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Helmets not required T.F. councilmen cite cost in rejecting bike ordinance

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

Helmets for youngsters isn't a dead issue, Twin Falls City Council members said Monday night, but neither will it be a law.

The City Council voted 4-3 against even bringing an ordinance requiring children younger than 16 to wear bike helmets forward for final consideration — a procedure

often treated as a formality — with the majority arguing that parents shouldn't be forced to buy helmets or face a city penalty. Councilmen Lee Heider, Will Kezele, Trip Craig and Mayor Don Hall were in the majority.

The ordinance was written with a blank where a fine for violation would be. City staff wrote in its report that helmets could be bought for \$7.75, and staff brought

up the option of raising cash for \$3-off coupons to further minimize the cost.

Heider and Kezele both pitched ideas for educating kids and pressing the issue further. Heider suggested a proclamation from the council about the importance of helmets. Kezele pledged \$1,000 of his own money and his time to urge more kids to wear their bike helmets.

Councilman Lance Clow seemed dismayed that the debate was settled before he thought it truly began, saying, "everyone else has expressed their opinion on the motion before it was even brought up."

"There's a lot we can do with education, but we do need to put some of the pressure on parents," Clow said after the vote. "Fifteen years ago or 20 years ago, you

didn't see too many parents with their kids in car seats, but then it became law and they started putting them in car seats. I don't know how many injuries have been minimized and fatalities eliminated because of car seats and seat belts and things like that.

"... It's unfortunate the council voted to not even consider this

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END OF AN ERA



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

A crew from PMF Inc., demolishes the old Red's Trading Post building on Shoshone Street South Monday in Twin Falls. The crew said the process, which includes putting soil over the hole, could take most of the week.

Red's building on Shoshone St. comes down

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

And like that, the walls came tumbling down.

The demolishing of the old Red's Trading Post building on Shoshone Street South in Twin Falls began Monday and is expected to finish today. Cleanup is expected to finish by the end of the week.

The Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, which owns the building, paid about \$20,000 for the demolition so the property can be available for future uses. The URA bought the property for \$200,000 as part of a now-stalled four-block project for downtown Twin Falls. Red's then bought downtown property from a then-URA board member so it could relocate.

The contractor handling the demolition, PMF Inc., has the option to close one northeast-bound Shoshone Street lane, though city officials were not clear when that may occur.

There's no planned use for the lot once it gets cleaned up, though some board members and URA Director Melinda Anderson have pitched the idea of making it into a "pocket park" to keep it from contributing blight while a buyer for the land is sought.



A crew demolishes the old Red's Trading Post. The building was constructed in 1912.

MORE ONLINE



WATCH the demolition of the former Red's Trading Post. MAGICVALLEY.COM

T.F. district pursues \$7.5 million school levy

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School Board unanimously agreed Monday to pursue a two-year, \$7.5 million supplemental levy to help prop up a diminished budget that's been cut to the bone with less state and federal funding.

Voters who reside within the school district can vote March 8 on the levy, which will need a simple majority to pass. The school board's decision came after a 22-member committee formed to explore whether or not to pursue a levy.

The committee has met weekly since late October and its support for a levy was unanimous, though some members wanted a larger one.

Its recommendation calls for a levy of up to \$3.75 million each year for the two-year period, with the funds going to restore six furlough days — four of them classroom days and two of them teacher in-service days — and maintain basic operating costs, according to the presentation made by committee members Ashley Bangs, a Twin Falls High School student; Lisa Mashak, a parent; and Times-News Publisher John Pfeifer.

If passed, the levy would cost an estimated \$132.48 per year for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value.

The presentation gave grim budget figures. The levy proposal is only part of the \$14.8 million the school district would need in the next two years to maintain the services that were provided in the 2008-2009 school year.

Bangs, a 16-year-old junior, gave a student's perspective. If money is tight and elective classes are eliminated, she said, that will decrease some students' interest in school, and increase the dropout rate as a result.

With the decision made, the board's work now lies in publicizing the proposal and getting the word out. Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said district officials can give information to people, encourage them to vote — but not tell them whether to give the proposal a thumbs up or thumbs down.

"The line stops at telling people how to vote," Dobbs said.

Obama-Republican tax bill clears Senate hurdle with ease

By David Espo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Far-reaching legislation to avert a Jan. 1 income-tax increase for millions won overwhelming support in a Senate test vote on Monday, propelled by an uneasy and unusual alliance between the White House

and lawmakers in both parties. Eager to trumpet the 83-15 vote, President Barack Obama said even before it was announced it proved "that both parties can in fact work together to grow our economy and look out for the American people."

Senate passage of the bill is expected as early as today, and in a brief appearance at the White

House, Obama called on the House to follow suit quickly. He spoke amid indications that a revolt among House Democratic liberals was ebbing, further improving prospects for quick enactment.

The legislation would provide a two-year reprieve in the tax increases scheduled to take effect

on Jan. 1 at all income levels, reduce Social Security taxes for every wage earner in 2011 and extend an expiring program of jobless benefits for the long-term unemployed.

It also includes a scaled-back estate tax that Republicans support and has become a source of Democrats' discontent. The bill's

overall cost, estimated at \$858 billion over two years, would be added to already huge federal deficits.

The legislation presents a post-election reach across party lines after two years of gridlock. Republicans wanted a permanent

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Panel: Ethics complaint against Hart merits closer look

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

An Idaho House ethics committee has decided that an ethics complaint filed against a northern Idaho lawmaker merits further investigation.

The committee voted 6-1 Monday in favor of further investigating the complaint filed against state Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol, by state Rep. Eric Anderson, R-Priest Lake. It claims that Hart violated his oath as a legislator to uphold



Hart

the U.S. and state constitutions by actions like not paying federal and state income taxes, taking state timber without paying for it and citing legislative immunity in appealing his state income tax case.

The committee's vote also directed Brian Kane, assistant chief deputy of the attorney general's office, to give a report and legal advice to the committee about the complaint. State Rep. Tom Loertscher, R-Iona and the committee's

chairman, cast the lone dissenting vote on the motion, which was made by state Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert.

In speaking at the committee hearing, Anderson said legislators need to take seriously the oath that they swear to uphold the constitutions of the United States and Idaho.

"I think there's a pattern of behavior that certainly has raised a lot of hackles," he said.

Loertscher, noting that the timber incident occurred before Hart's arrival on the Legislature, said he worried moving the complaint for-

ward would set a precedent. Hart was first elected in 2004; the timber removal took place in 1996.

"It just seems to me that we'll be doing this later on and we'll do it again and again and again," he said, noting that the committee's already looked into a previous ethics complaint involving Hart's tax issues. "And we'll never resolve it."

The first complaint, filed earlier this year, led to the ethics panel recommending Hart's removal from the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

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Monday's decision doesn't mean that the committee's majority believe Hart committed ethics violations. Instead, it means they think the complaint should be looked at more closely before making a final decision.

"I'll be voting for the motion," Stevenson said in

the discussion. "I still don't think it's inappropriate for the deputy attorney general to investigate and give us a report."

"I think the chairman was hoping we'd have a meeting and it would go away," state Rep. Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said in an interview. "And I think the rest of us have some questions."

The committee will have to meet again. That isn't expected to happen until next year.

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VINE CLIMBER



A squirrel climbs up vines on the side of a wall on the College of Southern Idaho Student Union Building on Monday in Twin Falls.

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Boom rattles parts of Twin Falls

Times-News

Some citizens of Twin Falls experienced a shake, rattle and roll moment on Monday afternoon.

Twin Falls city dispatchers and the Times-News received reports Monday afternoon of earthquake-like shakings within the city limits, and one of the usual spring-time "booms" that have been reported in recent years was felt in the midst of the winter. The shudder often stays a mystery; lacking seismic evidence

of an earthquake, some suggest they could be linked to aircraft from the nearby Mountain Home Air Force Base.

No reports of an earthquake were noted on the U.S. Geological Survey's website Monday. A call to the Mountain Home base was not returned, but officials there usually deny any role in the booms.

City dispatchers said they had no information about the unexplained shakings but didn't have any reports of injury or property damage.

Accused rapist pleads guilty to lesser charge

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Accused rapist Robert Cesar Cochachi-Macha won't face a rape trial in Blaine County.

Cochachi-Macha, 25, pleaded guilty to lewd conduct with a minor under 16 Monday in Blaine County 5th District Court, as prosecutors dropped one count of rape and one count of sexual abuse of a minor under 16. He was accused in

July of sexually assaulting the daughter of a Hailey couple from which he rented a room.

Sentencing is set for Feb. 7.

Hearing set for former Bellevue mayor

Former Bellevue mayor Jon B. Anderson made his initial appearance in Blaine County 5th District Court Monday as he faces a re-filed charge of felony driving under the

influence. His preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 28.

Anderson, 54, was originally charged with misdemeanor DUI, but a recent DUI conviction in Lincoln County allowed Blaine County prosecutors to drop that charge and re-submit it as a felony offense. Anderson was arrested on the charge from Blaine County in September.

Idaho law calls for a person's third DUI charge in 10 years to be

a felony. Anderson was arrested in Lincoln County and charged with DUI in May. Though convicted, he is not currently serving jail time there.

His first DUI arrest in Blaine County came in June 2005, two months after winning his mayoral election. He pleaded guilty that October and received a suspended sentence of 180 days. He resigned as mayor this June, citing family and health reasons.

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Idaho priest accused of abuse stripped of duties

BOISE (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest from Idaho who was accused earlier this year of sexually abusing a minor three decades ago has been sanctioned and can no longer serve as a priest.

The sanctions approved by Pope Benedict XVI were handed down Monday to the Rev. William R. Gould, most recently assigned to a

parish in Post Falls.

Gould was placed on administrative leave in May by Bishop Michael Driscoll after allegations surfaced that Gould engaged in sexually inappropriate conduct with a male under 18. The allegations date back 29 years ago when Gould was assigned to a parish in Idaho Falls.

Church officials investigated the allegations, then forwarded the findings to the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome, as required under church guidelines and policies for handling accusations of abuse by priests.

With consent from the Vatican, Bishop Driscoll restricted Gould from taking

part in any future ministry role with the church and stripped him of his functions for being a priest.

Gould, 71, was ordained in 1965 and had served as priest at St. George's Catholic Church in Post Falls since 1990.

He was also placed on administrative leave in 2005 after an investigation sub-

stantiated claims he engaged in sexual misconduct with an adult. He was sent for treatment to an out-of-state facility, then reassigned to St. George's in Post Falls at the request of the parish.

Gould began his career as an assistant pastor in Cottonwood in 1965 before moving later that year to

Twin Falls. In 1971, he was named chaplain at Sacred Heart Hospital in Idaho Falls, then associate pastor at Holy Rosary in Idaho Falls, according to diocese records. He has also served as pastor at churches in Aberdeen, American Falls, Shelley, Arco, Mackay, Mud Lake, St. Anthony's and Roberts.

N.H. parents object to book that calls Jesus vagrant

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press writer

BEDFORD, N.H. — A New Hampshire couple is asking a school board to remove a book that refers to Jesus Christ as a "wine-guzzling vagrant" and let a committee of parents rate all other books taught in their son's high school.

The 2001 book is called "Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting By in America." It documents author Barbara Ehrenreich's attempts to live on minimum wage.

Dennis and Aimee Taylor have complained to Bedford High School officials about the book and have removed their son from the school at his request. They also object to obscenities in the book.

On Monday, they accused officials of either being careless in choosing books or intentionally pushing the author's views.

School board members took no action because they're waiting to hear from the district's curriculum committee.

Judge in health care case known as tough

Hudson was director of U.S. Marshals Service during deadly Ruby Ridge siege

By Larry O'dell
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — The federal judge who struck down the very centerpiece of the Obama administration's health care law Monday is a George W. Bush appointee who earned the nickname "Hang 'Em High Henry" for his tough-on-crime stand as a prosecutor and on the bench.

Among those who have felt U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson's wrath is NFL star Michael Vick, who in 2007 received a nearly two-year sentence — and a dressing-down — for running a dogfighting ring.

Hudson rejected Vick's plea for leniency, questioned whether the athlete was truly remorseful and chastised him for failing to apologize to children who looked up to him as a role model.

"You were instrumental in promoting, funding and facilitating this cruel and inhumane sporting activity," the judge said, adding: "I'm not convinced you've fully accepted responsibility."

The health care ruling could make Hudson, 63, a hero to political conservatives, just as the Vick case did among animal rights activists.

Hudson declared unconstitutional the requirement that nearly all Americans buy insurance.

"At its core, this dispute is not simply about regulating the business of insurance — or crafting a scheme of universal health insurance coverage — it's about an individual's right to choose to participate," he said.

Whether health care will replace Vick as Hudson's most memorable case remains to be seen.

"If his decision is ultimately vindicated by the Supreme Court, his original opinion may actually stand out for quite a long time," said Paul McNulty, a Washington lawyer who served as U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Virginia from 2001 to 2006.

Even before the Vick case and the health care lawsuit landed in his court, Hudson had experienced enough drama to write an autobiography two years ago, "Quest for Justice: From Deputy Sheriff to Federal Judge ... and the Lessons Learned Along the Way."

He served as a deputy sheriff and went to law school at American University at night. Fresh out of law school in 1974, Hudson became a state prosecutor and then a federal one. Long active in Republican politics, he was appointed U.S. attorney for the eastern district of Virginia in 1986 by President Ronald Reagan.

In 1986, he headed the pornography investigation by the Meese Commission, named for Reagan's attorney general. The commission said sex crimes could be linked to

hardcore pornography — a finding disputed by some researchers who said there was no demonstrable link. The panel called for a campaign against the porn industry. Hudson said at the time that he wished the commission had taken an even stronger stand.

In 1992 Hudson was director of the U.S. Marshals Service during the deadly siege by federal law enforcement agents at Ruby Ridge, Idaho. The wife and son of white separatist Randy Weaver were shot to death during the siege, which became a cause celebre to anti-government activists.

A 1994 Justice Department report on the shootings faulted the FBI for overreacting, resulting in disciplinary action against several bureau employees, but said the marshals "took a measured approach in developing a plan to apprehend Weaver."

As a federal prosecutor, Hudson took part in a probe into allegations that then-Sen. Charles S. Robb, a Democrat, attended parties in Virginia Beach where drugs were used. Nothing came of the allegations.

"In his position as a prosecutor, there are plenty of cases he decided not to pursue that



Hudson

people might have wanted him to," McNulty said. "He's had a strong reputation for being willing to make the tough call and walk away if necessary."

Bush appointed Hudson to the federal bench in 2002, and he has maintained his no-nonsense demeanor. Last month, for example, he denied a former state finance chief's request to be allowed to spend the holidays with his family before being sentenced early next year for fraud.

"Given the amount of dishonesty and deceit I've seen in this case, I don't trust you to self-surrender," Hudson told John W. Forbes II before marshals led him away.

Billy Davenport, Chesterfield County chief prosecutor, said Hudson is "always a student. He's always listening." Davenport recalled working with Hudson on Virginia's Criminal Justice Services Board, assigned to shape policy in the criminal justice system and try to satisfy various competing interests.

"No matter what the problem was that we were trying to address or handle, he really could articulate the points and come to a conclusion about it and make sure all the interests were satisfied," Davenport said. "He had that kind of grasp of things that I was always impressed with."

AROUND THE STATE

Otter: Wolf delisting stalled on maintaining population target

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter said talks over lifting federal protections from Northern Rockies gray wolves stalled last Monday on several points, in particular a mandate for Idaho to maintain 500 to 700 of the predators.

Idaho's management plan now calls for only 15 breeding pairs.

Otter says that inconsistency was one of several provisions that left him unwilling to support the proposal being crafted by U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar and Idaho, Wyoming and Montana governors.

He was also concerned the emerging plan could have afforded wolves even stricter Endangered Species Act protections in the event of a relisting than have covered the animals since their 1990s reintroduction.

Otter believes Montana's two Democratic U.S. senators, Jon Tester and Max Baucus, would be key if any delisting push is to be revived in Congress this year.

Newspaper contractor arrested for burglary

SANDPOINT — A 32-year-old Sandpoint man who delivered newspapers for *The Bonner County Daily Bee* is charged with burglary after prosecutors accused him of breaking into the newspaper offices.

Police responding to a burglary report arrested Harold Lee Anderson at about 4 a.m. Thursday in the alley behind the newspaper.

Witnesses reported seeing Anderson jimmy a lock on the front door and enter the building. They also said Anderson had been bragging about stealing about \$800 a month in change from the newspaper racks.

The *Daily Bee* reports Anderson had about \$500 in quarters in his pockets when he was arrested.

Judge Debra Heise set Anderson's bail at \$10,000. Anderson is on probation from a previous conviction for aggravated assault of a 13-year-old girl.

Police: Teen driver injured in snowplow collision

COEUR D'ALENE — State police say a teen driver in northern Idaho was injured after her vehicle col-

lided with a snowplow on U.S. Highway 95.

Authorities say they responded after a vehicle driven by 18-year-old Sky Hembree, of Hayden, collided Sunday with a snowplow driven by Lindsey Robinson, of Coeur d'Alene.

Idaho State Police say Hembree was taken to Kootenai Medical Center with unspecified injuries.

Ski patroller died of heart attack, fell from lift

IDAHO FALLS — Jefferson County officials say the ski patrolman who fell off a ski lift at Kelly Canyon Resort over the weekend died before he fell.

Kelly Canyon Ski Resort officials tell KIFI-TV that Steve Yount died of a heart attack while on a ski lift Saturday.

The resort posted a statement on its web site saying Yount was helping ready the hill for opening day when he was stricken. The resort said Yount took pride in being the first person on the powder and the last person off the hill, and that his dedication to the patrol and his friendly manner will be missed.

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"Sweden is an open society ... which has stated a wish that people should be able to have different backgrounds, believe in different gods."
 — Swedish Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt after two people were wounded in central Stockholm in what appeared to be the first suicide bombing in the history of Sweden

EDITORIAL

Central M.V. got lucky with 93/30 Bypass project

The new, 5 1/2-mile ribbon of concrete and steel that links U.S. Highway 93 and Highway 30 west of Twin Falls is probably the most economically important piece of infrastructure built in our region since the replacement Perrine Bridge opened 34 years ago.

But as it officially opens this week, let's not forget how close — and how recently — the Highway 30/90 Bypass (or formally, the Highway 93 Alternate Route) came to falling by the wayside.

Our view:

The simple reality for Idaho is that we'd all be traveling goat trails without highway money from the federal government. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The project languished on the Idaho Transportation Department's to-do list — and eventually fell off it altogether.

Meanwhile, as recently as two years ago many in Twin Falls were lobbying hard for a competing project — the rerouting of Highway 93 through downtown, designed to bring more traffic into the center of the city.

The 90/30 Bypass was rescued, of course, by the federal stimulus — something none of us should forget as we fulminate against President Obama and Congress. The project simply wouldn't have happened when it did without a \$26.6 million check from Washington.

Many locals worked to make it happen, but it wouldn't have become a reality in our lifetimes without the persistence of state Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls.

Smith, a former member of the Idaho Transportation Board, understood the importance of a route that funneled traffic from the principal interchange in western Twin Falls County to Pole Line Road.

which is ground zero for economic development in Twin Falls.

The route will not only improve traffic flow within and around the city, but open up the communities of the West End to new employers — and new residents — who wouldn't previously have considered Filer, Buhl or Castleford.

Twin Falls County was in the right place at the right time with a "shovel ready" project that employed hundreds of people and met a clear economic need.

But let's not forget where the money came from.

TIMES-NEWS

John Pfeifer ... publisher Steve Crump ... Opinion editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are John Pfeifer, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos.

Small-biz killers: Who pays for unemployment benefits

There is no such thing as a "free" government benefit. Ask small-business owners who are footing skyrocketing bills for bottomless jobless benefits. While politicians in Washington negotiate a deal to provide welcome temporary payroll, income and estate tax relief to America's workers, struggling employers wonder how long they'll have to pay for the compassion of others — and whether they can survive.



