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Jobs bill restores four days for T.F. schools

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School Board on Thursday approved restoring four furlough days to this school year's teacher contracts that were previously cut because of budget shortfalls.

The district is adding back

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the days with federal funding from a \$26 billion jobs bill Congress passed, hoping to improve the economy.

Twin Falls School District received \$1.3 million and is using \$645,963 this year for the four days.

The board voted 4-0 on the decision; board Chairman Bryan Matsuoka was absent.

The four days will restore the equivalent of two classroom days, one

teacher work day and holiday pay for Memorial Day, which had been cut. The four days are among 15 days that were trimmed from the calendar.

The initial cuts left teachers with salary cuts of about 7.8 percent. With the four restored days, their annual salary cut is now about

5.7 percent instead.

For students, the changes mean that school now will end on June 1 after Memorial Day. Previously, school ended before Memorial Day. The one exception is high school seniors, who will have graduation ceremonies that weekend and won't need to return to

school afterward.

The additional days will go to all school building-level staff, including teachers and building administrators. Classified employees also are eligible for up to four days, depending on their schedules.

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A DRIVE TO SUCCEED



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

Twin Falls Police Officer Tim Arredondo goes through a training exercise with his Belgian Malinois, Carlo, Thursday afternoon at Carquest in Twin Falls.

T.F. police to soon gain new K-9 unit

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Twin Falls Police Officer Tim Arredondo is breaking in a rookie partner, a cop who'll have his back around the clock.

It's Carlo, a Belgian Malinois.

Arredondo and Carlo are preparing to certify as the Twin Falls Police Department's newest K-9 unit, following three months of intense training in apprehension and narcotics detection. Carlo, who takes his final test on Dec. 11, is a lean black-and-brown-colored dog from eastern Europe, where the department gets its dogs.

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Carlo, a Belgian Malinois, waits for his command Thursday afternoon at Carquest in Twin Falls.

More people accessing Blaine County food bank

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — There has always been a need for a food bank in Blaine County. But lately, the people accessing it have had a different look in their eyes.

"We are seeing those people who have had too much pride before to walk through our doors," said Jeanne Liston, executive director of The Hunger Coalition. "People don't realize it could be their neighbors, and very well might be their neighbors, who are coming."

As the national economic troubles have continued, many families have depleted their savings and run out of relatives and friends who can help.

"They're down to nothing. All of their crisis backup plans are gone," said Naomi Spence, food program manager for the agency. "We're seeing families that have never asked for help and are using us as a last resort."

Last year, for example, the agency distributed 175 baskets full of Thanksgiving goods; this



The Hunger Coalition

Location: 121 Honeysuckle St., Bellevue.

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Needs: Volunteers, food donations through yellow bins at area grocery stores, and monetary donations are needed throughout the year. Cash donations are tax-deductible.

Contact: 788-0121 or info@thehunger-coalition.org.

If you know of another charity that serves south-central Idaho that is seeking donations, contact *Times-News* City Editor Eric Larsen at elarsen@magicvalley.com or 735-3246.

year, 311 went out. And the worst is yet to come.

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Two conservatives, key liberal, back deficit plan

By Andrew Taylor
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Some of the Senate's staunchest conservatives and one of its most powerful liberals on Thursday swung behind a controversial deficit-slashing proposal from the leaders of President Barack Obama's fiscal commission.

The plan would raise the Social Security retirement age and scale back popular tax deductions on health insurance and



Crapo

many contentious provisions. It now has public commitments of support from a majority of the commission, but still will fall short of the votes needed to adopt the plan when the panel votes on Friday.

The plan gained the backing of two of the Senate's most conservative Republicans on Thursday and, in a major development, won approval from liberal Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., who's a key ally of the president.

"Borrowing 40 cents out of every dollar we spend for missiles or food stamps is unsustainable," Durbin wrote in an op-ed piece in

today's *Chicago Tribune*. "When we engage in the critical decisions about our nation's future budgets, I want progressive voices at the table to argue that we must protect the most vulnerable in our society and demand fairness in budget cuts."

Durbin's announcement means that the plan by commission co-chairs Erskine Bowles, former chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, and former Wyoming GOP Sen. Alan Simpson will win support from a majority of the 18-member panel on Friday.

Announcements earlier Thursday by Sens. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., and Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, in favor of the politically explosive plan to cut the deficit by almost \$4 trillion over the coming decade gave the measure momentum from key Senate conservatives.

But two House Republicans on the panel, which was created by Obama in the long-shot hope of coming up with a bipartisan plan to cut deficits expected to total almost \$10 trillion over the same 10 years, announced they will oppose the plan, as expected. So

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Jerome County considers starting forestry cooperative

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

JEROME — A cooperative effort to grow some trees may add greenery and goodwill across Jerome County.

Fifteen community leaders from around Jerome County gathered at the Best Western Sawtooth Inn Convention Center on Thursday for an environmental brainstorming session organized by the North Side Soil and Water Conservation District. For the district's third-annual roundtable, District Manager Terry Halbert chose trees as the focus because they can conserve soil by acting as windbreaks and they improve the appearance of towns and roads.

But Halbert also wanted to propose a dream: the Jerome Urban Forest. It's one of the ideas he's had since he read about the rebuilding of Greensburg, Kan., after it was destroyed by a 2007 tornado. The people of the town liked being farmers but didn't like their children leaving to find jobs.

"It was an ag town that had the opportunity to rebuild so they rebuilt the town green and brought in green industry," Halbert said. "Why do we need a tornado?"

A number of groups want to plant trees, Halbert said, but mature trees are expensive and young trees are high-maintenance. But, he said, if they all pitched into a cooperative, the conservation district could plant small, less-expensive trees, raise them for a few years in an area that could double as a park, and then divvy them out to the groups as they mature.

Halbert said Arlen Crouch, owner of Crossroads Point Business Center, offered the district up to 122 acres of land.

Halbert's concept is to plant 25 acres with four or five varieties of trees, five acres each year, so at the end of five years he can start rotating trees out.

"We'd never sell a tree so we're not competing with nurseries," Halbert said. "But you need to tell me what kind of information you need to be able to successfully propose this to your people."

Halbert had the participants break into discussion groups, whose representatives later presented each group's concerns. City council members and recreation department managers from Jerome and Hazelton and county planners and commissioners put their heads together — and occasionally butted heads — as they tried to flesh out possibilities.

This wouldn't be the first time this was tried in the Magic Valley; Burley has maintained a grove of a couple of hundred trees for about seven years.

"Bookkeeping is going to be important," said Hazelton City Councilwoman ViAnn Aristazabal. "We need to know we'll get the trees we contributed to, especially if the yearly contributions change."

"As a group, we'd have to be willing to work together," said Valley Recreation Director Rob Grant. "The concern I would have is big cities like Jerome would have more pull."

In the end, all agreed the concept had promise, even if some details seemed problematic. So, a subsequent meeting is planned.

"The actual product of this may be harmony with trees as the byproduct," Halbert said. "If we can do this, we can do any other project."

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Snowman with noose appalls Idaho home's neighbors

HAYDEN (AP) — A white separatist drew complaints from neighbors and a visit from law enforcement officers after building a snowman shaped like a member of the Ku Klux Klan on his front lawn.

Kootenai County sheriff's deputies told Mark Eliseuson Wednesday that he could be charged with a crime because the 10-foot-tall snowman was holding what appeared to be a noose. Deputies were called by neighbors who were appalled by the pointy-headed snowman with two dark eyes.



Eliseuson

Hayden for decades earned notoriety for being near the former rural compound of the Aryan Nations.

Eliseuson could have been charged with creating a public nuisance. Idaho law defines such a nuisance as anything "offensive to the senses" or that interferes with the comfort of an entire neighborhood. Eliseuson removed the noose and toppled the snowman after he talked with officers.

Eliseuson told KXLY-TV of



This undated photo shows a snowman that depicts a white hooded figure associated with the Ku Klux Klan in the front yard of Mark Eliseuson in Hayden. Kootenai County sheriff's deputies told Eliseuson on Wednesday that he could be charged with a crime because the 10-foot-tall snowman was holding what appeared to be a noose.

Amber Caldwell/AP photo

Spokane that he sees nothing wrong with the snowman. But other people did.

"It's such a message of hate," said Amber Caldwell, who saw the snowman while

visiting her cousin in the neighborhood. "My kids asked me about it and I had to explain what that symbol means."

Eliseuson has angered

neighbors in the past by flying Aryan Nations flags at his home. At Halloween he passed out bullet casings after he said he ran out of candy.

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Luna urges Wasden to end legal battle over cabin rents

By **Jessie L. Bonner**
Associated Press

BOISE — Attorney General Lawrence Wasden should give up his legal battle to block a new rental policy for homes on hundreds of state-owned lake shore sites, a state Board of Land commissioner said.

Public schools chief Tom Luna, who serves on the land board with Wasden, voted for the increased rents and argues that the state has already spent too much taxpayer money on the lawsuit. Wasden plans to take his challenge to district court, after the Idaho Supreme Court tossed out his case Wednesday. Justices did not dispute Wasden's argument but ruled the case should have gone to the lower court.

The attorney general should bring his own rental proposal to the land board, Luna said.

"We've already spent too many tax dollars on this matter and going to district court without first putting a proposal on the table will just continue to cost taxpayers," Luna said in a statement.

Wasden claims the policy approved by the land board sets rent at below-market value and in violation of the state constitution, which requires the property to be managed for maximum profit over time.

The land board approved the new formula to raise rents for owners of cabins and vacation homes built on hundreds of state-owned lots on the shores of Payette and Priest lakes. The rents would raise the amounts that tenants pay by 9 percent in 2011 and by 54 percent over the next five years, under the new policy.

With implementation of new rents slated for next year, Wasden went to the state high court in hopes of a quick answer to his question over the constitutionality of the land board's decision.

While Wasden now plans to continue his legal fight in district court, the new leases will still be issued on Jan. 1 in accordance with the land

board's March decision. "Nothing has happened to change the board's direction," said Idaho Department of Lands director George Bacon, who serves as secretary to the land board.

Wolf negotiations resume, but no consensus

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and governors from three Northern Rockies states resumed negotiations Thursday to remove the region's wolves from the endangered list, but reached no conclusions.

Western lawmakers are pushing bills in Congress that would declare the region's 1,700 wolves recovered and no longer in need of federal protections. However, Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal says there still is no consensus on how that should be done.

Freudenthal said a Thursday conference call with Salazar marked progress

toward balancing wolf restoration against local concerns about wolf attacks on livestock and wildlife. Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer and Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter also participated.

Montana's two Democratic senators, Jon Tester and Max Baucus, on Thursday released a letter in which they urged Salazar "to keep the governors of the three states at the table to find a unified way forward."

Meanwhile, wildlife advocates were scrambling to head off the push against wolves in Congress, saying it could set a dangerous precedent and severely

undermine the Endangered Species Act.

They also fear a struggling population of the animals in the desert Southwest could get swept into the debate, through at least two pending bills that would strip protections from wolves nationwide. At last count, Arizona and New Mexico had just 42 Mexican gray wolves, a subspecies of wolves in the Northern Rockies.

"If they were stripped of protection altogether, there's no doubt the Mexican gray wolf would go extinct," said Michael Robinson of the Center for Biological Diversity.



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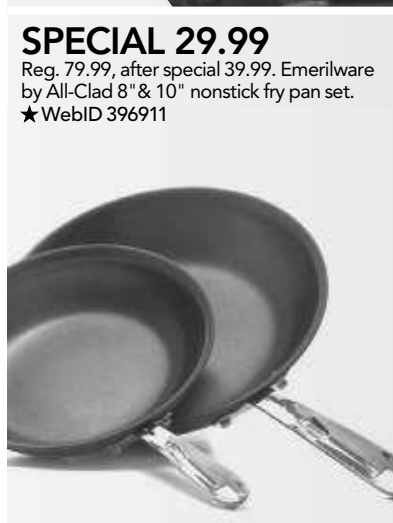
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Sitter to face manslaughter charge in boy's death

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A northern Idaho judge ruled that a baby sitter accused of killing a 3-year-old boy will face a lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter rather than murder.

The actions of Amanda L. Skogen, 26, had "incredibly grievous" consequences but did not amount to murder, First District Court Magistrate Judge Clark A. Peterson ruled Wednesday.

Kootenai County prosecutors say Skogen was on her knees when she violently shoved Cohen Johnson on Oct. 4, causing him to fall back and hit his head.

The Coeur d'Alene Press reported that she acknowledged shoving the boy after he wet his pants.

In his ruling, Peterson quoted a comment Skogen allegedly made to Post Falls police: "I hurt a poor little defenseless boy ... And it was all my fault."

Still, the judge said he didn't believe one push amounted to murder, especially because Skogen would not have anticipated the boy's death to be the result of the action.

Peterson said Skogen likely would do anything for "a do-over on Oct. 4," the newspaper reported. But he added, "There's a 3-year-old boy who should not be dead."

Cohen died several days after the incident when he was taken off life support at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane, Wash., where doctors said he was brain dead.



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Idaho government workers may avoid pension hikes

By John Miller
Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho government workers and teachers may avoid being forced to make bigger pension contributions next year after a key lawmaker asked the board overseeing the state's \$11.1 billion retirement fund to forgo a planned rate hike.

