hadden

erty, both felonies. The court dismissed a third count of criminal solicitation to commit a crime on Sept. 29.

A jury trial is scheduled to begin Jan. 20. Hadden will be 16 when he stands trial.

Craig Hadden responded to a question from defense attorney Phillip Brown of whether his grandson had been in trouble while living

with him in 2008.

"Nothing other than a typical 15-year-old boy," he said.

Hadden agreed to remove from his home what he said are about 17 firearms if his grandson were permitted to go home with him.

"Was it one of yours (guns) that was used to shoot you?" Brown asked.

"No," Hadden said.

According to Sept. 29

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## Silver Creek mercury advisory lifted

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

The trout in Silver Creek now have a reason to be nervous.

A fish consumption advisory that had warned of elevated mercury levels in Silver Creek's trout is no longer in place. That's because state officials have discovered an error in the 2007 lab test that spawned the advisory.

With the advisory lifted, it's now safe to eat fish from Silver Creek near Picabo, provided they were caught in areas where state regulations allow anglers to harvest rainbow and brown trout, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare said Tuesday. Previously, the state had

recommended that children 15 and younger and women who are pregnant or nursing eat limited quantities of brown trout because the mercury levels were believed to be dangerous.

In 2007, the United States Geological Survey had taken samples of fish from Silver Creek, which lab test results showed high mercury levels and prompted the advisory. USGS staff reviewing more recent test results saw a major drop in the mercury level of fish compared to two years ago, which raised eyebrows because mercury levels in fish don't drastically change in that time frame, officials said.

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## Brucellosis found in E. Idaho cow

By Rebecca Boone  
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The infectious bacterial disease brucellosis has been found in a beef cow in eastern Idaho, and state agriculture officials are scrambling to see if the infection is isolated or if it has spread to other herds.

Idaho Department of Agriculture state veterinarian Bill Barton sent a memo to state animal health officials on Monday, saying that a beef cow from a newly assembled 600-head herd tested positive for brucellosis. No calves or bred females have been sold from the herd, according to Barton's memo.

The herd has been quarantined and is being tested, and epidemiologists are trying to determine the source of the infection, Barton told The Associated

Press on Tuesday.

"We've got just a few more head to do, and we'll be finishing that testing and have the results back in a few more days," he said.

Barton said the owner, who lives in the Rigby area, was cooperating. None of his cattle had been sold, other than directly to slaughter, Barton said.

The infected animal and other cattle in the herd had been vaccinated for brucellosis, Barton said.

"The vaccine is fairly efficacious in preventing disease, but it's not 100 percent," he said.

The animals came from a variety of sources, including private sales and livestock markets, Barton said. Officials had not yet determined where the man purchased the infected animal.

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## Is Obama's plan endgame or escalation? Or both?

By Ron Fournier  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — With echoes of George W. Bush's post-9/11 call to arms, President Obama worked diligently Tuesday night to make his wartime address sound like an endgame rather than what it was — a striking escalation of the U.S. presence in Afghanistan.

Even as voters grow impatient with the eight years of war and Democrats fret about their prospects in next year's elections, Obama made the hard decision to increase the U.S. force in Afghanistan to 100,000 —

nearly three times as many as when he took office.

Harder still, explaining it. "I have determined that it is in our vital national interest to send an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan," Obama said during his prime-time speech at the U.S. Military Academy. "After 18 months, our troops will begin to come home."

He did not say how many troops would pull out in July 2011 or how many would be left and for how long. What is the strategy behind his exit strategy? Obama gave scant clues.

He pledged to improve Afghan security forces, help improve Pakistan's ability to

### INSIDE

Idaho legislators react to President Obama's speech.

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fight terrorists and press Afghan President Hamid Karzai to eliminate corruption.

But nothing — not even an intriguing, if vague, promise of an exit date — changes Obama's hard bottom line: A lot more Americans are going to fight and die in a war supported by merely 35 percent of the public.

Fellow Democrats in

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President Obama takes a picture with cadets after speaking about the war in Afghanistan at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., Tuesday.

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# Former Twin Falls cop's felony charge dismissed

## Travis Langway indicted in April for injury to child

By **Andrea Jackson**  
Times-News writer

An indictment filed against a former Twin Falls Police officer for felony injury to a child has been dismissed, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said Tuesday.

Loeb still says a child was victimized, but cannot prove who is responsible.

A 20-month-old boy

allegedly suffered non-accidental, blunt trauma to the anus between Nov. 1 and Nov. 8, 2008, that "could have been sexual or punishment" according to medical testimony prosecutors planned to present Tuesday during trial for Travis C. Langway.

On April 22, a Twin Falls County grand jury indicted Langway, 29, on a charge of felony injury to a child in

connection to a baby allegedly victimized while in the custody of Langway, who is not listed as the biological father in court records.

But on the eve of a trial slated to begin Tuesday, Loeb dismissed the case.

"Obviously a crime occurred," Loeb said, but evidence problems complicated the prosecution.

No one else has been

charged, and Langway declined to comment Tuesday about the dismissal.

Twin Falls police said Tuesday that Langway worked as a patrol officer from January 2006 to January 2009.

City police said they took a report from the mother of the victim in November 2008 and opened an investigation. But when Langway became a suspect he was put on administrative leave and ultimately left the job fol-

lowing an internal affairs investigation.

"The indictment was a result of the investigation handled by the Jerome Police Department," said Twin Falls Police Chief Jim Munn in a written statement Tuesday. "The Twin Falls Police Department respects the Twin Falls County prosecutor's decision to dismiss this case. Moreover, the department wishes to move on from this incident and continues to concentrate on providing

excellent service to our community."

Langway has also served in the military, his lawyer, Keith Roark, told the court in April.

Tuesday's dismissal follows a recent sentencing last month of former Twin Falls Police Det. Curtis Gambrel for felony prescription drug crimes.

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## Former Jackpot resident crowned newest Victoria Secret Angel

Times-News

Former Jackpot, Nev., resident Kylie Bisutti was crowned the latest Victoria's Secret angel on the lingerie company's annual televised runway show Tuesday night.

The Victoria's Secret Fashion Show was the cul-

mination of months of competition for Bisutti and women from across the U.S. vying to be the company's next model.

Bisutti is a granddaughter of Shirley Gomez of Twin Falls. She began modeling at age 16 after a talent scout approached the teen during a trip to Las Vegas.

## Jerome County approves May jail vote

By **John Plestina**  
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Jerome County Commission unanimously agreed Monday to authorize a replay of the vote on a new county jail during May's primary election.

After a lease-purchase funding proposal for the 165-bed Jerome County Justice Facility failed by about 25 votes on Nov. 3, the commission has twice discussed returning a similar proposal to county voters, seeking state-mandated supermajority approval.

While the consensus of the commissioners Monday was to delay a decision on the exact wording of the new ballot question, they agreed that the lease-purchase proposal was viable. They have about two months to submit the exact wording of the ballot question to County Clerk Michelle Emerson.

"In the current economic times, it's more viable than a bond," said Commission Chairman Charlie Howell, referring to funding the jail through a lease-purchase plan

rather than entering bonded indebtedness.

The financing proposal calls for a 30-year, \$13.5 million lease-to-purchase agreement.

Jerome County's business plan for the proposed facility includes renting excess jail beds to other counties, producing revenue to offset lease payments and operating costs.

Twin Falls County had expressed interest in renting jail beds from Jerome County prior to the November election.

Howell said he would ask the Twin Falls County Commission for a letter of support for the May ballot question.

On Nov. 24, consultant April Lee, general manager of Rocky Mountain Corrections, proposed to the commission that RMC assist with the May election and voter education for a fee of \$25,000 and an additional \$5,000 only of the ballot question passes.

To date, Jerome County has paid \$87,500 to RMC, which also handled the county's voter education efforts for the Nov. 3 election.

Howell said Monday there would be no decision on a future county affiliation with RMC until January.

Jerome County moves toward another vote despite the commission's participation in a meeting last week in Gooding during which several county commissioners and sheriffs discussed a regional jail proposal.

Jerome County commissioners have said the process to approve and build a regional jail could take years — time they say the county doesn't have while addressing issues with its existing 35-year-old lockup.

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## Law & Disorder...

### ... in Cassia County

From Oct. 25 police reports:

#### Battery, et cetera:

Police responded to a Burley residence regarding a "family dispute between a father, mother, and son." When Deputy Brynn Blacker arrived, according to the report, she found a man, 79, shouting, "Get him!" When asked who he meant, the man reportedly said, "My son, he's in the garage."

The suspect ran into the house, where Blacker found a female, 69, "bleeding heavily from her hand." According to the report, the woman had found a glass bong and a tube belonging to her son, and when she and her husband attempted to talk about drugs with their son — who lives with them and is 34 years old — he "knocked her down and took them from her," breaking the bong in her hand.

Blacker found blood all over the

house, according to her report. The woman allegedly found the paraphernalia in one of her son's stuffed animals in his room. "She said downstairs there is a stuffed frog by some bull horns. (She) said there is a tear in the stuffed frog and she got the pipes from inside the stuffed frog," the report reads. When the 34-year-old suspect allegedly attacked his mom, he reportedly shouted, "I'm not going to prison over that! ... Give me that!"

His parents declined to press charges, but because of the evidence, police arrested him for battery. Felony charges for destruction of evidence and possession of methamphetamine are possible, depending upon the results of lab tests on the pipes.

— Damon Hunzeker

### Steve Crump is on vacation; his column will return Sunday



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# Idaho delegation reacts to President's speech

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Idaho's congressional delegation was supportive of President Obama's plans to increase the number of troops in Afghanistan, but also made it clear that success there will be determined by more than just increased military force.

Sen. Jim Risch, ranking member of the Senate subcommittee over the Middle East and Southeast Asia, stressed the need for clear objectives in the battlefields of Afghanistan.

"Sending additional troops to Afghanistan is, unfortunately, necessary at this time," said Risch, a Republican. "We have the best fighting men and women in the world who are risking their lives and at the very least, we owe them the resources their commanders request to accomplish their mission — in this case fighting al-Qaida overseas instead of at home.

"Having said that, my committee work in the Senate, my meetings with many people connected to the issue and my visit to Afghanistan earlier this year have convinced me we need to focus on clear, definable objectives there, not just troop numbers. To date we have failed to do so."

Risch said he will review the administration's plans and carefully watch the process as it unfolds.

Rep. Walt Minnick, a Democratic congressman who attended the speech, said it was wise for Obama to listen to his generals.

"Increasing the number of troops will give us more manpower and resources to work with local tribes and bring them to our side in the fight against al-Qaida," Minnick said in a statement. "These local tribes must be our allies in the fight against terrorism, and can help us weaken al-Qaida's ability to spread

that terrorism abroad." Sen. Mike Crapo, a Republican, said that commanders in Afghanistan have a critical role.

"Strategic guidance is best provided by our commanders, and we should support their lead. They are in the best position to dictate the length of stay of our troops," Crapo said.

Rep. Mike Simpson, a Republican congressman, did not support Obama's plans for a timeline in Afghanistan.

"I am grateful that President Obama has finally made a decision about the Afghanistan troop surge," Simpson said, adding that it appears similar to former President Bush's surge in Iraq. "... I remain concerned that President Obama has established an artificial timeline for Afghanistan which may embolden our enemies, thus making victory in Afghanistan more difficult."

# Finalists named for replacement Hailey airport committee

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — The Blaine County Commission is set to begin interviewing candidates for the committee that will guide the governance of a new airport to replace Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport.

The interviews will include two candidates from each of the three commissioner districts, as well as two from the aviation community. One candidate from each of those categories, plus a member chosen by the commissioners, will form the five-member committee.

The candidates were narrowed from a pool of interested applicants by the commissioner who represents that district in conjunction with council members and other interested parties from that district.

The candidates from

District 1 (south county), represented by Commissioner Larry Schoen, are Terry Basolo and Adrienne Robideaux. From District 2 (mid-county), represented by Commissioner Tom Bowman, are candidates Vanessa Crossgrove Fry and Mark Kelly. District 3 (north county), represented by Commissioner Angenie McCleary, has offered candidates Jack Bariteau and L. Carl Harris. From the aviation community come candidates George Kirk and Chris Stephens.

Basolo, an Idaho resident since 1971, previously worked as a dealer in the auto industry and now runs the Blaine County Community Drug Coalition. Robideaux, a paper business owner in Bellevue since 2006, previously worked in tax consulting.

Fry, executive director of the nonprofit Citizens for Smart Growth since 2006,

has worked with other agencies that have dealt extensively with federal processes. Kelly, who has lived in the valley for about a year and a half, has worked in the real estate industry since 1992, specializing in planning and development issues.

Bariteau, involved in the commercial real estate business since 1975, has developed many projects in the Wood River Valley, including the recently-approved Hotel Ketchum. Harris has lived here since 2005 and is a civil engineer who has 4,200 hours as a private pilot.

Kirk, with 20 years in commercial real estate, is also a pilot and a hangar tenant at Friedman. Stevens has been a backcountry pilot for about 30 years, and has been president of a Ketchum investment firm since 1989.

The commissioners are expected to select all five members of the board by Dec. 15.

# Hailey formalizes its position against a city airport

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — With a formal resolution on Monday, the Hailey City Council put in writing what has been its position for months, if not years.

The council doesn't want an unsafe airport in the city, and the Federal Aviation Administration has said it will eventually pull waivers of safety guidelines from Friedman Memorial Airport in south Hailey, citing the nearby mountainous terrain and the airport's proximity to schools, residences, the hospital and other habitation as cause for safety concerns.

Before that happens, the council said, a new airport outside the city limits should be built, and Friedman should be closed.

The resolution also recognized that a new airport will only be viable in the long term if it supports both general aviation, such as private jets, as well as commercial aviation.

Councilman Fritz Haemmerle said he repeatedly hears rumors in the community to the opposite effect.

"They're convinced that if the commercial airport moves, there'll still be a general aviation airport in this city," he said. "The safety issues are the same

(for general aviation as for commercial aviation)."

The council members said these are not new positions for them, but rather a formalization of what they've always maintained.

"I'm confused as to why we need this resolution in the first place. We've spoken loudly in the past," Haemmerle said. "We've said it 100 different ways, 100 different times."