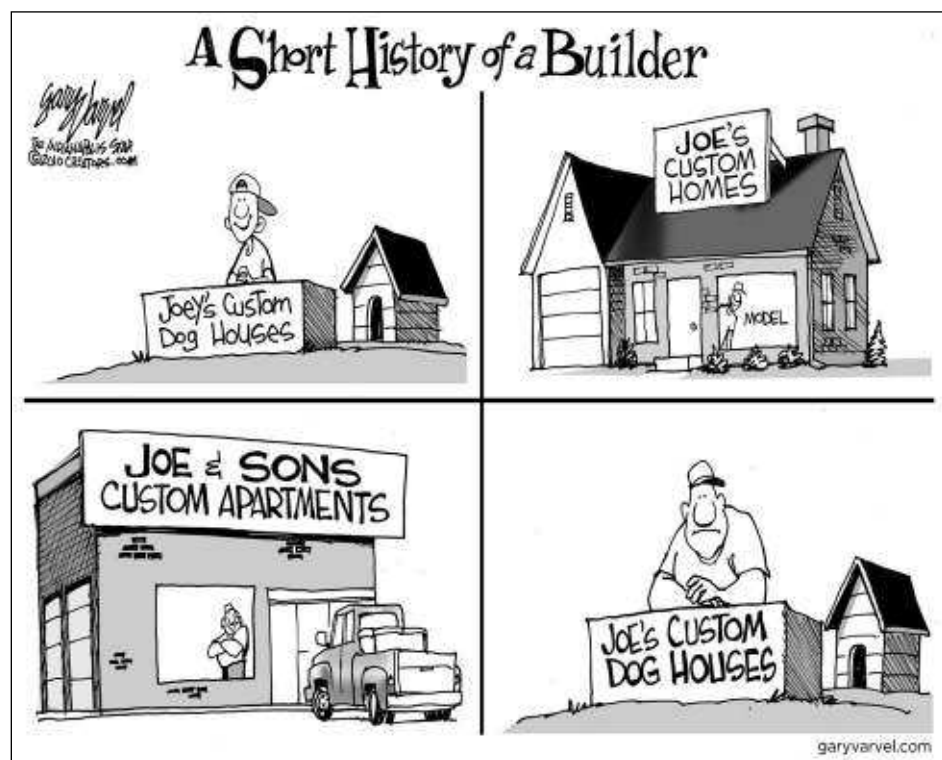
Michelle Malkin

The Beltway deal hinges on extending federal unemployment insurance for another 13 months. This would mark the sixth time that the deadline has been extended since June 2008.

State unemployment benefits last up to 26 weeks. Bipartisan-supported Washington mandates have raised that to 99 weeks. The current proposal would raise the total to 155 weeks. The cost of the joint federal-state program is borne by employers who pay state and federal taxes on a portion of wages paid to each employee in a calendar year.

The combined burden of these hidden state and federal payroll taxes has exploded during the recession as President Obama's economic recovery interventions backfire and the jobless rate remains stuck near double-digits. State unemployment insurance funds have gone broke in nearly half the states. As of April 2010, unemployment tax analyst Douglas Holmes testified before the Senate, 35 states and jurisdictions had unemployment fund-related debts worth \$39.5 billion. Anti-fraud efforts to prevent scams and overpayments are woefully underfunded.

In an interminable money shuffle, these bankrupt state unemployment insurance funds are now borrowing money from the feds, whose



"... bankrupt state unemployment insurance funds are now borrowing money from the feds, whose own regular unemployment benefits account and extended benefits account are both in the red. Washington is relying on transfers from the federal general revenue fund to cover loan obligations related to all these hemorrhaging accounts."

own regular unemployment benefits account and extended benefits account are both in the red. Washington is relying on transfers from the federal general revenue fund to cover loan obligations related to all these hemorrhaging accounts.

Who pays? Dentists, tavern owners, maid services, mom-and-pop shops — small businesses that are the backbone of the American economy. In my home state of Colorado, small and mid-size firms have been saddled with eye-popping unemployment insurance bills that have doubled, tripled and more in the past year. The businesses that have the lowest claims histories are getting punished the most to make up the jobless benefits fund deficit.

Greg Howard, owner of McCabe's Tavern in Colorado Springs, told the *Colorado Springs Gazette* his bill

spiked a whopping 600 percent. "It's enough to T you off a little bit," Howard told the newspaper. "The dollar amount isn't tremendous, but it's going up six times."

A small commercial painting contractor told me this week that her nine-person company's 1st quarter UI bill has gone from \$1,000 to more than \$6,500 over the past three years. "It's killing us!" she told me. "How can we hire additional employees? This is a big increase in addition to the health insurance annual increases, etc. We had to reduce our employees' wages by 10 percent this year, and who knows when we will be able to bump them back up?"

Lon Gibson, owner of Legalpool, Inc., told me how perverse unemployment insurance incentives led him to shut down his business in Philadelphia:

"We placed legal staff, especially temporary secretaries and paralegals. Part of our business was to place a secretary at a law firm for a short period of time. ... Invariably, however, the temp would apply for unemployment benefits after the assignment. The agency would make a profit of \$6 to \$10 an hour from the assignment. Later, the bill would come in from unemployment for the temp and thus eliminate the profit we made from the temp! Ultimately, unless the temp didn't file, the money we made on the temp was completely subtracted by required unemployment payments. It was exactly like, to use a football analogy, making a 10-yard gain and consistently having it eliminated by a holding penalty. ... I can only imagine what other agencies are going through now with this administration."

These unsung Obama jobs death toll stories are amassing across the nation. Alas, the victims of government wealth redistribution never earn as much of Washington's attention as the beneficiaries.

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Seniors lost out with payments cuts to Medicare doctors

The temporary fix that Congress has passed to stave off the looming 23 percent reduction in Medicare reimbursements to physicians is better than nothing — but the long-term problem remains unsolved. Lawmakers have for years kicked down the road tough choices on a critical issue — and those who stand to suffer the most should physician pay be cut are elderly Americans.

I have been a privately practicing geriatrician for 35 years. I have kept my office doors open despite the edicts that come down from Medicare year after year.

As a geriatrician in the United States, I work in a single-payer system. In fact, I hope our nation might see a retooled public option plan arise after the health-reform legislation passed in March is rejiggered.



Dr. Jerald Winakur

I want to stress that I am not against all payment cuts for physicians' services. There is growing recognition among doctors that many of the services at issue — primarily technical procedures — are over-compensated. We can thank the American Medical Association and its subspecialty-stacked "Resource Utilization Committee" for this state of affairs.

The implement that is needed to make these payment cuts, however, is a scalpel, not the meat cleaver that has hung menacingly over the program since Congress set a plan in

motion in the 1990s to keep Medicare spending in line.

Here are some simple facts:

- Those who practice primary care for the oldest among us are a vanishing breed. More geriatricians retire each year than are trained — and this at a time when every eight seconds, one of our countrymen turns 65.
- Geriatrics is the lowest-paying specialty in all of adult medicine. Meanwhile, medical students graduate with six-figure debt loads. Is it any wonder why they choose to practice in other areas of medicine?
- Geriatricians derive their incomes from actually seeing patients — at their office, in hospitals, in nursing homes and even on home visits — not from doing things to patients. We minister to them, face to face, and bring

our cognitive skills and experience, not procedural wares, to aid in decision-making. Medicare has, from the inception of the program, undervalued these cognitive services. When an ear, nose and throat specialist receives significantly more for cleaning wax out of a senior's ear than a geriatrician receives for a "complex office visit" to evaluate that same senior's many medical problems, something is seriously out of balance.

Overhead costs for those of us in office practice range from 55 percent to 60 percent of collections. By necessity we have already trimmed to the bone our expenses for rent, employee salaries, malpractice insurance and so on, because Medicare payments to doctors have, in essence, gone unchanged since 2001.

Given all this, I think it is fair to say that should

Medicare proceed with its planned 23 percent cut in reimbursements for physician services, the current system of privately rendered, office-based primary care for seniors is in danger of becoming extinct.

My patients realize this, even if our legislators and bureaucrats do not. It is increasingly common for primary-care doctors in my community to decline new Medicare patients or to restrict the number of Medicare patients in their practices. Not a day goes by when one of my aging patients doesn't ask me, "You're not going to retire, are you?"

For years now I have said, "Of course not. I'll be here for as long as you need me." And I want to be there, I really do.

But for me and other primary-care doctors around

the country — especially geriatricians — this is a critical time. Congress must act to fix this unfair and ailing system for the long term. It must find an equitable substitute for Medicare's flawed "sustainable growth rate formula" that caused this problem in the first place.

These days I can no longer promise my patients that I will be there when they need me. If Congress allows these unkindest of cuts to occur, the already-fragile health-care system serving our seniors will bleed.

Jerald Winakur is a clinical professor of medicine and an associate faculty member at the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. He wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley



Middle America retreats from marriage, religion

For a long time, the contours of America's culture war seemed relatively straightforward. On one side was the country's growing educated class, who tended to be secular, permissive and favorably disposed to the sexual revolution. On the other side were the social conservatives of middle America — benighted yahoos or virtuous yeomen, depending on your point of view, but either way a less-educated and more pious demographic, with more traditional attitudes on sexuality and family.

Decades of punditry, pop sociology and prejudice have been premised on this neat division — from the religious right's Reagan-era claim to be a "Moral Majority" oppressed by a secular elite, to Barack Obama's unfortunate description of heartland America "clinging" to religion. Like any binary, it oversimplified a complicated picture. But as a beginner's guide to the culture war, the vision of white-collar social liberals and blue-collar cultural conservatives was, for a substantial period, more accurate than not.

That may no longer be the case. This week, the National Marriage Project is releasing a study charting the decline of the two-parent family among what it calls the "moderately educated middle" — the 58 percent of Americans with high school diplomas and often some college education, but no four-year degree.

This decline is depressing, but it isn't surprising. We've known for a while that America has a marriage gap: College graduates divorce infrequently and bear few children out of wedlock, while in the rest of the country unwed parenthood and family breakdown are becoming a new normal. This gap has been one of the paradoxes of the culture war: Highly educated Americans live like Ozzie and Harriet despite being cultural liberals, while middle America hews to traditional values but has trouble living up to them.

But the Marriage Project's data suggest that this paradox is fading. It's no longer clear that middle America does hold more conservative views on marriage and family, or that educated

"... as religious conservatives have climbed the educational ladder, American churches seem to be having trouble reaching the people left behind.

This is bad news for both Christianity and the country. The reinforcing bonds of strong families and strong religious communities have been crucial to working-class prosperity in America. Yet today, no religious body seems equipped to play the kind of stabilizing role in the lives of the 'moderately educated middle' that the early-20th-century Catholic Church played among the ethnic working class."



Ross Douthat

Americans are still more likely to be secular and socially liberal.

That division held a generation ago, but now it's diminishing. In the 1970s, for instance, college-educated Americans overwhelmingly supported liberal divorce laws, while the rest of the country was ambivalent. Likewise, college graduates were much less likely than high school graduates to say that premarital sex was "always wrong." Flash forward to the 2000s, though, and college graduates have grown more socially conservative on both fronts (50 percent now favor making divorces harder to get, up from 34 percent in the age of key parties), while the least educated Americans have become more permissive.

There has been a similar change in religious practice. In the 1970s, college-educated Americans were slightly less likely to attend church than high school graduates. Today, piety increasingly correlates with education: College graduates are America's most faithful churchgoers, while religious observance has dropped precipitously among the less-educated.

In part, these shifts may be a testament to the upward mobility of religious believers. America's college-educated population probably looks more conservative and (relatively speaking) more religious because religious conservatives have become

better educated. Evangelical Christians, in particular, are now one of America's best-educated demographics, as likely to enroll their children in an SAT prep course as they are to ship them off to Bible camp.

This means that a culture war that's often seen as a clash between liberal elites and a conservative middle America looks more and more like a conflict within the educated class.

But as religious conservatives have climbed the educational ladder, American churches seem to be having trouble reaching the people left behind. This is bad news for both Christianity and the country. The reinforcing bonds of strong families and strong religious communities have been crucial to working-class prosperity in America. Yet today, no religious body seems equipped to play the kind of stabilizing role in the lives of the "moderately educated middle" that the early-20th-century Catholic Church played among the ethnic working class.

As a result, the long-running culture war arguments about how to structure family life look increasingly irrelevant further down the educational ladder, where sex and child-rearing often take place in the absence of any social structures at all.

This, in turn, may be remembered as the great tragedy of the culture war: While college-educated Americans battle over what marriage should mean, much of the country may be abandoning the institution entirely.

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DEATH NOTICES

Evelyn M. Dillard

BOISE — Evelyn Mull Dillard, 95, formerly of Boise, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at her home in Riggins.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Southminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 W. Overland in Boise; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel; condolences: www.demarayfuneralservice.com).

Raymond L. Dillard

RIGGINS — Raymond L. Dillard, 75, of Riggins and formerly of Boise, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Riggins Cemetery in Riggins; visitation from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Accent Funeral Home in Meridian (Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel; condolences: www.demarayfuneralservice.com).

John W. Roehl

SALMON — John Wesley Roehl, 89, of Twin Falls and formerly of Salmon, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, at his son's

home in Twin Falls.

A service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Faith Bible Chapel in Salmon (Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon).

Ross K. Peck

CAREY — Ross K. Peck, 85, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at the LDS Church in Carey, Idaho; visitation one hour before the service Saturday at the church (Wood River Chapel; condolences: www.woodriverchapel.com).

George J. Campbell

George J. Campbell, 68, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at the RiverRidge Care Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Wilma G. Overlin

Wilma Gean Overlin, 71, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Happy Schrader

EAGLE — Janeen L. "Happy" Schrader, 68, of Eagle and formerly of Jerome, died Monday, Dec.

13, 2010, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Robert E. Gillett

Robert Earle Gillett, 93, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Shirley Hurley

JACKPOT, Nev. — Shirley Hurley, 69, of Jackpot, Nev., died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced later.

Annie P. Tate

Annie Pearl Tate, 95, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 13, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

R. Marie Roseberry

R. Marie Roseberry 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel (condolences: www.demarayfuneralservice.com).

Widow accepts medal honoring late husband

POCATELLO (AP) — A Pocatello woman has accepted a graduate medal from Idaho State University's College of Technology on behalf of her late husband, who had been attending classes before he died of cancer.

The Idaho State Journal reports Sheila Denton attended the graduation ceremony last Wednesday knowing there was going to be a tribute to her husband. She didn't know school officials were going

to have her dress in a cap and gown and take part in the graduation procession.

Brent Denton died in August of a recurrence of bladder cancer, shortly after he had signed up for the fall semester. He was studying energy systems technology and education after being laid off by a medical supplies company.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

U.S. military should get out of war in Afghanistan

So what do you think? We are in a war that was started by lies. President Bush admitted outright lies to get us into war. President and Gen. Eisenhower warned us against letting the military do our thinking for us. Yet all our politicians brag about letting the generals run the war. Not one general will come forward with a plan to win these stupid wars. They continually say things are getting better. What else would you expect them to say? It is their jobs and whoever heard of a general in peace time.

Afghanistan has never been conquered by another nation. Mountains 10,000 feet high are called foothills and there is a different war lord in every canyon. No controlling central government, no one to surrender. We can win the same way we did in Vietnam — walk out. We the people said, enough, get us out. Now Vietnam is a trading partner of ours.

The president's message center phone number is 1-

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202-456-1111. A very nice lady will take your message. Let us truly stand up for our magnificent military and get them out of this pathetic war and home to their families.

MATT SMITH
Twin Falls

Blunderbush is reason we are still in Afghanistan

The Iraq war was a monumental success, thanks to George W. Bush and Dick Cheney. Their goal to oust Saddam Hussein was swiftly accomplished and brought peace and serenity to Iraq. They bombed Iraq into a democracy and, as planned, the rest of the Middle East

quickly followed suit. And the world was at peace.

Saddam was a weapons of mass destruction wielding madman who's very presence threatened — ah, somebody. I'm not sure who, but somebody, right?

With unparalleled military experience and commander-in-chief embroidered on his jacket, Bush obviously planned his invasion down to the smallest detail, ensuring that nothing could possibly go south, right?

Wrong, 4,427 of our soldiers and more than 100,000 innocent Iraqi men, women and children died. But hey, they got rid of Saddam and that trumps

any collateral damage, right? Tens of thousands of lives lost for one bad guy. Go figure.

I can't understand why the few surviving Iraqis, who now are completely safe in their peaceful democracy, aren't just a little bit more grateful. How soon they've forgotten that they were to consider us their liberators. Right, Dick?

Now, the Afghanistan war is being criticized for taking too long. Well, duh! It would have been over years ago had it not been for Dubya's attention deficit disorder. We had al-Qaida on the run and we were kicking Taliban butt. Then Blunderbush and company invaded Iraq, putting Afghanistan back to Square 1, or worse.

Well, it's time to check in with John Wayne — er, sorry, I mean John McCain. He repeatedly told us during the 2008 presidential campaign that he knew how to win wars. Yo, Sen. Maverick, don't you think it's time to share some of your war winning expertise with Gen. Petraeus?

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Don T. Hansen

PAUL — Don Theron Hansen, age 88, of Paul, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at his home following complications from a stroke.

Don was born May 26, 1922, in Bear River City, Utah, to Frederik Valdemar and Zina Martha (Rasmussen) Hansen. He served in the United States Army Infantry from 1944 to 1946. He married Barbara Ann Martin on Nov. 8, 1946, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. In his early years, he was a sheepherder and farmer in Utah, and later in 1957 when he drew a homestead, they moved to Paul, where he continued to raise sheep along with all the other farming that he loved. He also drove truck for Simplot during these years. Don was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a couples mission to South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara of Paul; his children, Naomi (Richard) Congdon of Mapleton, Utah, Connie (Merlin) Stelly of Rupert, Neil (Phyllis) Hansen of Driggs, Christine Hansen of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Stacy Hansen of Hollywood, Calif.; 29 grandchildren; 53 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Theone (Dena) Hansen of Utah and Dwayne Hansen of Idaho; and one sister, Arlene Hodson of Utah. His son, Lowell, and two brothers,



Ursel Hansen and Delwin Hansen, preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St., with Bishop Layne Harper officiating. Burial will be in the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Marian Frost Harper

MALTA — Marian Frost Harper, age 80, of Malta, passed away Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at her daughter's home in Mendon, Utah.

Marian was born Sept. 12, 1930, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Ira L. and Vyla June (Dayley) Frost. She received her education in Burley and graduated from Burley High School. She married Douglas R. Harper on Nov. 28, 1950, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. Together, they raised seven children.

Marian was taught the value of hard work at a very young age. She used that value throughout her life as she worked side-by-side with her husband on the family ranch and as she raised her family. She was a devoted homemaker and used her many talents in creating a most wonderful atmosphere for her husband and children. She was an expert seamstress and sewed for family and friends throughout her life. She loved gardening and always had a beautiful yard filled with colorful flowers. Marian was an outstanding artist and was able to use her skills in oil painting to produce picturesque landscapes and elegant still-life pictures.

She was a lifelong and devoted member of the LDS Church where she held many callings. One most precious to her was serving at the Logan Temple with her eternal companion, Doug. Her upbringing instilled in her the value of family. She held close to her heart her husband, children and grandchildren. She looked forward to time spent as a family and was proud of each member's accomplishments.

Marian will be remembered because of her sweet, kind, loving and compassionate disposition. Mom,



we love and will miss you.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie (Larry) Henington of Brigham City, Utah, Diann (Duane) Larsen of Malta, Patty (Cordell) Sheridan of Almo, Ronald (Jaylin) Harper of Malta, Darlene (Mike) Pitcher and Kris (Kevin) Bird all of Mendon, Utah, and Corinne (Burke) Udy of Plymouth, Utah; 30 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; her siblings, Eunice Reed of Salt Lake City, Utah, Lorna (Kenneth Sr.) Turner, Kathryn (Richard) Goodfellow and Irma Lindsay, all of Burley, and Celia (Jack) Gilmour of Boise; and a sister-in-law, Verlee Frost of Burley. Marian was preceded in death by her parents; her sweetheart, Douglas R. Harper, who passed away on Aug. 13, 2003; two brothers, Gerald Frost and Myron Frost; one sister, Thelma Jackson; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the Malta LDS Church with Bishop Brad Hutchison officiating. Burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery. Friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Dorothy L. 'Dossie' Hayward

Mrs. Dorothy L. "Dossie" Hayward, 95, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully at home Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010.



She was the only child of Willis and Mabel Leigh born in Bellfountain, Ohio, on April 1, 1915. Within months, the family moved to Portland, Ind., where Dossie spent her childhood and young adult years. After graduation from Portland High School, she attended Indiana University in Bloomington for two years where she was affiliated with the Delta Gamma Fraternity. While there, she was crowned "Miss IU." Continuing her studies, she graduated from Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1939. Dossie returned to Portland, where she engaged in private duty nursing as her primary employment. After the outbreak of World War II, she volunteered for the Army Nurse Corps and was inducted at Fort Knox, Ky. While there, she married her hometown sweetheart, Frank Gaunt, an officer in the 4th Armored Division.

Despite her mother's protestations, Dossie volunteered for overseas duty and was sent to England, where she was assigned to the 67th General Hospital. Shortly before D-Day, there was a call for volunteer nurses to be assigned to the 30th Field Hospital. Dossie raised her hand and was accepted. Her hospital unit was sent to France 40 days after D-Day and became a part of the American forces which broke free of the Cherbourg Peninsula confinement. Prior to her arrival in France, her husband, Frank, was killed in combat as part of the American invasion. Dossie became the chief nurse of the 3rd Platoon of the 30th Field Hospital which provided battlefield medical support to the 5th Infantry Division.