Sen. Dean Cameron, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee co-chair,

asked the board that governs the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho to cancel increases meant to help make up losses after the 2008 financial meltdown. The value of investments in Idaho's fund has since recovered significantly, as markets rose.

The proposed 32 percent, three-phase increase is scheduled to begin July 1, but needs legislative approval.

The five-member pension

board meets next Tuesday to discuss whether to recommend the increase — or change course.

Cameron, R-Rupert, said he's concerned if the board insists on putting the hike to a vote

of lawmakers, some of them will be tempted to try to reduce the system's benefits — as many corporations have done and other states



Cameron

consider how to cover their funds' massive liabilities.

"For now, everything appears to be appropriately funded," Cameron said Thursday.

"My advice to the board was ... they ought to

permanently forgo the (request) for any rate increase. It just fuels the whole issue" of changing the pension fund.

Active state employees now pay 6.23 percent of their salaries into the pension fund, while the employers' share is 10.39 percent. That means somebody earning \$50,000 annually pays \$3,115 a year, while Idaho pays \$5,200; such employees' payments would rise by \$280, if the first phase of the rate hike goes through.

From the state government's perspective, there's a

big reason not to pursue a hike: The state doesn't have \$15 million — its share of the proposed increase just for fiscal year 2012 — due to a budget gap that could be \$340 million.

"The table is bare," said Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome and Cameron's budget committee co-leader who also backs canceling the hikes.

Idaho's pension fund appears robust, with 86 percent of its longterm liabilities funded. But after the 2008 plunge in the value of the Idaho fund's assets, the pension board recommended increasing worker and state contributions starting in 2011 to help make good on a \$3 billion unfunded liability.

That liability — an estimate of all future payments to retirees that the fund now doesn't have assets to cover — has since been cut to \$1.6 billion, as markets recovered.

Fault line could boost fed disaster funds for Blaine Co.

The Associated Press

KETCHUM — A previously unmapped fault line that runs for about 40 miles along the Sawtooth Mountains in central Idaho likely improves Blaine County's chances of being awarded federal funding for earthquake preparation, a state official says.

Mark Stephensen, a mitigation officer for the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, said a note of the fault line has been included in the county's application for a FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant that is due Friday.

The program gives states money to prepare for disasters to reduce the amount of potential damage and death.

"It's going to have to be considered," Stephensen told the Idaho Mountain Express. "Any additional information that would indicate that the earthquake hazard is clearly present would increase the urgency or necessity of the project."

Officials say a large earthquake in the area could significantly damage the county courthouse, built in Hailey in 1883.

The county can apply for up to \$3 million in federal funding to strengthen the building to withstand an earthquake. It would have to match 25 percent of the federal money.

The county, which includes the resort areas of Ketchum and Sun Valley, is eligible to apply for the money because of several major active faults, including the Lost River Fault about 50 miles northeast of Hailey. That fault line caused the 1983 Borah Peak earthquake near Challis.

The new fault is also considered a major, active fault capable of producing an earthquake with a magnitude up to 7.5. Such an earthquake would cause the partial or total collapse of the county courthouse roof, according to a seismic evaluation report done by Boise-based McClendon Engineering.

Strengthening the building could help it withstand an earthquake.

"We as (the bureau) believe this project to be necessary," said Robert Feely, a spokesman for the state Bureau of Homeland Security.

Feely said it's unclear when a response to the application can be expected.

Glenn Thackray, an Idaho State University geosciences professor, announced the finding of the fault line earlier this year. Thackray said researchers believe the fault triggered two major earthquakes during the past 10,000 years.

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EDITORIAL

Repenting in leisure: Idaho's stuck with Molina, CCA

In 1997, Gov. Phil Batt signed off on a \$49 million contract with Tennessee-based Corrections Corporation of America to build a prison in Kuna and operate it at a cost of \$38.42 an inmate per day.

There were a few critics. Wrote the *Post Register* of Idaho Falls: "Idahoans have been subjected to one negative headline after another about private prisons in the months since the state launched its own bid to contract out prison services."

Thirteen years later, the Idaho Correctional Center is a bad caricature of a prison. Meanwhile over at the Department of Health and Welfare, the state's new Medicaid billing and payments contractor, California-based Molina Healthcare, is still struggling to catch up on payments to 20,000 Medicaid providers.

Our view:

In the future, Idaho public officials should be careful what they wish for: They might end up with Molina and CCA.

What do you think?

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

As of mid-November, about 94,000 claims remained unpaid. For that kind of service, Idaho is paying Molina \$115 million with a possible three-year, \$51 million extension.

"That's my new favorite curse word, 'Molina,'" Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, chairwoman of the Idaho House Appropriations Committee, said last month.

Bell was a skeptic of private prisons in Idaho as well. More of Idaho's movers and shakers should share her caution when it comes to signing contracts the state will be stuck with at its peril.

For now, Idaho doesn't have any realistic alternatives to CCA and Molina. It doesn't have anyplace else to put the 2,000 minimum- and maximum-security prisoners at ICC, and no other private contractor wants to take over for Molina at Health and Welfare — even if the state had the money to pay one.

The Legislature shares some of the blame for the Molina debacle. Lawmakers opted to delay \$70 million worth of last year's Medicaid claims until the current budget cycle began July 1. For some providers, that required waiting two months to get paid.

Then, to save \$1 million a month, Health and Welfare opted against keeping its old computerized billing system up and running while it launched a new computerized program operated by Molina.

The result? About 1,400 employees of Medicaid providers have had their pay cut, delayed or withheld. A few operators have gone out of business, and many others have resorted to loans or second mortgages.

For all its comedy of errors, the Molina mess was at least driven by the bad economy. It's harder to explain why Batt didn't take a harder look at the CCA contract, which was signed when times were good in Idaho.

Two companies that lost the bidding to CCA had offered to build and operate a new prison for less money. And Idaho had experienced a string of problems in the mid-1990s with its inmates housed in privately run, out-of-state lockups.

Now the 10-year ICC is the source of a \$155 million lawsuit filed by inmates who allege guards routinely permit prisoners to attack each other. On Monday, The Associated Press released a video it obtained on one inmate, James Haver, pummeling another while guards looked on through a security window.

CCA's response? It was "highly disappointed and deeply concerned" over AP's release the videos.

Let's hope the next major commitment by the state to outsource services to the private sector gets much closer scrutiny.

Obama still unaware he's in a fight

WASHINGTON — "Stop it." That's the message Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia said voters wanted him to carry to President Barack Obama at the White House Slurpee Summit, an appropriate name for something momentarily colorful and tasty with no nutritional value.

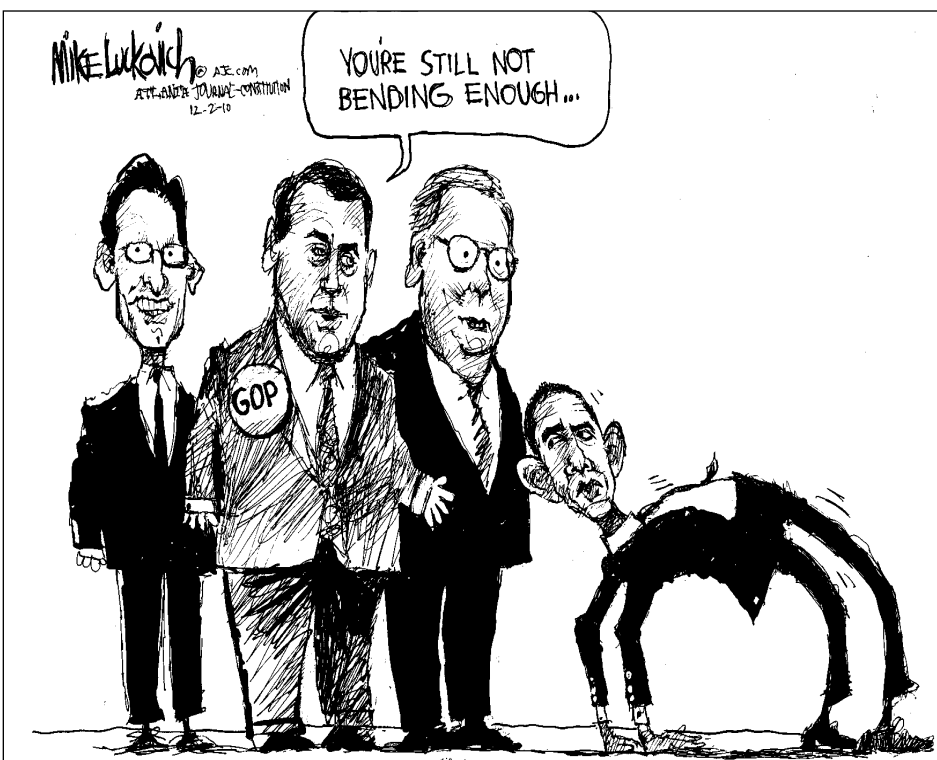
In my parental playbook, "Stop it" is often followed by "Go to your room," which in Obama's case is the Oval Office, an inconvenient fact for Republicans reluctant to acknowledge that he's president.

The way Republicans see it, the results of the midterm elections put them in charge. Now the president must pay deference even to get a meeting with them. When he didn't send a proper "Save the Date" card for a proposed summit last month, the entire Republican leadership turned him down without a compelling reason. Those with hair had to wash it that evening. The rest had headaches.

You don't need WikiLeaks to know where Republicans stand. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky was happy to announce that the top priority for Republicans during the next two years is to defeat Obama in 2012.

Republicans were a bit more subtle as Obama prepared to take office two years ago. The new president didn't know until much later that McConnell had called a play in the huddle to hang tough on everything. Republicans wouldn't be just the Party of No, but the Party of Hell No. The lack of a single Republican vote in the House for the desperately needed economic stimulus in February 2009 was an early application of this strategy.

Republicans interpreted the midterm results to mean that their just-say-no strategy is a winning one. While unlikely to pursue a shut-down-the-government course, they're not really seeking common ground. Wednesday, just one day after the White House meeting, all



Margaret Carlson

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42 Republican senators pledged in a letter to block all legislation until the president and Congress figure out a way to extend the tax cuts and fund the government into next year.

Obama so prefers Kumbaya bipartisan process over getting something done that he's single-handedly resuscitated an opposition party that looked dead after the 2008 elections. After Republicans rebuffed him on the stimulus, Obama called himself "an eternal optimist" but added, "That doesn't mean I'm a sap."

I wonder. Consider the still-unresolved fate of the George W. Bush tax cuts, set to expire Jan. 1. Obama is in such a defensive crouch, he doesn't recognize the winning hand he holds. He wants to let the breaks expire for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and leave them intact for everybody else, meaning households that take in less than \$250,000 a year.

Polls show the public with him on this. Republicans can't square

blowing another \$700 billion hole in the deficit to help the richest taxpayers while saying that lowering the deficit is the most important thing in the world to them.

They have no spending cuts to make up for it. There's no proof that extending the tax cut for the wealthy will do anything to create one job or induce one bank to start lending again. The wealthy have largely bounced back from the economic crash.

Why wouldn't Obama just battle to the bitter end on this one, leaving Republicans to defend their willingness to stop everything else if he doesn't capitulate?

But no. He's signaled he'll agree to extend tax cuts for the wealthy to preserve those for the middle class. He'll do it temporarily, as if not doing it permanently is a defeat for Republicans.

He's not getting anything so far for the middle class in exchange for what he's prepared to give up. He unilat-

erally announced a two-year freeze on federal pay, without bargaining for an extension of unemployment benefits — or, for that matter, passage of well-reasoned immigration legislation, or ratification of the START Treaty, or repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Obama acts as if he believes Republican rhetoric that the election put them in the driver's seat. Polls show a modest difference in approval ratings for Republicans over Democrats. The mandate they have is the one Obama gives them.

Republicans are wiler than Obama, who should see that reaching out is for chumps. His recent busted lip, the result of sharp elbows on the basketball court, seemed an apt status report on his presidency.

Rather than give Republicans another dinner date to turn down, Obama should start playing hard to get.

Margaret Carlson is a Bloomberg News columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chorus supports music in community

The Twin Falls Magichords Barbershop Chorus presented its 44th show on Oct. 16 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. "Social Insecurity," a quartet from Portland, Ore., was featured along with our chorus. We want to thank the sponsors and guests who attended our show. You made our show a great success.

The goal of the Twin Falls Magichords is to support music in our community. Through the years, we've supported many schools and others to help music remain an important function in Magic Valley. As a nonprofit organization, we select one recipient for our donation to the community. This year, we selected "Outcast Inc." They appeared on our show to support the 116th Ordnance National Guard spouses and families. The 116th had just been called to active duty to serve one year

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in Afghanistan.

We hope you enjoyed the show as much as we did in preparing the program. Thank you once again for your support. We will see all of you next October when we present our 45th show.

FRED BURKHALTER
 Jerome

(Editor's note: Fred Burkhalter is the treasurer for the Magichords Barbershop Quartet.)

T.F. needs program of trap-neuter-return

Alley Cat Rescue is glad to hear the city of Twin Falls allows the feeding of community cats; however, like Debbie Blackwood said, "It's not enough to feed a stray, you have to spay a stray."

