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Tyler Kerns takes advantage of Tuesday's snow as he skis down Gooding Street West in Twin Falls, on his way to build a snow fort at a friend's house. Tuesday's blizzard conditions made getting around town tricky, but are expected to give way to calmer, colder weather today.

Blizzard causes slideoffs, closures on area roads

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

This blizzard was a 10. The National Weather Service has reported that a total of 10 inches of snow has been dumped on south-central Idaho since the cold flakes began falling Friday. Tuesday's damp deluge accounted for half of the storm's accumulation, leaving emergency workers scrambling as motorists continued to travel. "A lot of slideoffs," said Lt. Brent Hilliard of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office of the day's scene on county roads. "People were driving too fast for conditions. We

ask people to slow down and increase their following distance." Hilliard said he had no immediate data on how many slideoffs the agency responded to on Tuesday because of the abundance of service calls, and the fact that Twin Falls County closed down operations and sent all non-emergency personnel home. Fifth Judicial District courts in Twin Falls, Lincoln, Minidoka, Gooding and Cassia counties shut their doors, too. Idaho State Police dispatchers tallied between 70 and 80 slideoffs through 5 p.m. Tuesday. In the city, the scene was a bit calmer as Twin Falls Police Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin reported just



Tyler Kerns talks about skiing through downtown Twin Falls on Tuesday.

five Tuesday crashes. Jerome County Sheriff Doug McFall didn't have a report as of Tuesday evening, but he attested to whiteout conditions throughout the morning. "A snowplow ended up in a ditch because of a whiteout," McFall said. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough reported about 10 slideoffs, while the Southern Idaho Regional See **BLIZZARD**, Main 2

ANALYSIS

Attack is N. Korea's bid for attention

By Jean H. Lee
Associated Press

A frustrated North Korea is lashing out again, this time with a deadly volley of artillery aimed at reminding rival South Korea — and the world — that it will not be ignored. The barrage of shots fired Tuesday at a South Korean island lying within sight of its shores did not come out of nowhere. For weeks, North Korea has been angling for credit for reaching out to the U.S. and South Korea, and has warned that the cool response would come at a cost. The destruction that set homes ablaze, sent civilians fleeing for underground shelters and killed two South Korean marines may have been more than Pyongyang bargained for in its game of chicken with the South. But it gets attention, which is what Pyongyang wants as it seeks to restart negotiations to barter its nuclear program for much-needed aid. It can be hard to remember in bustling, cosmopolitan Seoul that the Korean peninsula remains in a state of war. Sixty years after the fighting began, the U.S.-backed South has risen to become the world's 15th-largest economy, an example of industriousness and pluck.

See **ATTENTION**, Main 2

Even in storm, some homeless skip shelters

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

As snow swirled and temperatures dropped Tuesday, schools and offices closed so people could stay home. Where those without a home stayed is unknown, but they weren't asking organizations for help. "They just hunker down when it's like this," Leanne Trappen, community services director for the South Central Community Action Partnership, said of the Magic Valley's homeless. "They need to stay as dry as possible." Trappen learned about the habits of homeless people a few years ago when she organized a lunch as part of a homeless count. A blizzard hit on the planned day and no one came, she said. The homeless who have been in Twin Falls a while know shelter space is limited, so some don't bother trying, Trappen said.

See **SHELTERS**, Main 2

Plows target major roads, highways

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

If you need to drive in this week's icy conditions, stick to the main roads. Inside Twin Falls city limits, arterials such as the Second avenues, Blue Lakes Boulevard, Addison Avenue and Washington Street will keep the six city snowplows and road sanders busy enough, according to a city news release sent out Tuesday. "With the conditions the way they are right now, it's all we can do to keep up with plowing those," Twin Falls Street Superintendent Dean Littler said in the release. When the wind and snow stops, the snowplow drivers begin clearing collector streets as opposed to arterials.

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SEE an approximate map of priority roads for Twin Falls snowplows. MAGICVALLEY.COM

Out in the counties, the Idaho Transportation Department will focus on the major highways and the interstates, spokesman Nathan Jerke said. "Those routes will see plows all day long until the roads are clear," Jerke said. Those include U.S. Highway 93, U.S. Highway 30 near Burley and Idaho Highway 75, Jerke said. U.S. 30 near Murtaugh and Idaho Highway 25 are examples of lower priorities. Overall, state snowplow drivers have been working two or three days straight, and will keep doing so until condi-

PLOW-TARGETED ROADS IN T.F. CITY LIMITS

- Second avenues
- Blue Lakes Boulevard
- Filer Avenue
- Heyburn Avenue
- Monroe Street
- Rose Street
- South Park Avenue
- Fourth Avenue East
- North Bridgeview
- Boulevard
- Fillmore Street
- Kimberly Road
- North College Road
- Shoshone Street
- Victory Avenue
- Sixth Avenue East
- North Eastland Avenue
- Grandview Drive
- Locust Street
- Pole Line Road
- Shoup Avenue
- Washington Street
- Addison Avenue
- Falls Avenue
- Harrison Street
- Minidoka Avenue

tions clear up. Back in the city, plow drivers as a rule don't go through subdivisions or narrower residential streets due to concerns that include blocking intersections and driveways, the Twin Falls release states. Littler and Jerke asked that those who need to drive slow down and give other cars more room than usual. "Drive slow, be safe, don't crowd plows," Jerke said. "Especially early in the season, it always takes people a couple of good storms to remember how to drive in this stuff." Nick Coltrain may be reached at ncoltrain@magicvalley.com or 735-3220.



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Students get early start on Thanksgiving break

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

When Shaina and Shalyce Anderson learned that school was canceled Tuesday they celebrated silently at first. But with a little encouragement from their aunt, Jessica Jolley, they let their reservations go.

The girls' mother couldn't make it back home from Burley on Monday night, they said, so they spent the night with Jolley. After that, the question was what to do with themselves the next

morning.

With the closures of area school districts, Boys and Girls Clubs of Magic Valley and the YMCA, parents were left with the dilemma of what to do with their children Tuesday. Judging by light traffic and empty parking lots in Twin Falls, many decided to hunker down at home.

The Anderson girls, who both attend Robert Stuart Middle School, started the day off walking around the Magic Valley Mall with Jolley's fiance, Jonathan Gil.

While Jolley had to work, Gil was free from his College of Southern Idaho classes because of its weather-related closure.

The mall was largely empty on Tuesday morning, a result of the blizzard. Gil said he expected people would show up later in the afternoon, but that's when he planned to be out in the snow.

"I've been dying for snow," Gil said. "I just want to go snowboarding."

The 22-year-old Marine had recently returned from

jobs or go to school, he said, and the club likes to keep a 15-to-1 ratio of children to staff.

Fowler said many kids just stayed home on Tuesday.

"We're all having a massive snowball fight in my cul-de-sac," Fowler said.

"I've seen a lot more parents staying home." Shalyce said all of her

friends were still in bed around 11:30 a.m. and would probably get up and play in the snow later in the day.

"We haven't had a snow day for five years, so this is cool," she said.

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The indigestion, the heartburn and the Lions

William Bradford created Thanksgiving to make us all truly grateful. God created the Detroit Lions to make us truly humble.

For 76 Thanksgiving afternoons now — 65 consecutively — the National Football League's least successful franchise has cinched up its powder blue-and-silver helmets and given us nationally televised dyspepsia.

The Lions, who host the New England Patriots on Thursday, have lost six Thanksgiving Day games in a row and eight of the last 10. If tryptophan — an amino acid found in turkey meat — makes you sleep, the Lions provide the nausea.

In 77 seasons in Detroit, the Lions have lost 56 percent of their games. They haven't had a winning season since 2000, and since the team last won an NFL championship in 1957, it has missed the playoffs 43 out of 52 years.

In fact, the Lions have won just one postseason game since the Eisenhower

DON'T ASK ME

Steve Crump



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administration.

Notwithstanding, America has decided that if it's going to watch the Dallas Cowboys — who also play every Thanksgiving — it must endure the Lions too. Call it gridiron karma.

Typically on Thanksgiving, Detroit scores early and fumbles late — losing by an average of 23 points in its past six Turkey Day games, all played in Detroit's Ford Field.

Since there's not much to watch by way of football, Lions games for my family provide the opportunity to

ponder how much weight we've gained since last Thanksgiving, how too much sage dressing inevitably leads to reflux and how crappy the weather is outside for only Nov. 25.

The Lions, in short, are a bummer. It's as if everybody got up early on Christmas morning and was compelled to listen to composer Gustav Mahler's "Songs on the Death of Children" before presents could be opened.

My Uncle Terry, who was a big fan of the '57 Lions, grew increasingly morose as Thanksgiving afternoons unfolded, to the extent of switching off Grandma's old black-and-white console TV in the fourth quarter of a 41-14 Lions' loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Thanksgiving Day 1966. The following Thanksgiving, as Detroit was losing to the Rams 31-7, Terry put a well-placed Justin boot through the screen of that Philco.

Ever after, he was compelled to eat in the kitchen where he could hear the

Lions lose but not actually see them.

Terry soon developed an ulcer and had to switch to golf, which gave him a heart attack.

My mom and my aunts, who helped my grandmother prepare the Thanksgiving meal, eventually developed a system for timing dinner based on what a miserable day Bobby Layne, a quarterback for the Lions in the 1950s, was having.

Layne threw a remarkable 142 interceptions in nine seasons in Detroit (as opposed to 118 touchdowns). So the quarterback's first interception on Thanksgiving Day meant it was time to take a turkey out of the oven. Layne's third pickoff was the signal to serve the pie.

One Thanksgiving, he threw five interceptions. After the last one, my Aunt Hazel piped up:

"Who's ready for a fifth?"

Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor. Hear him Fridays at 8:30 a.m. on KLLX-1450 AM.

Latham pleads guilty to fraud, domestic battery

Times-News

Former auto dealership owner Robert Latham Jr. pleaded guilty to two criminal charges Monday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court.

Latham, 51, pleaded guilty to one count of unemployment insurance fraud and one count of domestic battery. Two counts of fraud were dropped, along with two counts of damage to a telecommunication line. The domestic battery charge, his second, was amended from battery.

Sentencing for both cases is set for Jan. 21 with Judge Michael Crabtree presiding.

Hotel robbery suspects appear in court

Three suspects in a Twin Falls hotel robbery continue to make their way through the court system.

Jessica Parsons, 33, pleaded not guilty to one charge of robbery Monday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court. A sentencing date was not available.

Meanwhile, Michelle Daniels, 26, and Anthony Talamantes, 21, are scheduled for arraignment. Daniels' hearing is set for Monday, while Talamantes is slated for Dec. 6.

They are accused of kicking in a hotel room door at the Weston Inn in Twin Falls and taking items from victims who claimed to know them. Items stolen included personal items such as a notebook computer, purses, an iPod and a mobile phone.

DUI convict to answer for fifth DUI charge

A 47-year-old man with four driving under the influence convictions is set for arraignment in Twin Falls

Both lanes of Washington Street South open

Times-News

Washington Street South in Twin Falls is now open both ways between Orchard Drive and East 3600 North Road.

The road has been restricted to one lane of northbound traffic for several weeks due to work on the city's arsenic-reduction project. Road crews were collecting signage and traffic cones at midday Tuesday, during the tail end of the winter storm that swept through the Magic Valley.

The arsenic-reduction project is a \$20 million effort to reduce arsenic levels in city drinking water, complying with federal standards by blending low-arsenic water sources with higher-arsenic sources.

The Twin Falls City Council approved a flat \$11.15 monthly increase to city water rates this summer to pay for the project.

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TSA concerned about al-Qaida use of exotic explosive

Screeners unlikely to yield in effort to keep air travel safe

By Brian Bennett
Tribune Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — New airport security procedures that have stirred the emotions of air travelers — full body scans and aggressive pat-downs — were largely designed to detect an exotic explosive powder called PETN, which has been a staple of al-Qaida bomb makers for nearly a decade.

It was PETN that was molded into the sole of Richard Reid's black high-tops sneaker when he walked onto American Airlines Flight 63 bound for Miami in December 2001.

It was PETN that was sewn into the underwear of Umar Abdulmutallab when he boarded Northwest Airlines Flight 253 for Detroit on Christmas Day 2009.

And it was PETN that al-



AP photo

TSA Administrator John Pistole testifies before the Senate commerce Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Qaida operatives in Yemen packed inside printer cartridges that were shipped on Oct. 28, intending to blow up planes en route to Chicago.

None of the plots succeeded in taking down an aircraft, but top U.S. officials are concerned about fresh indications that al-Qaida remains determined to get PETN on airplanes by trying to exploit vulnerabilities in passenger and cargo screening.

Not only has al-Qaida acknowledged its role in previous bomb plots, it is also sharing what it knows about building bombs on the web and elsewhere.

PETN, or pentaerythritol tetranitrate, presents some vexing challenges to security experts. A powder about the consistency of fine popcorn salt, it will not trigger an alarm on a metal detector. Because of its more stable molecules, PETN gives off less vapor, making it more difficult to detect by bomb-sniffing dogs and the trace swabs used by the TSA.

PETN's stability makes it easy to hide and easily transported. When mixed with rubber cement or putty, it becomes a rudimentary plastic explosive — a baseball-sized amount of it can blow a hole in an airplane fuselage.

"PETN is hard to detect and lends itself to being concealed," said an intelligence official who was not authorized to speak on the record. "It packs a punch."

One way to detect PETN is through its detonator, which

typically uses materials that are easier to detect. Reid's shoe bomb combined PETN with a volatile explosive accelerant called TATP that can be made from dime-store nail polish and hydrogen peroxide. The Yemen printer cartridge bombs placed the PETN around small homemade blasting caps containing the chemical lead azide.

The fact that PETN has been the common denominator in all of the bombs is a major reason why TSA is unlikely to yield substantially in its search for practical ways to prevent the deadly powder from making it aboard a plane.

The new aggressive pat-downs and the increased use of full-body scanners — there are more than 400 machines in 69 U.S. airports — were a direct response to last year's Christmas Day attempt, when Abdulmutallab passed through screening with 80 grams of PETN.

Some passengers have objected to the enhanced screening as an invasion of

privacy, though several polls show air travelers consider safety far more important.

"I know people want to bomb us," Transportation Security Administration head John Pistole told reporters on Monday. Pistole isn't just worried about terrorists in Yemen. He said he is particularly concerned that homegrown terrorists might "get a hold of a PETN device."

PETN can be made in a rudimentary lab or salvaged from old munitions. It can be scraped from old bombs or stripped out of detonator cord, a fast-burning fuse about the diameter of a clothesline that is commonly used in road construction and mining. The amount of PETN in 5 feet of detonator cord has enough explosive power to buckle the roof of a car.

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New pat-downs spark resistance at airports

By Tamara Lush and Sarah Brumfield
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — They've been called molesters, threatened with violence and ordered not to touch "my junk."

One woman headbutted a TSA officer who was searching her laptop. Other screeners report being punched, kicked and shoved during pat-downs. Security officers know the new searches are more invasive but want Thanksgiving travelers to keep in mind they are just doing their jobs to keep people safe.

"We just want the public to understand that we're not perverts," said screener Ricky D. McCoy, who heads a local TSA union for Illinois and Wisconsin.

TSA chief John Pistole has heard the complaints and seemed more open to trying to balance safety with invading people's privacy with the pat-downs.

"We are exploring again ways that they might be less invasive and yet with the same outcomes in terms of detection, but that is really the challenge that we have and that dynamic tension between security and privacy and reasonable people can disagree as to exactly where that blend is as it relates to you as a passenger," Pistole told reporters Tuesday.

To be sure, most passengers are docile when going through an airport's security checkpoint, though McCoy said the atmosphere has changed in the past two weeks.

Last week, for instance, McCoy explained the search to a passenger.

"The guy looked me straight in the face and said, 'I don't know what I might do to you if you touch me,'" said McCoy.

McCoy stared the man down and told the passenger that touching an officer would be the worst mistake he's ever made because authorities would be called. The search went smoothly.

