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Armed robber steals from Twin Falls bank



Courtesy of Twin Falls Police Department

The man who robbed the U.S. Bank Blue Lakes Boulevard North branch in Twin Falls is pictured Thursday in this still captured by a bank surveillance camera.

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

A robber brandishing a silver handgun held up a U.S. Bank Twin Falls branch along Blue Lakes Boulevard North at 1:40 p.m. Thursday, leaving with an undisclosed amount of cash, police said.

The man demanded money at the bank before leaving, said Lt. Craig Stotts of the Twin Falls Police Department.

No one was injured, and customers were in the bank at the time.

The subject, who wasn't arrested Thursday and remains at large, was described by police as a skinny male, most likely Cau-

casian, with a multi-patterned jacket, wearing a hood and having his face covered. He was wearing white, athletic-style shoes and police estimate his age at between 20 and 30 years old.

The suspect was last seen exiting through the west side of the bank, leaving northbound on Blue Lakes in a four-door silver or gray sedan, police said. He left as a passenger in the car, with someone else driving, police said.

The driver's description was unavailable. The make and model of the getaway car was also unavailable.

Twin Falls police responded to the bank shortly after the robbery, interviewing employees and customers inside and block-



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A Twin Falls Police Department patrol car blocks the entrance to U.S. Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard North as officers investigated a Thursday bank robbery.

ing the entrance at the parking lot with several police vehicles.

A city police crime lab van and a K-9 unit with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene. Police notified all law-enforcement agencies and banks in the region about the robbery.

Although U.S. Bank was shut down for the investigation on Thursday, its downtown Twin Falls branch remained open.

To report any information about the robbery or suspect, call Twin Falls police at 735-4357, or Crime Stoppers, at 732-5387.

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A NEW ROUTE INTO TWIN FALLS



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Vehicles make their way over the new Rock Creek Bridge on Thursday along the U.S. Highway 93/30 alternate route near Twin Falls.

Bypass opens possibilities on Pole Line; Washington St. brakes for winter

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

With the U.S. Highway 93/30 Bypass opening up, so does the potential for Pole Line Road to become a Blue Lakes Boulevard-quality commercial corridor, if not better, a Twin Falls official said.

Twin Falls Community Development Director Mitch Humble said that with each of the Idaho Transportation Department's alternate route projects has come development activity near the corridor.

"Between, let's say Fillmore (Street) and Grandview (Drive), and maybe a half-mile past Grandview, that stretch of Pole Line there is just one big commercial corridor," Humble said. "We'll have a commercial corridor like Blue Lakes, maybe even nicer and better-planned."

The 5.5-mile route includes a new bridge over Rock Creek Canyon west of Twin Falls and cost \$26.6 million with a \$2.3 million flyover. It was contracted by W.W. Clyde Inc. of Springville, Utah. It will allow truck traffic to

bypass most Twin Falls city traffic. Work on the route began in 2005.

The manager for medical supply company Norco, one business that already adopted the stretch along Pole Line as a new home, said he anticipates heightened visibility on the road. The store ultimately needed to move because it needed more room, store manager Frank Power said, but the new location made sense.

"Definitely the increased traffic will help with visibility," Power said.

He has heard of other businesses looking to move into the area also, though nothing for sure.

Humble said many of the zoning changes for the land surrounding Pole Line have been in the works for several years, likely for developers preparing for a turnaround in the economy.

He said the interest on Pole Line is mostly on the west side of Blue Lakes, though he has also heard interest in the east end.

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Tax bill heads to Obama

By David Espo
AP special correspondent

WASHINGTON — Acting with uncommon speed, Congress sent President Barack Obama sweeping, bipartisan legislation late Thursday to avoid a Jan. 1 spike in income taxes for millions and renew jobless benefits for victims of the worst recession in 80 years.

The measure also will cut Social Security taxes for nearly every wage-earner and pump billions of dollars into the still-sluggish economy.

The 277-148 vote came less than 24 hours after the Senate cleared the bill, 81-19.

The legislation was the result of a reach across party lines between Obama and top Republicans in Congress — stubborn adversaries during two years of political combat that ended when the GOP emerged the undisputed winner in midterm elections on Nov. 2.

Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite, R-Fla., called it "a bipartisan moment of clarity" as the House moved toward a vote.

After forcing a delay in the House earlier in the day, Democratic critics settled for a separate vote in their bid to toughen an estate tax provision they attacked as a giveaway to the very rich. They were defeated, 233-194, with one vote of "present."

"The president will be able to sign it as soon as he likes," said Rep. Rob Andrews of New Jersey, who added later on the House floor he would support "an imperfect bill" in hopes of stimulating job creation.

The Senate passed the legislation Wednesday, 81-19.

House Republicans who will move into powerful posts when the GOP takes control in January urged passage of the bill.

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Senate Democratic leader drops nearly \$1.3 trillion spending bill.

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Budget will dominate legislative session

By Ben Botkin
Times-News writer

A state budget hole of \$340 million will dominate the coming Idaho legislative session. But other issues will come up as well, involving everything from taxing online sales to poultry operations.

Local community leaders got a preview of the session, which starts Jan. 10, on Thursday night at the Twin Falls All-Cities and County meeting, where seven

Magic Valley legislators gave their perspectives.

"This year is going to be a really tough session," said Sen. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, a member of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee.

The one-time money like federal stimulus that funded ongoing expenses is gone now, leaving a budget gap that will need to be filled. Legislators agreed that the budget will be balanced — but said they don't know how that will

happen yet.

Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome and co-chairwoman of JFAC, said: "This is no new money. Anything we do is a revenue shift."

Aside from the budget, area lawmakers have a few other goals.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, said he plans to make a go at getting Idaho on the path toward collecting sales tax owed on online purchases.

"It's owed," Smith said of such taxes. "It just hasn't been collected."

Rep. Sharon Block, R-Twin

Falls, the chairwoman of the House Commerce and Human Resources Committee, said she'll be focused on economic issues like job creation this session. Her new assignment covers a variety of issues such as the state pension system, international trade and unemployment.

Rep. Stephen Hartgen, R-Twin Falls and the vice-chairman of Block's committee, said the

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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

For detailed coverage of today's arts and entertainment all around south-central Idaho, check out our Events Calendar in the Entertainment section of today's edition!

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

German and Italian conversation groups, 1 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Canyon Building 106, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, open to anyone interested, refreshments provided, no cost, 732-6845 or acrofts@csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Cover Every Little Bottom in the Magic Valley Diaper Drive, diaper fundraiser kick-off event, 4 to 8 p.m., 9 Months Later, 1759 Fillmore, Twin Falls, 421-5698.

CRAFT SHOWS

Christmas Craft Show, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Snake River Sprinklers Garden Center, 20386 E. U.S. Highway, Buhl, portion of sales will be donated to breastcancer.org and Mountain States Tumor Institute, 280-3198.

EDUCATION

Pre-license training, for the Idaho Pesticide Applicator License, presented by the University of Idaho Extension Twin Falls County office, 8:15 a.m. registration, Hampton Inn, Twin Falls, preregister, \$15, 734-9590 ext. 19.

LIBRARY

Cookies with Santa, special storytime featuring Santa, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., refreshments provided, no cost, open to the public, 324-5427.

Preschool story hour, 10 a.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple, no cost, open to the public, 423-4122 or hanlib@cableone.net.

Children's Storytime, preschoolers and their parents invited for stories and songs, 10:30 a.m., Twin Falls Public Library, Kiva Room, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 109.

"It's Christmas!" Storytime, toddlers and preschoolers invited with their caregivers to enjoy stories, rhymes, song and simple craft, 10:30 a.m., Burley Public Library, 1300 Miller Ave., no cost, 878-7708 or valerie@bplibrary.org.

Kids Craft week, K-6 graders can pick craft kits from the youth services desk, during library hours, Twin Falls Public Library, 201 Fourth Ave. E., no cost, open to the public, 733-2964 ext. 110.

SEASONAL EVENTS

Snake River Elks Lodge Holiday Party, prime rib and dinner, dancing to follow, 6 p.m., at the lodge, six miles north of the bridge, 412 E. 200 S., Jerome, members, family and guests are welcome, \$15 dinner per person, 324-0200.

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic at mirelas@magicvalley.com; by phone, 735-3278; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

T.F. Co. updates building codes

Times-News

Buildings in Twin Falls are set to remain in sync with the world.

The Twin Falls County Commission approved an ordinance Thursday to bring local building codes in line with the 2009 International Building Code, as required by the state. The county needs to be within three years of the most recent international code.

"I realize that it's almost 2011, but it is within three years," said Rick Dunn, the county's planning and zoning administrator. "What

(the timeframe) does is give the state and federal building inspectors time to review the code and see if there is anything that gives them any major heartburn."

Dunn said there are no major changes to the code, but mostly updates regarding new building technologies and materials.

"All building codes began with some tragedy way back when," he said. "So we put into place these rules and laws to protect us from ourselves."

The commissioners voted unanimously to update the code.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY THURSDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Jason D. Knapp, 27, Filer; unlawful possession of prescription drugs, driving without privileges, recognizance release, public defender appointed, not-guilty plea, pre-trial Jan. 4.

Juan R. Jimenez, 28, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, recognizance release, public

defender appointed, not-guilty plea, pre-trial Jan. 4. James L. Foster, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, not-guilty plea, pre-trial Jan. 4.

Michael A. Pulizzi, 25, Jerome; possession of controlled substance, \$100,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 23.



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Mountain View Elementary School first-graders DeAndre Moreno, front left, and Ruby Hernandez work on Christmas projects Thursday at the Burley school. The Cassia County School District is considering how to move forward after a \$41.5 million bond issue failed in last month.

Burley schools ponder funding

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Burley voters haven't supported a \$40 million bond issue that would bring sweeping improvements to the Cassia County School District at the same level as the district's outlying areas.

On Wednesday, school officials began dissecting the reasons why.

A \$41.5 million bond failed to garner the 66.7 percent voter approval it needed to pass a November election, two years after a nearly identical, \$44.5 million bond also failed. In their quest to decide whether to put the bond issue before voters for a third time in 2011, school officials took public input on the reasons behind the bond's failure on Wednesday.

"I don't think it's a good idea to push this right now," said Burley resident Shane Downs. "I'm a business owner and as a business owner there was a real grassroots movement among us to push the 'no' vote because

of the way the economy is affecting us."

Downs said planned funding for a new Declo gym was one facet business owners he spoke to didn't think was necessary.

Bond funding would have built new district schools and updated others. Sixty-two percent of voters cast approving votes in the November election, while only 54 percent approved in 2008. Of particular concern to district officials is that both times, voters in Burley — home of nearly half the district's population base — supported the bond at lower levels than other voters.

"Some people are concerned that not every project on the bond is an absolute priority," said resident Jessica Wilkinson, who campaigned for the bond's November passage.

Wilkinson agreed that if the district cut a proposed gym or two, the bond may be more palatable to voters. She suggested the district hold public discussions on the bond and share pictures of the needs at the schools.

"People think that's a lot of money and we are all hurting really bad right now," she said. "I know the district really needs things but I wonder if there is anywhere we could trim the fat and get rid of some projects that are not absolutely dire."

Wilkinson said overcrowded elementary schools in Burley and schools that may not have safe drinking water should be priorities.

Principal Delia Valdez of Mountain View Elementary School in Burley said Thursday that first-grade classrooms in her school are subject to snow that blows through the windows during storms, classrooms that lack doors and a general overcrowding problem. It also has to manufacture parts for its furnace if something breaks, she said.

Bond funding would allow Mountain View to be replaced by a new Burley elementary school, with the current building repurposed as an alternative school and district office.

District Board Chairwoman Debbie Critchfield said

feedback she has received from Oakley and Raft River voters is to bring the bond back soon and try again. But Wilkinson worried that such a move may further galvanize voters who have voted against it in the past.

Trustee Steve Lynch said the board chose the November election to take advantage of sunseting state and federal incentives that would have saved taxpayers a lot of money.

"There's never a good time to pass a bond," Lynch said.

Downs countered, saying that usually when something sunsets, there's something else on the horizon.

"I'm not that worried about it," he said. "What I am worried about and what I hear is that it's a ton of money to be hitting us with a tax right now."

Critchfield said if the district seeks another election, it will be held in March, May or August.

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involvement of the state's agricultural industry in international trade will help pull the state out of the recession.

"It's kind of a hidden asset we have," he said.

Rep. Jim Patrick, R-Twin

Falls, said there will be bills that propose putting regulation of large-scale poultry operations under the Idaho State Department of Agriculture. While he supports the agriculture department regulating poultry, Patrick said deci-

sions about sites of poultry operations should rest with counties.

Sen. Lee Heider, R-Twin Falls, is preparing for his first session after the election. He said he's already learned much from his fellow lawmakers and is hon-

ored to serve.

"We will balance the budget and we will live within our means," said Heider, a JFAC member.

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Route

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"It will make a difference for our residents. There will be more options, more places for them to go, more places for them to go to shop," Humble said.

ITD spokesman Nathan Jerke said the people in his office are feeling the

same happiness a lot of locals are at the project's completion. And to add to the good news, he said Washington Street will be open to four lanes from Addison Avenue to Pole Line as construction there takes a winter hiatus.

He said Washington Street con-

struction likely will remain stalled until the end of February or early March, depending on weather.

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Taxes

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Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, in line to become majority leader, said the measure, while not perfect, marked a "first step" toward economic recovery.

Largely marginalized in the negotiations leading to the bill, Democrats emphasized their unhappiness with Obama.

"We stand today with only one choice: Pay the ransom now or pay more ransom later," said Rep. Brad Sherman of California. "This is not a place Democrats want to be. But, ultimately, it is better to pay the ransom today than to watch the president pay even more, and I think he'd be willing to pay a bit more next month."

Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., said the White House "could have gotten a better deal" in secretive talks.

Policy differences aside, the legislation stood on the brink of enactment an astonishingly quick 10 days after the president announced at the White House he had agreed on a framework with Republicans.

With the economy per-

forming poorly and a year-end tax increase looming, there were none of the customary congressional hearings that normally precede debate on major legislation, and few if any complaints that lawmakers had not had enough time to review the legislation.

The bill provides a two-year extension of tax cuts enacted when George W. Bush was president, avoiding an increase at all income levels that would otherwise occur on New Year's Day.

It will also renew an expiring program of benefits for the long-term unemployed, and enact a reduction in Social Security taxes for 2011 that would amount to \$1,000 for an individual earning \$50,000 a year. The bill's cost, \$858 billion over two years, will be tacked on to the federal deficit, a sore spot with deficit hawks in both parties.

Obama urged the House to approve the measure unchanged, calling the bill a good compromise with Republicans that would help the economy recover from the worst recession in decades.

But his pleas had failed to satisfy critics in the House who adamantly opposed a provision that would allow \$5 million of each spouse's estate to pass to heirs without taxation, with the balance subjected to a 35 percent rate.

Many Democrats favored an alternative to reduce the amount that can be inherited tax free to \$3.5 million, and tax the balance at 45 percent.

Supporters said that, if approved, the change would have exposed an additional 6,600 estates to taxes in 2011, and the government would collect \$23 billion over two years as a result.

Democratic leaders had spent the past few days trying to satisfy liberals inside the party who wanted to kill — or at least change — the bill, without running the risk of having taxes rise for millions on Jan. 1.

Republicans left them little maneuvering room, warning they might have walked away from their agreement with Obama if the measure was changed.

Nor was the tax bill the only priority that the White

House and congressional leaders worked on as the year — and their control of both houses of Congress — neared an end.

Obama still hopes to push ratification of an arms control treaty with Russia, and the White House and party leaders seek legislation to let openly gay servicemen and servicewomen remain in the military.

Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., one of the critics of the Obama-GOP agreement, said it is important for opponents to have the opportunity to vote on alternatives, even if they have no chance of passing.

"This is the last opportunity we have," he said, noting that Congress will soon adjourn for the year and Republicans will control the House in January.

Other tax cuts, enacted in the past decade, include a more generous child tax credit, breaks for college students, lower taxes on capital gains and dividends and a series of business tax breaks designed to encourage investment. All will be extended by the legislation.

Buhl warns residents about drinking water

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

Buhl's drinking water system hiccuped Wednesday and the fallout may involve more than just a public notification.

A brief power outage may have compromised the city water system Wednesday because water pressure was not maintained. On Thursday, the city recommended that residents drink bottled water until further notice, which could come today.

When the water plant opened in March, Buhl installed a generator to run the water pumps in the case of a power outage. Under Idaho law, municipal water systems must maintain water pressure of 20 pounds per square inch in the lines at all times to keep water from backing up once it flows into homes.

During a outage Tuesday,

the generator kicked in as it should but didn't stop when power was returned, said Water Superintendent Jeff Huntington. Huntington said the water pressure dropped Wednesday while the power was turned off for around 10 minutes so maintenance could be done on the generator.

"I don't know for sure that the pressure dropped below 20 pounds during that time," Huntington said. "But the outage took place and we take it seriously."

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality requires that the public be notified in such circumstances. The concern is that water containing bacteria may have backed into the system. Huntington said this could happen if, for example, a house has both city and well water and the well water is contaminated. Huntington said Buhl has

pursued a cross-connection program for three years to ensure each of their city's 1,900 customers has a backflow control valve to keep water out of the city system. But a few may have slipped through, he said.