Outlawing trap-neuter-return will not help the situation but only make it worse. Trap-neuter-return gets to the root of the problem; it stops the breeding cycle and stabilizes populations. If Twin Falls is to decrease its community cat population, it will need to adopt a trap-neuter-return program.

Trap-neuter-return reduces populations to manageable levels and eliminates common neighborhood complaints associated with mating behaviors like spraying and fighting. Trap-neuter-return programs are also more effective and less costly than repeated catch-and-kill attempts. With catch-and-kill, other cats quickly enter the vacated

territory and start breeding all over again. And this method is carried out with tax dollars, unlike trap-neuter-return which operates on private funding. In addition, trap-neuter-return is humane to the animals and fosters compassion within the community.

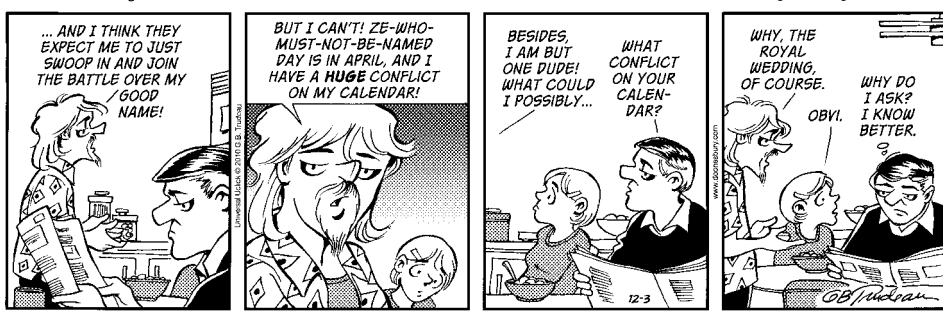
Trap-neuter-return not only prevents cat homelessness and feral colonies from forming but also reduces euthanasia rates at local animal shelters by preventing unwanted litters of kittens from being born. Cats who are trap-neuter-returned receive vaccinations which prevent the spread of diseases to humans and to other cats. Overall, sterilized (and fed) cats are healthier and make for much better neighbors, leaving little "gray area."

MAGGIE FUNKHOUSER
 Mount Rainier, Md.

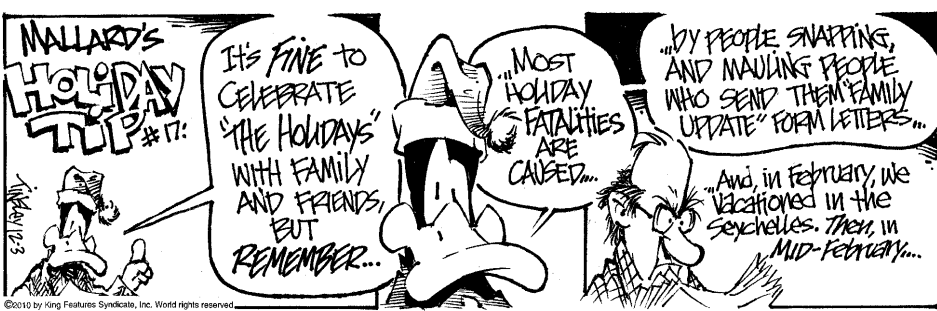
(Editor's note: Maggie Funkhouser is the director of communications and public relations for Alley Cat Rescue in Mount Rainier, Md.)

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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Why the health of pregnant women matters to everybody

"Pregnant Is the New Sexy," read the T-shirt a friend gave me when I was a few weeks away from my due date. Glossy magazines flaunt celebrities' half-clad bellies and chronicle the pregnancies in breathless detail, from the first "bump" sighting to the second-trimester weight gain to the baby-gear shopping spree.

There's something wrong with this picture. An emerging science known as the developmental origins of health and disease is revealing that the conditions we encounter in the womb can have a lifelong impact on our health and well-being.

The more we learn about these effects, the clearer it becomes that investing in maternal health would return larger and longer-lasting dividends than almost any other comparable public health investment. But as a nation, we're spending more of our limited resources on the later stages of life instead of where they can make the most difference: at the very beginning.

Take obesity. Many anti-



Annie Murphy Paul

obesity initiatives concentrate on trying to persuade us to eat less and exercise more. But research shows that these efforts have limited effectiveness. A recent analysis of U.S. obesity-prevention campaigns, conducted by Olaf Werder of the University of New Mexico, concluded that their "overall impact on obesity has been negligible."

What if before conceiving, overweight women were routinely counseled by their doctors about the effects of their weight on future offspring? And what if women who were gaining weight too rapidly in pregnancy were offered more help in controlling it?

The results might look something like those found in studies of diabetes treatment during pregnancy. Research shows that the children of diabetic women are more likely than others

to develop diabetes — seven times more likely. Like obesity, diabetes has a strong genetic component, but scientists are also beginning to focus on the effects of a diabetic intrauterine environment.

A pregnant woman's diabetes can also affect the odds that her child will become obese. In a study of almost 10,000 mother-child pairs, researchers from the Center for Health Research at Kaiser Permanente Northwest found that women who developed diabetes during pregnancy and were not treated had children who were twice as likely to become obese as the children of women without that illness. Simply by controlling their mothers' blood sugar during pregnancy, the expected doubling of these children's obesity risk was completely reversed.

Even a pregnant woman's mental health can have a long-term impact on her offspring. A 2008 study by researchers at the Kaiser Permanente Oakland Medical Center in California found that women with

even mild symptoms of depression are 60 percent more likely to deliver early than other women; those who are severely depressed have double the risk of premature birth.

These complications may come about in part because many depressed women may eat poorly, smoke or drink alcohol, or fail to get prenatal care. But depression itself may shift the biochemical balance in a woman's body in a fateful manner.

The case seems pretty clear: We should make a nationwide effort to ensure that every obstetrician checks every pregnant patient's mental state, along with her weight and blood pressure.

Adult behavior can be difficult to change, but pregnant women are a special case: They're usually highly motivated and in regular contact with health-care providers, and they have to maintain their efforts for only nine months. Pregnancy therefore offers a singular opportunity to improve lives for decades to come.

So why isn't this critical window one of our top health-care priorities?

Part of the reason may simply be our preference for quick fixes and for dealing with only existing problems. But there's a less obvious reason that resistance to maternal health initiatives might crop up among the liberal-leaning individuals who typically support public health initiatives and women's health-care issues: abortion politics.

Caring for the fetus, protecting the fetus from harm — to abortion rights advocates, such measures sound like the steps antiabortion forces have taken to establish a fetus's rights. What's the difference

between telling an obese pregnant woman that her weight may predispose her child to obesity and requiring a woman to look at an ultrasound of her fetus before proceeding with an abortion?

The crucial difference lies in the intent behind the intervention and in the way it's carried out. Help in achieving a healthy pregnancy must be offered to pregnant women, not forced upon them.

Annie Murphy Paul is the author of "Origins: How the Nine Months Before Birth Shape the Rest of Our Lives." She wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Document collection contains history

In the mid-'80s, I was asked to prepare a documented grant for the Twin Falls South Side Canal Company, which was applying for federal funds to repair Milner Dam, the south side canal and also build a power plant to be managed by Idaho Power Co. The grant had to meet state and federal requirements. My work was sent to state historian Dr. Merle Welles, who, after accepting or rejecting each item, sent it on to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's permitting process. This was done by the National Park's Historic American Engineering Record Department, which had sent directives to the canal company for my writing of the historical grant and photography requirements. The research was accepted and funding permitted. The documents have been copied and collated by Mareda Wright for inclusion in the Twin Falls City Library, history division. The originals are with the canal company.

In many ways, the collection is unique in that minutes of State Land Board meetings are included explaining the rejection of early filings and that the Twin Falls Land and Water Company's secretary, James Harrison Lowell, came to Milner and re-staked the site for the proposed dam on Oct. 11, 1900, and properly filed the stake that same date in Cassia County with Judge Lawrence Hansen, who then filed it with Cassia County Judge John Hansen on Oct. 30, 1900, well within the 60 days allowed by the stake document. Oct. 12, Lowell gave the new document to State Engineer D.W. Ross. That same date Ross called a meeting of the State Land Board, which made valid the conditional permit of Oct. 8, 1900.

Bank records and corporation meeting minutes are available with both state historical societies and secretaries of state. The mortgage made necessary by the probate at P.L. Kimberly's death, of the Buhl Kimberly

Corp., began the Trowbridge/Niver corp's management. The original document states that all financial transactions are to be made through the W.S. McCormick Bank of Twin Falls. Research of other banks named in later historical novels and memoirs showed no transactions. The mortgage was made in November 1905, and Buhl paid it off when the Kimberly probate was legalized in August 1906.

All the documentation is now part of the Twin Falls Library historical collection
J. HOWARD MOON
St. Anthony

Donations support Magic Valley arts

This month the Magic Valley Arts Council will begin to serve the citizens of the Magic Valley from its new home on the canyon rim at River Vista Office Park. The Twin Falls Center for the Arts features a 160-seat multipurpose room/performance venue, classrooms, offices, an inviting lobby, outdoor performance area and many public amenities.

We expect to move into the facility debt-free and to offer many new programs, along with existing successful programs that we will continue to enhance. Thousands of people from all walks of life will enjoy our new facility, access to free parking and the canyon rim walking trail.

We have raised almost \$1.4 million from many sources. We ask that you consider helping us with the last \$50,000 of fundraising. Consider an end-of-year gift to our campaign. It will help us pay for final improvements, furniture, computers and many items used to serve our future visitors. Businesses can make pledges that will help us over several years and/or become one of our "community partners" who provide program and operating support in exchange for publicity and volunteer opportunities. Individuals can make end-of-year tax-deductible gifts by sending a check to Magic Valley Arts Council, Attention: Twin

Falls Center for the Arts, P.O. Box 1158, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

On behalf of the board, staff and friends of the Magic Valley Arts Council, thanks to all who have donated so far. Your generosity will ensure that the Magic Valley will be well served for generations by our new facility.

ALLAN FROST
MICHAEL MCBRIDE
(Editor's note: Allan Frost and Michael McBride are co-chairmen for the Magic Valley Center for the Arts.)

Officials condone cats' suffering

Kudos to Ted Talbot and shame on the officials of Twin Falls and the legislators that cannot be bothered to help innocent animals.

It seems that the Humane Society of Twin Falls has double standards. It is all for adopting out kittens, two for the price of one. That is good, but they allow the cats in Rock Creek Park to die of starvation or freeze. Of course, those cats are going to procreate and the kittens will die because of the weather.

The Humane Society is apparently very limited by funds. So why can't these officials go out and place humane traps and take the cats in? At least they could euthanize them humanely if they are not able to feed, give out for adoption or neuter and turn loose.

It appears that only Mr. Talbot and a few others are really concerned about the cats not suffering. The officials are condoning the cats' suffering, not the "feeders."

The animals in that park must face winter alone. I see on the Animal Channel that various humane societies go out and pick up strays. Is Idaho that far behind in animal protection and the lack of funds to care for them? Why aren't the legislators doing more to help these animals?

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T.F. lawn service finds holiday niche

“Although we aren’t looking at making a lot of money the extra cash flow does help.”



Renee Lopez used purple ribbon and dragonflies with light-up wings while arranging this wreath that sells for \$85.



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Renee Lopez stands next to some of the wreaths she makes and sells at her business, Local Lawn and Tree Spraying, in Twin Falls. Lopez decided to diversify the business to help with the slow months of winter.

Negotiators work on tax deal as House passes bill

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON— The House passed a bill Thursday to extend middle class tax cuts while letting those for the wealthy expire, even as talks continued on extending them all.

The House bill was a political maneuver to satisfy Democratic lawmakers’ supporters who oppose extending tax cuts for the wealthy. It has no chance in the Senate, where Democrats need Republican support to pass tax legislation.

House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio used barnyard language to describe the House vote to reporters during a news conference.

“I’m trying to catch my breath so I don’t refer to this maneuver going on today as chicken crap, all right?” said Boehner, who is in line to become House speaker in January. “But this is nonsense, all right? The election was one month ago. We are 23 months from the next election, and the political games have already started trying to set up the next election.”



AP photo
House Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio takes part in a news conference on Capitol Hill.

Sweeping income tax cuts enacted under former President George W. Bush are to expire at the end of the year. If Congress does not act, taxpayers at every income level would be hit with a significant tax increase.

President Barack Obama and Democratic leaders in Congress want to extend the tax cuts only for individuals making less than \$200,000 and married couples making less than \$250,000. The bill passed by the House would do that.

The vote was 234 to 188. All but 20 Democrats voted in favor of the bill; all but three Republicans opposed it.

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky has indicated he is open to a temporary extension of all the tax cuts.

Obama said Thursday he’s optimistic Democrats and Republicans can reach agreement on critical issues in the coming weeks, including the tax controversy.

Speaking to more than 20 newly elected governors, Obama said making sure tax cuts don’t increase for the middle class is his priority.

“I believe it will get resolved,” Obama said. “That doesn’t mean there might not be some posturing over the next several days. But I’m confident in the end people are going to recognize that it’s important for families who are still struggling to have some relief and it’s important for our economy to make sure that money is still out there circulating.”