For her outstanding service during hostilities, she was awarded the Bronze Star. Her final assignment was to care for the concentration camp survivors in a Holocaust compound in Ebensee, Austria. During the military campaign, Dossie and her future husband, Louis, met; however, their relationship didn't blossom until after the war. Louis, who was an insurance broker in Glendale, Calif., became reacquainted

with Dossie, who was a chief ward nurse at the Fort Ord, Calif., hospital. They were married Feb. 16, 1947, and established their home in Glendale, Calif. They had three children, Stephen, Leigh and Nancy. Dossie's philosophy of life was to be a loving and supporting wife and mother; in these, she was hugely successful.

Dossie was a member of the National Charity League, a Camp Fire Girl leader and continued as a member of Chapter CJ PEO of Glendale, Calif. She was a member of the Glendale Presbyterian Church, transferring to the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum. After living in Glendale for 48 years, Dossie and Louis moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., where they resided for 12 years. Because of their advancing years and Dossie's disabilities, they moved to Twin Falls to be near their children.

During their lifetime together, Dossie and Louis and their children spent many summers on Warm Springs Creek near Ketchum. This ultimately led to their purchase of land on the Warfield homestead on which they built their log home. During the summers, they enjoyed their horses and beautiful rides in the Smokey and Boulder Mountains. Dossie will be remembered by her many friends as a vibrant and fun-loving person. She has left her mark on all her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Louis of 63 years; son, Stephen of Pocatello; twin daughters, Leigh (Jerry) Josephsen of Buhl and Nancy (Doug) Strand of Twin Falls; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Louis and her family wish to extend warm thanks to all those involved in providing the wonderful personal care and medical attention Dossie received with a special thanks to her long time companion, Velvet Old.

A celebration of life will be held at noon Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park."

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Dorothy L. Hayward to the Women in Military Service, in Washington D.C., www.womensmemorial.org.

Eugene 'David' Boyd Jr.

BURLEY — Eugene "David" Boyd Jr., age 64, died Wednesday, Dec. 1, 2010, at the Portneuf Hospital in Pocatello, Idaho, of lung disease and heart failure.

David was born Feb. 26, 1946, in Boston, Mass., to Eugene Boyd and Helen Edgheille Boyd. He moved to Idaho with his family at the age of 7 and attended school in Salmon, Arco and the Mini-Cassia area. He enlisted in the United States Army and served from 1964 to 1970, doing two tours of duty in Vietnam. After his service in the Army, he enrolled and completed the welding program at the College of Southern Idaho. He worked as a welder and on maintenance in Idaho and Nevada at Battle Mountain Gold. He also worked several years in Alaska. He loved hunting, fishing, camping and even worked in a backpacking group as a guide. He was a certified scuba diver, took fly-fishing lessons, became a pilot and owned and flew his own small plane.

He is survived by his sisters, Patricia Giannino of Watertown, Mass., and Anne (Clyde) Sandlian of Burley, Idaho; a brother, Charles (Ruth) Boyd of Battle Mountain, Nev.; 17 nieces and nephews; 41-plus great-nieces and nephews; numer-



ous great-great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great-niece. He, of course, loved his family, but he particularly enjoyed the antics of the youngest members. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Natalie LeFebre, Joan Spencer Irish and Eileen Johnston; and three nephews, Michael Johnston, Kevin Hamby and Daniel Orthman.

A special thanks to the Boise Medical Group for their care over the years, particularly Marcia Smiley, RN, and Taunya Lions, CNA, for their comfort and care.

In lieu of flowers, donations to veteran charities or troop care packages would be appreciated.

The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at the mortuary. Burial will follow at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery in Boise.

Orval F. Beadz

WENDELL — Orval F. Beadz, 92, of Wendell, passed away Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at the Bennett Hills Care Rehabilitation Center in Gooding.

Orval was born Aug. 29, 1918, in Greely, Colo., to Elmer and Mabel Glendenning-Beadz. He moved to the Magic Valley when he was a small boy. He attended West Point School. In June of 1943, Orval married Jennie Compton. He enlisted in the Army in 1944 and served as a military police officer in the Philippines from 1944 to 1946. When he completed his military service, he returned to Wendell to farm with his dad in the West Point area. In 1959, he worked on the Hell's Canyon Dam. He farmed the Thousand Springs Island for two years in the 1960s. He lived in Shoshone and worked for C.D. Lows

sand and gravel. He returned to farming and farmed in Shoshone and above the Vader Grade in Hagerman. Orval was a true outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing and horses.

Orval was preceded in death by his wife, Jennie Beadz; parents, Elmer and Mabel Beadz; and two sisters, Genola Bradley and Valeta Marvis. He is survived by four children, Jim (Betty) Beadz, Virginia Davidson, Ronnie (Dora) Beadz and Lavon (Duane) Way; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family would like to thank Bennett Hills Care Rehabilitation Center and the Associates in Family Practice for the great care they gave our dad.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 N. Ninth Ave. in Buhl.

SERVICES

Harlan D. Fillmore of Twin Falls, Mass at 10 a.m. today at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

George Charles Owen Rathke of Bliss, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel; graveside service follows at the Hagerman Cemetery.

Daisy Lorene Counce of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery; no visitation (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel

in Jerome).

Kenneth Sherman "Kenny" Brown of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. today at Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; committal service follows at Filer Cemetery (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Laura Joy Carney of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Filer Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dorothy Leigh Hayward of Twin

Falls, memorial service at noon Thursday at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

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County to map sugar beet seed growers

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — As sugar beet seed begins to take root in Cassia County, the county's University of Idaho Extension office is launching a new, voluntary system to track growers and prevent cross-pollination.

Extension Educator Joel Packham said it is customary to implement tracking methods when dealing with seed growers, especially vegetable varieties that are particular about where they're grown and what's grown around them.

For example, Packham said, table beets are a bad cross with sugar beet seed and would require a distance of 10 miles to prevent cross-pollination.

The model U of I is using was taken from Jefferson County, Ore., and the tracking will be accomplished by notice rather than by ordinance.

"No one really wants to have bad seed," Packham said. "So, it's to their advantage to find out."

Murray Bullock of beet seed company Holly Hybrids Idaho said his company is mainly concerned about beet seed producers rather than individuals with gardens — although a garden can be a source of cross-pollination.

Bullock said his company produces mainly diploid varieties, which have surgical alterations on the plants' chromosomes.

"It's exciting to have you come into the area," said County Commissioner

Paul Christensen. "This is a new venture for Cassia County. We haven't had sugar beet seed production before. I think it could work very well with what we're doing."

Packham said the extension office will also work on an arbitration policy to present to the commission at a later date.

A growers group will also be formed so problems can be taken before an arbitration board.

Bullock said a recent stay of a federal judge's ruling to destroy Roundup Ready genetically modified sugar beet stecklings planted for seed production could have an overall effect on sugar prices.

If the stecklings are destroyed, companies would have to rely on conven-

tional seed, he said.

"I don't think any companies produced a lot of conventional seed last year," Bullock said. "It would be whatever they had in stock. That's what they'll be able to plant, as well as carryover seed from previous years. It could lower our sugar beet acreage."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has predicted a 20 percent decline in sugar production, he added.

"It might be wise to buy some sugar," he said.

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ORGANIC STILL GROWING

But faces challenges

By Cindy Snyder
Times-News correspondent

As consumers become more aware of their food, organic sales continue to grow despite the slow economy.

According to a consumer study sponsored by the Organic Trade Association in August, three-quarters of U.S. families purchase some organic products. The study also reports that 41 percent of parents say they are buying more organic foods today than a year ago, up significantly from 31 percent the previous year.

That doesn't surprise Rick Lejune. His Los Angeles-based company is a major distributor for the organic produce industry and he works with several organic producers in Idaho. He has seen some moderate flattening of the growth curve for organic products during the recession but says concerns about diet on health and obesity is really driving organic demand these days.

However, even as demand continues to grow for organic products small organic farmers and ranchers are having trouble getting their products to market.

Most of the growth in demand has come from mainstream retailers recognizing customer want for organic products but they have higher cosmetic standards than traditional organic consumers have had, Lejune said.

Educating retailers and even organic consumers that unblemished fruit is nearly impossible to achieve with



Cheryl Bennett of Lava Lake Lamb based in Hailey shared some of her marketing successes and challenges during an organic marketing conference held in Twin Falls.

organic practices is one challenge growers face.

Another is that large, conventional growers are turning part or all of their production over to organic production to capture the premium price many organic products enjoy.

"These operations have the advantages of scale and often greater access to capital," Lejune told about 50 organic producers during a conference held in Twin Falls last week. These new players are also willing to buy their way into the market using their conventional acres to subsidize the organic production during the transition phase.

But organic producers should not give up hope. "Flavor can be a major tool in this battle," Lejune said. "People really care about the taste of their food and the variety of their food."

Consumers are wanting it and are ready for it, they just need more help from retailers."

LOCAL ALSO GAINING GROUND

Along with organic production, purchasing locally grown food is important to a growing number of consumers. That's a trend that's not necessarily good news for Idaho producers, Lejune said. As an example, he had a tote of Idaho grown winter squash that a salesman was visiting with a California retailer about taking. The retailer was excited about the produce but when he asked if it was locally grown and the answer was no, he cancelled the order.

In the long run, Lejune thinks organic production will be more important to consumers than locally grown. That's because it is difficult to grow enough produce around large population centers to meet the demand while organic production is well suited in rural areas. Until the trend cools down, Idaho growers may want to carefully consider

their crop rotations, he said.

Marketing to the right people is key said one organic sheep operator based in Hailey. Although the lambs are 100 percent grass fed and raised without hormones or antibiotics, less than 10 percent of their grazing is certified organic so much of the product is sold as "all natural" rather than "organic."

Cheryl Bennett, who helps manage Lava Lake Lamb with her husband, says its critical for organic producers to diversify their marketing. Lava Lake Lamb sells retail direct to consumers and chefs, but also sells product through the Boise Coop and Idaho's Bounty program. Most of their product is frozen, but this year they started selling fresh, seasonal product to the East and West Coasts.

"You want to market to the right people," she said. "As your business grows and changes, your customers will change so keep revisiting your customer profile."

Dying eastern Oregon wheat fields under investigation

The Associated Press

PENDLETON, Ore. — Agriculture researchers are investigating dying wheat fields to find out what damaged more than 40,000 acres in Eastern Oregon's Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Umatilla County growers noticed wheat fields turning yellow and dying early in November, the *East Oregonian* reported. Sixteen fields northwest of Pendleton were affected, according to Oregon State University Extension Service soil scientist Don Wysocki.

"There's probably more than one thing going on in these particular fields, like in any field," Wysocki said.

In Morrow County, officials say more than 30,000 acres of wheat have plants

with discolored yellow or purple tips that sometimes dry out.

Oregon Department of Agriculture and Oregon State University researchers say they don't know yet if the problems in the two counties are related.

The symptoms have been observed in many fields in Morrow County but do not appear tied to any particular location, said Larry Lutcher, an associate professor with the OSU Extension Service.

"Most of the symptoms in Morrow County are unlike anything I have ever seen," Lutcher said.

He doesn't believe the problem will spread to other fields, but can't be certain, he said.

See **WHEAT**, Main 9



Time to send in specialty crop, aquaculture grant applications

Times-News

Boise — The Idaho State Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for (ISDA) for Specialty Crop Block Grants.

The United States Department of Agriculture has allocated Specialty Crop Block Grants to Idaho, and ISDA will be passing the funds through as competitive grants.

ISDA Spokeswoman Lacey Menasco said this is the third year funding has been made available from the USDA.

Menasco said the state has not yet heard how much

funding will be available this year but the department excepts the amount to about \$1 million.

"We've received just under \$1 million in the past," she said.

The competitive grants must fund projects focused solely to enhance the competitiveness of U.S. grown specialty crops in either domestic or foreign market and must provide a benefit to more than just the applicant.

"We've funded a very broad range of projects, from seed variety and pest management research....things that really educate con-

sumers," Menasco said.

According to a press release from ISDA, specialty crops include fruits and vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, and horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture.

"These funds are an important tool for Idaho's specialty crop industry," ISDA Director Celia Gould said in the release. "This is our third year of providing competitive grants and we are already seeing the positive impacts of prior grants. We look forward to another year of innovative projects that enhance Idaho specialty crops and create economic

returns for Idaho."

Funds will be available to interested local, state and federal government, non-profit and for-profit organizations, and universities.

Projects may include, but are not limited to, pest and disease control, enhancing food safety, developing new and improved seed varieties, increasing child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops, market development, or developing good agricultural, handling or manufacturing practices.

Projects will be evaluated

See **TRAINING**, Main 9

Pesticide applicator recertification, license training scheduled

Times-News

The University of Idaho County Extension Twin Falls office is offering recertification training session for licensed pesticide applicators.

Steve Hines, Twin Falls County Extension crop educator, said the sessions are only available for licensed, pesticide applicators.

"Non-commercial applicators, like farmers who treat their fields, need six continuing education

credits every two years. For commercial applicators, they need 15 credits every two years," Hines said.

The office is offering two days of training, one for Twin Falls area applicators and another for Mini-Cassia applicators.

"The sessions will be the same each day," Hines said.

Education topics include "Grasshopper Infestation Management and Control,"

by Christi Falen, Lincoln County extension See **APPLICATIONS**, Main 9

Feds: Wolverines need protection but have to wait

By Matt Volz
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — The threat of climate change warrants classifying wolverines as threatened or endangered, but other species are in more imminent danger and will delay protection for the small, ferocious mammals, wildlife officials said Monday.

The population of wolverines in the contiguous United States has rebounded to an estimated 250 to 300 since the early 20th century, when predator control in the West nearly wiped them out, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in its report.

But their resurgence may be short-lived.

Wolverines need adequate spring snow cover to reproduce, but warmer winter temperatures are reducing the snow pack in the West, making climate change the "primary threat to the wolverine population," the report said.

Environmental models project the wolverines' habitat will shrink by roughly a quarter by 2045 and nearly two-thirds by 2099, agency

wildlife biologist Shawn Sartorius said.

That means the animals will not be added to the federal Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants. Instead, it will join the sage grouse, plains bison and hundreds of other species on a candidate species list awaiting federal protection.

The length of time the wolverine remains on the candidate list depends on the species ahead of it and when funding would be available to add it to the endangered and threatened species list, Fish and Wildlife Service spokeswoman Diane Katzenberger said.

The wolverine is one of a handful species the federal government says needs protection because of the effects of climate change on habitat. Most recently, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration cited the loss of ice from climate change as a basis for proposing that ringed and bearded seals be listed as a threatened species.

Conservation groups petitioned the federal government to protect the

wolverine in 1995 and again in 2000. Two years ago, the agency found the wolverine was not eligible for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act because it did not constitute a distinct population segment.

Conservationists sued, and last year the agency agreed to study the matter again. This time, the agency found the population within the contiguous U.S. was distinct and warranted protection.

Tim Preso, an attorney with Earthjustice, told The Associated Press the new finding is a breakthrough that reverses past denials by the federal government that the wolverine faces the threat of extinction.

However, the wolverine will now be mired in a backlog of other species waiting to receive federal protection, he said.

"If history is any guide, it takes a very long time for any action to be taken on this backlog," Preso said. "It's like being stuck in the waiting room of a hospital when you're in need of care."

Wolverines likely exist as a

network of semi-isolated populations, and they require gene flow between groups to support each other and prevent individual populations from going extinct. If that dynamic breaks down, the entire population could be jeopardized, the Fish and Wildlife Service said.

Global warming will threaten that breakdown, the agency said.

The reduced snow pack means the cover suitable for wolverines is shrinking, and the distance between the semi-isolated populations is growing, making it more difficult for the wolverine groups to exchange genes, the report states.

The wolverine has a broader range in Canada and Alaska, territory separate from the newly designated distinct population segment in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Oregon, Utah and California.

In Canada, wolverines are considered endangered in the eastern part of the country and a species of special concern in the western part of the nation.

AROUND THE WORLD

INDIANA

Wind hampers efforts to rescue few drivers still stuck on snow-covered highway

LAPORTE — More than 70 motorists were stuck for hours Monday in biting temperatures on snow-covered highways in northwest Indiana as strong winds hampered snow plow drivers' efforts to free them. By Monday afternoon, most had been rescued safely, but a few were still trapped by drifts.

Authorities said strong winds with gusts up to 30 mph were delaying rescue efforts.

"As soon as the plows go through an area, the wind is blowing fresh snow right back into the roads," state highway department spokesman Jim Pinkerton said. "It is just really difficult for us to keep up against that wind and snow."

The wind and heavy lake effect snow were part of a slow-moving storm that has been crawling across the Midwest since Friday night. At least 15 deaths have been attributed to the storm, which dumped nearly 2 feet of snow in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin before moving into Michigan and Indiana.

AFGHANISTAN

No decisive victory, many lives lost, one year into US troop buildup in Afghanistan

KABUL — One year after President Barack Obama ordered a troop buildup to halt the Taliban's momentum, the war in Afghanistan has not broken decisively in favor of U.S.-led forces — at least not yet.

While NATO forces have routed insurgents from their strongholds in southern Afghanistan, the Taliban's strongest region, the militants have opened new fronts in the north and west and have stepped up attacks in the east.

At the same time, the surge has exacted a high price: More than 680 international troops, including at least 472 Americans, have been killed in 2010, making it the deadliest year of the war. Hundreds of Afghan civilians have also died, most as a result of Taliban attacks.

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The approximately 900-square-foot house was moved from the Hunt Camp in Jerome County years ago, along with other houses on the same Wendell street.

DIY PROFILE:

Former Hunt Camp barrack gets makeover

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

WENDELL — History and home improvement go hand-in-hand at this house.

Hagerman couple Doug and Tisa Babington are nearing the end of renovations on a Wendell home they bought to flip and sell. The project combines history, space-saving techniques and bargain hunting.

The Babingtons bought the run-down house for \$38,000 a year and a half ago and have been renovating it since. The two have never flipped a house before, and this one had its share of problems. The pavement leading up to the house was badly cracked, the doors and windows needed to be replaced, the walls needed paint.

Both Doug and Tisa work full time, so they worked on the house on weekends with the help of their children and grandchildren.

The history: According to Tisa, the house was moved from the Minidoka Internment Camp — also known as Hunt Camp, where Japanese Americans were interned during World War II. Tisa doesn't know much of the history beyond that, like what the building was used for or when it was moved, but she said that other houses on the block are also former Hunt Camp buildings. The three houses look identical in structure — square with a small overhang that shades the door.

Peg Roberson, curator for the Jerome County Historical Museum, said that while she doesn't know of any relocated Hunt Camp buildings in Wendell, she wouldn't be surprised if they are there. Hunt Camp barracks have been repurposed across Magic Valley, she said, including the Odd Fellows hall in Jerome.

"A lot of the barracks that were out there were moved and made into different buildings," she said.

According to the National Park Service website, the original barracks were rectangles divided into six one-bedroom apartments. The hastily constructed buildings were little more than wooden frames covered in tar paper, Roberson said, and had no insulation.

"They were heated with little old-fashioned potbelly stoves," Roberson said.

When the Babingtons got the house, it still had no insulation. They rented an insulation machine and filled it in.

The size: The house was also small — less than 1,000 square feet, Tisa said. So renovations made the most of the space. In the home's small bathroom, the Babingtons added a smaller bathtub made for a mobile home and used a curved shower rod to give upper bodies more space. She moved old cabinets from the kitchen into the dining room to boost storage and added built-in shelves at the end of the hallway.

The savings: The Babingtons used connections at home improvement stores to score floor models and discontinued products. They got a deep stainless steel sink for \$100 and new front and back doors at ReStore — a Twin Falls nonprofit run by Habitat for Humanity to sell donated building materials — for \$75 each.

These aren't ordinary doors, either. The red front door has a unique circle carved into it, and a large panel of frosted glass in the back door fills the kitchen with natural light.

The two also attended builders' auctions, where they scored ornate light fixtures for a dollar apiece.

"Auctions are awesome," Tisa said. "You just gotta watch."

For the kitchen, they used the appliances that came with the house or second-hand ones they had in storage. They collected discarded tiles from Steve's Stone & Tile Supply Co. in Twin Falls. Outside, they took out the busted walkway and replaced it with small bricks secured at another auction.

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Photos by DOUG GASKILL/For the Times-News

Tisa Babington of Hagerman explains the bathroom remodeling in a Wendell home that she and her husband are flipping. They installed new tile and purchased a small bathtub designed for a mobile home to accommodate the former barrack's small bathroom.



Above: The renovated kitchen includes a built-in coat rack and bench and a corner hutch.

Left: The Babingtons made some thrifty purchases for their Wendell home renovation, including this light fixture purchased for \$1 at a builders' auction.

Design tricks from home interior pros

By Holly E. Thomas
The Washington Post

Regan Botts Ruiz, 44, discovered her talent for design during a 20-year stint as an event planner. "There's a lot of interior work that goes into galas," says Ruiz, who staged fetes with furniture, backdrops and linens. "A lot of design elements I learned from that translated naturally into my design business."

