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From left, Deputy Krystn Patterson looks over her award for saving a man's life with her cousin, Jared Hess, father, Bill Patterson, and mother, Judie Patterson, Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Twin Falls.

Deputy Commended for Saving a Life

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Krystn Patterson is humble about her actions in October that saved a man after his pickup crashed.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Those who commit heroic acts often say they were just doing their job. Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputy Krystn Patterson is no different.

On the evening of Oct. 26, Patterson, who has been a deputy with the county for four years, responded to a report of a vehicle accident. When she arrived at the scene outside Hollister, she found a pickup crashed into a guard rail and partially submerged in water — but no victim in sight.

Following regular protocol, she searched the area, including a steep embankment leading to a canal.

"Most people would have assumed the person got out and walked for help," Sheriff Tom Carter

said. "She just kept looking."

Eventually, Patterson spotted a dark area in the water at the bottom of the embankment. It was her victim.

"She just assumed it was someone in need," Carter said.

Tuesday, Patterson was surprised with an award for saving the life of the victim, Tom Miller.

"As a peace officer or policeman we have the opportunity to impact lives," Carter said at the presentation. Rarely though, he added, do they have a life-or-death impact on an individual.

"These types of situations are few



Miller



Deputy Krystn Patterson received this award Tuesday for saving a man's life on Oct. 26.

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UPDATE

Abducted Gooding Co. Man Comes Home Unharmmed

Unbeknownst to police, the kidnapped man's family paid captors ransom money through a chain of Mexican banks.

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Lizarraga-Felix

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough reported in a Tuesday email that 33-year-old Ramon Enrique Lizarraga-Felix was dropped off at an unknown Magic Valley loca-

tion at about 8:30 p.m. Monday. From there, he walked to a friend's house and called his family, who then called police.

Lizarraga-Felix told investigators he spent the entire abduction blindfolded and bound by the wrists and ankles. While investigators initially thought captors may have taken Lizarraga-Felix out of the state, it is now believed that he never left south-central Idaho.

He provided no information on his captors, whose motives were apparently for ransom. Detectives learned that Lizarraga-Felix's family hand-

ed over an undisclosed amount of money to the captors, without alerting investigators, though a chain of Mexican banks.

"We do not believe this was a random act," Gough wrote in the release. "In nearly every case like this, we find that the suspects and the victim have some connection. We believe that is true in this instance and we are working to determine what that connection is."

Lizarraga-Felix was reportedly taken by force from his home at 3340 S. 2000 E., near Wendell, by four masked men with guns at about 4 a.m. Dec. 6. The men took him in a 1995 Honda Accord, which belonged to the family. His wife, Lupe Lizarraga-Felix, was

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T.F. Official: Taxpayers Won't Pay for Broken Waterline

While the line will be fixed quickly, a permanent repair to Washington Street South will have to wait until the weather warms.

BY BEN BOTKIN
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TWIN FALLS • If there's good news about a 30-inch waterline breaking, spilling thousands of gallons of water and damaging a busy road, it may be this: it's under warranty.

As the city of Twin Falls works to repair the waterline that broke and buckled Washington Street South late Friday, John Caton, the city's public works director, said Tuesday that repairs won't come at taxpayers' expense.

The line was installed within the past year as part of the city's arsenic-reduction project. Boise-based contractor Knife River Corp. has responded quickly to resolve the situation, Caton said.

"It was an installation error," Caton said. "It's a good contractor. This stuff just happens."

The line broke because a fist-sized rock wedged against it wore into a section of pipe, causing it to weaken.

The road is open to traffic in both directions, but there are lane restrictions due to the pipe break. The speed limit is reduced to 25 mph near the break.

"The goal is to get the pipe repaired and get the road completely opened up," Caton said.

He's not sure yet when the repair will be finished. That's because the fix requires 30-inch pipe, which isn't readily available.

The road surface will receive a temporary repair when pipe work is finished because it's too cold to pour asphalt. A permanent road repair will happen after the weather warms up.

The nearby Glanbia plant's production wasn't affected by the break and the city's water supply wasn't compromised, city officials said Tuesday.

Donated Toys Stolen From T.F., Burley Pizza Huts

Recent donations meant for The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots/KMVT Christmas for Kids have been stolen from collection bins outside the pizza restaurants.

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TWIN FALLS • With Christmas only days away, Rachael Gonzalez just needs one more miracle.

After spending the last several weeks collecting donated Christmas presents for Magic Valley children, Gonzalez noticed that the most recent donations at the Blue Lakes Boulevard Pizza Hut had been stolen from the collection bin.

The U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots/KMVT Christmas for Kids partners with local organizations to gather toys for children who wouldn't otherwise receive gifts. Last year, Toys for Tots volunteers distributed 6,000 toys locally.

Store employees noticed the toys were missing on Tuesday, Gonzalez said.

"Those toys were meant for a family," she said. "Now I'm not sure what we're going to do."

Unfortunately, the Blue Lakes location isn't the only Pizza Hut that's been robbed of its Christmas cheer. A Burley Pizza Hut has also reported that its toy bin is missing some of its toys.

Manager Mike Anderson didn't know the exact amount of toys that were stolen.

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An Unwelcome Winter Routine

Garage owners, I envy you. Every winter morning, I find myself scraping away at the frost that has accumulated overnight on my car windows. And I'm sick of it. Some days, it's not that much of a chore. Other days, the ice seems to stick to the window, and I have to pass over it a few times before making a dent. Whether the frost appears in a solid sheet or in pretty fern-like patterns, I've come to loathe its role in my morning routine.

I don't like sitting in my car while it defrosts — gas is expensive, and anyway, it takes too long.

So I called Brian Neudorff, chief meteorologist at KMTV, to learn more about the different kinds of frost that I'm seeing and find out whether there is anything people can do to prevent it. Frost formation depends on more than just cold temperatures, he said.

"Different types of crystals form in different types of environments," Neudorff said. There are plenty of factors, includ-



ing how much moisture is in the air and when you last ran your car, that determine what type of frost ends up on your windshield. Even a tiny bit of dirt on your windows can affect the pattern of the frost crystals.

And those days when the frost is really hard to scrape off? It's likely there's more than one layer, Neudorff said. Several sheets of thin ice can make sticky frost that's a pain to remove.

"No two snowflakes are alike," he said. "Well, frost will fall in that category as well."

The science was interesting, but what I really wanted to know was this: How can I stop it from showing up?

Not much, he said. If you don't have a garage, you're stuck scraping until spring.

Good thing I've invested in gloves.

Abducted

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allegedly struck by a pistol and bound with tape, according to neighbors. Later in the afternoon, the vehicle taken was found abandoned in Jerome.

The sheriff's office worked with the FBI,

Glendale (Ariz.) Police Department, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Mexican Consulate.

Despite the reluctance of people involved to discuss facts of the kidnapping openly, Gough noted, the investigation into the abduction will continue.

Toys

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"They only took a few, it's not like they took the whole box," he said.

The program experiences a certain amount of theft each year, but just how many toys are stolen annually is unknown, said Paul Johnson, program coordinator.

"When you have 100 boxes or more, it's hard to cover them all with a se-

curity camera," he said. "It's sad because, quite frankly, the people taking the toys are the people we want to help."

Hope for recovering the toys or replacing the items looks slim. Toy collection boxes have been picked up by program coordinators and the toys are currently being distributed, Johnson said. However, those looking to help or learn more can call Johnson at 733-1100 ext. 3060.

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Layaway Donations Help Struggling Families in Twin Falls

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TWIN FALLS • Spring Silvers thought the scariest thing about Christmas shopping was Black Friday. But after braving the crowds and the weather, she now knows that the fear of not being able to pay is much worse.

"I put \$200 worth of toys on layaway," said the Twin Falls resident and mother to two children. "I thought by the time Christmas came around my mom and I would be able to pay it off. I just wanted my kids to have a Christmas."

Silvers made payments when she could. But as it got

closer to Christmas, she began fearing she wouldn't have enough money before Dec. 25. Then she stopped by Kmart on Friday and was shocked to hear that her account balance was only \$9.

"I had about \$100 on the account when I last checked," she said. "God bless that person. I have no idea where we were going to get the rest of the money."

Silvers is one of the many shoppers whose layaway accounts have been completely or partially paid by anonymous donors this season. The trend is new, but quickly gaining ground across the country as news of mysterious strangers paying for accounts spreads.

Bonnie Bratvold, manager of the Twin Falls Kmart, said that during her 22 years of working at the store she's never seen anyone cover another person's layaway account.

Bratvold said 12 layaway accounts at her store have been paid in full or have had \$100 credited to them.

"It's been such a wide gamut of people who have come in to pay for other people," she said. "It's been older people, a woman who left her husband and had some money, even a younger couple who probably don't have a lot of money."

Bratvold said most potential donors request to give to accounts that are holding

toys. Donors aren't given names or contact information about the accounts they are giving to, and account holders only learn of their new balances when they go to make a payment.

The trend is catching on in the Magic Valley as more people become aware of the chance to donate in a small, but powerful way.

Jaclynn Vargas said she had read about the trend in newspaper but when she found out her friend, Silvers, was gifted by a "layaway angel," she also wanted to get involved.

"I know what it's like to need help," she said. "If my family can help a person out, even just a little bit, I want to."

Patterson

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and far between," he said. "(Miller) would have died if she wasn't there."

When Patterson realized that night that the dark area was a person, she called out to him and heard a response. For her own safety, she waited for an ambulance and back-up officers before she headed down the steep hill.

Deputy Neil Shulz and Sgt. Scott Bishop arrived on the scene and the three made a chain, holding on to each other to carry Miller up the incline.

Since Patterson was the lightest, she grabbed on to Miller while the other two deputies held on to her belt, Bishop said.

After he was rescued, doctors determined Miller's neck was broken and his body temperature was down to 90 degrees.

"Her actions saved his life," Carter said. "We'd have found his body downstream a few days later."

At the surprise ceremony, Patterson was modest about her actions.

"I can't say I would have gone the extra mile if the bar wasn't set so high by my fellow deputies and co-workers," she said. "Thank you for being amazing and making me look good."

Patterson's mother, Julie Patterson, said her daughter makes her proud every day.

"She's been amazing



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Deputy Krystn Patterson reacts after seeing her family and learning she'll receive an award for saving a man's life, Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Courthouse in Twin Falls.

since she was a small child," Julie Patterson said. "I'm never surprised by her accomplishments."

Miller could not make it to the ceremony itself, but sent a card to be passed on to Krystn Patterson.

"Thank you so much for saving my life," he wrote.

Along with her most recent act, Carter said Patterson is an exemplary deputy.

"If only we had a dozen of her," he said. "She's a good cop."

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COMING UP

Pick Your Party

Your guide to New Year's Eve celebrations all around south-central Idaho.
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Man Caves to Envy

Many men like their private space. Read what Andrew Weeks found out about how Magic Valley men decorate and use their man caves.
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T.F. MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RAPE

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A Twin Falls man accused of rape changed his plea to guilty Tuesday, avoiding a trial at the last minute.

Jason Jay Ward, 36, pleaded guilty to raping a 19-year-old woman in May. He could face up to 15 years in prison and an additional \$5,000 fine.

He will also be required to register as a sex offender and has waived his right to appeal his conviction or sentence.

According to court records, officers found the victim near railroad tracks close to Grandview Drive at around 3:45 a.m., May 27, after she called 911.

While at the St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center emergency room, she was treated for sexual assault, massive bruising to her face and neck, and bite marks on her body. The woman told police she was stranded without a ride after leaving a party because of an argument with another person. She started to walk home

along 3400 North Road when Ward approached her in his vehicle.

The victim told police Ward grabbed her by the hair and forced her into the car. He then drove her to a dirt roadway near a canal and forced her to drink three cups of alcohol.

According to records, Ward pulled the woman from the vehicle, tore her clothes, bit her, hit her with closed fists as she struggled and then raped her. After the assault, he told her to get back in the vehicle, drove her to the railroad tracks where she was found and told her not to say anything. Police reported finding shards of the woman's clothing at the site she described. Ward was interviewed and observed to have multiple scratch marks across his face and back, but he denied meeting the female or assaulting her.

According to the plea agreement, Ward agreed to serve 15 years in prison, with the option for parole after seven.

Ward will be sentenced Feb. 13.

Holiday Food Donations



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South Central Community Action Partnership employee Michael Gardner loads food donated by Times-News employees onto a trailer Tuesday at the Times-News building in Twin Falls. The Times-News donated 586 pounds of food this year, with the circulation department edging out the other departments for the most food donated.

COMING UP

Hidden Treasures

Andrew Weeks reports about the thrills of geocaching in the Magic Valley. Find out about this growing outdoors activity.

Thursday in Outdoors

Teen Thief to Serve Probation

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TWIN FALLS • A teen charged with breaking into several vehicles in Twin Falls has been ordered to serve two years of probation.

Andrew Mandis, 19, faces three to six years in prison if he doesn't successfully complete his probation.

Mandis was also sentenced to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$225.50 in court costs and must perform 24 hours of community service.

Mandis, along with Thomas Pettus, 17, and Mason Tanner, 18, were accused of committing the string of vehicular burglaries in August. The three were found with iPods, a GPS device and a purse which were all reported to be missing.

Pettus pleaded guilty to the crimes and is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 8.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Dwight Daniel Mein, 54, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, theft by possession of stolen property, released without bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 30.

Carlos Arrendondo, 49, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, excessive, \$20,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 10.

Brynn Marie Moss, 28, Filer; possession of a controlled substance, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 30.

Kristina M. Cope, 21, Elko, Nev.; possession of a controlled substance, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 30.

Terry Thane Lancaster, 60, Filer; driving under the influence (excessive), appearance, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 10.

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T.F. Rec Center Planning Moves Forward

BY BEN BOTKIN
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TWIN FALLS • The new Twin Falls City Council will have a crucial decision to make in its first month: what direction to move regarding a possible recreation center.

The city's recreation center committee met Tuesday to discuss its plans and decided that asking the City Council for some guidance in January would be a good move.

The committee started meeting in March, discussing issues like what size a recreation center should be and what it would offer the community. The idea is still in the early stages, and it's still unknown if the city will get a recreation center.

At the heart of the committee's need for guidance is the question of a center's size.

Twin Falls could go with a smaller, no-frills center, with an eye toward possible expansion as the city grows. Or, the city could start with a larger center with more room for classes and options for residents. But that would cost more money, of course.

The council's decision in January won't be a final determination for a center. Instead, it would just give the committee a better sense of how to move forward in planning for a potential recreation center.

Dennis Bowyer, parks and recreation director, said a 55,000-square-foot center

would cost around \$5 million to \$6 million. Under that preliminary plan, it would be a smaller option but still offer four basketball courts and a fitness area.

On the high end, a larger 120,000- to 140,000-square-foot center could cost roughly \$20 million to \$25 million. As with the smaller option, it would need plenty of additional planning.

The committee already has a potential site north of Rock Creek and east of Shoshone Street. There's enough room there for a smaller center on land owned by the city and the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency.

A bigger center there

would require acquiring nearby properties, Bowyer said.

Still unknown is where the money would come from. The committee would need to look at all possibilities, including grants or asking voters to approve a recreation district — which would levy a property tax within a defined area to finance the project.

City officials may ask for more public input if the project moves forward, perhaps through an open house. Chris Clark, a committee member, said online surveys could be another good tool for gauging support.

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HEAD START REPORTS GROWING NEED FOR ITS SERVICES

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho's Head Start/Early Head Start program reported Monday a growing need for its services during a year-end wrap-up.

This year, 664 families participated in programs at 11 centers throughout south-central Idaho.

"It feels like there's an unlimited amount of children and families who qualify for our programs," CSI Head Start Director Man-cole Fedder said.

During its Monday night meeting, the college's board of trustees unanimously approved Head Start's 2011 report.

Head Start provides educational, health, nutritional and social services cost-free to children up to age 5 and families living at or below federal poverty levels. The Early Head Start program is for pregnant women, infants and toddlers up to age 3.

The program had about \$5.53 million in direct costs this year. The majority of that went toward employee salaries and benefits.

Most of the program's funding — about \$4.61 million — came from a federal Head Start grant.

There were also three sources of federal stimulus funds, one of which won't be available next year.

This year, the program also received a \$691,734 Early Head Start grant and a \$122,298 Head Start expansion grant.

Those two grants are used to provide services to a number of children. As it stands now, Fedder said, funding will only be available until September unless Congress sets its fiscal year 2012 budget.

Currently, stimulus grant money is used to serve 17 Head Start children in Hansen and 80 Early Head Start children between Twin Falls, Jerome and Cassia counties.

"They could potentially lose services," Fedder said. Parents would also lose out on training and educational opportunities and jobs

Also Monday

During their meeting, CSI trustees:

- Approved a property lease and loan for the college's student apartment complex project.

Last month, CSI's dormitory board unanimously voted to proceed with the project. But it needed approval to borrow \$3 million from the college's plant facility fund to help pay for the project.

The loan will be repaid

over 20 years at an interest rate of 5 percent.

CSI trustees also approved a property lease with the dormitory board for the 3.63 acres the apartment complex will occupy. The lease amount will be \$1 per year.

The apartment complex — an estimated \$6 million project — will be located on 8.5 acres between Falls Avenue West and Robbins Avenue West in Twin Falls. It's scheduled for completion in spring 2012.

the course of the year in five categories.

The report also includes data about preventive medicine. Out of the 670 children served, 619 were up to date on their immunizations, 650 received dental exams and 660 received well-child exams.

Fedder said most families cover the cost of medical expenses, but some receive assistance.

"We're catching a lot health-wise that could make a difference in later years," he said.

would be eliminated.

"There's just a ripple effect if that goes away," Fedder said.

Besides financial information, the annual report also outlines services provided this year, such as a preschool program.

The report includes results from the Child Observation Record, which measures growth and kindergarten readiness. Scores are on a 0-5 scale, with a "5" being the highest skill level.

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Middleton Coral Dealers Caught in Federal Sting

BOISE (AP) • An officer on the board of the new Idaho Aquarium has pleaded guilty to federal charges for illegally ship-ping protected live corals to buyers around the world.