The city is expected to soon begin taking up the future of the Friedman Memorial Airport site, with meetings set to "envision future possibilities" on Dec. 10 and 17 as part of the city's comprehensive plan update.

# Cyclist fined for crash with off-duty deputy

By Andrea Jackson  
Times-News writer

Bicyclist Gary Flora paid a ticket Tuesday for \$49.50, after he was struck in July by a boat-towing, off-duty Twin Falls County jail deputy near 3500 East and 4000 North.

During a trial Tuesday in Twin Falls, Flora tried to fight his ticket — a bicycle stop violation — but lost.

The 42-year-old's arm was still in a cast when he took the stand, saying that he slowed down at the four-way stop sign, yielded and then pedaled on, thinking that the truck driven by Deputy David Hartgrave would stop.

But Hartgrave's vehicle ran a stop sign as he was focused on a phone, according to testimony from Idaho State Police Trooper Cris Clausing Tuesday.

Hartgrave continues his employment at the sheriff's office. He was cited for inattentive driving and paid a \$156 ticket.

Clausing testified that when he arrived at the crash, Flora had already been taken to the hospital. According to Clausing's testimony, the trooper did not administer a field sobriety test on Hartgrave, who was "walking around everywhere" though not assisting with the investigation.

Hartgrave moved evidence at the scene before ISP arrived, Flora's lawyer, Joe Rockstahl told the court. "Because he moved things, we don't know the exact point of impact."

Hartgrave did not testify at the trial, where only Flora, Clausing and a wit-

ness to the crash took the stand.

Magistrate Judge Thomas Kershaw decided that speed estimates are probably "not completely accurate" but Flora should have done more than just yield. Hartgrave's vehicle presented a potential danger that Flora should have recognized, stopped and waited for, Kershaw explained to the court.

Hartgrave is largely responsible, though, for the crash, according to

Kershaw. "Had Mr. Hartgrave followed the unambiguous aspects of the law, the accident wouldn't have happened."

Flora told the court in an October letter that he felt Hartgrave was "getting off on this because of his ties to the court house."

Trooper Clausing, however, testified more than once Tuesday that special treatment was not given to Hartgrave due to his employment in law enforcement.

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11:30 a.m. - Hagerman Joint School District Bands Directed by Jason Bear  
12:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols  
12:30 p.m. - Clover Trinity Lutheran School Choir  
1:00 p.m. - Canyon Ridge Orchestra  
1:30 p.m. - Canyon Ridge Choir Directed by Mr. Hadley  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Filer High School Madrigals Directed by Larry Larson  
3:30 to 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols  
5:30 p.m. - Melanie's TaVaci School of Performing Arts Childrens Choir  
6:00 p.m. - Burt Huish Soloist  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Rocky Top Clogger directed by Shannon Edwards  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Ron Wilcox

### FRIDAY

10:00 a.m. - Cup Stackers by Mr Bauman  
10:30 a.m. - Oregon Trail Honors Choir Directed by Malinda Phillips  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols  
12:30 p.m. - Emily Eldridge  
1:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols  
1:30 p.m. - Popplewell Elementary Honor Choir  
2:00 p.m. - Rosa Dieter - Musical Soloist

2:30 p.m. - Immanuel Lutheran School

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols

### SATURDAY

10:00 to 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Carols  
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Jubilant Dance  
12:00 p.m. - Sanjuriu Martial Arts under the direction of Shepard Reale  
12:30 p.m. - O'Leary JHS 7th Grade Cheer Team  
1:00 to 2:00 p.m. - Mauldin's Dance Academy directed by Kelli Turner  
2:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols  
2:30 to 3:30 p.m. - Nielsen's School of Dance  
3:30 p.m. - An daire Academy of Irish Dance  
4:00 p.m. - Miss Canyon Ridge, Heatherly Norman  
4:30 p.m. - Miss Magic Valley, Courtney Barry  
5:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Impluse Dance  
6:00 p.m. - Extreme Dance  
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Fiddlers Inc.  
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Middle Eastern Dancers of the Magic Valley

### SUNDAY

2:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Magic Valley Jubilee  
Enjoy Christmas Carols for the remainder of the afternoon!

Proceeds from the Festival benefit women's and children's health care at the new St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

The St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation is a non-governmental, non-profit corporation with its own principle fund. The Foundation's mission of enhancing health care in the Magic Valley is achieved by raising funds for over 60 funds and endowments. The Foundation accepts gifts from community-centered organizations and individuals, LIKE YOU, who have the spirit and the means to give. Thank you!



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# OPINION

QUOTE

"It is from here that we were attacked on 9/11, and it is from here that new attacks are being plotted as I speak."  
 — President Obama, in his address on Afghanistan Tuesday at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

EDITORIAL

## Can we afford Idaho's public health system?

Could Idaho's seven public health districts run leaner? Probably. So like every other aspect of state government, the Legislature should take a hard look at them during the upcoming everything's-on-the-table session.

Including addressing the idea of whether health districts are the best model for delivering services — and whether it makes sense to have health districts that are independent of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

Health districts provide a variety of services, ranging from immunizations to restaurant inspections. They're overseen by local boards.

The districts' value has been demonstrated by the ongoing H1N1 vaccination campaign. Private physicians and clinics couldn't have come close to delivering as many doses in so little time as health districts across the state.

But the districts have offices in most county seats in Idaho, and so does Health and Welfare. Wouldn't it make sense to consolidate some of them?

Especially since the districts and Health and Welfare serve a similar clientele. For example, the district-managed WIC — Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutritional Program — helps moms with little or no income. But Health and Welfare runs welfare and food stamp programs.

There's some overlap with the Department of Environmental Quality as well. The health districts monitor public drinking water systems, issue permits for septic tanks and license municipal solid waste facilities and transfer stations. Are those functions that could be handled more efficiently by the state?

The Legislature created the health districts in 1970 because of concerns that residents of small communities didn't have health care services readily available. Access is still a concern, but there are more private-sector health care alternatives in most rural areas than there were 40 years ago.

So at the very least, there might be savings to be found in the health districts sharing people and buildings with Health and Welfare and DEQ.

The taxpayers spend a little less than \$10 million general fund dollars on the health districts and another \$6 million in public health services by Health and Welfare. If state government is going to get by with less, this is a good place to start looking for efficiencies.

**Our view:**

Now's the time to find out if Idaho's public health districts and the Department of Health and Welfare could save money by sharing personnel and facilities.

**What do you think?**

We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

## Estate tax will kill family-run businesses

Only super-rich families like the Rockefellers, Vanderbilts and Carnegies pay the estate tax, right? Too bad no one told the family that owns and operates Reliable Contracting. Reliable is a construction company in Millersville, Md. What happened to it when a family member died illustrates how big an obstacle family-owned businesses face from the estate tax — more aptly called the "death tax" by those familiar with its harmful ways.



Curtis Dubay

It is a tremendous burden because, despite appearing valuable on paper, Reliable and other similar businesses do not have sufficient cash available to pay the tax. Reliable has many high-cost assets, such as bulldozers and dump trucks.

This equipment makes up a majority of the business's value. Compared to the value of these assets, it has little cash on hand. And it needs every dollar of that cash to purchase new equipment or to replace old and worn-out parts. Yet, when a family member passed away, the IRS came knocking to collect the death tax on the full value of the business. Because it lacked sufficient cash to pay the tab, Reliable had to pay it off over a 10-year period. During that decade, a substantial portion of their precious cash flow went to pay this devastating tax.

Reliable could've used



that cash to buy new equipment. It might have hired new workers and paid higher wages. Instead, that money went to Washington, and the business couldn't create those jobs or pay their workers more. Reliable Contracting's story isn't unique. The death tax threatens countless family-owned American businesses. Especially ones that own large amounts of land like farms and ranches. The only recourse available to most family-owned businesses is to buy expensive life insurance plans that they hope will pay their heirs enough to cover a death-tax liability. Grand Harvest Wines is such a business. It is a family-owned wine retailer with a store in New York City's Grand Central Terminal. Grand Harvest spends thousands of dollars a year on insurance premiums to prevent the death tax from destroying the business they've worked so hard to build.

It could use the money that goes to these expen-

sive premiums to expand and employ new workers. Instead, it must devote those resources to protect family members left behind after a death occurs. It comes as no surprise, then, that the death tax places a tremendous drag on the economy. Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former director of the Congressional Budget Office, estimates that full repeal of the death tax would create 1.5 million jobs. This is half of what President Obama wrongly claimed the stimulus would create — and at one-fifth the price.

For more on how the death tax burdens family-owned businesses and harms the economy, visit [www.heritage.org/death-tax](http://www.heritage.org/death-tax). There you will find videos that detail the struggles family-owned businesses like Reliable Contracting, Grand Harvest Wines and others face because of this heavy toll. These videos offer flesh-and-blood proof that the death tax is a millstone around the necks of

America's family-owned businesses and their workers. Luckily for Congress, it will soon have the opportunity to relieve them of this burden. Under current law, the death tax goes on a one-year hiatus in 2010.

Then, in 2011, it rises from the ashes in full force. To prevent the inevitable (and completely justified) outcry sure to ensue when the tax returns, lawmakers will likely take action in the coming weeks to prevent this one-year moratorium from even occurring. They shouldn't. Rather than give this unfair tax new life, Congress should act now and permanently repeal the death tax once and for all.

The family-owned businesses they relieve will thank them if they do. So will the millions of people who are put back to work.

Curtis Dubay is a senior tax policy analyst at The Heritage Foundation. He wrote this commentary for McClatchy-Tribune Newspapers.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Look out Butch, here comes competition

I have decided to run against my old buddy Butch for governor. I feel that Butch has become disconnected and arrogant.

I plan to visit all 44 counties before the election on May 25, 2010, and talk with as many folks in small towns as I can. To even the playing field, I will be using the Internet and other technology against Butch. This campaign will be done on a shoestring. I plan to spend only 100,000 bucks American total for both the primary and the general election. My Web page is [www.beatbutch.com](http://www.beatbutch.com).

Best wishes,  
**PETE PETERSON**  
 Boise

### Feeble attempt will not succeed in Afghanistan

The Soviets lost in the nine-year war (15,000 killed, 30,000 wounded, 300 missing in action).

They failed to learn from the early Afghanistan experience by the British Empire (like the United States failed to learn from the disastrous French experience which preceded us in Vietnam). Also, the Soviets did not anticipate support of their adversary, the Mujahideen by the United States, Pakistan, China and Egypt.

Soviet strategy intended to address concerns about Islamic extremism on her borders and possibly her desire to expand southward to India and become the "Soviet Empire of the World!"

Now the United States is directly engaged in a war in Afghanistan where others have failed and wherein a half-hearted feeble commitment will not succeed. Jihadists from all over the world are streaming into the battle. And, we must consider that some countries hoping for our failure are funding or otherwise supporting the Jihadists.

Is the United States currently under attack? Let's face reality! Britain, France and the Netherlands are now reaping bitter fruit as a result of liberal immigration policies that have resulted in civil unrest and extremism. One example of our naive outlook is, "... The House Judiciary Committee, dominated by Liberal Democrats, defied the White House and removed from the USA Patriot Act, a tool for tracking non-U.S. citizens in anti-terrorism investigations" (recently reported by Cal Thomas).

Political correctness obscures the fact that sinister forces are embarked upon a crusade to establish a world-wide radical Islamic caliphate through covert

and overt tactics! The recent Fort Hood tragedy was, in my opinion, a well-orchestrated act of terrorism and a clear warning that previously planted "seeds of hatred" will erupt unexpectedly anywhere. We can ill afford continued complacency, political correctness and self-deceit!

**JIM CONDER**  
 Filer  
 (Editor's note: Jim Conder is a combat veteran of two wars and numerous police actions. His letter is based on his experience in the Horn of Africa and Southeast Asia as a program manager/pilot performing humanitarian airlift operations. It is offered in memory of Jeff Butler, a young humanitarian airlift pilot killed by Islamic extremists as they attacked an unarmed UNICEF camp in Kenya in 1993.)

### Opposition is against RMC, not a new jail

When John Plestina stated in his report about the meeting on Nov. 24 of the Jerome County commissioners, with April Lee of Rocky Mountain Corrections that I was against the jail, he was not correct. In my previous letter published by the *Times-News* prior to the election on the jail, I clearly stated I was for the jail but not for

the Rocky Mountain proposal.

Our commissioners give the impression that they are giving preferential treatment to Rocky Mountain Corrections. We, the public, are denied input on other options that would be cost beneficial to Jerome County.

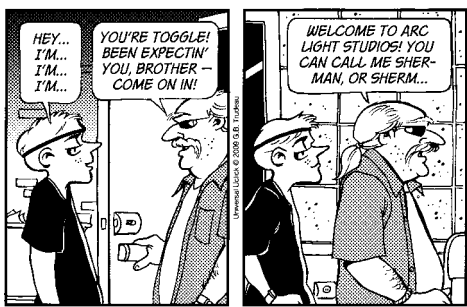
April Lee presented a new follow-up proposal for the jail for another \$30,000 "to educate the public to vote for the Rocky Mountain Corrections proposal for the jail!" Remember it was paid \$87,500 for their work on the first election! She told the commissioners a bond was unlikely to pass and that a judicial review had a lower chance since the first election had failed. She also advised that a regional jail could be pursued. I would like to see all other options available before any vote for "only" Rocky Mountain Corrections.

Our commissioners should do their "due diligence" on the jail matter and not pay so much to a company that seems like a "done deal." And our commissioners need to realize we just don't have the money at this time. There is a real recession/depression on in Idaho right now. We need an "open meeting" where the public can speak to their commissioners!

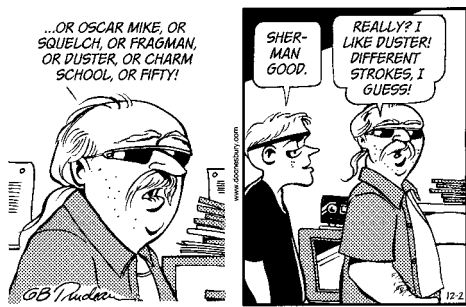
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## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

# Should juveniles be sent to prison for life?

The United States Supreme Court this month heard arguments in a case that could decide whether a child who commits a crime should be sentenced in some circumstances to life without parole.