"About 10 minutes later

"The guy looked me straight in the face and said, 'I don't know what I might do to you if you touch me.'"

— **Ricky D. McCoy, a TSA screener, on a confrontation he had with an air traveler at a security checkpoint**

his wife came back and apologized for what he said," McCoy said.

The new pat-downs began about a month ago, and early on, an officer was assaulted. Since the story made headlines, McCoy said officers at least six times have been punched, pushed or shoved after they explained what would be happening.

He blamed TSA for the uproar, saying the agency didn't reach out to passengers enough.

"We have major problems because basically TSA never educated the public on what was going on," McCoy said. "Our agency pretty much just threw the new search techniques out there."

The collective unease of some Americans over possible invasions of privacy, intimate touching and general discomfort have led to a near-instant backlash. News stories and videos of disabled passengers and children being screened aggressively haven't helped, either.

The nation has also paused to laugh. After all, this is the news story that spawned the phrase: "Don't touch my junk!"

Those words were made famous a week ago by a Southern California man who uttered them to a TSA officer while capturing the verbal showdown on his iPhone. A Google search of the phrase on Tuesday registered 4.2 million hits.

Saturday Night Live jumped on the controversy last weekend, with a minute-long skit equating the TSA with a dating service. The skit ends: "It's our business to touch yours."

And then there's the downright uncomfortable: Valerie Lacey, a TSA officer and president of local in Philadelphia, recalled doing a pat-down on a woman's lower body.

"While I was bending over, I saw two men gawking at us," she said. She wasn't sure if the woman noticed.

TSA officers have received

eight to 12 hours of training on the pat-down procedure, said Sari Koshetz, a TSA spokeswoman in Tampa. Training on the scanning machines is a three-day process that requires on-the-job training. She said the agents must pass tests each year and requalify for their jobs.

Despite the occasional outburst, many passengers are forgiving.

"I personally wouldn't want to be patted down," said 29-year-old Relana McGlothlin, an Army reservist from Orlando who had a layover Tuesday in Atlanta on her way to Raleigh, N.C. "But I think the security people are just doing their jobs."



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Panel: Idaho needs \$543 million more a year for highways

By **Jessie L. Bonner**
Associated Press

BOISE — A state task force on transportation funding has determined Idaho will need to come up with an additional \$543 million annually to fully address its needs to maintain highways and bridges.

The 15-member panel finished its work Tuesday at the Idaho Capitol and will submit its final report to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter in December. Otter created the panel more than a year ago after state House members in the 2009 Idaho Legislature rejected his plan to raise the gas tax to pay for more upgrades and maintenance.

The panel identified the level of funding necessary to meet transportation needs and compiled a list of more than two dozen policy changes for the governor and lawmakers to raise the revenue required to fully fund highway projects.

"I think we've come up with a road map, I think we've acknowledged how

difficult it's going to be," said Lt. Gov. Brad Little, who chaired the task force.

The panel found the state Department of Transportation and local highway districts need \$262 million to operate, preserve and restore road systems. Another \$281 million is needed for safety and other improvements, the task force said.

The group also identified more than 24 ways to raise money for roads, putting an increase in the fuel tax and a plan to index the fuel tax to inflation at the top of the list.

While members of the panel noted that each one-penny hike in the fuel tax would raise \$8.2 million for roads, they stopped short of making any specific money-raising recommendations.

Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, acknowledged the challenge of reaching consensus among all 15 members of the panel. But he had hoped the panel's work could have provided more detail and direction. He had urged the group to determine how much money each proposal would raise to paint a realistic

picture for the state.

Lake was the only member to object to the final recommendations.

"My thought was the task force should reach some

conclusions," said Lake. "We should have at least given the Legislature some direction."

The task force directed the governor and Idaho lawmakers to explore their ideas after the economy has

improved and more revenue available for roads and bridges.

Task force member Gordon Cruickshank, a Valley County Commissioner, said he was reluctant

to funding recommendations to the economic recovery.

"We're basically saying if it doesn't improve, we're not going to do anything," Cruickshank said.

Court halts sea lion killing at Columbia River dam

By **Tim Fought**
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Sea lions that have faced death by lethal injection for making banquets of endangered fish in the Columbia River won a reprieve Tuesday when a federal appeals court told Oregon and Washington wildlife officials to cease killing them.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the federal government failed to explain why it lets state officials kill sea lions, while humans are allowed to take comparable or larger catches of the endangered salmon and steelhead.

Angry fishermen along the river have protested over the past decade as growing numbers of the sea lions clustered at the base of Bonneville Dam, where fish waiting to head upriver to spawn are easy pickings.

In 2008, the federal government gave Oregon and Washington state agencies the go-ahead to kill the hungriest of the sea lions, a decision challenged by the Humane Society of the United States.

In the past two years, 24 of the California sea lions have been killed. They are captured at the dam and taken to a facility where they are given a lethal injection by a veterinarian.

"The government's plan to kill sea lions for eating fish, while at the same time authorizing fishermen to take four times as many fish as sea lions, is irrational," society Vice President Jonathan Lovvorn said Tuesday in a statement.

The appeals court noted that — depending on how large the yearly runs prove to be — commercial, recreational and tribal fisheries are allowed under a separate federal assessment to catch 5.5 percent to 17 percent of the salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act.

The National Marine Fisheries Service judged that such a catch would have minimal impact on the species' chances of survival, the judges said. But that finding is "in apparent conflict" with the agency's finding that a comparable or smaller take by the sea lions would have a "significant negative impact," they said.

Based on federal agency observations, sea lions' take has ranged from 0.4 percent to 4.2 percent, although the agencies believe that's a minimum, the court said.

The sea lions also are protected by federal law, but an exception allows them to be killed if they pose a significant threat to the fish.

AROUND THE WEST

IDAHO Feds round up 13 illegal immigrants in southern Idaho

IDAHO FALLS — Federal immigration officers arrested 13 illegal immigrants across southern Idaho last week and all but one are expected to be immediately deported.

The Post Register reports the Boise office of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested 10 men and three women in a four-day sweep that ended last Friday. Seven people were arrested in Idaho Falls, with one each in: American Falls, Firth, Hamer, Lewisville, Shoshone and Sugar City.

ICE spokeswoman Lorie Dankers says 12 have final orders of deportation.

One man was turned over to the Bonneville County sheriff's office for an outstanding arrest warrant on battery charges.

Former N. Idaho lawmaker, civic activist dies

POST FALLS — Hilde Kellogg, who served in the Idaho Legislature for 20 years and was a fixture in public service in Post Falls for decades, has died. She was 92.

Relatives and friends say she died Monday of natural causes at the Kootenai Medical Center.

Kellogg retired from the legislature at age 88 after serving 10 terms. She was a member of the House Revenue and Taxation and Transportation committees and

was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the major construction upgrades now taking place along U.S. Highway 95 in northern Idaho.

Before her statehouse career, Kellogg served on the Post Falls planning and zoning board and the city council. She was also a former president of the Post Falls Chamber of Commerce and the first female member of the Post Falls Kiwanis club.

MONTANA Missoula doubles permit fees for oversized loads

MISSOULA — The Missoula City Council has voted to make permanent a \$200 fee for companies seeking permits to haul oversized loads through the city.

Imperial Oil/ExxonMobil is seeking permits from Idaho and Montana to haul 200 loads of oil field equipment from Lewiston, Idaho via U.S. Highway 12. The loads would be brought through Missoula and travel through northwestern Montana and into Canada. The loads are up to 24 feet wide, 30 feet high, 210 feet long and can weigh more than 30 tons.

The commission passed an emergency ordinance in August to double to \$200 the permit fees for oversized loads. The emergency ordinance expired Monday.

The Missoulian reports the city council voted unanimously Monday for a similar temporary emergency ordinance and passed a permanent ordinance that will take effect in 30 days.

— The Associated Press



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 — Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole

EDITORIAL

Dependable funding for ISP? That's worth a buck a month

Eight years ago, the Idaho State Police had 543 full-time employees to cover a state that traveled a little less than 14 billion vehicle miles annually.

This year the ISP has 533 full-time positions for 16 billion vehicle miles.

That's why we think state Sen. Dean Cameron's idea of a \$1 per month surcharge on auto insurance policies to raise \$19.4 million a year for the state police is a good one.

ISP stands to lose millions of dollars in gas-tax funding if a planned shift, already delayed once, takes place. That money would instead go to transportation.

Revenue from an auto insurance surcharge would replace those funds, and it would be more dependable because gas tax collections fluctuate with the price of fuel and state of the economy.

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Cameron, a Republican from Rupert, is co-chairman of a task force on alternative funding for the ISP and state parks and recreation. He told the Governor's Task Force on Transportation

Funding on Tuesday that the insurance surcharge was one of his commission's two preferred options, along with raising vehicle registration fees.

The latter alternative, however, was a non-starter in the Legislature two years ago when Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter sought to raise \$240 million to meet the backlog in Idaho highway maintenance. And it probably would be again.

Cameron said Tuesday his task force backed permanently restoring gas tax funds to parks and rec. The share of those funds reflects gas burned in ATVs, boats and other off-road vehicles.

He said once the governor's task force on transportation makes its recommendations, his task force will reconvene and make its own.

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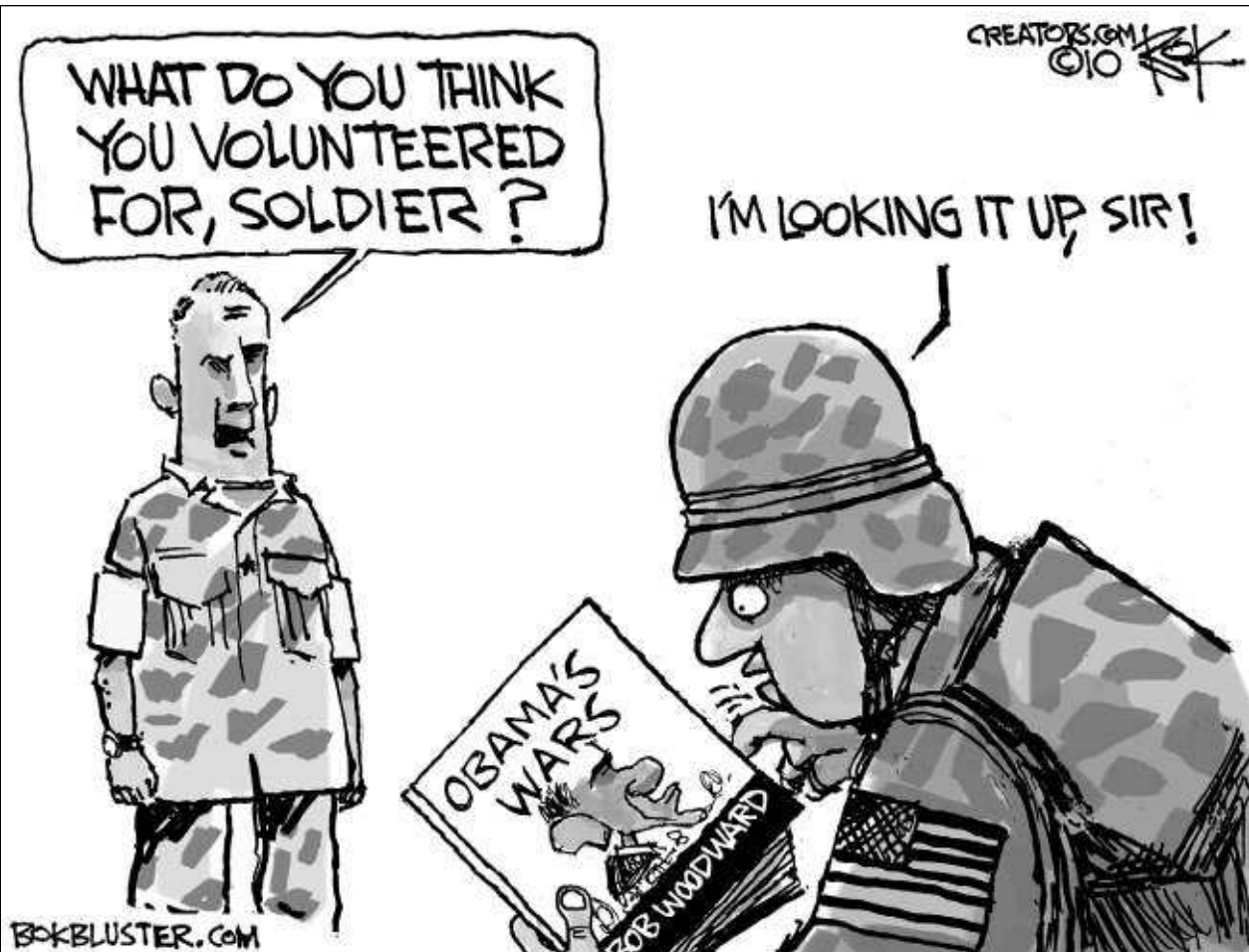
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General fund	\$19.8M	\$17M	\$16.6M	\$21.9M	\$17.5M	\$13.6M
Ded. funds	\$24.3M	\$25.3M	\$21M	\$29.8M	\$39.4M	\$42.7M
Total	\$52M	\$50.2M	\$53.8M	\$60.6M	\$66.5M	\$66.2M

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When can we get out of Afghanistan?

President Obama has promised to begin withdrawing U.S. troops from Afghanistan in July 2011. But Afghan President Hamid Karzai has said his government won't be ready to take over the main burden of defending the country against Taliban insurgents until 2014 — a date U.S. officials are also increasingly talking about.

Does that mean adding three years to the U.S. clock? Not exactly.

Last year, when Obama decided to grant his military commanders' request for more troops in Afghanistan, he added a proviso to protect himself from the danger of endless, gradual escalation. This would be the last increase, he warned, and the added troops would be withdrawn beginning in July.

Predictably, the withdrawal date instantly became the focus of attention in both the United States and Afghanistan: Did it mean the Americans would abandon the battlefield, and that the Taliban merely had to wait them out before marching back to Kabul?

Obama and his lieutenants have said that is not the case, but they have given conflicting signals about what exactly the date signified. Vice President Joe Biden promised restive Democrats that there would be significant withdrawals;



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Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates insisted the withdrawals were likely to be modest. And administration officials struggled to explain what would happen after July 2011, partly because they hadn't figured it out themselves.

"There was a lot of confusion out there," a White House official acknowledged last week.

To the rescue, almost accidentally, came Karzai, who declared at his inauguration a year ago that Afghanistan would assume primary control over security within five years — that is, by the end of his term in 2014.

U.S. and other Western officials didn't take the date too seriously at first; it hadn't come from their strategic planning process, and it didn't seem realistic. (There's still plenty of doubt on that score.) But 2014 is increasingly being seen as a handy light at the end of the tunnel as the Obama administration toils to persuade other NATO countries to keep troops in the fight.

In July, an international summit in Kabul endorsed the goal. And at a NATO

meeting in Lisbon this week, Gen. David H. Petraeus will unveil a more detailed timetable leading to 2014, providing — its authors hope — a reassuring framework under which European countries will agree to send more trainers and advisors to Afghanistan for the next several years.

In a broader sense, the 2014 date helps focus the debate on Afghanistan on something more important than the size of the drawdown that begins next July, which will be quite modest initially, if Gates and Petraeus have their way. The main goal of the war, after all, is to get Afghanistan to a point where much-improved Afghan security forces led by a much-improved government (neither of which exist yet) can take over.

"We're not getting out," Gates reaffirmed last week. "We're talking about probably a years-long process."

Many of the Taliban routed in Kandahar are believed to have fled to neighboring Pakistan to regroup. The United States has been pressing Pakistan to strike against Taliban "safe havens" on its territory with ground forces, but Pakistan has stalled.

And the long U.S. struggle to improve the effectiveness of Karzai's government and reduce the corruption that

saps its public support has been largely unsuccessful. It's a sign of the importance Petraeus attaches to the issue that he has assigned one of the most accomplished American combat commanders of the Iraq war, Brig. Gen. H.R. McMaster, to lead a new anti-corruption campaign.