Christopher K. Conk pleaded guilty Monday to felony smuggling of goods from the United States and two misdemeanors — traf-ficking in wildlife and vio-lating the Endangered Species Act, the *Idaho Statesman* reported. The plea agreement calls for six to 12 months in prison or home detention, prosecu-tors said.

Deidra Davison, who is identified in court docu-ments as Conk's ex-wife, pleaded guilty Monday to the same two misde-meanors. Both face sen-tencing in March.

Federal wildlife officials became aware of Conk and Davison after one of their suppliers was busted for il-legally harvesting coral in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Conk's defense attor-ney, Chuck Peterson, de-clined comment. Davi-son's public defender, Dick Rubin, did not immedi-ately return a phone call from AP seeking comment.

Prosecutors allege the coral was sold through a web-based business called Coral Fanatics LLC. Conk is listed as the registered agent and manager of the business in a 2001 report to the Idaho secretary of state's office. The website says the business sells a mix of aqua-cultured and "wild caught" colonies.

Federal prosecutors al-legged Davison packaged and shipped coral to cus-tomers in the Netherlands and Great Britain between May and September 2008. The contents of the ship-ments were misrepresented as "minerals" "aqua-cultured zoa fragments" and "aquacultured ric-ordea fragments," and shipped without a wildlife import/export license.

On July and September 2010, an undercover U.S. Immigrations and Cus-toms Enforcement agent contacted Conk about purchasing corals. In both all three cases, the ship-ments were not properly labeled and Conk did not have a wildlife import/ex-port license.

Conk has been involved in establishing the new Idaho Aquarium in Boise and is secretary of the nonprofit aquarium's four-member board.

Ammon Copvino, pres-ident and director of the Idaho Aquarium, said last week that he was unaware of the charges against Conk, whom he called an honest man.

"If he was breaking the law, he didn't know," Copvino said. "If someone caught him breaking the law, probably they should have just told him."

MLK Parade Bomber Gets 32 Years in Prison

U.S. District Court Judge Justin Quackenbush said Kevin Harpham seemed to be influenced by a "shrill and caustic and vitriolic" culture fueled by talk media.

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. • An Army veteran with extensive ties to white supremacists was sentenced to 32 years in prison Tuesday for planting a poison-laced bomb along a Martin Luther King Jr. Day parade route in what he said was meant to be an attack against the cul-tural diversity celebrated by the event.

Kevin Harpham tried un-successfully to withdraw his earlier guilty plea just before receiving the maximum punishment from U.S. Dis-trict Court Judge Justin Quackenbush, who said the previously law-abiding Harpham seemed to be in-fluenced by a "shrill and caustic and vitriolic" cul-ture fueled by talk media.

Harpham told the judge: "I am not guilty of the acts that I am accused of and that I plead guilty to." He said he only agreed to the deal in September to avoid a possible life sentence.

The statement prompted Quackenbush to impose the higher end of the possible prison sentence, which was negotiated in the plea bar-gain as between 27 and 32 years.

"I am distressed that you appear not the least bit apologetic," Quackenbush said.

Harpham blamed the judge for not giving his de-fense team enough time. The 37-year-old said he did not intend to injure people with the bomb he placed in downtown Spokane prior to the January parade.

Rather, he intended for the shrapnel to hit the side of a building as a show of protest against the multi-culturalism celebrated by the parade, he said.

"I was making a state-ment that there are people out there who don't agree



Harpham

with these ideas," Harpham said. He likened himself to a Christian protesting gay marriage, "but a bit more dangerous or extreme."

The judge said he was perplexed be-cause Harpham was honor-ably discharged from the Army and had no criminal record.

"That is contrary to what this community and this country is about," Quacken-bush said.

Just before he was sched-uled to be sentenced, Harpham's lawyer tried un-successfully to withdraw his guilty plea by noting that a newly hired defense expert questioned whether the ex-plosive device in question met the legal definition of a bomb.

Harpham said he intend-ed to seek an appeal, which he has 14 days to file.

Federal prosecutors said it was important that a long sentence be imposed in the case.

"Acts of hate like this one have no place in our country in 2011," said Thomas Perez, assistant attorney general for the civil rights division in Washington, D.C.

Federal officials have said Harpham acted alone.

The pipe bomb was loaded with lead fishing weights coated in rat poison, which can inhibit blood clotting in wounds, officials have said. The bomb was discovered and disabled be-fore it could explode.

The parade on Jan. 17 drew a crowd of about 2,000 on a cold winter morning. It was forced onto an alterna-tive route after the bomb was found. Harpham walked in the parade and took pictures of young black children and of a Jewish man who was wearing a yarmul-ke, prosecutors have said.

Prosecutors said Harpham acted alone. He was arrested March 9 at his

rural home near Addy, Wash.

The plea deal charged Harpham with attempted use of a weapon of mass de-struction, and the hate crime of placing the bomb in an effort to target minori-ties. Prosecutors dropped charges of using a firearm in relation to a crime of vio-lence and unauthorized possession of an unregis-tered explosive device. If convicted, he could have faced up to life in prison.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, has said that Harpham made more than 1,000 postings on the Van-guard News Network, a white supremacist website. The center also has said that Harpham belonged to a neo-Nazi group called the National Alliance.

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Union Pacific Railroad Ordered to Reinstate, Pay Fired Employee

BOISE (AP) • Union Pacific Railroad has been ordered to reinstate and pay more than \$300,000 in back wages and damages to an Idaho em-ployee who was fired by the company after an on-the-job injury.

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration announced the decision Tuesday after concluding its investigation. The agency did not identify the name of the employee who was working in Pocatello.

The employee accused the

Nebraska-based railroad of wrongdoing after being sus-pended without pay and then fired 23 days after re-porting the injury. OSHA in-vestigators found reasonable cause to side with the worker and against company claims the employee broke a work rule.

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OPINION

“It’s time to stop the nonsense. We can resolve these differences and we can do it in a way that provides certainty for job creators and others.”

House Speaker **John Boehner**, R-Ohio as Congress careened toward a holiday-season standoff on legislation to prevent a Social Security payroll tax increase for 160 million workers on Jan. 1

OUR VIEW

Why not Make Obamacare Work for Us?

When state lawmakers gather next month in Boise, they’ll likely all have three words on their mind: Health insurance exchange.

As part of Obamacare, the exchanges haven’t been warmly received in Idaho. Some legislators and groups like the Idaho Freedom Foundation see the issue as simply an endorsement of the president’s policies, and one that will only create more bureaucracy.

That’s sadly short-sighted, and this is one problem we absolutely cannot have sidetracked by politics. Rejecting state control of our exchange means the feds will dictate terms. But more importantly, Idahoans need this.

In 2008, Gov. Otter set up a panel to explore health care issues that spent much of its time on how increasingly unaffordable health insurance is for small businesses. A nationwide study later that year found that Idaho marked the second-highest rise in premiums among states during the first part of that decade.

About the Exchanges

The exchanges, a key part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, are intended to function as a marketplace where small businesses, individuals and others who find it hard to secure health insurance can shop for plans. In the process, they become grouped together and their risk is spread out, encouraging insurers to take them on. The exchanges are also intended to make it easier for government regulators to ensure consumer protection laws are followed.

Despite a few attempts at solutions — workplace “wellness” programs centered on preventative care, for example — the problem hasn’t gone away since.

Now, state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and other legislators say they’re close to a bill that would detail how Idaho’s exchange would function. Among the key points: Ongoing costs would be paid by the private sector, thus avoiding an additional, unknown cost to the state at a time Idaho can’t afford it.

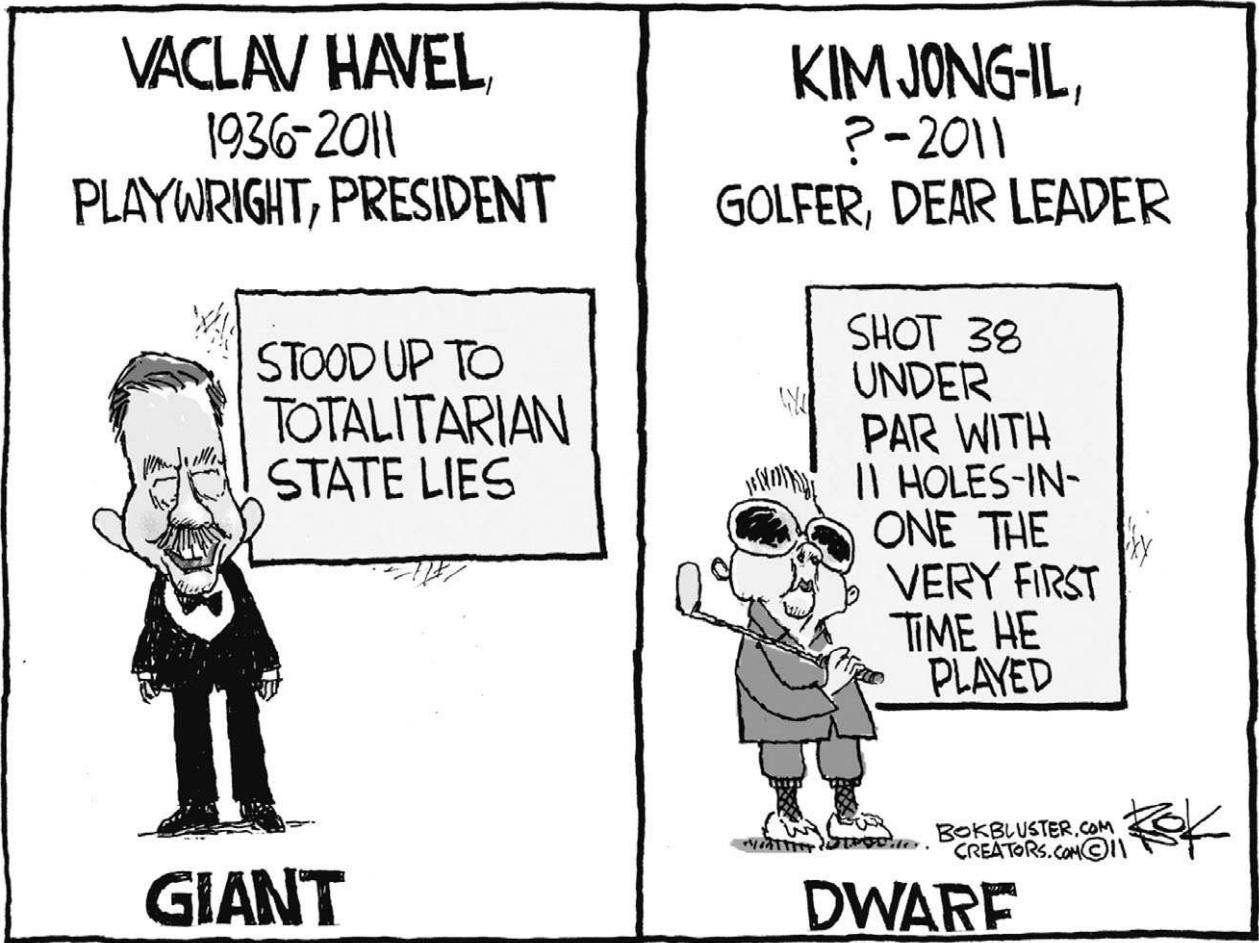
Will that satisfy the requirements of Obamacare? Cameron’s not sure, but he’s eager to find out. “I say, let them tell us that,” he said last week when the *Times-News* met with legislators ahead of the session.

More importantly, the other Magic Valley legislators present that day largely agreed that if the Obamacare stigma is removed, the exchange by itself is a good idea. The burden the current insurance market places on small businesses cannot continue. Idaho is a small-business state. More workers without health insurance will just mean more personal debt, more hospital visits ignored and more people eventually landing in the welfare system.

We hope Cameron and his peers aren’t too cavalier in how they pitch Idaho’s plan to the feds — starting a fight won’t solve anything. But we like the sound of what Cameron, an insurance agent, sketched out.

We hope the Legislature can keep an open mind on the issue as well.

THEIR VIEW



Kim Jong Il and Vaclav Havel: Two Leaders a World Apart

The following editorial appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on Tuesday:

According to his obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, North Korean strongman Kim Jong Il hired a personal sushi chef from Tokyo and a personal pizza chef from Italy even as his country suffered through a famine that killed as many as 2 million of his people. He kept a library of 20,000 movies for his own entertainment although ordinary citizens could be sent to prison camps for watching South Korean or American movies. He beat back economic reforms and led North Korea’s economy to the brink of collapse while building a nuclear weapons program opposed by the rest of the world. On a trip through Russia, he

reportedly had lobster and red wine flown in to meet his train at stops on the way; meanwhile, he banished to prison those deemed disloyal and kept a tight rein on expression and information.

Even if only a part of these stories from defectors and former aides and employees are true, they paint a damning picture of a reclusive leader with an extraordinary lack of empathy, to put it mildly, for the more than 20 million people in his country. But perhaps his brutal rule is not so surprising: Kim Jong Il came to power not because the people chose him or because he had proved himself capable or caring — but because the office was bequeathed to him by his father, who had run the country since it was founded in 1948.

Now contrast Kim with Vaclav Havel, the longtime dissident-turned-leader of the Czech Republic, who also died over the weekend. Havel trod a very different path to power. A dissident (and poet and playwright) for two decades while Czechoslovakia was under communist rule, he spent five years in prison for challenging the authority of the state. When he was not incarcerated, he lived under constant surveillance by the secret police. He became one of his country’s most trusted moral voices, opposing dictatorship and repression at great risk to himself. When communist rule ended, he became president — reluctantly, he said — and led Czechoslovakia and, later, the Czech Republic, for most of the next 14 years.

One doesn’t have to side

with the right or the left, or praise all of Havel’s tenure — or even demonize Kim’s every action — to acknowledge the terribly different sorts of leaders they were. Havel helped transform his country, leading it out of one era into another and helping his people reconcile with the past. His popularity rose and fell but few would deny that devotion to his country was what drove him. Kim, not so much.

Freedom and democracy are not the only virtues a nation must possess; citizens have to eat and they need roofs over their heads as well. But the fight against repression and tyranny in favor of self-government and human rights is one that has proved its value time and again. In this fight, Kim stands out as the epitome of the problem, because he elevated his own desires and his hunger for power above the needs of his people. Havel stands out as a leader to emulate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BRIAN CALDERON
Richfield

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KYNDYL ALLEN
Richfield

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NATHANIEL CONNELL
Richfield

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You should donate to a charity because it helps the people in need. The people in need are counting on you. Imagine if you were homeless, would you want someone to donate to you? You can go to Richfield schools and donate. The homeless will thank you. If you don’t help, they will be starving or cold for Christ-

mas. You can donate food, clothes or money. The people in need thank the people that have donated all ready. I would donate.
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MARIA VALENCIA
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nate hats, pants, shoes, toys, scarves, jackets and even food. You can go to schools and donate or even in stores. Please donate for kids that are poor and parents that can’t give presents to their kids.
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(Editor’s note: The above letters were all written by fourth-grade students as part of a class project.)

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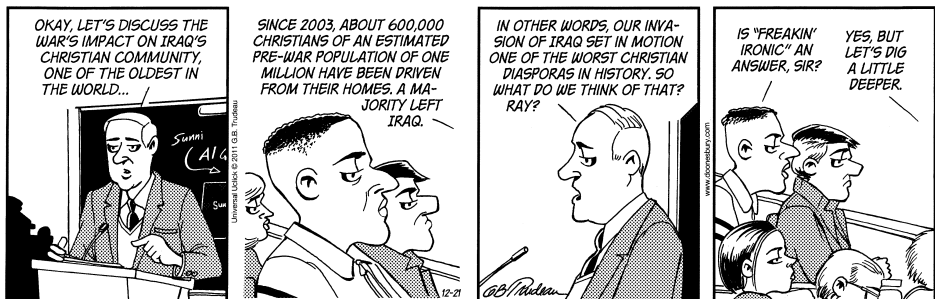
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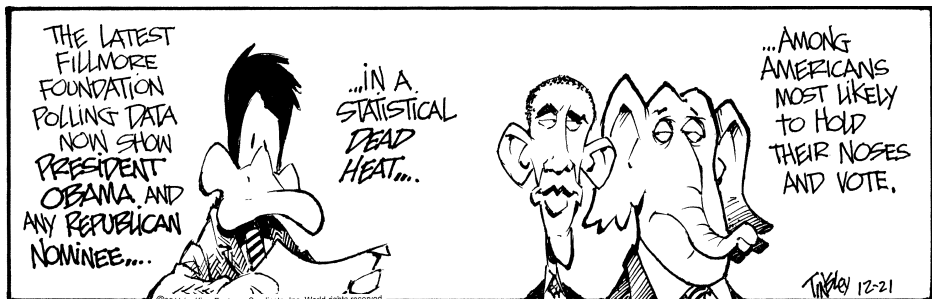
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Idaho Wildlife Photographer Finds Most Luck at Home

BY RICH LANDERS
The Spokesman-Review

COEUR D'ALENE • He's traveled the continent with cameras to whet the world's visual appetite for the great outdoors. In the process, he's been treed by a grizzly, charged by an Alaskan bull moose and nearly skewered by a bull elk.

Yet one of his favorite photographs involves a common pheasant captured in a unique moment of perfect light just 10 minutes from his Coeur d'Alene home.

Professional wildlife photographer Tim Christie says he's "very proud of that shot" of a rooster ring-neck at the peak of crowing as a puff of breath steams from its mouth.

It was the culmination of his spring quest for pheasant photos, involving days of driving, searching, sitting and shooting thousands of frames through his telephoto lens.

"The photo editor at Field & Stream told me it was one of the most unique photos he'd seen in a long, long time; high praise," Christie said. The magazine featured the photo in November for the two-page spread it devotes 12 times a year to showcase the best wildlife-related images available.

Even though he's published thousands of pictures, including more than 500 magazine covers over 30 years, Christie says he could wallpaper his home with rejections slips from photo editors.

A thick hide is essential to

surviving in the business, he says, along with persistence, willingness to keep pace with technology and eagerness to head into the field very early, stay out late and then devote even longer hours following up on the computer.