There can be no question that some minors who murder are unfit to be released from prison for fear they might kill again. But what about crimes that don't involve homicide? Should a 13-year-old be sentenced to life without the possibility of parole? Such a case is now before the Court.

Perhaps if we focused more on redemption, rather than detention, the results would be different.

A study by Florida State University's Public Interest Law Center estimates that nationwide there are 111 inmates in seven states serving life-without-parole sentences for non-homicide crimes they committed as juveniles. The overwhelming majority, 77, housed in Florida prisons. Not many,



Cal Thomas

unless you're one of the 111.

Over the years we've managed to get the punishment part right, but what about the redemption part? Prisoners have few advocates and often feel abandoned and without hope. Clearly there must be a better way when the number of incarcerated grows every year, along with the cost of warehousing them in places that serve as hot houses of despair and training academies for hardened criminals. Many inmates will be paroled and commit more crimes.

I solicited success stories from people who work with teen offenders. One response came from Dr. Scott Larson, who serves on the board of Reclaiming Youth International and is president of Straight Ahead

Ministries ([www.straightahead.org](http://www.straightahead.org)) in Worcester, Mass. Larson writes, "My wife and I took up to seven youth at a time between 1990 and 2000, and 10 of those youth were locked up for manslaughter charges. Eight of those went to college; none were re-arrested. One is a lawyer and serving as the assistant deputy commissioner of Youth Services in New Jersey, two are counselors at a group home, one is a sales manager of a building company and the other five are working various jobs and doing well..."

Larson says under current law, these youth "would all be doing life sentences (10 to 20 years) in adult prisons, though in each case they were present, but not necessarily the shooter in gang clashes." He says his group also works with members of the Bloods and Crips gangs in Lynn, Mass., "and have seen them reconcile and work for good in their community. Gang violence this past year is down 57 percent

in this city, which is the third most violent in Massachusetts."

Last September, ABC News' "Primetime" program did a story on the Missouri Juvenile Justice System and an innovative approach that state is taking that has lowered the recidivism rate to 10 percent, the lowest in the country.

Young offenders are not locked behind bars. The state uses a highly relational approach, including hugs from staff and peer groups who express care and concern for them. In addition to appearing effective, the Missouri model is efficient, costing about half the national average, according to Larson.

A University of Texas study found more than half the states permit children under age 12 to be treated as adults for criminal justice purposes. According to the study, "in 22 states plus the District of Columbia, children as young as 7 can be prosecuted and tried in adult court, where they

would be subjected to harsh adult sanctions, including long prison terms, mandatory sentences, and placement in adult prison." Surely this is cruel and unusual punishment for all but the most violent and psychotic killers.

One size fits all sentencing doesn't and it shouldn't.

Isn't it better to attempt to reclaim children headed in the wrong direction than to doom them to life in prison without parole? I think it is. Let's hope the Supreme Court thinks so, too.

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An open house to celebrate the 80th birthday of Audrey von Lindern

will be held Sunday, December 6, 2009, 2-5 pm. The event will take place at Gramma's Country Pie Shop (formerly Rusty Nail Pizza Parlor), 1025 Burke St., Buhl, and is hosted by Audrey's children and their spouses.

Please come celebrate this wondrous occasion with Audrey and her family.

No gifts please.

Stories and memories to share are encouraged.

## No recovery without small business

You know things are awful when

Washington politicians seem genuinely concerned about small business, rather than simply spouting the usual platitudes toward an amorphous group that typically lacks the political muscle of Wall Street or unions.

Within the last week, head honchos from the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, Goldman Sachs and Warren Buffett himself have expressed concern that small business isn't responding as needed.

And it is needed.

Small business (defined as 500 or fewer employees) creates 60 to 80 percent of new jobs. So it's not an exaggeration to suggest that without a healthy, growing small business sector, there will be no recovery.

Yet there is mounting evidence that small business has taken an unusually hard hit this recession.

In looking at data since 1992, Atlanta Fed economist Melinda Pitts wrote: "Firms with less than 50 employees have made up approximately one-third of the nation's employment growth. During the employment declines associated with the 2001 recession, these firms made up only 9 percent of job loss-



Thomas Oliver

es. In the current recession, though, these very small firms have made up 45 percent of the nation's job losses."

Ouch. That's five times the rate of job losses than in the previous recession, or over 3 million people dropped from payrolls of the smallest firms.

And to make matters worse, the financing needed to reverse that trend and fuel growth just isn't there.

Treasury reported that the 22 largest banks receiving TARP money had cut \$10.5 billion from their small business portfolio.

The Small Business Administration has approved one-third fewer loans this year than last.

Smaller banks, too, have clamped down on lending.

Add the fact that many small businesses are partly financed through their owners' credit cards and home equity two major lines of credit that banks have clamped down on — and the picture grows dim.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Fed officials note a link between smaller banks, which normally supply small businesses their loans, and the commercial real estate crisis that is further curtailing lending.

In a recent speech to the Urban Land Institute's Emerging Trends in Real Estate Conference in Atlanta, Dennis Lockhart, president of the Atlanta Fed, said banks with the most exposure to commercial real estate are the same banks that lend mostly to small businesses.

Those banks are hunkering down. They aren't looking to help small business get back on track.

Jimmy Adams, executive vice president of the Atlanta-based Adams Transfer & Storage, said his

bank is providing credit for continuing operations but nothing that would be associated with growth.

"Anything beyond the core that even remotely smells of investment, or something for which you don't have a contract in hand to pay for it, and you aren't going to get credit," Adams said.

"We are all on the sidelines," he added.

Growth does not occur on the sidelines. Nor does it feel like a recovery to those on the sidelines.

It feels fragile. Like "any bump in the road will put us back in recession," Adams said.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Union protections kill U.S. competitiveness

It seems to me that any system designed to protect and perpetuate one person's job is destined to cause some harm to others.

Politicians at the state and national level gerrymander districts to preserve their jobs and don't need to involve voters who aren't "theirs," so many of us go without representation.

Union members can achieve guaranteed employment without improving their performance. No wonder that the auto companies finally failed or that our students are not learning at the same level as those in other countries.

If only these examples were rare! If only those still employed would look beyond their selfish and comfortable lives and be willing to compete on a level basis in order to improve our country's situation as a whole.

We all need to make a commitment to change this comfort zone of "good enough" to "I can do better" so that our businesses and students can compete against those in other countries who are willing to work harder without the protections that gerrymandering and unions now provide them.

GWEN ERICKSON  
Rupert

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**IDAPA 02 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**  
PO Box 790, Boise, ID 83701-0790  
02-0610-0901, *Rules Governing the Pale Cyst Nematode (Globodera pallida)*. (Temp & Prop) Incorporates by reference the changes listed in the final federal rule and makes some technical corrections.

**IDAPA 16 - DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036  
16-0305-0904, *Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled*. (Temp & Prop) Changes align the Medicare Savings Program for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), and the Qualifying Individual (QI) for Medicare Part B with the Full-Benefit Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Program resource limits in compliance with MIPPA Act of 2008.

**IDAPA 18 - DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**  
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0043  
18-0105-0901, *Health Carrier External Review*. (Temp & Prop) Implements the Idaho Health Carrier External Review Act by establishing requirements for notice of right to and the request for an external review and for the exhaustion of an internal grievance process; provides for standard or expedited external review, the binding nature of an external review decision, approval of independent review organizations and minimum qualifications for independent review organizations; holds harmless independent review organizations; and provides for reporting and disclosure requirements and funding of external review.

**IDAPA 24 - BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES**  
1109 Main St., Suite 220, Boise, ID 83702  
24-0101-0902, *Rules of the Idaho Board of Architectural Examiners*. (Temp & Prop) Implements HB 92 by allowing an applicant who meets the education requirement and is currently enrolled in the Intern Development Program to apply for the Architect Registration Examination.

24-2501-0901, *Rules of the Idaho Driving Businesses Licensing Board*. Implements SB 1133 by establishing the fees and requirements for licensure as a driving business and/or driving instructor; establishes application and license renewal processes; sets the curriculum components and courses of instruction; provides for an instructor apprenticeship training program; provides Board contact information, definitions, and grounds for disciplinary action.

**IDAPA 58 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255  
58-0120-0901, *Rules for Administration of Drinking Water Loan Program*. Allows DEQ to collect a fee in the form of a percentage of each loan to provide funds for supporting planning efforts and for loan program administration. Comment by: 12/30/09.

58-0123-0901, *Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality*. Revisions provide clarity with the Idaho Administrative Procedure Act (APA) and the Environmental Protection and Health Act; provides flexibility to allow potential parties to enter into a tolling agreement; provides a time limit within which an intervenor, once granted permission to intervene, may file its response to the petition for contested case; removes the Board's discretion to hear petitions for review of preliminary orders. Comment by: 12/30/09.

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# Seattle police kill suspect in slayings of four officers

By Gene Johnson  
Associated Press writer

SEATTLE — A lone officer on patrol in the middle of the night Tuesday spotted a stolen car, its hood up and engine running, and pulled over to check it out. As the patrolman sat in his cruiser, a burly man with a large mole on his cheek came up from behind.

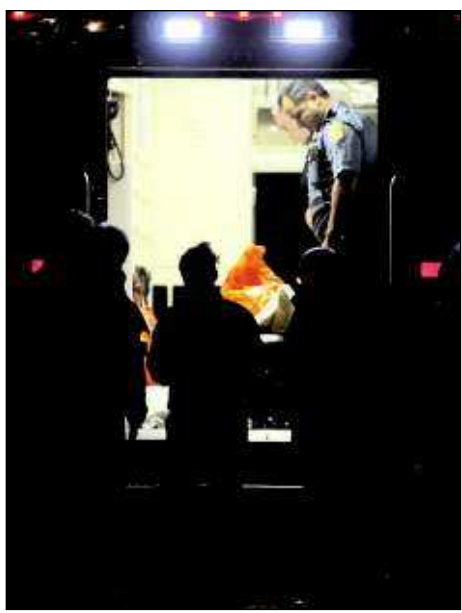
The officer turned, stepped outside and recognized the most wanted man in the Pacific Northwest — the ex-con accused of gunning down four cops at a coffee shop.

Moments later, Maurice Clemmons, 37, lay dead in the street, shot by the patrolman after Clemmons made a move for a gun he had taken from one of the slain officers, police said.

Clemmons' death brought to an end two days of fear across the Seattle-Tacoma area and one of the biggest manhunts the region has ever seen. Dozens of police officers milled around at the scene afterward, some solemnly shaking hands and patting each other on the back.

"Good thing he wasn't able to get the gun out here or we might have had a different ending to this whole thing," Pierce County sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said. "The officer in Seattle did a good job of making sure he went home safe tonight."

Clemmons eluded capture thanks to family and friends who provided him with shelter, cell phones, cash and first aid for the severe belly wound he suffered when one of the dying officers in Sunday's coffee-shop rampage got off a shot,



Police officers look at the body of Maurice Clemmons in the back of an EMT unit in Seattle after he was shot and killed Tuesday by a Seattle patrolman. Clemmons is suspected of shooting and killing four Lakewood police officers. AP photo

police said. Six to seven of those associates were being arrested Tuesday.

Among them, police said, was Darcus D. Allen, a convicted murderer who served in prison with Clemmons in Arkansas and allegedly drove the getaway truck after the coffee shop rampage; two men who later traveled with Clemmons as he eluded police; and Clemmons' sister, who bandaged him up and gave him a lift part way to Seattle.

It wasn't immediately known if she or Allen had attorneys; the other two have pleaded not guilty.

"Some are friends, some are acquaintances, some are partners in crime, some are relatives. Now they're all partners in crime," Troyer said.

Troyer said paramedics were stunned that Clemmons lived as long as he did with the bullet wound. It had been packed with gauze and patched with duct tape.

It was not clear exactly

where Clemmons was while on the run. Police rushed from place to place, following tips that often came up empty or yielded only accomplices. They searched homes and apartments around the city and cordoned off a park after a report of blood in a restroom.

On Sunday, Clemmons briefly took refuge at a house in the city's well-to-do Leschi neighborhood, slipping away before police surrounded the home in an all-night siege that ended when SWAT officers stormed the place and realized he wasn't there.

Clemmons has a violent, erratic past, and authorities in Washington state and Arkansas — where then-Gov. Mike Huckabee in 2000 commuted his 108-year prison sentence for armed robbery and other offenses — are facing tough questions about why an apparently violent and deranged man was out on the street.

# Pneumonia taking toll on bighorn sheep in southwestern Montana

DARBY, Mont. (AP) — Pneumonia is causing a significant bighorn sheep die-off in southwestern Montana, state biologists said.

As many as 30 of the animals have been found dead south of Darby since pneumonia was first detected in the East Fork herd on Nov. 22, officials said Monday.

Biologists have picked up the carcasses of at least 27

sheep as well as some animals that were so weak from pneumonia that they couldn't move, said Craig Jourdonnais, a Fish, Wildlife and Parks biologist in Hamilton.

One ram with the disease was struck by a car on U.S. Highway 93 south of Darby. Two more found near the highway were so weak they could hardly walk.

"They get to the point

where their lungs fill with fluid, and they're bedded down," he said.

The dead sheep ranged in age from lambs to 7 years old. Samples of lung tissue will be sent to a laboratory for further study.

Deaths documented so far amount to about 10 percent of the East Fork herd, and state biologists expect more sheep to die before the disease runs its course.

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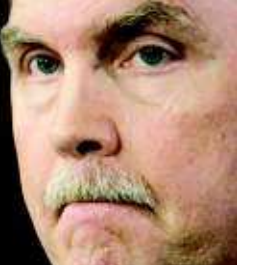
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## Big turnouts on Black Friday but small sales

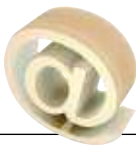
Times-News staff and wire reports

Despite crowds fueled by heavy discounts, shoppers spent less on average on Black Friday and weren't able to give retailers the big boost they were hoping for.

Sales on the day after Thanksgiving rose just 0.5 percent to \$10.66 billion, according to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., a research com-

pany that monitors sales at more than 50,000 stores. That compared with a 3 percent year-over-year Black Friday increase in 2008 and an 8.3 percent surge in 2007.