The White House is pressing Congress to extend jobless benefits and other tax credits enacted as part of Obama’s massive economic recovery package last year. Those proposals could form the basis of a compromise on the Bush tax cuts.

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and White House Budget Director Jacob Lew began holding closed-door meetings Wednesday with a small group of lawmakers from both parties to negotiate a deal on the Bush tax cuts. Those talks continued Thursday, even as the House voted on the Democratic plan.

Business looks at Christmas to boost spirits, sales

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

With area trees going into dormancy for the winter and lawns covered in sheets of snow, people must wonder why a sign at Local Lawn and Tree Spraying says they are open for business.

Typically, owners Louis and Renee Lopez would be settling into the company’s slow winter period.

Naturally, their company is busy while grass is growing.

Like many area landscapers, they were eager to take on a project to carry the company through winter. Local Lawn and Tree Spraying is part of a growing number of seasonal businesses looking for ways to diversify their services and work through the winter.

This July the couple came across a large stash of Christmas decor supplies and Renee Lopez was inspired. “I’m the decorator for all my family and friends,” Renee Lopez told the *Times-News*. “So when we found an auction for a Christmas decor store going out of business we decided to buy the supplies.”

The couple’s Christmas store front is located at 126 Locust St. S.

The couple added labor, inspiration and a bit more



Renee Lopez had these trees powder-coated and then decorated with lights. They sell for \$75 to \$85.

money to the initial \$2,500 auction purchase to build up their inventory of yard art and home decor.

“We have about 30 wreaths and have sold 10 already,” she said. They have seven different yard art displays that are made of quarter-inch steel rod, powder coated and decorated to light up and are designed to withstand the weather.

They also have many dif-

ferent interior decorations, made from scratch, like snowmen, reindeer, centerpieces, wreaths, candle holders and more.

The undertaking isn’t meant to flush the company with money but the endeavor is helping with cash flow, especially since they are still owed \$4,000 from this year’s lawn services.

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Light-up Christmas spirit bolsters retailers’ bottom line

By Sue Stock
McClatchy Newspapers

RALEIGH, N.C. — If you think inflatable snow globes are tacky, prepare to hold your well-mannered tongue. This year, it’s going to seem like “Tim the Toolman” Taylor has moved in next door.

Outdoor holiday decorations, widely known as “yard art” and beloved of the main character from sitcom “Home Improvement,” are going even bigger this year.

Think more watts, more lights and more power.

They are, pardon the pun, one of the bright spots for retailers this holiday season.

Home Depot says that sales of holiday decor, which includes yard art, have gone up 217 percent since 2004.

“People love these because it isn’t really labor-intensive and there’s still that feeling where it’s a little bit of outdoing your neighbor,” said Haydn Chilcott, regional vice president for Home

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Google admits to trespassing in Pennsylvania, pays couple \$1

By Joe Mandak
Associated Press writer

PITTSBURGH— Google Inc. has acknowledged that it trespassed when it took a photo of a Pittsburgh-area house for its Street View service, but will pay only \$1 in damages to a couple who sued.

U.S. District Magistrate



Judge Cathy Bissoon on Thursday signed off on a consent judgment, a mutually agreed-upon verdict, between the Mountain View, Calif. company and Aaron and Christine Boring, of Franklin Park.

A Google spokeswoman told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, which first reported the parties had agreed to the judgment, that the settlement is limited to the Borings.

“We are pleased that this lawsuit has finally ended with plaintiffs’ acknowledgment that they are entitled to only \$1,” Google said

in a statement to The Associated Press, adding that its ability to continue the Street View feature is unaffected.

The Borings’ attorney, Gregg Zegarelli, said his clients are satisfied to have made the point that Google trespassed and realize they “can’t control a company such as Google that oper-

ates worldwide.”

“This is about right and wrong. Maybe my client and I are hopeless romantics, but I suppose some people said the same thing in 1950 about a male executive calling female staff ‘sweetie/honey,’ or African Americans just sitting a few seats farther in the back of the bus,” Zegarelli said.

The Borings said in a statement released by Zegarelli that the amount of the judgment isn’t the issue.

“This is one sweet dollar of vindication,” the statement said. “Google could have just sent us an apology letter in the very beginning, but chose to try to prove they

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COMMUNITY

Nursing homes: Submit your gift lists soon

As is custom, the *Times-News* will again this year run lists of Christmas gifts requested by residents of Magic Valley nursing homes.

Nursing homes wanting to submit wish lists should send them to frontdoor@magicvalley.com by 5 p.m. Monday. The lists will start running in the *Times-News'* Community section on Dec. 9.

BAZAARS

Castleford holds inaugural bazaar

The Castleford Community Christmas Bazaar Committee will have its first Community Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the new Castleford Community Center, across from Castleford School on west Main Street. The bazaar will be an annual event.

The bazaar features gifts of all kinds, crafters from the west end of Twin Falls County, several local businesses, Castleford School groups and local youth clubs. Food and drinks will also be available.

Information: Judy Barnes, 537-6733, or Chrystal

Tverdy, 543-8174.

Buhl holiday bazaar is Saturday

The annual Buhl holiday bazaar will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St. Refreshments will be available all day and lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

This year the bazaar features quilts, western items, scarves, handmade chocolates, candies, baked items and more. The After School Kids plan a table with homemade cookies and gifts. Proceeds will be used for outreach and nurture ministries.



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MODERN WOODMEN HELP KIDS LEARN ABOUT MONEY

On Oct. 23, local Modern Woodmen of America members hosted their first Money Makes A Difference Day program, held at the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club.

The program taught children ages 1-18 about making important decisions about money and their savings, spotlighting Modern Woodmen's new Money and You Financial Literacy

Youth Educational Program.

Families from the Boys and Girls Club and area foster families were invited to attend. Members of the Twin Falls, Jerome, Kimberly, Filer, and Hazelton Modern Woodmen chapters and youth service clubs participated.

Each family that attended the event was able to shop in the "Money Makes A Difference Day Store" and take home

a four-pack of compact florescent light bulbs.

The event was part of Make A Difference Day, a national day of service held each year on the fourth Saturday of October.

Modern Woodmen would like to thank Lyle Hansen for helping teach the kids, and United Dairyman of Idaho and Newman's Own Cereals for their donations.

CERTIFIED



Courtesy photo

Five Twin Falls Fire Department firefighters recently completed their Firefighter Level II certifications. The training includes courses in various subjects such as first-responder certification, hazardous materials operations, building construction, arson detection for first responders and extrication operations. Pictured from left to right are Fire Chief Ron Clark, Fred McDonald, Scott Wyatt, Brian Rice, David Owens, City Councilman Will Kezele and Mayor Don Hall. Not present for the presentation was T.J. Prescott.

M-C Crop Walk raised more than \$11,000

The Mini-Cassia Crop Hunger Walk on Sept. 25 raised more than \$11,550, organizers recently announced.

Much of the money will support the international hunger-fighting efforts of the Church World Service. But \$2,880 will stay at local organizations, split

equally among the Helping Hands Mission, Community Oasis Outreach, Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, Rupert UMC Food Bank and St. Nicholas Food Bank.

Organizers again thank everyone who participated.

Wood River officials urge preparedness for winter

Citing the importance of emergency preparedness in the Wood River Valley, the Blaine County sheriff, the chairman of the Blaine County Commission and the mayors of Bellevue, Carey, Hailey, Ketchum and Sun Valley have declared December as Winter Preparedness Month.

The officials ask residents to be ready for winter emergencies and encourage individuals, families, and businesses to prepare for winter. According to a press release, they hope to

encourage every Wood River Valley resident to become better prepared to handle emergencies at work, at school and at home by following three simple steps:

- Make an emergency supply kit and emergency communications plan. Resources are available at www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov.

- Bookmark the sheriff's emergency preparedness website, http://blainesherriff.com/public_safety.asp and city websites. Also, sign

up for the E-911 Emergency Notification Program.

- Take preventative measures such as servicing your snow-removal equipment and keeping rock salt on hand to melt driveway ice. Make sure you have sufficient heating fuel, as regular sources may be cut off. Winterize your home and make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries. And, keep cars and other vehicles fueled and in good repair, with a winter emergency kit in each.

St. Nicholas comes to Kimberly

The St. Nicholas celebration, sponsored by the Kimberly Business Association, starts today with St. Nicholas arriving in downtown Kimberly and ends Saturday with a community gathering at Windsor's Nursery.

From 6 to 7 p.m. today, keep warm with the Ageless Senior Citizens Center's chili feed. Enjoy refreshments and games at downtown businesses. Christmas carols will be sung by local artists while they wait for St. Nicholas

to arrive, with fireworks to begin the celebration of the Christmas season.

On Saturday, the German-style Christmas event at the nursery, 3796 N. 3386 E. northwest of Kimberly, starts with a reading of St. Nicholas' story by Black Pete at noon. There will be fresh hot cocoa, open fire pits, games for the kids and St. Nicholas will come to greet everyone. The outdoor kitchen will be open at 11 a.m. for free lunch and live music by local artists.

Cassia Regional to destroy records

Cassia Regional Medical Center will destroy all medical records with service dates before the year 2000, with the exception of minors born after 1988 and women delivering after 1988.

If you would like access to your medical records prior to destruction, you must call 677-6480 prior to Dec. 31. After that time, the medical records will no longer be available.

Can toothpaste cause Burning Mouth Syndrome?

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have suffered with Burning Mouth Syndrome (BMS) since 2001. I have worked with my doctor and have had every test the Mayo Clinic recommended, to no avail. Recently, my sister called and told me of an article she read where the patient had suffered for 20 years with the condition and found the cause in toothpaste.

Could you please send me any information you have on BMS, including this article with the name of the toothpaste?

DEAR READER: Burning Mouth Syndrome causes searing pain that can spread throughout the entire mouth — from the lips, gums and tongue to the insides of the cheeks. It can cause a loss of

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



taste, increased thirst, dry mouth, tingling and more. The pattern may be constant, or it might come and go. When the specific cause cannot be diagnosed, it is believed linked to problems with the sensory nerves of the peripheral or central nervous system. There may be a nutritional deficiency or an underlying medical condition.

The condition may be related to medications, primarily those taken for hypertension. It may be caused by hypothyroidism (an underactive thyroid),

diabetes, nutritional deficiencies, exposure to contaminants or allergies to food additives. As I am sure you can attest, it can be extremely frustrating when the specific cause cannot be identified. When a diagnosis is found, it is often accomplished through a process of elimination, ruling out other possible causes. That is to say, blood tests might be normal, you may not be allergic to food additives, you may not have an oral fungal, bacterial or viral infection, and so forth. As you can appreciate, this makes treatment difficult.

People who suffer from BMS should begin by seeing their primary-care physician, who may refer them to a dentist, otolaryngologist or other specialist. Possible

causes include oral-thrush medication, lozenges, oral rinses or mouthwashes, a trial with the B vitamins or cognitive behavioral intervention.

On the home front, you should avoid eating spicy foods, or those that contain cinnamon or mint. Refrain from tobacco products, reduce your stress level, and — perhaps my most important suggestion — use toothpaste and soaps that are free of sodium laurel sulfate (SLS). This ingredient is used extensively and can cause adverse reactions in some people. Stress can be a factor. Consider practicing yoga, tai chi or another form of relaxation exercise.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report

"Managing Chronic Pain." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order payable to Newsletter and mailed to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title or print an order form off my website, www.AskDrGottMD.com.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Your article in March 2010 about retinal detachment saved my sight. I had the symptoms described in the article and have had two reattachment surgeries. I also will have cataract surgery on both eyes and cannot thank you enough.

DEAR READER: I have always felt that if I can help just one person through what

could be a difficult situation, then I have accomplished something good. I am glad that you had the foresight to associate your symptoms with a problem that required the services of a doctor. There isn't much of a second chance when it comes to our eyes. It's not like losing baby teeth and having new ones appear. Eyes are precious and should be protected and cared for in the same way as the rest of the body.

Thank you for taking the time to write. Good luck with your upcoming cataract repair.

Readers who would like to contact Dr. Gott, they may send their mail to Dr. Gott c/o United Media, 200 Madison Ave., 4th fl., New York, NY 10016.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Volunteers — Idaho Home Health and Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit terminally ill patients in Gooding, Burley and Buhl for two hours per week. Information: 734-4061.

Volunteers — River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls needs volunteers to assist with activities for the residents in the Solana Care Unit (Alzheimer's unit). Volunteers are needed for a few hours in the mornings and in the evenings. Information: Stephaney Osburne, 734-8645, ext. 142, or Stephaney.Osburne@sunh.com.

Volunteers — Hospice Visions needs dedicated and compassionate volunteers for the 11th Hour Angels program. Volunteers spend time with patients experiencing end-of-life issues. Information: Flo Slatter, 735-0121.

Drivers — Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center needs volunteer drivers for the home-delivered meals program for the homebound. Drivers do not have to be seniors to volunteer to drive one or two days a week for an hour to an hour and a half. Drivers must be reliable and can be reimbursed mileage for gas. Information: Joanna, 734-5084, or 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls.