All those efforts, finally, are intended to lead to negotiations between Karzai and the Taliban. But while there have been "talks about talks" in recent months, no substantive negotiations have occurred. A leading scholar of the Taliban, Michael Semple of Harvard's Carr Center on Human Rights, says the offensive in Kandahar has slowed progress toward negotiations because it's convinced many Taliban that the United States "isn't interested ... in a peaceful settlement."

If Obama hopes to maintain public support for a war that's already unpopular — 58 percent of Americans in one recent poll said they opposed it — he should seize the opportunity to talk about more than withdrawals — and explain what he thinks the U.S. role in Afghanistan should be three years from now, in 2014.

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Instability does greater damage to children than poverty

Poverty is on the rise, according to census data, and now affects 14.3 percent of the population, up from 13.2 percent in 2008. A stumbling economy obviously explains the recent uptick. But those who think that poor urban families' problems have an economic fix would do well to pick up the fall issue of the *Future of Children*, a journal jointly published by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Brookings Institution (I sit on its advisory board).

The articles in the issue are based on findings from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study, which has followed 5,000 children and their urban, primarily minority parents



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since the kids were born in the late 1990s. The study constitutes the most extensive, long-term database on the family lives of the urban poor we've ever had, and the dismal picture that it paints of low-income, unmarried couples and their children has nothing to do with the Great Recession.

One of the study's most surprising initial findings was that the large majority — 80 percent — of poor, unmarried couples were romantically involved at the time of their child's birth. In

fact, 50 percent of the couples were living together. Fathers almost always visited the mothers and children in the hospital and usually provided financial support. Even better, most of these new parents said that there was a 50-50 chance that they would eventually marry each other. They spoke highly of their partners' commitment to their children and of their supportiveness.

But within five years, a tiny 15 percent of the unmarried couples had taken wedding vows, while a whopping 60 percent had split up. At the five-year mark, only 36 percent of the children lived with their fathers, and half of the other 64 percent hadn't seen their dads in the last month. One-

half to two-thirds of the absent fathers provided little or no financial support.

A parental breakup is hard enough on kids, but the prevalence of what experts call "multipartner fertility" is salt in their wounds. By the time the children were 5, 20 percent of their mothers had a child by a different man; 27 percent of the kids were living with their mother's new live-in partner. These relationships tended to reduce father involvement: Dads are less likely to come around when a new man is in the house. In the long run, it's not even clear that the new boyfriends are good for the women involved, because mothers with children by more than one man "reported significantly less available (finan-

cial) support than those with children by one man."

Adding to the child-unfriendly atmosphere are the many fathers who go on to have children with other women. The journal reports that men with children in a new relationship spend less time and money on their previous children. One study also found — no surprise — that the quality of "co-parenting" declines when a new girlfriend or boyfriend enters the picture. Breakups turn out to be hard on men too; men living with their children worked longer hours and earned more, while those who moved out were more likely to become unemployed.

And what do we know about the effect of all this on children? The Fragile

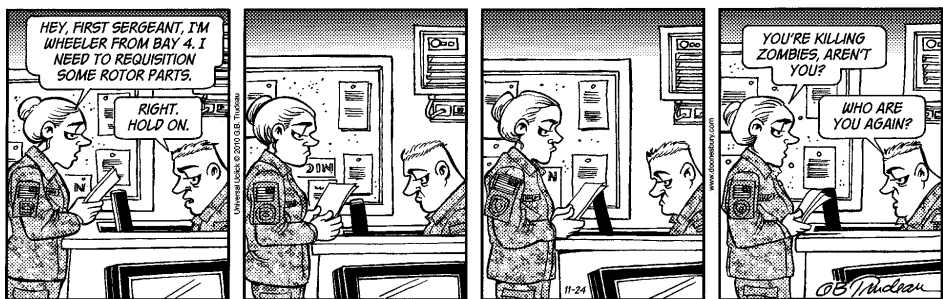
Families kids growing up with single mothers have more behavior problems than those with two parents; those problems worsen with every "transition" — that is, every new relationship and breakup. There's even evidence that instability affects children's cognitive performance. Worst of all, children growing up with a boyfriend or stepdad in the house are at greater risk of abuse.

Eventually, the economy will improve. That's not likely to change much for the children in fragile families.

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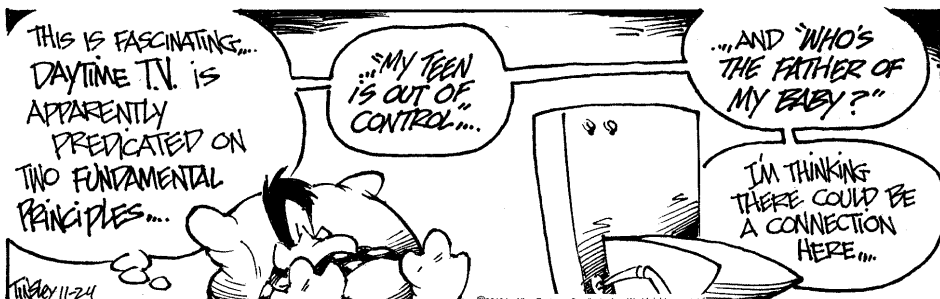
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FDA acts, but underage, binge drinking remain

There was good reason to go loco over Four Loko. There is only one market for a 23.5-ounce drink canned like beer, infused with caffeine, flavored like fruit, and containing the alcohol equivalent of nearly an entire bottle of wine: the young binge drinker.

After several highly publicized hospitalizations and deaths of underage college students that apparently involved Four Loko, the Food and Drug Administration last week gave its creator, Phusion Projects, and its competitors 15 days to eliminate the caffeine. The agency said the mixture can produce "wide-awake" drunks and create "hazardous and life-threatening situations." Last week Massachusetts joined several other states in outright banning the drink.

The day before the FDA's announcement, Phusion Products announced it would remove the caffeine. In doing so, the company claimed it demonstrated "leadership, cooperation and responsible corporate citizenship."

What this really demonstrates is America's stasis



Derrick Z. Jackson

around alcohol and young people. Phusion is cited for jacking up the juice, and then after taking out the offending additive, it calls itself a corporate citizen while the remaining product is still Muhammad Ali in a can.

Still, Four Loko is merely an upstart outlier that is easy to pick on. The bigger issue is underage and binge drinking. We remain a hypocritical nation that wags our fingers at kids not to drink but lets top beer companies target them with advertising.

The best example is the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The vast majority of undergrads are underage, yet Anheuser Busch InBev and SABMiller were the fifth and sixth top advertisers during the 2009 Division 1 basketball tournament telecasts, according to Kantar Media. At a combined spending of \$36.9 million, beer was the sec-

ond-most peddled product among the top 10 advertisers behind motor vehicles. In 2009, Anheuser Busch was the top overall televised sports advertiser for the third straight year, according to Street and Smith's Sports Business Journal. The company spent \$309 million on TV sports ads, representing three quarters of its ad spending. While alcohol companies and sports teams always claim that the audience for the ads is the adult drinker, children a plenty are watching the games.

In September, the American Academy of Pediatrics suggested new advertising and product placement restrictions, saying the alcohol industry's \$6 billion-a-year marketing campaign results in young television viewers seeing 1,000 to 2,000 ads a year. "Much of the advertising is concentrated during teen-oriented shows and sports programming," the academy said. "All of the top-15 teen-oriented shows contain alcohol ads."

"Currently, teenagers are 400 times more likely to see an alcohol ad than to see a public service announce-

ment that discourages underage drinking. Teen-oriented magazines contain 48 percent more advertising for beer, 20 percent more advertising for hard liquor, and 92 percent more advertising for sweet alcoholic drinks than do magazines aimed at adults of legal drinking age."

The more ads viewed, the more likely youth start drinking. A 2007 RAND study of South Dakota middle-schoolers found that those in the top percentiles of alcohol marketing exposure were 50 percent more likely to drink than those youth with low marketing exposure. In Great Britain, researchers from the Open University and the University of Stirling this year found that youth who were more aware of alcohol ads were so much more likely to drink that "current regulation does not seem to afford adolescents adequate protection from alcohol marketing exposure."

As for binge drinking, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says it is tied to more than half of 79,000 annual U.S. alcohol-related deaths and two-thirds of the estimated 2.3 million

years of potential life lost. In a nation where 42 percent of high school youth say they drink and 61 percent of teen drinkers say they binge, we owe it to them to stem the assault of ads. A great place to start are the blatant associations of alcohol to institutions that serve millions of underage men and women.

Unless organizations like the NCAA just say no, why should teens listen to us? The commotion about kids guzzling Four Loko cannot hide the truth. Based on the ads we allow, we adults are the wide-awake drunks.

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The light bulb ban is just plain destructive

Most consumers have never heard of "creative destruction." But they still benefit from it — at least, they do when it isn't forced on them.

Popularized by Austrian economist Joseph Schumpeter, creative destruction is an economic theory that says the short- and long-term benefits of entrepreneurial activity and competition far outweigh the short-term losses caused by a new product replacing an old one.

Audiotape makers, for example, may lose their jobs to the makers of compact discs, who may lose their jobs to the digital age. When it occurs organically, it's a beautiful process that begets economic progress and benefits the consumer. When forced on businesses and consumers by our government, however, it does far more harm than good. And that's exactly what's occurring with the federally mandated incandescent light bulb ban.

In 2007, Congress passed an energy bill that placed stringent efficiency requirements on incandescent bulbs in an attempt to phase them out beginning in 2012 and replace them with more expensive but more energy-efficient bulbs, the most popular being compact fluorescent bulbs.

Politicians used a distorted view of creative destruction mixed with global warming concerns to sell the regulation. They said it will create jobs, save consumers money, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. But what's really happened?

Politicians, as they typically do, fail to see the unintended consequences of their legislative agendas. When it comes to CFLs, for example, the exposure to mercury vapor is dangerous if the bulbs are broken. Hospitals and medical charities warn that CFL bulbs cause migraines and epilepsy attacks. Other critics also point out that



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CFLs do not work well in colder temperatures, they emit less heat, and thus will force Americans to use more heat. CFLs do not work well with dimmer switches and the lifespan of the bulb diminishes when turned off and on frequently.

The latest attack on compact fluorescents is jobs. *The Washington Post* recently ran a story on General Electric having to close its major incandescent factory in Winchester, Va. — a factory that employed 200 people. And the jobs that likely will be replacing those will be in China, where the United States gets much of its CFL bulbs because the process of making CFLs is labor-intensive and labor in China is much cheaper than it is here.

As Rep. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tenn., said, "Washington banned a perfectly good product and fired hard-working Americans based on little more than their own whim and the silly notion that they know better than the American consumer. Now, hundreds more Americans are looking for work while assembly lines in China are churning out fluorescent bulbs for the U.S. market."

To be clear, this is not Schumpeter's model of creative destruction; it's economic ignorance. If consumers really wanted to buy fluorescents rather than cheaper incandescent light bulbs, they would purchase them without a government ban. And if China produced those fluorescents, cheap imports mean businesses will find better productive uses for labor in the United States.

While this is likely true with or without a mandate, the difference is that the government's ban unneces-

sarily kills jobs. In this case, a mix of special-interest politics and concern that energy use in the United States is producing too much greenhouse gas emissions resulted in a needless regulation and mandates. Rather than an innovation valued in the marketplace, consumers are forced to accept a product they don't want.

The attack on the incandescent bulb is just one in a laundry list of government regulations and mandates attempting to promote conservation.

Energy efficiency standards for vehicles, appliances and buildings all have unintended consequences that the advocates for the regulations fail to foresee, including increased energy use. In every single case, if consumers want a product, the market is capable of providing it.

On the other hand, when the government picks winners and losers, it reduces the incentive for companies to innovate. It also increases the incentive for companies to lobby the government for special handouts and protections. When the government creates specific mandates and regulations, it purposely narrows the path businesses can take. They are policies that distort normal market forces and encourage government dependence.

Other countries have adopted similar incandescent phase-out strategies. But that isn't cause for the United States to be a lemming for bad policy.

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3 big developments make AIDS outlook more hopeful

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press

In the nearly 30 years the AIDS epidemic has raged, there has never been a more hopeful day than this.

Three striking developments took place Tuesday: U.N. officials said new HIV cases are dropping dramatically worldwide. A study showed that a daily pill already on pharmacy shelves could help prevent new infections in gay men. And the pope opened the way for the use of condoms to prevent AIDS.

"I don't know of a day where so many pieces are

beginning to align for HIV prevention and treatment, and frankly with a view to ending the epidemic," said Mitchell Warren, head of the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition, a nonprofit group that works on HIV prevention research. "This is an incredibly opportune moment and we have to be sure we seize it."

President Obama said the groundbreaking research on the AIDS drug "could mark the beginning of a new era in HIV prevention."

The U.N. report said that new cases dropped nearly 20 percent over the last decade and that 33.3 million people

are living with HIV now.

"We can say with confidence and conviction that we have broken the trajectory of the AIDS pandemic," said UNAIDS Executive Director Michel Sidibe in Geneva.

Health officials credit part of the decline to wider condom use, and on Tuesday, in a historic shift in church teachings, the Vatican said that using a condom is a lesser evil than infecting a sexual partner with HIV.

Condoms remain the best weapon against AIDS, and the new prevention pill is not the chemical equivalent. But scientists called it a true

breakthrough. The pill, Gilead Science's Truvada, is already used to treat people with HIV. A three-year global study found that daily doses cut the risk of infection in healthy gay and bisexual men when given with condoms, counseling and other prevention services.

The drug lowered the chances of infection by 44 percent, and by 73 percent or more among men who took their pills most faithfully. Researchers had feared the pills might give a false sense of security and make men less likely to use condoms or to limit their partners, but the opposite happened —

risky sex declined.

The results are "a major advance" that can help curb the epidemic in gay men, said Dr. Kevin Fenton, AIDS prevention chief at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But he warned they may not apply to people exposed to HIV through male-female sex, drug use or other ways. Studies in those groups are under way.

Because Truvada is already on the market, the CDC is rushing to develop guidelines for doctors who want to use it to prevent HIV, and urged people to wait until those are ready.

As a practical matter, price could limit use. The pills cost \$5,000 to \$14,000 a year in the United States, but roughly \$140 a year in some poor countries where they are sold in generic form.

AROUND THE NATION

WASHINGTON U.S. Treasury gets \$11.7 billion from GM stock sale

The Treasury Department says it has received \$11.7 billion from the sale of 358.5 million shares of General Motors stock.

Treasury announced that the net proceeds from the GM stock sold last week were delivered on Tuesday. Treasury officials said that the government could receive an additional \$1.8 billion assuming the bankers exercise options to purchase an additional 53.8 million shares of GM common stock within 30 days of the initial stock offering.

The government put \$49.5 billion into GM as part of its bailout of the giant automaker.

In addition, Treasury said it will receive another \$2.1 billion from GM when the automaker repurchases preferred stock that was issued under the government's \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program. That sale is supposed to take place in December.

The \$11.7 billion in net proceeds represented the amount the government received after subtracting fees paid to the banks which handled the initial public offering.

TEXAS Priest accused of trying to hire hit man to kill accuser

SAN ANTONIO — A Roman Catholic priest has been arrested on charges that he solicited a hit man to kill a teenager who had accused him of sexual abuse.

Authorities said John Fiala first offered the job to a neighbor, who blew the whistle and helped police arrange a sting. They said Fiala got as far as negotiating a \$5,000 price for the slaying before investigators moved in.

The 52-year-old clergyman was arrested Thursday at his suburban Dallas home and jailed on

\$700,000 bond. In April, he was named in a lawsuit filed by the boy's family, who accused Fiala of molesting the youth, including twice forcing him to have sex at gunpoint.

The abuse allegedly took place in 2007 and 2008, when Fiala was a priest at the Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in the West Texas community of Rocksprings, a rural enclave known for sheep and goat herding.

The family's lawsuit also named the Archdiocese of San Antonio and Archbishop Jose Gomez, alleging that church leadership should have known Fiala was abusive.