The basic rules for wildlife photographers haven't changed during his career: Great photographs aren't made from the comfort of a warm bed, he said.

Yet the warm cab of his pickup tends to be the most productive photo blind.

"Many creatures are accustomed to vehicles," he said, showing the special sand-bag rest he uses to stabilize a telephoto lens he points out the cab-door window.

"But as soon as you step out of the truck, they're gone."

Christie has seriously pursued photography since 1978 after purchasing a used camera to photograph his young son.

Then he started focusing on even wilder subjects.

Soon the lifelong hunter found himself spending more time chasing wildlife with a camera than with his guns or fishing rods.

His first published photo featured a mountain goat on the cover of American Hunter magazine.

While teaching communication classes at North Idaho College, he also offered a wildlife-nature photography class before retiring in 2007.

He continues to pursue the outdoor photography business he started in 1981.

"Half of getting great

photos is being there," he said, noting a day last week when he decided to drive to Wolf Lodge Bay to photograph bald eagles. "I suspect many photographers were dissuaded from venturing out by the fog that blanketed the area," he said, noting that he saw only one other person with a camera.

But the sun eventually burned through the freezing fog onto trees still flocked in frost.

Christie was ready when an eagle snatched a kokanee and flew it into a nearby tree. As the eagle dined on the fish, Christie feasted on the opportunity the sun, weather and wildlife presented in those few moments.

"Photography is all about the light," he said. "I was blessed to be there."

"I've photographed all over North America but find most of my images within 500 miles of home, many of them near Coeur d'Alene."

His wife, Kathleen, is accustomed to waking from a night's sleep and finding a note on the counter saying something like, "It's going to be a great sunrise, I've gotta be there," he said.

"Luckily, she considers my photographic work my ministry."

Christie came close to seeing his Maker while photographing wildlife in Glacier National Park in 1986.

He was following a big whitetail buck that was hanging with a doe on Oct. 6.

"I drove up on this buck and doe off the Camas

Creek Road, and they weren't alarmed," he recalled.

"If an animal is not afraid of you initially, a photographer who doesn't seem threatening can often stay with the animal for hours."

"I was wearing running shoes, and I remember looking at the boots in my car and thinking I should put them on before going into the forest. But I decided I needed to move quickly."

He walked with the deer for some time, getting close enough to shoot full-frame head shots of the buck with his 300mm lens.

"Then I noticed the buck suddenly got edgy," he said.

Moments later, he saw a small dark fur ball through the timber. Then came the trembling bawl of a grizzly cub.

"This is before pepper spray, and I knew I had to get up a tree," he said. "When I heard brush crashing toward me, I became very motivated to climb."

He was about 15 feet up a tree when the grizzly sow raced into sight to fend off any danger to its cub.

"The tree shook when she hit the tree with the force of a truck," he said. "I was climbing as fast as I could but she was climbing faster, using the tree limbs like the rungs of a ladder."

"Her jaws were popping and she was growling and drooling."

The bear caught Christie and chomped on his foot.

"She knew she had me, so she crashed down out of the tree, but all she got was my running shoe. She'd

"She knew she had me, so she crashed down out of the tree, but all she got was my running shoe. She'd broken all the branches when she went down, so she couldn't get back up. If I had put on my high-top boots, that situation could have turned out much differently."

Wildlife photographer **Tim Christie**, on being treed by a mother grizzly protecting its cub

broken all the branches when she went down, so she couldn't get back up.

"If I had put on my high-top boots, that situation could have turned out much differently."

He said he mounted the running shoe, clearly showing the holes in the heel, as a trophy of survival.

Meanwhile, some 400 miles away in Yellowstone Park, another wildlife photographer was mauled and killed by a grizzly at the same time Christy was being treed.

"It was a sobering moment in my life," he said, noting that he's looked at life differently since then, but he's never lost his passion for looking at wildlife through the lens of his camera.

"I told a photo editor for a major magazine about that incident and he immediately asked if I got any pictures, Christie said. "I said, 'You don't understand; this was a life-and-death situation.'"

"The photo editor said something like, 'You missed a good opportunity to get a great photo.'"

Photo editors have become even more demanding in the age of digital photography, he said.

Twenty years ago, his clients would advertise their photo needs in January for a June publication.

"Now I get an email and they say they want an image in an hour. If you don't respond within that short

time, they'll get it from somebody else."

Editors have never had so many options.

"There are a lot of people out there who want to do what I want to do," he said. "It's never been an easy business, but it's harder to compete now because of the proliferation of good equipment. Auto-focus has improved my photography by 10-fold, especially in action shots. But it's also made it easier for amateur photographers to get good, sharp photos."

While photographing big-game near Yellowstone Park last year, Christie said he saw 78 photographers gathered around one bull elk.

"I'm not talking about tourists with snapshot cameras," he said. "These were people with serious equipment, including 500mm lenses. I looked them over and figured they averaged out to about \$30,000 of gear apiece."

"Add it up: That's well over \$2 million in camera gear in one spot. You can bet there are a lot of good pictures being made when you have so many well-equipped people communing with nature."

Constantly changing technology from lenses to camera sensors makes it enormously expensive to keep up with the Joneses in the field.

"You have to sell a lot of photos to justify a new \$15,000 lens," he said.

Congressional Hearing on USFS Roads Set for March

ELKO, Nev. (AP) • A congressional field hearing tentatively planned in Elko next month to review complaints about the U.S. Forest Service's road policies is being pushed back until sometime in March.

Elko County Commission Chairman Demar Dahl says the delay will allow a number of other counties in Nevada and elsewhere to participate in the hearing on the agency's Travel Management Plan.

Dahl is among those who fear the plan will close too many roads that Elko County residents have driven for years in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

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Gas Drillers to Ask Idaho to Curb Local Control

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • Natural gas wildcatters aim to ask lawmakers to stop cities and counties from passing laws meant to halt development of Idaho's emerging oil and natural gas fields, foreshadowing a 2012 legislative fight over how much power local governments should have in their own backyards.

An environmental group, the Idaho Conservation League, also fears the proposal could weaken groundwater protections.

Snake River Oil & Gas, which is exploring for gas in western Idaho, is developing the measure after Washington County proposed an ordinance with strict size limits, expensive bonds, multi-million-dollar insurance policies and restrictions on well locations, among other things.

Idaho already has temporary rules governing the industry, with lawmakers next year set to make them permanent. John Peiserich, a lawyer for Snake River's Arkansas-based parent company, said Tuesday that adding a patchwork of onerous new county regulations could doom a nascent Idaho industry before it's even off the ground.

"If you were to allow local jurisdictions to interfere in a way that affects operations, you're going to contribute to the wasting of the resource," said Peiserich. "We like a consistent regulatory environment."

He's working on the measure with the Idaho Petroleum Council, which

represents wildcatters like Snake River as well as oilfield services company Halliburton.

According to an early draft, "an ordinance, rule, resolution, requirement or standard of a city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall not prohibit, either actually or operationally, and shall not frustrate the siting, construction or operation of facilities" with state approval.

It's found a sympathetic ear with western Idaho lawmakers eager to protect private property rights.

"As a property owner in Washington County, I don't think our taxpayers can afford to create a whole new layer of bureaucracy and permitting," said Rep. Judy Boyle, R-Midvale. "That's for the state to do."

But Kerry Ellen Elliott, an Idaho Association of Counties lobbyist, said one of her group's main concerns is that such a measure doesn't strike at the heart of local control.

"Our primary consideration is to adhere to the policies of our association, which promote and support local decision making as far as siting goes," Elliott said. "We would like to hold to that."

Amanda Buchanan, a resident of Washington County who has become a vocal drilling critic, contends the bill is another sign of how energy companies could run roughshod over locals' interests.

"It just seems so shortsighted to allow this industry to come in and do what they want," Buchanan said.

Idaho had long been considered a

void in the oil and gas world.

But in 2010, Denver-based Bridge Resources, a small exploration company, reported promising discoveries in an ancient lakebed a mile beneath the surface of Payette County, to Washington County's south.

In response, Idaho officials scrambled to develop new state rules governing such operations, including hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, that some fear could harm a region's groundwater.

Simultaneously, Washington County began pursuing its own rules for natural gas projects and accompanying facilities that include storage tanks, pipelines, dehydration plants and roads.

"Our county is unique, we already have two contaminants to our groundwater, nitrates and arsenic, we have some very high water tables naturally occurring, and I feel we need to be more oriented toward the situations in each county," said Jeri Soulier, a member of the local planning and zoning committee.

Though Soulier's committee unanimously recommended adopting the new rules in November, the Washington County Commission has so far held off on a vote after warnings from industry.

If Washington County's proposal were enacted, contends Suzanne Budge, the Idaho Petroleum Council's lobbyist, it could sound the death knell for an industry that promises good paying jobs and revenue for public schools.

"Imposing restrictions far beyond those contemplated by the state (or by other states where a healthy oil and gas industry exists) sends a signal to the industry that its investment in the community not only is unwanted but is actively discouraged," Budge told county officials in a recent letter.

The Idaho Conservation League has also raised concerns the draft measure tinkers with Idaho groundwater protections.

According to an early version, water found in or near natural gas or oil deposits would no longer be classified as groundwater.

"They said they'd abide by the rules to protect groundwater. And now, they want to change the definition of groundwater," said Justin Hayes, an activist. "We don't have really great science about all the aquifers in our state. It would be a tremendous mistake to allow someone to contaminate one and only later realize they were connected."

Peiserich, Snake River Oil & Gas' lawyer, counters his company is drilling for gas thousands of feet below where western Idaho draws its drinking water. Layers of impermeable bedrock and robust well casings will block any chance of contamination, he said.

Peiserich added he's working with Department of Environmental Quality Director Toni Hardesty on a new version that would leave Idaho's groundwater laws unchanged.

Hardesty's office confirmed talks with the company.

Sandpoint Considers New Dog Park

BONNER COUNTY
DAILY BEE

SANDPOINT • If the City Council gives the OK on Wednesday, Hickory Park is going to the dogs.

After successfully transforming Lakeview Park into an on-leash dog-friendly zone, city officials are considering the same outcome for Hickory Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Woodruff said the city has completed a trial period in the park without significant incident. He also recommended the city make the park's dog-friendly status permanent.

The transition is following the Lakeview Park example almost to the letter. Dogs must remain on leash under the supervision of an owner at all times. Owners are also responsible for cleaning up any unpleasant surprises their pet may generate along the way. To make this easier, the city will cover the cost of Mutt Mitt stations suitable for the disposal of any canine deposits.

"My concern is making sure that people are going to use them," Woodruff said.

However, dog parks could pose some downsides, too, according to Planning Director Jeremy Grimm. He spoke as a resident and father rather than as a department head at the Administrative Committee earlier this month, wondering whether all city parks would eventually welcome dogs. He cited instances of dog attacks, particularly involving pit bulls, as his chief concern.

Sandpoint Fire Department Gets New Fire Engine

BY CAMERON RASMUSSEN
Bonner County Daily Bee

SANDPOINT • Fire department associates will be unwrapping a particularly big gift this holiday season.

After receiving Administrative Committee approval, the fire department is ready to acquire a long-needed fire engine upgrade. The purchase is possible thanks to a

substantial grant with comparatively modest match funding requirements.

According to Fire Chief Robert Tyler, the \$323,451 vehicle will be purchased using \$57,451 in city funds, with the grant covering the remaining \$266,000.

"I'm requesting (the money) from our impact fees to make the payment for the city's portion of the contract," Tyler said.

According to Tyler, the department has followed all necessary protocols in using impact fee dollars for the purchase. As one-time payments on new developments to offset their negative effects on roads, public safety and parks, impact fees can only be used for capital improvements that will help the city better facilitate growth. In addition to meeting that requirement, Tyler

said the department has also already declared the expenditure and the use of the impact fee money.

"It's all been justified and approved," he said.

The purchase will be the first impact fee expenditure by the Fire Department. Due to arrive on Dec. 27, Tyler said the new fire apparatus will be a valuable addition to the city's collection of equipment.

However, the new apparatus wouldn't be a possibility if it weren't for Fire Capt. Michael Gow.

After learning about the grant funding opportunity, Gow got to work writing an application for consideration. Although department heads kept their expectations low, the request returned an approval.

"All the credit really goes to Captain Gow," Tyler said.

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Obama
Blames GOP
for Coming
Tax Increase

The standoff is sowing confusion among businesses, which are running out of time to adapt to any new payroll tax regimen.

BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Continuing a tax cut of up to \$40 a week for workers and unemployment benefits for millions of jobless hit a wall Tuesday as the House rejected a two-month extension of both, and President Barack Obama blamed Republicans for the stalemate.

“The clock is ticking, time is running out,” Obama said shortly after House voted 229-193 to request negotiations with the Senate on renewing the payroll tax cuts for a year.

House Speaker John Boehner, told that Obama had sought his help, replied, “I need the president to help out.” His voice rose as he said it, and his words were cheered by dozens of Republicans lawmakers who have pushed him and the rest of the leadership to pursue a more confrontational strategy with Democrats and the White House in an already contentious year of divided government.

This time, it wasn’t a partial government shutdown or even an unprecedented Treasury default that was at stake, but the prospect that payroll taxes would rise on Jan. 1 for 160 million workers and long-term unemployment benefits end for millions of jobless victims of the worst recession since the 1930s.

Yet another deadline has been entangled in the dispute, this one affecting seniors, but the administration announced it had finessed a way around it. Officials said paperwork for doctors who treat Medicare patients in the early days of the new year will not be processed until Jan. 18, giving lawmakers more time to avert a 27 percent cut in fees threatened for Jan. 1.

Whatever the stakes, there was little indication that Republicans would get their wish for negotiations with the Senate any time soon. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., issued a statement saying he would be happy to resume talks on a yearlong measure — “but not before” the House ratifies the two-month bill and sends it to Obama for his signature.

Given Obama’s remarks and Reid’s refusal to negotiate, it was unclear what leverage Republicans had in the year-end standoff. It appeared likely

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Egypt Women Decry Abuse by Soldiers

BY LEILA FADEL
and RAGIA MOSTAFA
The Washington Post

CAIRO • Thousands of women, enraged by images of female protesters being dragged through the streets by soldiers during weekend protests, marched Tuesday in central Cairo to decry the Egyptian military’s recent use of force against demonstrators.

The rare public outpouring by women, young and old, religious and secular, appeared to turn up the pressure on the country’s ruling military council.

The generals, who had shown no remorse for the recent violence, quickly issued a statement Tuesday evening offering “sincerest apologies to the great women of Egypt for what happened” and promising that those responsible would be reprimanded.

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An Egyptian woman raises a copy of Al Tahrir newspaper showing a half-naked woman protester being beaten by army soldiers, as hundreds of women marched Tuesday in Cairo, Egypt.

The Paul Factor

Republican presidential candidate Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, laughs as he sits with Elizabeth Rose Chamberlain, 3, of Epping, N.H., while campaigning Tuesday at the Early Bird Cafe in Plaistow, N.H.



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Paul Emerges as Outsider
Alternative in GOP Race

With Republicans unable to unite behind a favored candidate, the respect that has long eluded Ron Paul may finally be coming to him. Still, it’s questionable how far he can go.

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT
and STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

EXETER, N.H. • Suddenly, Ron Paul is in contention to win the Iowa caucuses and do well in the New Hampshire primary two weeks before the first votes are cast, reflecting the fluidity of the Republican presidential race as well as the inability of the party’s social conservative, tea party and establishment wings to coalesce behind a favored candidate.

Yet, while the libertarian-leaning Texas congressman is earning support for his tight-fisted fiscal

positions, he’s so out of step with the GOP mainstream on foreign policy and some domestic issues that even his most loyal aides doubt he can use his momentum to win the Republican nomination.

“I’m very much in the Republican tradition,” Paul insisted Tuesday as he campaigned in New Hampshire before heading back to Iowa on Wednesday. “Very much in the American tradition.”

True or not, this much is certain: Paul is having a major impact on the campaign. His outsider persona and refusal to acquiesce to the ways of Washington — he’s

nicknamed “Dr. No” on Capitol Hill for voting against much legislation — has earned him a loyal following that he’s leveraged to build a strong organization in Iowa and elsewhere. The respect that has long eluded him in the party may finally be coming to him.

Still, it’s questionable how far he can go.

“He can get 15 to 20 percent in a multi-candidate field but, just like in 2008, when the field gets down to three candidates, voters will focus more clearly and his support will wane,” predicted Michael Dennehy, an unaligned GOP oper-

ative in New Hampshire. “And, fair or not, the majority of voters will not feel comfortable with their nominee being a 76-year-old man who generally comes across as a character in ‘Grumpy Old Men!’”

Paul’s rise comes as the final push to the Jan. 3 Iowa caucuses begins and Newt Gingrich becomes the latest candidate to slide in a race where Republicans have struggled to settle on an alternative to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney. The ferment underscores the degree to which Republicans remain sharply divided over whether to select with a nominee seen as more capable of beating President Barack Obama or one seen more as the Democrat’s ideological opposite.

In another sign of the fissures in the GOP, board members of a prominent Iowa Christian organization, the Family Leader, on Tuesday chose not to endorse anyone in the presidential race after failing to rally behind any one of the several strict social conservatives campaigning in Iowa.

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Seoul Says N. Korea Raises
Security, Has Troops on Alert

Publicly presiding over the funeral proceedings marks an important milestone for Kim Jong Il’s son, strengthening his image as the country’s new political face.

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) • North Korea has tightened internal security and put troops on alert since the announcement of leader Kim Jong Il’s death in moves to consolidate power behind his young son and heir, South Korean intelligence indicated Wednesday.

Concerns over what will happen next in the unpredictable communist enclave — which has a 1.2-million-troop military, advanced ballistic missiles and a nuclear weapons development program — have sharply raised tensions around northeast Asia.

Kim Jong Il ruled the country for 17 years after inheriting power from his

father, national founder and North Korean hero Kim Il Sung. His chosen heir — Kim Jong Un — only entered the public view last year and remains a mystery to most of the world.