Ruiz shares her Washington home with her husband and 6-year-old daughter. After buying the 72-year-old house in 2002, she applied what she calls an "urban elegant" aesthetic to it. In the living area and kitchen, she cultivated a serene and sophisticated mood, using neutral hues, classic furnishings such as a baby grand piano, and glass, crystal and Lucite accents. The dining room is a vibrant deviation, with a vivid fuchsia on the walls. "It's for the 'wow' factor," Ruiz says.

"I want a space to be functional as well as beautiful," she says. "A lot of times, space is an issue, especially in older homes or condos. I try to incorporate functional storage or work space. It can be something as simple as using a lot of baskets around the house, or turning a closet into a built-in bookcase or china cabinet."

Her favorite aspect of the business is the Big Reveal. "It's amazing to see the reactions of a client — it's an unexpected element of my work," Ruiz says. "I didn't realize how life-changing it is for people, and how they think of themselves differently in a new space."

• **In the main living spaces,** Ruiz creates a sense of continuity by using a limited selection of colors and materials. "The lighting in my living room is either crystal, glass or Lucite, but all the lamps are different," Ruiz says. That helps create "a uniform feeling without being boring."

• **While a carpenter** was installing built-in benches in her dining room, Ruiz had an epiphany: Create hidden storage space by using removable wood bench tops covered with upholstered seat cushions. "I don't think you can ever have enough storage — I figure if you can sit on it, you can store something in it!" The project cost roughly \$10,000; she estimates that custom banquettes range from \$4,500 to \$40,000 for a high-end piece. A less expensive option can be found online, where retailers sell ready-made banquettes starting around \$1,500.

• **"I love metallic paint** because of the light it reflects," Ruiz says. The designer painted her kitchen walls a cool platinum, while the master bedroom walls are a warm, glowing copper. Ruiz used Benjamin Moore Studio Finishes Metallic Glaze 620 (\$38 per quart; visit www.benjaminmoore.com for retailers); for a more subtle result, she recommends pearlescent paint.

Marmalade Interiors

A former Ford model and art-school graduate who launched a full-time interior design business a year ago, Jill Sorenson also is not afraid of color. After a divorce five years ago, Sorenson, who is in her 40s, bought a Mediterranean-style house in McLean, Va., and began revamping its French country aesthetic: painting the walls glowing peach, sunny yellow and Tiffany blue, and incorporating graphic rugs and animal hides. "I don't think there are any colors that don't go together — if you have two you think don't go, add a third one, and suddenly it'll work," she says.

Sorenson is launching an online company to offer design ideas by theme ("Glamour Girl" or "Modern Bachelor") and sell corresponding products. "I like the idea of defining interiors to suit a personality," she says.

Sorenson's home, which she

Interior designer Regan Botts Ruiz creates hidden storage space by using removable wood bench tops covered with upholstered seat cushions. 'I don't think you can ever have enough storage,' says Ruiz.



shares with her 9-year-old son, is filled with salvaged and repurposed items, ranging from antique chairs reupholstered in modern fabrics to a \$5 thrift-store lamp painted bright turquoise. The designer scours charity resale shops, thrift stores and yard sales, searching for gently used pieces that she can reimagine.

"I look at the shape and the sturdiness of a piece," she says. "I love buying something and giving it a complete makeover. There's so much that you can do if you allow yourself to be creative and not stick to what's expected."

• **A fan of Kelly Wearstler,** Sorenson found herself with a surplus of one of the celeb designer's fabrics. To avoid an overdose of the same pattern, Sorenson covered one chair with the material right-side out, then used the material wrong-side out on a second chair. "A lot of times I look at a fabric and like the back of it better," Sorenson says. The result is pieces that feel complementary, yet not overly coordinated.

• **"If you go through** your home, I guarantee there are pieces from the past that you don't like, that don't fit in the design anymore," Sorenson says. "Think of ways you can re-create that chair or that chest of drawers, and think outside the box — who says the frame of the chair can't be orange?" In the master bedroom, an antique desk looks fresh with a coat of glossy persimmon-orange lacquer, while an ornate chair in the sitting room is boutique-hotel-worthy, thanks to new cushions in a black-and-white graphic print.

• **Sorenson revived** old pillows by having a seamstress add contrasting grosgrain ribbon in a Greek key pattern. "Just get some ribbon, and you can make any pattern," she says, "and you can find a seamstress anywhere — it doesn't have to be through an upholstery shop." Sorenson used the same design trick on the curtains, adding black

ribbon to the ivory panels in her living room.

Chad Alan Designs

Chad Alan, 39, has a rich professional history that helps fuel his 12-year-old interior design business. "I can pull from experiences working in millinery or in an opera house. I was even head florist of a paper-flower company for a while," he says. "I'm not limited to what we can find in stores — if I can imagine it, we can draw it, and we can build it."

Alan spent two years converting the harsh angles and stark white interior of his Washington loft into a colorful, art-infused space. The walls host a gallery of offbeat works: an oil painting of junk food, a custom mosaic, costume sketches from Alan's theater days. A palette of warm earth tones is energized with splashes of teal and quirky accents such as glass floor panels illuminated with neon light.

"I love color and texture, and I despise beige-on-beige," Alan says. "Why settle for beige when you have a whole fan-deck of colors to choose from?" Like Ruiz, Alan occasionally has to coax clients into experimenting with colors, textures or furniture; he often does so by showing samples of custom-designed pieces, such as the light fixtures he created from copper refrigerator tubing. "No one can run to Pottery Barn and buy one of those," he says. "The market is so saturated with really great knock-offs. ... I think interior design is going toward working with more custom pieces, those things the Joneses down the street don't have."

• **In the colorful library,** Alan added a curved shelf one-third of the way down the window, under which he hung blinds. The setup allows light into the room while preserving privacy and artfully displaying the designer's collection of mouth-blown glass spheres. "I had



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When interior designer Jill Sorenson had a surplus of one of celeb designer Kelly Wearstler's fabrics, she covered one chair with the material right-side out, then used the material wrong-side out on a second chair.

put them on dark lacquered shelves, and they just disappeared," he says, "but the best part of them is when the light comes through them in the morning." Alan hired a carpenter to build the shelf and attach it to the window frame, a two-day project that cost roughly \$500.

• **For an outside-the-box** design fix for his KitchenAid panel refrigerator, Alan used Copper Stratos plastic laminate from Formica's DecoMetal collection. A carpenter cut the laminate into panels, slid them into the doors and sealed the frame. Alan estimates a project like this one would cost about \$950.

• **"When I work, I like** to have lots of counter space, and a 4- or 5-foot-wide desk wasn't going to cut it," says Alan, who turned an odd-shaped niche in the second-floor loft into a work space. A 12-foot custom desk is flanked by bookcases, and the overhead arch generates structure in the open, airy setting. "I wanted to create its own little identity, so it wasn't just lost in a vast space in the loft," the designer says. The arch is constructed from drywall, and Alan says it "highlights an area that wouldn't necessarily have that much pizzazz."



Photos by BENJAMIN C. TANKERSLEY/For The Washington Post

Interior designers have their own quirky preferences, challenging spaces and limited budgets. Three stylists — Regan Botts Ruiz, left, Chad Alan and Jill Sorenson — share strategies they use at home.

Wallpaper borders, for a stuck-in-the-past look

The Washington Post

Frances Brayshaw, owner of Pear Tree Cottage in Vienna, Va., and Post staff writer Terri Sapienza took questions in online chat. Below is an edited excerpt.

Q I need to replace my kitchen wallpaper border for a few years until I can remodel my kitchen. I prefer something more updated but am having a hard time even finding borders at paint stores. Everyone says, "Don't do it." Any other options besides painting the walls all the same color? I have

dark cabinets and light blue Italian tiles with windows that let in lots of light.

Sapienza: I'm with the people who are saying, "Don't do it." Wallpaper borders are a very dated look. You'll be surprised how updated your room will look after you take your border down and repaint the walls. If you don't already have it, you could install crown molding instead.

Q From the parking pad to the main entrance to my house, you must go through an open breezeway that connects

the garage to a secondary entrance/mudroom. What can I do to compel people to use the more formal, primary entrance? I have a lovely doormat outside the formal entrance, but people still mostly use the informal (more convenient) entrance. I'd love for them to come into my home through the nice foyer, vs. the often messy laundry room.

Brayshaw: Your front door (and foyer) are the place to set the festive tone for your home. Along with your other plantings, make the entrance welcoming with a beautifully decorated wreath. Make sure you

have good lighting in the front to draw your guests to the front door. Maybe you could dim or use a smaller wattage light bulb in the back entrance to prevent people from going there. You could use luminaires to light the path. They are inexpensive and a welcoming touch.

Q Can you help me decide on the height and style of new baseboards for my home? I have standard eight-foot ceilings and am installing hardwood floors. I'm thinking the baseboards should be either four or five inches high.

Brayshaw: The heavier the molding in your home, the more traditional the look. I love heavy baseboards and crown molding. It adds a finishing touch. I think the bigger, the better.

DIY-to-go with Home Depot app

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

The Home Depot released a new free mobile app with tools and resources that can help you with your DIY projects.

The app features a tape measure that uses your shoe size to calculate any horizontal distance; a nut and bolt finder that helps you identify the size of an existing nut, bolt or screw; a calculator that helps you figure out how much paint, drywall, flooring or insulation to buy for a job; in-store maps of every Home Depot store in the U.S.; and hundreds of how-to video guides and customizable supply lists.

It's available for iPhone, with more platforms to come.

Decorator's take: Seek 'Happy Chic'

Akron Beacon Journal

Come on, get happy. That's the central message of Jonathan Adler's "Happy Chic" decorating philosophy. He rejects interior design that takes itself too

seriously, believing it can be sophisticated but still light-hearted.

He's helping readers put that philosophy into practice with two new books, "Jonathan Adler on Happy Chic Colors" and "Jonathan Adler on Happy Chic Accessorizing."

Adler, whose occupations include potter, interior decorator and "sharp-witted cultural authority," offers inspiration and guidance to help people lighten up. His tips and tricks help them pair colors or group accessories artfully, so the result is tasteful yet whimsical but never tacky — because tacky just isn't any fun.

He ends each book with a collection of observations, which range from the practical ("Add gravitas with gray felt") to the playful ("Ignore disdainful neighbors").

The Happy Chic books are published by Sterling Publishing Co. and sell for \$17.95 each in hardcover.

Historical face-lift

Century-old Hazelton home gets a new look.

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Home design gets down to earth

By Cindy Dampier
Chicago Tribune

When it comes to calling decorating trends, the editors of House Beautiful haven't been shy. In 2007, they famously spotted (and trumpeted on the cover) the beginnings of today's tidal wave of gray-washed, distressed oak tables and linen-upholstered sofas — the Belgian look.

Last year, they named four main influences that would shape decorating trends: New Victorian, Accessorator, Glam and Ruralist. So what's next?



Turner

For HB, a new editor, Newell Turner. And for the rest of us, slaves to interior fashion, an update on those trendy trends for 2011, featured in the January issue of HB. Turner, an approachable, charming design prophet if ever there was one, explained the good news (there's a design trend for everyone) and shared a few of his own completely doable tricks (faux fur throws!). We're hooked.

HB famously predicted the Belgian trend, which is absolutely everywhere these days. So

what's next?

I have to go back to our four big design forces for 2011: Ruralist, New Victorian, Accessorator and Glam. It will be very interesting to see them evolve this year. The Ruralist look is where the Belgian thing is going. It's not as purely Euro; there's a lot more American influence coming in. Patchwork and quilts are really coming back, for instance.

Is there any one over-riding trend?

The small spaces trend is huge. I do believe in small spaces, and I don't think you have to sacrifice to live in a small space. My

home is a cleaned up Hudson Valley house. When I started talking to architects about it, at first they didn't get what I wanted. I wanted a small space because I wanted a house that served me, not one that I had to maintain. And that's what I got.

Is interior design becoming more accessible?

I think design has already gotten accessible and American design has really come into its own. We only show American houses in House Beautiful because the way Americans live is very particular, and you can tell

when you look at a room. Design has gone through a process like cuisine went through, evolving until now there is a recognized American cuisine. And American decorating has come into its own.

What's the secret to getting a livable house?

If you start with a good floor plan, you can do almost anything you want to. And the downside is, if you don't have a good floor plan you're going to be fighting it forever. One thing I love about English interiors is they can cram in so much furniture and it doesn't

look like a junk shop. And when you come down to it, it's the floor plan that makes that work.

Cold weather's here. How do you cozy up the house?

For the winter season, I change sofa pillows. I have some that are more cozy and I have several faux fur throws that I got at Pottery Barn. I pull them out, and it really kind of changes things up. And I have these firehouse chairs around my table, and I put one of those sheepskins from Ikea in there, and it makes this cozy viking chair. I love it.

Santa feels a bit stale

Rethinking holiday decor

By Melissa Rayworth
For The Associated Press

Silver bells. Mistletoe. A miniature sleigh with eight tiny reindeer. Familiar clichés surround us at the holidays, and many have found their way into our seasonal decorating.

When December arrives, even the most elegant homes can easily get infiltrated by tacky tree ornaments and plastic snowmen.

"Everybody has a lot more Christmas stuff than they want," says interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn, founder of decordemon.com. We tend to keep all the items we've gotten as gifts or inherited as hand-me-downs, because only Scrooge would toss a tree-topper in the trash.

Besides, we tend to unpack all those decorations tucked away in closets and attics quickly, and set them out with little time to rethink the way we decorate for the holidays.

Don't have time to brainstorm a new look this year? We've asked Flynn and two other designers how to create holiday glamour at home without the clichés.

Be a tough editor

"Less is more," says Betsy Burnham of Burnham Design, in Los Angeles. Use just some of your decorations each year, just as an art curator might display only part of a collection at one time. If you put out fewer items, she says, "each thing you use to decorate will mean more."

And don't feel obligated to decorate every room.

"One of my rules is there really should only be one 'holiday room' in the house," Flynn says. Put a few decorations in your entryway, where they are visible from the street and to arriving guests. Then concentrate on the room where you spend the most time.

"We get caught up in who's coming over for Christmas, but that one day everybody comes over is a small fraction of the time these decorations will be up," Flynn says. So decorate where you will most enjoy it.

Play with your palette

Your holiday decorating stash is probably heavy on traditional red and green. For a different look, try altering the palette by using only your red and cream pieces, or only the green and gold. Or try "doing it all ivory and white, with some plaid," says Burnham.

You also can inject fresh style by bringing in new shades. Ornaments can be inexpensive, so try using all the silver and white pieces you have, then adding new ones in violet or hot pink. Those shades look sophisticated and festive, Flynn says.

He also suggests adding shades of brown with purple or deep red to balance "the



CHRISTINA WEDGE/AP photo

Designer Brian Patrick Flynn suggests blending masculine and feminine holiday elements through texture and color. For this design, he paired feminine plates and candleholders with masculine colors and chargers.



To marry his home's color scheme with seasonal holiday flair, designer Brian Patrick Flynn of decordemon.com used the same year-round hues in Christmas accessories such as embroidered pillows and gift wrap.

femininity of garlands and bows."

HGTV.com blogger Erinn Valencich loves using retro-inspired ornaments in "lime green, burnt oranges, turquoise and even a bit of fuchsia." These colors look great against a white artificial Christmas tree. Another option is "using spray-on snow" to create a whiter background on a green tree, Valencich says.

If the holidays without lots of red and green seems like heresy, try using those colors in unexpected shades — say, a holiday table in lime green and deep cranberry. Burnham likes using "a really dark, British racing green, with a brick red or a warm brown-red."

"With all the glitter that comes with holiday decorating," Valencich promises, "it's going to feel like Christmas" even if you don't use the standard red and green.

Focus on winter

Holiday decor takes on a fresh look when it's focused on celebrating the season, so think snowflakes rather than Santa.

"I like a nod to the holidays," Burnham says, but "then have a couple of elements that really stand for winter," such as pine branches, birch logs and chestnuts.

A holiday table set with white dishes and white linens evokes snowy winters. In California, Burnham says, holiday decorating is "all about pretending we live somewhere cold."

Use presents and cards as decor

Let the wrapping you choose this year bring a new look to your decorating. Assuming you can get the gift wrapping done early, Valencich suggests buying three different papers that you love, then "using the gifts to decorate the house."

"Pile them on an entryway table with some hurricane candles next to it," she says, "or on a side table in the corner of the living room."

Pretty wrapping can be inexpensive (try plain brown paper with luxurious plaid ribbons) and "you get to unwrap your decorating" as you give gifts.

Another idea: Repurpose last year's holiday cards as new ornaments by cutting them into circles and triangles with crafting scissors that give a beveled edge. Hang them on the tree with ribbon.

For this year's cards, string a length of twine just a few

feet below the ceiling "like a Z from one wall to the other," Flynn says, "then take clothespins to attach the cards onto the line."

Using "old clothespins, maybe with paint on them," he says, gives "more of a 'Charlie Brown Christmas' look" that can bring a bit of irony to a room that's otherwise traditionally decorated.

Unexpected shapes

"Think about the classic shapes and do something different," Burnham says, such as skipping the wreath in favor of a cluster of pine branches on the front door.

Rather than using a lot of round ornaments on your tree, try hanging small wooden animals or other trinkets found around your home. "Fill in with the shiny balls," she says, "rather than starting with them."

And "with the tree toppers, I usually don't put a star or angel," Valencich says. Last year, when decorating a tree for actress Jaime Pressly, she used "huge feathers, tied to the top of tree," to create a dramatic topping. It's simple, she says: You can "wire them up there or use some ribbon to tie them."

Of course, one person's cliché is another's beloved tradition. There is no need to jettison your favorite items. You can include "the classic stuff people love," Burnham says, but you may want to keep it subtle.

"Maybe the answer is using candy canes on your table, but just candy canes," she says. "Not candy canes and Santa and stars and the rest of it."

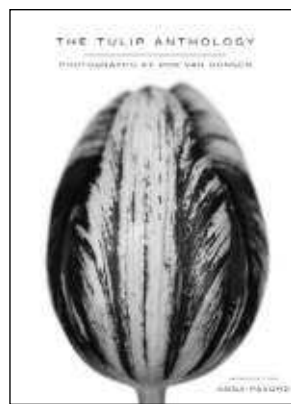
The tulip: A love affair in pictures

By Barbara Mahany
Chicago Tribune

"The Tulip Anthology," photographs by Ron van Dongen, introduction by Anna Pavord (Chronicle Books, \$60).

What it is: Magnificent. No, really. But to be a tad more specific, "The Tulip Anthology" is a collection (228 pages) of contemporary and historical images and text, all documenting humankind's thousand-year obsession with *Tulipa* in its thousands of variations. Reaching back through the last millennium to the tulip's origins on scrubby slopes of Central Asia through the tulipmania of the 17th century and on into the now, this super-sized tome (it measures 11 by 14 inches) explores the mystery and wonder of the chalice-shaped beauty that counts some 5,500 listings on the international register of tulip names kept by the Dutch Bulb Growers' Association. Ron van Dongen is a celebrated photographer who sells his works in fine-art prints and limited-edition monographs. These pages, indeed, are fine art.

What makes it arm-chair-worthy: First, a cautionary note: Do not sit down with this beauty till you've crossed off your to-do list for the day. Once you curl up with this over-the-top anthology, you might not leave your



chair for, well, days, perhaps weeks. It is as gorgeous a botanical work as we've seen in a long, long while. And if you aren't swooning over the larger-than-life images of tulips in all their sensuality and eye-popping pizzazz, you'll be committing to memory some of the great passages of poetry and literature that extol the heavenliness of the "great seducer," as garden writer Anna Pavord puts it.

One fine line: "The tulips should be behind bars/like dangerous animals; They are opening like the mouth/of some great African cat!" — Sylvia Plath, "Tulips," 1961

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Answer: Holiday celebrations are great, but they can leave your home in post-party, after-Santa, less-than-jolly conditions. So after you've finished off the last sip of egg nog, come into Don Aslett's Cleaning Center and pick up a great product for small mess rescue called PERKY. Perky is a safe, water-based spotter that cleans up food and drink spills, as well as many other stubborn messes like cosmetics, ink and copy toner. Perk up your after holiday blues with PERKY!

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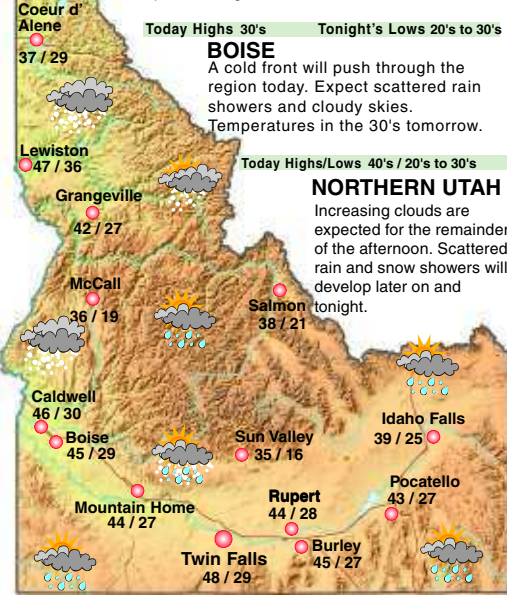
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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls, Idaho, showing conditions and temperatures from Today to Saturday.