Volunteers — The College of Southern Idaho Foster Grandparent Program has openings for volunteers, ages 55 and older, to read to children and assist ages 2 to 9 with their academic and social skills. Placements are available throughout the Magic Valley in Head Start programs and public elementary schools. Information: Kelle Johnson, 736-2122.

Volunteers — Alliance Home Health and Hospice is looking for caring and compassionate people to befriend and support people with terminal illness. Volunteers share life experiences, become emotional supports, occasionally run errands, assist with light chores and help with writing letters. Information: Barbara Bacon-Pavlovic, 733-2234.

Mentors/volunteers — The Easter Seals Goodwill GoodGuides program is part of a national mentoring program providing guidance to boys and girls ages 12 to 17, and offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in the Magic Valley. Teens are needed to be part of the Teen Advisory Board, which meets about every three months. Information: LeWayne or Tristan, 736-2026, 2469 Wright Ave. in Twin Falls, or tristan@esgw.org.

Mentors — CSI Mentoring Children of Prisoners program needs volunteers to mentor children who through no fault of their own have a parent in prison. Mentors must undergo a complete background check and be willing to mentor a child for a minimum of four hours each month for one year. Information: Ken Whiting, 736-2122 ext. 2394, or kwhiting@ooa.csi.edu.

Volunteers — St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center has several volunteer opportunities available for friendly, compassionate individuals who can set priorities, be flexible, take the initiative, and have the ability to walk, stand and sit for a period of time. Information: Kim, 737-2006, or St. Luke's Volunteer Services Office, fifth floor, 650 Addison Ave.

W., Twin Falls.

Volunteers — Twin Falls Public Library has several volunteer opportunities available, including a need for people interested in repairing books and preparing paperback books. Requirements include typing and computer skills and graphic experience. Information: Mareda, 733-2963, ext. 105.

Donations/volunteers — The CSI Refugee Program is in need of a large bingo set with numbers up to 100,

warm clothing, blankets, DVD players, notebooks, pencil sharpeners, workbooks with different learning levels (especially for ages 3 to 5), objects with numbers, letters and colors (e.g., refrigerator magnets), blocks, styrofoam cutouts, and flash cards with letters, numbers, colors and pictures of objects and places. To donate or to volunteer: Michelle, 736-2166, or 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls.

Volunteers — The AARP

Tax-Aide Program needs volunteers to provide tax assistance and preparation services from Feb. 1 to April 15 in the Gooding, Jerome, Burley and Rupert areas. Volunteers with good computer skills are needed. A free training is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Jan. 3 to Jan. 14 at the College of Southern Idaho's Evergreen Building, Room C93. Information: Jim Simpson, 733-1808 or simpsonjim@cablone.net.

High school dance team offers shopping time for parents — away from kids

The Twin Falls High School Bruinettes dance team will host "A Parent's Day Out" to give parents the opportunity to go Christmas shopping. The Bruinettes will babysit children from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 4 p.m. Dec. 11 at the high school's

Baun Gym. Children will get to play and visit with Santa. The cost is \$10 for one child, \$15 for two children, \$20 for three children or \$25 per family. Information: Cari Libby at 280-3420, or pick up a flier at TFHS or Flutter.

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WANT TO HELP?

This public service column is designed to match needs in the Magic Valley with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, contact the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-4764, before noon Wednesday for Friday publication. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

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Tonight, downtown is the place to be

Put your talents to the test

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Tune up your guitar and get out your unicycle. It's time to shine.

Lighthouse Christian Church is accepting video auditions through Jan. 7 for its second annual Magic Valley's Got Talent competition. After last year's huge turnout for auditions, organizers decided to switch to a video-only format.



Last year, more than 200 people auditioned for the talent contest, and the church expects even more this year, said organizer Marsha Holloway. Instead of doing time-restricted live auditions, organizers thought video auditions would speed along the process while giving contestants adequate time to present their talent, said judge Travis Johnson.

Get your act together

Video auditions for Magic Valley's Got Talent are open now through Jan. 7. Enter before Dec. 20 for a chance to win two tickets to the March 12 gala. Any age and any talent are welcome. No cost to audition. Contestants must be residents of Magic Valley. To upload videos, to schedule an appointment to shoot a video, or for information: magicvalleysgot-talent.com.

Johnson, who won third place at last year's event as a vocalist and guitarist, is one of the judges for both the auditions and the gala event this time around. First-place winner last year was singer Jennifer Jorgensen, with a rendition of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and vocalist and guitarist Elena Coats took second.

Holloway recommended making videos one to three minutes in length, and Johnson advised having your instruments tuned.

"Just make sure everything is clear and everything can be heard," Johnson said.

No video camera? No problem. You can schedule an appointment with Lighthouse folks to have them tape your audition for you.

Among other changes: There is more prize money for the winners. First place will receive \$3,000, second gets \$1,500 and third, \$500.

From the auditions, judges will choose the top 30. Those 30 entrants will perform at Lighthouse on Feb. 11. That live performance will air on the CW on Feb. 26, and Lighthouse will announce the top 10 on Feb. 27. The top 10 perform again at a March 12 gala dinner, where judges pick the top three acts. The top three perform a second time that evening — while airing live on KMVT — and audience members vote for their favorite.

There are no age limits, Holloway said, and any talent is welcome.

"The competition is going to be really fierce, so bring your A game," Johnson said.

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WHAT'S COMING

Want to audition for Magic Valley's Got Talent? Make sure you're available for the top 30 taping, the rehearsals and the gala dinner if you're chosen to be a finalist. If you can't attend, you won't win.	
Video auditions due	Jan. 7
Announcement of top 30	Jan. 23
Rehearsal for top 30 event	Feb. 10
Top 30 performance at Lighthouse Christian Church	Feb. 11
TV show of top 30 event on the CW	Feb. 26
Announcement of top 10	Feb. 27
Rehearsal for gala dinner	March 4
Rehearsal for gala dinner	March 10
Gala dinner finals (last hour live on KMVT)	March 12



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

Standard Plumbing Supply manager Ron Robbins listens to suggestions from showroom manager Karla Worthington, not pictured, as he test drives the store's parade float in the back lot at Standard Plumbing on Tuesday. Tonight's Festival of Lights Parade in downtown Twin Falls will be the third time the bathtubs-on-wheels train has joined various parades, tweaked each time.



Ron Robbins test drives the Standard Plumbing Supply float in preparation for tonight's parade. Robbins was concerned with how the float would drive on icy roads. Tonight he'll play Santa, taking a scrub in one of the tubs.

REMINDER: Downtown business people, please clear the snow from your sidewalks along Main Avenue today, for the safety of families who gather to watch the parade.

Santa will be squeaky clean for his big job on New Year's Eve.

A train of four cast-iron bathtubs on wheels, pulled by a four-wheeler, will join tonight's annual Festival of Lights Parade in downtown Twin Falls. And in one of the tubs, expect to see Santa taking a scrub in simulated bubblebath, while his red suit waits on a towel bar.

That's just one of many festively lighted floats that are signed up for tonight's after-dark holiday parade, organized by the *Times-News*. Some Main Avenue businesses stay open late to serve hot chocolate, cider, cookies and the like.

The Festival of Lights Parade starts rolling at 6 p.m. along Main Avenue. Floats will assemble in the parking lot at Krengel's True Value Hardware, and the parade ends near Magic Valley High School.

By then, Santa should be ready for a warm towel.

Art Hoag's grand idea: Businesses display local art, and the fans flock in

By Emily Katseanes
Times-News correspondent

After attempting to pull together a community art show last year, the aptly named Art Hoag was inspired to have another go after seeing a local sculpture on the nightly news.

A friend pointed Hoag toward a clip of artist Bryce Pettit with his sculpture "Flights of Learning" in front of the Twin Falls Public Library, talking about a community art show in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Now, Hoag is working to recreate the Grand Rapids art scene in Twin Falls.

Hoag's project, Magic Valley Has Art, aims to pair up artists with Twin Falls businesses willing to display their masterpieces from April 29 to May 7. The businesses-turned-galleries then host the public, who vote on which artists should receive prize money.

Hoag was initially drawn to the project because the potential to win cash along with attention

could help attract artists, a process that last year was "like pulling teeth."

But the project had another pull.

"The other thing with the Grand Rapids experiment there, it's really a community event," Hoag said. "It engages the whole community."

Each artist registers with a \$50 fee for their one piece of art, and each business sponsoring an artist pays \$100. This money goes into the prize pot. First prize is half of the pot, then the rest of the pot is divided in half for second prize. The remainder is divided again for third prize, and so on.

"The more artists involved, the better the program. All that money goes back into the kitty for the prize money," Hoag said.

Hoag, who spent 15 years as a wood sculptor before setting his chisel aside to focus on promoting other artists, hopes to round the number of artists up to 300. So far, Hoag said, he has heard from about 30 businesses and 12

artists interested in participating.

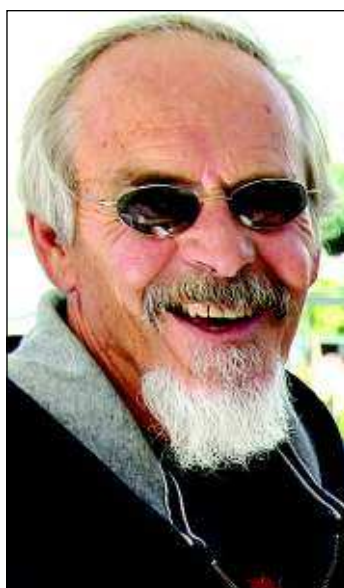
Gary Gillette Jr., the owner of Eagle's restaurant, said he's already on board to sponsor an artist, preferably an up-and-comer from the College of Southern Idaho.

"This is the kind of deal, when I heard it, I thought let's make it an annual event and make it grow," Gillette said. Gillette said he could see the event not only generating buzz for artists and exposing the public to new art, but increasing foot traffic and sales in businesses.

"How great is a deal like that? You'll kill several birds with one stone," Gillette said.

Dianne VanDlac is a Twin Falls professional artist who plans on putting one of her watercolors on display. VanDlac spent about 30 years splitting her time between Seattle and Idaho before settling in the Magic Valley in 1994.

"I've seen the ups and downs of the visual arts through the years here in Twin Falls," VanDlac



Art Hoag

said. "I hope it goes. I really do."

For artists or vendors interested in joining VanDlac and Gillette, contact Hoag at art@maryalicepark.org or 421-1311. The Art Guild of Magic Valley will also have a float in tonight's Christmas parade downtown, and refreshments at 333A Main Ave. E. People will be on hand at both events to answer questions.

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Performances of note

Classical guitarist opens Sun Valley Artist Series

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Artist Series is embarking on just its second year. But already it has lined up some stellar performers.

Its Winter Concert Series will kick off Dec. 11 with the dazzling artistry of three-time Grammy Award winner guitarist Sharon Isbin. And it will conclude in April with the celebrated St. Petersburg String Quartet in a performance “that has had audiences on their feet throughout the world,” said executive director Steve Gannon.

In between it will feature the Italian Saxophone Quartet, which will play classical selections during its first half and return after intermission to perform the music of Joplin, Gershwin and contemporary international composers.

“Sharon Isbin is the biggest name in the classical guitar world right now,” said series founder Susan Spelius Dunning. “You look at all of the magazine covers she’s been on and it’s really pretty shocking. There will be many people at that concert who have never heard a classical guitarist play solo — it’s a rare event, so pure, so transcendental in its purity. I think they will be amazed.”

Dunning said landing the St. Petersburg Quartet was just as much a coup — one which prompted the concert series to extend its season this year from four concerts to five.

“St. Petersburg is a city of such historical significance. It’s had so many famous composers. And to think our small town is having the ultimate crown come perform here is so cool,” she said.

Both Isbin and cellist Ben Hong cited the lure of Sun Valley as one of the reasons for performing at a much smaller venue than they usually play.

“I’ve heard so many good things about Sun Valley through my colleagues who play with the Sun Valley Symphony,” Hong said. “It will be special to play in such an intimate setting.”

One concert will be held each month through April at the 400-seat Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum. Here’s a look at what’s ahead:

Guitarist Sharon Isbin, 7 p.m. Dec. 11

Isbin is a frequent guest on national radio programs such as “All Things Considered” and Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion.” She has been profiled on TV programs including “CBS Sunday Morning” and the A&E network. She was a soloist for Martin Scorsese’s “The Departed” and has performed at the White House for President Obama.

In Ketchum, she will play Enrique Granados’ “Spanish Dance No. 5,” Isaac Albeniz’s gypsy-inspired “Mallorca” and “Asturias,” Spanish composer Francisco Tarrega’s “Capricho Arabe” and Paraguay troubadour Agustín



Courtesy photo

You might have heard guitarist Sharon Isbin on national radio programs such as ‘All Things Considered’ and ‘A Prairie Home Companion.’ Now, hear her live in Ketchum next weekend.

Mangore’s “La Catedral Waltz.” She also will play two compositions written for her: John Duarte’s “Joan Baez Suite” is comprised of such familiar tunes as the mournful “Barbara Allen”; “House of the Rising Sun,” which was originally the lament of a miner’s daughter who worked in a brothel; Pete Seeger’s “Where Have all the Flowers Gone?” and “Wildwood Flower.” Leo Brouwer’s “The Black Decameron” features three ballads inspired by love stories from Africa: “Lovers Fleeing Through the Valley of the Echoes,” “The Harp of the Warrior” and “The Maiden in Love.”