But South Korean parliament member Kwon Young-se said Seoul’s National Intelligence Service believes the North is now concentrating on consolidating Kim Jong Un’s power and that the country has placed its troops on alert since Kim Jong Il’s death.

North Korea on Monday announced Kim, 69, died of a massive heart attack.

Kwon said the NIS has told the parliamentary intelligence committee, of which he is a member, that senior military officials have pledged allegiance to Kim Jong Un, but police security has been tightened in major cities across the country.

Initial indications coming out of

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5 DIE WHEN PLANE
CRASHES ON HIGHWAY

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J. • A small plane heading for Georgia spiraled out of control and crashed Tuesday morning on a major New York-area highway, hitting a wooded median and scattering wreckage across the road. All five people aboard, including two investment bankers, were killed, but no one on the ground was injured. The pilot had discussed icy conditions with controllers just before the plane went down, but investigators were unsure what role, if any, icing played in the crash. The New York investment banking firm Greenhill & Co. said two of its managing directors, Jeffrey Buckalew, 45, and Rakesh Chawla, 36, as well as Buckalew’s wife and two children, were on the plane, which crashed on Interstate 287. Buckalew was the registered owner of the single-engine plane and had a pilot’s license.

— Associated Press

REBECCA BLACK TOPS VIDEO VIEWS ON YOUTUBE

Rebecca Black's infamous "Friday" video has topped all other YouTube videos of 2011 with 180 million views. The Google Inc. video-sharing site announced its most-viewed clips of the year Tuesday. The 14-year-old Black was turned into a viral video celebrity after her parents paid a production company to make the music video for her. "Friday" became an unlikely, off-key global hit.

— Associated Press

CNN's Piers Morgan Rejects Phone Hacking Accusations

LONDON (AP) • A tense and sometimes hostile Piers Morgan has refused to disclose details about the most damning link between himself and Britain's phone hacking scandal — his acknowledgment that he once listened to a phone message left by Paul McCartney for his then-wife Heather Mills.

The CNN celebrity interviewer, testifying through a video link from the U.S., clashed repeatedly Tuesday with the U.K. panel investigating media ethics, insisting he never took part in the illegal phone hacking that

PAROLED ACTIVIST ARRIVES BACK IN U.S.

Lori Berenson, a New Yorker paroled from a Peruvian prison after 15 years behind bars for aiding a leftist revolutionary group, arrived in the U.S. on Tuesday for her first visit home since her arrest in 1995. Berenson, 42, did not speak to reporters after landing at the Newark airport with her 2-year-old son, Salvador. They were escorted by police to a waiting car as the boy looked with wonderment at the gaggle of reporters and flashing cameras.

— Associated Press



Paroled U.S. activist Lori Berenson, center, pushes her son, Salvador, through the international airport in Lima, Peru, on Monday before boarding a flight to the U.S.

North Korea

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North Korea suggest the transition to Kim Jong Un was moving forward.

The young Kim, who is still in his twenties, led a procession of senior officials Tuesday in a viewing of Kim Jong Il's body, which is being displayed in a glass coffin near that of Kim Il Sung.

Publicly presiding over the funeral proceedings was an important milestone for Kim's son, strengthening his image as the country's political face at home and abroad.

State media said Kim Jong Un also received mourners, including foreign envoys, in the Kumsusan Memorial Palace as he stood with a "guard of honor by the sides of the bier together with members of the National funeral Committee."

The report in KCNA did not specify which foreign countries the envoys represented.

According to official media, more than five million North Koreans have gathered at monuments and memorials in the capital since the death of Kim Jong Il. Hundreds of thousands visited monuments around the city within hours of the official announcement that Kim had died over the weekend.

The North has declared an 11-day period of mourning that will culminate in his state funeral and processions through the capital on Dec. 28-29.

In a dreamlike scene captured by Associated Press Television News, Kim's coffin appeared to float on a raft of "kimjongilia" — the flowers named after him — with his head and shoulders bathed in a spotlight as solemn music played. Various medals and honors were displayed at his feet.

The bier was located in a hall of the Kumsusan Memorial Palace, a mausoleum where the embalmed body of Kim Jong Il's father and North Korean founder Kim Il Sung has been on view in a glass sarcophagus since his death in 1994. Kim Jong Un wore a black Mao-style suit, his hair cropped closely on the sides but longer on top, as he walked with much older officials in suits and military uniforms.

South Korea has put its military on alert and Japan has ordered extra vigilance from its Coast Guard. US President Barack Obama has been in close contact with his South Korean and Japanese counterparts, and has reassured them that Washington will stand by its allies.

China, meanwhile, appears ready to deal with Kim Jong Un.

President Hu Jintao offered his condolences at North Korea's embassy in Beijing on Tuesday as the government hinted at an early invitation for a visit by Kim Jong Un.

Ron Paul

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Instead, the group's president, Bob Vander Plaats, and another prominent social conservative, Chuck Hurley, president of the Iowa Family Policy Center, threw their personal support behind former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, who is barely registering in polls.

"We've always said, the fear would be a fragmented vote, because we have a lot of good candidates," Vander Plaats said.

Separately, the national American Family Association on Tuesday endorsed the thrice-married Gingrich, the former House speaker. Gingrich helped the group raise money last year to campaign in Iowa against the retention of state Supreme Court judges who backed a 2009 ruling to allow gay marriage.

Tea party activists, many reluctant to support Romney, also have not rallied behind an alternative. The divide has prompted some prominent tea party groups to shift from the White House campaign and focus on influencing Capitol Hill.

With prominent social conservatives and the tea party divided chiefly among Santorum, Gingrich, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and Texas Gov. Rick Perry, Paul has emerged as a leading contender in some Iowa polls, along with Romney and Gingrich. The divisions among cultural conservatives have allowed Paul to cobble together a coalition, made up of strict fiscal conservatives and independent-minded Republicans, that has grown since the fall.

All that is good probably news for Romney, who all year long has been considered the Republican most likely to win.

Still, Paul's rise also reflects Romney's inability to seal the nomination early by becoming the chosen one of the establishment. The former Massachusetts governor launched a bus tour in New Hampshire on Tuesday and appeared ever more assured that his plan to win that key early state was working.

Romney was emphasizing his distinctions with Obama, asserting he would create an "opportunity society" while the Democrat would bring a welfare-dependent "entitlement society" if given a second term.

Elsewhere in New Hampshire, Paul expressed confidence about his prospects for strong finishes in Iowa and New Hampshire: "I'm doing very well."

He also answered rivals who have started assailing him at every turn, a signal

that they recognize he's become a threat. He gave them an opening last week when he said he would not consider a military strike against Iran if there was proof the country had a nuclear military capability.

That sparked a heated exchange with Bachmann, who has called Paul's position "dangerous" and is trying to revive her campaign by attracting some of the tea party activists drawn to Paul.

Gingrich also jabbed at Paul's position.

He said Monday: "I cannot understand a mindset of somebody who says, 'Oh, they wouldn't do that with a nuclear weapon.' It strikes me that if they are willing to blow up a few of us, they would be thrilled to blow up a lot of us. And that's where I disagree."

A day later, Paul argued anew that his position was within the Republican mainstream "and very much on the side of emphasizing a strong national defense instead of intending that we can be the policeman of the world."

But his opposition to military intervention abroad stands in sharp contrast to GOP orthodoxy. Paul favors bringing all or almost all troops home from foreign bases, not just from conflict zones.

He also suggests that military intervention abroad is fueling anti-American terrorism.

"If we think they do this only because we're free and rich, I think we're really kidding ourselves," Paul told roughly 400 supporters packed into the Exeter town hall Tuesday night. "This isn't blaming America. It's blaming some bad policy from a few politicians."

Influential Republicans here and elsewhere, including Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, have predicted Paul's position will keep a healthy share of GOP activists, who dominate the caucuses, from supporting him.

Among the skeptics is Rosie Ford, a 77-year-old retiree waiting to see Gingrich at a Mount Pleasant, Iowa, grocery store on Tuesday.

"I like Ron Paul," she said. "His ideas are very bold and I think we need bold right now. But his foreign policy kind of scares me. He's a little too bold on that."



ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama pauses as he speaks at a news briefing Tuesday at the White House in Washington. The president said a faction of Republicans in the House is refusing to vote on a Senate bill that would extend a payroll tax cut for two months.

Congress

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the partisan disagreement could easily persist past Christmas and into the last week of the year.

The standoff was sowing confusion in business, running out of days to adapt to any new payroll tax regimen. Even the Senate's proposed two-month extension was creating headaches because it contained a two-tiered system geared to ensuring that higher-income earners paid a higher rate on some of their wages, according to a trade group.

"There's not time enough to do that in an orderly fashion," said Pete A. Isberg, president of the National Payroll Reporting Consortium trade group. "We're two weeks away from 2012." He wrote a letter to congressional leaders this week warning that the Senate bill "could create substantial problems, confusion and costs."

Democrats pounced on Republicans for rejecting the Senate bill, emboldened by polls finding Obama's approval rising and that of the congressional Republicans fading. They noted that several lawmakers whom Boehner appointed to negotiate a compromise had recently criticized an extension of payroll tax cuts.

Democrats also introduced legislation in the

has led to the closure of a Sunday tabloid he once edited and the arrests of friends and former colleagues.

The stakes were high for Morgan. More than a dozen journalists have been arrested, senior executives with Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. media empire have lost their jobs, and top U.K. police officers have resigned over their failure to tackle the phone hacking scandal.

His testimony was given under oath, and Morgan could be subject to criminal proceedings if he is found to

have violated any British laws.

Morgan's defense Tuesday was part denial, part apology and a healthy helping of "I don't recall."

A key line of questioning centered on the comments Morgan made in a 2006 article he wrote for the Daily Mail tabloid. In it, Morgan said he was played a phone message left by the former Beatle on Mills' answering machine, describing it in detail and noting that McCartney "even sang 'We Can Work It Out' into the answer phone."

Egypt

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Egypt's conservative society has been shaken by nearly a week of deadly protests and by powerful images of women being stripped and beaten by soldiers in riot gear. Many in Tuesday's crowd carried a widely circulated photo of a woman being dragged by soldiers, her scarf and abaya ripped from her body to expose her blue bra.

"Egypt was stripped," their posters read.

The military leadership has tried to paint demonstrators as paid thugs and conspirators intent on destabilizing Egypt.

But as the women chanted for an end to military rule and waved to bystanders to join them, they seemed to signal renewed solidarity among Egyptians.

In recent days, activists and politicians have increasingly called for presidential elections no later than the end of January to remove the military council from power.

The protest appeared to be the largest march by women since demonstrations began here 11 months ago. A group of men, including newly elected members of parliament, formed a shield around them.

"Even those not sympathetic to protesters can't deny the power of an image of a defenseless woman being attacked," said Heba Morayef, an Egypt researcher at Human Rights Watch.



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Erin Turner poses Saturday in her apartment in Chicago. As a 20-something, Turner feels she made all the right moves dating wise. She graduated from college and spent three and a half years with a boyfriend before they moved in together. Their cohabitation bliss lasted only eight months. While Turner hopes to marry one day, she's not sweating it at the moment.

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Staying Out of the Ring: Barely Half of Adults Wed

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK • As a 20-something, Erin Turner feels she made all the right moves dating-wise. She graduated from college and spent three and a half years with a boyfriend before they moved in together. Their cohabitation bliss lasted only eight months. “We broke up because when you live with someone, everything comes to the surface,” said Turner, who remains single in Chicago as her 30th birthday approaches in March. “You start to see how people handle confrontation, financial realities, challenges, the housework load. If we had been married we would have been divorced, or fully on our way.” While Turner hopes to marry one day, she’s not sweating it at the moment. Her parents divorced when she was young and she doesn’t want marriage badly enough to settle. She’d be sad if she never married, but she wouldn’t “implode.” Heading into 2012, trend

watchers note that barely half of all adults in the United States are married, and the median age at the time of a first marriage has never been higher — slightly more than 26 years old for women and nearly 29 for men. In 1960, 72 percent of married adults 18 and older were married. The percentage fell to 57 percent in 2000 and today it’s just 51 percent, according to a new Pew Research Center analysis of census data. The share of marrieds could dip below half in a few years as single-person households, single parents and couples living together outside the bounds of legal marriage multiply. The number of new marriages in the U.S. fell 5 percent just from 2009 to 2010, a wrinkle that may or may not relate to the bad economy, Pew researcher D’Vera Cohn said. The decline is spread among age groups but is most dramatic among Turner’s generation. Nearly three out of every five adults ages 18 to 29 were married in 1960, but now only one in five is. Marriage also is on the de-

cline in other developed countries, especially those in Europe, and the trend is starting to take root elsewhere around the globe. In Mexico City, for instance, a recent proposal would allow couples to “test drive” marriage with a two-year contract, said Ann Mack, a trend watcher for JWT Intelligence, an arm of the marketing giant. If the trial marriage didn’t work out, the parties could walk away without lengthy divorce proceedings. Women, in particular, are experiencing a mass marriage rethink, Mack said. “A growing number of women are taking an alternate life route that doesn’t include marriage as an essential checkpoint,” she said. Retreat, maybe. But not outright abandonment, said D’Cohn and Stephanie Coontz, who wrote “Marriage: A History” and teaches family studies at Evergreen State University in Olympia, Wash. “We as a society have to recognize that people do still get married but cycle into marriage later and may cycle out of marriage,” she said. “I think marriage is perceived as

a very desirable good but no longer a necessity.” In New York, 30-year-old Grace Bello loves kids. Her mom was 30 when she gave birth to her, but Bello didn’t have the American dream of a picket fence, husband and 2.5 children in her head growing up in Cupertino, Calif. She recently broke up with a guy she had been dating casually for a few weeks and is busily pursuing a freelance writing career. “Not getting married wouldn’t be the worst thing in the world,” Bello said. “I think the worst-case scenario would be a loveless marriage that ends in divorce and to be a single mom supporting several kids. I’d rather be single for the rest of my life.” There’s a lot to like about living single, said Bella DeCohn and Stephanie Coontz, who wrote the book “Singled Out.” “We’re so used to, as a society, thinking about life in terms of what it means to be coupled and married that we miss out on all the ways in which living single has some real attractions, like having your own space,” said DePaulo, who at 58 is happily single herself.

Former Miss Venezuela Dies of Breast Cancer at 28

BY IAN JAMES
Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela • Former Miss Venezuela Eva Ekvall, whose struggle with breast cancer was closely followed by Venezuelans, has died at age 28. Her family said Ekvall died Saturday at a hospital in Houston. Ekvall was crowned Miss Venezuela at age 17 in 2000, and the following year she was third runner-up in the Miss Universe pageant in Puerto Rico. She went on to work as a model, actress and television news anchor. She also authored a book, “Fuera de Foco” (“Out of Focus”), about her struggle with cancer, which included images by Venezuelan photographer Roberto Mata. She told the newspaper *El Nacional* in an interview last year after the book was published that “I needed to send the message of the need for cancer prevention.” On the cover was a portrait in which she appeared with makeup and her head shaved. The book also included images of her while going through chemotherapy. “I hate to see photos in which I come out ugly,” Ekvall told *El Nacional*. “But you know what? Nobody ever said cancer is pretty or that I should look like Miss Venezuela when I have cancer.” At the time, she was hopeful of overcoming cancer and wanted to write more. Ekvall’s family said in a statement Sunday that her remains were being cremated in Houston on Monday and that a service is to be held in Venezuela once her remains are returned to the country. Ekvall said in a 2007 interview published in Venezuelan news media that although her mother is Jamaican and her father is American of Swedish and Hungarian descent, “I feel more Venezuelan than anybody.”



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Miss Venezuela Eva Ekvall stands with other contestants, unseen, as they wait for the announcement of the winner of the Miss Universe contest in Bayamon, Puerto Rico, in May 2001. Ekvall died of cancer on Saturday in Houston at age 28.

She was married to radio producer John Fabio Bermudez and had a 2-year-old daughter. In her book, Ekvall had described her joy at the birth of her daughter saying “that happiness, although (the daughter) may not know it or understand it, keeps me alive today.” The book included emails that she wrote to friends providing updates on her treatment and thanking them for their support, as well as short essays by relatives and friends reflecting on her ordeal. Her father, Eric Ekvall, recalled in the book that his mother, also named Eva, had died of the same type of cancer at age 39. “Those who know Eva know she doesn’t give up,” he said of his daughter. “She fights for what she wants.”

SHERIFF: OHIO MAN CLEANING GUN KILLED AMISH GIRL

FREDERICKSBURG, Ohio (AP) • A man cleaning his muzzle-loading rifle shot the gun into the air, accidentally killing a 15-year-old Amish girl driving a horse-drawn buggy more than a mile away, a sheriff said Tuesday. Rachel Yoder was shot in the head Thursday night while traveling to her home in Wayne County, between

Columbus and Akron. She had attended a Christmas party for employees, most of them under 18 years old, at an Amish produce farm and was riding home alone when she was shot, Wayne County sheriff’s Capt. Douglas Hunter said. The horse continued to cart the girl after she was shot, and she fell out of the

buggy near her home, Holmes County Sheriff Timothy Zimmerly said. Her brother found her after he saw the horse walking in circles and went to check it. Authorities initially believed she had fallen out of the buggy and hit her head until a hospital test revealed the gunshot wound. Hunter said his depart-

ment traced a trail of blood along the road for about three-eighths of a mile into Holmes County in an area of farms and rolling hills. Zimmerly said the gun-cleaning’s family came forward and his neighbors reported hearing a shot at about the time the girl was wounded. The man had fired the gun

in the air about 1.5 miles from where Yoder was shot, Zimmerly said. State investigators were checking the rifle for a ballistics match, he said. “In all probability, it looks like an accidental shooting,” Zimmerly said. No charges have been filed. Yoder was born in nearby Mount Eaton and attended the Old Order Amish

Church, The (Wooster) Daily Record reported. She is survived by her father, 10 brothers and sisters, 26 nieces and nephews and two grandparents. Hunter said earlier there was no indication the shooting was related to a rash of beard-cutting attacks against Amish men in a feud over church discipline.