Huntington said he took water samples after the outage to test for coliform bacteria. Such bacteria are not necessarily harmful but can indicate the presence of other pathogens. Huntington expects to learn the results by noon today.

In the unlikely event that the results are positive, Huntington said Buhl will put out a "boil water" alert, advising people to boil water before they drink or cook with it. The city would bump up the chlorine level in the water and continue to take samples until the bacteria are eliminated.

"I'm pretty confident that the samples will come back

clean," Huntington said. "We're just going through the steps to be safe. This isn't a recurring problem."

The event may not have caused a problem for Buhl water customers, but it caused one for former chief water plant operator Brian Meaton. Meaton was no longer employed by the city of Buhl as of late Thursday afternoon.

"He chose not to work here anymore," Huntington said.

Meaton said he was fired because he had insisted on notifying the public about the pressure drop.

"(City Councilman) Regie Finney called me in and complained that he had been inundated with phone calls about the water all day," Meaton said. "So because I was still on probation, he fired me."

Meaton claims he had seen the pressure drop to

8 pounds on an analog gauge during the power interruption. He alleged that some DEQ require-

ments had been ignored at

the water plant, so he plans to file a whistle-blower report today.

Huntington called Meaton's allegations "incorrect"

Long before SVS, it happened — badly, mostly — in Sun Valley

If you've lived in Idaho for more than 30 minutes and you don't know that the 1941 movie "Sun Valley Serenade" remains the signature entertainment about the state's singular tourist attraction, then you're in a coma.

But what you may not know is the Glenn Miller/Sonja Henie Hollywood musical wasn't the first time Tinseltown sprinkled stardust on Baghdad-by-the-Big Wood.

Seventy-four years ago this week, just before Sun Valley Resort itself opened for the first time, Paramount Pictures announced that a romantic comedy starring Claudette Colbert — its reigning star at the time — would be filmed in the Wood River Valley starting in January 1937.

According to Tom Trusky, a Boise State University English professor who was Idaho's leading film historian before his death in 2009, "I Met Him in Paris" was a "well-over-half-a-million-dollars" fish out of water.

Paramount leased the land of a local silver prospector named Gus Anderson for \$500, according to Trusky, and built a movie set complete with a Swiss-style ski lodge that eventually became the architectural model for exteriors of the Sun Valley Inn. The film's crew totaled 250.

The Wood River Times reported that by Feb. 4, 1937, "about 90 percent of the filming for the picture will be done here." Principal photography lasted until the end of March.

Colbert was an Oscar winner and her leading man, Melvyn Douglas, would later win two Academy Awards, but "Paris" was not great cinema.

In the film, struggling New York fashion designer Colbert saves enough money to go to Paris, leaving behind her doting-but-dull fiancé, played by Lee Bowman. Once in the City of Lights, Colbert ventures into the American Bar where she meets Robert Young and his friend, Douglas. Young falls for Colbert, and they date — but always with Douglas in tow as a chaperone because Douglas doesn't think Young's intentions are honorable. Out of spite, Colbert runs off to St. Moritz (played in the movie by Sun Valley) with Young, hoping they can maintain a platonic relationship. Douglas is right behind.

The trio trudges through the Swiss Alps, skiing, tobogganing and ice skating all the way. Douglas finally gives up on Colbert, just as Young's wife — played by Mona Barrie — turns up. In a rage, Colbert returns to Paris where Bowman is

YOU DON'T SAY
Steve Crump



waiting for her. Douglas and Young also show up, and all three men vie for Colbert's attentions. Colbert at last realizes she really loves Douglas, and they sail off to New York — with Young and Bowman in hot pursuit.

"Paris" was one of three films Colbert — then the highest-paid performer in Hollywood — made in 1937, part of a seven-movie, two-

year deal with Paramount. By Colbert's lofty box office standards, the picture was a disappointment — barely making back the studio's investment.

Surprisingly, you can find the movie on DVD; it's packaged with a much better — and better-known — Colbert picture from 1938, "Bluebird's Eighth Wife."

Colbert and her cardiac surgeon husband, Dr. Joel Pressman, came back to Sun Valley every winter for years. But the best Colbert anecdote, according to the 2011 Sun Valley Winter Guide, happened at the opening banquet of the

resort, to which the cast and crew of "Paris" and producer David O. Selznick were invited.

A Chicago banker asked Colbert for a dance, and the moneyman apparently said something wrong. Selznick dropped him with a single punch.

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Steve Crump is the Times-News Opinion editor.

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Julie Ann Ryan Blandford

Julie Ann Ryan Blandford, 86, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 15, 2010, at home surrounded by her family. A two-time breast cancer survivor, she fought hard but lost her battle with leukemia.

Julie was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Pocatello, Idaho, the daughter of Harry and Cora Ryan. She moved to Twin Falls with her family in 1927. She was the only girl in a family of boys and, throughout her lifetime, was affectionately called "Sis" by her brothers, Don, Joe and Ted. Julie graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1942 and headed off to college at Idaho State University. After a year of "having too much fun," her father sent her to the University of Idaho to continue her college education. While at Idaho, she pledged Delta Gamma and worked in the Idaho Argonaut office. She met A.L. "Jim" Blandford her final semester of school, and they were married in January 1948.

Julie was an active volunteer for many organizations. Her love for the DG house has continued throughout her lifetime. She helped locally with the Twin Falls DG Alumnae Association and served as the Moscow Chapter Rush Adviser for two years. She was a member of Chapter AI, PEO and took her turn holding all the offices including two terms as president. She also volunteered for the Twin Falls Public Library and the Episcopal Church. Julie's true passion was golf. She played with anyone and everyone — enjoying each round. She served as president and vice president of the Twin Falls Municipal Ladies Golf Association.

She was also a member of two bridge groups, whose players are all longtime dear friends.

Julie seldom talked about herself and once in awhile surprised her children with statements like "when I was a USO girl" or "when I was a stewardess for Western Aircraft." She worked as a part-time secretary for various offices, including working for Orval Hanson and for



TitleFact Inc. Julie never knew a stranger. She would strike up a conversation with most anyone. By asking questions, she always knew more about her grandchildren than their parents knew. Julie was known throughout the Twin Falls community for her homemade rolls and her lemon pie. We will all miss those special treats.

Julie is survived by her daughter, Patty and son-in-law, Bruce Stratton of Boise; son, Jim Blandford and daughter-in-law, Sindy of Bellevue; and daughter, Sharon and son-in-law, Doug Matthews of Liberty Lake, Wash; grandchildren, Jeff and Ryan Stratton, T.J., Chris and Chelsea Blandford, and Nick, Travis and Kelsey Matthews; and great-grandchildren, Drew, Shae and Sedona. Also surviving are brother-in-law, Bob Blandford of Indian Wells, Calif.; sister-in-law, Maxine Ryan of Snohomish, Wash.; and several nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jim; her brothers, Don, Joe and Ted; her sisters-in-law, Elinor, Colleen and Susie; and nieces, Julie and Shauna.

A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 2010 at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. A party celebrating Julie's life will directly follow the services at the Turf Club. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Nu Chapter Delta Gamma House Corporation, in care of Marie Kleffner; 1213 Highland Drive; Moscow, ID 83843; or Hospice Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.reynoldschapel.com.

Helen H. Lucke

GOODING — Helen H. Lucke, 86, of Gooding, passed quietly to her Heavenly Father on Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010, at Bennett Hills Care Center of Gooding.

Helen Patricia Hodson was born Sept. 16, 1924, in Winnett, Mont., to Harvey and Hazel Hodson. Helen, her parents and older siblings, Elsa and Joseph, moved to Ontario shortly thereafter, where Helen was raised and graduated high school in 1942. The family was joined by another son, Donald, in 1932. Helen graduated from the College of Idaho in 1946 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. It was at the College of Idaho that she met her husband of 61 years, Ralf Lucke. Helen and Ralf remained active alumni for many years.

Following her graduation from college, Helen taught elementary school in Caldwell for three years before her marriage to Ralf on June 11, 1949, and relocation to Gooding, where she taught school in Shoshone and then in the Gooding School District until they started their family. Helen was active in the First Baptist Church in Gooding, filling the role of choir director, Sunday school superintendent and vacation Bible school director for many years.

Helen and her mother-in-law, Lieuru Lucke, were both very active in the Idaho Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women. Helen served as state president and served as delegate several times to national conventions. At those conventions, Helen was often called upon to sing. She earned the title "Helen with the Golden Voice."

Music was the joy of her life. In 1956, shortly after the birth of her first baby, she and Ralf moved to southern California, where she audi-

tioned for the Lawrence Welk Show. While she did not make the cast of performers, the time stood as a highlight of her young adult life. When Ralf inherited Security Title Insurance Company from his mother in 1966, Helen joined him in managing the family business while they raised their three children. Summers were spent in Stanley Basin, where even there she was asked to sing in church. Helen's voice always rose above the rest. She gave her talents to Sweet Adelines, the Magic Valley Chorale, the First Baptist Church, the First Methodist Church and many special occasions.

After Ralf and she sold Security Title Company in 1986, she discovered another talent in painting. Ralf and Helen spent many summers at local festivals selling her artwork.

She also enjoyed exhibiting and judging the antique displays at local fairs. There are many blue ribbons from the unique items she shared with the community. During the last year, she struggled with lung cancer and the golden voice was softer, yet still pure and clear. The choir of heaven is richer now with the dramatic soprano voice of Helen Lucke.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Elsa Ostermeier; brothers, Joseph and Donald; and her devoted husband, Ralf. Helen is survived by her three children, Patricia Parks of Eagle Creek, Ore., Donna Lucke-Thomas of Wendell and Ralf L. Lucke of Gooding; four grandchildren, Danielle Bauer, Catherine Thomas, Jordan (Natalie) Thomas and Scott (Jillyce) Lucke; and two great-granddaughters, Olivia and Arica.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Demaray Funeral Service Gooding Chapel. Private inurnment will take place at the Elmwood Cemetery.

Lova Ruth Marriott Taylor

RUPERT — Lova Ruth Marriott Taylor, age 81, of Rupert, passed away Tuesday evening, Dec. 14, 2010, at Countryside Rehabilitation and Assisted-Living Center in Rupert after a short battle with cancer.

Lova was born March 11, 1929, to Lynn Fay and Ruth Kinghorn Marriott at Roberts, Idaho, and lived there until moving to Salt Lake City, Utah, after she graduated from Roberts High School in 1947. Lova married Arnold Jack Taylor in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 22, 1949. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving a full-time mission for Welfare Services at Huntsville, Utah; and having regularly served in the auxiliaries of the church, including as ward Relief Society president at Acequia. From 1952 to 1954, she supported her husband while he served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Central States Mission headquartered in Independence, Mo.

Lova and Jack are the parents of Mark (Barbara) Taylor of Bloomington, Ill., Allan (Louanne) Taylor (deceased), JoEllyn (Ramon) Christiansen and John Taylor, all of Rupert. They are grandparents to 20, and they have 18 great-grandchildren.

Lova was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a son. Her brother, George Marriott of Rigby; and sister, Laura Jean Cramer of Idaho Falls, survive.

Lova loved to serve others. Jack and Lova Taylor purchased the Bookstore in Rupert and, from 1972 to her retirement in 1994, Lova spent a substantial portion of her life serving the community's needs with books and office supplies. She par-



ticularly loved to be at the store on the days leading up to Christmas, working extended hours to make sure everyone had a chance to complete their shopping. While involved with the Bookstore, she was active in the chamber and in the Soroptimist Club. She also served in the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers as an active member, as a camp officer and as president of the Minidoka Company. She was passionate in learning about her ancestors, who came as early settlers to Utah and Idaho, and she worked hard instructing her family and others in their family history. Lova was nurturing, a loving mother and grandmother, and a constant friend to a large circle of women. She was one you could rely on to help in times of need.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St., with Bishop Kelly Bessire officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

The family expresses their heartfelt appreciation for the assistance of the professionals at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and Countryside Rehabilitation and Assisted-Living Center.

Gar L. Hodges

JEROME — Gar L. Hodges, 96, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010, in Boise.

Gar was born June 2, 1914, in Monroe, Utah. He was the fourth child born to George Arthur Hodges and Chloe Elma Lisonbee. As a young child, Gar moved to the Lost River Area, where he graduated from Mackay High School in 1933. Gar met his wife, Phoebe Ann Patten, at a barn dance in Darlington, Idaho, and they were married Feb. 14, 1934, in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

In 1935, Gar and Phoebe moved to Salmon, Idaho, with his father and brother, where they purchased a portion of Governor Shoup's ranch. When first arriving in Salmon, he made his living as a sheep rancher but later became a cattle rancher. In the 1960s, Gar purchased the Ziegler Ranch on the outskirts of Salmon. Later, this ranch was purchased by the city of Salmon and, through his generous donations, it eventually became the new city park. At one time in his life, he gave up ranching to pursue a new career with Consolidated Credit. After several years, he decided his place was on the farm and he returned to ranching.

For 23 years, Gar and Phoebe spent their winter months in Quartzsite, Ariz. While there, he was instrumental in the building of Gold Star Park where he purchased one of the first lots. Gar served in the branch presidency of the Quartzsite Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. While serving in the branch presidency, land was purchased where eventually a chapel was built and dedicated.

Throughout his life, Gar enjoyed playing sports and was very supportive of school sporting events. He



loved to run and was well known for winning several races while running backward. He served as bishop of the Salmon 2nd ward in the LDS Church for nine years, and while serving as bishop became the chairman of the building committee for the Salmon Stake Center.

In August of 2001, due to health problems, Gar and Phoebe decided to sell the ranch in Salmon. Gar and Phoebe moved to Jerome, where he lived until 2006. They moved to Boise where he and Phoebe lived in Aaron Brook Assisted Living Center. After Phoebe passed last February, he lived with his daughter, Donna, in Boise. Gar was well-loved by his friends and family.

He is survived by three daughters and one son, Donna Hendrickson of Boise, Beverly (Raymond) Cockrell of Salmon, Dwight G. Hodges of Garden City, Utah, and LaJuan (Michael) Updike of Valparaiso, Ind. He is also survived by 25 grandchildren; 89 great-grandchildren; 25 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Zelfher Dunyan of Ogden, Utah; and one daughter-in-law, Jenay Hodges of Soda Springs. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phoebe Ann Patten; daughter, Wanona H. Tolman; sons-in-law, Jackie David Tolman and Wallace Hendrickson; one son, Kenneth Raye Hodges; his parents; one brother, Paul Hodges; and two sisters, Deleathe Rice and V Morgan. The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B, with Bishop Rick Geist officiating. A visitation will begin at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Robert Earle Gillett (Earle)

Robert Earle Gillett (Earle) passed away Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Earle would have been 94 years old in February.

Earle was born Feb. 21, 1917. His parents were S.A. and Edna Gillett. His father, S.A., came to the Twin Falls tract in March of 1907 from Corinne, Utah. It took nine days with a team of mules and a team of horses. He borrowed \$10 cash to come on and owed \$150 for the mules.

S.A. took a homestead of 113 acres three miles south of Castleford above the Lilly Grade crossing and bordering the Salmon Falls Creek Canyon. S.A. began raising Rambouillet sheep (registered) on his farm. This breed is known for their excellent wool. His grandfather, Isaac Gillett, brought the first Rambouillet sheep to America in 1863.

Earle, at an early age (10 to 12), was driving a team of horses pulling a sheep camp moving a band of sheep to the summer range in House Creek and Three Creek in the South Hills. The Great Depression came along in the early 1930s and S.A. lost everything. All the family had to eat was mutton. Earle would not eat lamb or mutton under any condition again in his lifetime. The Depression left Earle very thrifty and he constantly reminded his son, Ron, to be more frugal.

Earle married Jacquelin "Jackie" Neal in Castleford in 1937. He ran a service station in Castleford for a few years and then decided to start farming. He and a good friend, Clinton Quigley, were partners on the Bill Quigley farm north and west of Castleford for a few years. Then in 1947, Earle, Jackie and their only child, Ron, moved to a farm at Deep Creek, a community west of Buhl. In 1954, Earle and Jackie purchased a ranch near Hailey on Broadford Road along the Wood River between Hailey and Bellevue. They sold the ranch in 1964. Today, much of the higher ground near the Hailey Airport has houses or commercial buildings; what is left is called the Silver Bell Ranch.

Earle and Jackie moved to Twin Falls, where Earle had been hired by Hesston Equipment to be their parts



manger. Farmers and ranchers came into Hesston and only wanted Earle to wait on them because they knew if the part they needed was not there, Earle would go out in the shop and make something work for them.

In the early 1970s, their son, Ron, had started a rafting company, Triangle C Ranch White Water Float Expeditions on the Middle Fork of the Salmon. Earle and Jackie sold their home in Twin Falls and moved to Stanley to help in the business. Jackie became bookkeeper and helped cargo food for the trips. Earle made boat frames, trailers and anything else that needed attention. If he couldn't fix it or make it, IT COULDN'T BE DONE!

Jackie passed away July 4, 1984, in Stanley. The following year, Earle married Genevieve Hershberger from Twin Falls. Genevieve passed away in May 2008.

Earle is survived by his son, Ron (Linda); and three grandchildren, Larke of Twin Falls, Josh of Dallas and Colt of Boise; and two great-grandchildren.