The suit was filed just a month before Gomez was introduced as the new incoming leader of the Los Angeles Archdiocese. He is currently serving as an assistant to Cardinal Roger Mahony, who will retire next year. Gomez then automatically becomes archbishop.

NEW YORK Artist gets camera implanted in head

NEW YORK — A New York University arts professor might not have eyes on the back of his head, but he's coming pretty close.

Wafaa Bilal, a visual artist widely recognized for his interactive and performance pieces, had a small digital camera implanted in the back of his head — all in the name of art.

Bilal said Tuesday that he underwent the procedure for an art project that was commissioned by a new museum in Doha, Qatar, in the Arab Gulf.

Titled "The 3rd I," it is one of 23 contemporary works commissioned for the opening of the Mathaf: Arab Museum of Modern Art on Dec. 30. The exhibition is entitled "Told/Untold/Retold."

"I am going about my daily life as I did before the procedure," the Iraqi-born artist said in a statement.

Bilal, who is teaching three courses this semester at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, will wear the camera for one year. It is 2 inches in diameter and less than an inch thick.

The project will raise "important social, aesthetic, political, technological and artistic questions," he said.

He declined to say when the camera was implanted or other details of the art installation, saying it "will be revealed to the public as part of the museum preview on Dec. 15" and on a website to be launched on the same day, <http://www.3rdi.me>.

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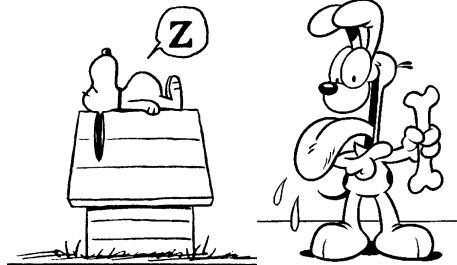
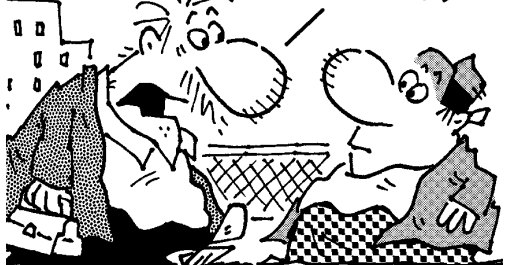
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Black Friday deals intrude on Thanksgiving Day

By Elaine Walker
McClatchy Newspapers

MIAMI — Eat your turkey early this Thanksgiving.

With consumers expected to spend a bit more this holiday season, retailers are racing to get their doors open first and lure early shoppers with doorbuster specials. More stores than ever before are opening on Thanksgiving Day.

"This is clearly a new tradition being born; Thanksgiving Day is no longer sacred," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with The NPD Group.

For the first time, all Sears stores will offer pre-turkey shopping from 7 a.m. to



HIROKO MASUIKE/The New York Times
Holiday decorations at Macy's on 34th Street in New York.

noon with deals like an RCA 19-inch LCD television for \$129 and a diamond pendant for \$19.99. Also open during

the day are all Kmart stores, plus select Old Navy, including the Twin Falls location, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"It's something that our customers have said they wanted," said Kim Freely, a spokeswoman for Sears Holdings, which owns Sears and Kmart.

Toys "R" Us found the response last year to its midnight opening so strong that this year the retailer pushed opening up to 10 p.m. Walmart is opening at midnight Black Friday with deals on toys, clothes and items for the home, but the big electronics specials won't kick in until 5 a.m., with items like an eMachines laptop for \$198 and a Nintendo DS Lite for \$89.

It's all in the name of competition. Even those waiting until Friday are pushing the

time earlier. Kohl's has moved opening to 3 a.m., while JCPenney and Macy's will follow at 4 a.m. Macy's is already touting doorbusters like \$39.99 cashmere sweaters and a \$99 e-reader.

"Retailers today are competing against each other more than ever," Cohen said. "In the retailer's mind, the early bird is the one who is going to catch the worm."

About 60 million people — 19 percent of Americans — plan to hit the stores the Friday, Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving, according to a National Retail Federation survey. Another 78 million say they are waiting to see if the bargains are good enough to

fight the crowds.

While holiday spending is expected to rebound this season, it's not returning to anything resembling the conspicuous consumption of the boom years. Consumers have shifted their spending habits to a more cautious mode, and value remains key.

"People have adjusted to the new normal," said Mark Trouba, general manager of Galleria Mall in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where sales have been up double digits all year. "They have the money. They're just being very selective about where to spend it."

See **DEALS**, Business 2



BLAIR KOCH/Times-News

Wills Toyota Sales Associate Darin Bloxham sweeps snow off of automobiles on display at the Twin Falls dealer on Tuesday. By late morning, nearly half of the business' service appointments had been canceled because of poor weather conditions.

Snow day for more than schools

Weather prompts business closures

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

Tuesday's blizzard conditions didn't just keep students home for the day. Many area workers got the day off, too.

"We have a lot of employees here in our Twin Falls branch that don't live in town and we sent many of them home," said Jeni Zodrow, a U.S. Bank universal banker. "They were worried that if the snow and wind continued they may not get home safely."

Zodrow said bank management decided early Tuesday morning to close the bank's branches in Buhl, Jerome and Filer.

Safety aside, it didn't make sense to keep employees on-site when cus-

tomers stayed home anyway.

Like the bank, Wills Toyota in Twin Falls was prepared for an early close if clients continued canceling appointments, said co-owner Greg Wills. About 30 employees would be sent home early.

"Typically, we have about 30 appointments daily," Wills said in regard to the dealership's service center. "We've already had well over half the day's work canceled."

He said weather alone won't keep people from purchasing a car, although the blowing snow made it harder to display automobiles.

"If people are set on buying a car, they'll be back, so bad weather doesn't really affect sales. The weather does affect service, though," Wills said.

Sales associate Darin Bloxham said he wouldn't be disappointed if the dealership closed for the rest of the day.

"It would sure beat what I'm doing now," Bloxham said, while sweeping

inches of accumulated snow off of many vehicles displayed outside.

Lani Schneider, a barista at Annie's Lavender and Coffee Cafe, said the Twin Falls shop would have to close a few hours early because the employee on duty was snowed-in at home.

"It's actually been a little busier today than yesterday. Not only are we seeing our regular customers but new people, too," Schneider said. "I think people feel that if they have to be out in this weather they might as well treat themselves."

Not surprisingly, most pulled into the coffee shop for something hot to drink.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center and its associated clinics saw many Tuesday closures as well, said spokeswoman Laura Stewart.

"A lot of folks were canceling their appointments," Stewart said.

Several of St. Luke's clinic offices

See **SNOW**, Business 2

Unemployment benefits to end for thousands of Idaho workers

Times-News

Extended unemployment benefits will end Dec. 4 for 1,200 jobless Idaho workers, and 14,000 more will see benefits end in the weeks ahead with the expiration of federal legislation financing the extended benefit program.

The U.S. House of Representatives refused to approve a three-month extension on Thursday, allowing the extended benefit program to end. The program began spring 2008 and provided 28 to 73 additional weeks of benefits on top of the 10 to 26 weeks of regular state benefits and a \$25 federal supplement to the weekly benefit amount. It has pumped more than \$563 million into the Idaho economy through the more than 120,000 recipients since it began.

Under the expiring federal law and various state laws, claimants receiving federal-state extended benefits will receive their final benefit for the week ending Dec. 4.

The estimated 14,000 claimants receiving payments through one of the four tiers of the federal extended benefit program will complete the benefit tier they are currently in but will not move to the next

"If Congress reaches an agreement and resumes the program, we'll notify all the people who will be affected."

— **Josh McKenna, acting benefits bureau chief**

tier after Dec. 4.

More than 17,000 unemployed Idaho workers who are receiving regular state benefits will not be eligible for any benefit extensions if they exhaust their regular benefit claims after the week ending Nov. 20. Jobless workers filing new claims after Nov. 20 will also not be eligible for federal extensions.

In addition, the \$25 a week federal supplement to weekly benefit amounts will end with the payment received the week ending Dec. 11. Eligibility for that supplement was curtailed by Congress last summer, but about 21,000 idled Idaho workers are still receiving it.

Congress allowed the extended benefit program to expire at the end of May only to revive it six weeks later but eliminating the \$25 weekly

See **BENEFITS**, Business 2

Idaho county rejects temporary ban on wind farm development

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Bingham County commissioners have rejected a request by a group of property owners for an emergency moratorium on wind energy development until the county can revise its zoning ordinance.

Natural Guardian Limited Partnership asked commissioners to consider the freeze, saying wind energy developments could obstruct scenic vistas, adversely impact people and wildlife and hurt property values. It also notes the county does not have regulations in place to address wind turbines.

The commissioners rejected the freeze on Monday. Commissioner Donavan told the Idaho State Journal that the county didn't feel like there was an imminent public danger or harm. He says the county hopes to have the zoning rules adopted soon.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Project Mutual Telephone announces dividend

Project Mutual Telephone (PMT) Board of Directors recently announced it will make a dividend payment.

The board approved \$199,421.82 to be paid to member customers in patronage dividends this year.

"We are very proud to be able to return this money to our members. We are the only communication company in the area who pays customers back," said PMT Board Chairman Dennis Dickson. "Paying customers

patronage is a tangible way to say 'thanks for doing business locally' because without our members, we don't exist."

The dividend each customer receives depends on the amount of business they have done with the cooperative. The more PMT services used by each member, the larger the patronage check. This year's dividend payment will be issued in December, and represents patronage earned in 1992.

Checks will be mailed the first of December. For active members receiving dividends in the amount of

\$10 or less, the credit will be applied to their December bill.

Downtown parking will be free in T.F. starting Friday

Leave your quarters at home.

Shoppers in downtown Twin Falls can park free Friday and Saturday, and each Saturday thereafter through Jan. 1.

The parking meters will have bags over them indicating that motorists do not have to put money in them on those days.

— **Staff reports**

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.37	▼	.18	Dell	13.82	▼	.14	Idacorp	35.73	▼	.34	Int. Bancorp	1.40	▼	.11
Lithia Mo.	13.51	▼	.45	McDonald's	79.01	▼	.51	Micron	7.42	▲	.10	Supervalu	9.22	▼	.36

COMMODITIES

For more see Business 2

Live cattle	101.55	▲	.63	Jan. Oil	81.25	▼	.49
Nov. Gold	1,377.50	▲	19.80	Dec. Silver	27.57	▲	.11

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with market summary data for NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and DIARY. Includes columns for Name, Vol(00), Last Chg, and various statistics.

INDEXES

Table with index data for Dow Jones Industrials, Dow Jones Transportation, NYSE Composite, etc.

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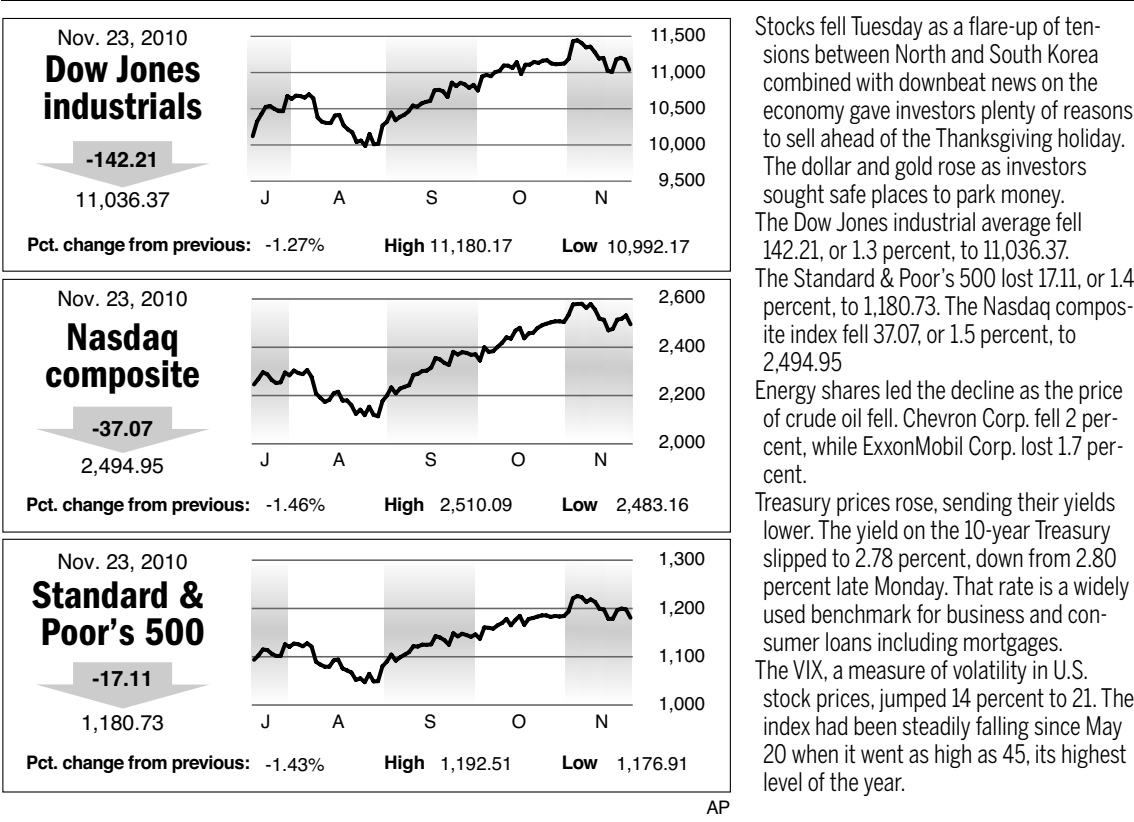
Table with local stock data including AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, etc.

HOW TO READ THE REPORT

Stock Footnotes: cc - PE greater than 99, dd - Loss in last 12 mos, d - New 52-wk low during trading day, g - Dividend in Canadian \$, Stock price in U.S., n - New issue in past 52 wks, q - Closed-end mutual fund, no PE calculated, s - Split or stock dividend of 25 pct or more in last 52 wks, Div begins with date of split or stock dividend, u - New 52-wk high during trading day, v - Trading halted on primary market, Unissued noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration, pf - Preferred, pp - Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price, rt - Rights, un - Units, wd - When distributed, wi - When issued, wt - Warrants, ww - With warrants, xw - Without warrants. Dividend Footnotes: a - Also extra or extras, b - Annual rate plus stock dividend, c - Liquidating dividend, e - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos, f - Annual rate, increased on last declaration, i - Declared or paid after stock dividend or split, j - Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting, k - Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears, m - Annual rate, reduced on last declaration, p - Init div, annual rate unknown, r - Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos plus stock dividend, t - Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date, x - Ex-dividend or ex-rights, y - Ex-dividend and sales in full, z - Sales in full, vv - In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies. * Most active stocks above must be worth \$1 and gainers/losers \$2. Mutual Fund Footnotes: e - Ex-capital gains distribution, f - Previous day's quote, n - No-load fund, p - Fund assets used to pay distribution costs, r - Redemption fee or contingent deferred sales load may apply, s - Stock dividend or split, t - Both p and r, x - Ex-cash dividend.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



Stocks fell Tuesday as a flare-up of tensions between North and South Korea combined with downbeat news on the economy gave investors plenty of reasons to sell ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Commodities Report section including Closing Futures, Grains, Livestock, Metals/Money, and Beans. Each sub-section provides market data and analysis.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON
41 states see job gains in October
Businesses and other employers added jobs in 41 states in October, the best showing in five months, the Labor Department said Tuesday.

Toy tests find few problems this season
Only a small fraction of children's toys tested for toxic substances and choking risks have been found to violate federal safety regulations as holiday shopping shifts into high gear, consumer advocates said Tuesday.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group credited a 2008 law that set stronger limits and standards for children's products for helping to make many of the products on store shelves safer for youngsters. The law was passed in the wake of a wave of recalls of lead tainted toys.