Major retailers in Twin Falls estimated that Friday sales were between 3 percent and 5 percent higher than the previous year. However, they said sales between now and Dec. 31 will determine whether or



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not 2009 was an improvement over dismal sales in 2008.

"The good news is that shoppers are still coming in to buy items that aren't discounted — that's a good sign," said Power Jensen,

manager of Best Buy in Twin Falls.

Nationwide, 195 million shoppers visited stores and Web sites over the four-day weekend, up from 172 million last year, the National Retail Federation said

Sunday. But average spending fell 7.9 percent, to \$343.31 per person, from \$372.57 a year ago. Total spending reached an estimated \$41.2 billion.

Although Black Friday doesn't dictate how the holiday season will perform, it does give retailers and industry watchers a gauge of consumer perspective entering the holiday season.

What was clear this

weekend was a continued preference for good deals, with shoppers rushing to snap up discounted toys, electronics and apparel while avoiding full-price items. Retailers' warnings of low inventory levels led many shoppers to hit the malls early, when traffic was especially strong.

"The appetite among

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### Poultry plant begins moving — again

Doug Manning has played a pivotal role in bringing businesses to Burley.

But Magic Valley Poultry stands out as one of the most complicated and lengthy projects he has ever worked on.

#### BIZ BITES

Joshua Palmer



"I don't think I've seen a project take this long, but then again, I don't think we ever worked on a project this big," Manning said.

That's saying something.

As the city's economic development director, he helped attract major employers like Gossner Cheese, Pacific Ethanol, Hy Line and Dutchman. Each business employs more than 100 people.

In contrast, Magic Valley Poultry is expected to employ up to 1,000 people, with an annual payroll of about \$30 million.

It's been labeled the Micron of Mini-Cassia.

But the project has been delayed more than a year over disagreements between its partners and a lengthy permitting process.

The proposed 3.5 million square foot facility will process up to 12,600 chickens per hour.

But you can't just slap an operation like that anywhere you want. The facility needs county approval under Cassia

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WHEN THE COST OF PLANTING AND RAISING POTATOES OUTPACES THE PRICES FARMERS ARE GETTING FOR THEM, THEY FACE A

## SEVERE SITUATION



Times-News file photo

A conveyor fills a truck with seed potatoes on a farm near Burley in this file photo. Potato grower industry groups say growers are being paid half of what it cost to grow potatoes this year.

### Idaho spud growers say prices too low for profit

Times-News staff and wire reports

#### POTATOES BY THE NUMBERS

**12%**  
Increase in potato production compared to last year

**\$3-\$3.50**  
Cost per hundred-weight farmers are getting for processed potatoes

**\$7**  
Cost per hundred-weight to plant potatoes

Source: Potato Growers of Idaho group's executive director, Keith Esplin, said.

Leaders of potato grower industry groups say a stellar growing season has been offset by prices for Idaho potatoes that have dropped to less than half of what it cost farmers to grow this year's crop.

The cost per hundred-weight of potatoes is ranging between \$3 and \$3.50, but the expense of planting the tuber was more than \$7 per hundredweight, according to the Potato Growers of Idaho advocacy group.

"The situation is very severe," the advocacy

"Growers are losing a tremendous amount of money every day."

— Carl Taylor, chairman of United Potato Growers of Idaho

Some growers locked in contracts with processors that insulated them against falling prices, however, those left to sell on the open market are struggling.

Growers are also losing money because people are not eating as many potatoes as they have in the past, said Carl Taylor, chairman of United Potato Growers of Idaho.

With higher potato yields compared to last season, and

less of a demand from consumers, prices have naturally gone down, said Taylor, whose cooperative counts about 80 percent of eastern and southern Idaho farmers among its members.

"Growers are losing a tremendous amount of money every day," Taylor told the Post Register. "There really aren't many people going to Sizzler or

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### Nov. auto sales struggle to gain ground

By Dee-Ann Durbin and Tom Krisher  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — U.S. auto sales struggled to gain ground in November and big improvements aren't expected until people stop worrying about losing their jobs.

Sales last month were mostly stable, but even higher incentives couldn't push the needle much beyond last November's dismal lows, when a credit freeze and the financial meltdown kept car buyers at home.

One strength was sales of fuel-efficiency cars and crossovers, which are as roomy as SUVs but are built on lower car frames, bolstering fuel economy.

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AP photo

The Ford Co. logo shines on the chromed grille of an 2010 Fusion sedan at a Ford dealership in Denver. Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday that U.S. sales held steady in November as buyers snapped up fuel-efficient cars and crossovers.

## ECONOMIC REPORTS

### Manufacturing activity up for fourth straight quarter

A private measure of manufacturing activity grew for the fourth straight month in November, though more slowly than in October. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said its index read 53.6, down from 55.7 in October. A reading above 50 indicates growth. Economists were especially encouraged that new orders — a gauge of future production — jumped in October. It suggested that manufacturing can continue to help sustain the budding recovery.

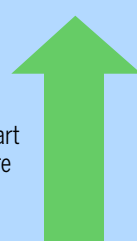
With stockpiles lean, once manufacturers gain more confidence in the recovery, further expansion in production is likely as they restock, said Ryan Wang of HSBC Securities.



### Construction spending up for first time in six months

A report on construction spending also signaled growth with the first increase in six months, largely on the strength of home building. The Commerce Department reported that the increase was slight — just 0.04 percent. And in part it reflected a rush by builders to begin work before the expiration of a tax credit for first-time homebuyers. The credit was extended last month and expanded to some existing homeowners. Still, the increase appeared to signal that the construction sector is stabilizing and providing support for the fledgling economic recovery.

The report on construction spending said a surge in home building offset weak nonresidential work. Construction spending rose 0.04 percent in October, or \$401 million, pushing the seasonally adjusted annual rate to \$910.8 billion.



### Sales of previously occupied homes up again

The number of homebuyers who signed contracts to buy previously occupied homes rose for the ninth straight month. This increase, too, came as buyers rushed to take advantage of the homebuyer tax credit.

Every region in the report by the National Association of Realtors saw year-over-year gains in pending sales. Typically, there's a one- to two-month lag between a contract and a done deal, so the index tends to anticipate future sales.

The Realtors' seasonally adjusted index of sales agreements rose 3.7 percent from September to 114.1. It was the highest reading since March 2006. And it was nearly 32 percent above a year ago — a record-high annual increase.



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# Jury deadlocks in 'Junior' Gotti case

By Tom Hays  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A judge declared a mistrial Tuesday at the racketeering trial of John "Junior" Gotti after a jury failed to reach a verdict against the son of the notorious Gambino crime family mob boss — the case's fourth hung jury in five years.

The anonymous jurors deliberated 11 days before notifying the judge they were hopelessly deadlocked over racketeering conspiracy and murder charges. Prosecutors accused Gotti of ordering gangland hits to settle scores and of secretly pocketing drug money despite insisting he'd gone straight.

U.S. District Judge Kevin P. Castel freed Gotti — behind bars for more than a year — on \$2 million bond

while the government decides whether to seek a fifth trial.

About three hours later, a smiling Gotti walked out of Manhattan federal court and told a crush of reporters that he was looking forward to spending time with his children. The family planned to celebrate the outcome with a steak dinner.

"It was difficult for me," he said. "I can only imagine what it was like for them."

He also thanked the jury for keeping an open mind despite mob lore — "a hard thing to do."

Three hours earlier, the jury had sent U.S. District Judge Kevin P. Castel a note that read: "Judge Castel, we cannot reach a unanimous decision on any count."

Castel notified the jury that he

was declaring a mistrial, and applause erupted in the courtroom among Gotti supporters. Once the jury left the courtroom, Gotti hugged his attorney. Victoria Gotti, Gotti's sister, tearfully said outside court: "We're ravaged. We're beaten down, but we're not broken."

Asked about a possibility of another trial, she said: "Just let it go. We're no organized crime family. We're a family. That's all we are."

Afterward, some jurors said they were evenly split throughout their deliberations on all counts. But they were unanimous on one point: The government's star cooperator, admitted mob enforcer and former Gotti friend John Alite, bombed on

the witness stand.

"The whole jury agreed he was the least credible," said one juror who refused to give his name. The jurors' identities were withheld by the court for their protection, a common practice in mob cases.

Gotti's assessment of Alite: "He meant nothing to me. He was an animal then. He's animal now."

Three previous trials in the same Manhattan courthouse — alleging the 45-year-old Gotti orchestrated a kidnapping and attempted murder plot against Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa — ended in hung juries in 2005 and 2006.

"We are evaluating how to proceed and, in the near future, will inform the Court and the defense of our decision," U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement.



Gotti

## Obama's aunt says she feels abandoned by family

By Rodrigue Ngowi  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — President Obama's aunt buried her face in her hands and sobbed as she described her anguish over no longer having contact with him and his family after the revelation she had been living illegally for years in the United States in public housing.

Zeituni Onyango told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview that she is troubled that her immigration woes have made her a political liability to her nephew.



Onyango

Onyango, the half sister of Obama's late father, said she has exiled herself from the family after attending Obama's inauguration because she didn't want to become fodder for his foes. Obama and his family have not reached out to her either, she said.

"Before, we were family. But right now, there is a lot of politics, and me, I am not interested in any politics at all," said Onyango, whose appeal for asylum from her native Kenya is before an immigration judge in Boston.

The Obamas are her only family in the United States, she said.

"It is very sad when such a thing happens. There are people, outsiders, you know, they come in between, they divide a family," she said last week. "It's not easy!"

Onyango, 57, is protective of Obama and said she never asked him to intervene in her case and didn't tell him about her immigration difficulties.

"I carry my own cross," she said. "He has nothing to do with my problem."

The White House said Obama has had no involvement in his aunt's case and believes it should run its ordinary course.

Onyango helped care for the president's half brothers and sister while living with Barack Obama Sr. in Kenya. She moved to the United States in 2000 and applied for asylum in 2002, but her request was rejected and she was ordered deported in 2004.

However, she did not leave the country and continued to live in public housing in Boston. She had been a health care volunteer but not since her status became public.

## SENATE HEALTH CARE DEBATE

# Taking the gloves off

Tempers rise as Senate moves toward vote

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A Republican senator asserted Tuesday during a rancorous floor debate that President Obama's health care overhaul will shorten the lives of America's seniors by cutting Medicare.

"I have a message for you: You're going to die sooner," said Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., an obstetrician-turned-lawmaker.

A senior Democrat decried such comments as scare tactics designed to kill legislation that he said would improve some benefits for seniors. At times, the debate recalled the raw charges and countercharges of the summer's town hall meetings.

Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., defended the health care legislation, saying it would make Medicare a smarter buyer and improve prescription coverage and preventive benefits for seniors.

"I hate to say it ... these are scare tactics," Baucus said. "Sometimes you've got to call a spade a spade." The Senate was debating an amendment by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that would strip from the bill more than \$400 billion in Medicare cuts to home health providers, hospitals, hospices and others.

Despite the partisan sparring over Medicare, the first health care amendment offered was bipartisan, a measure to increase preventive care for women co-sponsored by Sens. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., and Olympia Snowe, R-Maine. Snowe was the only Senate Republican to vote in favor of Democrats' health care legislation in



Senate Budget Committee Chairman Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., is surrounded by members of the media as he answers questions on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday.

"I have a message for you: You're going to die sooner."

— Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., warning seniors that President Obama's health care overhaul will cut their benefits

ly would keep growing under the Democrats' legislation, albeit at a slower rate.

committee. Their amendment would give the Health and Human Services secretary authority to require health plans to cover additional preventive services for women and was inspired in part by controversial recommendations last month that women undergo fewer mammograms and Pap smears to test for cancer. Republicans seized on those recommendations as early signs of rationing of care they say would happen

under the Democrats' 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion health bill.

The Mikulski amendment "makes clear, no matter what the Republicans claim, that the decision whether or when to get a mammogram should be left up to the patient and the doctor," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "That decision should not be made by some bureaucrat, a member of Congress or someone they've never met."

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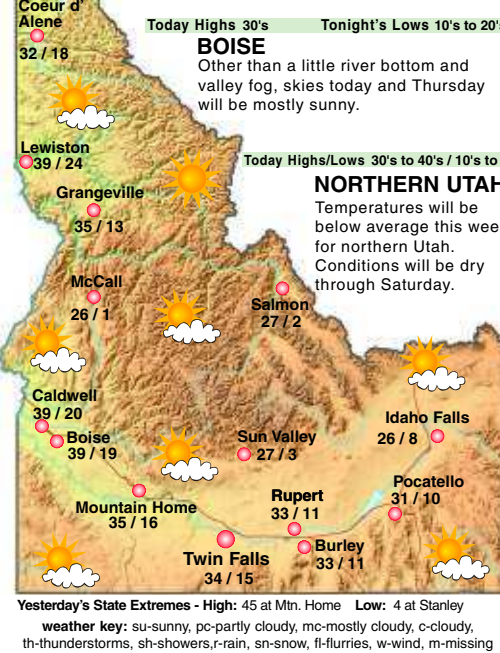
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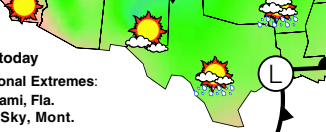
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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UK climate scientist steps down amid review of leaked e-mails

By Raphael G. Satter Associated Press writer LONDON — The chief of a prestigious British research center caught in a storm of controversy over claims that he and others suppressed data about climate change has stepped down pending an investigation, the University of East Anglia said Tuesday.

as director of Climatic Research Unit until the completion of an independent review. The university's Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research Trevor Davies said the investigation would cover data security, whether the university responded properly to Freedom of Information requests, "and any other relevant issues."

data to support his research. In particular, many have pointed to a leaked e-mail in which Jones writes that he had used a "trick" to "hide the decline" in a chart detailing recent global temperatures. Jones has denied manipulating evidence and insisted his comment had been misunderstood, explaining that he'd used the word "trick" as in a clever thing to do.

scientific investigation and interpretation? But the correspondence from Jones and others — which appears to include discussions of how to keep critical work out of peer-reviewed journals and efforts to shield scientists' data and methodology from outside scrutiny — have been seized upon by those who are fighting efforts to impose caps on emissions of carbon dioxide as evidence of a scientific conspiracy.