Earle's granddaughter Larke has been an angel looking after her grandfather the past year and a half.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Patrick Desmond for his care; a special thanks to the MediCare Hall nurses and aids at Bridgeview Estates Life Care Center who were so kind, caring and loving to our Dad and Grandpa.

A celebration of Earle's life will take place at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. PLEASE BRING YOUR EARLE STORIES. A viewing for family and friends will take place at from noon until time of the service Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will take place at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Stanley Cemetery.

Donations in Earle's name can be made to the River of Life Boise Rescue Mission, 575 S. 13th St., Boise, ID 83702. Donations may also be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.reynoldschapel.com.

'Pink Panther' director Edwards dies at 88

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles director Blake Edwards, the director and writer known for clever dialogue, poignance and occasional belly-laugh sight gags in "Breakfast at Tiffany's," "10" and the "Pink Panther" farces, is dead at age 88.

Edwards died from complications of pneumonia late Wednesday at St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica, said publicist Gene

Schwam. Blake's wife, Julie Andrews, and other family members were at his side. He had been hospitalized for about two weeks.

Edwards had knee problems, had undergone unsuccessful procedures and was "pretty much confined to a wheelchair for the last year-and-a-half or two," Schwam said. That may have contributed to his condition, he added.

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SERVICES

John Wesley Roehl of Twin Falls and formerly of Salmon, service at 10:30 a.m. today at the Faith Bible Church in Salmon (Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon).

Don Theron Hansen of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Wilma Gean Overlin of

Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

R. Marie Roseberry of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Demaray Funeral Service Shoshone Chapel; no visitation.

Lawrence John "Jack" Clysdale of Long Beach, Calif., celebration of life at 5 p.m. today at the Los Altos United Church of Christ,

5550 Atherton St. in Long Beach, Calif.

Ross K. Peck of Twin Falls and formerly of Carey, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Carey LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church (Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey).

Casey Lynn Ward of Almo, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Almo LDS Church; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral

Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Betty Jean (Standley) Aiken of Kanab, Utah, and formerly of Twin Falls, celebration of life from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Kevin Standley's home in Kirkland, Wash.

Jacob Tucker of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2628 Whispering Pine in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Edna Wells

PAUL — Edna Wells, 69, of Paul, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation. Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Geraldine D. Jensen

KIMBERLY — Geraldine D. Jensen, 86, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at her home. Arrangements will be announced by

Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Lucille Pruitt

Lucille Pruitt, 88, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010, at Wynwood Estates in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Ryan L. Maughan

Ryan Lynn Maughan, 26, of Twin

Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, at his home.

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

Avis J. Bennett

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Avis J. Bennett, of Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010.

A memorial concert/service will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Sun City Christian Church of Sun City, Ariz.

AROUND IDAHO

More alleged victims emerge in hazing case

BLACKFOOT — More possible hazing victims have come forward after five former Blackfoot High School athletes were charged earlier this month, police say. Blackfoot Police Chief R. David Moore says a "substantial number" of victims have surfaced recently. "It became very apparent to some other students that, 'Wow, maybe I am not the only one,' and they came forward," Moore told the Idaho Falls Post-Register in a story published Thursday. "It just strengthened our case." Moore said more charges are pending, but declined to say what they are or against whom they would be filed. "We are still investigating and interviewing," he said. Nathan Walker, Anthony Clarke, Logan Chidester and Tyson Katseanes, all 19, have been charged and are scheduled to appear in 7th District Court on Dec. 23 in Idaho's 7th District Court. They face various misdemeanors and felony counts of forcible sexual penetration using a foreign object. Authorities say a fifth former athlete at the school who is a juvenile also faces charges.

Rammell urges residents to kill wolves

GRANGEVILLE — A failed Idaho gubernatorial candidate has told a crowd they should take matters into their own hands and start killing wolves. The Lewiston Tribune reports that Rex Rammell spoke to a crowd of more than 100 Wednesday night in Idaho County, one of the only counties to support his primary bid against Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter. Rammell says county commissioners should declare an emergency that allows citizens to kill wolves on sight. But, he adds, residents should organize a hunt and start killing wolves anyway even if no such order comes. He says he does not believe the sheriff, the state or federal authorities would interfere. — The Associated Press

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"Nobody lives forever and I've had a blessed life. I'd like to stay on this side of the grass for as long as I can, though. I'd really like to see the Indians win a World Series."
 — **Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller, who died Wednesday night at the age of 92.**

EDITORIAL

Think it can't happen here? It did in Blackfoot

They love their football in Blackfoot. And well they should. The Blackfoot Broncos — who compete in the same Idaho High School Activities Association classification as Twin Falls, Canyon Ridge, Burley, Minico, Jerome and Wood River high schools — have won two of the last four state Class 4A football championships and finished second this season.

But something went badly wrong at 1,100-student Blackfoot High last winter. Earlier this month, Bingham County Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Randy Smith charged five former athletes at the school with

Our view: Bullying can't be dismissed as a right of passage at school anymore.
What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

felony counts of forcible sexual penetration using a foreign object and misdemeanor counts that included false imprisonment and battery.

It was a case of hazing run wild. "I'm not going to go into the details of the case but it seems pretty egregious to me," Smith said.

According to police reports, the suspects restrained their victims — there were several and Bingham County prosecutors expect more to come forward — on a bus and in a locker room. They allegedly struck them on the legs and stomach, and used their fingers and the victims' clothing to touch the victims' genitals.

And the hazing went on for three months.

The Blackfoot School District has an anti-bullying policy, but none of the victims spoke up until September after the suspects — Nathan Walker, Anthony Clarke, Logan Chidester and Tyson Katseanas, all 19, and an unnamed minor — had left school.

Walker, Clarke, Chidester and Katseanas are scheduled to answer the charges against them in 7th District Court on Dec. 23.

Clarke, a quarterback who's now a freshman at Boise State, was the 2009 4A Idaho high school player of the year. BSU football Coach Chris Petersen suspended him from the team after Smith filed charges against Clarke.

Chidester, an all-state running back at Blackfoot High who's now a freshman at Montana's Carroll College, was suspended by Coach Mike Van Diest as the school prepared to play for the NAIA national championship.

"Blackfoot is a small community, so most people know somebody that's involved," Smith said. "I liken it to a nasty divorce case. People struggling with which side do I support, because they know people on both sides. It's a struggle for everybody involved, me included."

It's not that the grownups at Blackfoot High were necessarily asleep at the switch. Since 2006, administrators and teachers in the Blackfoot School District have been instructed that harassment, intimidation and bullying are not to be tolerated. The policies are distributed to employees each school year, and a discipline policy handbook is handed out to parents at registration that makes clear intimidation, bullying and cyberbullying are "major" violations.

The point is how easy something like this can happen at any school.

In small-town Idaho — and Blackfoot has 11,000 residents — community life often revolves around high school sports. It's hard to imagine youngsters with whom your kids or grandkids grew up being accused of the kind of behavior of which the former BHS athletes are charged.

But what's chilling is that the alleged victims were fearful enough not to report the abuse for 10 months.

It's likely it wasn't just physical retaliation they feared. You can imagine what life would be like for a 16-year-old whistleblower when word got out that the victim had ratted out five of the most popular students at the school.

Parents must take evidence of bullying deadly seriously, even if a child doesn't speak of it directly. And teachers and administrators must keep their eyes and ears open, and listen to students who say they're afraid.

Once they found out about these allegations, the Blackfoot schools, the city's police department and the county prosecutor's office handled this case admirably. It's just that they should have known sooner.

Boehner and the crying game

We've had to adjust to so many strange developments lately. I'm sure we'll get used to having a speaker of the House who weeps a lot.

That would be John Boehner, the new guy. "He is known to cry," the outgoing speaker, Nancy Pelosi, told Deborah Solomon in *The New York Times Magazine*. "He cries sometimes when we're having a debate on bills."



Gail Collins

Pelosi, of course, does not cry in public. We will stop here briefly to contemplate what would happen if she, or any female lawmaker, broke into loud, nose-running sobs while discussing Iraq troop funding or giving a TV interview.

(Pause)
 OK, moving forward. Boehner is a gravel-voiced Ohioan who wears snazzy suits and hangs out a lot with lobbyists. One of the few cheery prospects the new year holds for Democrats is his upcoming demonization, since there is no such thing in 21st-century America as a loveable leader of the House of Representatives. Unless America is totally won over by the idea of a Sobbing Speaker.

"I think people are going to like him," said Lesley Stahl, who interviewed Boehner for a *60 Minutes* segment shown last Sunday, during which he broke down several times.

The most arresting moment came when Boehner told Stahl he can no longer make visits to schools, or even look at the little kids on the playground, because he immediately starts crying.

That had me alarmed. I thought there was going to be some terrible story about an ailing child that would then force me to have warm and sympathetic thoughts about John Boehner.

But no. The reason, Boehner finally choked out, was because "making sure these kids have a shot at



In 2007, (Boehner) cried while delivering a speech on the floor of the House, in support of funding for the war in Iraq. "After 3,000 of our fellow citizens died at the hands of these terrorists, when are we going to stand up and take them on?" he sobbed. Then this year, he voted against providing money to take care of our fellow citizens who became ill while doing rescue and reclamation work at ground zero after the terrorist attack. Twice.

the American dream, like I did, is important."

We will stop again briefly to imagine what would have happened if Nancy Pelosi, upon being elected speaker, had confessed on national TV that she was unable to visit schools in her district because the sight of little children made her break into sobs.

(Pause)

OK. About Boehner. Many of us first noticed his tendency toward tears when he appeared on election night to celebrate his party's taking control of the House. He had hardly gotten in front of the microphone before things got watery.

"I spent my whole life chasing (sob) the American dream," he told the cameras. "Put myself through school, working every rotten job there was ..."

The American Dream has had such a bad year. During the campaign, it was tossed around by billionaire candidates who insisted on telling groups of underprivileged children that

they, too, could someday own a mega-yacht or run a slimy but extremely profitable health care corporation.

Now, John Boehner is blaming the Dream for making him howl like an abandoned puppy. It's what my friend Rebecca Traister calls "Boehner doing *Masterpiece Theater* on the hard life of John Boehner."

Traister is the author of *Big Girls Don't Cry*, a chronicle of the Clinton-Obama battle for the Democratic presidential nomination. One of the best-remembered moments in that campaign — Hillary Clinton cries in New Hampshire — is an excellent example of the difference between what men and women can get away with, tear-wise.

"Hillary didn't cry," Traister pointed out. "Not a drop of liquid fell below her lower lash." With her back to the wall and the presidency on the line, Clinton approached the edge of a sniffle and we are still talking about it.

Boehner is driven to great, noisy sobs when he contemplates the fact that as a youth, he mopped the floor at his father's tavern.

Besides the crying gap between men and women, there's also one between Republicans and Democrats. On the one hand, you have the folks who can't afford tears because it makes them look weak, and on the other, the people who are presumed to be tough and hard-nosed, for whom crying is an attractive sign of complexity.

Boehner is opposed to extending unemployment benefits for the jobless, and he wants to kill off the law that guarantees health coverage to all Americans. So you know when his wife says she's "real proud" of him, it's not a sign of softness.

In 2007, he cried while delivering a speech on the floor of the House, in support of funding for the war in Iraq. "After 3,000 of our fellow citizens died at the hands of these terrorists, when are we going to stand up and take them on?" he sobbed.

Then this year, he voted against providing money to take care of our fellow citizens who became ill while doing rescue and reclamation work at ground zero after the terrorist attack.

Twice.

Gail Collins is a columnist for *The New York Times*. Write to her at gcollins@nytimes.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Repeal law that allows override of living wills

Effective July 1, 2010, a law went into effect in our state that allows any health care professional to ignore or override your living will. The July-August 2010 issue of the *AARP Bulletin*, page 40, "Idaho — Patients' wishes quashed," alerted me to this law. I am aghast! And if you're aware of it, I'm sure you are too.

Please go to www.aarp.org/id, click on "Winners & Losers of the 2010 Idaho Legislative Session" and under "Losers," second bullet, you'll read: "Living wills, advance directives, or other end-of-life instructions: Learn someone else's conscience on your deathbed. The Freedom of Conscience Bill (Senate Bill

1353), introduced by Sen. Chuck Winder, allows all health care professionals to refuse to provide any 'end of life care and treatment' that violates their 'conscience.' That means living wills, advance directives or any other end-of-life instructions can be ignored. Despite calls from thousands of AARP members in opposition to the bill, it became law."

Then go to <http://legislature.idaho.gov/legislation/2010/S1353/PrinterFriendly.htm>, where there are links to the text of the bill, its purpose and where you can also see how your state representatives and your state senator voted!

Before the 2011 legislative session convenes, please contact your area's state senator and state representatives to express your

concerns and wishes. Let's get this law repealed right now and one enacted that will protect each of us when we will need it the most!

SHIRLEY HESS Hagerman

See firsthand that Burley is in good hands

When you are diagnosed with cancer, you can, at the early stage, either take treatment or have surgery to kill the disease or let it metastasize and die. There are a few Burley residents walking around and writing letters to convince the residents of Burley that we have a corrupt government body.

After reading last week's *Weekly Journal* and the negative story of Mayor Greenman, we will not read another *Weekly Journal* or

do business with any business that advertises in the *Journal* or *Weekly Mailer*.

We urge you, the residents, to come to City Council meetings and find out firsthand what is going on in our great city. We attend as often as we can to keep current on activities in our community.

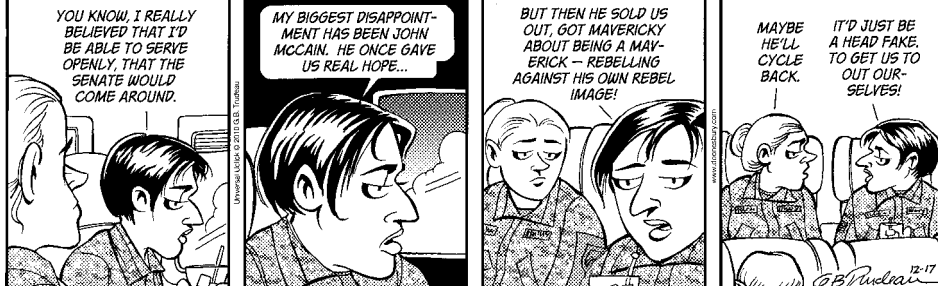
When a business is looking to relocate to our city, it reads newspapers. Why would you come when some accuse the city government as corrupt? Burley is a well-run city. Let's keep it growing for the children and grandchildren so they can establish homes with good-paying jobs.

Don't let our city become a metastasized cancer and die.

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Dems abandon spending bill

Legislation collapses under its own weight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats controlling the Senate abandoned on Thursday a huge catchall spending measure combining nearly \$1.3 trillion worth of unfinished budget work, including \$158 billion for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Facing a midnight Saturday deadline when a stopgap funding measure expires, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said he would work with Republican leader Mitch McConnell to produce a bill to keep the federal government running into early next year.

The 1,924-page bill collapsed of its own weight after an outcry from conservatives who complained it was stuffed with more than \$8 billion in homestate pet projects known as earmarks.

Reid, D-Nev., gave up on the bill after several

Republicans who had been thinking of voting for it pulled back their support. McConnell, R-Ky., threw his weight against the bill in recent days, saying it was "unbelievable" that Democrats would try to muscle through in the days before Christmas legislation that usually takes months to debate.

"Just a few weeks after the voters told us they don't want us rushing major pieces of complicated, costly, far-reaching legislation through Congress, we get this," McConnell said. "This is no way to legislate."

The turn of events was a major victory for earmark opponents like Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., who for years have been steamrolled by the old-school members of the powerful Appropriations Committee.

The spending barons saw their power ebb in the wake of midterm elections that delivered major gains for Republicans — with considerable help from anti-spend-

ing tea party activists. "We just saw something extraordinary on the floor of the United States Senate," a grinning McCain said.

The \$1.27 trillion catchall bill wrapped together 12 bills — blending \$1.1 trillion for the operating budgets of every federal agency with an infusion of funding to carry the war in Afghanistan into its 10th year — into a single foot-tall piece of legislation that Democrats had hoped to pass with just a couple of days' worth of debate.

It was designed to bankroll the day-to-day operations of the government for the budget year that started Oct. 1, funding the almost one-third of the federal budget that Congress has to pass each year.

The House and Senate typically spend months on the 12 annual spending bills, but Democrats didn't bring even a single one to the Senate floor this year, an unprecedented collapse of an appropriations process.

The sinking of the bill was a



Reid

Assange free from prison, back to leaking secrets

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange was released on bail Thursday — confined to a supporter's 600-acre estate but free to get back to work spilling U.S. government secrets on his website as he fights Sweden's attempt to extradite him on allegations of rape and molestation.

The silver-haired Australian, who surrendered to British police Dec. 7, will have to observe a curfew, wear an electronic tag and report to police in person every day.

But there are no restrictions on his Internet use, even as U.S. authorities consider charges related to thousands of leaked diplomatic cables and other secret documents WikiLeaks has released. The site has released just 1,621 of more than 250,000 State Department documents it claims to possess, many of them containing critical or embarrassing U.S. assessments of foreign nations and their leaders.