Pianist Susan Spelius Dunning, 7 p.m. Jan. 8

Dunning was raised in Chicago where she performed her solo piano recital debut at age 16 and made her first orchestral appearance at Grant Park Pavilion in downtown Chicago. She received a bachelor’s



Dunning

STELLAR PERFORMERS

- **What:** Sun Valley Artist Series
- **When:** Five concerts — one each month — beginning Dec. 11 and ending April 30.
- **Where:** Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood at Warm Springs and Saddle roads in Ketchum
- **Tickets:** \$215 for all five concerts. Individual concert tickets are \$44 each. Available at www.svwas.org or 725-5807.
- **Related lectures:** The Sun Valley Artist Series is sponsoring a number of Great Composers lectures throughout its 2010-2011 season. The first was last week with a Boise harpsichordist focusing on the life and compositions of Scarlatti. The free lectures, presented in such intimate settings such as the Sawtooth Botanical Garden greenhouse or someone’s private home, promote excellence in classical music. They incorporate musical performances, slides and other multimedia presentations by local musicians and presenters from across the country. Information: 725-5807.

degree from The American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and a master’s degree from Colorado State University where she continued her studies in a doctoral program before studying in San Francisco with Hungarian concert pianist Sari Biro. Dunning has played at concerts throughout the world, including historic locations in Loch Lomond, Nairn and Wick, Scotland.

She will perform Mozart’s “Fantasia,” Debussy’s “Clair de Lune,” Chopin’s “Polonaise,” “Nocturne,” “Grande Valse Brillante” and pieces by Rachmaninoff, Liszt and Aram Khatchaturian.

Cellist Ben Hong and pianist Peter Henderson, 7 p.m. Feb. 12

Hong, born in Taipei, Taiwan, won his country’s national cello competition three years in a row before leaving home at age 13 for Julliard School of Music. He joined the Los Angeles Philharmonic in 1993 at age 24 where he was the soloist for the philharmonic’s premiere of Tan Dun’s “Crouching Tiger Concerto” in the Hollywood Bowl. He has collaborated with such artists as pianist Emanuel Ax, Bobby McFerrin and the Shanghai String Quartet. Henderson, former orchestral

The quartet will play Bach’s “Prelude and Fugue No. 16,” Scarlatti’s “Three Pieces,” Mozart’s “Adagio,” Gershwin’s “Blues” from “An American in Paris,” Javier Milotta’s “Morronga la Milonga,” Astor Piazzolla’s “Oblivion-Libertango” and a host of other compositions.

St. Petersburg String Quartet, 7 p.m. April 30

One of the world’s most esteemed chamber ensembles, the quartet is violinists Alla Aranovskaya and Evgeny Zvonnikov, viola player Boris Vayner and cellist Leonid Shukayev. Formed in 1985 as the Leningrad String Quartet, it has won international competitions including the All-Soviet Union String Quartet Competition, the Tokyo International Chamber Music Competition, the Vittorio Gui International Competition for Chamber Ensembles in Florence, Italy, and the Grand Prix Musica Viva at the Melbourne, Australia, International Chamber Music Competition. The musicians have been nominated for a Grammy and have performed at many of the world’s prestigious concert halls, including Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. They will perform Alexander Glazunov’s “Five Noctettes,” Beethoven’s “String Quartet No. 11 in F minor” and Alexander Borodin’s “Quartet No. 2 in D major.”

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Italian Saxophone Quartet, 7 p.m., March 25

Formed in 1982, the quartet has won several chamber music competitions, receiving recognition for its interpretations of contemporary music. The quartet — Federico Mondelci, Marco Gerboni, Mario Marzi and Massimo Mazzoni — has recorded three CDs and performed throughout the world.

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Burley teenager stars in local dance company's 'Nutcracker'

By Judy Albertson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Kennadee King will dance the role of Clara in Centre Stage Studios' annual production of "The Nutcracker" ballet.

King, 13, is the daughter of Tracy and Candace King of Burley. Since being selected for the leading role, she has rehearsed in Utah with the professional guest artists who will be the Cavalier and Sugar Plum Fairy, as well as rehearsing in Mini-Cassia with the rest of the cast.

The ballet, directed by Jennifer Sager to the music of Tchaikovsky, is performed by students of Centre Stage Studios of Dance and Performing Arts.

Sager has directed the "Nutcracker" performance for 22 years — and enjoys it every year.

"There's a lot of work involved, but it's very rewarding. You watch the kids grow and gain confidence in themselves," Sager said. "Kennadee is doing a good job. She is a cute little performer."

King has been performing in "The Nutcracker" in some capacity since she was 5. This year, she auditioned with about 24 other candidates for the Clara role.

"In my first performance I was a mouse. I knew I would try out for Clara when I turned of age. You get one shot at doing Clara, but you can't be her again," King said.

Though King is familiar with the production, this role is still challenging, and King has rehearsed for the past nine weeks.

"I have danced in other parts and know what Clara does, but you don't really know her parts. I already knew some parts, but I still



CLARA AND COMPANY

• **What:** Centre Stage Studios' annual production of "The Nutcracker" ballet
• **When:** 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 and 2 p.m. Dec. 11

• **Where:** King Fine Arts Center, Burley
• **Tickets:** General seating is \$10; senior tickets are \$8. Tickets are available at the door or through cast members.

For reserved seating at \$15 and \$13, call 678-4117, or visit Premier Dancewear from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Kennadee King, 13, will dance the role of Clara in a Burley production of 'The Nutcracker' ballet.

had to learn the parts of the Cavalier, the snow duet, the finale and the part with the mice and soldiers," she said.

Also starring in the "The Nutcracker" will be Scicleigh Silvaz as Fritz, Dr. Wendell Wells as Herr Drosselmeyer, Darla Burtenshaw and Elise Anderson as the Scottish Grandmother, Gloria Muhlstein as Mother Ginger and Brent and Laurie Stimpson as Clara's father and mother.

Advanced dancers from Centre Stage Studios who will be in starring roles include Hailey Wilberger as the Snow Queen, Allani Delis and Tess

Carpenter as the Dew Drop Fairy, Kilie White and Cambree King as Columbine Dolls, Krista Tracy as the Harlequin, and Jacobi Knopp and Brooklyn Taylor as the Soldier Doll and Mouse King. Dew Drop soloists are Meg Broadhead, Jacobi Knopp, Brooklyn Taylor and Cambree King. Jacobi Knopp and Hailey Wilberger will dance the Arabian solo.

Guest artists are Megan Conway as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Jacob W.H. Fields as the Cavalier.

Conway is from Queen Creek, Ariz., and trained with Ballet Etudes. She has per-

formed with The Phoenix Symphony on numerous occasions including its New Year's Eve Gala. She received a two-year summer scholarship with American Ballet Theatre in New York City, and she has studied under scholarship at Ballet West. Currently she dances with Brigham Young University's Theatre Ballet Co. Conway is back in Burley for an encore performance of "The Nutcracker," having had the role in 2008 and 2009.

Fields started dancing with Rocky Mountain Ballet in Utah. His first international performance was in Montignac, France, when he was 2. Since then, he has performed in the U.S., Norway, Russia and the Azores, and has shared the stage with performers such as Crystal Gayle, Hal Ketchum and Clint Black. He is trained in many forms of dance and is a ballet scholarship recipient at Utah Valley University. He has performed lead roles in ballets for companies such as Utah Regional Ballet, Rocky Mountain Ballet, Classical Dance Theatre, Academy of Ballet, Lifehouse Academy and Legacy Dance Theater.

Although the theme of the Burley production remains the same, scenery, costumes, dancers and choreography change to keep each year's show exciting. Proceeds go toward new scenery, new costumes and arts scholarships.

Judy Albertson may be reached at 678-1536 or judy.albertson@lee.net.



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Megan Conway of the Brigham Young University Theatre Ballet Co. will dance as the Sugar Plum Fairy in Burley next weekend.

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Proposals are due Feb. 15. Ten artists will be chosen to execute their projects, which will be displayed in Ketchum in July and sold to the highest bidders during the Wine Auction, July 21-23.

The 10 artists chosen will each receive \$500; one "people's choice" winner, chosen by popular vote, will receive \$1,000.

Artwork must use at least one of the barrel heads and one of the hoops, must be portable and must be able to be displayed outside. The center will supply the barrels.

Details on deadlines and other requirements: www.sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491.

Arts council looks for volunteers

Times-News

Magic Valley Arts Council is looking for volunteers to help it move into its new office in the Twin Falls Center for the Arts on Saturday.

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Almost sold out

Local dance students to perform 'Nutcracker' with Eugene Ballet

Times-News

Danced to Tchaikovsky's memorable score, Eugene Ballet Co.'s "Nutcracker" is a holiday show to see.

Now in its 32nd year, Eugene Ballet has performed "The Nutcracker" in 32 states and seven countries. On Dec. 10 it returns to the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium with a cast of nationally and internationally acclaimed dancers, and the performance was almost sold out by Thursday.

"Korean principal Yun-Kyung Kim brings technical aplomb and flair, while Russian Petr Orlov explodes onto the stage," artistic director Toni Pimble said in a press release. "Venezuelan Gilmer Duran brings character and magnetism; Leoannis Pupo Guillen acts the role of the Nutcracker with style. Juan Carlos Amy-Cordero's technical prowess is astonishing, while long-time principal dancer Jennifer Martin combines maturity with grace and technical acuity."

But the real stars in Twin Falls? Dozens of local dance students will perform with the ballet company as mice, angels, party children, flowers and ladybugs. Students were selected by audition and have been rehearsing under Gina Stonebraker.

"Involvement of local dance students is something that we have always encouraged," Pimble said. "Their experiences with a professional ballet company will be something they will remember for years to come, giving them inspiration beyond their dance studies."

The performance is at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10, and only a few tickets remain. Tickets are \$19 for adults and \$13 for children, at tickets.csi.edu, 732-6288 or at CSI's Fine Arts box office (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Friday).

THE LOCAL PERFORMERS

As baby mice: Maddison Barfuss, Jacklynn Cameron, Ashley Huber, Aimee Carson, Madalyn Crider, Amber Erickson, Mallory Fustos, Kindal Holcomb, Jaden Johnston, Rebekah Kalmbach, Mariah Marsh, Sydney Morris.

As ladybugs: Tristin Cameron, Teresa Daily, Haylee Grossman, Isabel Larsen-Kuerth, Lera Powell, Janae Swenson, Madyson Thornquest.

As flowers: Stephanie Brunelle, Ryan Crider, Casey Rawlings, Bailey Stonebraker.

As angels: Makayla Barfuss, Ava Eckles, Hannah Holcomb, Hannah Hanson, Halle Huber, Savannah Johnson, Naomi Kalmbach, Elizabeth Morris, Paige Smith, Abbie Stevens.

As party guests: Savina Barini-Brown, Kellyn Burns, Tristin Cameron, Brooke Ciocca, Teresa Daily, Haylee Grossman, Mckenzie Hunsaker, Rebekah Kezele, Lera Powell, Janae Swenson, Madyson Thornquest, Julian Wert.

CSI band concert: Saint-Saens to Walt Disney

Times-News



Halsell

The College of Southern Idaho's Symphonic Band will perform its "Babes in Toyland" concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.

The concert will open with "Marche Militaire Francaise" by Camille Saint-Saens, a composer of the late 19th century, said director George K. Halsell, a CSI music professor. Following the march, the band will present Clifton Williams' Symphonic Dance No. 2, "The Maskers." A classic jazz piece from the 1920s, "Varsity Drag," is next up, followed by a delightful march, "Valdres," by Danish composer Johannes Hanssen. The first half will close with "Suite of Old American Dances" by Robert Russell Bennett. The suite's five sections: Cake Walk, Schottische, Western One-Step, Wallflower Waltz and Rag.

The second half opens with Sergei Rachmaninov's "Italian Polka," a work he originally wrote for piano and which was based on a tune he heard played by an organ grinder during a trip to Italy. Next is the "Prelude, Siciliano and Rondo" by the English composer Sir Malcolm Arnold, followed by "Acrostic Song" from the opera "Final Alice," by American composer David

Del Tredici.

The concert will close with two holiday-themed works. The first is "Dialogues on 'In Dulci Jubilo,'" written by Minnesota-based composer John Zdechlik and based on the familiar Medieval Christmas melody. The final work is a medley from the 1961 Walt Disney movie "Babes in Toyland." Both the music and the movie are based on the Christmas-themed operetta of the same name that composer Victor Herbert premiered in 1903.

Admission is free, but organizers suggest a donation of \$5 to the CSI Music Scholarship Fund — and encourage you to bring a new, quality, unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots campaign.

Information: Halsell at 732-6767 or ghalsell@csi.edu.

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Remodeled Senior Connection welcomes Festival of Trees, ice-cream parlor

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

HAILEY — For a dozen years, the Senior Connection in Hailey has hosted a fundraising Festival of Trees, but held it elsewhere in the community. For the 13th annual festival, though, the senior center's newly remodeled facility in Hailey is hosting the event.