OBITUARIES

Russell James Burgemeister

Sept. 24, 1963-Dec. 17, 2011

FILER • Russell James Burgemeister, 48, of Filer, Idaho, passed away Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, doing what he loved best. He was leaving a football game with his son, brother and nephew when he fell ill and passed shortly after. Russell was born in American Falls, Idaho, on Sept. 24, 1963, to Mip and Ethel Burgemeister. His family moved to Filer early in his life, and he graduated from Filer High School in 1983. Russell married his best friend, Trudy Glaesemann, in 1988; together they had the joy of their life when Kyle was born in 1990. Russell loved watching all sports, especially football; he loved his remote control and ruled over it with an iron fist. Russell spent his life working with wood at multiple jobs. At the time of his death, he was working at T&L Cedar



Lawn Furniture in Buhl, which he truly enjoyed. Russell was an avid camper and an ATV rider; he spent many weekends in the mountains with his family and friends. Russell was preceded in death by his mother, father, stepfather, father-in-law, grandparents and one nephew. He is survived by his wife, Trudy; and his son, Kyle. He is also survived by his brother, Wayne Burgemeister of Buhl; his sister, Lynda (Jerry) Schwenson of Twin Falls; and his mother-in-law of Burley; along with many uncles, aunts,

nephews and cousins. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. A funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Filer Church of the Nazarene, 315 Yakima St. in Filer. An interment will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Aberdeen Cemetery in Aberdeen, Idaho. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations made to the Wishing Star Foundation or the charity of your choosing. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Those wishing to share condolences may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.net.



Lucille Gulick

Sept. 12, 1922-Dec. 17, 2011

JEROME • Lucille Gulick, 89, passed away at her home on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, from complications of a stroke in August 2011. She was born Sept. 12, 1922, in Wendell, Idaho, the third of six children, to Allen Aldrich Benson and Bessie Lee Benson. She graduated from Wendell High School in 1941 and soon after worked as a nurses aid at the St. Valentine’s Hospital and then later as an office nurse for Dr. Carlyle Smail in Jerome. Soon afterward, Lucille met her husband, Scott Gulick, on a blind date, and three years later, the couple got married on April 15, 1950. They farmed and worked dairies on several different farms before settling in the Barrymore dis-



trict in Jerome County in 1961. Scott and Lucille worked together in the fields and milked their brown Swiss cows until their retirements in 1989. During Lucille’s retirement, she enjoyed having a vegetable and flower garden, and she also painted in her spare time. Her husband, Scott; her father; mother; and four sisters preceded her in death; and Lucille is survived by her two children, Dorothy (Rob) Gernhart, and Larry Gulick, all of Jerome; and her two granddaughters Kristi (AJ) Ridgway of Twin Falls and Kayla Miller of Jerome. Lucille was a loving mother, grandmother and wife to her children and grandchildren, whom she loved more than life itself,

and she will be missed beyond measure and continue to be unconditionally loved in all our hearts. We want to give special thanks to Alliance Hospice for all of the special care they gave Lucille and also a special thanks to Jeanne, Linda J., Kristi, Aimee, Nicki and Sarah for all their help as well. A gathering for family and friends will take place from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel on Third and Fillmore in Jerome. The funeral will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, followed by the burial at the Jerome Cemetery. The family requests that donations in lieu of flowers be sent to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital or your favorite charity. Donations may be left with funeral chapel staff or mailed to Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 Third Ave. E., Jerome, ID 83338.

OBITUARIES

Russell Lee Holohan

June 24, 1922- Dec. 18, 2011

SANDY, Utah • Russell Lee Holohan, 89, of Sandy, Utah, passed away peacefully Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, of causes incident to age.



Russell was born June 24, 1922, in Paul, Idaho, to Rollie Holohan and Maggie Mae Barton Holohan. He attended school in Paul and served with the 545th Antiaircraft Artillery Division of the U.S. Army from 1942 through 1945. He served in the European Theatre and was at the Battle of the Bulge and on Utah Beach on D-Day. After the war, he returned to Paul, where he met and married Mary Lou Hamilton on Oct. 11, 1948, in Elko, Nev. Russell was a finish carpenter by trade and built many fine homes in the Mini-Cassia and Twin Falls areas. He later worked as a union carpenter on many projects around the area, including the Perrine Bridge and College of Southern Idaho. He was a member of the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters. He loved fishing, hunting,

camping and spending time with family, especially the great-grandkids who were the light of his life.

Russell is survived by his wife, Mary Lou; and daughter, Susan Strunk of Sandy, Utah; four grandchildren, Julie Greenlee Cobb, Erin (Lyle) Affleck and Russell Strunk, all of Sandy, and Lane Strunk with the U.S. Air Force in California; and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a special daughter, Rita Ayers of Jerome, Idaho. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Irene Jones; and a son, William Michael Holohan.

The funeral service will be held at noon Friday, Dec. 23, at the United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St. in Burley, Idaho, with Pastor John Marshall officiating. A viewing will begin at 10 a.m. before the funeral Friday at the church. Interment, including full military honors, will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn, Idaho.

Gary Woods Hall

Jan. 23, 1938-Dec. 17, 2011

TWIN FALLS • Gary Woods Hall, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at the Twin Falls Care Center.



Gary was born Jan. 23, 1938, at Kimberly, Idaho, to Leland R. and Wanda Clayton Hall. He was raised and educated in Idaho and joined the Army in 1956. He served in Germany while in the Army and returned to Idaho following his honorable discharge. In 1960, he married Carmen Jellison, and they had two children, Dan and Cheryl. They were later divorced. Gary worked for the Atomic Energy Commission and various construction jobs and later earned his associate degree in mid-management from CSI. He also worked as a National Guard recruiter. In the late '70s and early '80s, he was a police officer for the Twin Falls Police Department. In his later years, Gary was a caregiver to his father and mother, and his aunt, LaVonne Rose. Gary enjoyed riding and training horses, camping, the out-

doors, photography and square dancing with his best friend, Betty Rice.

Gary is survived by his friend, Betty Rice; his son, Dan (Diana) Hall of Jerome; his daughter, Cheryl Owen of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Brian Hall, Christopher Hall, Elizabeth Sprague and Jami Hodges; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Millie Shewman of Indiana; many special friends; and those at Fiddlers Inc. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Bonnie; and his beloved "Aunt Von" Lavonne Rose.

Flowers may be sent or memorial contributions may be made in Gary's name to the Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the Airport Road Freewill Baptist Church, 869 Washington St. S. in Twin Falls. Pastor Jim O'Donnell will officiate. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Paul M. Pugh

Sept. 17, 1937-Dec. 13, 2011

RUPERT • Paul M. Pugh, 74, of Rupert, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011, at Countryside Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

Paul was born Sept. 17, 1937, in Palo Alto, Calif., to Olen Parker and Yvonne Thorup Pugh. He married Patricia Ann Harris, who passed away in 1992. He served in the U.S. Navy and has lived in Portland and Salem, Ore., Anaheim, Calif., and Long Beach, Wash. Paul has worked in

sales for Pittsburgh Paints, Sinclair Paints and Sherwin Williams. He enjoyed singing barbershop and playing the organ.

Paul is survived by his children, Paul William (Kristi) Pugh and Melinda Michelle (Angel) Barboza; grandchildren, Ashley Ann Hall, Megan Michele Hall, Jacob William Hall, Paul Daniel Pugh and Victor William Pugh; brother, Clarence (Kathy) Pugh; and sister, Yvonne (Brian)



Stevensen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Ann Pugh.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., with Pastor Mark Burgess from the First Assembly of God Church officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Wilamette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore.

The family would like to thank the staff of Countryside Care and Rehabilitation for the kind and generous care given to Paul.

James J. McMichael

June 16, 1927-Dec. 17, 2011

BOISE • James "Jim" J. McMichael, 84, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, went home to his Heavenly Father to be with his "Sweetheart" on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, with his loving family by his side.



He was born June 16, 1927, in Laramie, Wyo., the oldest of three born to James E. and Irene McMichael. Jim graduated from Laramie High School and then signed up to serve his country in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946. While in the Navy, he served on four ships, The NTS Farrgut, Idaho, USS Duxbury Bay and the PSC USNB Bremerton, Wash. He also received the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.

On Feb. 25, 1958, he married the love of his life, Margaret V. Riddle. Moving his family to Idaho in 1961, Jim worked farming and ranching until graduating from vocation school in 1970 to become a diesel, farm equipment mechanic. Jim spent many years working for Wolverton International and then in later years worked for Twin Falls County until retiring. Jim loved spending time with his family, camping, hunting and fishing. Yellowstone National Park was his favorite place to take his children and grandchildren on vacation.

He is survived by two sons, Jess (Paula) Grijalva of Twin Falls and Bert (Jodi) McMichael of Jordan Valley, Ore.; five daughters, Matilda Guerrero, Linda (Everett) Miller and Tracy Cardenas, all of Twin Falls, and Leah Fischer and Melody (Roberto) Vaquera, both of Boise; one sister, Elaine (Asa) Brooks of Mesa, Ariz.; sister in-law, Jean McMichael of Laramie, Wyo.; brother in-law, George (Marge) Riddle of Sheridan, Wyo.; sister in-law, Sally Riddle of Casper, Wyo.; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Margaret McMichael; one daughter, Jody Chambers; three sons, Dave Grijalva, Patrick Grijalva and Andrew McMichael; two grandsons; a granddaughter; one great-grandson; and one brother, Don McMichael.

Melody would like to give a special thank you to Jayne Christiansen from Life's Door's Hospice and to Midge Fisher, Chris Polard and Leah Fischer for all their help in taking care of Dad with care, respect, dignity and the love he so deserved.

James' life will be celebrated at a funeral service at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Jeff Cooper of First Baptist Church of Twin Falls officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Reynolds Chapel.

Messages of condolence and support may be left at www.reynoldschapel.com.

SERVICES

Sherman E. McCoy of Jerome, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road in Twin Falls; visitation begins at 9 a.m. today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Ruth Barraclough Dille of Shoshone, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Shoshone LDS Church; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church (Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel).

Walter Ferman Prentiss of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 26 N. Tiger Drive; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Margaret Call of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Rosenau

Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Cleone Stephens Nielsen of Albion and formerly of Glendale, Calif., funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Albion LDS Church, 889 S. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Duane Allen Hansen of Buhl, potluck meal to celebrate his life at 2 p.m. Thursday at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl.

Veda Viola Hines Shufeldt of Rupert, funeral at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert, and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

DEATH NOTICES

James Robinson Jr.

BOISE • James M. Robinson Jr., 66, of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at his home.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Summers Funeral Homes, Ustick Chapel in Meridian.

died Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at his home.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding.

Ricky Maxey

HEYBURN • Ricky L. Maxey, 50, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at his home.

A private service will be arranged by Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory.

Joan Priebe

HAZELTON • Joan May Priebe, 73, of Hazelton, died Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at the Assembly of God Church in Hansen (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

William Gehrig Jr.

CALDWELL • William E. Gehrig Jr., 77, of Caldwell and formerly of Gooding,



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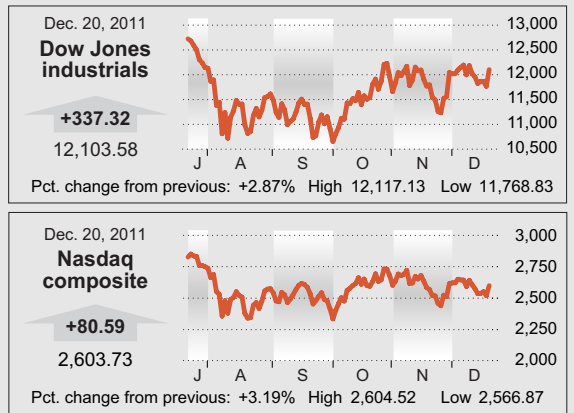
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stocks Soar on Europe Hopes, Strong Housing Starts

NEW YORK (AP) • Encouraging signs out of Europe and a surprisingly strong report on the U.S. housing market drove the Dow Jones industrial average up more than 300 points Tuesday. It was the best day for stocks this month. The Dow gained 337.32 points, or 2.9 percent to close at 12,103.58. It lost 100 points the day before. Europe's major stock markets also climbed. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 35.95 points, or 3 percent, to 1,241.30. Only six stocks in the index fell. The Nasdaq composite index rose 80.59, or 3.2 percent, to 2,603.73.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.70	15	42.91	+1.12	+16.7	Kaman	.64	12	28.30	+9.0	-2.6
AlliantTch	.80	6	56.34	+2.39	-24.3	Keycorp	.12	7	7.37	+2.3	-16.7
AmCasino	.42	13	18.14	+6.3	+16.1	LeeEnt h	...	...	.74	+0.4	-69.9
Aon Corp	.60	17	45.79	+1.21	-5	MicronT	...	39	5.79	+3.5	-27.8
BallardPw	...	...	1.15	-.01	-23.3	OfficeMax	...	8	4.38	+1.3	-75.3
BkofAm	.04	...	5.17	+1.9	-61.2	RockTen	.80	21	57.23	+1.7	+6.1
ConAgra	.96	15	26.19	+1.02	+16.0	Sensient	.84	16	37.77	+1.71	+2.8
Costco	.96	25	83.64	+1.58	+15.8	SkyWest	.16	26	12.77	+4.6	-18.2
Diebold	1.12	15	29.61	+1.29	-7.6	Teradynt	...	10	13.56	+7.5	-3.4
DukeEngy	1.00	17	21.40	+4.3	+20.2	Tupppore	1.20	14	54.71	+1.61	+14.8
DukeRtly	.68	...	12.01	+5.5	-3.6	US Bancrp	.50	12	26.50	+9.4	-1.7
Fastenal's	.56	38	43.23	+1.73	+44.3	Valhi	.50	38	59.87	+3.27	+170.8
Heinz	1.92	17	53.03	+6.1	+7.2	WalMart	1.46	13	59.19	+1.41	+9.8
HewlettP	.48	8	25.91	+7.8	-38.5	WashFed	.24	14	13.52	+4.5	-20.1
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Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec	Live cattle	121.20	120.60	120.60	-.55
Feb	Live cattle	121.45	120.60	120.65	-.85
Jan	Feeder cattle	144.55	143.73	144.33	-.35
Mar	Feeder cattle	147.65	146.75	147.53	-.20
Apr	Feeder cattle	148.55	147.90	148.55	-.18
Feb	Lean hogs	84.35	83.93	84.10	-.25
Apr	Lean hogs	87.30	86.85	87.13	-.08
Mar	Wheat	608.75	595.50	607.75	+8.00
May	Wheat	628.00	615.00	626.75	+7.75
Mar	KC Wheat	668.50	654.75	668.00	+9.50
May	KC Wheat	677.25	664.00	676.50	+9.50
Mar	MPS Wheat	843.00	824.00	839.25	+12.00
May	MPS Wheat	822.00	803.75	819.50	+10.75
Mar	Corn	608.50	596.25	607.00	+6.00
May	Corn	617.00	605.00	615.75	+6.00
Jan	Soybeans	1149.75	1135.50	1144.50	+7.50
Mar	Soybeans	1159.50	1145.00	1154.50	+7.75
Dec	BFP Milk	18.73	18.67	18.70	-.01
Jan	BFP Milk	17.41	17.13	17.22	-.08
Feb	BFP Milk	17.50	17.20	17.36	+0.2
Mar	BFP Milk	17.25	17.15	17.21	+0.2
Mar	Sugar	23.70	23.11	23.49	+4.0
Dec	Sugar	23.27	22.75	23.04	+3.0
May	B-Pound	1.5688	1.5477	1.5648	+0.041
Mar	B-Pound	1.5605	1.5535	1.5601	-.0109

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS

Prices are net to growers; 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture: pintles, \$45; pinks, \$45; small reds, \$45-\$46; garbanzos, \$45-\$47. Quotes current Dec. 14.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices subject to change without notice. Barley, \$10.10; oats, \$9.40; corn, \$11.25 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangent's in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 14. Barley, \$9.25 (cwt); corn, \$11.40 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Dec. 14.

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAINS

POCATELLO (AP) • Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report for Tuesday. **POCATELLO** – White wheat 5.65 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 5.80 (up 8); 14 percent spring 8.44 (up 8); barley 9.50 (steady). **BURLEY** – White wheat 5.70 (up 5); 11.5 percent winter 5.56 (up 10); 14 percent spring 8.12 (up 12); barley 9.50 cwt (steady). **OGDEN** – White wheat 5.95 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 5.83 (up 10); 14 percent spring 8.35 (up 12); barley 10.80 (up 10); corn 11.35 (up 8). **PORTLAND** – White wheat 5.95 (up 9); 11 percent winter 6.83-6.95 (up 9); 14 percent spring 9.74 (up 12); corn 261.75-262.50 (up 1.00-1.50). **NAMPA** – White wheat 8.50 cwt (steady); 5.15 bushel (steady).

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1.5450, +.0100; Blocks: \$1.5625, nc

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK AUCTION – Burley Livestock on Dec 15th. Utility and commercial cows 60.00-72.00; canner and culler 50.00-58.00; heavy feeder steers 102.00-139.80; light feeder steers 133.00-153.00; stocker steers 152.00-182.00; heavy holstein feeder steers 65.00-94.00; light holstein feeder steers 65.00-94.00; heavy feeder heifers 105.00-128.75; light feeder heifers 116.00-139.00; stocker heifers 132.00-159.00; bulls 52.00-68.50; stock cows none/hd; lambs n/a; weaner pigs n/a. No remarks.

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Tuesday. London morning fixing: \$1605.00 up \$0.15. London afternoon fixing: \$1613.50 up \$15.50. NY Handy & Harman: \$1613.50 up \$15.50. NY Hardly & Harman fabricated: \$1742.58 up \$16.74. NY Engelhard: \$1616.89 up \$15.52. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$1738.16 up \$16.69. NY Merc. gold Dec. Tue. \$1615.60 up \$21.20. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Tue. \$1615.50 up \$23.50.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) – Handy & Harman silver Tuesday \$29.355 up \$0.515. H&H fabricated \$35.226 up \$0.618. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$29.280 up \$0.500. Engelhard \$29.470 up \$0.280. Engelhard fabricated \$35.364 up \$0.336. NY Merc silver spot month Tuesday \$29.496 up \$0.674.