Dressed in a dark gray suit, Assange emerged from London's neo-Gothic High Court building late Thursday following a tense scramble to gather the money and signatures needed to free him. Speaking under a light snowfall amid a barrage of flash bulbs, Assange — who's been out of the public eye for more than a month — told supporters he will continue bringing government

secrets to light. "It's great to smell the fresh air of London again," he said to cheers from outside the court. "I hope to continue my work."

Assange ignored shouted questions from the assembled media.

Later, BBC footage captured the 39-year-old riding in a white armored four-by-four outside the Frontline Club, a venue for journalists owned by his friend and supporter Vaughan Smith.

The broadcaster reported that Assange jumped upstairs for a celebratory cocktail at the bar, then went back outside to engage in a brief verbal joust with journalists over the merits of one of the leaked cables.

A few hours later, Assange arrived at Ellingham Hall, Smith's 10-bedroom mansion about 120 miles northeast of central London. Assange told journalists there that his time in prison had steered him, giving him time to reflect on his personal philosophy and "enough anger about the situation to last me 100 years."

Assange was granted conditional bail Tuesday, but prosecutors appealed, arguing that he might abscond. High Court Justice Duncan Ouseley rejected the appeal Thursday, saying Assange "would diminish himself in the eyes of many of his supporters" if he fled.



Assange

Progress, but still long slog

Report gives assessment of war outlook

By Robert Burns
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Though mostly upbeat, the Obama administration's assessment of war progress in Afghanistan suggests tough combat will continue for years and if the president begins to bring U.S. troops home next summer, as promised, the numbers will be small.

The internal review of President Barack Obama's year-old war strategy unveiled Thursday says that Taliban momentum has been halted in many parts of Afghanistan and that al-Qaida leaders who are thought to be plotting further terrorist attacks on the U.S. from Pakistan sanctuaries have suffered grievous losses.

But the review makes clear that further progress won't come easily. And it indicates that ultimate success depends heavily on factors beyond Obama's control, such as Pakistan's effectiveness in eliminating



AP photo

President Barack Obama delivers a statement in the White House on Thursday, detailing progress on the war in Afghanistan. From left are, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Vice President Joe Biden, the president, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Joint Chiefs Vice Chairman Marine Gen. James Cartwright.

al-Qaida and Taliban havens on its side of the border.

"We are on track to achieve our goals," Obama declared from the White House in remarks echoing his announcement a year ago that he was escalating the war effort by sending an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan with the central aim of seizing the initiative from the Taliban.

Though the White House's rhetoric on the war hasn't changed much in the past 12 months, other fac-

tors have. Public opinion in the U.S. and other coalition countries has soured on the war, casualties have increased sharply and, in the view of some international groups, the outlook for peace has dimmed.

The head of the International Committee of the Red Cross' Afghan operation said Wednesday, for example, "In a growing number in areas of the country, we are entering a new, rather murky period" in which violence threatens the ability of humanitarian groups to do their work.

Obama's top national security aides insisted, however, that while tough challenges remain, there is progress toward the goal of handing over control to the Afghan government by the end of 2014.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who recently returned from Afghanistan, said at the White House that he saw more progress than he had expected. And he suggested that it can be difficult for those who viewing the war from Washington to grasp how it is unfolding on the ground.

Calif. regulators OK major greenhouse gas rules

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California regulators on Thursday approved the first system in the nation to give polluting companies such as utilities and refineries financial incentives to emit fewer greenhouse gases.

The Air Resources Board voted 9-1 to pass the key piece of California's 2006 climate law — called AB32 — with the hope that other states will follow the lead of the world's eighth largest economy. State officials also are discussing plans to link the new system with similar ones under way or being planned in Canada, Europe and Asia.

California is launching into a "historic adventure," said Mary Nichols, chairwoman of the state's air quality board.

"We're inventing this," she said. "There is still going to be quite a bit of action needed before it becomes operational."

California is trying to "fill the vacuum created by the failure of Congress to pass any kind of climate or energy legislation for many years now," said Nichols.

A standing-room only board chambers featured testimony from more than 170 witnesses Thursday. Outside the chambers, a few climate change skeptics held signs reading "Global Warming: Science by Homer Simpson."

Some businesses that would fall under the new rules say the system could dampen California's already flagging economy, complicate law-

makers' efforts to close a \$28.1 billion revenue shortfall and lead to an increase in the price of electricity.

The rate increases, however, would still need approval from the state.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger told the board he is sensitive to the recession, but argued that many of the new jobs being created under the system are in the clean technology industry.

"The real jobs we're creating right now are green jobs. Since 2006 or so green jobs have been created 10 times faster than in any other sector, so it's also an economic plus," he said.

But he said reducing greenhouse gas pollution is not just about climate change, but

about human health and national security.

"I despise the fact that we send \$1 billion a year to foreign places for our oil and to places that hate us. We send this money to people that hate us and that are organizing terrorists and trying to blow up our country," he said.

House approves bill to make hybrids louder

WASHINGTON (AP) — Silent hybrid vehicles may soon be a thing of the past.

Auto safety regulators would have to set minimum sound levels for hybrid and electric vehicles under a bill approved Thursday by the House. Blind pedestrians say the quietness of hybrids can pose risks for them because they use sound cues to travel safely.

The House passed the bill 379-30. The Senate approved its version last week, and the measure now goes to President Barack Obama for his signature.

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SEC charges AEHI with fraud

By Todd Dvorak
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The Securities and Exchange Commission has charged an Idaho company with fraudulently raising money from investors across the country and Asia to build a \$10 billion nuclear power plant.

The SEC on Thursday also asked a court to freeze the assets of Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. and its two top executives.

The federal financial reg-

ulator is accusing the Eagle-based company of taking part in a scheme to enrich its chief executive at the expense of investors. Specifically, SEC investigators say AEHI manipulated its stock price, in part through a barrage of misleading public statements about the company and hiding the profits reported by CEO Donald Gillispie and senior vice president Jennifer Ransom.

The SEC says it has records that Gillispie and

Ransom secretly unloaded stock holdings and funneled the money back to Gillispie, enabling him this year to make six times the salary he reported to investors and spend lavishly on jewelry, cruises, a Maserati sports car and other items.

“In light of AEHI’s ongoing efforts to raise funding while promoting itself through a daily deluge of press releases, we needed to take immediate action to get to the bottom of the company’s misleading statements,”

said Marc Fagel, director of the SEC regional office in San Francisco.

AEHI spokesman Dan Hamilton said the company’s lawyers are reviewing the SEC complaint and declined to comment on the allegations.

Gillispie, 67, has been working for more than two years to raise money and nail down a location in southern Idaho to build a nuclear power plant.

Last week, the Payette County Planning and

Zoning Commission recommended changing the zoning of a 5,000-acre tract from agricultural to industrial to accommodate the facility. That change still needs formal approval by the county board of commissioners.

The company had previously stated an interest in building the plant in Elmore County and had seemingly worked since early 2008 to do just that, but announced in July of this year that it was eyeing a “backup site” in

Payette County. AEHI had first filed an application in Payette County in October 2009.

Earlier this week, the SEC announced it had suspended trading of AEHI securities pending an investigation into the stock sales by executives.

The 17-page complaint filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Boise accuses the company of raising millions of dollars

See **FRAUD**, Business 2

LEARNING LEADERSHIP



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Jenny Coelho and Gail Schull, both with the College of Southern Idaho, ride in the bucket of a tower truck Thursday, that can over 100 feet high, during a Twin Falls Chamber leadership program visit to Fire Station 1.

Class provides new view on business, community

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

Members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce’s Adult Leadership Class are promised expanded horizons and an opportunity to observe the community and its businesses from a different angle.

On Thursday, that promise resulted in a ride for class members on a hydraulic lift used by the city of Twin Falls’ fire department.

“I’m excited to go up,” said Kyle Tarbet, the chamber’s newly hired marketing coordinator. “It’ll be a neat experience.”

Each session of the class, which the chamber has sponsored for decades, meets once a month for 10 months.

See **CLASS**, Business 2



Members of the Twin Falls Fire Department help visitors with the Twin Falls Chamber leadership take fire suits off Thursday during their visit.

20 states ask judge to toss out Obama health law

By Melissa Nelson
Associated Press writer

PENSACOLA, Fla.— Attorneys for 20 states fighting the new federal health care law told a judge Thursday it will expand the government’s powers in dangerous and unintended ways.

The states want U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson to issue a summary judgment throwing out the health care law without a full trial. They argue it violates people’s rights by forcing them to buy health insurance by 2014 or face penalties.

“The act would leave more constitutional damage in its wake than any other statute in our history,” David Rivkin, an attorney for the states, told Vinson.

President Barack Obama’s administration counters that Americans should not be allowed to opt out of the overhaul because everyone requires medical care. Government attorneys say the states do not have standing to challenge the law and want the case dismissed.

Vinson, who was appointed to the bench almost 30 years ago by President Ronald Reagan, heard arguments Thursday but said he will rule later.

In a separate case, U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson earlier this week became the first federal judge to strike down a key portion of the law when he sided with the state of Virginia and ruled the insurance requirement unconstitutional. That case is likely to go to

See **HEALTH LAW**, Business 2

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Twin Falls man’s bid to operate Elko brothel tabled again

ELKO — A Twin Falls man’s bid to operate Sue’s Fantasy Club, an Elko brothel, has been tabled, for the third time, by the Elko City Council.

George Tate’s application to operate the brothel was tabled again on Tuesday.

Elko Police Chief Don Zumwalt recommended a denial of George Tate’s application, not because Tate can’t afford to purchase the brothel, but because the source of some of his finances could not be verified.

The council decided to give Tate another chance to detail where his cash has come from over the years.

The issue is over Tate’s liquid assets; he has cash saved in a secure location, but not a bank,

and therefore city officials are skeptical of where it came from.

Tate said he did not keep the money in the bank because “I saw my grandparents get a dime to every dollar they put in the bank. In these times you aren’t going to get much interest out of a bank.”

The council then advised Tate to hire an accountant to go over his finances and liquid assets and then report back to the city. The council would like a report detailing where all his money came from. Tate agreed to hire an accountant in the near future.

Idaho Labor ranks high in unemployment insurance appeal resolution

The Idaho Department of Labor announced Wednesday it the nation’s best, among small states, in resolving disputed unemploy-

ment insurance claims.

Nationally, Idaho ranks in the top five, as a top performer in “issuing timely and high quality appeals decisions,” said the U.S. Department of Labor’s unemployment insurance administrator Gay Gilbert in press release.

Gilbert notified Idaho Labor Director Roger Madsen on Wednesday about the ranking.

The state will be formally recognized later this week at the National Association of Workforce Agencies’ Unemployment Insurance Committee meeting in Arlington, Va.

“The recent recession has placed an increased demand on the (unemployment insurance) system,” Gilbert wrote in her letter to Madsen. “While states are facing unprecedented claim workloads, it is gratifying to know that workers and businesses in your state are receiving the

outstanding services offered by staff at Idaho Department of Labor.”

Unemployment insurance claims have been at record and near-record levels for more than two years in Idaho, since the recession began in December 2007.

The department’s Appeals Bureau resolves unemployment claim disputes between employers and employees. It handled 7,500 cases in the past year, more than double the number in 2007.

According to the Idaho Department of Labor more than 165,000 workers, or one in every four members of the state labor force, have received \$1.5 billion in jobless benefits.

Benefit demand has also produced a record number of appeals, which created a short backlog that developed in early 2009 but was resolved by the end of the year.

DIRECTV settles with states, pays Idaho

BOISE — Idahoans who experienced problems with their DIRECTV service may be eligible to receive restitution under the terms of a settlement agreement reached Wednesday, according to a statement released from Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

The company entered into a comprehensive settlement to resolve allegations of deceptive advertising and other unlawful business practices. The agreement also requires DIRECTV to change how it does business and to pay \$13.25 million to the states.

“In 2009, satellite and cable television complaints held the second position on my office’s ‘Top Ten Consumer Complaint List,’” Attorney General Wasden said.

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STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.44	▲ .18	Dell	13.33	▲ .04	Idacorp	37.55	▲ .43	Int. Bancorp	1.60	▼ .10
Lithia Mo.	13.34	▲ .29	McDonald’s	76.71	▼ .27	Micron	8.05	▲ .13	Supervalu	8.73	▲ .17

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	101.20	▼ .40	Jan. Oil	87.84	▼ .40
Dec. Gold	1367.60	▼ 17.90	Dec. Silver	29.23	— —

COMMUNITY



Courtesy photo

Hagerman student wins condor-naming contest

A Hagerman fifth-grader won the honor of naming one of the endangered California condors on display at The Peregrine Fund's World Center for Birds of Prey in Boise.

Mallory Henslee, a student at Hagerman Elementary School, was named the grand-prize winner for her essay to name the female condor "Piyopyoot' alikt," a Nez Perce term that means "bird alighting." Henslee, who won the fifth- to sixth-grade category, was selected from three finalists. Those finalists were chosen from 187 entries received from 27 schools.

Henslee said the inspiration for her winning entry came as she watched a film of California condors flying in the Grand Canyon and was impressed by how smoothly the large birds were able to land.

The naming contest, sponsored by Wells

Fargo, invited Idaho schoolchildren to submit a Native American name from an Idaho-based tribe and a short essay explaining their choice. The finalists in each category and their classmates attended a ceremony at the World Center for Birds of Prey near Boise to learn who had won. The kids also were treated to a free tour and live bird demonstrations.

The newly named female condor is on display in a new outdoor exhibit called Condor Cliffs, which opened in June. The male condor in the display will be named next summer in an online contest for the general public.

The Peregrine Fund produces captive-bred condors at the World Center for Birds of Prey and releases them to the wild near the Grand Canyon in Arizona.

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

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

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

Volunteers — Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers needs volunteers to spend time each week helping special-needs people stay in their homes. The group serves Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties. Mileage reimbursement and volunteer insurance are available. Information: Mary or Karen, 733-6333.

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

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

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

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

Volunteers — CSI Foster Grandparent

WANT TO HELP?

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

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

Donations/volunteers — The CSI Refugee Program is in need of warm clothing, blankets, DVD players, television stands and new car seats. Volunteers are needed to assist families with grocery shopping, social visits and to tutor English as a second language. To donate or to volunteer: Michelle, 736-2166, or 1526 Highland Ave. E., Twin Falls.

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

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

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

Benefit fund opened for Howsden



Courtesy photo

High Desert Racers club member Dusty Howsden of Wendell was recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. He has been unable to work for quite some time and is trying to adjust to this debilitating disease. A benefit account in his name has been opened and is available for donations at all Farmers National Banks.

Beukers dances in and choreographs production

Kristen Beukers, a Hope College senior from Corona, Calif., danced in and choreographed "The Provoking Voice" as part of the Hope College Student Dance Concert held Nov. 22 and 23.

Beukers is the daughter of Lisa Beukers and Dan Beukers. She is a graduate of

Twin Falls High School.

Hope College is a four-year, co-education, Christian liberal arts college affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, and has 3,202 students from 44 states and territories and 29 foreign countries.

Bosch inducted at Jamestown College

Jamestown College senior nursing student Hilary Vanden Bosch of Jerome was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International nursing honor society and the Xi-Kappa Chapter-at-Large on Nov. 18.

Sigma Theta Tau International is a prestigious organization of nurse leaders, scholars and researchers.

Membership in the society is awarded to bachelor's, master's, and doctoral nursing candidates who achieve scholastic averages, and to graduates of nursing programs who have made outstanding contributions to nursing.

The Xi Kappa Chapter-at-Large was chartered in May 1994 with more than

260 professional nurses as members. The Chapter is affiliated with the Nursing Departments at Jamestown College, Minnesota State University Moorhead, North Dakota State University and Concordia College. Members include senior nursing students, graduate nursing students and community leaders in the profession.

Tips for treating winter toenail fungus

DEAR DR. GOTT: I often have a problem with toenail fungus in the summertime, but it's understandable because I spend a lot of time at our town pool and in the locker room afterward so I can change out of my bathing suit. This I have learned to accept.

I live in the upper northwest section of the country, and I have the start of another fungal infection. This is the first time this has happened during the winter, and I am totally confused as to why. Our pool is closed until warm weather returns, and I'm in my home, which I thought was safe from the problem. I was wrong. Can you shed some light on this annoying problem?

DEAR READER: You're not the first person with this

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



complaint. We tend to forget that damp, cold weather can also trigger just such an infection. I'm sure you have already pulled your winter boots out of the closet and have worn them when grocery shopping, taking your children to functions, or when walking and hiking to keep in shape. It's cold. We don't stop to think that our feet are cozy and warm — sometimes sweating — when we have the heat on in the car during travel or when simply walking around the block. The warmth and moisture combine to set the

stage for such a problem to occur.

You might consider trimming your nail and applying a petrolatum menthol salve to the top and underside twice daily. The process may take a month or more, but a healthy nail should ultimately grow out, replacing the yellow discoloration you are likely experiencing.

Some people achieve success by either dabbing a cotton ball with white vinegar or simply pouring the liquid over the affected area twice daily. Again, patience is necessary for results.

If you would like to investigate another avenue, there are a number of over-the-counter remedies, including Miranel, found at Walgreens pharmacies. I personally know people who have used

this over-the-counter antifungal successfully for the specific problem you are experiencing. It contains miconazole ointment, tea tree oil and a host of other effective ingredients.

Miranel can also be used to treat ringworm, athlete's foot and the irritation that can appear between the toes.

Consider one of my recommendations and be sure to follow up with treatment in the future at the first sign of infection.