NEW YORK
J. Crew makes deal to be taken private
Preppy fashion retailer J. Crew Group Inc. on Tuesday agreed to be taken private in a \$3 billion deal that would be the second multibillion dollar specialty retail buyout launched in two months.

Deals

Edith Restrepo of Miami doesn't plan to go overboard this holiday season. Finances aren't an issue, but she plans to buy only a few gifts for each of her two children and gifts for some other children of family or friends.

Snow

Continued from Business 1
were able to close by 3 p.m. by consolidating appointments earlier in the day and by seeing patients at the Physicians Center on the main hospital campus;

operations there weren't altered by the weather. "Obviously, safety is our No. 1 concern," Stewart said.

looking forward to returning to work today, weather permitting. "Getting to stay home isn't that great. I'm not paid to stay home," said Kathi Martin of Twin Falls,

one of many local employees who got off early on Tuesday. "With Christmas right around the corner, I can't afford another day off of work," she said.

Benefits

Continued from Business 1
supplement for any newly unemployed workers. There remained speculation that the lame-duck Congress could still restore the extended benefit program after its Thanksgiving recess.

"Unfortunately we won't know anything more until Congress takes action." Last week the extended benefit program provided \$5.8 million to nearly 20,000 long-term unemployed across Idaho. The state's regular unemployment program paid another \$4.2 million to more than 17,000 claimants. Just over 69,000 Idaho workers were without jobs in October, an unemployment rate of 9.1 percent.

Modern Woodmen advertisement. Features the slogan 'Touching lives. Securing futures.' and 'Don't worry about low CD interest rates'. Includes contact information for Terry Downs, FICF.

Auction Calendar advertisement. Features 'AUCTION CALENDAR' and 'ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION WITH US! Call Joe today at 208.735.3212'. Includes details for various auction events like 'General Auction - Twin Falls, ID' and 'Terry Downs FICF'.

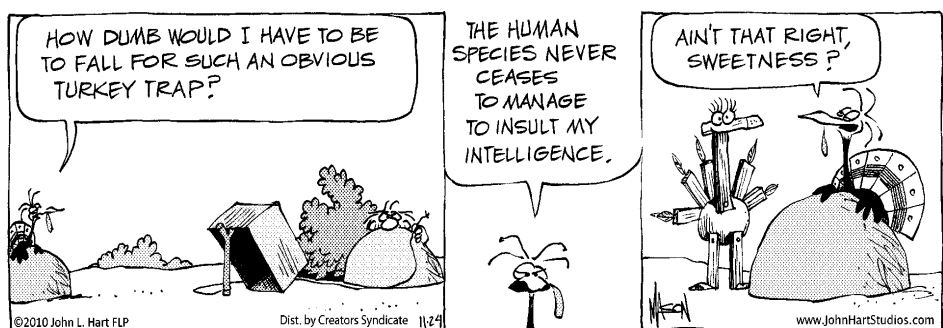
Perkins, Smart & Boyd, Inc. advertisement. Features the slogan 'When You're Serious About Investing...' and lists services like IRAs, Roth's, 529's, etc. Includes contact information for Nita Barnes Clontz.

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Auction advertisement for 'Musick & Sons Auction/Real Estate' with contact information for 'www.magicvalley.com'.

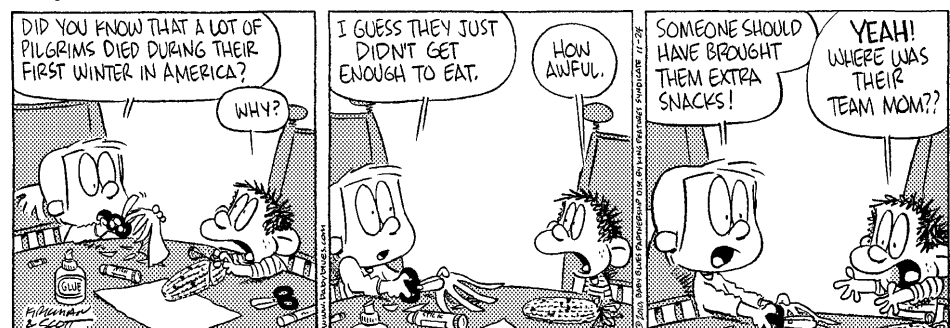
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By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

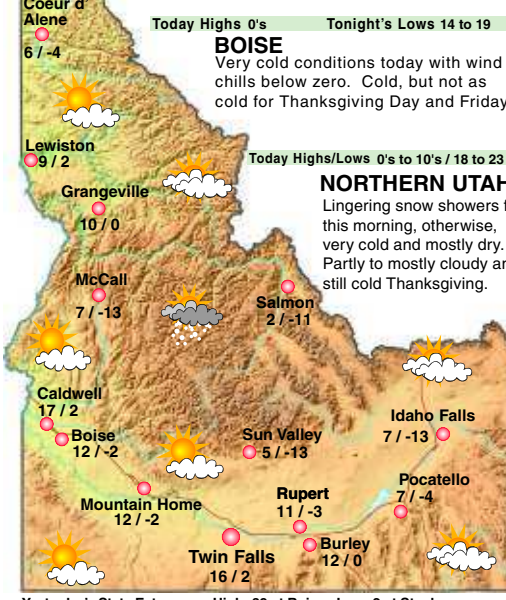
Today: Partly cloudy and cold. High 12.
Tonight: A very cold night. Low 0.
Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, mostly dry and cold. High 17.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and monthly/yearly averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Chance of morning snow showers, then mostly dry through late tomorrow. Light snow will redevelop on Friday.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls from Today to Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of weather data for various Idaho cities including Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malad, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, and Sun Valley.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity. Includes daily and monthly weather statistics.

Barometric Pressure and Sunrise and Sunset

Table showing barometric pressure and sunrise/sunset times for today and the week.

Moon Phases and Moonset

Table showing moon phases (Last, New, First, Full) and moonrise/moonset times.

Today's U. V. Index

Table showing UV index levels (Low, Moderate, High) and sun protection recommendations.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various Idaho cities including Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Halley, Idaho Falls, Kallispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for various US cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Flint, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, and Omaha.

WORLD FORECAST

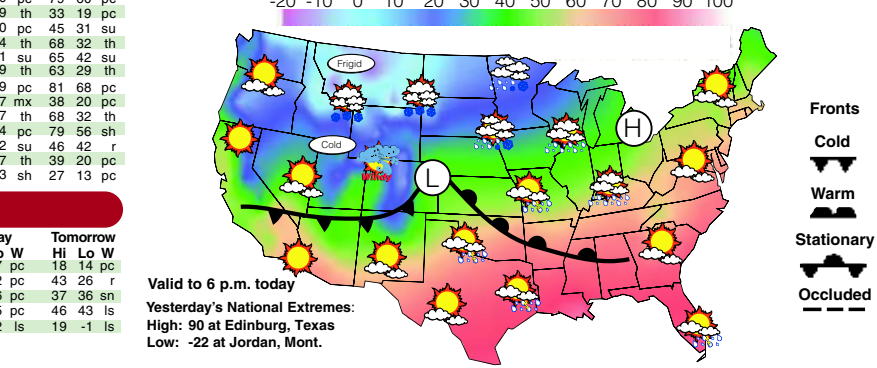
World forecast table for various international cities including Acapulco, Athens, Auckland, Bangkok, Beijing, Berlin, Buenos Aires, Cairo, Chennai, Chicago, Cologne, Dallas, Delhi, Denver, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, Honolulu, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, London, Los Angeles, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, Mumbai, New Delhi, New York, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Sydney, Taipei, Tokyo, Toronto, Vancouver, Wellington, and Zurich.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: "I am beginning to learn that it is the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all." Includes photo of Gregg Middlekauff and author information.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for various Canadian cities including Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



AROUND THE WORLD

BRITAIN UK imposes tough permanent quota on immigration

LONDON — Britain will impose a tough annual limit on the number of non-Europeans allowed to work in the U.K. and slash visas for overseas students as it seeks to dramatically reduce immigration, the government said Tuesday. Home Secretary Theresa May told the House of Commons that the number of non-EU nationals permitted to work in the U.K. from April 2011 will be capped at about 22,000 — a reduction of about one-fifth from 2009. But thousands of people who are allowed to work in Britain on intracompany transfers aren't included in those figures — or under the new quota. Critics said that means it's unclear how Prime Minister David Cameron's government will meet a pledge to cut net immigration, which also includes students and families of visa holders, to below 100,000 by 2015, from about 196,000 last year. "We can't go on like this, we must tighten up our immigration system," May told legislators as she announced details of the new rules.

Spring wedding set for Prince William, Kate Middleton

LONDON — Britain's Prince William and his fiancée Kate Middleton are to be married on April 29 at Westminster Abbey in London, St James' Palace announced Tuesday. The wedding day, a Friday, will be a public holiday, a statement from Downing Street said. Prince William and Middleton, both age 28, announced their engagement last week. The Middleton family would take over part of the cost for the wedding, which is expected to be attended by more than 2,000 guests. They will include interna-

tional leaders, European royalty and friends.

"The wedding of Kate and William will be a happy and momentous occasion. We want to mark the day as one of national celebration. A public holiday will ensure the most people possible will have a chance to celebrate on the day," Prime Minister David Cameron said.

CAMBODIA Officials try to determine cause of deadly stampede

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — At the bridge where investigators poked through the debris of a disaster — abandoned flip-flops and sneakers, water bottles, pieces of sugar cane — Chea Chan lit a Buddhist memorial offering of incense, coconut and lotus flowers, and wept. The 28-year-old had tried to grab his younger brother during the riverside stampede that left at least 378 dead Monday night, but he was pushed against the support poles of the narrow sus-

pension bridge. His little brother fell down and immediately was crushed under four or five other falling people.

He found his dead sibling at a local hospital, with a broken neck and crushed face. "I'm totally in shock," he said.

The victims were trampled when a crowd celebrating a holiday panicked for reasons that remained unknown Tuesday. The prime minister's special adviser, Om Yentieng, denied reports that it was sparked by a mass food poisoning, or by people being electrocuted by lighting cables.

Don Saron, 26, said she was walking across the bridge when people began shouting that it was going to collapse. She tripped and felt the crowds trampling over her face and chest.

"People were just walking here and there and all of sudden, people started to run," she said as she awaited treatment Tuesday at Calmette Hospital. She grimaced in pain as she leaned against a gurney on which she had just woken up nearly 20 hours after being caught in the stampede.

ARUBA Jawbone not that of Natalee Holloway

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A jawbone found on an Aruba beach does not belong to missing Alabama teenager Natalee Holloway, prosecutors in the Dutch Caribbean island said Tuesday. The jawbone is human, though it is unclear who it belongs to. Dutch investigators compared the lone tooth on the bone with dental records supplied by Holloway's family and "it can be ruled out that the bone fragment

came from Natalee Holloway," the prosecutors said.

The bone was found recently by a tourist on a beach, and Aruba prosecutors had asked forensic scientists in the Netherlands to analyze it.

They assured that the Holloway case has "the constant attention from law enforcement on the island."

But John Kelly, an attorney for Holloway's mother, Beth Twitty, hinted that the media apparently found out first about the test results.

"Beth accepts the forensic con-

clusions, is emotionally exhausted from the inexplicably long wait and deeply disappointed in the time and manner in which she learned of the results," he said in a statement. "Apparently Aruban prosecutors were more sensitive to media concerns than the painful vigil of a mother."

Tuesday's announcement once again eliminates a hope of evidence about the fate of the Mountain Brook, Alabama, student who disappeared while on a high school graduation trip in 2005, when she was 18.

- From wire reports

Century Stadium 5 advertisement listing showtimes and titles like Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Tangled 3-D, and Megamind 3-D.

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Deadline is today to compete for Cookie Champ title



This December, someone will earn the title of southern Idaho's Cookie Champ.

It could be you.

That is, if you can bake the cookie that most impresses the *Times-News'* features department and our panel of cookie connoisseurs. And today is the deadline to sign up.

In 2008, our cookie contest drew 22 contestants, with Rupert's Ron Lowe and Buhl's Jean Nodacker narrowly beating out the other goody gladiators to claim top honors.

To compete for the 2010 title, sign up by 5 p.m. today by calling Mirela Sulejmanovic at 735-3278 or

e-mailing her at mirelas@gmagicvalley.com. She'll give you the instructions and location for our Nov. 29 cookie-tasting panel.

We'll ask contestants to bring a half-dozen homemade cookies — from a single recipe of their choice — to wow our judges that day.

KNIFE SKILLS AND LIFE LESSONS



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Nicole Ridgway, 18, left, Larissa Boguslawski, 17, and Nicolette Gosnell, 17, look at a recipe for croissants in their food production class Nov. 10 at Jerome High School.

Students learn about more than food at Jerome's Tiger Cafe

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

JEROME — The first hour of Sharon Kester's food production class is chaotic on Wednesdays.

As Kester surveyed students sorting potatoes and pressing linens, senior Aimee Hiebert asked how to toast fennel seeds in a frying pan.

"When you start smelling the flavor, they're ready," Kester said.

Kester's Jerome High School students aren't just practicing home economics. On Thursdays in the fall, they serve teachers and community members in the Tiger Cafe, the restaurant they run out of their classroom. But food isn't the only thing coming out of the classroom. The students learn culinary skills, business and the importance of volunteering.

On Nov. 10, the class was preparing for the next day's meal: meatloaf, salad and Oreo cheesecake.

On the days they aren't making meals, they go over lessons and practice knife skills.

"If they go to culinary school, they have to know that," Kester said.

The students used every inch of space in the classroom. They pressed linens and napkins in a closet area and tangoed around each other as they navigated the kitchen. As they scoured their recipes and searched for ingredients, they accosted Kester with questions: Where is the cumin? The hot pepper sauce? The lemons? Kester answered each



Sharon Kester, family and consumer science teacher at Jerome High School, says she can smell the vinaigrette that Aimee Hiebert, 17, left, is making for a salad the class will serve with a Tiger Cafe lunch. After tasting the salad dressing, Kester said Hiebert did a good job.

inquiry with ease. Once the students got settled with their ingredients, they worked quickly, chopping red peppers for the meatloaf and melting white chocolate chips over a double boiler.

For the Thursday cafes, some teachers and community members eat in the classroom-turned-dining room, while others get their meals to go. A student prepares the labeled carryout boxes the day before. They rotate jobs throughout the week to get experience both in the front and back of the restaurant.

Kester planned the Tiger Cafe menu before the semester began, lining up the weekly specials with the syllabus and lesson plan. The



Gabriel Borrayo, 18, weighs croutons for the meatloaf Jerome High School students were making Nov. 10 for Tiger Cafe.

meatloaf menu coincided with dry heat and wet heat cookery.

It's not all three-course meals in Kester's classroom.

The group makes 15 dozen cookies a day, which they sell in the mornings for 25 cents apiece. The cookies help buy ingredients for Tiger Cafe.

But even the daily bake sale isn't cutting it anymore. The price of groceries has gone up, Kester said. Butter alone costs about \$2.50 per package, and the students use 2 1/2 pounds every day for the cookies alone.

"The butter has gotten so expensive," Kester said. "We can't afford it. It's awful."

Currently, she's testing butter-free recipes to cut down on costs. While some of the students made meatloaf, others tried to make cookies with applesauce in place of the butter.

Times are tough in the Tiger Cafe, but that doesn't stop Kester from looking for ways to teach her students about charity. The students donate to food pantries and

SAVE A SPOT

Interested in eating at the Tiger Cafe in a Jerome High School classroom? You need to reserve your spot by the Monday before the lunch, and there aren't many left this trimester. The dates and menus:

- **Dec. 9:** Tiger Den Rice R Roni, lemon pepper salmon, grilled veggies, homemade croissants, creme brulee (or custard pie for to-go orders). *No spots remain.*
- **Dec. 16:** Sweet corn salad, almond green beans, oven-grilled chicken breast, homemade biscuits, Southern pecan pie. *Eight spots remained as of Tuesday.*
- **Jan. 6:** Fresh fruit kabob, jambalaya, homemade corn bread with honey, Key lime pie. *Six spots remain.*
- **Jan. 13:** Roasted tomatillo chile salsa over chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Mexican rice, creamy banana pudding with wafers. *One spot remains.*

The lunch period starts at 11:54 a.m., and the meals cost \$5. Save your spot by e-mailing teacher Sharon Kester at kesters@d261.k12.id.us.

collect toys and coats for drives.