Sen. James Inhofe, an Oklahoma Republican and a vocal skeptic of global warming, called Tuesday for Senate hearings on the e-mails. In a letter to Sen. Barbara Boxer of California, who chairs the environment committee, Inhofe said the e-mails could have far-reaching policy implications for the United States. Both Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency are taking action to curb global warming based on a report that uses data produced by the Climate Research Unit.

A House committee has scheduled a hearing today on the status of climate science. Two prominent Obama administration scientists — White House science adviser John Holdren and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration administrator Jane Lubchenco — are expected to be questioned about the e-mails.

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# big flavors

tiny kitchen,

story by melissa davlin • photos by meagan thompson



The kitchen is small in Sostene Ndabacekure's Twin Falls apartment. He has to climb over the dining benches to reach the bowl of dough he left to rise on the window sill. The room isn't big enough for the refrigerator, which he keeps in the bedroom he shares with his wife and two children.

But it's more than the enthusiastic cook ever had in Tanzania. And although he now cooks over an electric coil instead of a fire, he is able to recreate the dishes he and his family grew up with thousands of miles away.

Sostene's mother fled Burundi in the '70s as ethnic violence killed 200,000 people. She gave birth to Sostene in the refugee camp 26 years ago, and until he came to the U.S., he had never lived anywhere else.

At 22, Sostene started taking cooking classes in the camp. He learned how to make classic East African dishes like the pilaf-like pilau, the squash-and-yam-based futari and chapati, a flatbread served with meat and vegetables. He honed his skills over wood-fueled fires, using rationed flour and rice sent from the U.S. and vegetables from Tanzanian farmers.

Sostene, his wife, Maria Nshirimana, and their then 1-year-old daughter, Restuta Shukurni, came to Twin Falls from the refugee camp two years ago. When they arrived, Sostene and Maria didn't speak English, had never lived in an apartment and didn't know how to use an electric oven.

See **AFRICA**, Food 3



Sostene Ndabacekure, above, uses a bottle to roll out dough for his specialty dish — a bread popular in East Africa. He came to Twin Falls two years ago from a refugee camp in Tanzania. At top, Ndabacekure and his wife, Maria Nshirimana, make the African fried bread in their kitchen Monday afternoon in Twin Falls.



At left, Ndabacekure and Nshirimana gather the ingredients used in African fried bread.



The newest member of Ndabacekure's family, right, wakes up from a nap Monday morning. Anderson Peace Shukurni is the first member to be born in America.



Little pieces of dough, left, are cut and ready to be fried into mandazi, freshly made African bread, ready to be eaten at right.

Three-year-old Restuta Shukurni is ready to eat. 'Hot,' she says as she leans over the freshly made African bread.

# Give dairy equal billing with oil this Hanukkah

By Jim Romanoff  
For The Associated Press

As the story goes, sometime around 2 B.C. a widow ingratiated herself with an enemy general, plying him with salty cakes of cheese, then wine to quench the thirst it brought. When he fell into a drunken stupor, she lopped off his head with his own sword.

Fried foods and the sacred oil they represent are the better known Hanukkah tradition, but the tale of Judith and her cheese-based effort to save the Jews from Gen. Holofernes and the Assyrians triggered another important tradition — the eating of dairy.

Which makes cheese blintzes and sour cream as fitting for the holiday as fried potato pancakes (latkes) and jelly doughnuts. And when you dig into the history of the holiday, you discover most of the dishes are connected, anyway.

To get an idea of what Judith might have fed the general, Joan Nathan, author of "Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook," looked to an ancient Roman recipe for making cheesecakes using flour, cheese, honey and eggs.

These sweet cheesecakes, which are described in a book on agriculture dating to 2 B.C., were an important part of religious services and the recipe was likely to be widely known.

By Medieval times, pancakes made from flour and water had come to symbolize Judith's cheesecakes. But it wasn't until probably the 17th century that the potato pancake was added to the holiday repertoire.

"The potato," says Nathan, "is really a New World food, brought to Western Europe from Bolivia and Peru in the 16th century."

These days, for most American Jews the crispy, golden potato latke is the gastronomic star of Hanukkah, and the dairy tradition is lesser known. Even Nathan says that as a child she was never told of the symbolic connection to the story of Judith.

Laura Frankel, executive

chef at Spertus, a Chicago-based, high-end kosher catering company owned by Wolfgang Puck, admits she didn't discover the dairy-Hanukkah tradition until she tired of riffing on potato latkes year after year and started researching alternatives.

For her cookbook, "Jewish Foods for All Seasons," Frankel created a variation on arancini, a popular Italian croquette made with rice and cheese. Her arancini di farro calls for farro, an ancient variety of wheat which is similar to barley, rolled together with both ricotta and Parmesan cheeses, plus fresh herbs. The small balls are rolled in breadcrumbs, then fried in olive oil.

"It's perfect for celebrating both traditions, since it's both dairy and fried."

This year, Frankel is making tortelli di zucca, an olive oil-fried pastry pocket filled with a mixture of canned pumpkin, leeks, cooked Arborio rice and cheese. The recipe can be found on her blog lauraskosher.com.

Frankel particularly likes both of these dishes because children are able to help with the assembly. Potato latkes tend to involve a bit too much hot oil for the prep to be child-friendly.

Cookbook author Barbara Kafka has a similar tradition with her grandchildren. They make traditional flour pancakes that are served topped with sour cream and apple sauce as part of a simple buffet that usually also includes smoked salmon.

The pancake mixture can be made ahead, she says, which makes it an even easier project to do with children.

Other dairy dishes recommended by Nathan are baked noodle kugels, which often are made with cottage cheese and sour cream, and rugelach, a half-moon shaped cookie made with a cream cheese-based dough.

Apart from its symbolism, Nathan likes the dairy tradition because it's a perfect way to add variety to the eight nights of Hanukkah meals.

"After all," she says "you can't eat potato latkes every day."

## LEMON AND DRIED BLUEBERRY BLINTZES

*Start to finish: 2 hours (1 hour 10 minutes active). Servings: 8 (16 blintzes).*

*Fresh lemon zest and dried blueberries make the creamy ricotta cheese filling in these blintzes special. When heated, the blueberries become plump and tender. If you lack the time or inclination to make crepes, look for pre-made in the produce section at your market.*

*The blood orange-lime compote can be spooned over the blintzes after they cook. For an easier alternative, warm up purchased marmalade.*

### For the crepes:

1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2 teaspoons powdered sugar  
4 large eggs  
1 1/4 cup low-fat milk  
3/4 cup water  
6 tablespoons butter, melted, plus more for brushing

### For the filling:

2 cups part-skim ricotta cheese  
3 tablespoons sour cream, plus extra for serving  
1/4 cup granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
1 large egg yolk  
2 teaspoons lemon zest  
3/4 cup dried blueberries

**To make the crepes,** in a blender combine the flour, powdered sugar, eggs, milk, water and melted butter. Blend until smooth. Let the batter rest, refrigerated, for 20 minutes (or up to 1 day).

Heat a 10-inch, nonstick skillet or crepe pan over medium. Brush the pan with melted butter (you may only need to do this for every other crepe). Pour 1/4 cup of the batter into the center of the pan, then immediately tilt and rotate the pan to spread the batter evenly over the bottom. Cook the crepe until the edges are lightly browned and beginning to curl up, about 2 to 3 minutes.

Carefully loosen the edges of the crepe with a spatula and flip the crepe over in the pan. Cook until the second side is slightly browned,

about another 20 seconds. Slide the crepe onto a plate.

Prepare the remaining crepes in the same manner. There should be enough batter for 16 crepes.

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter or cooking spray.

To make the filling, in a medium bowl stir together the ricotta, sour cream, sugar, egg, egg yolk, lemon zest and dried blueberries.

To assemble the blintzes, one at a time place a crepe on a clean work surface with the paler side facing up. Place 2 tablespoons of the ricotta filling at the center of the crepe. Fold the opposite sides of the crepe over the center until they barely touch. Fold in the other 2 sides to make an envelope that completely encloses the filling. Place each folded crepe seam down in the prepared baking dish.

Brush the tops of the blintzes with melted butter and bake until they are golden and begin to puff up, about 20 to 30 minutes. Serve warm with sour cream (if desired) and blood orange-lime compote.

## BLOOD ORANGE-LIME COMPOTE

*Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes (45 minutes active). Makes 1 cup (about 6 servings).*

*Blood oranges give this easy-to-make compote a festive crimson color. But naval oranges or even red grapefruit work, too. The syrupy sauce will keep for at least a week when refrigerated in an airtight container. Serve it warm or cold as a topping for blintzes, pancakes, ice cream or a dish of plain, Greek-style yogurt.*

4 blood or naval oranges  
3/4 cup sugar  
Juice of 1 lime

**Using a vegetable peeler,** remove the zest of 1 orange (avoiding the bitter, white pith). Using a sharp knife, cut the strips of zest lengthwise into very thin strips. Set aside.

Using a sharp knife, cut the ends off of the oranges.

Stand each orange on the cut end and using the knife, remove the skin and white pith. Over a small bowl to collect the juice, cut the oranges into segments, being careful to remove any seeds.

In a medium saucepan, combine the orange segments and juice, reserved

zest, sugar and lime juice. Heat over medium-high until the mixture begins to boil. Reduce heat to maintain a fast simmer.

Cook until the oranges have broken down and the liquid is syrupy, about 45 minutes. The compote will thicken more as it cools. Serve warm or cold.

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# Africa

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Sostene lost his first job in Jackpot, Nev., after only two weeks because of poor language skills, he said.

Husband and wife have both come a long way since then. Sostene attends College of Southern Idaho and works as a dishwasher at Rock Creek Restaurant. They have both improved their English skills, and Restuta can speak both Swahili and English as well as any 3-year-old. And eight months ago, Maria gave birth to a son, Anderson Peace Shukurni.

Sostene finds his ingredients — like cornmeal, flour, potatoes, rice and yams — at local grocery stores. The ingredients he used in Tanzania are common in Twin Falls.

“(The food) is not different, but it’s different how you cook it,” Sostene said as he rolled out dough with an empty glass bottle. He was making mandazi, a fried sweet bread usually eaten during celebrations. Sostene likes making the dish for guests who want to try African food, he said. While he worked, Maria poured oil into a pot. Restuta pretended to help by putting on latex gloves and dancing around the cramped kitchen, forcing her parents to step around her and finally shoo her into the living room.

Sostene has trouble explaining what goes into the dishes — he doesn’t know all of the English words for the vegetables he uses, and has a hard time converting metric measurements to cups and pounds — but what matters is the taste of his final product. He sometimes brings food to Ora Lee Wiseman’s house, like the dish he brought on Thanksgiving last week.

“He’s such a good cook,” said Wiseman, who met Sostene at the First United Methodist Church.

Sostene hopes to work his way up to a cook at Rock Creek Restaurant someday, but acknowledges that he has a little to learn about Western cuisine.

“I don’t know how to cook American food,” he said. “But African food, I know everything.”

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Sostene Ndabackure, above, and his family came to Twin Falls two years ago from a refugee camp in Tanzania, and Sostene says he is happy to be in America. He does miss Africa and one day hopes to return for a visit.



With her giant gloves little Restuta Shukurni, left, is ready to help her dad make his sweet bread Monday afternoon at their home in Twin Falls.

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# Publishers fight the Web with BEHEMOTH cookbooks

By Michele Kayal  
For The Associated Press

What exactly is one person supposed to do with 2,000 Italian recipes? Or 1,400 French dishes?

A new generation of comprehensive (some would say behemoth) cookbooks is cramming thousands of recipes into weighty volumes, some nearly 3 inches thick and weighing more than 4 pounds.

Why the heavyweights? Publishers say it's a matter of survival, crediting the Internet and the tough economy with driving the trend.

"This might be a reaction to the Internet and the encyclopedic selection of recipes that's at your fingertips," says Chris Steighner, senior editor at Rizzoli Publications, publisher of "La Cucina," a 4 1/4-pound, 2,000-recipe ode to regional Italian cooking.

"A lot of it is about quantity now because we're faced with the Internet," he says.

During the past four years, roughly a dozen of these monsters have crashed the landscape of five-ingredient, 30-minute meal books. "The Silver Spoon," for example, the category's 2005 standard-bearer, jams 2,000 Italian recipes into 1,264 pages.

For Francophiles, there is this year's "I Know How to Cook," a translation of a popular French cookbook featuring 1,400 recipes over 975 pages. And last year, the 10th anniversary edition of Mark Bittman's "How to Cook Everything" sported 2,000 recipes.

By comparison, the just-released "Gourmet Today" (from the defunct magazine) seems slender with just 1,000 recipes and pages. Most traditionally sized cookbooks clock in closer to 150 recipes.

"People are demanding them," says Emilia Terragni, editorial director at Phaidon Press, publisher of "The Silver Spoon;" "I Know How to Cook" and other mega-volumes. "We have over 1,000 or over 2,000 recipes and they're still selling for \$45. That's a good price!"

Giant cookbooks are nothing new. As far back as 1896, Fannie Farmer offered more than 1,800 recipes for everything from "after-dinner coffee" to capon in aspic. The "Joy of Cooking" has had a kitchen-sink approach since it was first mass published in 1936. And Julia Child's 1961 "Mastering the Art of French Cooking" eventually filled two volumes.

Such cookbooks mostly lost favor during recent decades, supplanted by slimmer and more narrowly focused volumes, many of them driven by celebrity names.

Then the Internet changed how people find recipes, and bigger books have tried to bounce back.

But critics say these books lack one crucial element: voice. Most of these



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From Ginette Mathiot's 'I Know How to Cook,' this steak provencale may resemble a hamburger, but one bite shows it's pure French cuisine. Mathiot's weighty book has 1,400 recipes of French cooking.



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Making your own pasta is easy thanks to this recipe (on Food 5), from the Italian Academy of Cuisine's 'La Cucina: The Regional Cooking of Italy,' for potato dumplings with mushroom sauce. The cookbook weighs 4 1/2 pounds.

books are light on accompanying text and personality. Yet a sense of voice gives cookbooks not only readability, but also credibility.