To give you related information on methods for treating toenail fungus and other home remedies, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Compelling Home Remedies." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped No. 10

envelope and a \$2 US check or money order made payable to Newsletter and forwarded to PO Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title or print out an order form from my website www.AskDrGottMD.com.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't know how to search your Web page for home remedies for athlete's foot. Actually, I can't figure out how to search for anything.

DEAR READER: Let's see if we can take the process step by step with good results. In the address bar at the top of your browser, type in AskDrGottMD.com. This will bring you to the home page of my website. In the top right hand top corner, you should see a box and the word "search" next

to it. Click in the box and type in the topic you wish information on. Then click the search button. You will be directed to the appropriate page. I just did, only to find I don't have information up regarding athlete's foot; however, I was able to type in countless other subjects successfully. Thank you for bringing this to my attention. Stay tuned. Athlete's foot will be discussed soon.

Peter H. Gott is a retired physician and the author of several books, including "Live Longer, Live Better," "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook," which are available at most bookstores or online.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

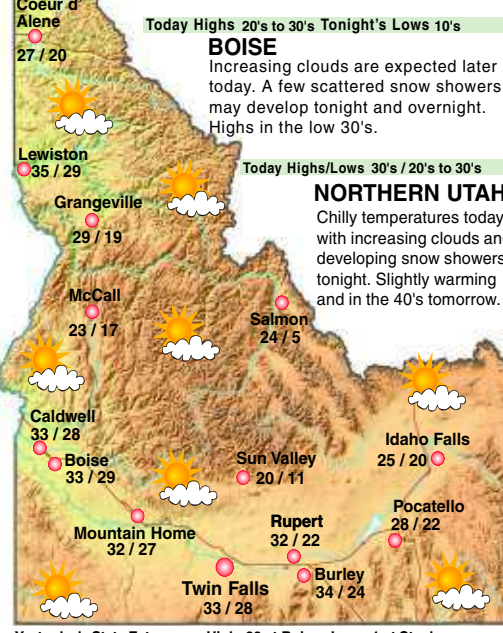
Today: Intervals of sunshine. High 34.
Tonight: Turning mostly cloudy, chilly. Low 24.
Tomorrow: Scattered snow showers possible. High 35.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation table for Burley/Rupert area.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Very cold temperatures are expected this afternoon with more clouds than sunshine.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls showing weather icons and temperatures for Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of weather data for various Idaho cities from the previous day.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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

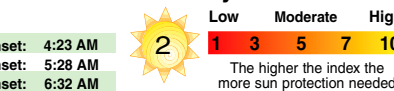
MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table of moonrise and moonset times for Today, Saturday, and Sunday.

TODAY'S U.V. INDEX



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing weather for cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Idaho Falls.

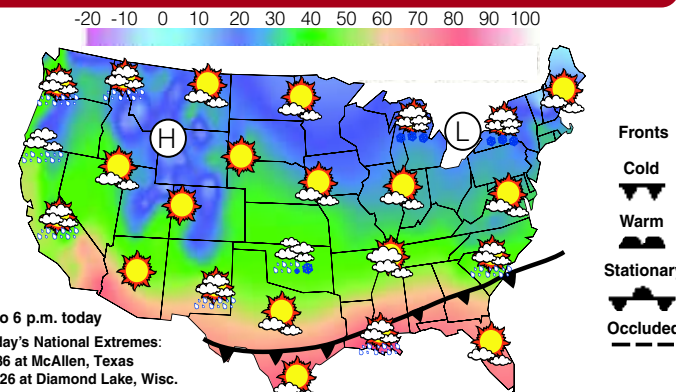
NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table listing weather for various cities across the United States.

WORLD FORECAST

World forecast table listing weather for international cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'Love is action. It's clear, it's kind, it's effortless, & it's irresistible.'

CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table listing weather for cities like Toronto, Vancouver, and Winnipeg.

Get up-to-date highway information at the Idaho Transportation Department's Web site at 511.idaho.gov or call 888-432-7623.

MILITARY NEWS

Ashford graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Jessica L. Ashford has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

ues, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Air men who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.



Ashford

Ashford is the daughter of Karalie Ashford of Jerome, and a 2009 Wendell High School graduate.

Acklin graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Quintin T. Acklin has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He is the son of T.J. and Laurie Acklin of Twin Falls,



Acklin

and a 2010 graduate of Canyon Ridge High School.

Burton graduates from basic military training

Air Force Airman Jacob M. Burton has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. He is the son of Blake Burton of Twin Falls, and a 2010 graduate of Canyon Ridge High School.



Burton



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What's your gambit?

Chess enthusiasts passionate but low-profile

By Ariel Hansen
Times-News writer

It's been a long time since the U.S. was as excited about chess as, say, football — remember Bobby Fischer?

But throughout the country, including south-central Idaho, it remains a pastime that draws people together. High school clubs and community clubs have small but dedicated memberships, disciples of the discipline who are eager to share their passion.

"If you like to think a lot, and use your brain, it's a good game for that," said eighth-grader Desmond Porth of Bellevue. "If you practice enough, a not very smart person can learn to play and win."

One of the myths of chess, say enthusiasts, is that you have to be a genius or a nerd to enjoy it or excel at it.

"People believe you have to be intelligent to play chess. No, you have to have a lot of common sense and eye for detail," said Adam Porth, Desmond's father and the organizer of the chess club at Wood River High School, where he teaches science. He said practice and the ability to recognize patterns is more important than IQ. "The more games you play, the better chess player you can become."

Games can pit a similarly rated 8-year-old against an 80-year-old — and either has a good chance to win. It's never too late to pick it up, say club organizers.

"People are afraid of it, they say, 'I can't learn chess.' Anybody can learn chess, and it doesn't take long to teach it," said Norman Friedman, organizer of the Wood River Chess Club. He has taught community ed classes through the College of Southern Idaho, and said four 1 1/2- to two-hour sessions can turn a newbie into a respectable player.

Of course, not everyone is interested. "It's very fascinating, but if you're like my wife, she says she'd rather watch the paint dry. She calls it a 'geek convention' whenever we're playing," said Barry Eacker, organizer of Magic Valley Chess Club.

The game can be mentally intense, sometimes even grueling, especially for competitive players.

"It's the most warlike and unforgiving game. You can spend five or six hours nurturing a position and the slightest error can cause you to lose everything you fought for. (But) when you win, that you discovered you've achieved a combination on the board



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News
Adam Porth, right, thinks about what move he'll use next against his chess opponent, Erwin Kett, left, on Monday at Wood River High School. Playing behind them is Kevin Jensen. Porth organizes gatherings of chess enthusiasts there twice a week and frequently competes in regional and statewide tournaments.

you've struggled for, it's very gratifying to see it come to fruition," Eacker said. "Bobby Fischer used to say, 'When you beat someone at chess, you crush their mind.' I've seen instances when people have lost games, and they've quit playing."

But it's also an awful lot of fun. "I spent my weekend exhaustingly entertained," said Adam Porth, who won his category at a recent two-day tournament in Boise. He also often plays chess with his family; he and his wife will play as they relax at a wine bar, or he'll break out the four-person chess or other variants and get the kids involved at home.

Desmond Porth admits he likes video

games a little more than chess, but has gotten his friends involved in the board game because he enjoys teaching it, and it's a good way to spend an hour or two after school or on the weekends.

Wood River High student Kevin Jensen said the board game is like many other sports — as when Boise State University botched field goals against Nevada, a few mistakes can cost the game. But it's different, too. "Chess doesn't have a scoreboard; you can have less pieces, and still be leading,"

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Chess isn't an elitist game, or one that's only for geniuses or nerds, say enthusiasts. It can be learned by just about anyone fairly quickly.

ARIEL HANSEN/
Times-News



WHERE CAN I PLAY?

These clubs are open to all ages and abilities, and they welcome new players. Some also participate in competitive or tournament play. Although casual play is free, some competitions and tournaments have entry fees or require membership in a national organization.



Wood River Chess Club

Meets 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. In winter, meet at the Atkinsons Park recreation building (830 Third Ave., Ketchum, near Hemingway Elementary); in summer, meet at Ketchum Town Square (across Fourth Street East from Atkinsons' Market). Call before you come, in case that week's session is cancelled or moved. Free lessons available; many players are beginning or intermediate. Contact: Norm Friedman, 727-1612.



WRHS Chess Club

Meets Mondays and Wednesdays from about 3:30 or 4 p.m. (after school) to 5:30 p.m., at Wood River High School (1250 Fox Acres Road, Hailey). Coordinator Adam Porth also offers private chess coaching. Contact: Porth, www.wix.com/aporth/wrhs-chess-club or 450-9048. Porth also maintains a chess blog, "The Chess Nut," with advice, scientific research and chess variant instructions, at adamporth.blogspot.com.



Magic Valley Chess Club

Meets 6-9:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Barnes & Noble (1239A Pole Line Road, Twin Falls). Contact: Barry Eacker, 733-6186 or mol@q.com.

The Sound of Success?

CSI music students ponder life after graduation

By Melissa Davlin
Times-News writer

Walk down the halls of the Fine Arts Building at College of Southern Idaho on any afternoon, and you'll hear some amazing sounds.

Piano, jazz ensembles and vocals intermingle as

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students practice and instructors lecture. It's a talented group, said vocal instructor Carson Wong.

Still, talent alone doesn't pay the bills.

We talked to four CSI music students about why they got into music and what they plan to do with their educations.

KENDRA BLOMMER

pianist
19
Kimberly

Blommer isn't a fan of the spotlight, preferring accompanying vocalists and choirs to performing solos.

It's a shame — her talent shines when she sits behind the keys. The part-time student lives with her family in Kimberly, where she grew up. She chose CSI partly so she could stay in the area.

"It was local and I didn't want to travel," she said.

After finishing school, Blommer wants to teach piano — a part-time gig that would allow her to have another career or a family, she said. She isn't sure what that other career might be, which is why she started her higher education with piano.

"This is something I know I love," Blommer said.



MELISSA DAVLIN/Times-News

Kendra Blommer has been playing piano for most of her life. Her mother also plays piano.

Why Santa lives in Sun Valley

A week of Christmas fun in the snow

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Mark Sheehan and his 10-year-old son, Sean, put the finishing touches on the giant Sun Valley Sun made of ice and snow outside the Sun Valley Lodge on Monday afternoon.

As they pushed the left-over blocks of ice into the swan pond, Sheehan surveyed what was his 25th ice sculpture.

"This is painful hard work. You get sweaty and wet. You lift the chain saw over your head and you're crippled for a week. But then some woman comes out of the lodge and tells me, 'Every time I see this sculpture, it lifts my spirits! And in that moment it's all worth it,' said Sheehan, a Bellevue metalsmith.

Christmas week at Sun Valley is all about tradition — from the building of the Sun Valley logo outside the lodge to the free Christmas Eve performance of "The Nutcracker" followed by the torchlight parade down Dollar Mountain.

Visitors who have been spending Christmas in Sun Valley as long as they can remember have come to expect these things. And so have those who live in the Sun Valley area.

This year, Sun Valley has thrown in a few new events in honor of its 75th anniversary season. It begins with a Rail Jam tonight and ends with the torchlight parade and free ice skating on Sun Valley's outdoor ice rink on Christmas Eve.

Here's what to expect:

Tonight

Some of Sun Valley's best rail riders will strut their stuff on Sun Valley's new Quad Wall from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The fun gets started at 3 p.m. with live music by Twin Falls singer-songwriter Ethan Tucker. Then Sun Valley will unveil its new 10-foot wall, which weighs 1,500 pounds.

"It's probably one of the biggest walls around any of the ski resorts. Its a big playground in and of itself," said Sun Valley marketing assistant Mike Fitzpatrick.

Sun Valley's Funny Man Mike Murphy, who has been delivering laughs in The Boiler Room for 30-plus years, will try out his newest jokes at 7:30 p.m. in The Boiler Room in Sun Valley Village following the rail exhibition. He'll present a second free show at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and yet another at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Saturday

Sun Valley is asking skiers and boarders to dig out their vintage ski wear for a Vintage Ski Party and Contest at 2 p.m. on the River Run Plaza. There'll be prizes for the best outfits from each decade from the 1930s —



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Spend Christmas week in Sun Valley and you'll have a number of opportunities to hear the Sun Valley Carolers.



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Sharon and John Wellsandt pose for pictures in the ice sleigh carved for last year's tree lighting ceremony in Sun Valley.

when Sun Valley opened as the nation's first destination ski resort — to now.

First Lady Lori Otter will sign copies of her children's book, "Little Clyde: Horsing Around in Sun Valley," from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sun Valley Inn. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

The annual Tree Lighting will follow at 5 p.m. outside Sun Valley Inn. The walkways around Sun Valley will be lined with ice carvings made by Danny Spangler of Ice is Nice.

The Sun Valley Carolers, who have been caroling for more than 30 years, will lead off the celebration. Expect free cocoa and cookies, and Santa will come dashing in via horse-drawn sleigh.

The show, which starts at 6 p.m., will feature Olympic gold medalists Brian Boitano and Evan Lysacek, Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen, U.S. silver medalist Ryan Bradley and Nathan Chen, the child prodigy who was 10 last year when he won the 2010 U.S. gold medal in the novice division.

All have been frequent performers at Sun Valley's summer ice shows. There are some \$45 tickets left, at 622-2135 or seats.sunvalley.com. But the \$75 ones which



Olympic silver medalist Sasha Cohen — a frequent performer at Sun Valley's summer ice shows — will be back Tuesday for the Silver and Gold Ice Show.

include a cocktail reception with the skaters following the show are nearly gone.

A 75th Winter Season Celebration Gourmet Dinner will be served from 6 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lodge Dining Room. It will feature an a la carte menu that includes entrees from Sun Valley's opening night in 1936. Call 622-2800 for reservations.

"They ate pretty straight-forward and simple then," said Doug Horn, who heads up Sun Valley's dining. "Nobody knows anybody who ate here then, so I figured we could get away with touching it up to fit today's style of eating."

Thursday

The third annual Classical Christmas Concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Sun Valley Opera House. It will feature two 35- to 45-minute sets and include complementary coffee, cocoa, tea and truffles.

Directed and arranged by R.L. Rowsey, it will feature tenor John Mauldin, soprano Leslie Mauldin and soprano Celena Shafer, a Utah opera singer who has performed throughout the nation and abroad.

This year's concert will also



L. Mauldin



Soprano Celena Shafer, a Utah opera singer who has performed throughout the nation and abroad, will perform in Sun Valley on Thursday.

Courtesy photo

feature Paul Tillotson, a New York jazz pianist who came to Sun Valley for two weeks 12 years ago — and extended his stay every year until he decided he loved Sun Valley too much to leave.

A trio of children will sing "I Wonder as I Wander" with the two professional sopranos. And the Sun Valley Carolers will make an appearance.

The Hatvani Chamber Ensemble of Boise will accompany the singers.

"We'll play some very familiar standards, such as 'Silent Night,' along with 'Ave Maria' and some solo selections from 'Messiah,' Rowsey said. "It will have a really wonderful hometown feel to it, but it will be classy as well."

Tickets are \$38, at 622-2135.

Dec. 24

Sun Valley will roll out the free cocoa and cookies once again beginning at 5 p.m. on the Lodge Terrace for the free performance of "Nutcracker on Ice" that it offers every Christmas. The Sun Valley Carolers will sing a few numbers preceding the show. Fireworks and a torchlight parade down Dollar Mountain will follow. Santa will take in the festivities, and there will be free ice skating following the show.

This year there also will be a Christmas Eve Dinner Buffet from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sun Valley Club on the site of the golf course. Cost is \$42.50 for adults and \$23.50 for children 12 and younger; call 622-2800 for reservations.

Dec. 26

The Christmas Week will end with a performance of the comedy musical "Forever Plaid" at 7:30 p.m. in the Boiler Room.

The musical, full of gags and laughs, revolves around four nerds who are given the opportunity to return to earth to perform the concert they never had the chance to do after being killed in a collision with a bus full of nuns. The songs include such 1950s favorites as "Three Coins in the Fountain" and even a little bit of The Beatles. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Karen Bossick may be reached at 578-2111 or kbossick@cox-internet.com.



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This year's Classical Christmas Concert on Thursday will feature jazz pianist Paul Tillotson.

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Audition in Oakley for musical theater

Times-News

Oakley Valley Arts Council will hold auditions for its production of "Singin In The Rain," 7-9 p.m. Jan. 6 and 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 8 at Howells Opera House in Oakley.

Kent Severe will direct the musical, assisted by Cathe Runyan. Performance dates are March 3-5, 7, 10-12, 14 and 17-19.

Those 16 and older may audition. Come prepared with a short musical number, with your own accompaniment or accompanist.

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Rare eclipse gives you a reason to stay up all night

Times-News

If southern Idaho skies are clear Monday night, night owls will be in for an astronomical treat — a total eclipse of the moon that's totally viewable, as well.

What makes this eclipse special is the fact that we'll be able to see the whole process from start to finish, said Chris Anderson, coordinator of the Centennial Observatory at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science in Twin Falls.

"While lunar eclipses are not exceedingly rare, the fact that the visible phases last around 4 1/2 hours — roughly a fifth of Earth's rotation — makes it somewhat rare to be on the part of Earth where neither the start nor the finish happens when the Moon is below the horizon," Anderson said in a Herrett Center press release. The only downside of this eclipse, he said, is that to see the whole thing you have to stay up pretty much all night.