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Temperature, Precipitation, and Humidity almanac for Twin Falls. Includes high/low records and monthly averages.

Moon Phases



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for various cities including Boise, Burley, Challis, and Coeur d'Alene.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for major cities across the United States.

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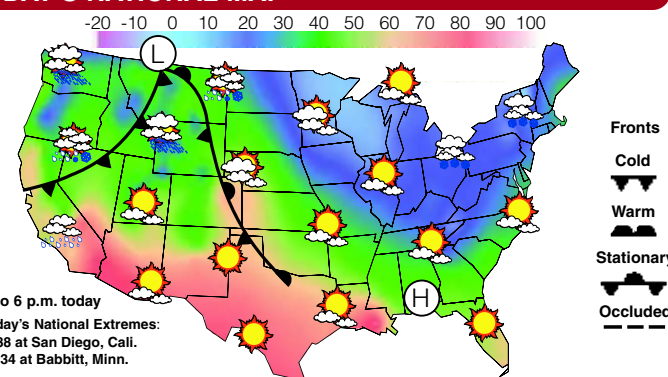
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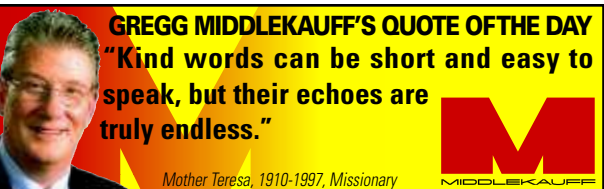
World forecast table for major international cities.

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Valid to 6 p.m. today

Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 88 at San Diego, Cal. Low: -34 at Babbitt, Minn.



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Just 1 to a pot? Combination planting comes inside

By Dean Fosdick For The Associated Press

Container gardening is coming in from the cold, replacing the one-plant-to-a-pot displays that have been indoor decorating staples since the Victorian era.

Combination planting - blending different plants in the same containers - is as practical as it is attractive. Arrangements can be created that will thrive through the winter in sunny interiors as much as they would outside in summer on patios or balconies.

"Grouping plants together has several advantages, including the ability to create more impact and to water less often," said Kathy LaLiberte, director of gardening at Gardener's Supply Co. in Burlington, Vt.

Choose your container combinations carefully, however. It wouldn't do to mix plants having different light, temperature and water requirements, such as African violets paired with leaf lettuce, or succulents growing alongside berries.

Light often determines which plant varieties can be used for indoor gardening.

"Unless you have arti-

cial light or access to sunlight, you may want to veer toward getting plants that don't crave it," LaLiberte said. "Some of the most beautiful displays I've seen in recent years haven't had any blooms in them at all, just foliage. There was all this great leaf play!"

That translates into grouping different kinds of exotics - caladium, cannas, coleus or ferns, among others. Each is considered a foliage plant, yet each produces a different look: variegated leaves in some cases, or brilliant colors.

Edibles also are great indoor landscaping options, delivering freshness along with convenience and fast maturity. Choices vary from microgreens to dwarf bananas.

"You can take salad fixings from seed to table in less than a month," said Ellen Ecker Ogden, an ornamental kitchen garden designer from Manchester Village, Vt. "Cut and water and they just grow back again."

Herbs and annual flowers play well together in containers, and their blooms do double duty. "They'll give you a little taste of summer along with some lovely colors," Ogden said. "And they're easy to grow from seed. Another bonus is that they're low hugging plants. Push some seeds (impatiens, pansies or viola, for instance) into the base of foliage plants to provide more interest."

Ogden recommends starting from scratch, using seed rather than over-wintering mature container plants.

"Some plants are sensitive and don't like being moved. They suffer transplant shock if brought in," Ogden said. "Better that

you find something fast-growing so it can be sown directly indoors."

Effective indoor landscaping also includes selecting the right containers, she said.

"There are so many different kinds of pots, with different sizes, different colors and materials. Try some architectural pots. They're big, wonderful things that add greatly to indoor displays."



This container includes a variegated cast iron plant, center, surrounded by string bean peperomia, neoregelia caroliniae bromeliad and giant black heart sweet potato trailing plant.

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Exhibit 5 COUNTY OF JEROME SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2010-2

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEROME, IDAHO, APPROVING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED JEROME COUNTY URBAN RENEWAL PLAN FOR THE CROSSROADS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, WHICH PLAN INCLUDES REVENUE ALLOCATION FINANCING PROVISIONS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION TO COUNTY AND STATE OFFICIALS, WAIVING THE READING RULES; APPROVING THE SUMMARY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF JEROME:

SECTION 1: It is hereby found and determined that:

- (a) The Crossroads Urban Renewal Project Area (the "Amended Project Area") as defined in the Amended Plan is a deteriorated or a deteriorating area as defined in the Law and the Act and qualifies as an eligible urban renewal area under the Law and Act.
- (b) The rehabilitation, conservation, and redevelopment of the urban renewal area pursuant to the Amended Plan are necessary in the interests of public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the county of Jerome (the "County").
- (c) There continues to be a need for the Jerome County Urban Renewal Agency ("Agency") to function in the County.
- (d) The Amended Plan conforms to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of the County.
- (e) The Amended Plan gives due consideration to the provision of adequate park and recreation areas and facilities that may be desirable for neighborhood improvement (recognizing the mixed use components of the Amended Plan and the need for overall public improvements), and shows consideration for the health, safety, and welfare of any residents or businesses in the general vicinity of the urban renewal area covered by the Amended Plan.
- (f) The Amended Plan affords maximum opportunity consistent with the sound needs of the County as a whole for the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the urban renewal area by private enterprises.
- (g) The Amended Plan provides a feasible method for relocation of any displaced families residing within the urban renewal area.
- (h) The Crossroads Project Area (the "Amended Project Area") which is identified for nonresidential uses is necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development standards in accordance with the objectives of the Jerome County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to overcome economic disuse, the need for improved traffic patterns and the need for the correlation of this area with other areas of the County.
- (i) The collective base assessment roll of the Amended Project Area does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of the County.
- (j) The urban renewal area, which includes the deteriorating area, as defined in Idaho Code Section 50-2018(9), does not include any agricultural operation which has been used within the past three (3) consecutive years.

SECTION 2: The Board of County Commissioners ("County Commissioners") finds that the Amended Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area may contain certain open land, but the Agency does not intend to acquire any open land on any widespread basis, and that the Amended Project Area is planned to be redeveloped in a manner that will include nonresidential uses. Provided, however, the County Commissioners find that if portions of the Amended Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area are deemed "open land," the criteria set forth in the Law and Act has been met.

SECTION 3: The County Commissioners find that one of the Amended Plan objectives to increase the mixed use development opportunity meets the sound needs of the County and will provide opportunities in an area that does not now contain such opportunities, and nonresidential uses are necessary and appropriate to facilitate the proper growth and development standards in accordance with the objectives of the Jerome County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to overcome economic disuse, the need for improved traffic patterns, and the need for the correlation of this area with other areas of the County.

SECTION 4: The Amended Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit 4 and made a part hereof by attachments, be and the same hereby is approved, along with the Legal Description attached hereto as Exhibit 3. As directed by the County Commissioners, the County Clerk and/or the Agency may make certain technical corrections or revisions in keeping with the information and testimony presented at the December 6, 2010, hearing, and incorporate changes or modifications, if any.

SECTION 5: No direct or collateral action challenging the Amended Plan shall be brought prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or after the elapse of thirty (30) days from and after the effective date of this Ordinance adopting the Amended Plan.

SECTION 6: Upon the effective date of this Ordinance, the County Clerk is authorized and directed to transmit to the County Auditor and Tax Assessor of Jerome County and to the appropriate officials of Jerome County, Jerome Fire District, School District No. 261, Jerome County Ambulance, Jerome Highway District, Jerome Recreation District, College of Southern Idaho, and the State Tax Commission a copy of this Ordinance, a copy of the legal description of the Revenue Allocation Area, and a map or plat indicating the boundaries of the Revenue Allocation Area.

SECTION 7: The County Commissioners hereby find and declares that the Revenue Allocation Area as defined in the Amended Plan (defined as the Amended Project Area in the Amended Plan), the equalized assessed valuation of which the County Commissioners hereby determine is in and is part of the Amended Plan is likely to increase as a result of the initiation and completion of urban renewal projects pursuant to the Amended Plan.

SECTION 8: The County Commissioners hereby approve and adopt the following policy statement relating to the appointment of County Commissioners members as members of the Agency; Çs Board of Commissioners: If any County Commissioners members are appointed to the Agency Board, they are not acting in an ex officio capacity but, rather, as private citizens who, although they are also members of the County Commissioners, are exercising their independent judgment as private citizens when they sit on the Agency Board. Except for the powers to appoint and terminate Agency Board members and to adopt the Amended Plan, the County Commissioners recognize that it has no power to control the powers or operations of the Agency.

SECTION 9: So long as any Agency bonds are outstanding, the County Commissioners shall not exercise its power under Idaho Code Section 50-2006 to designate itself as the Agency Board.

SECTION 10: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage, approval, and publication and shall be retroactive to January 1, 2010, to the extent permitted by the Act.

SECTION 11: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12: One-half, plus one of the County Commissioners members finding good cause, the County Commissioners hereby dispense with the rule that this Ordinance be read on three different days, and have hereby adopted this Ordinance, having considered it at one reading.

SECTION 13: The Summary of this Ordinance, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 5, is hereby approved.

SECTION 14: All ordinances, resolutions, orders or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, rescinded and annulled.

SECTION 15: **SAVINGS CLAUSE:** This ordinance does not affect an action or proceeding commenced or right accrued before this ordinance takes effect.

PASSED by the County Commissioners of the county of Jerome, Idaho, on this 6th day of December 2010.

APPROVED by the Chairman of the County Commissioners of Jerome County, Idaho, on this 6th day of December 2010.

EXHIBITS TO THE ORDINANCE

Exhibit 1 Planning and Zoning Commission Recommendation Finding the Amended Plan in Conformity With Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Exhibit 2 Notice Published in the *Times-News*

Exhibit 3 Legal Description

Exhibit 4 Amended and Restated Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project Urban Renewal Plan

Exhibit 5 Ordinance Summary

SUMMARY OF AMENDED PLAN

The Amended and Restated Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project Urban Renewal Plan ("Amended Plan") was prepared by the urban renewal agency of the county of Jerome, the Jerome County Urban Renewal Agency ("Agency") pursuant to the state of Idaho Urban Renewal Law, Chapter 20, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Law"), the Local Economic Development Act, Chapter 29, Title 50, Idaho Code, as amended (the "Act"), the Idaho Constitution, and all applicable laws and ordinances and was approved by the Agency. The Amended Plan provides for the Agency to undertake urban renewal projects pursuant to the Law. The Amended Plan contains a revenue allocation financing provision pursuant to the Act that will cause property taxes resulting from any increases in equalized assessed valuation in excess of the equalized assessed valuation as shown on the original base assessment roll as of January 1, 2010, to be allocated to the Agency for the urban renewal purposes.

The general scope and objectives of the Amended Plan are:

1. The elimination of environmental deficiencies in the Amended Project Area, including, among others, substandard or lack of streets and deteriorated and inadequate public improvements including certain streets, improvements, and extensions to connect major traffic corridors; improvements to public utilities including water and sewer improvements, fire protection systems, railroad crossings; other public improvements; removal, burying, or relocation of overhead utilities; and improvement of irrigation and drainage ditches and laterals;
2. The assembly of land into parcels suitable for modern, integrated development with improved pedestrian and vehicular circulation in the Amended Project Area;
3. The replanning, redesign, and development of undeveloped or underdeveloped areas which are stagnant or improperly utilized because of excessive rock, limited traffic access, underserved utilities, and other site conditions;
4. The strengthening of the economic base of the Amended Project Area and the community by the installation of needed site improvements to stimulate new private development providing, employment, and economic growth;
5. The provision of adequate land for street rights-of-way;
6. The construction and improvement of a major street corridor to allow traffic flows to move through the development along with the accompanying utility connections, through the Amended Project Area;
7. The provision of public service utilities such as water system improvements, main sewer system improvements (which may be located outside the Amended Project Area), and certain pretreatment improvements within the Amended Project Area;
8. The establishment and implementation of performance criteria to assure high site design standards and environmental quality and other design elements which provide unity and integrity to the entire Project, including commitment of funds for planning studies, achieving high standards of development, and leveraging such development to achieve public objectives and efficient use of scarce resources;
9. The strengthening of the tax base by encouraging private development, thus increasing the assessed valuation of properties within the Revenue Allocation Area and the Project Area as a whole and benefiting the various taxing districts in which the urban renewal area is located; and
10. The funding of necessary public infrastructure to accommodate both public and private development.

Any such land uses as described in the Amended Plan will be in conformance with zoning for the county of Jerome and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by the County Commissioners. Land made available will be developed by private enterprises or public agencies as authorized by law. The Amended Plan identifies various public and private improvements which may be made within the Amended Project Area.

The Amended Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area herein referred to is located generally as follows:

An area consisting of approximately 429.68 acres at the northwest quadrant of Interstate Highway 84 and United States Highway 93 and as more particularly described as follows

REVISED PROPERTY DESCRIPTION FOR

JEROME COUNTY CROSSROADS URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 10, THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 15 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 16 ALL IN T.9 S., R. 17 E., B.M. JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE CROSSROADS POINT BUSINESS CENTER PUD PHASE 1 SUBDIVISIONS AND THE UNDEVELOPED PHASE 2 PROPERTY ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF SAID PHASE 1 PLAT AND BEING MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 10, T.9 S., R. 17 E., B.M. ON A BEARING OF NORTH 89°23'33" WEST A DISTANCE 363.72 FEET ALONG THE SOUTHERLY BOUNDARY OF SECTION 10 TO THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391 AND THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE FROM THIS REAL POINT OF BEGINNING AND ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT (ITD) PROJECT F2391 ON A BEARING NORTH 7°38'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 612.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID CURVE AND THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391 HAVING A RADIUS OF 11,309.16 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 8°24'44", AN ARC LENGTH OF 1660.42 FEET, A TANGENT LENGTH OF 831.71 FEET AND A LONG CHORD OF 1658.93 FEET ON A BEARING OF NORTH 3°26'01" EAST;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE WESTERLY BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391 ON A BEARING OF NORTH 0°49'52" WEST A DISTANCE OF 375.20 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 10

THENCE ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 10 ON A BEARING OF NORTH 89°22'56" WEST A DISTANCE OF 3740.78 FEET;

THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 0°30'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 422.83 FEET;

THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 82°16'00" WEST A DISTANCE OF 1339.20 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 10;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SECTION 10 ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 0°56'53" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2023.91 FEET TO THE SECTION CORNER COMMON TO SECTIONS 9, 10, 15 AND 16;

THENCE FROM SAID SECTION CORNER AND ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SECTION 16 ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 89°43'07" WEST A DISTANCE OF 2038.50 FEET TO THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 84 PROJECT I-80N-3 (11) 164;

THENCE ALONG NORTH BOUNDARY OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 84 PROJECT I-80N-3 (11) 164 THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

SOUTH 61°36'38" EAST A DISTANCE OF 129.40 FEET;

SOUTH 63°43'35" EAST A DISTANCE OF 487.74 FEET;

SOUTH 64°28'10" EAST A DISTANCE OF 3903.75 FEET;

NORTH 88°12'24" EAST A DISTANCE OF 1013.02 FEET;

NORTH 61°31'50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 991.65 FEET;

NORTH 0°00'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 103.73 FEET;

SOUTH 89°23'19" EAST A DISTANCE OF 463.69 FEET;

NORTH 50°23'50" EAST A DISTANCE OF 368.90 FEET TO THE WEST BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391 ON A BEARING OF NORTH 12°35'15" EAST A DISTANCE OF 577.09 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF HIGHWAY 93 ITD PROJECT F2391 ON A BEARING OF NORTH 7°38'16" EAST A DISTANCE OF 521.42 FEET TO THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING.

EXCLUDING THE FOLLOWING BLOCK AND LOTS AS SHOWN ON THE CROSS ROADS POINT BUSINESS CENTER PUD PHASE 1 PLATS AS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR JEROME COUNTY.

BLOCK 1, LOTS 4, 8, 9, 13, 14 AND 15;

BLOCK 2, LOTS 1 AND 2;

BLOCK 3, LOTS 2, 3 AND 4;

BLOCK 8, LOTS 9, 11, 12 AND 13;

BLOCK 14, LOTS 5 AND 6;

BLOCK 15, LOTS 1 THROUGH 3;

BLOCK 16, LOTS 3 THROUGH 5 AND

BLOCK 17, LOTS 8 THROUGH 10.

BLOCK 1, LOTS 1 AND 2 OF CROSSROADS POINT BUSINESS CENTER PUD #2

BLOCK 1, LOTS 1 AND 2 OF CROSSROADS POINT BUSINESS CENTER PUD #1

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS A GROSS AREA OF 483.14 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND NET AREA OF 432.14 ACRES MORE OR LESS WITHOUT THE EXCLUSION AREAS LISTED ABOVE.

REVISED NOVEMBER 23, 2010

The Amended Project Area is also depicted in the map below.

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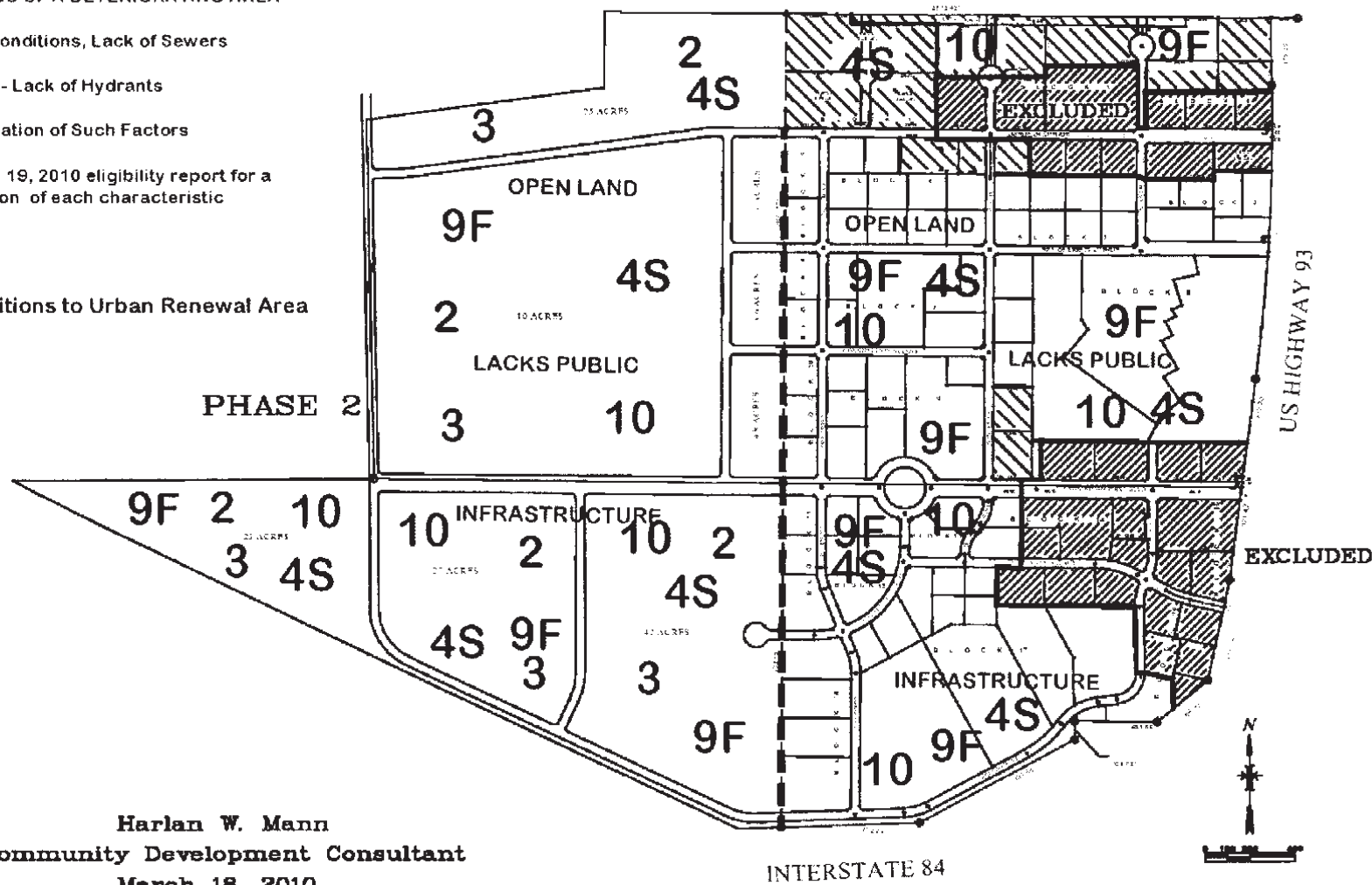
JEROME COUNTY
PROPOSED CROSSROADS POINT, PHASE 1
URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AS AMENDED

CHARACTERISTICS OF A DETERIORATING AREA

- 4S Insanitary Conditions, Lack of Sewers
 9F Fire Hazard - Lack of Hydrants
 10 Any Combination of Such Factors

*See the February 19, 2010 eligibility report for a detailed explanation of each characteristic

 Additions to Urban Renewal Area



Sections 300 through 323 discuss the proposed redevelopment actions, participation opportunities and agreements, cooperation with public bodies, property acquisition standards and requirements, relocation, demolition, and property disposition.