"Mastering the Art" had such a huge living personality behind it, and I don't know who the author of 'The Silver Spoon' is," says Lynn Andriani, a senior editor at Publisher's Weekly who covers cookbooks.

"When you have an author behind a book who has a distinct voice and gets to know their audience and seems committed, it helps a book gain a foothold culturally."

Many people are less interested in voice, however, than in a reliable resource for one-stop shopping. For that, these books can shine.

"These mammoth cookbooks have that encyclopedic quality that people find reassuring," says Rebecca Federman, electronic resources coordinator at the New York Public Library. She also writes about the library's culinary collection. "People use them as reference works too, by consulting them for basic recipes."

## STEAK PROVENCE

Start to finish: 30 minutes. Servings: 6.

These simple steak patties from Ginette Mathiot's "I Know How to Cook," may resemble an all-American burger, but their sublime taste makes clear their French lineage.

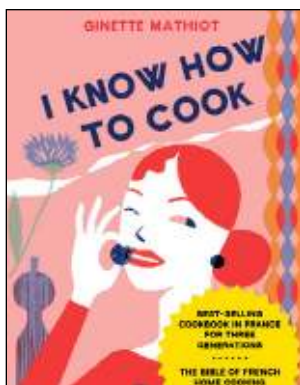
14 ounces sirloin steak, chopped  
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mushrooms, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
1 egg  
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste  
All-purpose flour, for dredging  
3 tablespoons olive oil, divided

In a large bowl, mix together the chopped beef, mushrooms and garlic. Add the egg, mix well, then season with salt and pepper. Shape the mixture into 6 patties, then dredge each through flour to lightly coat.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat half of the oil. Add 3 of the patties and brown for 2 minutes per side. Repeat with the remaining oil and patties. (Recipe from Ginette Mathiot's "I Know How to Cook," Phaidon, 2009)

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# Stretch a little oil a long way for healthy eats

By Jim Romanoff  
For The Associated Press

It can be a pleasant surprise when a food with butter in its name turns out to be good for you, as in the case of butternut squash.

Along with other winter squashes such as acorn, delicata and pumpkin, butternut squash is loaded with vitamins A and C, plus potassium and fiber. It also is filling, has just 65 calories per cup, has almost no fat, and can have a rich flavor that justifies its name.

Butternut squash also is versatile in the kitchen. The high and dry heat of roasting is particularly good at enhancing its flavor by caramelizing the natural sugars it contains.

For a quick and easy side, toss seeded and cubed butternut squash in a bit of olive oil and roast at 400 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes, or until quite tender. Serve it seasoned with salt and pepper, or if you like, a drizzle of maple syrup or even balsamic vinegar.

Butternut squash also sometimes can take the place of potatoes, as in these butternut squash and sage latkes for Hanukkah.

The squash and onions

Pan fried until brown with a small amount of olive oil to honor the tradition of cooking with oil at Hanukkah, these butternut squash and sage latkes get finished in the oven to keep them as healthy as possible.



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can be shredded using a box grater or a food processor. Be sure to squeeze as much liquid out of the shredded onion as possible. Otherwise your latkes will be too wet and fall apart in the pan.

Latkes are a traditional part of the Hanukkah celebration because the oil they are fried in symbolizes the miracle of the small amount of oil that burned for eight days when

the temple was under siege.

This recipe honors that story by using a few teaspoons of olive oil to brown the latkes in the pan before they are crisped to perfection in a hot oven. Serve with a dollop of sour cream, applesauce or both.

## BUTTERNUT SQUASH AND SAGE LATKES

Start to finish: 45 min-

utes. Servings: 12.

1 medium onion, shredded (3/4 cup)  
3 cups shredded butternut squash (1 small squash)  
1/4 cup matzo meal  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage  
1 large egg, lightly beaten  
6 teaspoons olive oil, divided

**Heat the oven** to 450 degrees. Lightly coat a baking sheet with cooking spray.

Spread the shredded onions between 2 sheets of paper towel and squeeze out as much moisture as possible. Transfer the onions to a large bowl. Add the squash, matzo meal, salt, pepper and sage, then toss to coat. Add the egg and 2 teaspoons of the oil. Toss to coat.

In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat 2 teaspoons of the oil. Working in batches, use a 1/4 cup measure to scoop the squash mixture into the skillet, leaving several inches between each mound. Use a spatula to flatten them into roughly 3-inch pancakes. Cook until lightly

browned, 2 to 3 minutes per side. Transfer the latkes to the prepared baking sheet.

Bake until the latkes are crispy and hot, about 10 minutes.

Per serving: 109 calories; 67 calories from fat; 7 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 10 g carbohydrate; 1 g protein; 1 g fiber; 249 mg sodium.



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Don't be intimidated by the thought of making your own pasta. As demonstrated by this recipe for potato dumplings from the Italian Academy of Cuisine's "La Cucina: The Regional Cooking of Italy," it's not much harder than playing with clay. If mushrooms aren't your thing, try these dumplings with any assertive pasta sauce.

#### For the pasta:

3 pounds russet potatoes  
3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed

#### For the sauce:

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
1 medium yellow onion, minced

2 ounces dried porcini (or other variety) mushrooms, soaked in warm water, drained and chopped

1 tablespoon tomato paste, diluted in 2 tablespoons water

1/4 cup red wine (optional)  
1/4 cup broth, plus more as needed

Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese (optional)

**Heat the oven** to 425 degrees.

Use a fork to lightly pierce each potato several times. Bake until completely soft, about 40 to 60 minutes. Cut each potato in half and scoop out the flesh. Discard the skins.

In a large bowl, combine the potato flesh and just enough flour to form a smooth dough that is not sticky. You may not use all of the flour, depending on how starchy the potatoes are.

Form the dough into thin cylinders, then cut them with a knife into pieces about 1 inch long.

Using your thumb, press each piece of dough against a floured fork, then let it fall onto the work surface. When all the pieces have been made, cover them with a cloth and let them rest.

Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the onion and mushrooms and saute until the onions are golden. Add the tomato paste mixture and red wine, if using.

Add the broth, reduce the heat to low, and cook slowly, stirring now and again, adding a little more broth if the mixture dries out.

While the sauce cooks, bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the potato dumplings and cook just until they float. Use a slotted spoon to transfer them to a deep serving dish, alternating them with layers of the sauce. If desired, sprinkle with cheese.

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**DEATH NOTICES**

**James Phillips**

KING HILL — James Phillips, 82, of King Hill, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

802 F St. in Rupert, vigil service with recitation of the rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the church; visitation one hour before the vigil and one hour before the Mass at the church (Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert).

Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel.

**Vernon R. MacNeil**

PAUL — Vernon Raymond MacNeil, 86, of Paul, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley.

**Jody D. Howard**

BUHL — Jody Deisher Howard, 47, of Buhl, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009, at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

**Alfonso Juarez**

PAUL — Alfonso Juarez, 82-year-old Paul resident, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at St. Nicholas Catholic Church,

**Kelsey L. Maxfield**

BOISE — Kelsey Lynn Maxfield, infant daughter of Katrina Lynn and Austin Tyler Maxfield of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, was stillborn Monday, Nov. 30, 2009, at a Boise hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Summers

**SERVICES**

**Eva D. Archuleta** of Heyburn, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; visitation one hour before the service today at the mortuary.

in Twin Falls).

**Mary Malinda Miller** of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 140 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl; visitation one hour before the service Thursday at the mortuary.

Oakley, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave. in Boise; visitation one hour before the funeral Friday at the mortuary; graveside service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley Cemetery in Oakley.

**Phyllis Idella Timothy Fowler** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Roosevelt LDS Stake Center in Roosevelt, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Hurlinger Mortuary and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Alton L. Haslam** of Boise and formerly of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Boise LDS Rose Hill Ward Chapel, 3200 Cassia St. in Boise; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

**Max Prior Facer** of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Acequia LDS Church; graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Willard Precinct Cemetery, 550 N. Main in Willard, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

**Harold Guy (Pat) Pharris** of Hazelton, memorial service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Carol Perea Montgomery** of Twin Falls, service at 3 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Norman Robert Johnson** of Eden, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Harry Allen Blackmon** of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 324 18th E. 18th St. in Rupert; visitation from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

**Jose Esteban Garayoa Soto** of Paul, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St. in Rupert (Hansen Mortuary).

**Elizabeth Anne "Betty" (Vestal) Phillips** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Methodist Church in Hagerman; visitation at 10 a.m. Thursday at the church (White Mortuary

of Meridian and formerly of

**Beyond simple stacking: Multi-stack to magnify savings**

In previous columns, I've discussed coupon stacking at length. It's one of the easiest ways not only to reduce the cost of items we're buying but also to get items for free. Many stores allow shoppers to stack one store coupon and one manufacturer coupon together, which gives us a deeper discount on the same item. Just a few days ago I purchased a \$2.50 tube of toothpaste. I used a \$1.50 manufacturer coupon and added to it a \$1 store-issued coupon for the same toothpaste. With a total of \$2.50 in coupon value, the toothpaste was free!

Store coupons are offered in different formats, so it's important to note which kinds your stores offer. Do some research. Many stores print their store coupons in a weekly flyer. Others offer printable coupons on the store's Web site. Still others offer store coupons electronically. These electronic coupons can be loaded to your shoppers' card and stacked with manufacturer coupons for additional savings.

Now, when we combine coupon stacking with other deals running at the store at the same time, our savings increase even more. What's better than stacking? Multi-stacking! When we multi-stack at the store, we use both store and manufacturer coupons and take advantage of additional money-back deals involved. These additional deals typically offer instant savings at the register or a money-back coupon (commonly called a Catalina) that prints at the register for savings on a subsequent shopping trip.

Here's an example. One of my stores recently advertised a sale offering a Catalina coupon good for \$5 off your next shopping trip if you purchased any two items in the flyer. When I see an advertisement like this, I immediately look for the items that are going to be the best deals — typically, the items for which I already have both store and manufacturer coupons.

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**COUPON QUEEN**  
**Jill Cataldo**

wipes were also on my electronic store coupons for \$1.50 off each package. So, stacking these coupons together yields another \$5 in savings.

ings, I always figure that \$5 savings into my current shopping trip. I may pay that \$5 out-of-pocket at the register to buy these items today, but I get it right back in the form of a Catalina good for \$5 off my next shopping trip. So, buying two packages of wipes costs \$11.98 but I'll get \$5 of that back at checkout. That essentially brings the cost of the two packages of wipes down to \$6.98.

After coupons, I paid \$6.98 for the two triple-packs of baby wipes and I received the \$5 Catalina coupon at the register. Since I got \$5 of my original \$6.98 back, the end cost of these two items was just \$1.98. Consider that each triple-pack started out at \$5.99 before all of these discounts were put together.

To bring the price down further, we're going to stack coupons here, too! I had a manufacturer coupon for \$2 off 2 packages of wipes. The

*Jill Cataldo, a coupon-workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her Web site, www.super-couponing.com.*

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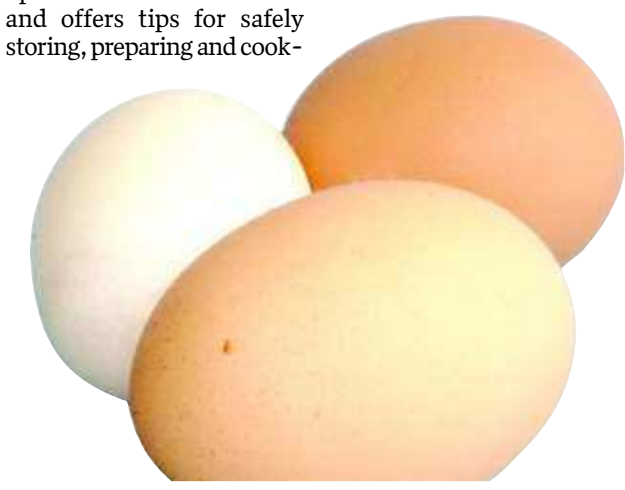
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## Blake K. Page

PAUL — Blake K. Page, 47-year-old Paul resident, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital after a long battle with health problems.



Kyle and VerDene Page; siblings, Sondra (Eddie) Fyfe, Todd (Darla) Page, KyDene (Kristina) Page, Bradley Page, (Tonya) Page, Melanee (Jeff) Eggleston, Malissa

(Juan) Gomez and Michael Page; grandchildren, Dominic, Anna, Destiny and twin girls to be born in the spring; 11 nieces; 10 nephews; several aunts and uncles. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, George Earl Ball, Letha and Russell Johnson, E.R. Kelley, and Fern and Austin Purser; one niece, Ashley; and several uncles.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St. in Paul, with Bishop Albert B. Belliston officiating. Burial will follow in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert, and from noon to 12:45 p.m. Friday prior to the service at the church. Services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Blake was born April 6, 1962, in Rigby, Idaho, the son of Kyle and VerDene Ball Page. In 1970, Blake moved with his family to this area, where he attended school at Minico. In 1981, he married Laura Ann Kenne, and they later divorced. He then married Kaylene McCrea in 2000, and they later divorced. At the time of his death, he was residing with his parents in Paul. Blake loved to build crafts and sell them at craft fairs. He loved camping, hunting, fishing and picking blackberries on the Oregon Coast. He loved to travel and spend time with his family. Blake loved his dogs and leaves behind "Higgins."

Survivors include his daughter, Shayla Dawn Rippey; stepsons, Cody McCrea, Riley McCrea, Lance McCrea, Kyle McCrea and Austin McCrea; parents,

## RoseAnn Williams

RoseAnn Williams, 100, of Twin Falls, passed away early Sunday morning, Nov. 29, 2009, at her home in Twin Falls.



She was born to John and Anna Messer on Dec. 4, 1908, in Also Simand, Hungary. She was joined by a brother, John, in August 1910. Wanting a better life for the family, they decided to emigrate to the United States. So in January 1912, they left Hungary and sailed to a new home. Destination was Oklahoma, where a relative awaited them. RoseAnn started to school at almost 6 years old and learned to master the English language. After living in Oklahoma for 8½ years, the family could not get used to the weather pattern there so they decided to move to Gervais, Ore., where another relative awaited them.