Also notable is the fact that, since this eclipse happens to fall on the Winter Solstice, the Moon will be about as high in the sky as it can get just before the start of totality at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday. If the sky is cloudy that night, the phenomenon will go unobserved until a similar total eclipse happens over this part of North America in April 2014.

The observatory will be open all night for free views of the eclipse, weather permitting. Enter the door on the east side of the Herrett Center, right below the observatory.

Chess

Continued from Entertainment 1 Jensen said, describing the value of position on the board.

And you can play at any age. "This is something for a lifetime," said Erwin Kett, an immigrant from Germany who comes to almost every Wood River High club meeting to play.

These days, chess is available day or night, with opponents of every level going online to find a game. But advocates say over-the-board (in-person) chess has advantages over online games.

"If you have a bunch of people getting together and interacting about an activity they're all interested in, it's fun," Eacker said.

Over-the-board chess also attracts spectators, whether they play or not.

"If you see a game going, there will be a herd of people around watching," Adam Porth said. Watching the game, watching the players — and hearing the smack talk, if it's a casual game. "Over-the-board is great socially. You get to talk, and occasionally play the player instead of just playing the board."

In person, it's a lot harder to break the rules, said Desmond Porth, who said some online players use cheat engines to win.

For those who practice rather than cheat, chess has been shown to improve mental abilities.



ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Trophies and plaques — and tournament cash prizes — are tangible rewards of playing chess, but fans say the intellectual rewards of learning the game and the adrenaline rush of winning are even better.

Students who play have improved grades in both math and reading, said Friedman, who participated in conducting a study of 1,000 New York City students when he was part of the Manhattan Chess Club.

Half were taught chess as part of their academics, and half weren't, and then they were assessed by an

independent firm.

"It was not just a casual difference — there was a significant difference in their school grades," Friedman said.

Eacker said it has similar benefits for older minds. Alzheimer's runs in his family, he said, and he took up chess after hearing about its benefits in forestalling or delaying onset of the disease.

All the clubs say they welcome new members, whether casual players or those interested in practicing and competing in tournaments. "Come take a look at what's going on," Friedman said. "You don't have to be smart, you don't have to be anything special — it's universal."

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MUSIC STUDENT PROFILES

Continued from Entertainment 1



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Vocal student Michael Riley doesn't enjoy just music. At different points in his life, he considered becoming a dancer, writer and fashion designer.

MICHAEL RILEY

violinist and vocalist
22
Sacramento, Calif.

Riley originally wanted to be a fashion designer, and even got accepted into a few fashion schools, but outrageous tuition put that dream out of reach. He then turned his focus to viola, which he has played for 12 years, and applied for CSI's music program.

During his first semester, the Sacramento native auditioned for the Madrigal Ensemble. After hearing his audition, instructor Serena Jenkins Clark encouraged him to do more vocal work.

When he finishes school, Riley hopes to write for pop stars like Britney Spears and Lady Gaga. He wants to incorporate traditional instruments — like his beloved viola — with electronic instruments in his music.

"I'm just tired of classical music," he said.

The pop music industry is a tough business to get into, he acknowledges. Most songwriters write with a specific artist in mind, then market the songs through inside connections. He knows he won't be able to do it from Twin Falls.

Failing that, Riley wants to perform. He is working on expanding his vocal range to countertenor.

"I cannot describe how gorgeous it is," he said of countertenors' voices. "It takes a lot of perfection, I think."



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Anna Lintner-Majernikova started piano lessons at 17. The vocalist had always wanted to learn, she said.

ANNA LINTNER-MAJERNIKOVA

vocalist and pianist
28
Bratislava, Slovakia

Majernikova comes from a long line of artists. Her maternal grandfather is a prominent sculptor in Slovakia, and all of her five siblings are visual artists. As a child in Bratislava, she always fantasized about becoming a singer, but asthma held her back. She ended up studying art like the rest of her family.

Her goals changed after coming to Sun Valley for a work program in 2005. She met her future husband and, after finishing her studies, moved to Ketchum, where she continued painting and making art. Last year, she signed up for the CSI music program.

Majernikova doesn't like planning for the future, she said. When her original goal of becoming a performing vocalist fell through, she was heartbroken. "I never wanted to make plans again," she said. But she knows she wants to perform after earning her associate's degree. Failing that, she wants to teach private voice lessons to older teenagers and adults. "Just go with the flow," she said.

STEVE MCIVERS

percussionist
56
Twin Falls

McIvers has been on the drums longer than most of his classmates have been alive.

McIvers taught himself how to play drums 43 years ago and has played in bar bands for 38 years.

Recently, he decided he wanted to get out of his mechanic job and expand his musical horizons.

McIvers took a few classes at faculty member Gene Conley's urging.

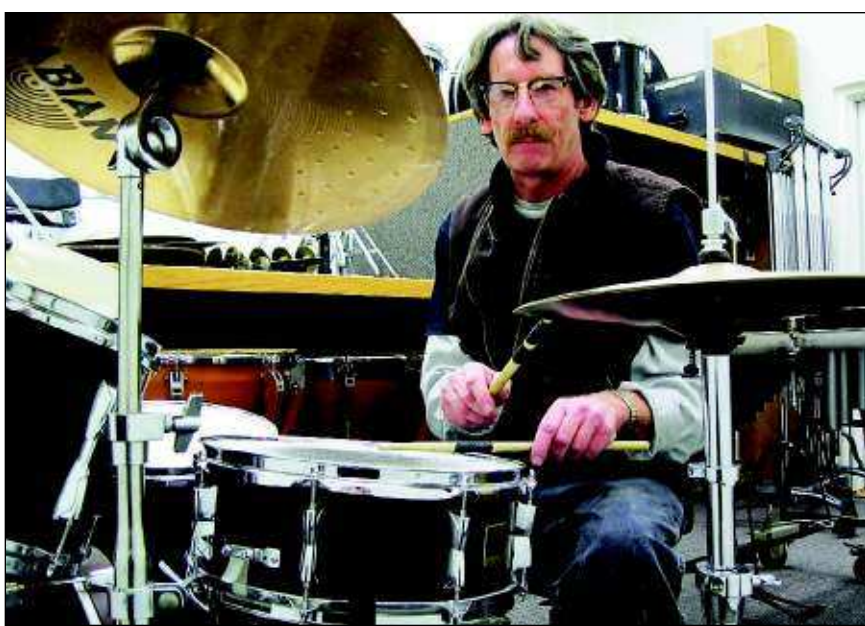
"I haven't been to school since 1973," he said. "It's pretty wild."

McIvers still wants to play gigs locally and is working on incorporating what he has learned into his music. He's improved, he said, but has a long way to go.

"The more you learn, the less you know," he said.

He knows he won't get rich from his drumming talents, and that's all right with him.

"Some people think you need to make money," McIvers said. "Well I don't care. It's not a money thing. It's what you want to do."



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Nontraditional student Steve McIvers said his former bandmates and immediate family members are supportive of his decision to go back to school.

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INSTANT Critic



Theater: 'Cyrano de Bergerac'

College of Southern Idaho production, seen Dec. 10

An absolutely superb performance by Jud Harmon in the title role — Cyrano the lover, the dreamer, the poet, the war-like romantic, the comic with private tears behind his sarcasm. A man of bluster and subtlety. And in every scene, Harmon delivered his lines like he knew what they meant.

— Virginia Hutchins, Times-News deputy editor/features

Acoustic music: Zamis Rockstahl and Charles Dawson



Heard Dec. 10 at Zulu Bagels & Java Jungle, Twin Falls

Rockstahl and Dawson, both of Under Wicked Sky, typically play loud, pounding rock. And while I love it, the acoustic guitar was refreshing. My favorite song of the night: the LeAnn Rhimes cover. Who woulda thunk? I hope Zulu brings them back.

— Melissa Davlin, Times-News features writer

Christmas Cantata: 'Night of the Father's Love'



Heard Wednesday at Buhl United Methodist Church

Recognition goes to Gary Heidel for directing the West End Community Singers. Well-rehearsed and professional sounding, this heartwarming performance included narrators, musicians and soloists. The processional and lighting ceremony put everyone into the Christmas spirit.

— Cathy Wilson of Buhl

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Plan your trip to Elko for Cowboy Poetry Gathering

By Danielle Switalski
Elko Daily Free Press writer

ELKO, Nev. — The 27th National Cowboy Poetry Gathering is fast approaching, and tickets are still available for headlining shows as well as many workshops.

The 2011 gathering is scheduled Jan. 24-29.

It's only the middle of December and tickets are going fast, said Tamara Kubacki, programs coordinator at the Western Folklife Center. Although some workshops are sold out, plenty still have room.

Kubacki said organizers try to change workshops each year; however, rawhide braiding with Doug Groves and zydeco dancing are back this year. New workshops that still have space include "Saddle Makers' and Leather Carvers' Gathering" and "Ranch Tour: A Day at the Ranch."

Food workshops are "Cook Beef like a Traditional Chef" with Dustin Makowski, and "Pack It In" with John Doran.

Workshops that focus on the creative process include "From Poem to Reader" with Linda Hasselstrom and Nancy Curtis; "Producing a YouTube Video" with Hal Cannon and Taki Telonidis; "Song Swap: Fictional Lyrics and Futuristic Grooves" with Paul Zarzyski and Wylie Gustafson; and "The Zen of the Whole Enchilada: Envisioning the Creative Process" with Andy Wilkinson.

Dance workshops include single-step, two-step and triple-step swing, rodeo swing and waltz, as well as zydeco.

This year's dinner theater is titled "No Stranger Here: In the Studio with Ramblin' Jack Elliott & Friends." Elliott was awarded a Grammy after the 2010 Cowboy Poetry Gathering and is returning to Elko again to headline the show.

Kubacki said tickets for the dinner shows go quickly. The dinner theater is Jan. 27-29, with cocktails at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m.



Elko Daily Free Press file photos

LEFT: Young singer and poet Cora Wood performs with musical artist Don Edwards during the 2010 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering at the Western Folklife Center in Elko, Nev. ABOVE: Cowboy poet Paul Zarzyski, left, dances while Wylie and The Wild West play at the 2010 gathering's Snake River Outlaws tribute show.

and the shows beginning at 6 p.m. at Great Basin College Theater. Tickets are \$60.

A last-minute gathering entry is Ian Tyson. Kubacki said this singer-songwriter has been performing for 50 years and is an all-time favorite among ranchers. There are few tickets left for his show at 3 p.m. Jan. 28 in the G Three Bar Theater at the WFC, and plenty of seats left for the show at 3 p.m. Jan. 27 in the auditorium at the Elko Convention Center.

"Every single truck you see on a ranch has his CD in it," Kubacki said.

The international program this year features artists from Hungary. Hungarian Soul performs at 7 p.m. Jan. 24 at the G Three Bar Theater in the WFC. This show features the Hungarian musical group Gyanta and other Hungarian guests, who will perform songs and poetry from the puszta, which means the great plains, of Hungary.

The exhibition opening at the WFC's Wiegand Gallery during the gathering is titled "Herdsman and Horsemen of the Hungarian Puszta," highlighting the roots and contemporary life of Hungary's herding.

The workshop titled "Traditional Cuisine of the Hungarian Puszta" is sold out.

The Ranch Family Show, which is free to ranch families, is at 3 p.m. Jan. 29 in the audi-

torium at the Elko Convention Center. Tickets are required.

These are only a few of the shows during the jam-packed

week of the gathering. To view all other show listings or to purchase tickets, visit www.westernfolklife.org or call 888-880-5885 toll-free.

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KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Steve d'Smith plays Scrooge in the nexStage Theatre production of 'A Christmas Carol – The Musical.'

Kids clamor for 'Christmas Carol,' so Ketchum theater delivers

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Patsy Wygle entertained the notion of coming up with a different holiday play this year.

But was hard to say no when parents began calling her in September to find out when auditions would be held for "A Christmas Carol – The Musical."

After all, she didn't want to be a Scrooge about it.

So the nexStage Theatre will bring back the classic Christmas story with its catchy tunes for the fifth consecutive year.

The musical version of Charles Dickens' Christmas classic opens at 7 tonight and continues Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Ketchum theater. A show-closing Christmas Eve matinee will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 24.

Hot mulled wine, cider and cookies will be served around the Christmas tree before the show on opening night.

The musical by David Armstrong, Dick Gallagher and Mark Waldrop will feature its largest cast ever — 66, including four professional actors. Still, children had to be turned away, said Wygle, who is directing the musical with Keith Moore and Patty Parsons Tewson.

"And we have 10 families with more than one member in the cast. We've even had mothers joining in just so they could be with their children," she said.

The classic tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge's sometimes horrifying journey — courtesy of the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future — that reawakens him to the true meaning of Christmas.

But the nexStage Acting Co. and Laughing Stock Theatre have matured in their telling of it, said Jamey Reynolds, who will play Christmas Present.



Courtesy photo

Blake Beckwith, Holly Ann Hatch and Brooke Beckwith, at top; and Blake Nelson and Annabelle Lewis, at bottom, gather around Mrs. Fezziwig, played by Patty Parsons, to enjoy Christmas.

ENDURING STORY

- **What:** "A Christmas Carol – The Musical"
- **When:** 7 p.m. tonight through Sunday, plus Wednesday and Thursday. Also, 2 p.m. Dec. 24.
- **Where:** nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum
- **Tickets:** \$25 general admission, \$15 children; \$35 reserved; available at 726-4857 or www.nexstagetheatre.org

"Jacob Marley in this play talks about charity and decency toward our fellow man and that's a heavy tome even today," he said. "We've tried to capture that this year without a lot of fluff. For instance, my character opens his robe to reveal the children who are wanting because of man's ignorance."

"A Christmas Carol" is a timeless story that continues to touch hearts, no matter how often it's seen, said Keith Moore, who will portray Tiny Tim's father, Bob Cratchit, for the fifth time.

"This is a labor of love for us," he said. "And it truly has become a community tradition, just as we'd hoped it would. It gets everyone ready for Christmas."

Karen Bossick may be reached at 578-2111 or kbossick@cox-internet.com.

'Salesman' cast announced

Times-News

Random Acts of Theatre Players announced casting for its production of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman":

Tony Mannen as Willy Loman; Lori Henson as Linda Loman; Jud Harmon as Biff Loman; Dale Laughlin as Happy Loman; Shane Brown as Ben Loman; Mike Winterholler as Charley; and

Dustin Hobdey as Bernard. Megan Choate, Tess Gregg, Billy Perry and Teri Winterholler will also be in the cast, director Tamara Harmon said.

RAT Players will perform "Death of a Salesman" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13-15 at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Theatre 155. Tickets are \$10 at the door, or reserve by calling Tamara Harmon at 420-3979.

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Minico beats Burley

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

RUPERT — For the Minico girls basketball team, the old saying applies: There's no place like home.

After six straight road games, Minico finally returned home Thursday night and beat cross-rival Burley 52-39.

"Rivalry games are fun. The crowd is excited, which makes us excited," said senior Taylor O'Connell, who led Minico with 17 points. "I definitely didn't want to lose to Burley, so I picked up my defense and tried to shoot the ball when I was open."

O'Connell was instrumental in the game's two most crucial moments.

First, Minico led by two with under a minute remaining in the

"We just went cold. That was the story of the game, in a way. We missed a lot of easy shots in the first half, too. We left too many points off the board that we should have had."

— Burley coach Roger Caresia

first half when O'Connell hit a 3-pointer, followed by Malarie Pratt's buzzer-beater to give the Spartans a seven-point halftime edge.

Then, after Chelsea Baker's 3-pointer pulled Burley to within three with 6:20 left in the game, O'Connell responded with a steal and layup, followed by another 3-pointer.

Baker led Burley with 18 points, but that last 3-pointer was the Bobcats' final bucket as they went the final six minutes without a

field goal.

"We just went cold," said Burley coach Roger Caresia. "That was the story of the game, in a way. We missed a lot of easy shots in the first half, too. We left too many points off the board that we should have had."

Marlee Chandler scored 11 of her 12 points in the first half, and Pratt came off the bench to score nine for the Spartans.

Minico (3-6 overall, 1-2 Great

See **MINICO**, Sports 2

Minico's Marlee Chandler drives past Burley's Mikaela Salazar Thursday at Minico High School.



RYAN HOWE/Times-News

RIVALRY RUNAWAY

Bruin girls pulverize Riverhawks

By Stephen Meyers
Times-News writer

New season, same result. The fourth installment of the Twin Falls-Canyon Ridge girls basketball rivalry went pretty much the same way it has in the past — Twin Falls dominating.

In front of a spirited and packed house at Baun gymnasium, the Bruins ran away from the Riverhawks for the 70-39 win.

"It's a big win for us and obviously beating Canyon Ridge is always big," said senior Alyssa Soloaga. "They're our cross-town rivals and it's always exciting in the gym with students and parents from both schools coming out."

In their four matchups, Twin Falls has beaten Canyon Ridge by an average of 39 points.

But this one started off rocky for the Bruins.

Twin Falls (8-2, 4-0 Great Basin Conference) opened the first quarter with four straight turnovers and Canyon Ridge held a slight lead. But eventually the wheels fell off for the Riverhawks as Twin Falls' pressure defense created easy transition buckets.