"They have to learn how to give," Kester said.

Not all of the students have thought about what they want to do with their newfound culinary knowledge. Senior Nathan Lind, 17, wants to be a chef, but isn't sure what kind.

"I haven't really thought about that," he said. "I like Italian."

Others, like Hiebert, are just in the class for fun. But

THANKSGIVING 2010

Nothing complicated about a well-seasoned turkey

By Michele Kayal
For The Associated Press

Between the kids pulling on your sleeve and the extended family pulling at your nerves, Thanksgiving is hard enough. So why make life harder by overthinking the main dish?

This year, ditch the messy brines, the crazy deep-frying or the tedious smoking. Big, boldly flavored herb-and-spice rubs offer easy 5-minute solutions that give turkey (and, if you like, its side dishes) a powerful punch. Whether you prefer classic American or international accents, a seasoning rub will make your Thanksgiving cooking easier and more flavorful.

"Your big three are sage, thyme and rosemary," says Laurie Harrsen, spokeswoman for McCormick & Co. "They work well together so you get a nice balanced flavor."

For example, if you lean traditional, a couple tablespoons of dried sage, rosemary, thyme, a sprinkle of garlic powder and a big dash of salt and ground black pepper capture that classic taste. For color, you can add a pinch of paprika — sweet or smoked. For a bit of kick, try a hint of cayenne or mustard powder.

Whatever your combination, the method is the same. Combine all of your seasonings (any large leaves or whole spices should be well crumbled or ground) until evenly blended. Rub the inside and outside of your raw turkey with oil or melted butter, then rub the seasoning blend over both the inside and outside of the bird. For even better flavor, rub some of the mixture under the skin of the bird, too. Then simply roast as normal.

And be sure to use the pan drippings to make gravy, as they will be well seasoned and pair wonderfully with the turkey meat.

For a crunchy twist on the classic rub, combine those same herbs and spices with a cup of crumbled, day-old cornbread. Gently pat the mixture onto the turkey to create a golden crust. "It's like you're stuffing inside out," Harrsen says. Just be sure to cover the bird with foil to avoid burning the crust.

While you're at it, a sliced lemon or orange tossed into the cavity with a bay leaf and a quartered onion seasons the bird from the inside and creates richly-scented pan juices.

For sides that continue the classic theme, sweet potatoes mashed or roasted with a sprinkle of cinnamon, powdered ginger, brown sugar and a bit of dried thyme go nicely. And all mashed potatoes need are a handful of fresh parsley to get an herbal, fresh taste that contrasts nicely with the rich cream and butter in them. Keep the stuffing traditional, Harrsen suggests, with either white bread or cornbread, celery, onion, broth and some of the spices you used on the turkey.

But let's say you're tired of eating like the Pilgrims. Go Asian. Pick a pre-made spice



AP photo

This year give yourself a break from complicated turkey preparations and go with a well-seasoned herb and spice rub for great uncomplicated flavor. Powdered ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and turmeric gives you the flavors of Morocco.

blend, such as Chinese five-spice powder, suggests cookbook author Andrea Nguyen, and amplify some of its flavors.

"Take star anis and toast it in a skillet, then grind it up," she says. "Do the same with Sichuan peppercorns. Then add light brown sugar and soy sauce, and you've got a little rub."

A sticky rub made by whirring shallots, garlic, lemon grass, fish sauce, brown sugar, soy sauce and black pepper in a mini-food processor also delivers Asian flavor that can stand up to turkey. Make sure to spread it under and over the skin. Tweak the pan juices with hoisin, sesame oil and rice wine or dry sherry for a Peking duck-like dipping sauce.

Nguyen suggests starting the stuffing with fully cooked, short-grain rice and adding scallions, garlic,

cilantro, shiitake mushrooms, rice wine or sherry, and maybe a little Chinese sausage. A drizzle of sesame oil and a handful of fresh cilantro added just before serving brightens the flavors.

And instead of creamed spinach, stir-fry greens with garlic and sesame seeds, Nguyen says. And the sweet potatoes couldn't be simpler — roast them in the jackets until they're good and caramelized, then sprinkle them with a bit of salty soy sauce.

"Thanksgiving is a fun day to blend a lot of culinary traditions," Nguyen says. "That's what Thanksgiving is."

If you're feeling truly adventurous, delve into the flavors of North Africa. It's unlikely you've got a turkey-sized tagine, but a blend of powdered ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, turmeric and black pepper mimics the classic Moroccan preparation.

The big flavors of schawarma — cardamom, allspice, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, clove, sumac, black pepper and mahleb (crushed sour cherry pit) — also work well on turkey, says Aziz Osmani, an owner of the New York specialty food shop Kalustyan's. Spike the pan juices with spicy harissa for some kick.

Start your stuffing with cooked couscous, and add chopped dates, toasted pine nuts, orange zest and a sprinkle of powdered cumin and coriander. Mash or roast your sweet potatoes with fresh orange juice and more zest. For a delicious shot of authenticity, drizzle the green beans with argan oil, a nutty, peppery oil made by pressing the almond-like fruit of Morocco's thorny argan tree. Finish them with toasted almond slivers.

But if all you want is a fresh take on good old American food, try barbecued turkey — right in the oven.

Paul Kirk, a charter member of the Kansas City Barbeque Society, suggests starting with a half-cup of white sugar and a half-cup of brown sugar, massaged with a tablespoon of cornstarch to dry it out. Then play mix-and-match with your favorite flavored salts — seasoned salt, garlic salt, celery salt, onion salt — until you have 1 cup of them. Add a half-cup of paprika for color, a couple tablespoons of chili powder and an equal amount of black pepper.

"Those five ingredients are a basic rub," Kirk says. Make it your own by adding a teaspoon of other flavors you enjoy, such as oregano, allspice, chipotle powder or lemon zest. And when it comes out? "Delicious," he says. "Turkey with a slight smoked flavor."

Kirk thickens the pan juices with water from his mashed

potatoes and a bit of flour. Cornbread stuffing made with celery, onions, stock and poultry seasoning creates a perfect match.

Instead of green beans, consider serving corn on the cob. Instead of mashed potatoes, why not baked beans? "I love baked beans," Kirk says.

"I doctor up canned baked beans and get all kinds of compliments."

To follow Kirk's lead, rinse the canned beans, add brown sugar, barbecue sauce and a dash of the rub. A hit of mustard and pork — bacon, hog jowl, brisket ends — fills out the flavor.

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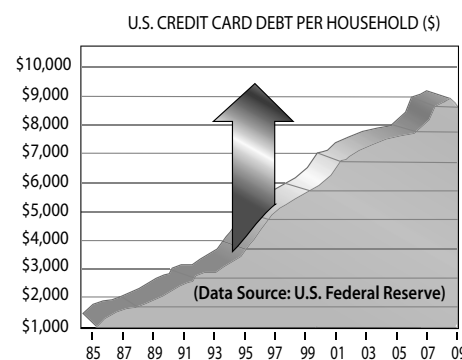


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Tom Hill
CGA STAFF WRITER

Every three minutes another person falls behind on credit card debt. It's no wonder, since every major credit card company has nearly doubled the minimum monthly payment on consumers' bills. Federal Regulators forced the change because of their concern about the growing mountain of consumer debt, which stands at \$2.17 trillion. Many consumers can only pay the minimum payment, which can take up to 30 years to pay off. Now, relief is in sight for millions of Americans.

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Lessons

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the lessons they learn are applicable outside of the kitchen. Makayla Dalos has learned to work in a group, and Brenda Villa learned how important it is to be precise in her work.

"We have to be really, like really, exact in the measurements," said Villa, 16. "If we mess up one thing, it messes up the whole thing."

The class has nearly taken over Kester's life. The teacher gets to school about 6 a.m. and regularly stays for 12 hours before going home. But it's all worth it, she said.

"It's so much work, but it's so much fun," she said.

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THANKSGIVING 2010

A warm and spicy take on roasted butternut squash

By Alison Ladman
For The Associated Press

minutes active). Servings: 10.

Roasting is one of the easiest ways of preparing winter squash. It also can be one of the most flavorful.

It's as simple as peeling and seeding the squash, cutting it into bite-size chunks, then tossing it with oil and whatever seasonings strike your fancy. Then it's just a matter of spreading the squash chunks over a baking sheet, popping it in the oven and walking away.

This recipe calls for a warming blend of cocoa powder, salt, cayenne and cinnamon. The cocoa powder may sound unusual, but the flavor — similar to Mexican mole — is phenomenal.

But if that's not your thing, it's easy to improvise. Go Italian with a blend of garlic powder, oregano, thyme and rosemary. Or try Indian with curry powder, salt and pepper. For a bit of heat, try chili powder, cocoa powder, powdered instant coffee, salt and pepper.

COCOA ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Start to finish: 1 hour 15

1/3 cup cocoa powder
1 tablespoon salt
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper (more or less, to taste)

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon sugar
3 medium butternut squash (about 6 pounds total), peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks

1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil

3/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Heat the oven to 375 degrees.

In a small bowl, combine the cocoa powder, salt, cayenne, cinnamon and sugar.

Arrange the squash chunks on 2 large baking sheets. Drizzle the oil over the squash and toss to coat evenly. Sprinkle the cocoa mixture over the squash and toss to coat. Roast for 45 to 55 minutes, or until tender. Transfer to a serving dish and sprinkle with the toasted almonds.

Per serving: 230 calories; 94 calories from fat (41 percent of total calories); 11 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g



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Roasting is one of the easiest ways of preparing winter squash. It also can be one of the most flavorful.

trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 36 g carbohydrate; 5 g protein; 7 g fiber; 300 mg sodium.

A green bean side with bright flavors and color

By Alison Ladman
For The Associated Press

Many of the classic flavors of Thanksgiving are heavy, rich flavors. So it can be good to brighten up and offset them with something lighter and fresher.

Cranberry sauce serves this purpose with its clean, acidic sweetness. As does this recipe for green beans, which has bright, fresh flavors from citrus zest, vinegar and mint. For ease, the dish is intended to be served at room temperature, making it one less item for you to worry about fitting into your oven and getting to the table hot.

ORANGE MINT GREEN BEANS

Start to finish: 20 minutes. Servings: 10.

3 pounds green beans, trimmed
1/2 cup frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

1/2 cup minced fresh mint
2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Fill a large bowl with ice and cold water and set nearby.

Drop the green beans into the boiling water and blanch for 3 to 4 minutes, or until bright green and crisp-tender. Remove the beans from the water and immediately plunge them into the ice water. When the beans are completely cooled, drain them, then



AP photo

You will find the light and fresh taste of these green beans a nice option among the heavier offerings at the Thanksgiving table.

spread on a kitchen towel and pat dry.

In a small bowl, whisk together the orange juice concentrate, mint, vinegar and mustard. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, gently toss the beans with the vinaigrette.

Per serving: 57 calories; 0 calories from fat (0 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 14 g carbohydrate; 2 g protein; 5 g fiber; 109 mg sodium.



Enjoy a chocolate cooking class next month in Gooding

Times-News

The December cooking class at Sweet Inspiration is set to fit the holiday season. Chef Jane Deal will teach a "Chocolate!" class at 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at 438 Main St. in Gooding.

She will demonstrate recipes including chocolate truffles, chocolate mousse, German chocolate cookies and chocolate-covered fruit.

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THANKSGIVING 2010

Braise veggies for healthy, flavorful holiday side

By Jim Romanoff
For The Associated Press

Vegetable sides can be the most virtuous players in the pageantry of the Thanksgiving meal, but only if they're cooked and finished the right way.

After all, veggies are low in calories and fat until you add lots of calories and fat to them. Which is easy to do with many traditional sides. The traditional creamy green bean casserole, for example, usually sports tons of butter and is topped with greasy fried onions.

The trick is to prepare the vegetables in a way that keeps them flavorful and satisfying without adding tons of fat. For this, you need moisture.

Braising in a small amount of water or flavorful liquid (such as wine, broth or a combination) is an excellent way to go. While boiling draws out flavor into the cooking water, which then is discarded, braising retains those flavors in a small amount of liquid that reduces to a flavorful glaze during cooking.

The sweet flavor of fresh fennel becomes concentrated with luxurious results in this easy braised holiday side dish.

To make an intense braising liquid, chicken broth (or vegetable broth if you like), is combined with a healthy blend of olive oil and a small



The sweet flavor of fresh fennel becomes concentrated with luxurious results in this easy braised holiday side dish. AP photo

amount of butter, then infused with the fresh, woody essence of rosemary.

BRAISED FRESH FENNEL WITH ROSEMARY

Start to finish: 35 minutes (10 minutes active).
Servings: 8.

- 4 fennel bulbs
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped shallots
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary (2 teaspoons dried)
- 1 quart reduced-sodium chicken broth

Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Trim off and discard the fennel tops where they meet the bulb. Trim a thin slice off the bottom of each bulb and pull off any outer layers of the bulb that are discolored. Stand the bulbs on end and slice into 1/4-inch slices.

In a 10-inch skillet over medium heat, combine the butter and oil and heat until the butter melts. Add the shallots and cook until softened, about 4 minutes. Add the rosemary and sliced fennel and cook, stirring occasionally, until the fennel

begins to wilt, about 5 minutes more.

Add the chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Cook, uncovered, turning the slices occasionally, until the broth has cooked away and the fennel is just tender, 15 to 18 minutes. If the liquid evaporates before the fennel is cooked, add a little water. Season with salt and pepper.

Per serving: 108 calories; 59 calories from fat (55 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (2 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 8 mg cholesterol; 11 g carbohydrate; 3 g protein; 4 g fiber; 217 mg sodium.

Raw or cooked, a cranberry sauce to tart things up

By J.M. Hirsch
Associated Press writer

Until last year, I was a firm believer that Thanksgiving dinner wasn't worth giving thanks over without a massive bowl of cooked cranberry sauce on the table.

Then I sampled a fresh cranberry salsa, which is a fancy way of saying somebody chopped up most of the classic cranberry sauce ingredients and dumped them in a bowl without bothering to cook them. I was apprehensive; this was a long way from the canned stuff.

But it was delicious, especially when scooped up with tortilla chips. I ate the better part of a large bowl of it as an appetizer.

Still, when dinner rolled around, I had a hankering for the old school cooked sauce.

So this year I decided to have it both ways. I created a fresh cranberry salsa that is wonderful as an uncooked starter, but equally good alongside turkey following a brief stint on the stovetop. Depending on how much you plan to eat, you can divide the recipe in half (serving half raw and half cooked), or double it and make full batches each way.



Cranberry salsa is perfect with tortilla chips before the big Thanksgiving meal, while cranberry sauce is a staple with the main course. AP photo

- fresh cilantro
- 12-ounce bag fresh cranberries
- 1 cup whole dried cranberries
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1/4 cup agave syrup or honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a food processor, combine the red onion, jalapeno peppers and cilantro. Pulse until finely chopped. Add the fresh and dried cranberries, then pulse again until coarsely chopped. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk together the lime juice, agave syrup or honey, cardamom, cinnamon, salt and black pepper. Add the cranberry

mixture, then toss well. If serving as a salsa, the mixture can be served immediately or refrigerated until needed. If refrigerated, let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

If serving as a sauce, transfer the entire mixture to a large saucepan over medium-high. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer and

cook until the fresh cranberries have broken down, about 10 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and cool, then refrigerate until ready to serve.

Per serving: 104 calories; 1 calories from fat (1 percent of total calories); 0 g fat (0 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 27 g carbohydrate; 0 g protein; 3 g fiber; 254 mg sodium.