RoseAnn attended Sacred Heart Catholic School, graduating from eighth grade in 1923. She then attended Gervais Union High School, graduating in 1927. She went to Portland to seek employment; while there, she applied for her United States citizenship. After two years, she received her certificate of a naturalized United States citizen in August 1933.

While in Portland, she was introduced to Robert E. Williams. They started dating and, after two years, decided to move to Boise, Idaho, in November of 1933, where they established a camera shop and all photographic services. They were married in May 1934 in Caldwell, Idaho.

Business was real good and Boise was growing, almost too fast — a son, Robert John, joined them on Dec. 1, 1939. After 18 years in Boise, they had a chance to sell their photo establishment and move to Twin Falls. They bought the Album Studio in May 1951. In 1953, RoseAnn enrolled in the Women of the Moose; she enjoyed working with the group. In 2003, she was awarded her 50-year membership.

RoseAnn and her husband operated the Album Studio for 20 years. Mr. Williams passed away in March 1971. She sold the studio in May of 1973 and retired.

In August 1977, she was called to the Office on Aging for an appointment. She was hired as a secretary under the Homemaker Program. She worked there for 16 years

doing secretarial duties. She volunteered to take home-maker clients to doctor appointments and grocery shopping. After 16 years, she decided to retire in November 1993. She took care of her house and garden and liked to grow iris.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two sisters, one brother, two nephews and one niece. RoseAnn is survived by her son, Robert John Williams of Twin Falls; one brother, Joseph (Esther) Messer of Gervais, Ore.; and 20 nieces and nephews.

A rosary prayer service will be recited at 7 p.m. Thursday evening, Dec. 3, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. A celebration of RoseAnn's life will be held as a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Father Camilo Garcia celebrating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 p.m. until the time of the rosary at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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## Betty Jean Dillon

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Betty is survived by her children, Jerry Dillon, James Dillon and Pam Howard; grandchildren, Marlisa Hruza, Darcy Dillon, Christy Dillon, Jacob Dillon, Shirrea Tarver, Shelley Winn and Justin Dillon; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman E. Dillon.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Apostolic House of Prayer, 94 E. Baseline in Rupert, with viewing for family and friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

The family would like to thank Dr. Don Pates, Minidoka Memorial Hospital Staff, Country Side Care and Rehab, Minidoka Home Health, Minidoka Memorial Hospice and Sherry Gomez for their care of our mother.

Betty was born Aug. 1, 1923, in Juliaetta, Idaho, to Amos and Sarah Nigh. She graduated from Elma High School in Elma, Wash., in 1941. She married Norman E. Dillon on June 14, 1941. They were together until Norman passed away June 6, 2003. They lived a total of 32 years in Rupert, Idaho, and also in McCleary, Wash., Albany, Ore., Portland, Ore., Tulsa, Okla., Salem, Ore., Puyallup, Wash., Hoonah, Alaska, Lincoln, Neb., and Bend, Ore. She worked for the state of Oregon while living in Salem and served as a pastor's wife for 50 years. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, serving as the Ladies Auxiliary secretary and president for 20 years and also served in local leadership in Ladies Ministries. She enjoyed hospitality, needle work and crossword puzzles.

## Elaine Parr Williams

PUYALLUP, Wash. — Elaine Parr Williams, originally of Wendell, died peacefully following a two-month illness on Friday, Nov. 27, 2009.



in Puyallup, Wash. Elaine is survived by her husband, Dave; four children; 10 grandchildren; her sisters, Colleen Otton and Pauline Dorman; and brother, Rollin Parr.

A memorial service will be held at Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church in Puyallup, Wash. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Best Friends Animal Shelter (www.best-friends.org).

The daughter of Buster and Lovelle Parr, Elaine graduated from Wendell High School and Idaho State University. She served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the rank of major and, in recent years, ran her own small business

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## Del-Fi Records founder Bob Keane dies in LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He was raw, only played a few songs and had just a couple interesting guitar riffs, but Bob Keane would say later there was just something special about the teenager he would rename Ritchie Valens and turn into one of the biggest stars in rock 'n' roll history.

Keane, who died Saturday of kidney failure at age 87, was a hustling independent record producer in 1958 when he caught 17-year-old Richard Valenzuela's act at a small theater in a barrio section on the edge of Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

"I saw him at a little concert in a movie theater," Keane told the Los Angeles Times in 2001.

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## NO MORE HEAD GAMES

Roethlisberger expected to play against Raiders on Sunday.

Steeler receiver Ward sorry for questioning QB's toughness.

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## Jerome defense smothers Mountain Home

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

JEROME — Aubree Callen is good enough not to need good fortune. When she gets it, watch out.

Callen hit a running 3-pointer from the halfcourt stripe at the halftime buzzer, and Jerome's defense clamped down on Mountain Home for three quarters as the host Tigers routed the visiting Tigers 46-29 on Tuesday evening.

Callen's mid-court heave came after Tinley Garey

flipped her the ball in the backcourt with three seconds left in the second quarter following a Mountain Home miss, giving Jerome (5-1) a 22-9 lead at the break.

"I was actually embarrassed about it," Callen said. "You just kind of huck it up there and hope it goes in. It wasn't a pretty shot, that's for sure."

Callen hit four of Jerome's five 3-pointers in the game, the other coming from Haylee Burnham. Callen also threw in six

rebounds, four steals and three assists to stuff the stat columns.

Jerome forced 20 turnovers through the first three quarters and built up a 42-14 lead before two quick Mountain Home baskets late in the third ended any flirtation with the fourth quarter's 30-point rolling-clock rule. When she left the court for good after three quarters, Callen was outscoring the opposition by herself (19-18).

As part of a 20-9 scoring edge in the third quarter,

Jerome pounded the ball inside in the second half after stretching the defense with its prolific outside shooting. Garey and fellow post Baylie Smith each scored seven points.

"I was really pleased with how we ran our offense, especially in the second half," said Jerome coach Brent Clark. "But we still have a lot to work on."

Mountain Home, which beat Jerome 55-46 on Nov. 17, played most of the game without key post Shelby Posey, who appeared to roll

her right ankle in the first quarter and did not return. Dakota Barrie led Mountain Home (3-2) with eight points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

Jerome opens the Great Basin Conference season at Wood River on Thursday.

**Jerome 46, Mountain Home 29**  
Mountain Home 5 4 9 11 - 29  
Jerome 14 8 20 4 - 46

**MOUNTAIN HOME (29)**  
Jessica Lierke 4, Blas Lord 3, Rachel Warila 7, Arlene Futch 2, Amanda Osborn 2, Charde Huntington 3, Dakota Barrie 8. Totals 10 9-17 29.

**JEROME (46)**  
Aubree Callen 19, Haylee Burnham 4, Ashley Yagla 2, Carrie Thibault 5, Jasmine Branch 2, Tinley Garey 7, Baylie Smith 7. Totals 17 7-15 46.  
3-point goals: Jerome 5 (Callen 4, Burnham). Total fouls: Mountain Home 13, Jerome 12. Fouled out: Mountain Home, Barrie. Technical fouls: none.

## CSI's Fakahafua sidelined with stress fracture

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

The sparkplug has been pulled. For now.

College of Southern Idaho freshman Tina Fakahafua learned this week that she has an apparent stress fracture in her foot.

"Right now it's looking (like she'll miss) 3 to 5 weeks," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said Tuesday.

A 5-foot-10 freshman from Salt Lake City's Judge Memorial High School, Fakahafua was averaging 4.1 points, 3.0 rebounds and nearly two assists and one steal per game for the 6-3 Golden Eagles.

The timing comes with CSI set to play three of its next four games against teams from Fakahafua's home state, including rival and No. 2-ranked Salt Lake Community College on Dec. 12. Missing that game will be especially disappointing for the freshman wing player, according to Rogers.

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"She's been one of those sparks off the bench," said Rogers. "You may not get the numbers, but you get the energy."

Fakahafua isn't the only CSI player ailing as Maddy Plunkett is battling a flare-up of tendinitis in her knee. "That's kind of disappointing," said Rogers.

An All-American in the 2007-08 season, Plunkett missed all of last year after an ACL tear. She is coming off her best outing of the season with 19 points and eight rebounds in Saturday's 87-58 win over Northwest (Wyo.) College.

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## THREE-POINT FEST

## Filer's outside shooting sinks Canyon Ridge in debut

By Bradley Guire  
Times-News writer

FILER — Welcome to trifecta central.

The Canyon Ridge boys basketball team's debut was spoiled by Filer, which won 72-54 Tuesday as both teams opened the 2009-10 campaign with a 3-point shootout.

The game's first four baskets came from beyond. Filer finished the game with 10 treys, half of which were provided by gunslinger Bryce Beard, who scored 31 points. Terrell Bailey and Matt Ramsayer provided the other four.

For the 'Hawks, Casey Petty had three treys while Alex Ridgeway and Garren Moreno each hit a pair. The trio led their team in scoring with double-figure performances, topped by Moreno's 18.

Early turnovers caused the Riverhawks to fall behind 25-13 after a quarter of play, and they were never able to close the gap.

It was an important first step for both teams as one desires to make a tradition state tournament of trips and the other desires to start tradition from the ground up. Although they were defeated by nearly 20 points, the Canyon Ridge boys kept their spirits up following the contest.

"I feel good about the first game," Moreno said.

CRHS head coach Mike Ridgeway said he was pleased as well and that the goal right now is to just play a competitive game and keep improving.

The Wildcats also held the edge in rebounding — center

"We're not the biggest guys, so we're making up with that with defense and steals."

— Filer center Andrew Wright

Andrew Wright pulled down seven boards — and steals. Filer stole the ball 16 times, and Beard came up with five of those.

"We've been working on that," Wright said. "We're not the biggest guys, so we're making up with that with defense and steals."

Filer coach Alex Wells said that he was happy the team had a good shooting night as the game plan "stunk" as Canyon Ridge forced the Wildcats out of their zone defense early and forced them to play man defense.

"We worked hard on man and putting pressure on the ball, when to gamble and when to attack," said Wells.

Filer (1-0) will travel to Hailey Friday to play Wood River, while Canyon Ridge (1-0) hosts its first home game next Tuesday when Buhl comes to Twin Falls.

**Filer 72, Canyon Ridge 54**  
Canyon Ridge 13 10 18 13 - 54  
Filer 25 14 16 15 - 72

**CANYON RIDGE (54)**  
Alex Ridgeway 17, Casey Petty 15, Garren Moreno 18, Kevin Costa 2, Austin Thomas 2. Totals 17 13-15 54.

**FILER (72)**  
Matt Ramsayer 8, Bryce Beard 31, Ryan Karel 5, Cody Reynolds 7, Terrell Bailey 11, Tyler Krefl 2, Andrew Wright 4, Justin Orban 4. Totals 29 4-9 72.  
3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 7 (Petty 3, Ridgeway 2, Moreno 2); Filer 10 (Beard 5, Bailey 3, Ramsayer 2). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 11; Filer 16. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.



Filer's Ryan Karel, left, drives past Canyon Ridge's Alex Ridgeway Tuesday night during the second quarter of their game in Filer.

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## FSU coach Bowden to retire after bowl game

## Iconic coach second in career wins to Penn State's Paterno

By Brent Kallestad  
Associated Press writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Bobby Bowden orchestrated one of the great runs in college football, building Florida State into a powerhouse that produced two national titles, dozens of All-Americans and some of the most memorable missed field goals ever.

Bowden said Tuesday he will end his 44-year coaching career after the Seminoles play in a bowl game. Bowden was done in by a combination of off-field woes, too many defeats and coach-in-waiting Jimbo Fisher ready to take over.

"Nothing lasts forever, does it?" a relaxed-looking Bowden asked during video interview conducted by school officials. "But I've had some wonderful years here at Florida State, you

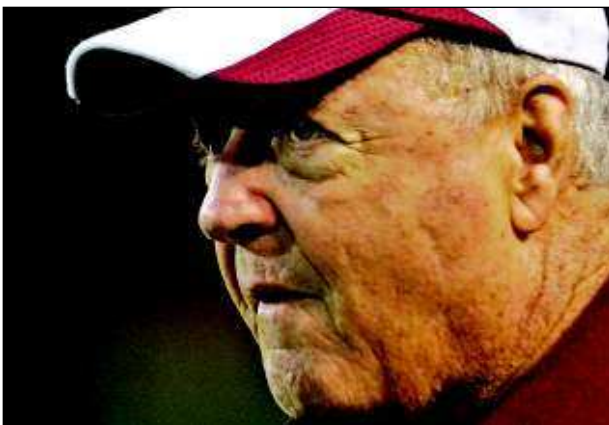
know it. Hadn't done as good lately as I wish I could have, but I've had wonderful years, no regrets."

The 80-year-old Bowden will retire as the second winningest coach in major-college football behind Penn State's Joe Paterno. The folksy coach has won 388 games at Samford, West Virginia and Florida State, where he spent the last 34 seasons.

Bowden was faced with the option of coming back next season with diminished control over the program, giving Fisher more power.

"We've got one more game and I look forward to enjoying these next few weeks as the head football coach," Bowden said earlier Tuesday in a statement released by the school.

The Seminoles are bowl eligible at 6-6, and were awaiting word on where



AP photo

Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden will retire after the Seminoles play in a bowl game. Bowden will retire as the second winningest coach in major-college football behind Penn State's Joe Paterno.

they will play. They're also awaiting word from the NCAA on whether 14 victories in recent seasons will be vacated because of an academic cheating scandal.

Bowden won two national titles at Florida State, in 1993 and 1999. Among his top achievements is a string of 14 straight seasons ending in 2000 when the Seminoles won at least 10 games and finished ranked in the top

five of the AP poll. Florida State was 152-19-1, an .864 winning percentage, during that span. He has a 315-97-4 record with the Seminoles, but his teams were 73-42 the past nine seasons.

"He set records of achievement on the field that will probably never be equaled," Florida State president T.K. Wetherell said.

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## Police: Woods at fault in crash, will get citation

By Mike Schneider  
Associated Press writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods will be cited for careless driving in a car crash outside his Orlando-area mansion, but will not face criminal charges, the Florida Highway Patrol said Tuesday.