"We didn't take care of the ball tonight," said Canyon Ridge coach Kim Wray. "We're not losing to teams because they're better than us, we're losing because of our mistakes. We have to fix



DREW NASH/Times-News

Twin Falls senior Mallory Jund looks to pass as Canyon Ridge's Caitlyn Joslin defends Thursday night at Baun Gym in Twin Falls.

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our mistakes and play the way I know we can play."

Breyanna Burk and Colleen Joslin each scored 12 for the Riverhawks.

Allie Kelsey scored 20 points, Jazlyn Nielsen added 16 and Josie Jordan pitched in with 12 for the Bruins.

Kelsey hit a 3-pointer with 3:45 remaining to put the Bruins up by 31 to take away any energy remaining on the Riverhawks' squad.

"We wanted to have intensity for four quarters

tonight. We weren't going to let up," Soloaga said.

Canyon Ridge (4-5, 1-3 GBC) returns to the court against Buhl on Monday, while Twin Falls is off for the holiday break, not playing until Jan. 4 against Century.

See **BRUINS**, Sports 2

CSI men pull away for win

Jackson scores career-high 32

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

For a while Thursday night, it looked like the brightest thing for the Golden Eagles would be head coach Steve Gosar's yellow sports coat.

Fortunately, Pierre Jackson, Darius Smith, Jerrold Brooks and Kenny Buckner stepped up to provide some bright spots of their own as the College of Southern Idaho men's bas-

ketball team pulled away late to beat the Idaho Select All Stars 117-103.

Jackson scored a career-high 32 points, including 12 during a 21-5 run to ice the win after Idaho Select crept within 89-87 with 5:40 to play.

"P was big for us because he just kept coming and coming," said Gosar. "We needed a sophomore to step up and P just didn't go away. He kept hitting big shots."

See **CSI MEN**, Sports 2



MIKE CHRISTENSEN/Times-News

College of Southern Idaho head coach Steve Gosar watches his team against Idaho Select Thursday night in Twin Falls.

Armstrong: Special Olympics about putting a sparkle in athletes' eyes

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Kristin Armstrong's march toward Olympic gold could have started the moment a doctor told her she could no longer run due to arthritis in her hips.

Or it could have started the day she began bicycling for exercise.

But, likely, it began the day she jumped into a swimming pool at age 7, she told those attending Special Olympics Idaho's Breakfast with Champions Thursday at the

Sun Valley Inn.

"I dogpaddled 50 feet and grabbed onto the side of the pool for dear life, glad I hadn't drowned. It was not the most stellar moment in my athletic career, but I wanted to do everything my big brother did," Armstrong recalled.

More than that, it earned her a spot on the swim team with the older kids, becoming her introduction to the world of competition, Armstrong said.

"Was I a good athlete? No. Could I swim? No. But I made the team. Coach Miller



KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News

Kristin Armstrong, left, sitting with her husband Joe Savola, laughs during her introduction at the Breakfast with Champions in Sun Valley on Friday.

never taught me to ride a bike but he taught me to believe in myself," she said. "Imagine if there had been no pool, if there had been no swim program, if there had been no Coach Miller. ... It's hard to imagine how my life

would have turned out without those experiences."

Idaho currently has 2,500 athletes involved in Special Olympics and recently designed a training center in

See **ARMSTRONG**, Sports 4

Former Bruins remembered at this year's Bear-Cat invite

By Mike Christensen
Times-News writer

Justin Mallory would have been a senior on the Twin Falls wrestling team this winter. But, Mallory, like two other former Bruin grapplers, died before becoming an upperclassman.

While Mallory, Justin Hernandez and Trevor Hine are gone, they are not forgotten. Their mothers have formed the JTTJ Memorial Scholarship, awarding three scholarships last spring. Teresa Burgess, the mother of Hernandez, said the plan is to award two \$500 scholar-

ships to senior Twin Falls wrestlers next spring.

To help make that happen, the mothers of Mallory, Hernandez and Hine will be selling concessions and other items at this weekend's Bear-Cat Invitational in Jerome and at every Twin Falls home wrestling match. They'll be selling hot dogs today and cinnamon rolls on Saturday at the Bear-Cat, while also offering drinks and jewelry — watch bands, key chains and bookmarks — in Bruin colors.

Burgess said the JTTJ Memorial scholarship is a

See **BEAR-CAT**, Sports 4

Tiger Woods saga voted AP sports story of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Tiger Woods' humbling return to the public eye, from his televised confession to a winless season on the golf course, was voted the sports story of the year by members of The Associated Press.

The fallout from Woods' admission of infidelity edged a very different sort of story: The New Orleans Saints winning their first Super Bowl championship, giving an emotional boost to their hurricane-ravaged city.

It was late 2009 when Woods' pristine image unraveled after he crashed his SUV into a tree outside

his home, unleashing salacious revelations of extramarital affairs. The story was a late addition to last year's voting and wound up fifth.

But the twists and turns weren't over for Woods. Many more developments were still to unfold in 2010.

There were 176 ballots submitted from U.S. news organizations that make up the AP's membership. The voters were asked to rank the top 10 sports stories of the year, with the first-place story getting 10 points, the second-place story receiving nine points, and so on.

The Woods saga received

1316 points, with the Saints' title getting 1215 and the NBA free agency frenzy coming in third with 1085.

Major League Baseball's ongoing travails with performance-enhancing drugs was the top story last year.

Here are 2010's top five stories:

• **1. TIGER WOODS:** Woods returned to public with a 13½-minute statement in February, then came back to golf at the Masters in April with a fourth-place finish. That would be one of his few highlights on the course — Woods went winless on the

PGA Tour for the first time in his career and lost his No. 1 ranking for the first time in years. In August, he and Elin Nordegren divorced.

• **2. SAINTS WIN:** New Orleans residents loved their Saints for not abandoning the city after Hurricane Katrina, but it was hard to imagine the team bringing much joy on the field after 42 mostly losing seasons. Then Drew Brees and Co. upset the mighty Indianapolis Colts in their first Super Bowl, to the delight of French Quarter revelers and fans nationwide who adopted the Saints.

• **3. FREE AGENCY FRENZY:** NBA fans were captivated by the mystery of where MVP LeBron James and other marquee free agents would land. Few would have guessed that three of them would sign with the same team: the Miami Heat, who became basketball's Evil Empire by adding James from Cleveland and Chris Bosh from Toronto to Dwyane Wade.

• **4. WORLD CUP:** A World Cup of firsts ended gloriously for Spain and for Africa. South Africa hosted the continent's first

World Cup without the pitfalls many predicted. And the Spaniards brought home the first World Cup title to the soccer-mad country with a 1-0 victory over the Netherlands in extra time.

• **5. GIANTS WIN:** The Giants hadn't won the World Series since they moved to San Francisco in 1958 — and since 1954 overall. This didn't seem to be the year to end the drought when they barely squeaked into the playoffs. But with dominant pitching and clutch hitting, they beat the Texas Rangers in five games.



San Diego Chargers wide receiver Vincent Jackson carries the ball into the end zone for a touchdown as San Francisco 49ers cornerback Tarell Brown, right, tries to stop him in the second half during an NFL football game, Thursday in San Diego.

AP photo

Jackson catches 3 TD passes to lead Bolts

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Vincent Jackson reminded the San Diego Chargers just what they missed during a nasty contract dispute.

Jackson had a career-high three touchdown catches, Philip Rivers surpassed 4,000 yards passing for the third straight season and the Chargers beat Alex Smith and the San Francisco 49ers 34-7 on Thursday night to stay alive in the AFC West race.

The Chargers (8-6) pulled within a half-game of AFC West leader Kansas City (8-5), which lost 31-0 at San Diego on Sunday.

San Francisco was probably the toughest test left for the Chargers, who finish with games at Cincinnati (2-11) and Denver (3-10). If San Diego wins out and the Chiefs lose once, the Chargers will win their fifth straight division title.

The Chargers came within 4:26 of having consecutive shutouts for the first time in their 51-year history.

Jackson had his first three

TD grabs of the season, of 58, 11 and 21 yards. Jackson missed the first 10 games due to a bitter contract dispute.

The 49ers (5-9) could wind up 7-9 and in a three-way tie and still win the NFC West, the NFL's weakest division.

Rivers and Jackson came out early in the fourth quarter and the Chargers leading 31-0.

Rivers was 19 of 25 for 273 yards, giving him 4,141 for the season. He tied Hall of Famer Dan Fouts' team record set from 1979-81.

Jackson had five catches for 112 yards.

Unhappy that the Chargers didn't give him a long-term deal, Jackson sat out the first seven seasons. He then missed three more games while serving a team-imposed suspension. The move cost him some \$3 million in salary.

When he returned at Indianapolis on Nov. 28, he pulled a calf muscle two plays in and was done for the night and the next game.

On the fourth play from scrimmage, Rivers wound up and threw deep. The 6-foot-5 Jackson slowed down and reached out over 6-foot Nate Clements' head to make the catch at about the 15 before outracing the cornerback into the end zone.

Jackson exploited a mismatch against linebacker Takeo Spikes for an easy 11-yard catch just before half-time.

Jackson pulled in a 21-yarder early in the fourth quarter, getting the ball just past the pylon. The play was upheld after a review.

Mike Tolbert had a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter and Nate Kaeding kicked field goals of 25 and 39 yards.

Smith fell far short of having the happy homecoming he was hoping for. Coming off a promising return following a five-game absence, he was 19 of 29 for 165 yards with one interception and was sacked six times.

San Francisco's only score came on Brian Westbrook's 3-

yard run with 4:26 left.

The 49ers watched as both a field goal and a touchdown came off the scoreboard in a span of four plays early in the second quarter.

Jeff Reed kicked a 38-yard field goal but San Diego's Antonio Garay was whistled for unnecessary roughness for trying to gain leverage, giving the 49ers first-and-goal at the 10. Smith scrambled and dove at the left pylon on third down and it was ruled a touchdown. The Chargers challenged and it was reversed, with Smith ruled down inches from the goal line. On fourth down at the 1, Brandon Siler threw Anthony Dixon for a 2-yard loss.

Smith was playing against his hometown Chargers for the first time in the regular season. He played at Helix High in La Mesa, where he was teammates with Reggie Bush. Chargers coach Norv Turner was the 49ers' offensive coordinator in 2006 when Smith had his most promising season.

Bear-Cat

Continued from Sports 1

way for the mothers to "carry on the memories and honor their sons." Mallory passed away unexpectedly in March of 2009, while Hine was killed in an automobile accident in August of 2008 and Hernandez drowned in July of 2006.

Last spring, Twin Falls' three state wrestling champions — Zak Slotten, Joe Hamilton and Will Keeter — were awarded \$250 scholarships. All three won championships at the Bear-Cat last year.

Seriously lacking in depth and experience this season, Twin Falls figures to only send a handful of wrestlers to the varsity tournament this weekend. Todd Anderson, Mark Christensen, Marcus Ko and Brady Barton are certainties, according to assistant coach Andy Keeter, but past that it's up in the air.

"We've got so many freshmen and sophomores," said Keeter. "... We're going to take the four kids that had at least one win (in Wednesday's tri-match with Highland and Minico), and there were a

couple of kids that were sick but hopefully will be able to go this weekend."

Host Jerome will have wrestlers in all 14 weight classes as its looks to better last year's second-place finish.

"It's just a measuring stick," said Jerome coach Des Case. "That's what all these early matches are — a chance to see where you are and what you need to work on."

Defending champion Highland will be part of the 17-team field, while other out-of-area participants include Elko (Nev.), Rocky Mountain, Boise, Fruitland and Ontario (Ore.). Area teams scheduled to participate are Buhl, Burley, Canyon Ridge, Gooding, Jerome, Kimberly, Minico, Twin Falls, Valley, Wendell and Wood River. The Bruins placed third last season, while the Spartans finished fourth.

Action begins at 3:30 p.m. today and continues through the evening. Saturday's matches begin at 10 a.m., with finals expected to begin in the early afternoon.

Armstrong

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Boise where even those with health risks will be able to safely train, said Laurie LaFollette, the program's chief executive officer.

Armstrong urged those in the crowd, which included actor Scott Glenn, to support the program.

"The program is about so much more than having fun. It's about the chance to compete, to believe in yourself, to gain a sparkle in your eyes," she said. "It's about knowing what it feels like to be alive. If that's not winning, I don't know what is."

Armstrong won a gold medal in individual time trial bicycling on a route along China's Great Wall during the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

After giving birth to a boy named Lucas three months ago, the Boise resident who has a condominium in Sun Valley decided to come out of retirement to compete in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

Armstrong said Thursday that her baby isn't active enough to put her through training paces yet. And, no, he's not on training wheels yet.

"The program is about so much more than having fun. ... It's about knowing what it feels like to be alive."

— Kristin Armstrong, Idaho Olympian

"But he's an inspiration in himself," said her husband Joe Savola, a former bicycle racer who accompanied Armstrong to Thursday's event. "When he wakes up in the morning, he stretches and squirms. He opens his eyes and begins to focus. And then he corks the biggest grin. And you think: Why is he smiling? Because he doesn't know any better. He has no stress. He doesn't know what we know. He's just happy to be alive."

Savola said he welcomes his wife's return to cycling given her competitive drive: "My dream is to be in London with Lucas in my arms watching her win again."

To learn more about the Special Olympics in Idaho, visit <http://www.idso.org>.

Garnett leads Celtics to 12th straight win

BOSTON — Kevin Garnett had 17 points and 13 rebounds — one of three Boston players with a double-double — to lead the Celtics to their 12th straight win, 102-90 over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday night.

Paul Pierce had 15 points and 10 assists and Glen "Big Baby" Davis had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Ray Allen scored 18 points and Nate Robinson had 14 for the Celtics (21-4).

Marvin Williams had a season-best 26 points and Jeff Teague scored 18 for

the Hawks.

Boston point guard Rajon Rondo missed the game after spraining his left ankle in Wednesday's win at New York. He's expected to be sidelined at least a week. Center Shaquille O'Neal was also out, missing his fourth straight game with a sore right calf.

Boston led by six points entering the final quarter, but the Hawks closed within 77-75 on Teague's one-



handed runner in the lane.

The Celtics then scored seven straight points, with Davis and Semih Erden sandwiching baskets around a 3-pointer by Pierce, making it 84-77 with just under eight minutes to play.

NETS 97, WIZARDS 89

NEWARK, N.J. — Devin Harris had 29 points and nine assists and Brook Lopez added 18 points to lead New Jersey.

The loss was the 13th straight on the road this season for the Wizards (6-18), who played without top overall draft pick John Wall and forward Andray Blatche, both of whom sat out the game with knee problems.

The Nets (7-19), who led by 23 points in the second quarter, got 12 points and 17 rebounds from Kris Humphries, the fourth straight game he collected 10 or more boards.

— The Associated Press

No. 18 Memphis survives in OT

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Chris Crawford scored six of his 18 points in overtime, Charles Carmouche had 16 points and keyed a second-half rally and No. 18 Memphis beat Austin Peay 70-68 on Thursday night.

Austin Peay had the ball out of bounds with .7 seconds left in overtime, but couldn't get off a shot, although the Governors' bench was calling for a foul on the play.

TyShwan Edmondson led the Governors (6-6) with 22 points and 10 rebounds, while

Melvin Baker finished with 17 points and 11 boards.

The teams were tied at 56 after regulation. Austin Peay had the last possession in regulation, but Edmondson's shot on a drive down the left side was blocked by Tarik Black.

Crawford hit two 3-pointers to open the Tigers' scoring in overtime. Although Austin Peay tied the game at 62, Memphis (8-1) never relinquished the lead after Will Barton hit a 3-pointer with 1:46 left.

NO. 13 MISSOURI 81, ORAL ROBERTS 62

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Laurence Bowers scored 17 points and No. 13 Missouri avenged last season's defeat to Oral Roberts.

Marcus Denmon added 16 points for the Tigers (9-1), who used an 18-2 run in taking a 13-point halftime lead. Missouri held Oral Roberts to 26 percent shooting from the field.

The Tigers were without starting point guard Michael Dixon who was suspended

indefinitely Wednesday after violating an undisclosed team rule. No timetable has been set for his return.

Freshman Phil Pressey got the start in place of Dixon and finished with eight points and seven assists, increasing his total to 16 over the last two games.

Dominique Morrison led the Golden Eagles (4-6) with 18 points and Damen Bell-Holter finished with 10 and a career-high 17 rebounds.

— The Associated Press



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RoadWorthy!
By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corp.

The Honda Pilot earned its reputation as one of the original innovators in the crossover SUV segment, raising the prominence of on-road driving sophistication, three-row passenger capability and higher fuel efficiency compared to conventional SUV designs. Currently in its second generation, the Pilot continues to represent the refined, comfortable, and family-oriented vehicle choice with space for eight passengers and a wide variety of useful capabilities and premium features.

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Pilot's unit-body construction makes extensive use of high-strength steel (52 percent) to minimize weight. The suspension is a fully independent system with

front MacPherson strut and rear multi-link with trailing arm designs that contribute to responsive driving characteristics for an SUV. The 109.2-inch wheelbase facilitates a smooth ride and standard 17-inch wheels with P245 65 R17 all-season tires combine both on- and off-road performance. A turning diameter of 38.6 feet aids maneuverability in tight parking situations.