NONFERROUS METALS

NEW YORK (AP) – Spot nonferrous metal prices. Aluminum: \$0.8869 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper: \$3.3049 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper \$3.3630 N.Y. Merc spot Tue. Lead: \$1972.50 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc: \$0.8397 per lb., London Metal Exch. Gold: \$1613.50 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Gold: \$1615.60 Troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Tue. Silver: \$29.355 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Silver: \$29.496 Troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Tue. Platinum: \$1430.00 Troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

Prestige Brands Will Buy GSK Brands for \$660M

NEW YORK (AP) • Prestige Brands Holdings Inc. will pay British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline PLC \$660 million cash for a group of over-the-counter pharmaceutical brands including Beano and Tagamet, its largest acquisition ever.

The Irvington, N.Y., company said Tuesday it is also buying pain relievers BC, Goody's, and Ecotrin, gastrointestinal brands Beano, Gaviscon, Phazyme, Tagamet, and Fiber Choice, and Somnex sleep aids — 17 brands in all. With this deal and several other recent acquisitions, Prestige says its annual revenue will total about \$600 million. In the six months ended in September, the company's revenue rose to \$200.8 million.

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This product image shows the 2012 Civic Si Sedan.

HONDA SCRAMBLES TO REVAMP CIVIC

Competition for buyers of small cars has intensified so much that Honda will redo its compact Civic by late next year — even though a new version just hit the market at the end of the summer.

BY TOM KRISHER

Associated Press

ROMULUS, Mich. • Honda is scrambling to revamp its Civic just eight months after a new version hit showrooms, and critics say it's an admission that the compact car fell short in quality and handling.

The revamp, to come by the end of 2012, is rare because new models aren't usually overhauled for at least three years. Honda executives say they're simply trying to stay ahead in an increasingly competitive small-car market.

The move comes as small car sales are on the rise in the U.S., and more people choose them because of worries about gas prices and car payments. Compacts also are no longer the cramped econoboxes of the 1980s and 1990s, and they have many of the same amenities as larger cars.

The new Civic was panned by critics when it started arriving at dealerships April 20. Consumer Reports magazine said it was less agile than its predecessor, and its interior quality was worse. The magazine refused to give the Civic its coveted "Recommended Buy" rating, saying that the braking distances were long and it suffered from a choppy ride. The car's sales ranked fourth among U.S. compacts from May through November.

The previous Civic, which came out in

2005, was known for its sporty driving, high-quality interiors, lack of noise and excellent braking, says David Champion, senior director of auto testing for Consumer Reports.

"The new one seems to have fallen apart in those areas," says Champion, who thinks that Honda cut costs with the 2012 version.

Honda also recalled more than 1,000 of the 2012 Civics because a fuel line could leak due to a manufacturing error.

Honda has told dealers a reworked Civic will arrive before the end of next year. The car starts around \$16,000, and a base model with automatic transmission gets 32 miles per gallon in combined city and highway driving. Its price and fuel mileage are about the same as its competitors.

American Honda President Tetsuo Iwamura said Tuesday that the company will improve the Civic's drivability, but he stopped short of saying exactly what the company will do to the rest of the car.

"It's about how do we get two or three laps ahead of the competition," says American Honda Executive Vice President John Mendel.

In the past two years, the usual compact-car race between the Honda Civic and Toyota Corolla became a free-for-all that included high-quality entries from Chevrolet, Ford and Hyundai.

The competition will be good for buy-

ers because companies will offer better small cars and could discount them as the competition heats up, Mendel said. He said Honda would continue to show restraint on discounts, selling its products based on their value rather than price.

The battle between the Civic and Corolla for the rank of top-selling compact in the U.S. was also upset by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The disasters disrupted production, and output was again hampered by flooding in Thailand in the summer.

Honda production only recently returned to normal, and Mendel doesn't expect dealers to be fully restocked until March.

At the same time, the competition has rolled out new models like the well-received Chevrolet Cruze, Hyundai Elantra and Ford Focus.

From May through November, the only full months that the new Civic was in showrooms, the car's sales were nearly 109,000. The Cruze led the way at almost 140,000, followed by the Corolla at 118,000, and the Elantra at 110,000.

But last month, with supplies moving toward normal after the earthquake and floods, the Civic led all compacts in sales, according to Autodata Corp.

Despite the criticisms, the Civic still has a strong following of loyal customers, says Jeff Dyke, executive vice president of operations for Charlotte, N.C.-based Sonic Automotive Inc., a dealership chain that includes Honda dealers.

"I can't keep one on my lot," he says.

Rise in Home Construction Suggests a Turnaround

BY DEREK KRAVITZ

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • The depressed housing market has held the economy back for four years.

No longer.

Home construction has finally begun a gradual comeback and should add to the nation's economic growth in 2011, a turning point in the recovery from the Great Recession.

The main reason appears to be a positive consequence of the weak economy: Apartments are being built almost twice as fast as two years ago. Renting is the only option for many people who have lost their jobs, their homes or both.

Builders in November broke ground on homes — houses and apartments alike — at an annual rate of 685,000, the government said Tuesday. That was a 9.3 percent jump from October and the fastest pace since April 2010.

The numbers show how far the housing industry has come and still has to go:



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Construction worker Will Capper works on a new house on Nov. 22 in Palo Alto, Calif. A surge in apartment construction gave builders more work in November. But 2011 is still shaping up to be one of the worst years in history for homebuilders.

- Builders should start at least 600,000 homes this year. That's up from 587,000 last year and 554,000 in 2009 — the worst year on record. In a healthy market, economists say, about 1.2 million homes are started each year.
- The pace of apartment construction has soared. About 175,000 will be started this year, also roughly half the number in a healthy econo-

my. But it's far more than the 97,000 apartments begun in 2009.

- Single-family home construction, which accounts for about 70 percent of the housing industry, has essentially stalled for three years. This year will probably turn out to be the worst in the half-century records have been kept.

Construction of single-family homes this year could

reach 440,000. That would be below last year's 471,000. In a good economy, builders would break ground on about 840,000 homes.

New homes are 20 percent of the housing market but have an outsize economic impact. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Since the recession began in December 2007, housing has subtracted between 0.5 and 1.1 percentage points from U.S. economic growth each year. Cuts in spending by homeowners have further reduced growth.

But economists say apartments are going up so fast that housing should add to economic growth this year, even if fewer families are buying houses. The U.S. economy grew at a 2 percent clip last quarter.

"Finally, it appears that the process of healing is under way," says Joel Naroff, president and chief economist at Naroff Economics.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Decent chance for snow showers. High 31.

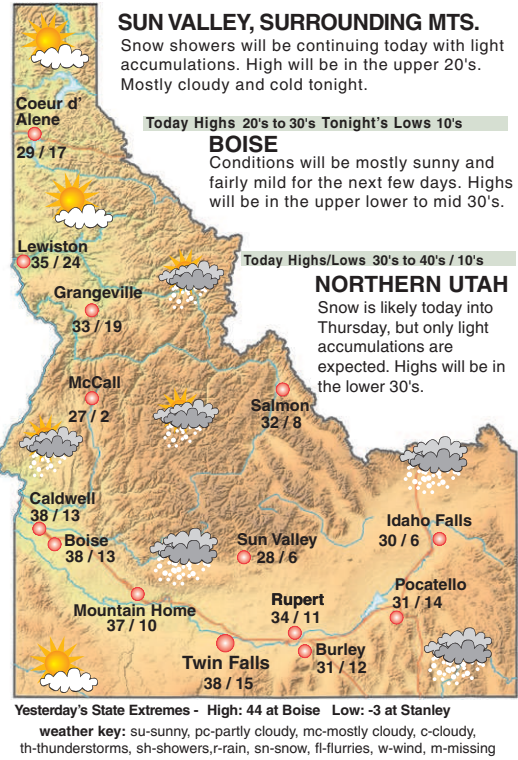
Tonight: Slowly decreasing cloud cover. Low 12.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny but chilly. High 28.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature	Precipitation
Yesterday's High 38°	Yesterday's 0.00"
Yesterday's Low 10°	Month to Date 0.04"
Normal High / Low 37° / 20°	Avg. Month to Date 0.67"
Record High 54° in 1961	Water Year to Date 1.57"
Record Low -9° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date 2.33"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A few snow showers possible	Gradually decreasing cloud cover	Mostly sunny but cool	A mix of sun and clouds	A fairly mild Christmas Eve	Mostly sunny for Christmas Day!
High 38°	Low 15°	34° / 11°	40° / 20°	41° / 21°	36° / 24°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 41°	Yesterday's 0.00"	Yesterday's High 60%	5 pm Yesterday 30.06 in.	Today Sunrise: 8:04 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM
Yesterday's Low 23°	Month to Date 0.01"	Yesterday's Low 36%		Thursday Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:08 PM
Normal High / Low 35° / 17°	Avg. Month to Date 0.76"	Today's Forecast Avg. 65%		Friday Sunrise: 8:05 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM
Record High 53° in 1979	Water Year to Date 1.82"			Saturday Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:09 PM
Record Low -2° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date 2.68"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30		Sunday Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:10 PM

Moon Phases	Moonrise and Moonset
New Dec. 24	Today Moonrise: 4:41 AM Moonset: 2:31 PM
First Jan. 1	Thursday Moonrise: 5:53 AM Moonset: 3:22 PM
Full Jan. 9	Friday Moonrise: 6:59 AM Moonset: 4:21 PM
Last Jan. 16	

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Friday
Boise	38 13 pc	33 17 pc	39 17 pc
Bonnars Ferry	29 11 pc	29 18 pc	31 18 ls
Burley	31 12 ls	28 9 pc	34 9 pc
Challis	29 5 ls	24 6 pc	32 6 pc
Coeur d' Alene	29 17 pc	29 21 pc	32 21 ls
Elko, NV	37 2 mc	37 3 pc	41 3 pc
Eugene, OR	41 29 fg	40 30 fg	43 30 r
Gooding	36 12 ls	31 15 pc	35 15 pc
Grace	26 6 ls	19 2 pc	23 2 pc
Hagerman	39 13 ls	34 13 pc	40 13 pc
Hailey	30 11 ls	26 13 pc	31 13 pc
Idaho Falls	30 6 ls	23 3 pc	28 3 pc
Kalispell, MT	27 12 ls	28 15 ls	34 15 ls
Jerome	35 14 ls	30 13 pc	35 13 pc
Lewiston	35 24 pc	38 27 pc	40 27 pc
Malad City	31 12 ls	25 10 pc	27 10 pc
Malta	29 11 ls	25 7 pc	29 7 pc
McCall	27 2 ls	26 8 pc	29 8 pc
Missoula, MT	31 15 ls	28 12 pc	34 12 ls
Pocatello	31 14 ls	24 9 pc	31 9 pc
Portland, OR	42 30 fg	44 34 fg	45 34 r
Rupert	34 11 ls	30 7 pc	35 7 pc
Rexburg	28 3 ls	21 -2 pc	25 -2 pc
Richland, WA	37 20 pc	34 23 pc	36 23 pc
Rogerson	32 8 ls	24 4 pc	29 4 pc
Salmon	32 8 ls	24 4 pc	29 4 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	33 20 ls	30 14 ls	29 14 pc
Spokane, WA	29 14 pc	27 19 pc	32 19 ls
Stanley	26 -5 ls	26 0 pc	29 0 pc
Sun Valley	28 6 ls	24 9 pc	29 9 pc
Yellowstone, MT	20 -8 ls	14 -9 pc	18 -9 pc

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	68 50 th	70 52 sh	Atlanta	68 50 th	70 52 sh
Atlanta City	57 50 r	56 45 pc	Atlanta City	57 50 r	56 45 pc
Baltimore	57 44 r	56 43 mc	Baltimore	57 44 r	56 43 mc
Billings	29 6 ls	26 15 pc	Billings	29 6 ls	26 15 pc
Birmingham	68 56 th	69 49 th	Birmingham	68 56 th	69 49 th
Boston	51 46 sh	52 37 pc	Boston	51 46 sh	52 37 pc
Charleston, SC	71 59 sh	72 61 pc	Charleston, SC	71 59 sh	72 61 pc
Charleston, WV	63 43 th	53 43 sh	Charleston, WV	63 43 th	53 43 sh
Chicago	44 34 r	41 32 pc	Chicago	44 34 r	41 32 pc
Cleveland	53 39 r	45 35 sh	Cleveland	53 39 r	45 35 sh
Cleveland	53 39 r	45 35 sh	Cleveland	53 39 r	45 35 sh
Des Moines	39 15 pc	22 4 ls	Des Moines	39 15 pc	22 4 ls
Des Moines	41 26 pc	37 21 ls	Des Moines	41 26 pc	37 21 ls
Detroit	47 35 r	42 32 pc	Detroit	47 35 r	42 32 pc
El Paso	51 35 pc	53 31 pc	El Paso	51 35 pc	53 31 pc
Fallbanks	23 -2 ls	18 -12 ls	Fallbanks	23 -2 ls	18 -12 ls
Fargo	34 13 ls	20 10 pc	Fargo	34 13 ls	20 10 pc
Honolulu	77 68 sh	78 69 sh	Honolulu	77 68 sh	78 69 sh
Houston	61 53 mc	64 49 th	Houston	61 53 mc	64 49 th
Indianapolis	48 39 sh	48 33 sh	Indianapolis	48 39 sh	48 33 sh
Jacksonville	76 59 pc	77 60 pc	Jacksonville	76 59 pc	77 60 pc
Kansas City	45 27 pc	38 23 mc	Kansas City	45 27 pc	38 23 mc
Las Vegas	57 39 pc	50 36 su	Las Vegas	57 39 pc	50 36 su
Little Rock	52 36 pc	53 37 r	Little Rock	52 36 pc	53 37 r
Los Angeles	65 44 su	66 44 su	Los Angeles	65 44 su	66 44 su
Memphis	57 45 mc	54 38 r	Memphis	57 45 mc	54 38 r
Miami	80 72 pc	80 72 pc	Miami	80 72 pc	80 72 pc
Milwaukee	40 29 mc	37 27 mc	Milwaukee	40 29 mc	37 27 mc
Nashville	61 44 sh	56 40 sh	Nashville	61 44 sh	56 40 sh
New Orleans	74 63 sh	75 57 th	New Orleans	74 63 sh	75 57 th
New York	55 47 r	57 41 pc	New York	55 47 r	57 41 pc
Oklahoma City	50 31 pc	47 27 mc	Oklahoma City	50 31 pc	47 27 mc
Omaha	40 25 pc	32 18 ls	Omaha	40 25 pc	32 18 ls

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	21 11 pc	25 18 pc	Saskatoon	26 14 pc	21 17 pc
Cranbrook	16 -5 pc	16 0 pc	Toronto	38 31 sh	37 26 r
Edmonton	27 17 pc	28 21 pc	Vancouver	37 39 pc	39 35 pc
Kelowna	22 5 pc	18 10 pc	Victoria	43 40 sh	44 42 pc
Lethbridge	28 17 pc	28 20 pc	Winnipeg	27 9 ls	18 14 pc
Regina	28 16 pc	23 17 pc			

Yesterday's Weather

City	Hi	Lo	Prep
Boise	44	21	0.00"
Challis	33	8	0.00"
Coeur d' Alene	36	21	0.00"
Idaho Falls	26	18	Trace"
Jerome	35	12	0.00"
Lewiston	35	24	0.00"
Lowell	37	28	0.00"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	30	10	0.00"
Rexburg	28	18	0.00"
Salmon	27	9	0.00"
Stanley	26	-3	0.00"
Sun Valley	36	12	0.00"

Mexico's Mayan Region Launches Countdown to Apocalypse

BY ADRIANA GOMEZ LICON

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY • Seize the day.

Only a year is left before Dec. 21, 2012, when some believe the Maya predicted the end of the world.

While some doomsday theorists may suggest putting together survival kits, people in southeastern Mexico, the heart of Maya territory, plan to throw a yearlong celebration. And to make a profit while they party.

Mexico's tourism agency expects to draw 52 million visitors over the coming year just to the five states richest in Maya heritage. Mexico as a whole is expected to lure just 22 million foreigners this year.

It is selling the date, the Winter Solstice, as a time of renewal. Most Mexican archaeological authorities say that the 2012 reference on a 1,300-year-old stone tablet only marks the end of a cycle in the Mayan calendar, not an apocalypse.

"The world will not end. It is an era," said Yeanet Zaldo, a tourism spokeswoman for the Caribbean state of Quintana Roo, home to Cancun. "For us, it is a message of hope."

Cities and towns in the Mayan region are starting the yearlong countdown today.

The city of Tapachula on the Guatemalan border will start an 8-foot digital clock in its main park to begin the countdown exactly a year before the date.

In the nearby archaeological site of Izapa, Maya priests will burn incense, chant and offer prayers.

On Mexico's Caribbean coast, between the resorts of Cancun and Playa del Carmen, people are putting messages and photos in a time capsule that will be buried for 50 years. Maya priests and Indian dancers will perform a ritual at the time capsule ceremony.

"People who still live in Mayan villages will host rites and burn incense for us to go back in time and try to understand the Mayan wisdom," Zaldo said.

Yucatan state has an-

nounced plans to complete the Maya Museum of Merida by next summer.

President Felipe Calderon recently announced there would be about 500 Maya-themed events throughout

the year in southern Mexico, including workshops and dance and music festivals.

Officials are building a state-run tourist hotel at the natural reserve of Calakmul in the state of Campeche.

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Dining Tidbits

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Cost Conscious

TWIN FALLS • When diners are short on money, they just won't spend it on high-priced food, Irving Karas realized. No matter the quality.

So Karas, culinary director at Canyon Crest Dining & Event Center (330 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls), added lower-priced options to the restaurant's lineup right after Thanksgiving.

"I kind of brought the menu down to where there's a lot of options on it that are under \$20 for dinner," Karas said. Take the new 8-ounce sirloin tender, or the 10-ounce chicken fried steak hand-battered in the Canyon Crest kitchen.