Is that egg still OK to eat? Try the water test

By Kathleen Purvis
McClatchy Newspapers

Q: I have always had trouble with the "best by" date on egg cartons. I have probably thrown away many good eggs because of the carton date.

A: Eggs generally keep for much longer than you think. Although some sources suggest using them within a month, they'll actually keep longer if they are refrigerated in their original carton. The carton keeps them from absorbing the odors and will keep them from being jostled, and they keep longer if they're chilled.

Unless the egg smells bad when you crack it, it is fine to use. Still, sniffing for a bad egg is an unpleasant way to discover a bad one.

An easier way to check the freshness is to place the egg in a bowl and cover it with water. If the egg stays at the bottom, it's very fresh. If it stands on end, it's getting old but is still OK. If the egg floats, it's a bad egg and should be discarded.

The reason: After the egg is laid, an air pocket forms at the widest end. The odors and will keep them from being jostled, and they keep longer if they're chilled. The pocket gets larger as the egg gets older. If it's large enough for the egg to float, the egg is too old.

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A corn that deserves to be called creamed

By Alison Ladman
For The Associated Press

The trouble with creamed corn is that it so often isn't. But the addition of some rich dairy transforms what typically is a gloopy and forgettable side into a rich and appealing dish.

To get you there, this recipe uses a bearnaise sauce, a butter and egg yolk emulsion related to hollandaise. It is flavored with tarragon, shallots and a touch of white wine vinegar. For extra creaminess, it also uses sour cream as a base. Just be sure

not to boil the corn, as the sour cream will separate. If fresh chervil is unavailable, use fresh parsley.

BERNAISE CREAMED CORN

Start to finish: 20 minutes.
Servings: 10.

1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil
3 large shallots, finely chopped
Three 1-pound bags frozen baby corn kernels
2 tablespoons tarragon white wine vinegar

Two 16-ounce containers sour cream (about 4 cups)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh tarragon
2 tablespoons chopped fresh chervil
Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

In a large saute pan over medium, heat the oil. Add the shallots and cook until soft and translucent, about 5 minutes.

Add the corn and saute until tender and just starting to brown, 7 to 8 minutes. Add the vinegar, deglazing the pan. Reduce the heat to low and stir



AP photo

With plenty of dairy to make it nice and creamy, this creamed corn recipe will be a stand-out side at the Thanksgiving table.

in the sour cream, tarragon and chervil. Heat gently, stirring constantly, until just hot. Season with salt and pepper.

Per serving: 350 calories; 162 calories from fat (46 percent of total calories); 18 g fat (11 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 60 mg cholesterol; 35 g carbohydrate; 8 g protein; 3 g fiber; 30 mg sodium.

Why I'm drawn to drink

By Jason Wilson
Special to The Washington Post

Adapted from Jason Wilson's new book, "Boozehound: On the Trail of the Rare, the Obscure, and the Overrated in Spirits" (Ten Speed Press, \$22.99):

As cultural activities go, there are few more popular than drinking. No matter what the moralists, scolds or self-appointed health advocates tell you, drinking can be one of the most fun things in the world to do. Billions of human beings share that opinion. I cover a \$54 billion industry that has seen nothing but astronomical growth in the past decade, with a 66 percent rise in U.S. sales since 2000.

The reality, however, is that I am a spirits writer from a country and an age in which many citizens remain extremely skeptical of what they call, clinically, alcohol. Or, pejoratively, hard liquor. Or worse, hooch or firewater — even poison. We still live with the failed legacy of Prohibition. Even today, nearly eight decades after its repeal, 15 states continue to ban liquor sales on Sunday.

I, perhaps ironically, live in a town where alcohol sales are still banned every day of the week. I have to leave the town limits to buy booze. The Prohibition experiment sealed off access to many of the spirits that people once enjoyed, never to be seen again.

To add insult to injury, I belong to a generation whose baby-boomer parents, after rebelling against their own parents' mid-century cocktail culture, were largely incapable of teaching us how to drink properly.

It has been a long time since I ordered a vodka and tonic, and a long journey from my youth in the South Jersey suburbs to become the sort of man who sips a \$300 cognac in the morning and calls it work.



DEB LINDSEY/For The Washington Post

The author's favorite cocktails from his new book, from left: Viceroy, Livorno and Nordic Snapper.

But it wasn't as if, one day, I switched from vodka tonics to strange foreign libations. I moved slowly, through the years, from vodka to gin, and then on to whiskey. I learned to love bourbon and rye and Irish whiskey. It hasn't always been easy.

When it comes to flavor, I am drawn to the Old World. I like liquor with hard-to-define tastes: the bitter complexity of Italian amari, the ancient herbs of Chartreuse, the primal maltiness of Dutch genever. And I'm also drawn to the wilder, untamed parts of the New World: the agave bite of real tequila; the earthy, rustic edge to Brazilian cachaca; the strange, dry conundrum of Peruvian pisco.

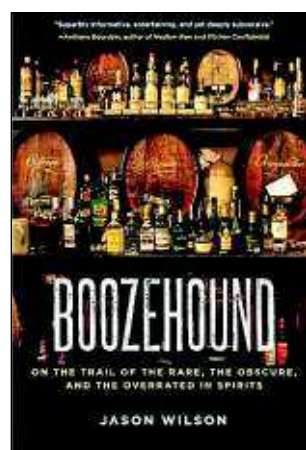
I don't know why. I guess it's the same reason I like stinky cheeses, funky wines, wild game and yeasty beers. I'm of a similar mind to A.J. Liebling, who wrote in his classic food memoir, "Between Meals": "I like tastes that know their own minds."

Whatever it is, this impulse, this search for flavor is in response to the relatively bland tastes that defined my upbringing.

There is much more going on in the glass when we sit down to drink a particularly profound spirit: a smoky 1928 rum from Fidel Castro's cellar; a cognac that was bottled before the 19th-century phylloxera plague destroyed acres of Europe's vineyards; one of the only vintage Calvados to have survived the German occupation of Normandy. And it's about more than just being rare and obscure for the sake of being rare and obscure.

Perhaps what I'm describing is the exact opposite of what has become the most widely consumed spirit in the United States: vodka. About a year into my job, I looked around and it struck me: People slowly had begun discovering, and getting really interested in, spirits. Readers sent e-mails with lots of questions, and it became clear that although many people were game to learn, major chunks of cultural knowledge about spirits had not been passed down.

Liebling already saw vodka's surge in the late 1950s, as it began to usurp whiskey and gin. Predictably, he deplored it,



writing in the New Yorker in 1959:

"The standard of perfection for vodka (no color, no taste, no smell) was expounded to me long ago ... and it accounts perfectly for the drink's rising popularity with those who like their alcohol in conjunction with the reassuring tastes of infancy: tomato juice, orange juice, chicken broth. It is the ideal intoxicant for the drinker who wants no reminder of how hurt Mother would be if she knew what he was doing."

The 21st-century American consumer is not content to sip standard vodka. We have become an insatiable audience for new ways to buy pretty much the same old thing, and vodka has grown into an industry with more than \$15 billion in annual sales.

What I want to tell them is this: Try something new. Try something strange. Expose yourself to flavors you've never considered before. Taste something — anything — that makes you stop for a moment and pay attention.

Hopefully, that is what this tale of my own boozy journey inspires.



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A BLT becomes a frittata for a fast and easy dinner

By J.M. Hirsch
AP Food Editor

Is there anything a BLT can't inspire?

I've turned it into a pasta dish. I've made it into a jam. I've done it as a salad. Even as a soup. And now... I give you the BLT frittata.

OK, it isn't a direct correlation. I topped a basic egg frittata with bacon and tomato. Lettuce seemed a poor choice for anything that lands under a broiler, so I went with another green — chopped scallions. A healthy toss of grated manchego cheese helps tie it all together.

The result is a fast and easy flavor-packed egg dish that is ready for dinner duty. And if you want to lighten it up, just substitute turkey or chicken bacon and cut back or eliminate the cheese. Using chicken bacon and 1/4 of the cheese cuts the calories from 334 per serving to just 234.



A flavorful egg dish that easily does dinner duty, this frittata subs in scallions for the lettuce, which wouldn't hold up well in the oven.

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LARRY CROWE

BLT FRITTATA

Start to finish: 25 minutes
Servings: 4

6 large eggs
1/4 cup fat-free half-and-half (or milk)

1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/4 pound bacon, cut into small pieces
1 medium yellow onion, diced
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
1 large or 2 medium tomatoes, thinly sliced
1 cup grated manchego

cheese
1 scallion, thinly sliced
Heat the oven to broil. In a medium bowl, combine the eggs, half-and-half, salt and pepper. Whisk well, then set aside.
In a large, oven-safe skillet over medium-high, cook the bacon until just crisp, about 5

minutes. Add the onion and garlic powder and saute for another 6 to 8 minutes, or until the onion begins to brown. Transfer half of the bacon and onions to a small bowl and set aside.
Return the skillet with the remaining bacon and onions to medium heat. Add the eggs to the skillet, stir to mix in the

bacon, then let cook until the bottom has set, about 5 minutes.
Remove the skillet from the heat. Arrange the tomato slices over the top of the eggs in an even layer. Sprinkle the cheese over the tomatoes, then sprinkle the scallions and reserved bacon and onions over it.
Broil on the oven's lowest

rack for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the cheese is melted and lightly browned and the egg is set through the center.
Per serving: 334 calories; 193 calories from fat (58 percent of total calories); 21 g fat (10 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 373 mg cholesterol; 11 g carbohydrate; 24 g protein; 1 g fiber; 1,282 mg sodium.

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For Italian vino, look past pinot

By Dave McIntyre
Special to The Washington Post

Remember when "white wine" meant chardonnay? The Italians must have thought we were nuts.

Then again, maybe they still do. Today, "Italian white wine" typically means pinot grigio. Yet the dominance of this single wine in our consumer perception obscures the wonderful variety of whites produced throughout Italy. No other wine-producing nation has such a cornucopia of wines it can call its own.

With wines such as Arneis, Cortese, Erbaluce, falanghina, Fiano, Friulano, Garganega, grechetto, ribolla gialla, verdicchio and vermentino, among others, it is possible to drink one's way up and down the boot and rarely repeat a grape variety or flavor.

Try several types of Italian whites, however, and you may notice a stylistic similarity. They tend to be crisp and dry, with medium body and moderate alcohol, and often feature an appealing nuttiness on the finish, a subtle taste of hazelnuts or almonds. Their acidity helps them pair well with seafood dishes, especially shellfish.

So why aren't these wines more popular? One reason might be that Italy is a red-wine country, with a similarly diverse array of red grapes: barbera, nebbiolo, sangiovese, aglianico, valpolicello and primitivo leading the way. Italians make a lot more red wine than white, and they value reds higher.

When I visited Tuscany several years ago, I noticed that winemakers seemed dismissive of their white wines. It was almost as though they looked around at the end of a long day in the winery and said, "You know, we oughta make something for before dinner!" Their lack of enthusiasm showed in the wine. The main Tuscan white, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, tends to resemble pinot grigio (although vermentino from the Maremma or Bolgheri along the Tuscan coast can be quite nice).

Another reason could be

unfamiliarity. We feel comfortable with chardonnay and pinot grigio, but less so with varieties we don't know or can't pronounce. Avid wine lovers, however, might seek out unfamiliar varieties such as grechetto or Greco di Tufo, especially because the names give a clue to their ancient origins as vines brought to Italy by the Greeks in the pre-Roman era, when Bacchus was still called Dionysus. And who can resist pecorino, even if it doesn't taste like cheese?

But wait, there's more. Wherever wines are undervalued, label confusion must come into play. Some Italian wines are labeled according to their grape variety, while others take the name of their region. Some do both. Gavi, for instance, is a prominent and delicious white from Piemonte in northwestern Italy, named for the town of Gavi but made from the cortese grape. Similarly, Soave is a region near Venice that produces a famous white blend based on garganega.

Yet Fiano, falanghina, verdicchio, vernaccia, vermentino, greco and grechetto are grape names and labeled as such, often with their region appended. And Friulano is a new name, shortened from tocai friuliano (tocai of Friuli, in northeastern Italy) after the European Union ordered the name changed to avoid confusion with the tokaji wines of Hungary. It's all rather maddening, reinforcing the misconception that we must be experts to appreciate wine.

There should be no confusion, however, about erbaluce. This rare white grape from the Caluso region of northern Piemonte produces a wine that has been a local favorite for years: the Orsolani "La Rustia," imported by Michael R. Downey Selections. This wine (the 2008 is in stock) is beautiful, with a great combination of fruit and forest flavors, mouth-filling body and palate-teasing acidity. It is delightful by itself but plays well with seafood, especially anything with a citrus component.

So don't ignore Italian white wines, even if they

RECOMMENDED ITALIAN WHITES

The diversity of Italian white wine varieties offers wine lovers an opportunity to explore with abandon. Quality varies, of course, and many of the best are not widely available, so it is always a good idea to consult your retailer. Here are a few favorites.

Orsolani, "La Rustia," Erbaluce di Caluso 2008

Great value
3 stars

Piemonte, Italy, \$18

The erbaluce grapevine grew, according to legend, from the tears of the goddess Albaluce, the love child of the Sun and the Dawn. Albaluce, it seems, was saddened that her devotees deserted her for Christianity. You won't find that in California. Orsolani also produces a second erbaluce called "Al Bacio" (\$13) that is delicious but less intense than the La Rustia.

Terredora Dipaolo, "Terre di Dora," Fiano di Avellino 2008/2009

2 1/2 stars

Campania, Italy, \$32

This wine seems destined to pair with branzino (Mediterranean sea bass), either grilled or baked in a salt crust. It features bracing minerality and a hint of roasted hazelnuts wrapped around tart fruit flavors of quince and apricot. The fresh 2009 is just reaching this market, while the 2008 shows the benefit of an extra year in bottle.

Araldica Vini Piemontese, "La Luciana," Gavi 2008

Great value

2 stars

Piemonte, Italy, \$15

Gavi at its best can be ethereal: light in body but deep in flavor, with hints of tree blossoms and talc.

Terra Elima, Aceste Bianco 2008

Great value

2 stars

Sicily, Italy, \$14

This is a blend of two white grapes native to Sicily: catarratto and insolia. It is named for the son of the Trojan king who founded the Sicilian cities of Segesta and Entella. Despite the ancient legend, it tastes vibrant and fresh, with hints of orange peel and the Mediterranean sun.

Kellerei Kaltern, Caldaro, Muller Thurgau 2007

1 1/2 stars

Alto Adige, Italy, \$18

Although Muller Thurgau is a German grape variety, this wine demonstrates how the grape can perform in the high-altitude regions of northern Italy, where there is some Austrian heritage. It is quite dry, with laser-sharp acidity and good minerality.

Falesco, "Est! Est! Est!!!" 2009

1 star

Umbria, Italy, \$10

This simple wine, a blend of Trebbiano, malvasia and roscetto grapes, is a nice party white, slightly effervescent with a hint of sweetness. It pairs well with antipasti.

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appear unfamiliar or intimidating. They are fun to explore, and they offer many rewards for adventurous palates.

DEB LINDSEY/For the Washington Post

The rare erbaluce white grape from the Caluso region of northern Piemonte produces an Italian white wine that has been a local favorite for years: the Orsolani 'La Rustia.'



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Thomas Eugene Rhodes of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Adrian "Andy" Reed Jensen of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Michael Clifton Bruce of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Ave. in Burley; luncheon will follow (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Janice Louise Anderson of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Sharon Tannehill Hansen of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at Myers Mortuary, 845 Washington Blvd. in Ogden, Utah; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the mortuary; graveside service at 3 p.m. today at the View

Cemetery in Burley.

Robert LaMonte Clements of Gooding, graveside memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Hagerman Cemetery (Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel).

Marvin Ray Owens of Heyburn, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley First Baptist Church, 2262 Hiland Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Trisa N. Plowman of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at Demaray Funeral Service Wendell Chapel, 164 E. Main St. in Wendell; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Robert B. Oslund of Twin Falls, celebration of life held from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Klover Klub, 402 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

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FROM DOGHOUSE TO STAR

Young shining for No. 3 Broncos

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Titus Young was once so deep in Chris Petersen's doghouse that just seeing the football field again was going to be

an accomplishment.