Inside the passenger cabin emphasizes an expansive feel with an efficient and modern design that supplies 152.7 cu-ft. of passenger space within three rows of seats. Adjustable storage compartments in the center console can accommodate items large and small from handbags to mobile phones.

The instrument panel's wide center stack intelligently groups similar controls for the audio system, climate controls and the available Honda Satellite-Linked Navigation System and Honda DVD Entertainment System (if equipped). All models provide an auxiliary audio input jack for digital music players, and navigation-equipped models also include Bluetooth HandsFreeLink and a USB audio interface. The first row provides a commanding view of the road for the driver and the passenger. The 60/40 split second row bench seat accommodates three passengers and slides forward for increased ease-of-access to the third row. The third-row bench seat, also split 60/40, is designed to offer sufficient

knee room for an average size adult. There are four Lower Anchor and Tether for Children (LATCH) attachment positions, which provide options for three child seats in the second row and one in the third row.

The large cargo area has a hidden storage well that provides 2.8 cu-ft. of space and can combine with the above floor storage area by securing the hinged cover against the seatback. The Pilot Touring provides a load-supporting cargo net (20 pounds maximum weight) to further subdivide the rear cargo area. For maximum cargo space, the second and third rows fold flat into the floor for additional functionality. The tailgate features a lift-up glass hatch for access to the cargo area.

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Table with 3 columns: Name and Address of Taxing District, Election Date, and Declaration of Candidacy Filing Deadline. Lists districts like Shoshone Highway District #2, Richfield Highway District #3, etc.

Declaration of Candidacy and Petition of Candidacy (one combined form) forms are available at the County Clerk's office Courthouse, Lincoln County, Idaho

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GOODING

Case No. CV 2010-000597 NOTICE OF PREJUDGMENT WRIT OF ATTACHMENT

WILBUR-ELLIS COMPANY, a California Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. TERRY G. HOLLIFIELD, an individual, Defendant.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Idaho Code Section 8-503(b), an attachment has been issued against the real property of the Defendant, Terry Hollifield, located in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, in this action.

DATED: This 6th day of December, 2010. Denise Gill Clerk of the Court /s/Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: Dec 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18,2010

PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing.

IMPORTANT

LEGAL ADVERTISING

The Times-News PO Box 548 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0548 email to

legals@magicvalley.com

Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday.

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.

[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.

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106 Special Notices

CHRISTMAS SEASON Free meal coupons to unemployed families. Sponsored by Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 2551 Kimberly Rd, Twin Falls, and Shari's Restaurant, Blue Lakes Blvd, Twin Falls. Call 208-890-9055 for coupons.

107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests Confidential 208-734-7472

108 Professional Services

Bankruptcy & Debt Counseling Free 1/2 hr consultation. Competitive Rates. We are a debt relief agency. We help people file for bankruptcy relief under the bankruptcy code. May, Browning & May 208-733-7180

idahosanta.com 208-326-5258 lv msg sclus@filertel.com Available Days & Evenings. Image of Santa Claus.

NEED BANKRUPTCY? Experience, accuracy & dependability COSTS LESS, not more. We are a debt relief agency helping people file for bankruptcy relief. Free attorney consultation. Bradley E. Rice Attorney at Law 208-734-3367 barristr@pmt.org

SANTA FOR HIRE Have Santa come to your house or office. \$35 in the city. 731-5193

0113 Child Care Services

HOLIDAY BABYSITTING!! Fundraiser for Kimberly HS - only \$5/hr for up to 4 kids! We'll take care of your kids while you shop in peace! Call 423-5919 or 539-5919

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STUDENTS BABYSITTING FOR YOU Last Minute Shopping Holiday Parties Magic Valley High School Contact David Brown Cell 293-2062 School 733-8823

200 Work Wanted

HIRE STUDENTS TO WORK FOR YOU! Our Dependable, Honest, Diligent, Friendly Students are available to work for you after school & weekends. Magic Valley High School Contact David Brown Cell 293-2062 School 733-8823

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE Federal Employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs. Call Career America Connection 478-757-3000

202 Clerical

CLERICAL Magic Valley Tire of Paul is seeking a FT secretary/book-keeper. Exp. in payroll & QB required. Inquire in-store or mail resume to: PO Box 600, Paul, ID 83347

204 Drivers

DRIVER A great opportunity for OTR Drivers w/2 yrs exp., good driving record, knowledge of logs & DOT regulations. Full benefits. 35¢/mile. Call 208-324-3515 or apply at 45 S. 200 E. Jerome.

DRIVER School Bus Drivers Wanted Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003

206 Farm

DRIVER Concrete Truck Driver Class "A" CDL Excellent Benefits, Health Insurance and Willing to Train. Apply at Kloepper Inc. 751 Madrona St S., Twin Falls EOE/Drug Free workplace.

207 General

GENERAL The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for the position of COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST DISPATCH. Apply immediately. The job description and employment application is available at: www.tfid.org. For additional information contact the Human Resource Office at (208) 735-7268. First review of applications - January 7, 2011.

The City of Twin Falls is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Drug Free Workplace.

See Classifieds Business and Service Directory to assist you in your home repairs. 733-0931.

Days 'til Christmas

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208 Hospitality

Classified Private Party Ads Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit/debit cards, and cash accepted. 733-0931 ext. 2 Times-News

210 Management

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR The International Building Operator's Association is currently accepting proposals for the position of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. This person will provide administrative support for the membership including planning and executing regional training.

Supervisor Operations Supervisor

Trinidad Benham Corporation has an excellent opportunity for Operations Supervisor at Hazelton plant. Recent supervisory exp. req preferably in an agricultural/production environment.

Classifieds. For people everywhere. 733-0931

211 Medical

MEDICAL Are you responsible, caring & like being relied upon? To be paid to socialize, cook, clean & help the elderly & disabled remain at home. Call 324-8409 Gooding & Jerome area.

215 Professional

OUTSIDE SALES REP Requires 2 years successful OUTSIDE sales experience, a solid work history, the ability to conduct one-on-one interviews and excellent closing skills.

216 Sales

SALES Local Shoe store now taking applications for a Sales Associate Full and Part-time. We are seeking a self motivated person preferably with previous retail experience to help us continue our strong tradition.

GENERAL

Family Health Services has openings for the following positions:

Full time LPN or CMA for Twin Falls Acute Care Clinic and Part-time LPN or CMA for Jerome Clinic - these positions provide support for general patient care and education.

Family Health Services offers competitive wages. Full time employees receive a full range of benefits including health insurance, short and long-term disability, life insurance, PTO, holiday pay and 401(k) retirement.

Applicants may fill out an application on-line at www.fhsid.org, email a cover letter and resume to seguiolor@fhsid.com, or send a cover letter and resume to:

Family Health Services HR Department 794 Eastland Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301 EOE/Drug Free Workplace

This is a GREAT way to earn some extra cash! Start a delivery route today!

Table with 3 columns listing routes and phone numbers: Motor Route, Twin Falls 735-3346, etc.

Call now for more information about routes available in your area. BURLY 735-3302

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Twin Falls, FMR.735-3346 Burley, Rupert, Paul, Hailey, Kimberly, Shoshone 678-1536 or 735-3302 Gooding, Jerome, Filer, Buhl, Wendell.735-3241

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Home Again Animal Shelter

Fairview Veterinary 702 US Hwy 30 Buhl, ID 83316 ~208-543-2600~

For photos visit our website: www.petfinder.com/shelters/ID90.html

Avail. for Adoption: Donations are always greatly appreciated with so many mouths to feed.

Mick is a one-year-old male red heeler. Mick is a great dog with lots of personality! He loves to romp and play with the other dogs, and he does well with kids. Mick is so handsome! He is very observant and will cock his head to one side if there is something curious. Come meet him today!

Chuck is a very handsome hound mix. He is white with some tan markings and a pink nose. Chuck is around one-year-old and gets along well with other dogs and kids. He knows some commands such as sit and stay. Come meet him today.

Case is a beautiful 10-month-old male Border collie mix. He is cream and white and very sleek. Casey gets along well with other dogs and kids and has a very sweet, calm disposition. He will be a wonderful family pet.

Adoption fee is \$75, inclds spaying/neutering and the first set of vaccinations.

LOST Benelli Shotgun & acc. at Niagra Springs Wildlife area, 11/27. REWARD!! 208-921-1768

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

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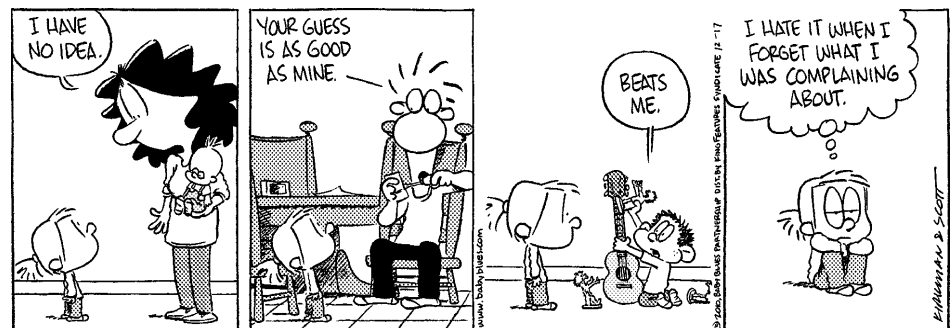
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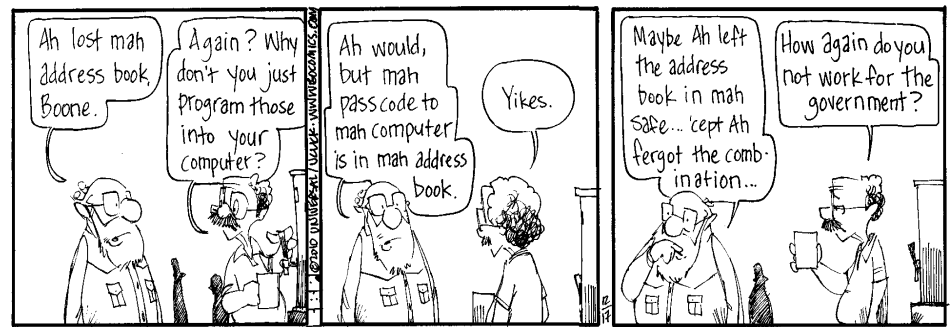
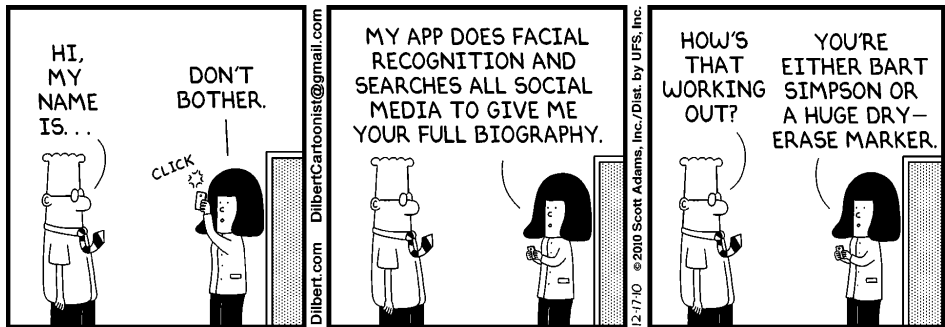


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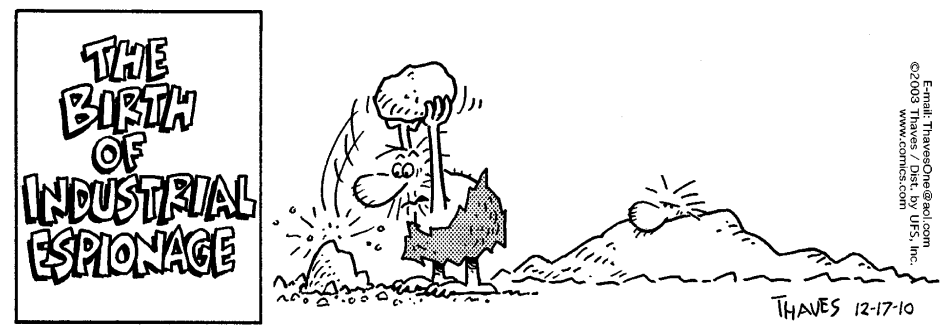


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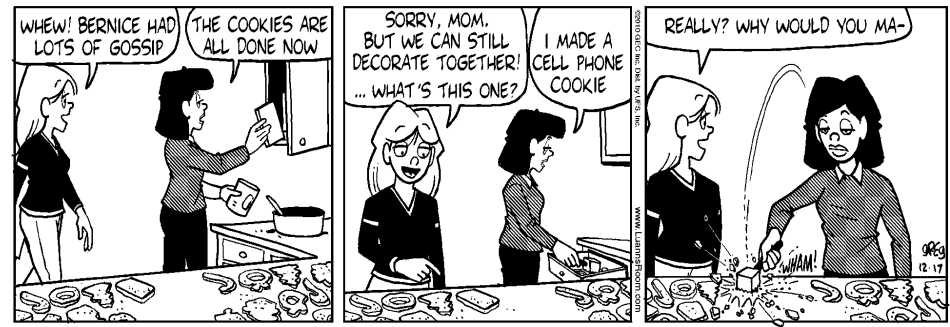
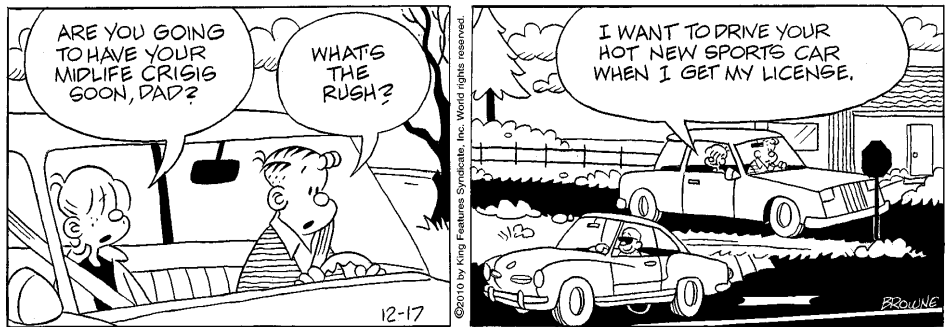


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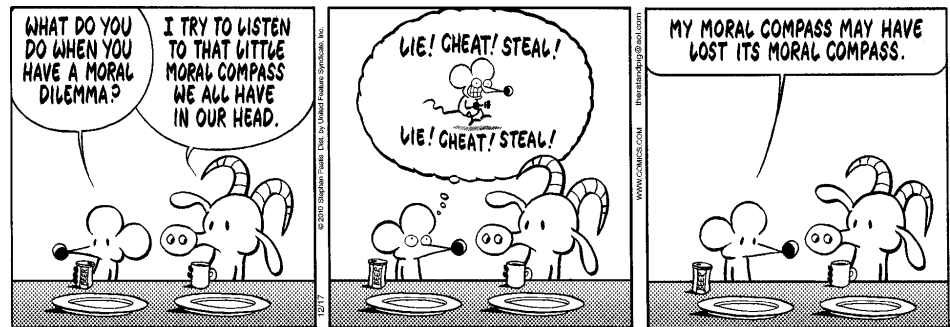


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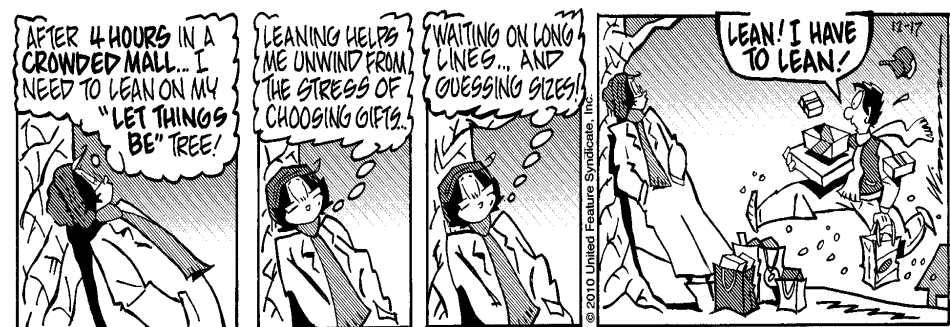


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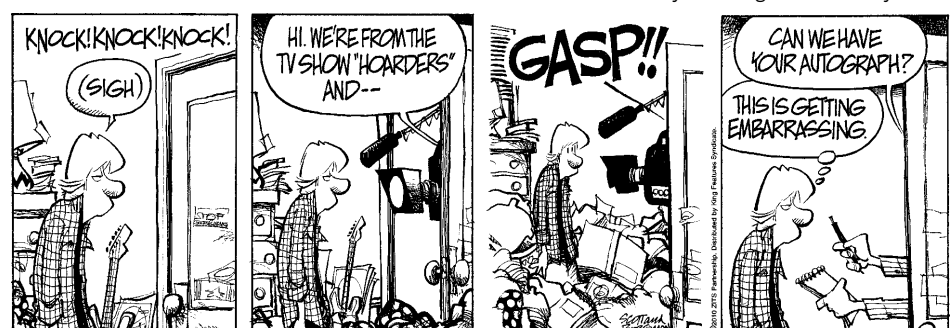
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