Sections 402 through 407 discuss the type of land uses authorized in the Amended Project Area and list other controls by referencing the applicable County ordinances.

Section 408 describes design guidelines for development.

The Amended Plan also contains a section on financing. Among other sources, the Amended Plan will utilize revenue allocation financing, authorized by the Act adopted in 1988 by the Idaho Legislature.

Section 504 and Attachment 5 discuss revenue allocation financing and show how such financing has worked and would work in the Amended Project Area in the future if certain new private developments occur as estimated.

Increases in assessed valuation of real and personal property in the original Project Area that occur after January 1, 2008, will continue to generate revenue for the Agency to pay project costs. For the additional property included by the Amended Plan, increases in assessed valuation of real and personal property that occur after January 1, 2010, will generate revenue for the Agency to pay project costs. Project costs include street improvements, parking facilities, and other public improvement costs. The assessed valuation of real and personal property on the base assessment roll is still available for use by the other taxing districts, Jerome County, Jerome Fire District, School District No. 261, Jerome County Ambulance, Jerome Highway District, Jerome Recreation District, and College of Southern Idaho to finance their operations. The Amended Plan authorizes the Agency to sell revenue bonds to finance project costs and to use annual revenue allocations to pay the debt service.

The program outlined in the Amended Plan emphasizes the installation of needed public improvements, street improvements, utility work, and other costs to encourage private development.

Attachment 5 describes in detail the cost and financing methods for complete repayment of the debt incurred used to finance the Project and to also fund the additional described activities.

No change in the land use designation or the potential uses in the area have been proposed. The Amended Plan follows the underlying zoning classifications of the County. Proposals for certain zone changes, if any, are made in the Amended Plan.

Sections 600 and 700 describe cooperative activities by the Agency with the County.

The duration of the Amended Plan is for twenty-four (24) years from the date of adoption of the original Plan. A termination process is described in Section 800 of the Amended Plan. The Agency is required to prepare an annual report each year describing its activities during the previous year.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE AMENDED PLAN

Attachment 1 Amended and Restated Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area Boundary Map

Attachment 2 Description of Amended and Restated Project Area and Revenue Allocation Area

Attachment 3 Private Properties Which May be Acquired by Agency (Limited to Public Improvements and Facilities)

Attachment 4 Map Depicting Expected Land Uses and Current Zoning within Amended and Restated Revenue Allocation Area and Project Area

Attachment 5 Statement of Proposed Public Improvements, Costs, Revenues, Tax Impacts and Financing Methods, as amended

Attachment 5A Estimated Net Taxable Value of New Private Development in Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project, as amended

Attachment 5B Estimated Annual Tax Revenue Allocation in Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project, as amended

Attachment 5C Estimated Annual Revenues and Costs in Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project, as amended

Attachment 5C-1 Preliminary Cost Estimates October 2008 Phase 1 and Phase 2 Road and Utility Costs in Jerome County Crossroads Urban Renewal Project, as amended

The full text of Ordinance 2010-12 is available at the offices of the County Clerk, Jerome County, 300 N. Lincoln, Jerome, Idaho, 83338.

This summary is approved by the Jerome County Board of County Commissioners at its meeting of December 6, 2010.

/s/Catherine Roemer, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/Michelle Emerson, County Clerk

I, Michelle Emerson, County Clerk for the County of Jerome, Idaho, hereby declare and certify that in my capacity as County Clerk of the County of Jerome, pursuant to Idaho Code Section 31-715A of the Idaho Code as amended, I have reviewed a copy of the above Summary of Ordinance, have found the same to be true and complete, and said Summary of Ordinance provides adequate notice to the public of the contents, including the exhibits, of Ordinance No. 2010-12.

DATED this 6th day of December 2010.

/s/Michelle Emerson, County Clerk

PUBLISH: December 14, 2010

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, 83301 on April 1, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 01/08/2007 as Instrument Number 2007-000522, and executed by **KEVIN L THOMPSON, AN UNMARRIED PERSON**, as Grantor(s), in favor of **MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.**, as Beneficiary, to **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, the Current Trustee of record covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho. **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** THAT PART OF LOT 13 OF **MOORMAN'S FIST ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 35, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE 114 FEET; THENCE EAST 132.1 FEET TO ALLEY; THENCE NORTH ALONG SAID ALLEY 114.21 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTH LINE THEREOF, THENCE WEST 126.79 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above reference real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **340 JEFFERSON ST, Twin Falls, ID, 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.625% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$110,233.23, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.** DATED: 11/22/2010, **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 91381-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 10-0150619 FEI #:1006.120000**

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID, 83301 on March 29, 2011 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 12/19/2003 as 2003-032240, and executed by **JAVIER ESQUIBEL AND BROOKE N. ESQUIBEL, HUSBAND AND WIFE**, as Grantor(s), in favor of **MAGIC VALLEY BANK**, as Beneficiary, to **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, the Current Trustee of record covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho. **ALL OF LOT 24 AND THE EAST 15 FEET OF LOT 23, IN THE SOUTH HALF OF BLOCK 9, MURTAUGH SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS, COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO.** The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above reference real property, but for purposes of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of **1641 ELIZABETH BLVD., Twin Falls, ID, 83301** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 07/01/2010 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 6.750% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$80,504.13, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.** DATED: 11/19/2010, **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A.**, Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: **RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 91381-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 10-0135674 FEI #:1006.119885**

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NOTICE OF LETTING

Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83703, ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN until two o'clock p.m., on **January 11, 2011**, for the work of placing a high molecular weight merhacrylate (HMWM) deck seal on the Shode Rd Overpass and the B-4 Canal Bridges and milling the existing asphalt surface, applying an epoxy overlay, and concrete waterproofing system of the US-30/93 Overpass Br Deck; I-84, FY 11 D4 Interstate Bridge Decks, Bridge #16320 & US-30, FY 11 D4 Districtwide Bridge Repair, Bridge #13608, known as Idaho Federal Aid Project Nos. A012(073) & A011 (608), in **Minidoka & Twin Falls County, Key Nos. 12073 & 11608.**

[ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: RESIDENT ENGINEER **KIMBOL ALLEN** AT (208) 544-7901.]

Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposal forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone Idaho.

A non-refundable handling and mailing charge of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) plus applicable sales tax will be made for bid documents. Phone orders to (800) 732-2098 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-8430 shall be made by credit card (Visa or Mastercard). Written requests shall be made by check or money order to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Revenue Operations, P. O. Box 34, Boise, ID 83731-0034. Dated December 7, 2010

TOM COLE, P.E.

Chief Engineer

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 2010. There are 17 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:
On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Va. home at age 67.

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:
In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1910, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was created in Washington, D.C. as industrialist Andrew Carnegie presented a gift of \$10 million for its founding.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his group became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1939, the Soviet Union was expelled from the League of Nations for invading Finland.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish U.N. headquarters in New York.

In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner 2 approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet.

In 1975, six South Moluccan extremists surrendered after holding 23 hostages for 12 days on a train near the Dutch town of Beilen.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1985, Wilma Mankiller became the first woman to lead a major American Indian tribe as she took office as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Former New York Yankees outfielder Roger Maris, who'd hit 61 home runs during the 1961 season, died in Houston at age 51.

In 1995, Presidents Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia, Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia and Franjo Tudjman of Croatia signed the Bosnian peace treaty in Paris.

Ten years ago: President-elect George W. Bush conferred by phone with congressional leaders of both parties and planned a goodwill tour of Washington, D.C.; he also received a flood of congratulatory calls from world leaders on his first full day as president-elect. U.S. businessman Edward Pope was pardoned and released by Russia after being convicted of espionage. The Federal Trade Commission unanimously approved the \$111 billion merger of America Online and Time Warner.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush defended his decision to wage the Iraq war, even as he acknowledged that "much of the intelligence turned out to be wrong." The House voted 251-174 to renew the USA Patriot Act. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad escalated his anti-Israeli rhetoric, calling the Holocaust a "myth" used by Europeans to create a Jewish state in the heart of the Islamic world.

One year ago: President Barack Obama implored top bankers to help keep the fragile recovery from faltering by boosting lending to small businesses and getting behind an overhaul of financial regulation. Dubai got a \$10 billion lifeline from oil-rich Abu Dhabi, securing a last-minute cash infusion aimed at preventing a default that risked sparking broader fears about the city-state's shaky finances.

101 Lost and Found

FOUND Boxer in Declo, older 8 year old, brindle, neutered, housebroken and friendly. Also **Found** Dachshund in the Paul area, 6 wk old male. **208-678-6843**

LOST (2) Hound Dogs up Rock Creek Canyon, wearing collars w/tags. **Call Andrew 208-539-6921**

LOST Border Collie, short haired female, 2 miles N & 2 miles E of the Flying J truck stop. **208-961-1431**

LOST Rings (2, adjoined). Very sentimental! Near or in WinCo or Dollar Store. Lost 12/6. Reward avail. **Please call 543-9070**

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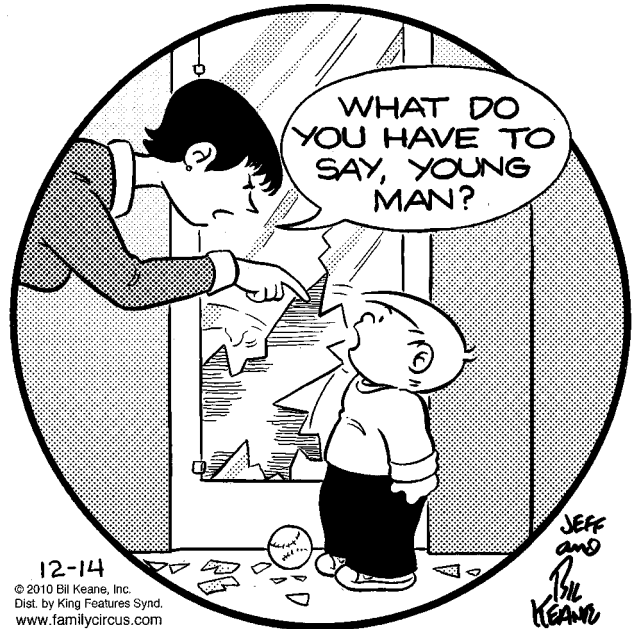
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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"Successful and fortunate crime is called virtue."
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When this deal came up in the very first round-robin match of the Venice Cup, it gave Liz McGowan of the British team a chance to demonstrate her virtuosity. Having reached an ambitious four-heart contract, she avoided the trump lead, but had to plan the play on the lead of the diamond king.

Liz took the diamond king with the ace to lead a club at once. When her RHO followed small without a flicker, she decided that she was unlikely to have ducked the ace, so inserted the jack, losing to the ace. She won the trump shift in dummy and ruffed a diamond, ruffed a club, ruffed a diamond (dropping the queen), then drew trumps.

As she led out the last trump, she had two spades and two clubs in hand, with dummy holding three spades and the master diamond jack. But what four cards was East to keep? Since she had to keep two clubs, she had to come down to two spades, so she kept the king and jack. (Discarding the jack would have been tantamount to surrender.) Liz now led out a spade, giving the defenders a series of losing options. If East was left on lead after two rounds of spades, she would have to play a club, allowing declarer to finesse and take the last two tricks in hand. If West overtook her partner's spade winner, she would have to concede the last two tricks to dummy or declarer.

NORTH 12-14-A
♠ 10 9 8 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ A J 8 6 5
♣ 2

WEST
♥ A 6 5
♠ 8 6 5 2
♦ K Q 3
♣ A 8 5

EAST
♠ K J 2
♥ 7
♦ 10 9 7 2
♣ Q 7 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 3
♥ K J 10 9 4 3
♦ 4
♣ K J 10 9

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: North

The bidding:
South West North East
2♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES 12-14-B

South holds:
♠ 10 9 8 7 4
♥ A Q
♦ A J 8 6 5
♣ 2

South West North East
1♠ ? 1NT Dbl. Pass

ANSWER: Your partner's double is for penalties. Normally, you would not consider removing the double, but here, with a shapely and very minimum opening bid, it would be reasonable to bid two diamonds. Admittedly, it may be a big mistake, but this may not be the hand your partner was expecting you to hold when he doubled.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.
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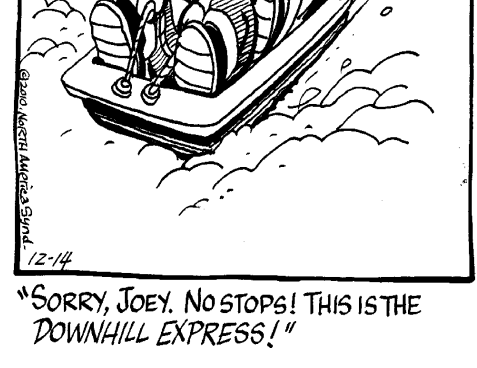
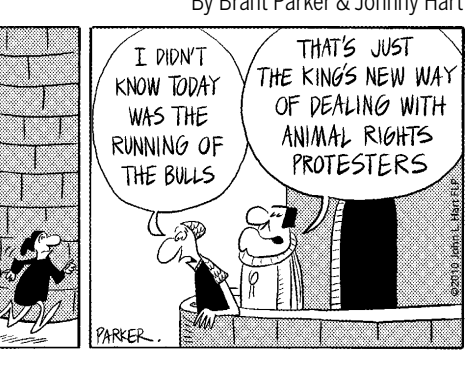
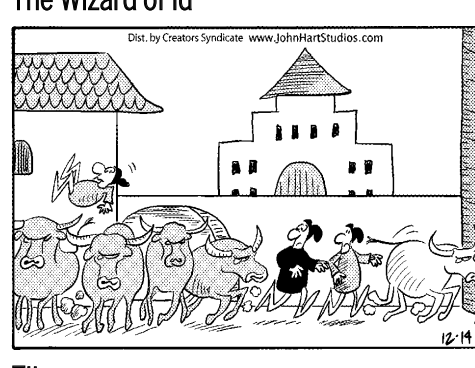
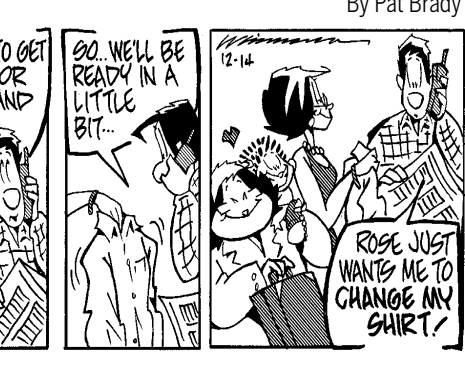
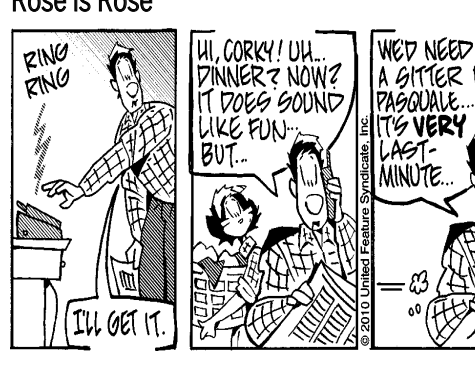
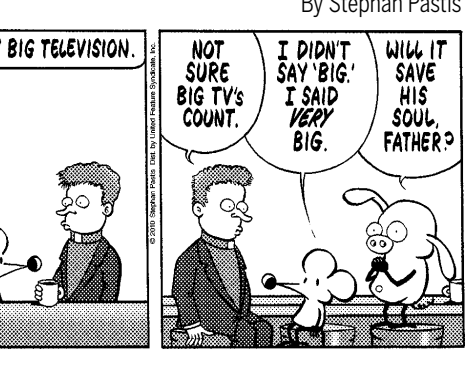
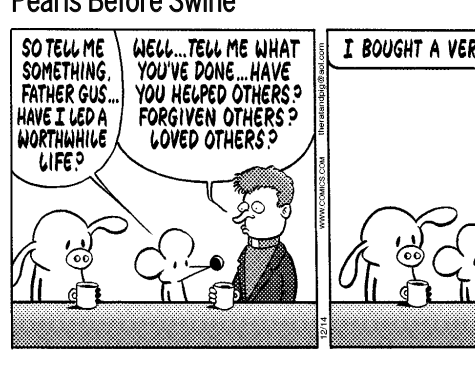
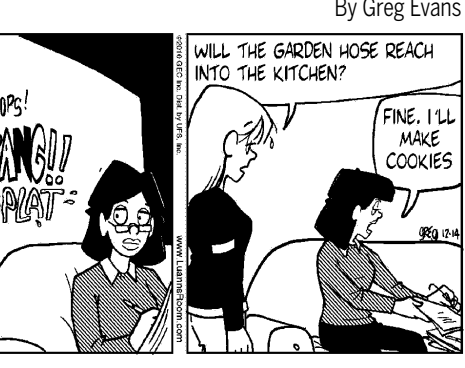
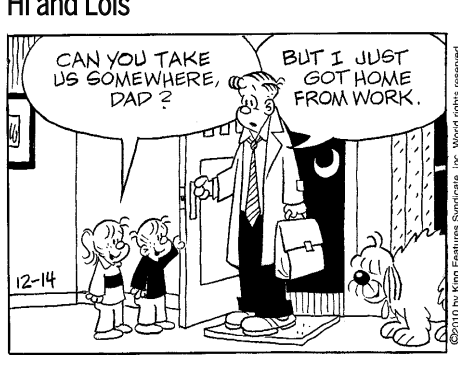
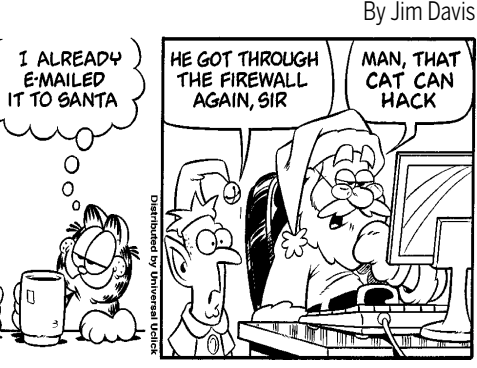
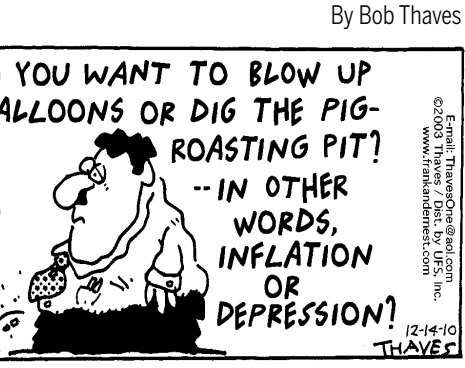
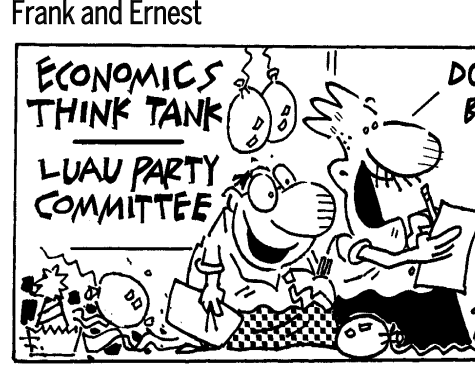
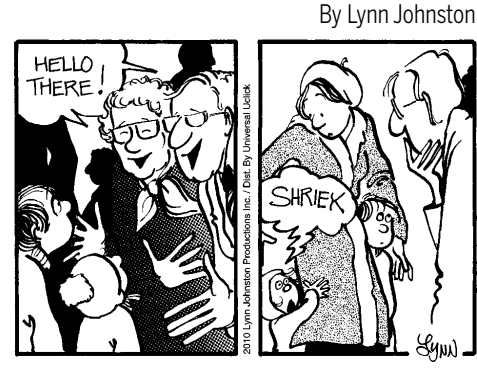
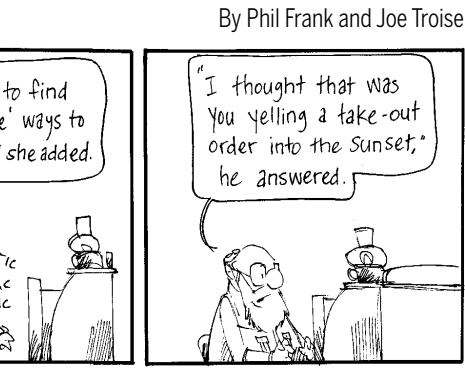
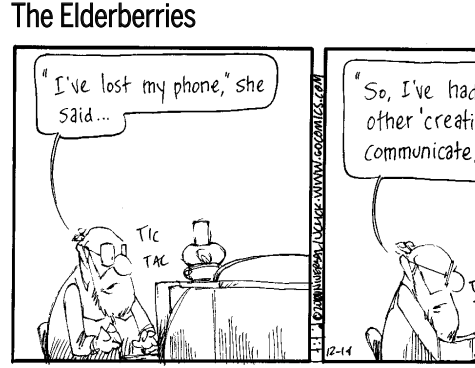
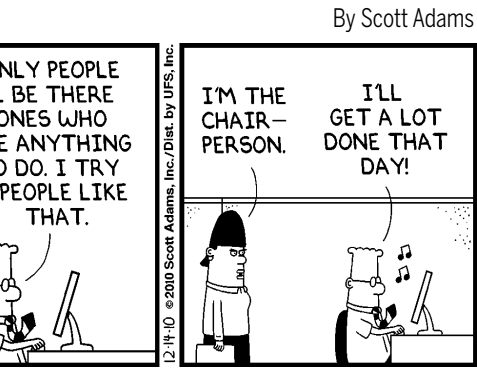
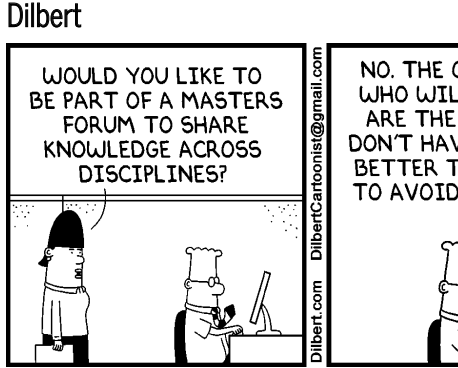
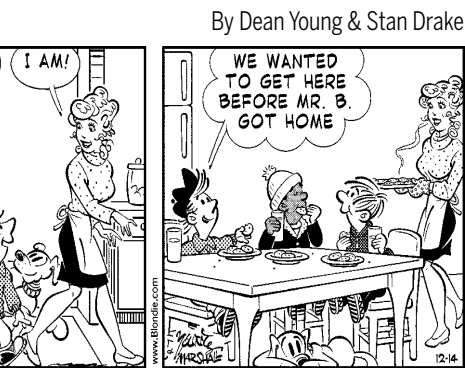
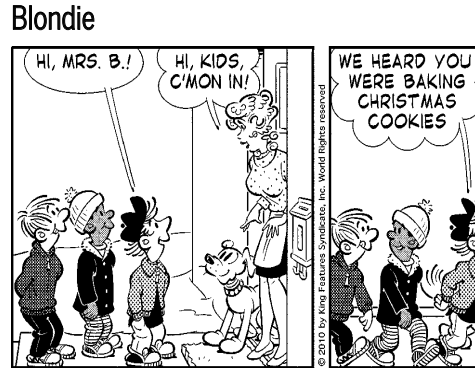
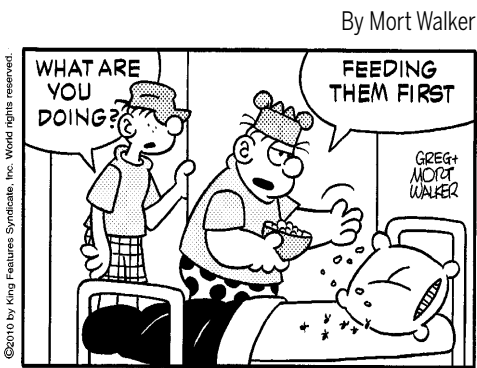
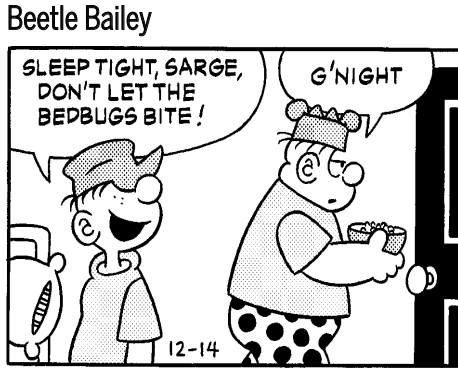
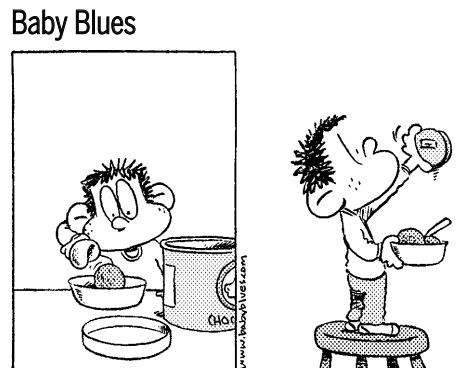
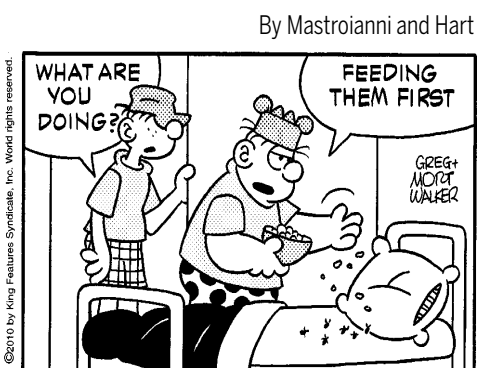
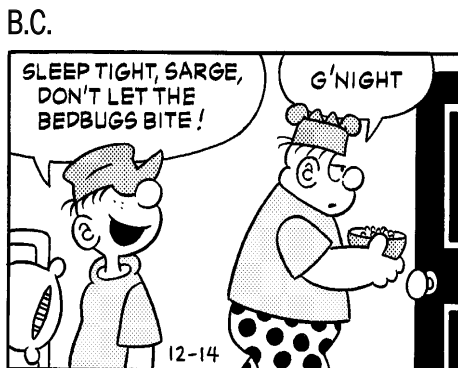
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STANLEY BREWSTER/For the Times-News