"We want to showcase what every single dollar has gone to, to show people who we are," said Kim Coonis, Senior Connection executive director. "There's such a stigma in the community, people still think we're (nursing home) Blaine Manor. It gives us an opportunity to shine."

And because the festival won't have to rent a space, Coonis said, 100 percent of the profits will go back into the senior center's programs and Meals on Wheels.

The senior center recently added large spaces for exercise, a library, meeting



Photos by ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Orange and gold decorations blend into pink and purple, then green and blue, on this rainbow-themed tree at the 13th Annual Festival of Trees at the Senior Connection in Hailey.

rooms and an ice-cream parlor decorated in 1950s style with cherry-red swivel seats, a mirrored back bar, classic 45 records on the walls and a black-and-white checked floor.

It's the centerpiece of an effort to broaden the center's reach into the community and connect generations.

"There's nothing like it in town," said Barbara Espedal, activities coordinator for the

center, noting that the \$1 scoops draw teenagers after school as well as families looking for an inexpensive outing. "Pricewise, they can't go anywhere and have a date for that," said Coonis, who was inspired to put in the parlor after rejecting other fundraising ideas, including a thrift store in a community already packed with them. Her family ran an ice-cream parlor for years when she was younger, and she likes the vintage but exciting vibe it sparks. "It's been a great intergenerational thing, and it gives the kids a place to be, too."

It has been popular for birthday parties, including a recent 50th birthday that drew 80 partiers and had a live band, and a birthday party for Erin Jessen's daughter, who is now 4.

"They came in and opened it up on their day off for us, for a small fee that was well worth it," Jessen said. "It was a great experience; they were really accommodating there. Everybody who came to the party loved it."

Janet Evans of Hailey said her family has come about 20 times for treats since the parlor opened in late June, and she recently held a scrapbooking event there because the open spaces allowed for a lot of classes to be held at once.

That same open space is hosting the Festival of Trees — although during the gala the ice cream will be traded out for a full bar. Perhaps the most unusual tree is one wrapped in yellow feather boas, with Big Bird's iconic face and striped feet completing the Sesame Street look. Decorated by Sue Bridgeman, it comes with a beach cruiser valued at \$700.

"For someone who has a little one, that tree is way fun," said Lorna Hazelton, whose Kiwanis club donated two large live trees from Webb Landscaping decorated with formed suet, strung popcorn and cranberries,



A Big Bird-themed tree earned the most 'oohs' and 'aahs' as the Senior Connection's annual Festival of Trees approached in Hailey.

Hailey's Festival of Trees

Today: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. — Fashion show by Panache. With house-made soup and salad, wine, coffee and soft drinks. \$30 per ticket.

Saturday: 6 p.m. — Gala event, "Showcase of Beautiful Trees," with MCs Rob and Kris Cronin. Featuring cocktails, appetizers, raffles, prizes and a drawing for two \$1,000 Atkinsons Market gift certificates. \$50 per ticket.

Information: Senior Connection, 788-3468, ext. 4, or blainecountyseniors.org. Proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels and other senior care programs in Blaine County. Both days, admission to the festival is only by event ticket. Events are held at the Senior Connection, 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey.

and other bird treats.

Other trees are supplemented with items like a golf package, paragliding experience, wild game dinner, cases of wine, pizza and ice-cream party at the Scoops parlor, lift passes for Bald Mountain, and jewelry gift certificates.

"I honestly think it's going to be the best year ever," Coonis said. "I'm so excited I can't stand it."

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Nash Hartdegen, 13, holds out a strawberry ice-cream sundae at the entrance to Scoops, the volunteer-staffed 1950s-style parlor at the Senior Connection in Hailey. Open Saturdays in the winter and Tuesday through Saturday in the summer, the parlor is also available for parties. Although the volunteers earn tips, Hartdegen said, "I'd do it for the (free) ice cream."



These three teens, including Shalyssa Tibbets, 14, right, are among the volunteer scoopers at the 1950s-style ice-cream parlor at the Senior Connection in Hailey. The teens say they enjoy meeting new people at the job and are eager to build their resumes. "It's pretty cool we can work in here, because we're so young — we bring enthusiasm," Tibbets said.

Get the scoop

The Scoops ice-cream parlor at the Senior Connection, 721 Third Ave. S., Hailey, is open during the winter, 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Winter hours may be extended after the New Year to coincide with ice skating in the park nearby. When the weather warms, hours will be extended to noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Ice cream starts at \$1 plus tax for a single scoop, and tops out at \$4 plus tax for a large banana split. Malts, sundaes, sodas and multiple varieties of ice cream are available. The facility is also available for rental for special occasions, with or without ice-cream scoopers. Information: Senior Connection, 788-3468.

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Boise professor's art exhibit explores stories of the stars

Times-News

If you lived in Australia, you might see Orion's belt as a canoe.

In the course of creating her new installation, "Astronomical," at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Hailey, Boise artist Jennifer Wood researched familiar constellations and the stories behind them. In the exhibition, she uses wall panels and "astrosopes" to illustrate some of these stories.

"I found tales about the constellation we call Orion in Hungary, ancient Babylonia, Japan and among the Maya. Sometimes the same group of stars forms the constellation and sometimes it's only some of those stars," Wood said in a press release. "I think my favorite comes from the Yulngu people in Australia. They tell of two brothers who went fishing, and because they ate a forbidden fish, the sun sent a waterspout to carry them away. The constellation that represents this story uses the stars in Orion's belt plus one star to the north and one to the south to form the broth-



ers' canoe."

For the Hailey exhibition, Wood has created five wall panels that tell these stories through words and images. She also made astrosopes that visitors to the exhibition can peer through to see pinhole images and stories about eight other constellations.

"I like for there to be a participatory aspect to my installations," said Wood, a professor of graphic design at Boise State University. "The astrosopes are wooden boxes with a pinhole drawing on one side that you can pick up and hold up to a light box to reveal the images. I hope it gives a little of the feeling of looking at the stars through a telescope."

Another component of

the exhibition, a cut-paper installation using the 12 constellations of the Western horoscope, also invites participation. "People can write down an experience they had based on what a horoscope predicted, and then crumple this up and leave it behind to become part of the installation."

The exhibition continues through Jan. 14, and admission is free.

To see examples of other installations and artwork by Jennifer Wood, visit www.jenniferewood.com.



Let Chris Anderson take you to the stars

Times-News

If you'd like to be able to point out a constellation other than Orion, and you wonder what else is visible in the sky this time of year, join Chris Anderson for an evening of guided star gazing from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.



Anderson

This two-hour class meets at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Hailey facility, at the corner of Second Avenue and the Pine. Prior to the class, Sun Valley Center visual arts curator Courtney Gilbert will give a short tour at

5:30 p.m. of the art exhibition "Astronomical: An Installation by Jennifer Wood," which looks at the stories behind some of the constellations.

Next, Anderson — who is production specialist for the Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls, and the *Times-News*' "Skywatch" columnist — will orient everyone to the late-fall and early-winter sky in the Wood River Valley. Then, weather permitting, participants will travel to Quigley Canyon to look for

themselves. Hot chocolate will be provided, and participants may bring their own telescopes and planetariums.

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Kimberly girls run past Gooding in second half

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

When Kimberly gets out in the open court with some space and its speed: watch out.

After a lackluster first-half, Kimberly pushed the pace the final 16 minutes en route to a 48-22 win over visiting Gooding Thursday night.

Nellie Makings sank three from downtown and scored 19 points to lead all scorers.

"We were kind of slow to start the game and not shooting with confidence, but the second half we came out with more intensity," Makings said.

That intensity led to an aggressive, pressing defense, creating easy scoring opportunities for the Bulldogs as

"It was more of a fast-paced game in the second half for us and was a lot of fun."

— Talya Murphy, of Kimberly

Talya Murphy led the charge on the defensive front.

Murphy jump-started the Bulldogs in the opening minute of the third quarter with a steal and coast-to-coast layup for the easy two.

The senior guard was not afraid to throw her 5-7 frame into the paint to battle for rebounds and dive on the ground for loose balls.

"She's our workhorse out there. She was all over the place for us and provided a lot of energy," said Kimberly coach Rich Bishop.

Murphy finished with six points and Shyanne Hatch added 11 for the Bulldogs.

Angela Vitek led the Senators with eight points and Kylie Becker added six as just four players scored for Gooding, which shot only 7-for-34 from the free-throw line.

The Senators trailed 24-13 at half-time, but converted shot just 4 of 19 from the charity stripe in the half.

"We can't give a team 34 free throws in the game with a chance for that many uncontested points," Bishop said.

The second quarter slowed to a crawl as nearly every possession ended in a foul and the Bulldogs struggled to break the Senators' press and create

See **KIMBERLY**, Sports 4



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Gooding's Laramie Turner, left, and Kimberly's Taylor Sievers battle for the ball Thursday night at Kimberly High School.

CSI cruises over Lethbridge

Golden Eagles dominate fast-paced first half

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

The positives: Pierre Jackson had his best performances in weeks and Issiah Grayson's knee looked solid as the reserve guard dished out seven assists after sitting out last week's action.

The negatives: Most aspects of a sloppy second half.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team ran the floor, shared the ball and dominated a first-half track meet en route to a 94-50 win Thursday night over Lethbridge (Alberta) College in the Rocket Classic. From there, the Golden Eagles endured a yawn-inducing second half lacking any kind of flow as an underwhelming crowd grew sparser.

But for the first 20 minutes, the Eagles were soaring.

"The guys had fun," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar, whose 16th-ranked team moved to 10-1 overall. "They did what they were supposed to do. I think we got a little bit better, we moved the ball against the zone. I thought Issiah was really good against the zone. He really created offense for other players. ... I loved how our guys shared the ball tonight."

Jackson scored 17 of his game-high 21 points in the first half as CSI pushed the pace and opened up a 57-26 cushion.

"I finally got my legs back," said Jackson, who also grabbed six rebounds and had five steals.

"It looks like Pierre's finally healthy," said Gosar. "He's jumping,

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DREW NASH/Times-News

CSI's Issiah Grayson watches traffic against Lethbridge College Thursday night during the Rocket Classic at CSI in Twin Falls.

Intelligence, toughness key Percy's play at BSU

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — When Boise State's J.C. Percy was in high school, one of his coaches gave him some good academic advice to the competitive linebacker: "Test days are your chance to show off."

It didn't take the star student long to apply that same philosophy on the gridiron.

"That's how I got through school," said Percy, who graduated sixth in his class from Blackfoot High School. "I wanted to show people I know what's going on."

"And when it comes to game time, it's time to show the world what you've got and how good you are and how you can play."

Percy, second on the team in tackles with 58, has done plenty of that this season, even briefly knocking senior safety Jeron Johnson out of his position as the team's leading tackler.

It's a testament to Percy's hard work after he missed out on all scholarship opportunities with a season-ending injury his senior year of high school. Not even nearby Idaho State felt it had enough game evaluation to extend Percy a scholarship.

Boise State, however, invited him to walk on — and Percy jumped at the opportunity.

"I think the coaches here see potential and give guys a shot," Percy said. "And if they do well, they end up earning a scholarship."

Percy is the latest in an impressive legacy of walk-on athletes in Boise State's football program — and the redshirt sophomore's career is far from over.

Percy's rise from walk-on to starter has been meteoric, even by Boise State standards. That's mostly due in part to his ability to grasp a complex defense so quickly.

"In high school, I never wanted to get anything lower than an A — and that never happened," Percy said. "Here I try to do that as well. On defense, I try to learn the whole concept of what's going on with the entire defense. I know what everybody has to do on every play."

See **PERCY**, Sports 5



Percy

CSI women ride 3-point blitz to win

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

To call it a barrage wouldn't do it justice.

The 12th-ranked College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team rained 3-pointers from the opening tip in hammering Lethbridge (Alberta) College 105-31 Thursday night in the Rocket Classic.

The Golden Eagles (8-1) hit four treys in the first 2:10 of the game to take a 12-0 lead. They

hit seven of their first nine triple tries in building leads of 26-2 and 38-4.

"I don't think they know what 'get the ball inside' means," CSI head coach Randy Rogers joked after his team's season-best offensive output. "Most of those (3-point) shots were open shots. You can see my kids, nobody hesitates. We have a couple really greedy kids on the offen-



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sive end who don't pass up a chance to make it. But that's fine with me. I like that they have that confidence."

On Thursday, that confidence was contagious as CSI went 10-for-19 from long range in the first half and 12 of 24 for the game with four players hitting two treys apiece.

"We've had a hard season shooting wise and we were

focused on making our 3s tonight," said freshman Kyle Schierman, who hit two triples and was one of six Golden Eagles in double figures with 10 points.

CSI dominated the game in every facet, winning the rebounding battle 50-10, forcing 26 turnovers and dishing out 36 assists against a Lethbridge team that played without three of its top players.

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Philadelphia Eagles running back LeSean McCoy dunks the ball over the crossbar after scoring a touchdown during their game against the Houston Texans in Philadelphia on Thursday.

AP photo



Vick rallies the Eagles to 34-24 win over Texans

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — Michael Vick shook off all the hard hits, continued to get up off the ground and kept making plays.

Vick threw for 302 yards and accounted for three touchdowns, rallying the Philadelphia Eagles to a 34-24 victory over the Houston Texans on Thursday night.