"For lunch, I came up with some \$7 lunch specials that would not only meet people's budgets but get people in and out," Karas said. In a hurry? Opt for the New Orleans red beans and rice with smoked Salmon Creek Farms pork loin on Mondays, or the chicken-and-jalapeno dumplings on Thursdays.

Pizza for the Impatient

To indulge in the all-you-can-eat pizza deal at Gertie's Brick Oven Cookery, you no longer have to wait for servers to come around offering slices of pepperoni-olive or Canadian bacon-pineapple.

While servers still make the rounds, you can look for what you like on Gertie's new pizza-pasta-soup bar, too. The Twin Falls restaurant (602 Second Ave. S.) made that change in June, as it also doubled the size of its salad bar to 50 feet and added a new section of booths, owner-operator Kevin Owings said.

At the same time, Gertie's added gluten-free pizza crusts — available only by individual order, not in the buffet deal. Owings buys frozen shells, and his kitchen staff cleans flour off the equipment before preparing a gluten-free order.

This month, Gertie's extended the remodeling project to its basement dining room, which is open for private parties and the restaurant's weekend overflow. Owings already installed a larger salad bar downstairs, and a pizza bar will follow after the first of the year.

Steakhouse Turns Chicken

After a long absence, breaded, fried chicken is back on the menu at Montana Steak House.

The restaurant's pressurized deep-frier — which produced chicken in the style of the Chester's chain — broke two years ago, co-owner Margery Gress said. To customers' delight, the frier is back in business this month, cooking four-piece chicken meals.

"They absolutely love it," Gress said. "It's almost as popular as our steaks." (But steaks are still king.)

On Jan. 2, she said, the Twin Falls steakhouse (1826 Canyon Crest Drive) will introduce a ground-sirloin hamburger bar where you can build your burger like you want it. On a steam table, you'll find cooked patties, chicken breasts, sauteed mushrooms, avocados, chili, bacon and standard burger additions.

Sweet St. Louis

Anchor Bistro (334 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls) launched a dozen new menu items on Dec. 1, co-owner Bob Maloney said.

The mahi-mahi tacos — with fish beer-battered at Anchor daily — are served on pitas with cabbage, avocado, lime and a side of house-made coleslaw. A new line of single-serving pizzas includes an unpredictable one: pulled pork with barbecue sauce and bleu cheese. And you can increase the dietary guilt of the new four-cheese penne mac with an optional addition of Italian sausage.

"It is becoming one of our most popular menu items," Maloney said.

Also among the new offerings: a slab of tender St. Louis ribs in Anchor's house-made, smoky-sweet barbecue sauce. Maloney's cook keeps the secret of the sauce, which had a trial run on a few weekly specials. "I'm not sure what he does to it, but it's pretty amazing."



Eldar Sharafov, manager of International Food Market, talks about his shop's products Friday. The Twin Falls store deals with Turkish goods but plans to move into more Russian and Iranian foods.



TURKISH DELIGHT

Twin Falls' new International Food Market carries foods from Turkey. With sausages, sweets and lahana sarma, it's an adventure for foodies.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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TWIN FALLS • Craving halva? How about pickled lettuce leaves?

You don't have to head to Europe to get your fix. Eldar Sharafov and cousin Ibragim Sharafov opened International Foods Market in Twin Falls last month.

Eldar Sharafov — who is Turkish but grew up in Russia before moving to Idaho in 2007 — worked in factories until earlier this year. Though other stores carry foods from various European and Asian countries, Sharafov couldn't find Turkish products anywhere in Twin Falls. He started working on his store in August and opened it in November.

So far, the store carries only Turkish food, but Sharafov and his customers are waiting for Bosnian, Iranian and Iraqi products to come in.

The store has a refrigerated section



Customer and friend Radykhan Aslanov hangs out at the International Food Market on Friday.

with yogurt, cheese, phyllo dough and sausages, several shelves filled with Turkish cookies and candies and an entire section devoted to pickled and canned vegetables. You can eat the

What Can You Find at International Food Market?

3. Salami and sausage, various prices
You can use this sausage cooked in dishes or as a snack by itself. Store manager Eldar Sharafov likes eating it with cheese and olives. The beef sausage looks a lot like what you can find on American grocery shelves, but those with sensitive stomachs, beware. Even the most mild varieties are slightly spicy, Sharafov said.

Kral kadayif, \$2.49
Packaged kadayif looks like clusters of vermicelli rice noodles, but try to prepare it like pasta and you'll be disappointed. Instead, cook this sweet pastry by pouring boiling sugar wa-

ter directly into the package. After about two minutes, drain out the water and eat with a fork.

1. Tamek lahana sarma, \$3.29
Stuffed cabbage leaves are a popular side in Turkey, Sharafov said. You can make them yourself by rolling cooked meat in lettuce leaves, or you can buy a can of pre-made lahana sarma.

2. Olives, various prices
Like your olives green? Black? Pitted? Stuffed with peppers? Whatever your style, you'll find it here. You can buy them in jars, cheap small packages or giant metal tins. The big tins

are investments for olive lovers, with prices between \$80 and \$106.99.

Reis brand rice, \$4.89
This strain of rice is perfect for pilaf, Sharafov said. You can also find legumes, couscous and bulgur wheat in the same aisle.

Turkish coffee, various prices
Of course the Turkish market sells coffee! You can find both instant and ground versions, as well as bags of tea. Want a full Turkish snack experience? There are plenty of cookies, chocolates and, yes, Turkish delight to choose from.

— Melissa Davlin

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Storing Holiday Goodies

BY KATHLEEN PURVIS
McClatchy Newspapers

Question: I have always wished that recipes for cookies and holiday goodies would include the best way to store the item and how long it can be stored. This would be so helpful in planning what to make or bake and what I can do in advance.

Answer: I'm with you on planning ahead for holiday baking. And while some recipes do include a little instruction on storage, many do not.

In general, keep like with like. That means storing crispy cookies with crispy ones and soft cookies with soft ones. A soft cookie will make a crispy one limp.

Also pay attention to flavors. A batch of coffee shortbread shouldn't spend too much time in an airtight box with peppermint cookies unless you

like coffee and peppermint. The good news for longer storage through the holidays is that most baked goods freeze very well. Most cookies — even cookie dough — can be frozen. If you're not sure, set aside three or four cookies, freeze them overnight and see how the texture is affected the next day. That way, you won't waste a whole batch.

You also can freeze more than cookies. Cheesecakes, cakes (either layers or even fully iced cakes) and fruit or sugar-based pies such as pecan usually can be frozen for six weeks or so. Just make sure you wrap them well. Double-wrapping in plastic and then foil is a good idea. Also make sure decorated cakes and pies aren't somewhere where they will get chipped or crushed.

Custard or cream pies usually don't freeze well and can get weepy.

App-solutely the Best of 2011

BY RUSSELL W. WARNICK
Special to The Washington Post

In the few years I've been downloading food-related apps, I've watched them develop from mere recipe archives and grocery-aisle guides to fully interactive media experiences that — dare I say it — outshine the printed page.

I still take pleasure in opening a food-stained cookbook; I'm just happy to have greater access at my fingertips.

The apps listed here, in alphabetical order, represent the best of what I've seen this year.

Chefs Feed

Free on the iPhone; coming soon to the Android and BlackBerry

Ever wondered where your local chefs like to eat out? In this app, more than 100 chefs including Wolfgang Puck, Thomas Keller, Michael Mina and Art Smith dish on their favorite restaurants in San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. You can also follow the chefs' Twitter feeds, enhancing the potential for celebrity chef spotting.

Drinks & Cocktails

Free for iPhone; more than 1,200 recipes

Slick and simple yet sophisticated, this one comes from the folks at

www.Drinks999.co.uk. A range of concoctions, from easy and traditional to more complex and innovative.

Fishmonger

\$1.99 on the iPhone; more than 40 species of fish

Step away from YouTube: This app shows you how to choose and prepare varieties of fish from cod and salmon to barracuda and sturgeon. No recipes, though.

Fooducate

Free on the iPhone and Android; more than 200,000 foods

Open the app and point your camera at the bar code of the food item you're interested in; within a few seconds, the app has provided you with the item's nutritional information; listed warnings, such as "contains controversial artificial sweeteners"; and rated the product's healthfulness.

Food52's Holiday Recipe & Survival Guide

\$9.99 on the iPad; 75 sea-

sonal recipes

You'll find that the smartly edited recipe collection, menu ideas and cooking tips will be a year-round, go-to resource.

Great British Chefs

\$4.99 on the iPhone or iPad; 180 recipes

Marcus Wareing, Tom Aikens and 10 other chefs (with 15 Michelin stars among them) guide you through some of their favorite menus. One of the app's great features is its voice-controlled page turner. Speak into the app to move things along. Who needs Siri?

Jamie's Recipes

Free and pay-per-use on the iPhone and iPad; six free "taster packs" of 72 recipes

Superstar chef Jamie Oliver follows up his 20 Minute Meals, undoubtedly one of the best cooking apps on the market. Videos and basic-skills tips help fulfill Oliver's promise "to hand-hold and guide you to some of the best cooking you've ever done."

There's one catch. The

app's basics are free, but to supplement its collection of recipes and videos, you need to buy "taster packs": 10-recipe collections whose titles include "Fast Food, Slow-Cooking" and "Classic Comfort Food," priced at \$1.99 to \$2.99.

Matt's Pantry

\$3.99 on the iPad; 100 recipes

Private chef by night, app entrepreneur by day, Matt Shields lends his culinary expertise to a selection of dishes that can invoke memories and create new favorites, such as Oven Fried Chicken With Buttermilk Biscuits and Red Chili Glazed Cod. Recipes are accompanied by stunning images shot by his childhood friend, Matt Furman. The app makes it easy to add ingredients to your grocery shopping list.

The Photo Cookbook: Quick & Easy

\$4.99 on the iPhone and iPad; 60-plus recipes

This might replace the cookbook you keep by the bedside for inspiration. It presents recipes with artistic flair, akin to slot-machine reels.

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Andrew Weeks reports about the thrills of geocaching in the Magic Valley. Find out about this growing outdoors activity. Thursday in Outdoors

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Your guide to New Year's Eve celebrations all around south-central Idaho. Friday in Entertainment

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4 Beers for Welcoming Winter

BY NATE POPPINO
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TWIN FALLS • There are a lot of ways to define “winter warmer.”

It can have spices — or not. It can be dark and malty — or in the U.S., you might get a shot of hops.

One thing that’s certain: The coldest months of the year are a great time to hole up by the fire and try out the whole range of the style.

It’s not hard to find the regional standards: Deschutes’ Jubelale, Full Sail’s Wassail, Alaskan’s Winter Ale. But in the spirit of the season, here are a few beers you may not have tried.

Something Simple

Ease back into winter with Boulevard Brewing Co.’s Nutcracker Ale. The Missouri-based brewery placed hops across a solid malt base, but not to the massive extent of some other winter ales.

The result is a good winter session beer for when you’re out with friends. For this one, take your pals to Cucina Gemelli in Twin Falls, where you’ll pay \$4.50 a pint — or about a buck less during happy hour each afternoon.

New Take from an Old Hand

The bad news: New Belgium Brewing in Fort Collins, Colo., didn’t bring back 2 Below this year. The good news: It replaced it with an even better beer. Snow Day is a hop-heavy, caramely, dark ale that’s bold yet incredibly drinkable. This beer is a feast for the taste buds. Get it on draft now at Woody’s in

Twin Falls, where you’ll pay \$3.75. (And hurry. New Belgium has indicated it’ll switch out its seasonals about every two years now, meaning we have only a year left for this one.)

On the Lighter Side

If Snow Day isn’t your style, try this instead. Anderson Valley Brewing in California makes a Winter Solstice ale that warms you gently, though with the same passion. Lighter than some other seasonals, it’s still on the darker side of amber, with a light, almost fruity spice to it and a hint of malt. It’s all tinged

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with a hint of creaminess that seals the deal. This one is at Rudy’s — A Cook’s Paradise in Twin Falls for \$2.50 a bottle.

A Local Taste

A brewery in Ketchum had better pay tribute to winter — all of its patrons are hitting the slopes right about now. Sawtooth Brewery quickly sold out of its first batch of Out Cold Winter Ale, and the beer wasn’t available again in time for this article. But I’m told it’ll make its return today at \$4.50 on draft. Support local beer and go give it a try. If Sawtooth’s other offerings are any measure, you won’t regret it.

HOW TO MAKE HEALTHY HOLIDAY FOOD SWAPS

BY ALISON JOHNSON
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Portion size aside, some holiday favorites start off far worse for your waistline than others. “It’s not uncommon to gain a full pound — or more — during the holiday season,” says Gloria Tsang, a registered dietician and author of the new book Go UnDiet. Some swaps to consider:

Crab cake appetizers typically are made with mayon-

naise and bread crumbs, and fried. Replace them — and items served in puff pastries — with shrimp cocktail.

Candy canes are pure sugar and won’t fill you up. To satisfy a sweet tooth, choose small squares of dark chocolate, which have nutritionally valuable antioxidants.

Eggnog often is packed with calories and sugar, as are pina colodas, daiquiris and cocktails with liqueurs such as Baileys Irish Cream or

Kahlua. Toast with champagne or hot chocolate made with low-fat milk.

Spinach and artichoke dip sounds healthy but is usually fat-heavy due to mayonnaise, sour cream and cream cheese. Serve a vegetable salsa instead.

Croissants and biscuits seem light and fluffy, but that’s thanks to sugar and butter packed within their layers of dough. Go with whole-grain dinner rolls.

Shortbread cookies are crumbly because of high fat content. Ginger snaps are generally healthier.

Cheesecake can pack lots

of fat; while recipes vary, pumpkin pie tends to be a smarter choice and also offers fiber and antioxidants. Top it with fat-free whipped cream or whipped evaporated milk.

Gravy tends to be high in fat, calories and salt. Make or buy low-fat versions; one idea is to dilute cream of chicken soup — look for a low-calorie, low-sodium product — with some skim milk.

Mashed potatoes are high in carbohydrates, but mashed cauliflower has a similar texture. Moisten it with canned chicken broth instead of butter.



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International Food Market customer Sead Komadarcic talks with store managers while buying goods.

Turkish

Continued from Food 1

pickled vegetables by themselves or as sides — or use them as a chaser.

“People, when they drink vodka, they like (to eat them),” Sharafov said.

In addition to the packaged foods, the store also carries flatbread and croissants, which Sharafov’s mother and

aunt bake for the store.

Sead Komadarcic of Twin Falls has shopped at the store a few times. Komadarcic is originally from Bosnia but lived in Germany for several years before moving to the U.S. He fell in love with Turkish food while in Germany, and he was in the store for freshly baked bread on Friday.

Usually, his wife makes bread, “but sometimes you don’t have time,” Komadar-

ic said. Being able to buy familiar pastries is a nice convenience, he said.

If you have questions about how to use or prepare a product, ask Sharafov. He can tell you about everything in the store — except one bottle of dark, syrupy liquid labeled Harnup Pekmezi.

“I don’t even know what is that,” he said. One customer has bought it a few times, and Sharafov keeps meaning

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to ask her how she uses it. No matter what it’s for, he’s glad he’s able to provide it.

“We’re just trying to bring more foods to Twin Falls,” he said.

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Oxford Companion to Beer Not Infallible

BY GREG KITSOCK
Special to The Washington Post

At 920 pages long, with more than 1,100 entries penned by 166 contributors, the recently published “The Oxford Companion to Beer” (Oxford University Press, 2011) aims for a much more comprehensive knowledge of beer and brewing than the plethora of ratings guides, homebrew texts and brewer bios currently on the market.

Edited by Garrett Oliver, brewmaster at the Brooklyn Brewery, this fat hardcover volume contains entries on highly technical terms such as amylase, first wort hopping and real extract, as well as aspects of beer-geek culture such as breweriana (“any beer or brewery-related item that is collectible”) and ticking (“a peculiarly English beer-related hobby involving the tasting of as many different beers as possible ... widely compared to trainspotting”).

Readers will find entries on VIPs of the brewing

business such as August Busch IV and Fritz Maytag, as well as politicians like Jimmy Carter (who signed a bill during his presidency legalizing homebrewing).

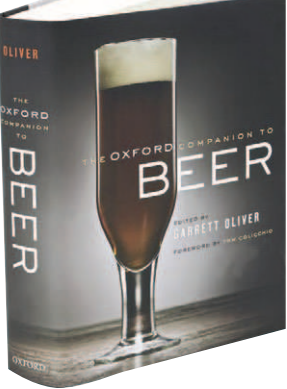
The entry on Benjamin Franklin debunks the spurious quote printed on about 10 million T-shirts: “Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.” The book prints the correct quotation, in which Franklin offers wine, not beer, as “a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy.”

George Washington is cited as “an early practitioner of homebrewing.” However, the entry contains a major gaff when it mentions a recipe for small beer that Washington allegedly jotted down in his diary in 1737 when he was a colonel in the Virginia militia. Washington was five years old in 1737, and that’s a little young for even a child prodigy to be making beer and commanding troops! (In all fairness, the same mistake is contained in Stanley Baron’s 1962 tome

“Brewed in America,” one of the sources listed).

Inevitably, any work of this scope will contain some outdated or inaccurate information. Beer blogger Alan McLeod has cataloged a list of errors. But the number of flawed or disputed entries is small compared with the total. (Besides, that’s why we have second revised editions.)

A lot of the language is dry and technical, but there is also some highly opinionated and passionate writing between these covers. Horst Dornbusch, associate editor and expert on all things German, contributes a lively entry on Hildegard von Bingen, a 12th-century abbess whom some credit as being the first person to mention the use of hops in brewing. Much more than an herbalist, Hildegard was “a mystic, prophet, composer, brewster, prolific writer on religion and the natural world, and advisor and physician to German emperor Frederick Barbarossa,” writes Dornbusch. Hildegard lived to age 81, he



adds, speculating that “her daily ration of well-hopped beer may have given her a life that was as long as it was enjoyable.”