He enters the final two regular-season games of his career at Boise State as the school's all-time leader in yards receiving.

Don't call it a comeback. Rather, it was that Young

finally distanced himself from his youthful mistakes to become a receiver now on the radar of NFL scouts.

But his first priority comes Friday night (8:15 p.m.,

See **YOUNG**, Sports 2



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Boise State's Titus Young is the school's all-time lead in receiving yards.

DUAL THREAT

Nevada's Kaepernick running and throwing his way into the record books

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — When Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick trotted onto the blue turf at Bronco Stadium as a freshman in 2007, the Boise State coaching staff barely knew who he was.

Nevada's starting quarterback suffered an injury the week before against Fresno State and Kaepernick had performed mop-up duties.

"The game before we played that game was the first time we had seen him," Boise State coach Chris Petersen recalled. "He finished up the Fresno game and did a great job but we didn't know much about him. He certainly caught us off guard for sure."

The lanky freshman caught Boise State off guard to the tune of 410 yards — 177 rushing and 243 passing — and five touchdowns.

In the end, Boise State prevailed 69-67 in quadruple overtime one of the most exciting games every played at Bronco Stadium, but Kaepernick has remained on the Broncos' radar ever since.

And Boise State has stayed on the radar of the Wolf Pack's fiery competitor.

"It's our last shot at Boise State (in the WAC)," Kaepernick said. "Our goal is to win the WAC championship and you have to go through

the best to become the best. They've been the best the past few years. We definitely have to knock them off."

If anyone can put his team on his shoulders and will it to victory over the third-ranked Broncos, Kaepernick can.

Since his freshman season, Kaepernick has matured into a multi-threat offensive weapon that is causing sleepless nights for Boise State coach Chris Petersen.

"(Kaepernick) is a better thrower now," Petersen said. "I think that's what has

helped their whole attack. Nevada's offense is much different now and suited to his strengths."

With a mere 16 yards of rushing against the Broncos, Kaepernick would become the first quarterback in FBS history to rush for more than 1,000 yards and pass for more than 2,000 yards in three straight seasons.

Not bad for a guy who only managed one scholarship offer.

Kaepernick's arm that fires much more accurate passes these days was actually what held him back from being vaulted to the top of every scout's recruiting list.

"If you looked at him growing up, you would easily say he's going to be a baseball player," said Rick Kaepernick, who, along with his wife Teresa, adopted Colin at 5 weeks old. "Nobody thought he could pass up the money he was going to get if he was drafted in the first five rounds of the Major League draft, which is where he was projected to go."

So with his senior season of baseball awaiting after college football's February signing day, the scholarship offers were sparse. He even told Major League scouts that he was unsignable. At 18, Kaepernick knew exactly what he wanted to do: play football.

"Colin's the kind of kid that if you tell him he can't do something, he's going to want to prove you wrong," Rick Kaepernick said. "He really loved football, but when everybody told him he was going to be a baseball player, he decided he was going to prove them wrong."

All Kaepernick needed was one coach to believe in him — and he found one in Nevada coach Chris Ault.

And Kaepernick has rewarded Ault's faith with an impressively strong commitment to the Wolf Pack.

See **KAEPERNICK**, Sports 2

"This team has been looking to beat (Boise State) for quite a few years now and this is something we need to get done. Everybody is very excited and very focused.

We're going to have to know exactly what we're doing and how we're going to do it and go out and play smart football."

— Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick, on Friday's game against No. 3 Boise State



AP photo

Nevada quarterback Colin Kaepernick will lead the 19th-ranked Wolf Pack against No. 3 Boise State on Friday.

Texas' Josh Hamilton easily wins AL MVP award

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Josh Hamilton thought back to the days when his career was derailed by drugs and alcohol.

"I would say a 99 percent chance that this would never happen," he said. "I mean, honestly, I think a lot of people would agree with that."

In one of baseball's most inspirational turnarounds, the Texas Rangers outfielder was a runaway winner of the American League's Most Valuable Player award Tuesday. Hamilton received 22 first-place votes and 358 points from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Former Cincinnati Reds teammate Joey Votto was voted the NL MVP a day earlier.

Hamilton overcame eight trips to rehabilitation for

addiction to lead the major leagues in batting average (.359) and slugging percentage (.633) and help the Rangers reach their first World Series. He had 32 homers and 100 RBIs despite missing time nearly all of September because of two broken ribs.

After going on the disabled list in 2001 while in the minors, he became addicted to alcohol and cocaine. He didn't play from 2003-05.

"I do reflect. If I didn't reflect, I might start sneaking in there, a little ego might start sneaking in there, and that's one thing I don't want to happen," Hamilton said. "So I do reflect and I think about where I was at my lowest time."

Teammate says his story motivates them.

"It's awesome, everybody makes mistakes in their lives



Hamilton

and everybody deserves a second chance," Rangers teammate David Murphy said before voting was announced. "A lot of people don't take advantage of that second chance. But he took it and he ran with it."

After voting was concluded, Hamilton was selected MVP of the AL championship series win over the Yankees. Overall, he hit .190 in the postseason with five homers and nine RBIs.

"There were other guys around the league who had great years, but seeing Josh, what he was able to do, it's pretty impressive," teammate Michael Young said. "You don't see guys go three-month stretches where they hit .400, it's just too difficult to do."

Hamilton is the sixth Rangers MVP, following Jeff Burroughs (1974), Juan

Gonzalez (1996, 1998), Ivan Rodriguez (1999) and Alex Rodriguez (2003).

In the NL, Votto helped the Reds make the postseason for the first time since 1995. He and Hamilton were Cincinnati teammates in 2007.

"He was just what everybody expected him to be," Hamilton said. "I knew he was a great player and knew what he was capable of, and he showed people this year exactly that."

Selected by Tampa Bay with the top pick in the 1999 amateur draft, Hamilton didn't make an impact in the majors until 2008, when he won the All-Star Home Run Derby at Yankee Stadium and led the AL with 130 RBIs.

Injuries limited Hamilton to 89 games the following year, when he hit .268 with 10 homers and 54 RBIs.

Detroit's Miguel Cabrera was second with five first-

place votes and 262 points after leading the AL with 126 RBIs and a .420 on-base percentage. The Yankees' Robinson Cano was next with 229 points. Toronto's Jose Bautista, who led the major leagues with 54 homers, had the remaining first-place vote and 165 points.

Bob Dutton of The Kansas City Star, Tom Gage of The Detroit News, Scot Gregor of The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald, Jim Ingraham of The Port Clinton News-Herald and Steve Kornacki of Booth Newspapers voted Cabrera first. Shi Davidi of The Canadian Press cast the first-place vote for Bautista.

Hamilton receives a \$100,000 bonus, Cabrera \$200,000 and Paul Konerko of the Chicago White Sox \$60,000 for finishing fifth. Tampa Bay's Evan Longoria was sixth, followed by teammate Carl Crawford, and each gets \$25,000.

Snow claims 12 girls hoops games

Times-News

Tuesday's inclement weather forced the postponement or cancellation of every high school girls basketball game scheduled for that evening.

Eleven Tuesday games were claimed by the snowfall and freezing temperatures. While many of the games will be rescheduled, area athletic directors and coaches said most of the most scheduling decisions will be made after the Thanksgiving holiday.

The only games already owning a make-up date are Richfield's game at Rockland, which will be played Nov. 30 and Oakley's game at Valley, which will be Dec. 15.

Games awaiting possible rescheduling include American Falls at Filer, Burley at Skyline, Canyon Ridge at Kimberly, Castleford at Dietrich, Century at Minico, Declo at Buhl, Hagerman at Hansen, Shoshone at Jerome's junior varsity and Wood River at Mountain Home.

Today's game between Jerome and Bishop Kelly has also been canceled.

CSI men slip down to No. 18 in poll

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho's first loss of the season proved costly in this week's NJCAA Division I Men's Basketball rankings. The 7-1 Golden Eagles fell five spots to No. 18 in the poll, released Tuesday.

After opening the season at No. 24, CSI jumped to 13th with a 5-0 start. The Golden Eagles went 2-1 in last week's K&T Steel Tournament, falling 89-87 to unranked Western Nebraska Community College (8-1).

CSI's Scenic West Athletic Conference rival North Idaho College tops this week's poll. The Cardinals (8-0) moved up two spots to No. 1, with Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College ranked second and Northwest Florida State College third.

See **POLL**, Sports 2

NJCAA DIVISION I MEN'S POLL

Team	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1. North Idaho	80	308	3
2. Hutchinson CC	80	291	4
3. Northwest Florida St.	70	284	5
4. Cornors St. College	90	261	6
5. San Jacinto Central	90	241	9
6. Midland College	81	221	1
7. Missouri, St.-West Plains	60	210	10
8. Wabash Valley College	80	187	15
9. Coffeyville CC	90	181	19
10. Howard College	7-1	176	2
11. Pearl River CC	60	160	12
12. Chipola College	6-1	128	7
13. Odessa College	90	103	25
14. Trinity Valley CC	80	95	21
15. Indian Hills CC-Ottumwa	8-1	83	11
16. Eastern Utah	6-1	77	8
17. East Mississippi CC	5-1	71	16
18. CSI	7-1	55	13
19. Kankakee CC	30	43	24
20. Gadsden St. CC	70	36	—
21. McLennan CC	9-1	27	18
22. Kansas City CC	8-0	20	—
23. Jackson St. CC	60	18	—
24. Southeastern CC	7-1	15	16
25. Panola College	80	12	—
Others receiving votes: Collin County CC 9, Southwestern Illinois College 8, Sheridan College 7, Arizona Western College 6, Santa Fe College 5, Lon Morris College 4, Western Nebraska CC 4, Albany Technical College 3, Paris JC 3, Mesa CC 2, Salt Lake CC 2, Shelton St. CC 1, South Georgia Technical College 1.			

James and Thomas are No. 1 Duck's dynamic duo

The Associated Press

Comedy has Penn & Teller, music has Lennon & McCartney and kids have Bert & Ernie.

This season college football has Oregon's LaMichael James and Darron Thomas, arguably one of the best offensive duos in the country. The running back/quarterback combo is credited with helping make top-ranked Oregon the offensive juggernaut it has become this season.

"It's an unbelievable 1-2 punch," said Arizona State coach Dennis Erickson, whose Sun Devils fell at home to the Ducks earlier this season.

Together Thomas and James have accounted for 45 total touchdowns, with Thomas averaging nearly 260 yards total offense and James averaging 158.

The Ducks overall are ranked second in the nation with 542.2 total yards per game, and they're atop the country with an average of 50.7 points per game.

"They complement each other very well," Arizona coach Mike Stoops said Tuesday of the pair.

The No. 20 Wildcats visit Autzen Stadium on Friday, with undefeated Oregon vying for its 11th victory this season. The Ducks have won 11 just once before, in 2001 when they finished at the Fiesta Bowl.

This season the Ducks are eyeing the national championship, and Thomas is convinced that if his team keeps doing what it has been doing this season, they'll have no trouble reaching that goal.

"It's just going out and performing, being physical, outplaying the other guys. It comes down to one-on-one battles," he said.

Thomas has thrown for 23 touchdowns this season and run for four more. He's averaging 222.5 yards passing per



AP photo

Oregon quarterback Darron Thomas (1) and running back LaMichael James (21) give the top-ranked Ducks what many say is the best offensive duo in the nation.

game and he's ranked 19th in the NCAA in passing efficiency (153.04).

The sophomore wasn't even Oregon's projected starter going into the season. The job was expected by many to go to fifth-year senior Nate Costa, but Thomas impressed his coaches in the final scrimmage of fall camp.

While he's a capable scrambler himself, with 434 rushing yards this season, he prefers to hand off to fellow sophomore James, the nation's leading running back with an average of 158 yards per game.

This week James was named one of the three finalists for the Doak Walker Award, honoring the nation's top running back. Oklahoma State senior Kendall Hunter and Wisconsin junior John Clay are also finalists.

James averages 12 points a game. He has 17 rushing touchdowns, second only to Northern Illinois back Chad Spann, who has 18 but has played in two more games. He has three games with 200 or more yards rushing.

Overall, he's rushed for 1,422 yards through nine games.

He missed Oregon's opener because he was suspended

for a game by coach Chip Kelly after he pleaded guilty in the offseason to a misdemeanor harassment charge stemming from a fight with an ex-girlfriend.

The offseason trouble has raised recent questions about whether Heisman voters might not consider James for the coveted trophy. He is considered one of the top candidates for the award.

James had to be helped off the field after Oregon's narrow 15-13 victory at California on Nov. 13, appearing afterward on crutches and wearing a boot.

Following an open date, James was not listed on Oregon's injury report on Sunday but he did not practice. He returned to practice at full speed on Monday before sitting out on Tuesday.

Kelly, who doesn't comment about injuries, said James was getting all the necessary reps in practice. Kelly's concern is that the team remains fresh for the final two regular season games.

After hosting Arizona, the Ducks drive up the road to Corvallis for the annual Civil War game against the Oregon State Beavers.

Hendrick Motorsports shuffles lineup for 3 teams

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Hendrick Motorsports made sweeping changes to its organization Tuesday, shuffling the lineup for every team except five-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson.

A crew chief change for slumping Dale Earnhardt Jr. was not unexpected, but nobody predicted the stunning swap team owner Rick Hendrick ordered just two days after celebrating the organization's record 10th Cup championship.

Earnhardt, who has just one win through three seasons with HMS, now will be paired with crew chief Steve Letarte. He will move into the building that Letarte shares with Johnson and crew chief Chad Knaus.

Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will move out of that shop to work with crew chief Alan Gustafson. That team will be partnered with crew chief Lance McGrew and Mark Martin.

The previous pairings had Gordon with Letarte, Gustafson with Martin and McGrew with Earnhardt. Nobody believed McGrew would make it through the offseason with Earnhardt, who has struggled since joining HMS in 2008. Hendrick has stopped at nothing to turn around Earnhardt's performance, but insisted the last several months he would wait until after the season to make any personnel changes.

When Hendrick finally did, just two days after Johnson and Knaus won their record fifth consecutive title, the changes were huge.

"This will improve us as an organization, across the board," Hendrick said in a statement. "We had a championship season, but we weren't where we wanted and needed to be with all four teams. We've made the right adjustments, and I'm excited to go racing with this lineup."

JOHNSON KNOWS HOW IT FEELS TO CHASE A CHAMPION

NEW YORK — Jimmie Johnson can still recall in vivid detail his near-misses in



AP photo

Hendrick Motorsports made sweeping changes to its organization Tuesday, shuffling the lineup for every team except five-time defending champion Jimmie Johnson. Jeff Gordon, left, will work with crew chief Alan Gustafson. Crew chief Steve Letarte, right, will be paired with Dale Earnhardt Jr.

2004 and '05, his voice rising as he describes how he fell just short of a Sprint Cup championship.

No matter that he's won five straight titles since.

"I've forgotten a lot of the good things, but you remember all the bad things — in detail," Johnson told The Associated Press on Tuesday, two days after becoming the first driver in the seven-year history of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship to overcome a points deficit in the season's final race.

Hardly satisfied by his record four consecutive titles, Johnson persevered through an uneven season to win yet again. It made the victory all

that much sweeter, but also sent him into NASCAR's short offseason with more uncertainty than might be expected of a champion.

After crew chief Chad Knaus benched his pit-stop team in the middle of the race at Texas on Nov. 7, Johnson and teammate Jeff Gordon swapped crews for the last two races.

"We clearly had some issues on pit road that we need to rectify there, which in the past we've had more stability on the over-the-wall guys," Johnson said. "I think we're lacking a little speed in the cars."

— The Associated Press

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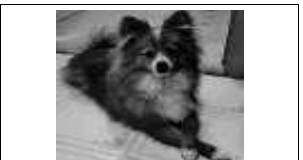
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