Vick was hurried, harassed and battered throughout the

game. But he never stayed down despite taking a bunch of jarring hits, and scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 2-yard run.

It was the first time Vick led the Eagles (8-4) back from a fourth-quarter deficit. They led 14-3 in the first half before falling behind 24-20.

Matt Schaub had 337 yards passing and two scores for the Texans (5-7). Andre Johnson had 149 yards receiving — four days after his hockey-like fight with Tennessee's Cortland Finnegan.

The NFC East-leading Eagles were coming off their first loss in a game that Vick started and finished. He was 5-0 before a 31-26 loss at Chicago.

Vick continued his remarkable comeback story with another outstanding performance. He completed 22 of 33 passes for two touchdowns, and had his third 300-yard game. Vick, a three-time Pro Bowl pick in six seasons with Atlanta, only had two 300-yard games coming into this year. He also

ran for 48 yards and a score.

After the Texans took their first lead in the third quarter, the Eagles quickly answered. Vick sneaked in from the 2 to put Philadelphia ahead 27-24 early in the fourth. Vick's 33-yard pass to DeSean Jackson to the Texans 11 set up the score.

Vick drove the Eagles 87 yards on their next possession, and tossed a 5-yard TD pass to Owen Schmitt to extend the

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2011 CHEVROLET CAMARO CONVERTIBLE OPENING A NEW CHAPTER!

First Look!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corp.

The 21st century rebirth of the Chevrolet Camaro opened a new chapter when the 2011 Camaro Convertible premiered at the Los Angeles International Auto Show last month. Arriving in Chevrolet showrooms this February, the 2011 Camaro convertible will have a starting price of \$30,000 including a \$850 destination charge.

The convertible will be offered in similar model configurations as the Camaro coupe. The new Camaro convertible delivers great refinement, along with uncompromising, coupe-like driving dynamics. Its enhanced body structure helps prevent cowl or steering wheel shake, for a strong, confident feel in all driving conditions. The top has a smooth, tailored fit, with acoustical foam in the headliner that helps deliver a quiet ride with the top up.

Base power for the new Chevrolet ragtop is provided by a 3.6L Direct Injection (DI) V6 engine. Torque is communicated to the street through either a Aisin AY6 six-speed manual gearbox or a Hydra-Matic 6L50 six-speed automatic transmission. The performance oriented SS model is equipped with a robust 6.2L V8 prime mover. Power for the V8 is transferred to the asphalt through either a Tremec TR6060 six-speed manual gearbox or a Hydra-Matic 6L80 six-speed automatic transmission.

The Camaro's architecture was designed to accommodate a convertible model, which means customers enjoy the fun of top-down cruising with coupe-like driving dynamics. Four strategic



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reinforcements enhance the already-stiff body structure to eliminate common convertible maladies of cowl and steering wheel shake. They include: a tower-to-tower brace under the hood, a transmission support reinforcement brace, underbody tunnel brace, and front and rear underbody "V" braces.

"Our goal in development was to make the convertible match the coupe as closely as possible in ride quality, handling and overall performance," said Al Oppenheiser, Camaro chief engineer. A telling example of the Camaro convertible's strength is evidenced in its suspension tuning

specifically, the lack of changes between the convertible and coupe models. "To compensate for the reduced structure of an open car, engineers often will make the suspension softer, making the convertible a boulevard cruiser," said Oppenheiser. "Instead, we took the more difficult, but better path of bolstering structure rather than softening the suspension. We didn't change a strut, bushing or spring rate from the Camaro coupe."

The result is a convertible that preserves nearly all the acceleration, road-holding and performance capabilities of the

Camaro coupe. Additional safety structural reinforcements are designed to improve noise and vibration characteristics, while also contributing to the elimination of cowl/steering wheel shake. They include a hydroformed tube in the A-pillars, an inner reinforcement bracket in the windshield header, a reinforced front hinge pillar and reinforcements inside the rockers. The structural changes to the Camaro convertible body give it superior bending and torsional stiffness than its closest competitor, and better torsional stiffness than the BMW 3-Series convertible.

2011 CHEVROLET CAMARO CONVERTIBLE

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

RING! RING! RING! RING!

IT'S NOT MY FAULT.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO "HI DAD"?

HI DAD IT'S NOT MY FAULT.

BETTER.

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

PUT 'EM UP!!

HOW DID YOU GET PAST OUR GUARDS?!

WOW! A RARE BACHMAN'S WARBLER!

DON'T EVER USE A BIRDWATCHER AS A SENTRY!

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Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I JUST REALIZED I'VE ALREADY READ THIS BOOK I ORDERED ON-LINE.

I DON'T WANT TO READ IT AGAIN, BUT I REALLY HATE WASTING MY MONEY.

WHY DON'T YOU RETURN IT AND EXCHANGE IT FOR A DIFFERENT ONE?

AND LET A TOTAL STRANGER GUESS WHAT I DID WRONG?!

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Dilbert By Scott Adams

WHAT FANTASY WILL I USE TODAY TO STAVE OFF MADNESS?

MAYBE I'LL BE "THE MAN WHO CHANGED AN INDUSTRY WITH HIS POWERPOINT SLIDES."

I HAVE A REPORT OF UNAUTHORIZED HAPPINESS INSIDE OF A HEAD.

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

Ever think of moving South for the winter?

The thought does cross my mind, every now and again...

But then I'd miss "Dusty tries to bathe his horse" Friday.

It used to be on Monday, but Overdunne didn't want to start her week with chaos.

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For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

GRAMMA AN GRAMPA PATTERSON ARE COMING FOR CHRISTMAS, LIZZIE!

WANNA SEE THEM NOW!

THEY HAVE TO FLY ON A BIG PLANE ALL THE WAY FROM WINNIPEG, SO...

WANNA GO NOW! GO BIG PLANE!

LOOK, THEY'RE NOT COMING FOR A LONG TIME YET-- WANNA SEE GRAMMA NOW!

KIDS!

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Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

M.D.

NO, YOU DON'T NEED TO BE "GLUTEN-FREE." I SAID "GLUTTON-FREE"!

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Garfield By Jim Davis

I GOT A CHRISTMAS CARD, GARFIELD

I BET IT'S FROM MY BROTHER

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

IT'S ADDRESSED TO "GIBBY BOY"

MAYBE IT'S FROM YOUR HEALTH CLUB

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

I DON'T THINK HAMLET LIKES ME AS MUCH AS I LIKE HIM...

THAT'S TOO BAD, HERNIA...

WHAT HAVE YOU TRIED TO DO TO MAKE HIM LIKE YOU MORE?

THE USUAL THINGS... PUNCHING, KICKING, TRIPPING, HAIR PULLING...

...BUT SO FAR NOTHING HAS WORKED!

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

WHY DOES DITTO ALWAYS LEAVE HIS BIKE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DRIVEWAY?

HE'S HOPING YOU'LL RUN IT OVER AND HAVE TO BUY HIM A NEW ONE.

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Luann By Greg Evans

MMMMMM

CRAMP FEELING BETTER?

YES, THANK YOU

MY PLEASURE

I AM SO GLAD I DECIDED TO SHAVE MY LEGS THIS MORNING

I SHAVED MY FACE, SO IF YOU REALLY WANT TO THANK ME...

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Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

YOU KNOW WHY I WANT TO BUY PEGGY JEAN THOSE GLOVES FOR CHRISTMAS?

WHEN I FIRST MET HER THIS SUMMER AT CAMP I NOTICED WHAT PRETTY HANDS SHE HAD... I WANT THOSE PRETTY HANDS TO BE WARM...

BUT I DON'T HAVE TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS TO BUY THE GLOVES...

SEND HER A NICE CARD, AND TELL HER TO KEEP HER HANDS IN HER POCKETS!

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

OKAY, GUYS. IT'S CLEAR THAT THE GROCS CAN'T FIX OUR GOPHER CRISIS... SO I CALLED US ALL TOGETHER IN THE HOPES THAT ONE OF US CAN PROPOSE A VIABLE, ECOLOGICALLY SOUND SOLUTION.

HAND THEM GRENADES AND POINT THEM TOWARD THE TALIBAN?

I DON'T THINK... NO, NO... THAT WAY, GUYS... THAT WAY.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

MUFFIN, DO YOU EVER ASK YOURSELF, "AM I BEING THE BEST CAT I CAN BE?"

PURRRRRRR!

I DIDN'T THINK SO.

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Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

STRETCH, MOMMA! STRETCH!

CLIMATE ADJUSTMENTS MUST WAIT UNTIL THE GUARDIAN OF THE THERMOSTAT DOZES OFF!

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Non Sequiter By Wiley

HMM... I'M BEGINNING TO SUSPECT THAT PERHAPS MISTER DUMPTY'S DEATH WASN'T SIMPLY A TRAGIC ACCIDENT...

GRAND OPENING TOMORROW! THE GREAT WALL OF OMELETTES

DO NOT CROSS

CSI: MOTHER GOOSE UNIT

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Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketchum

HEY, DAD... DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN CHANGE THE CHANNELS RIGHT ON THE TV?"

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THIS BREASTPLATE IS GOOD FOR +30 HIT POINTS AND WAS ONCE WORN BY A LEVEL 26 PALADIN

Ed's Weapons

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Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

MOM? PROBLEM.

WHAT'S WRONG, JEREMY?

SO, YOU KNOW HOW I WAS HAVING TROUBLE FINISHING THAT READING ASSIGNMENT?

WITHERING HEIGHTS? YES.

WELL, I DECIDED TO GET IT ON CD AND DRIVE AROUND UNTIL I FINISHED IT.

GOOD SOLUTION.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

I THINK I'M IN OMAHA.

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BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

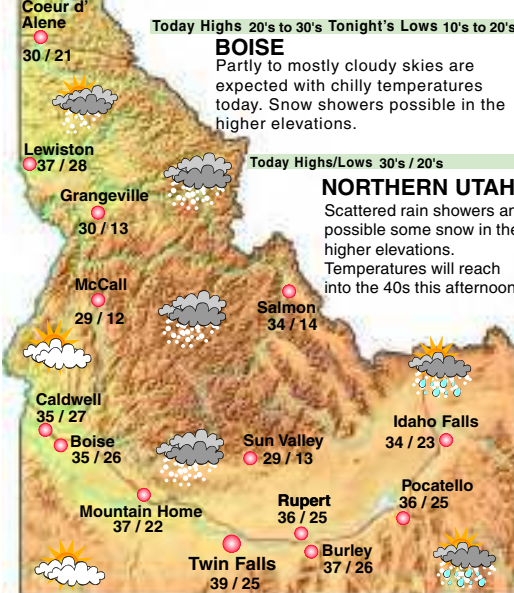
Today: Developing rain showers. Highs in the upper 30's.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, chance of lingering showers. Low 26.
Tomorrow: Scattered rain and snow showers. Highs near 36.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation almanac for Burley, including high/low records and monthly averages.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Scattered snow showers in the mountains and higher elevations today.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise/Sunset almanac for Twin Falls.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table of moonrise and moonset times for today and the next few days.

TODAY'S U.V. INDEX



Forecasts and maps prepared by DayWeather, Inc. Cheyenne, Wyoming

REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities in the Pacific Northwest and Mountain West regions.

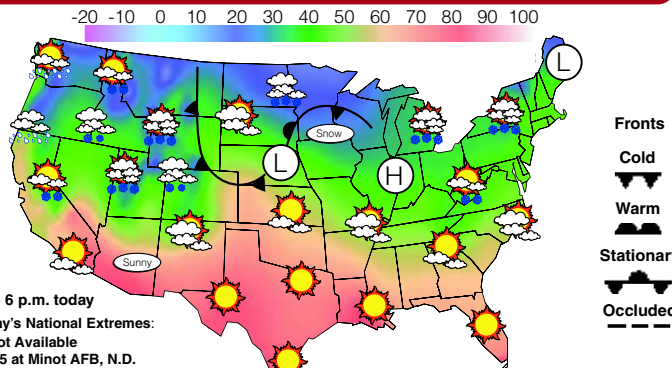
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major US cities.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table for major international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's quote of the day: 'Life is a train of moods like a string of beads...' with a photo of the author.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for major cities in Canada.

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers.

Conceptis Sudoku puzzle by Dave Green with a 9x9 grid and difficulty level stars.

Answer to previous puzzle: A 9x9 grid of numbers with a difficulty level of three stars.

Christmas advertisement for Magic Valley Classifieds, featuring a woman with gifts and contact information.

Dine on Us TWIN FALLS

You could win our weekly drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to one of these fine restaurants. Just fill out the entry form below and mail it in for your chance to win.

FEATURED RESTAURANT

Entry form for the restaurant drawing, including fields for name, address, city, state, zip, and phone.

Loong Hing Restaurant advertisement featuring 'LUNCH • DINNER • BUFFET DAILY' and contact information.

Loong Hing Restaurant advertisement with 'LUNCH • DINNER • BUFFET DAILY' and menu highlights.

Peking Restaurant advertisement with 'Let's do lunch' slogan and menu items.

Maya's Pizzeria advertisement for 'PIZZA & PASTA' with contact information.

Rock Creek Steakhouse advertisement for 'CHRISTMAS PARTY NOW!' with menu and booking details.