Boise State defensive end Tyrone Crawford said the loss to Nevada has the Broncos working harder than ever in practice as they prepare for the Dec. 22 MAACO Bowl in Las Vegas.

Road splits leave CSI basketball unsatisfied

The College of Southern Idaho team that beat rival Salt Lake wasn't the one feeling upbeat on Monday.

That's what happens when one team settles for a road split, while the other salvages one.

The 12th-ranked CSI men's basketball team beat the Bruins on Friday before suffering a 19-point loss at Snow College on Saturday. The latter isn't sitting well with CSI men's coach Steve Gosar.

Mike Christensen



"I know I should feel better, but I don't," said Gosar. "Considering how hard the travel is, playing two games in less than 24 hours and a three-and-a-half-hour bus ride, I probably shouldn't be too picky. But you get that first one and you get greedy!"

The CSI women had the opposite experience, dropping a 14-point game at Salt Lake before rebounding to beat Snow a day later.

"Getting that split coming back from Salt Lake, everybody's energy is back up," said CSI women's coach Randy Rogers. "It would have been very difficult to go into the holiday season with a huge break down 0-2 at the start of league."

Just ask North Idaho. The No. 1-ranked NIC men and the No. 3 NIC women combined to go 0-4 on the same road swing after each entered the weekend unbeaten. So until Scenic West Athletic Conference play resumes on Jan. 8, the two conference favorites will occupy the league basement.

"I'm shocked that North (Idaho) didn't come away with a win," said Rogers.

While a split may be less than satisfying, it at least leaves room for optimism.

For the 13-2 CSI men, there's solace in beating their rival.

"I'm not going to lie to you. If you told me I was going to win one of those games, I'd definitely take the Salt Lake game," said Gosar.

For the 11-2 CSI women, the chance for payback awaits with two more games against the Bruins on the schedule.

"I feel as a coach I can find a way to beat Salt Lake," said Rogers. "I know what they do, I know what we need to take away now. Our kids have a better understanding now."

With so many freshmen on the roster, that just wasn't the case on Friday.

"We spent so much time in the film room and so much talking about Salt Lake and what they do that I think we forgot about what we do," said Rogers.

"Instead of getting out and pressuring them and then running the floor offensively trying to get easy buckets, we were thinking too much about what they were doing."

What lingers for Gosar this week isn't merely the fact CSI's men lost at Snow. It's how it happened, falling behind big early and never threatening.

"It felt like we left everything on the bus," he said. Much of that can be chalked up to the travel, the quick

Ready, eh

BSU's Canadian defensive end excited for bowl game

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — While playing before a national television audience on ESPN may have some impact on recruits for Boise State, Tyrone Crawford is proof that it might not matter as much as everyone thinks.

The junior college transfer grew up in Canada, playing his high school football there — but his college football world was reduced to the Big 10.

"To be honest, I never even heard of Boise State when I was growing up," the defensive end admitted. "We watched schools like Michigan and Michigan State. That was about it."

That was it until Crawford sent out a slew of tapes to colleges across the country hoping to get some school to bite. He got a call from Boise State defensive line coach Pete



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Kwiatkowski with some surprising —ly good news.

"I knew I didn't have the grades to get into a university (in the U.S.), but Coach K told me there was another way," Crawford said.

Crawford enrolled at Bakersfield College in Bakersfield, Calif., and he soon became a rising star on recruiting lists across the country. Kansas, Kansas State, Michigan State — the interest in Crawford began to grow. But he dismissed them all, choosing to remain loyal to Boise State.

"Whenever Coach K could talk to me, he would," Crawford said. "And that's what kept me interested in Boise State. Some other schools did-

n't do that until after I started playing well. So, I just decided I wanted to be around people like that who were here in this program. ... I would never change my decision to come to Boise State."

Boise State is certainly happy about his decision as Crawford is prepared to take over for the three-time, All-WAC defensive end Ryan Winterswyk next season.

If Crawford's numbers as a backup are any indication of what he will be able to do as a starter, he seems poised for a monster senior season.

Crawford led the team this season in tackles for loss with 13 and finished second on the team in sacks

with 6.5. He also forced a fumble, recovered a fumble and blocked a kick. Not bad for a backup.

However, as Boise State prepares for its matchup with Utah in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas on Dec. 22, Crawford wants to finish strong ahead of what could be another long season in the limelight.

"This game against Utah is definitely a chance to prove something," Crawford said. "Utah is a good team and hasn't lost a bowl game in nine years, so we want to be the team to break that streak and go in there and show them what Boise State is all about — and maybe they will reconsider scheduling us."

Crawford was disappointed in losing the Utes on Boise State's 2011 schedule, but he said it didn't compare to the disappointment of losing to Nevada.

See **CRAWFORD**, Sports 2

Streak over, Favre watches as Giants hammer Vikings

By Larry Lage
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — Brett Favre stood on the sidelines for the first time since 1992, rubbing his salt-and-pepper beard in frustration because his body couldn't take another pounding.

The New York Giants made sure his replacement struggled early and often.

Brandon Jacobs ran for a go-ahead touchdown midway through the second quarter, Eli Manning threw a lead-padding TD just before halftime and Ahmad Bradshaw added a 48-yard run to help the Giants beat Minnesota 21-3 Monday night.

"Seems like I been hurt a lot worse," Favre said. "I can't believe something like this hasn't happened before."

Favre's NFL-record streak of 297 straight starts ended because of his banged-up right shoulder and numb hand in a game moved from Minneapolis because the Metrodome roof collapsed under heavy snow early Sunday.

"He was having trouble with the numbness," Vikings interim coach Leslie



AP photo

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre watches from the bench against the New York Giants in the first half of their NFL football game at Ford Field in Detroit, Monday.

Frazier said.

Frazier acknowledged that putting the 41-year-old Favre on injured reserve, ending his season and possibly his career, is possible.

"That may be a possibility, but I'm hoping not," he said.

The Giants sacked Favre replacement Tarvaris Jackson four times, knocking him out of the game late in the third period and again in the final second.

New York (9-4) moved back into a first-place tie with Philadelphia in the NFC East. Minnesota, which went to the NFC title game last January, (5-8) was

eliminated from the playoff race.

The game was switched from Sunday afternoon when the Giants couldn't get to Minneapolis because of the severe weather, then was moved to the Detroit Lions' indoor stadium with a steel roof. The Vikings were technically the home team at Ford Field — which was adorned with their logo at midfield and "VIKINGS" in the end zones — but they didn't have much of an edge.

"The whole thing is bizarre," Vikings radio analyst Pete Bercich said.

See **FAVRE**, Sports 2

Pick-6 gives Ravens OT win over Texans

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON — The Baltimore Ravens almost blew another one, until their trademark defense saved the game.

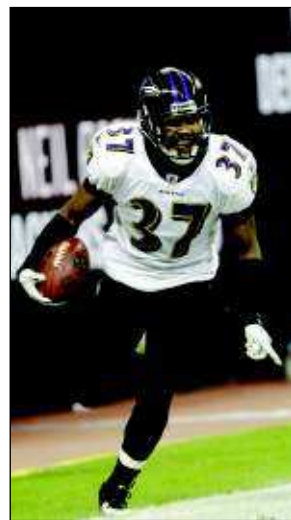
Josh Wilson intercepted Matt Schaub's pass and returned it 12 yards for a touchdown in overtime, lifting the Ravens to a 34-28 win over the Houston Texans on Monday night.

The Ravens (9-4) stayed one game behind Pittsburgh in the AFC North despite blowing a 28-7 lead in the second half. Schaub threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Andre Johnson and a 2-point conversion to Jacoby Jones with 21 seconds left in regulation to cap the unlikely rally.

Baltimore lost fourth-quarter leads in each of its four losses and had to punt after its only offensive series of overtime. Houston started from its 12, and Schaub was trying to connect with Jones on second down when Wilson picked it off and ran into the end zone.

Houston (5-8) has lost six of its last seven.

The Ravens seemed to



AP photo

Baltimore Ravens defensive back Josh Wilson (37) celebrates after running in an interception for a touchdown to win the game against the Houston Texans 34-28 in overtime Monday in Houston.

have the game well in hand when rookie David Reed returned the second-half kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown, a franchise record.

Houston mounted two time-consuming drives in the third quarter, but only came away with field goals.

See **RAVENS**, Sports 2

See **SPLITS**, Sports 2

Gooding boys rally to edge Hagerman

Times-News

Jon Jensen scored 22 points and Tanner Baumann added 19 as the Gooding boys basketball team rallied for a 66-63 win over Hagerman on Monday.

Trailing by nine at half-time, the Senators (2-2) rallied to tie the game at 62-62 after three quarters. A pair of free throws by Jared Parke, set up by the first of Jose Rodriguez's two late steals, put Gooding up one in the late going.

Hagerman (2-2) got a long heave off at the horn but couldn't get it to go. Zac Reid scored 17 points to lead four Pirates in double figures. Ryan Arnold scored 16, Ryan Luttmir 11 and Christian Hines 10.

But Hagerman struggled to stop Jensen and Baumann inside.

"We had no answer for their post game," said Hagerman coach Kevin Cato. "Their inside kids took it to us."

Hagerman hosts Castleford today. Gooding visits Declo on Wednesday.

Gooding 66, Hagerman 63

Gooding 22, 9, 21, 14 - 66
Hagerman 24, 16, 12, 11 - 63
GOODING (66)
Jacob Becker 3, Jared Parke 7, Alec Basterrechea 2, Jon Jensen 22, CJ Beadz 6, Carter Flora 7, Tanner Baumann 19. Totals 24 15-24 66.
HAGERMAN (63)
Christian Hines 10, Ryan Arnold 16, Ryan Luttmir 11, Trevor Johnson 5, Jace Kast 4, Zac Reid 17. Totals 25 6-17 63.
3-point goals: Gooding 1 (Parke); Hagerman 7 (Hines 3, Luttmir 2, Arnold, Reid). Total fouls: Hagerman 21, Gooding 18. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

SHOSHONE 53, RICHFIELD 21

Skye Axelson hit five 3-pointers and scored a game-high 19 points as Shoshone beat host Richfield 53-21 on Monday. Thomas Lanham chipped in 11 points for the Indians, who Richfield coach Garr Ward called a "very smooth, very good" team.

Tyler Cenarrusa and Ben Robles each scored nine to lead Richfield (2-3), which

travels to Murtaugh on Thursday. Shoshone hosts Challis on Thursday.

Shoshone 53, Richfield 21

Shoshone 8, 19, 8, 16 - 53
Richfield 6, 7, 3, 5 - 21
SHOSHONE (53)
Julio Garcia 2, Joseph McMullin 1, Skye Axelson 19, Garrett Sant 8, Thomas Lanham 11, Gage Roberts 6, Shane Walsh 4, Cody Race 2. Totals 21 6-8 53.
RICHFIELD (21)
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3-point goals: Shoshone 5 (Axelson 5). Total fouls: Shoshone 15, Richfield 7. Fouled out: Richfield, Brooks. Technical fouls: Richfield, Brooks.

Late wrestling

BRUINS 3-3 AT BUCKS BAGS

The Twin Falls wrestling team went 3-3 at the Bucks Bags Duals this past weekend at Capital High School in Boise. The Bruins beat Timberline, Melba and Bishop Kelly, taking losses against Kuna, Nampa, and Middleton.

Individually, senior Todd Anderson went 6-0 at 145 pounds, while senior Mark Christensen was 5-1 at 160 pounds. Brady Barton went 4-1 at 171 pounds, while Marcos Ko finished 4-2 at 152 pounds.

The Bruins travel to Rupert on Wednesday for duals against Minico and Highland and will compete at the Bear Cat Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Late bowling

CRHS BOYS, MINICO GIRLS WIN SOUTHERN IDAHO INVITE

The Canyon Ridge boys beat the Minico boys 343-326 to win the Southern Idaho Invitational Saturday at Bowladrome in Twin Falls. Minico won the girls title.

Individually, Jacob Qwentance led the boys side with a 596, while Shane Amen (584) was second and Nick Ridgway (566) third. Bridget Albertson's 507 led the girls, while Kiara Hieb (484) and Dusty Acha (443) were second and third, respectively.

Crawford

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"Coming here in the summer and seeing how the guys were working, you could just feel a lot of pressure form Bronco Nation and ourselves and everybody else watching us," Crawford said. "Coach Petersen didn't talk about it much, but we knew it was our year to take care of things and hopefully get a shot at something big.

"So it was hard to lose for all of us. The loss definitely bonded us together and showed our strength. We didn't fall apart and we stayed together.

"We brought everybody up on the team who felt like they played poorly in that game. It gave us a drive to work harder. We've been

practicing like I've never seen us practice before."

Crawford remains excited about the Broncos' bowl game — even if America's bowl system doesn't make much sense in deciding a champion.

"I've learned to buy into this thing about bowls," Crawford said. "It's a good feeling that we're going to a bowl game. I've never been to a bowl game there. It feels good so it must be a good feeling for everybody.

"I can understand why there are bowls because there are so many schools that play, but it is weird to me how bowls are decided and which teams are going where. I guess it works fine, but it's not the way we do things in Canada."

Splits

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Ravens

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Yet the Texans' defense, ranked among the league's worst in every category, held the Ravens to four first downs in the second half and kept Houston's comeback hopes flickering.

The Texans' offense finally came alive after a listless first half. Schaub went 24 for 41 in the last two quarters after going 7 for 21 in the first half.

He threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jones with 6 minutes left to finish a 99-yard drive, the longest in team history. The defense forced

another Baltimore punt with 2:54 left, and Schaub launched the tying drive with a 16-yard completion to Kevin Walter. Schaub went 8 for 10 in the 95-yard march, and also scrambled for a first down. Johnson managed to keep his toes inbounds on the spectacular 5-yard touchdown reception that made it 28-26, and Jones grabbed Houston's first 2-point conversion of the year to tie it.

The Texans had lost fourth-quarter leads in their previous four losses, all because the defense gave up long pass plays.

Williams, Jazz rip slumping Warriors

SALT LAKE CITY — Deron Williams scored 30 points and reserve C.J. Miles had 20 points and six rebounds to lead the Utah Jazz to a 108-95 victory Monday night over the struggling Golden State Warriors.

The win avenged an 85-78 road loss Nov. 5 to the Warriors (8-16), who dropped their seventh straight and 12th in 13 games.

Paul Millsap added 16 points for Utah, including 10 points in the third quarter when the Jazz (18-8) outscored Golden State 31-24 to take a 74-70 lead.

Dorell Wright led Golden State with 20 points, including four 3-pointers. Reggie Williams added 10 for the Warriors.