Woods faces a \$164 fine and four points against his driver's license, not close to enough to have it suspended. The citation closes the investigation of last week's crash.

The patrol "is not pursuing criminal charges in this matter nor is there any testimony or other evidence to support any additional charges of any kind other than the charge of careless driving," Sgt. Kim Montes said.

According to an accident report, Woods crashed his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree at 2:25 a.m. Friday. The airbags did not deploy and

Woods' wife told Windermere police she used a golf club to smash the back windows to help him out.

Woods withdrew Monday from his own golf tournament, citing injuries from the crash.

Since the accident, tabloids and gossip Web sites have fueled speculation about the events leading up to it, including that there may have been a domestic dispute between Woods and his wife.

The crash came two days after The National Enquirer published a story alleging that Woods had been seeing a New York nightclub hostess, and that they recently were together in Melbourne, where Woods competed in the Australian Masters. The woman, Rachel Uchitel, denies the affair.

An attorney for the neighbors who dialed 911 after the crash said Woods did not

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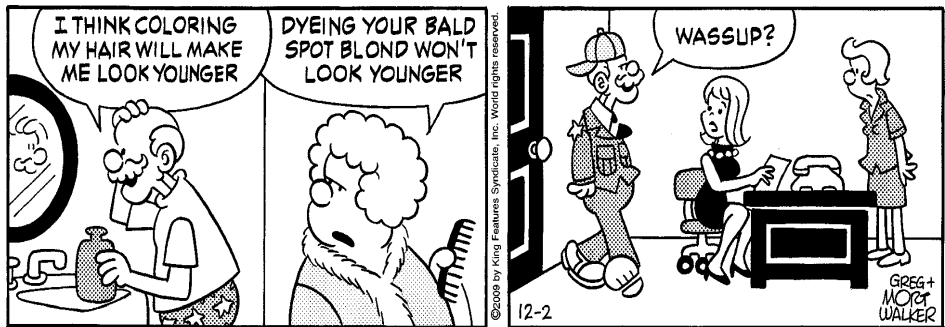
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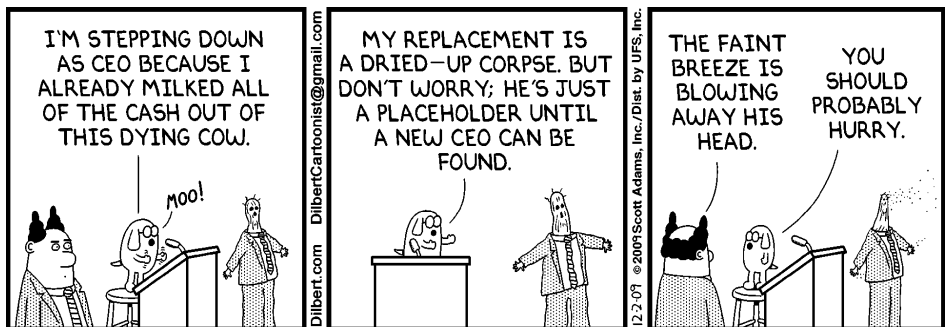
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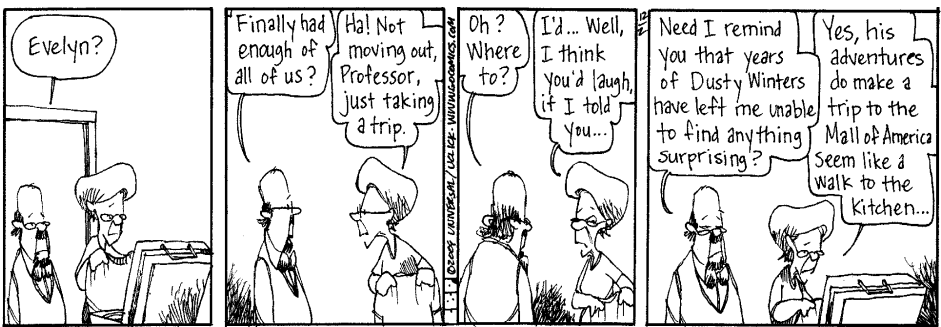
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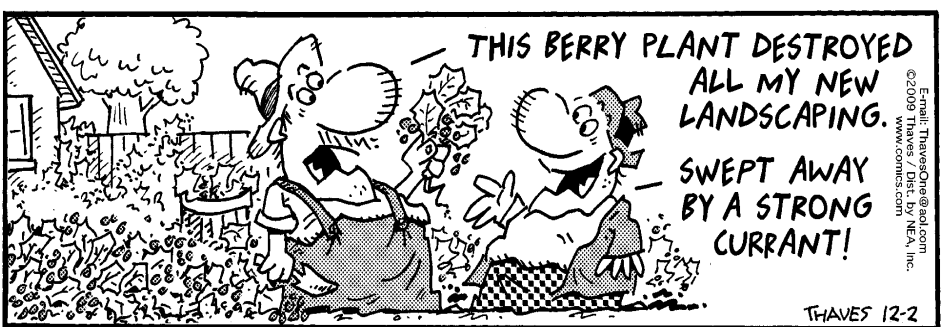
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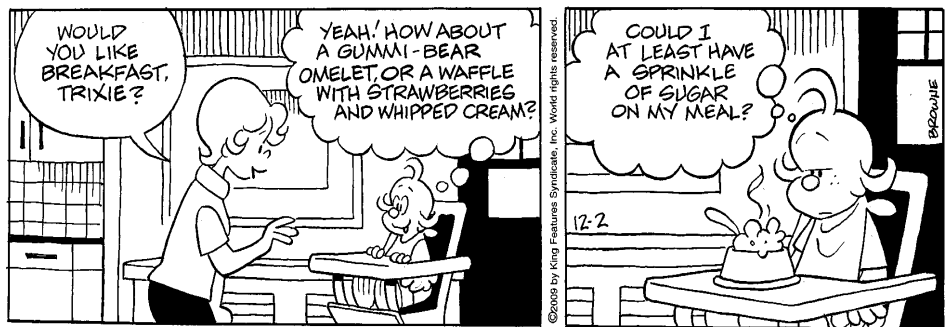
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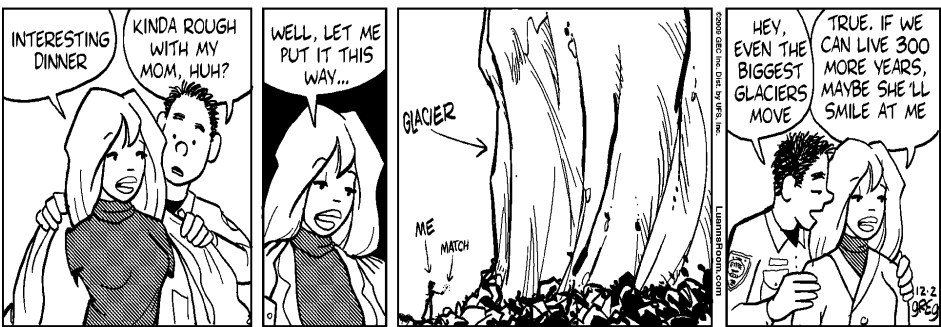
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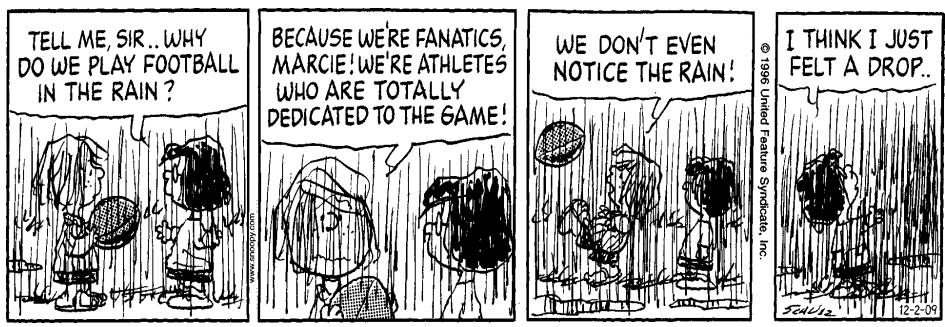
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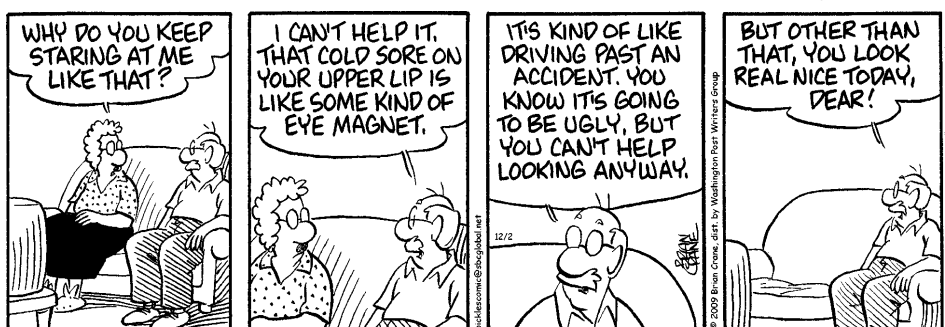
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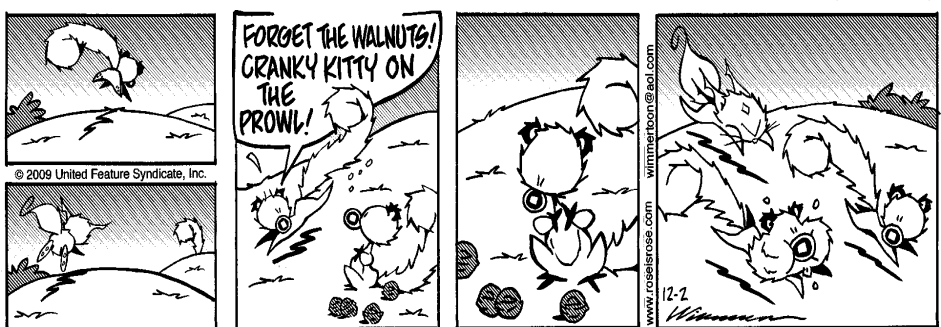
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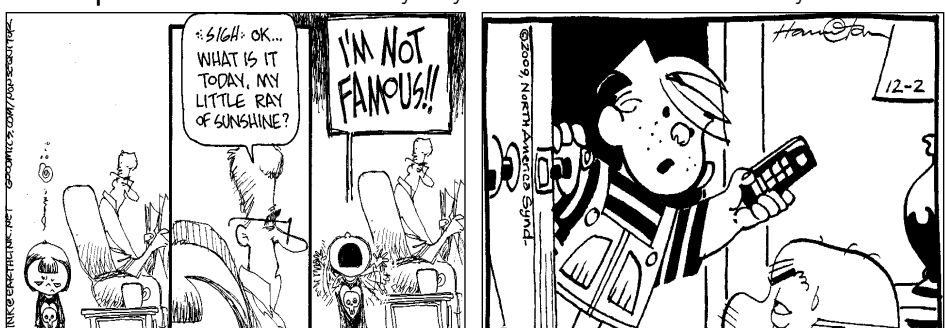
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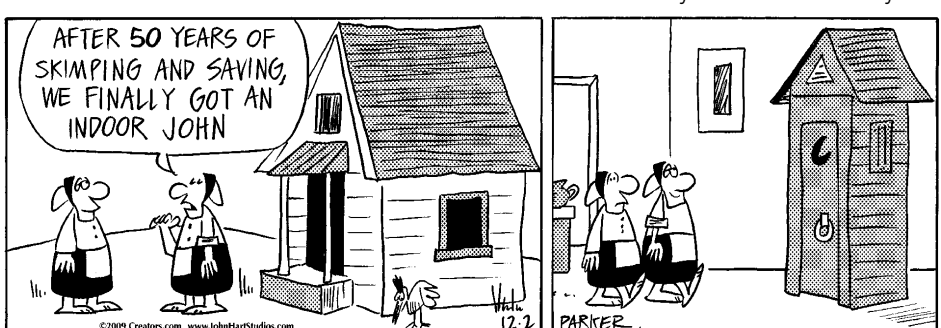
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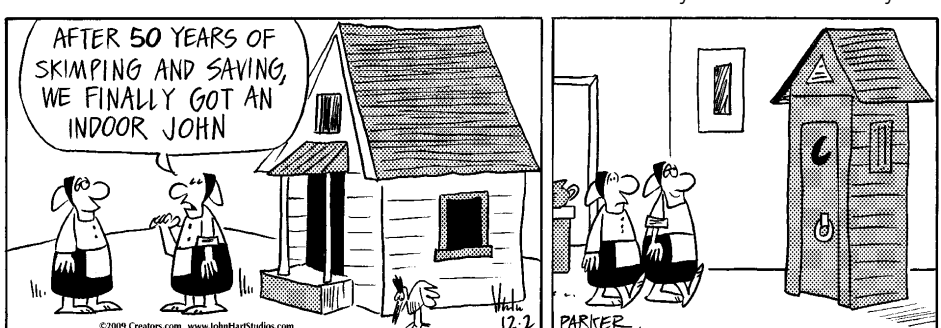
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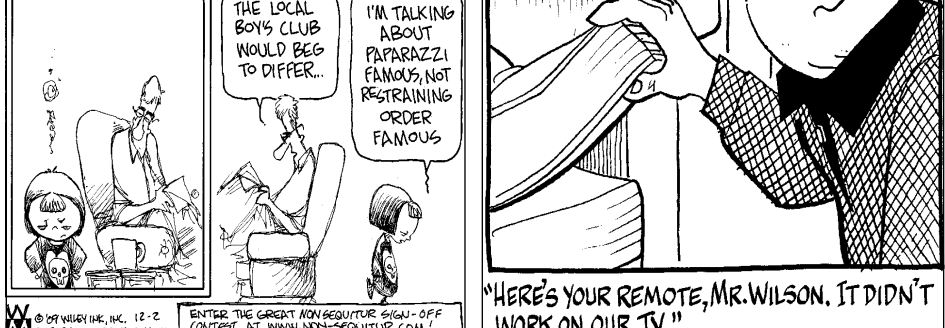
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