Both teams were missing key players. The Jazz were without starting guard Raja Bell, who missed his third straight game with a groin injury, and backup center Francisco Elson, who was in Canada having his visa updated.

The Warriors were without second-leading scorer Stephen Curry, who missed his second straight game with an ankle injury. Curry is averaging 20.1 points and 5.6 assists a game.

Golden State outrebounded Utah 46-40 and made 11 3-pointers, but it wasn't enough once Williams got rolling.

Kyrylo Fesenko's dunk off a pass from Williams gave Utah a 74-70 lead entering the fourth quarter, and the Jazz went on a 7-1 run to open the fourth that gave them the breathing room they would need.

Utah outscored Golden State 34-25 in the fourth quarter.

HEAT 96, HORNETS 84

MIAMI — By recent Miami Heat standards, Monday night's win counts as close.

The Heat trailed early and waited until the end of the third quarter to make their move, winning by double figures for the ninth game in a row by beating New Orleans 96-84.

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, topping 30 for the third consecutive game, and Chris Bosh added 23 points and 11 rebounds. The Heat blew the game open with an 18-2 spurt that put them up 94-77.

LeBron James had 20



AP photo

Utah Jazz guard Deron Williams (8) takes a shot as he is defended by Golden State Warriors center Dan Gadzuric (50) during the second half Monday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz won 108-95.

points and seven assists for Miami, which became the sixth team in NBA history to win nine straight games by at least 10 points or more. And James has had a hand in two of those runs — Cleveland was the last team to do it, between Nov. 22 and Dec. 9, 2008.

BUCKS 103, MAVERICKS 99

DALLAS — Brandon Jennings had 23 points and 10 assists, and Milwaukee rallied from a 20-point second-quarter deficit to end Dallas' 12-game winning streak.

Andrew Bogut had 21 points and 14 rebounds, and Keyon Dooling added 16 points for the Bucks, who won their fourth in five games.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 30 points and Shawn Marion had 14 for the Mavericks, who hadn't lost since Nov. 19 to Chicago. Dallas had also won eight straight at home over the Bucks.

BULLS 92, PACERS 73

CHICAGO — Carlos Boozer had 22 points and 18 rebounds, and Derrick Rose added 17 points and 12 assists as Chicago got its first six-game winning streak since Nov. 25-Dec. 8, 2006.

The 73 points was a season-low for Indiana and it was the third straight game Chicago held its opponent to a season-worst total. The Bulls held the Los Angeles Lakers to 84 points on Friday and the Minnesota Timberwolves to 82 points

on Saturday.

Brandon Rush and T.J. Ford both had 13 points for Indiana.

GRIZZLIES 86, TRAIL BLAZERS 73

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Zach Randolph had 25 points and 20 rebounds, and Rudy Gay added 16 points to lead Memphis to its third straight win.

The victory snapped an eight-game winning streak for Portland in Memphis. The Grizzlies hadn't won a home game in the series in almost five years.

Wesley Matthews scored 18 points and Andre Miller had 14 points and nine assists for Portland, which lost its second straight after a four-game winning streak.

— The Associated Press

Duke still No. 1; BYU, San Diego St. rising

The Associated Press

Duke was able to easily handle Bradley guard Kyrie Irving, and the Blue Devils remained a unanimous No. 1 in The Associated Press college basketball poll for a third straight week.

The Blue Devils (10-0), who received all 65 first-place votes from the national media panel on Monday, have been No. 1 all season — and except for Irving's toe injury it's been smooth sailing. Irving, whose right foot has been placed in a hard cast, is out indefinitely.

Ohio State (8-0) remained second and then came the changes in the top 10.

Kansas moved up one place to third and Connecticut jumped two spots to fourth. Syracuse moved from eighth to fifth and Kansas State dropped one place to sixth.

Tennessee jumped from 11th to No. 7 after its 83-76 win over Pittsburgh, a loss that dropped the Panthers five spots to eighth. The Volunteers are at their highest ranking since finishing fifth in the final poll in 2007-08.

Baylor moved up one place to ninth,

the highest ranking in school history, and Villanova was No. 10.

Texas A&M (9-1) was the only newcomer to the poll, moving in at No. 25 after its 63-62 victory over Washington (6-3), which fell out from 21st.

San Diego State continued to improve on its first-ever ranking, jumping from 14th to 11th. The Aztecs were followed by Illinois, Missouri, Michigan State, Georgetown, BYU, Kentucky, Memphis, Purdue and Louisville.

The last five ranked teams were Minnesota, UNLV and Texas, which tied for 22nd, Notre Dame and Texas A&M.

Seven ranked teams, including three in the top 10, lost last week, but three of those schools — Pittsburgh, Michigan State and Memphis — lost to a ranked opponent.

Texas A&M was ranked for all but two weeks last season and the Aggies moved into the poll following their high-profile home win over Washington. Their only loss this season was 67-65 to Boston College in the opening round of the Old Spice Classic.

The loss was the third of the season for the Huskies, who lost to Kentucky and

Michigan State in the Maui Invitational. Washington, which entered the game against Texas A&M leading the nation in scoring at 96.0 points per game, was 18th in the preseason poll and reached as high as 13th this season.

The week's biggest drop was Michigan State's fall from seventh to No. 14. The Spartans (7-3), who were No. 2 in the preseason poll, lost to Syracuse in the Jimmy V Classic last week and then escaped with a 77-76 victory over Oakland, Mich.

The Big East still has the most ranked teams with seven and it still has four in the top 10 as Villanova replaced Georgetown to join Connecticut, Syracuse and Pittsburgh. The Big 12 has six ranked teams with Texas A&M moving in and three in the top 10: Kansas, Kansas State and Baylor.

There are no games between ranked teams this week, when most schools are having final exams, but there are three games between teams that have been ranked at some point this season. On Saturday, Texas faces North Carolina, Kansas State meets Florida and Gonzaga plays Baylor.

Favre

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Nothing, though, was more odd than seeing Favre watch a game.

He stood on the sideline, trying to tutor Jackson at times, and sporting a purple knit hat, short-sleeved black shirt with a long-sleeved white shirt underneath, and black warmup pants.

The game drew an announced crowd of 45,910 — there seemed to be at least 10,000 more people in the 65,000-seat stadium late in the first half — and some fans made the trek to see Favre.

Even though most got in for free, they left disappointed, especially if they were

rooting for the Vikings.

Manning, whose brother, Peyton, now has the longest starting streak for a QB at 205 games, said he was shocked when he found out Favre was inactive.

"You don't know if this is the end for a guy who has done so much for the NFL," Manning said.

Whether Favre plays again for Minnesota in his 20th NFL season is uncertain. It appears his third return from a brief retirement will be the end — and he might not finish out the schedule.

"I am not going to play again if I can't feel my hand," Favre said.

New York has won three straight and eight of 10 games, improving its chances for a wild card if it doesn't finish ahead of the Eagles, who it hosts Sunday.

Minnesota entered the game with a two-game winning streak and flickering hopes of salvaging what has been a miserable season.

Jackson got off to a good start, completing his first two passes for 8 yards each, but didn't do much to help his team for the rest of the night.

"Very pleased with the way the defense bailed us out after two early turnovers," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said.

Jackson wasted an opportunity to show his coaches and teammates he can be counted on to fill in for Favre for a game and perhaps in the future.

He completed just 12 of 22 passes, threw an interception directly to linebacker Keith Bulluck, and fumbled a shotgun snap he was able to recover. Another shotgun snap got away and he recovered it near the goal line, seemingly getting a break from the officials on what appeared to be a safety.

Jackson didn't have the benefit of a running game — Adrian Peterson was held to 26 yards on 14 carries.

MLB's average salary finishes over \$3M

NEW YORK (AP) — The average salary in Major League Baseball finished over \$3 million for the first time.

The 912 players in the big leagues before rosters expanded in September averaged \$3,014,572, the Major League Baseball Players Association said Monday. The average rose 0.6 percent from last year's \$2,996,106, the smallest increase since a 2.5 percent drop in 2004.

The union's opening-day average first reached \$3 million in 2007, but the average drops during the season as veterans are released and replaced by younger players earning far less. The union's

average at the start of this season was \$3,340,133.

The New York Yankees had the highest final average at \$7,604,937, down slightly from \$7,663,351 when they won the World Series in 2009. Philadelphia rose from eighth to second at \$5,662,551.

Boston (\$4,821,016) remained third, and the Chicago White Sox (\$4,580,868) climbed from 12th to fourth followed by the Chicago Cubs (\$4,107,304), who dropped from second. Houston (\$1,931,793) slid from 11th to 22nd.

Pittsburgh was last for the second straight season at

\$1,140,598. Cleveland (\$1,205,210) dropped from 23rd to 29th.

Only three of the top seven teams by average salary made the postseason, with the Yankees and Phillies joined by the World Series champion San Francisco Giants, who were seventh at \$4,042,950. The AL champion Texas Rangers were 14th at \$2,778,920.

Also making the playoffs were No. 10 Atlanta, No. 11 Minnesota, No. 16 Tampa Bay and No. 19 Cincinnati, which commissioner Bud Selig has pointed to as a sign that revenue sharing is working for the middle- and

low-revenue teams.

Among regulars at positions, first basemen again had the highest average at \$9.5 million, with third basemen (\$8.47 million) passing designated hitters (\$7.43 million) for second. Second basemen (\$4.9 million) were next, trailed by catchers (\$4.79 million), outfielders (\$4.66 million), shortstops (\$4.59 million), starting pitchers (\$4.58 million) and relief pitchers (\$2.11 million).

The commissioner's office will not determine its final figures for a few weeks. Management's numbers usually differ slightly because of different methods of calculation.

LEGENDS AND LEADERS Big Ten conference dubs new divisions

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When the Big Ten plays its first conference championship game next season, it'll be the Leaders division against the Legends division.

The conference, expanding to 12 teams in all sports and adding divisions and a championship game in football starting next season, on Monday also unveiled a new logo and 18 football awards, each named after two standout Big Ten performers.

"The Legends, not too hard in that we have 215 College Football Hall of Fame members, we have 15 Heisman Trophy winners," Commissioner Jim Delany said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press. "We thought it made perfect sense to recognize the iconic and the legendary through the naming of the division in that regard. ... We've had plenty of leaders in the conference, that's for sure, but the emphasis here is to recognize the mission of using intercollegiate athletics and higher education to build future leaders."

With Nebraska becoming the conference's 12th team next year, the conference created new divisions that it introduced in September. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin will be in the Leaders Division, with Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Nebraska and Northwestern in the Legends Division.

Delany said the conference had considered naming the divisions after coaches, players, commissioners and faculty but it was too difficult to single out just two. It also disdained from going with compass points since geography had been only the third consideration when the conference announced the divisional setup three months ago. In order, the main factors were competitive balance, maintaining rivalries, and then geography.

Asked if Leaders and Legends was too bland, or not unique to the Big Ten, Delany responded, "All of these things will engender discussion. We want to engage our fans. All I can tell you is that we thought long and hard about what not to do. We thought harder about what to do."

The logo is a block "Big Ten" which includes an homage to the original 10 members with those numerals embedded in the last two letters of the word Big.

The design firm

Iowa's RB to miss bowl game

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa starting running back Adam Robinson won't make the trip to the Insight Bowl for failing to comply with team policies, and off-injured back Jewel Hampton will transfer.

Hawkeyes coach Kirk Ferentz announced the moves in a statement released Monday night. The release from the school said Ferentz won't have additional comment until he and athletic director Gary Barta hold a press conference Tuesday morning.

Robinson's suspension and Hampton's plans to transfer made a bad month even worse for the scuffling Hawkeyes.

Wide receiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos has been suspended from team activities following his arrest on drug charges last week. Those charges include possession of controlled substances, keeping a drug house and unlawful possession of a prescription drug.

Robinson, a sophomore, emerged as Iowa's lead back in 2009 after Hampton tore the ACL in his right knee and missed the season. This year, he led the Hawkeyes (7-5, 4-4 Big Ten) with 941 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns despite missing two starts with concussions.

Pentagram came up with the new logo. And, no, the conference never seriously considered putting a 12 in its logo or changing its well-known brand name to include the number of members today.

"There will be people who would want us to be digitally correct with our name and our number, but I think we have 100-percent support of the people who have responsibility for these programs — in fact, it was a presidential directive — that we maintain our name," Delany said.

The conference also introduced 18 new football awards which will be presented starting in 2011 with the advent of divisional play and Nebraska joining the fold.

The awards include the Stagg-Paterno Championship Trophy, presented to the winner of the conference title game, an offensive player of the year award honoring Otto Graham and Eddie George and a defensive trophy which will honor Bronko Nagurski and Charles Woodson. The Hayes-Schembechler Coach of the Year trophy will also be introduced next season.

Jets assistant suspended, fined \$25K for tripping Miami player

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Turns out this was one costly trip for Sal Alosi.

The New York Jets assistant coach who tripped a Miami Dolphins player during a game was suspended by the team Monday night without pay for the rest of the season, including the playoffs, and fined an additional \$25,000.

Alosi, the strength and conditioning coach, began serving his suspension immediately and will have no access to the team's practice facility.

"I accept responsibility for my actions and respect the team's decision," Alosi said in a statement.

General manager Mike Tannenbaum said Alosi will also not be allowed to interact with any players or coaches "as it pertains to his job function." He added that the team spoke with the NFL about the incident throughout the day, and the league will issue no further discipline.

"Hopefully we're going to learn from what happened yesterday and take full responsibility for it," Tannenbaum said. "We're really disappointed with Sal, with what happened, and we're going to hold him accountable for his actions."

Alosi stuck out his left knee on the sideline and tripped Dolphins cornerback Nolan Carroll, who was covering a punt in the third quarter of Miami's 10-6 win Sunday.

"I let everybody down yesterday with my actions," said Alosi, fighting back tears during a news conference earlier Monday. "My actions were inexcusable and irresponsible."

Carroll, a rookie, fell to the turf and laid there for several minutes before walking off.

"That's a thing that has no business in this league," coach Rex Ryan said, "or anywhere else."

Alosi said he apologized by phone to both Carroll and Dolphins coach Tony Sparano on Sunday, and spoke to Ryan, Tannenbaum and Jets owner Woody Johnson about the situation.

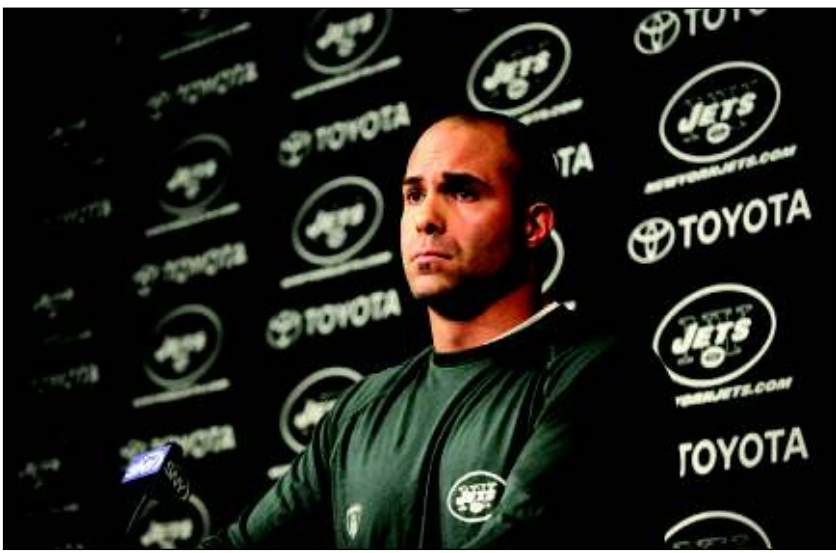
Ryan issued a public apology to Carroll and the Dolphins at his news conference.

"I was stunned that something like this actually took place," Ryan said.

NFL CONCUSSION REPORTS UP THIS SEASON

With a late-season game on the line, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers exits with a concussion and doesn't return. Pittsburgh Steelers tight end Heath Miller and Arizona Cardinals quarterback Derek Anderson sit out games altogether because of head injuries.

And those are only a few examples



Sal Alosi, the New York Jets strength and conditioning coach, addresses the media at the team's training facility in Florham Park, N.J.. Alosi was suspended without pay and fined \$25,000 Monday, after purposely tripping an opponent on the sideline during the Jets game against the Miami Dolphins the day before.

from this Sunday. If it seems as though more and more NFL players are missing time because of concussions, it's because they are: According to league data obtained by The Associated Press, the number of concussions being reported this season is up more than 20 percent from 2009, and more than 30 percent from 2008.

The NFL considers that proof that players and teams are taking head injuries more seriously and being more open about them. The players themselves agree.

"A lot of it is changing the culture. Guys are more open to reporting them, and they know more about the effects and how dangerous they can be in the long term," said Oakland Raiders tight end Zach Miller, who got two concussions last season. "Guys are making smarter decisions."

The NFL's data shows 154 concussions — from practices or games — were reported from the start of the preseason through the eighth week of the 2010 regular season. That's an increase of 21 percent over the 127 concussions through the eighth week of the 2009 season, and a 34 percent jump from the 115 reported over the same span in 2008.

Dr. Hunt Batjer of Northwestern University, co-chairman of the NFL's head, neck and spine medical committee, called the numbers "a great sign."

"Based on the opinions of the trainers and the team physicians and everyone we communicate with, it appears to be a cultural change," Batjer said in an

interview with the AP.

"We're trying to make sure that players have the message: Playing through pain is good; playing through pain is what sports are about. But that's leg pain. That's arm pain. Not brain injury," Batjer said. "Because a brain injury and spine injury can threaten their future."

JETS' RYAN GIVES QB SANCHEZ VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Rex Ryan is standing by Mark Sanchez as his quarterback.

Despite considering pulling a struggling Sanchez from a loss to Miami on Sunday, the New York Jets coach insisted he still has confidence in him.

"Mark is our quarterback, he's my quarterback," Ryan said Monday. "He'll always be our starting quarterback. Even if I did yank him for whatever reason, he's our quarterback. We're going to go as far as he takes us."

Sanchez was 17 of 44 for 216 yards and an interception, his 12th of the season, in New York's 10-6 loss. After not throwing an interception in his first five games, Sanchez has at least one in each of the last eight.

"It starts with me," Sanchez said after the game. "I need to be the guy to turn it around."

He misfired often Sunday, but had a few good passes dropped — including a sure touchdown by Santonio Holmes, who was uncovered in the back left corner of the end zone.

— The Associated Press

Golden arrives at Miami, meets 'Canes for 1st time

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Big-time football programs had courted Al Golden before.

He's been on many short lists for jobs around the country, interviewing for marquee gigs more than once. And it's long been believed that he covets the chance to replace his former coach, Joe Paterno, at Penn State one day.

So when the questions came Monday — "Why here?" "Why now?" — Golden didn't hesitate before answering.

"Are you kidding me?" That's how Golden got a roomful of applause, his first victory as coach of the Miami Hurricanes.

A whirlwind week that started in a New York hotel ended Monday night before a packed news conference in Miami, where Golden donned a new tie and lapel pin — both with the "U" logo — and vowed to restore the

Hurricanes' program to greatness. He and his wife arrived in mid-afternoon, chatted with university president Donna Shalala, then Golden met his team for the first time.

"The most recognizable brand in college football," Golden said. "Again, I go back to the former players that are here, the five national championships, 20 national award winners, countless Americans, incredible tradition. It's a dream job. It's a tremendous opportunity for my family and I to build championships here."

Golden said those words barely 24 hours after striking a five-year deal with the Hurricanes, who considered a slew of candidates before athletic director Kirby Hocutt met with the coach who pulled off an almost-unthinkable turnaround at Temple, taking the Owls to a bowl game for the first time

in three decades last season and getting the team to upgrade its academic and civic profiles as well.

Golden said the two words Miami fans love most — "national championship" — more than once in his first day on the job. Hocutt hired Golden with the charge of making Miami relevant again nationally, but stressed that this effort, while perhaps not as dire as what Golden faced at Temple, will take some time.

"Judge this hire next fall. Judge this hire after two football seasons are completed," Hocutt said.

AUBURN SAYS GUS MALZAHN NOT LEAVING TIGERS

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Auburn coach Gene Chizik said offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn has received a raise and contract extension, apparently ending fears that Malzahn would leave to take the Vanderbilt head coaching job.

"Gus Malzahn has played a large role in the success of

our football program the last two years and we're very pleased to be able to give him a raise and extend his contract," Chizik said in a statement Monday. "In my opinion we have the best staff in the country, and while we want our coaches to strive to become head coaches, retaining them as long as we can is important to me and the entire Auburn family."

"Gus is a very bright and talented coach and we are looking forward to beginning preparation for the BCS national championship."

The Tigers (13-0) will face Oregon for the national title on Jan. 10 in Glendale, Ariz.

Neither Chizik nor Auburn has confirmed that Malzahn has been offered — and turned down — the Vanderbilt position. Details of Malzahn's new deal were not released.

A person familiar with the situation says Auburn will "more than double" Malzahn's \$500,000 salary.

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