So who is “The Oxford Companion to Beer” marketed at? Professional brewers? Homebrewers? Connoisseurs? Wholesalers and retailers who want to be able to talk intelligently about the rapidly expanding number of beers they keep in stock? All of them, actually, although Oliver singled out the latter.

The price on the cover is \$65, but copies have been selling on Amazon.com for under \$40.



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Low-fat Dinner in 35 Minutes

BY BONNIE S. BENWICK
The Washington Post

This clean-tasting stew is low in fat and calories. The plantains soften but hold their shape here, and they lend more potassium than bananas would.

The chicken is easier to cut when it’s either very cold or partially frozen. If you have time, pop it into the freezer for 15 minutes beforehand.

Serve with your favorite flatbread crackers or over white rice. Adapted from “The Cuban Kitchen,” by Raquel Rabade Roque (Knopf, 2011).

Chicken and Plantain Stew
Makes 6 cups (4 servings).

- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, preferably partially frozen
- 1 medium onion
- 1 large fresh tomato (may substitute 2 whole canned tomatoes; not San Marzano)
- 2 medium cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 2 firm, yellow plantains (the skin can have a few black spots)
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon sweet (dulce) smoked Spanish paprika (pimenton)
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 cup homemade or no-salt-added chicken broth
- Kosher or sea salt (optional)

Trim the chicken of excess fat and/or sinew, then cut the flesh into medium (1/2-inch) dice. Cut the onion into 1/4-inch dice to yield at least 1 cup. Coarsely chop the tomato, peeling and seeding it if desired, to yield 2 cups (with juices). Mince the garlic.

Heat the oil in a large saucepan or medium Dutch oven over medium-high heat, swirling to coat the bottom of the pan or pot. Add the chicken, onion and garlic; cook for about 7 minutes, stirring often, so the onion softens and the chicken loses its raw look.

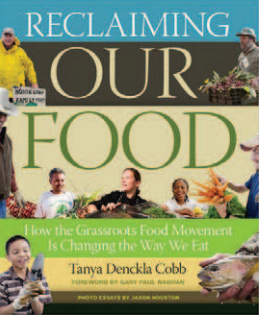
Meanwhile, use a knife to peel the plantains, then cut them crosswise into thin slices to yield 2 cups.

Stir in the tomato, wine, paprika, cumin, oregano and broth; increase the heat to high and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to medium-low, cover and cook for about 10 minutes. The chicken should be cooked through.

Add the plantain slices; cover and cook for 10 minutes or until the plantains are tender and fully cooked. Taste, and season with salt if needed.

Divide among individual bowls. Serve hot.

Per serving: 280 calories, 29 g protein, 30 g carbohydrates, 4 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 70 mg cholesterol, 115 mg sodium, 3 g dietary fiber, 14 g sugar.



Eating In

BY AARON LEITKO
The Washington Post

One nice thing about fruits and vegetables: They grow out of the ground, including the ground in your own backyard. In her new book, “Reclaiming Our Food” (Storey), Tanya Denckla Cobb surveys community food projects across the country, following organizations and individuals making an effort to avoid corporate farms by growing dinner close to home.

Cobb profiles such groups as the Home Gardening Project, based in Portland, Ore., which creates raised-bed vegetable gardens for those in need, and Farm to Table D.C., which helps connect local farmers directly with District of Columbia restaurants. The book offers some guidelines for self-starters, including advice on how to organize a community garden and the basic requirements for keeping chickens in your backyard (if you want to kick things up a notch).

Why toil in the dirt? Mainly, to have better access to fresh, nutritious and flavorful produce. But it can also be easier on the pocketbook. “The National Gardening Association estimates that a well-maintained food garden yields on average a \$500 return, based on average market prices of produce,” writes Cobb.

A CHILI DOG DESIGNED FOR CHILLIEST TIME OF YEAR

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

Chili dogs generally are considered summer food.

Which makes sense. Hot dogs tossed in a bun and slathered with chili and shredded cheese does tend to scream summer casual (and heartburn, but that’s another matter).

But those flavors do go so nicely together, I wondered if there was a way to capture the spirit of the meal in a form better suited to fending off the chill of a winter night.

In converting the recipe I saw no reason to mess around too much with the hot dog or chili topping. Why ruin a good thing? So I instead focused on the starch. A bun just wasn’t going to cut it. I considered pasta, but that’s too close to Cincinnati chili (spaghetti topped with chili and cheese).

Roasted potatoes were the right flavor, but wrong texture. Mashed, however, were just right. The resulting recipe oozes comfort and warmth. And since you don’t have to worry about toppings spilling out of the bun, it’s also easier to load up on extras, such as sour cream and jalapeno peppers.

Winter Chili Dogs
Start to finish: 30 minutes.
Servings: 4.

- 2 pounds Yukon gold potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 15-ounce can vegetarian baked beans
- 1 1/2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika
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- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 hot dogs
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- Sour cream, to serve
- Chopped pickled jalapeno slices, to serve
- Chopped red onion, to serve

jalapenos and red onion.

Per serving: 880 calories; 470 calories from fat (53 percent of total calories); 53 g fat (24 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 140 mg cholesterol; 79 g carbohydrate; 27 g protein; 10 g fiber; 1,830 mg sodium.

Place the potatoes in a large pot and add enough cold water to cover. Bring to a boil and cook for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are very tender.

Drain the potatoes, then return them to the pot. Add the butter and milk, then mash until chunky smooth. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside.

While the potatoes cook, in a small saucepan over medium heat combine the baked beans, tomato paste, cumin, smoked paprika, chili powder and cayenne. Bring to a simmer, then cover and set aside.

Heat a grill pan to medium-high. Add the hot dogs and cook until heated through and browned on all sides, about 6 to 7 minutes.

To serve, divide the mashed potatoes between 4 serving plates. Top each with a hot dog, then ladle the beans over them. Top with cheese, sour cream,



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Dinner in 30 Minutes: A Winning Dish of Steamed Prawns



MATT MCCLAIN • THE WASHINGTON POST

BY BONNIE S. BENWICK
The Washington Post

It seems like yesterday that Nongkran Daks beat celebrity chef-restaurateur Bobby Flay in a pad Thai throwdown held at Thai Basil, her restaurant in Chantilly. Today, candid photos of the 2009 event dot the walls at seated eye level. “When he pulled out the Kikkoman (soy sauce), I knew I had him,” she says. Daks’s pad Thai does not cut corners and remains the best rendition I’ve tasted.

The diminutive 70-year-old dynamo put this steamed dish on the menu when she opened Thai Basil 13 years ago, and she has been making it ever since. It is a favorite at her house “when we don’t know what to make,” she says.

It can be cooked in a ceramic (clay) pot or in a small, deep-sided saute pan with a lid. Korean and Vietnamese clay pots look slightly different but work the same way: Layers of flavor from bacon, cabbage and chicken broth enriched with Asian sauces come together in minutes. Daks prefers to use small metal pots she brought from her native Thailand, which are wider at the top to accommodate the noodle and shrimp layers of this dish. Regrettably, she hasn’t been able to find them in the States.

Ingredients can be found at larger grocery stores, but shopping at an Asian market might yield the special Thai seasoning sauce and optional

cilantro roots that help make this dish taste like the one Daks makes.

The recipe doubles easily; build a separate pot and cook it alongside.

Steamed Prawns With Bean Thread Noodles (Goong Obb Wun Sen)

2 servings.

- 3 ounces dried mung bean noodles
- 1/4 head (cut lengthwise) Napa cabbage
- 1 slice thick-cut bacon (may substitute 2 teaspoons canola oil)
- 1-inch piece unpeeled ginger root
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 scallions (optional)
- 4 to 6 stems cilantro, preferably with roots attached
- 6 to 8 large (21-25 count), shell-on shrimp
- 1 cup homemade or no-salt-added chicken broth
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon oyster sauce
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon dark soy sauce, preferably a Thai brand called Golden Mountain Seasoning Sauce
- 1/2 to 1 tablespoon sweet soy sauce (kecap manis)

Soak the dried mung bean noodles in cool water for 20 minutes. (They can be soaked in warm water for

10 minutes, but that might compromise their texture.) **Meanwhile, core,** then cut the one-quarter head of cabbage crosswise into bite-size pieces to yield 2 cups. Cut the bacon into 3/4-inch pieces.

Use the flat side of a chef’s knife to smash the ginger and the garlic. Cut the dark-green parts of the scallions into 1-inch pieces for garnish, if desired. **Cut 3-inch** lengths of cilantro roots or stems, then use the same flat side of the knife to smash them. Reserve the cilantro leaves for garnish.

Line the bottom of the ceramic pot or saute pan with the bacon pieces, smashed ginger, smashed garlic cloves and smashed cilantro roots or stems. Pack the cabbage on top of that aromatic layer.

Drain the noodles. Use them to completely cover the cabbage, tucking them in as needed.

Peel and devein the shrimp, leaving their tails on (for easy eating).

Arrange the shrimp on top of the noodles. Garnish the center with the cut scallions, if using.

Combine the broth with the oyster sauce, sesame oil, dark soy sauce and sweet soy sauce (all to taste) in a liquid measuring cup, then pour the mixture over the top of what’s in the pot or pan.

Cover with a lid (it’s OK if ingredients are stacked so

that the lid is not on tight) and cook over high heat for about 5 minutes. You’ll see the broth mixture come to a boil, and the shrimp will turn opaque. **Remove from** the heat. Uncover; place the pot or pan on a serving plate and garnish with the cilantro leaves. Bring to the table and serve; the dish stays quite warm. As you dig in, discard the smashed ginger and garlic and the bacon, if you’d rather not eat it in its poached, not-crisped, state.

Per serving: 270 calories, 9 g protein, 28 g carbohydrates, 13 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 55 mg cholesterol, 810 mg sodium, 2 g dietary fiber, 6 g sugar.



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FAMILY DISH: BUTTERCUP IN THE MUFFINS

BY DOMENICA MARCHETTI
Special to The Washington Post

I don't subscribe to the "dis-guise the vegetables so the kids don't know what they're eating" philosophy of cooking. Vegetables were front and center when I was growing up, often eclipsing the main dish — including the Thanksgiving turkey.

And that's how I treat them at my house. "Hiding" vegetables, especially from picky eaters, just seems to send the wrong message.

So it is a complete coincidence that these sweet, tender muffins also harbor a generous helping of winter squash. The squash makes them moist and contributes a golden color, plus it adds an appealingly familiar, subtly sweet and nutty squash flavor.

For baking, I am partial to buttercup squash. Note that I did not write butternut squash, probably the most popular of the winter squashes because it is among the easier of squashes to peel, and it tastes pretty good. Buttercup squash is in a different league. It is round and squat and has a hard, dark green striped rind. The flesh is bright orange, dense and sweet. It lacks the water of other winter squashes, and when baked it yields a beautiful, thick, smooth puree.

Buttercup Squash Muffins with Grated Apple



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Sweet, tender muffins harbor a generous helping of winter squash.

Makes 12 muffins. Serve with butter and apple butter. If you use a buttercup squash, you'll have some left over, which can be frozen for future use. Or you can serve it as a side dish with a little butter or olive oil, salt and pepper. Adapted from "The Victory Garden Cookbook," by Marian Morash (Knopf, 1987).

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground all spice
- 1/2 cup sunflower oil or other lightly flavored vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup pureed buttercup squash (see note: may substitute canned pure pumpkin)

1 medium sweet-tart apple, peeled, cored and shredded on the large holes of a box grater

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Use nonstick cooking oil spray to grease the wells of one 12-cup or two 6-cup muffin pans.

Whisk together the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon and allspice in a mixing bowl.

Whisk together the oil, eggs, squash and shredded apple in a separate mixing bowl. Gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet mixture, taking care not to overmix. Divide the batter evenly among the muffin wells. Bake for 25 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into the center of one of the muffins comes out clean.

Transfer the muffin pan(s) to a wire rack to cool for 10 minutes before dislodging the muffins. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Note: To cook buttercup squash, use a large, sturdy chef's knife to split the squash in half. Scoop out the seeds. Rub the flesh with a small amount of vegetable oil and place the halves, cut sides down, on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 45 to 60 minutes or until you can easily pierce through the rind with a fork. Cool,

then scoop out the flesh and measure out 3/4 cup for this recipe.
Per muffin: 240 calories, 3 g protein, 35 g carbohydrates, 10 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 330 mg sodium, 1 g dietary fiber, 18 g sugar

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SALTED VS. UNSALTED BUTTER

BY KATHLEEN PURVIS
McClatchy Newspapers

Question: I'm puzzled by recipes that call for unsalted butter but include salt as an ingredient. Can't I just use salted butter?

Answer: Salt is added to butter as a flavor and a preservative. Now that stores have reliable refrigeration and inventory control, preservation is less important. But salted butter re-

mains because some people prefer it.

Baking experts almost always prefer unsalted butter, partly because it has a purer butter taste, and partly because of the belief that unsalted butter may be fresher.

The trouble with swapping the two is that the amount of salt varies widely from brand to brand. So there's no way to know how much salt you're replacing with the salted butter.

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1 1/2 pounds thinly sliced chicken cutlets, between 1/4- and 1/2-inch thick
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1 medium onion, cut into 1/4-inch dice (1 cup)
1 large rib celery, cut into 1/4-inch dice (3/4 cup)
1 medium sweet, crisp apple, peeled and cored, such as Honeycrisp, cut into 1/4-inch dice (1 cup)
1 cup homemade or no-salt-added chicken broth
1 1/2 cups (one 12-ounce bottle) hard cider
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard, or more to taste
1 tablespoon light or dark brown sugar, or more to taste
2 teaspoons cornstarch
2 tablespoons chopped parsley, for garnish

Season the chicken with salt and pepper to taste. Heat 1 tablespoon of the oil in a large saute pan or skil-

let over medium-high heat. Add as many chicken cutlets as will fit comfortably, working in batches to keep from crowding the pan or skillet. Cook for 2 to 3 minutes, until the first side is nicely browned; turn them over and cook for 3 to 4 minutes or until the cutlets are cooked through. Adjust the heat as necessary to keep the pan or skillet hot, but not smoking. Transfer the cooked chicken to a platter as you work.

When all of the cutlets are cooked, add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil to the pan or skillet along with the onion and a pinch of salt. Cook over medium heat for 3 to 4 minutes, until the onion has softened. Add the celery and apple; cook for 3 to 4 minutes, stirring once or twice, until the celery is tender.

Whisk in the broth and 1 1/4 cups of the hard cider; the mustard and brown sugar. Increase the heat to medium-high; once the mixture comes to a boil, cook for about 5 minutes, stirring a few times, until it has reduced by half.

Dissolve the cornstarch in the remaining 1/4 cup of the cider in a cup to form a slurry; add that to the pan or skillet, whisking to incorporate and slightly thicken the



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sauce.

Return the chicken cutlets and any accumulated juices to the pan or skillet and reduce the heat to low; allow them to warm through for 3 or 4 minutes, turning to coat them evenly.

Divide the chicken and

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Broncos Prepare to Take on ASU

BY PATRICK SHELTRA
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LAS VEGAS • It's not a homecoming for Boise State offensive lineman Joe Kellogg — that's for defensive tackle Billy Winn — but Thursday's game against Arizona State in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas is pretty close as far as Sampson is concerned.

Kellogg, a junior guard on the offensive line, graduated from Saguaro High School in Scottsdale, Ariz., just a few miles away from the ASU campus in Tempe. But his ties to Arizona State go a little deeper since his father is a Sun Devil alumnus, although he didn't play there.

"Growing up they were definitely one of the teams I watched," Kellogg said.

Leading up to the game, the prospect of such a matchup in Boise State's bowl game was on his father's mind.

"He was talking about it," Kellogg

MAACO Bowl



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said. "He was pretty excited about it. (But) he's definitely wearing blue (on Thursday)."

A lightly touted two-star recruit by Rivals.com, Kellogg got "a little bit" of attention from his hometown school, but was never offered a scholarship.

If that slight bothered Kellogg, he didn't show it during Tuesday's media session at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, the team's headquarters for bowl week.

"It's a great opportunity to play

against high-caliber players," Kellogg said. "Guys you don't see in the Mountain West that often."

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"Four of their six losses, they were either winning the game at halftime or they lost by a few points," senior nickel back Hunter White said, rattling off losses to Illinois (three points) and UCLA (one point) as examples.

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HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS

RIVERHAWK 'D' CLAMPS DOWN ON BUHL INDIANS

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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TWIN FALLS • Jacoby Fox shouted at his Canyon Ridge team in the final two minutes, telling the players, gung-ho to shoot the ball, to instead slow down the offense and run some clock as they nursed a 10-point lead over visiting Buhl.

You can't blame the players for not knowing what to do — not too many times in the first two-plus seasons at Canyon Ridge High School have they been in position to close out a sure win.

The inexperienced Riverhawks, however, closed out Buhl just fine, winning 42-35 to avenge an earlier loss to the Indians and snap a four-game losing streak.

"We don't have a lot of guys back with varsity experience, so we were pressing a little bit at the end of the game," said senior guard Chase Petty. "This was one of those games where we learned a lot and it was big to end this losing streak and go into break on a high note."

Petty scored eight points, while Cody Gates and Michael Chapple each led the Riverhawks (2-6) with nine. It was the play of Neil Kauppila and the Canyon Ridge defense, however, that earned this win.

Armin Smajovic and Daniel Huey shut down the paint and Kauppila chased sharpshooter Cade Crossland all over the court after a hot start in the first half.

Crossland torched the Riverhawks in the first 16 minutes, making 3-of-4 from three-point range, including two in a row to tie the game at 18 with 3:05 remaining in the second quarter.

But Canyon Ridge made stopping Crossland a priority in the second half and Kauppila held him to just two points, without a 3-point attempt.

"This was the defensive effort we've been working so hard for," Fox said. "(Crossland) tore us up last time and in the first half, so we made a plan to trail him wherever he went and we stopped helping off of him."

Said Buhl head coach Dan Winn: "They did an outstanding job on him. They changed out on our screens and we had trouble getting him the ball."

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DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Buhl's Camden Gillins shoots over Canyon Ridge's Cade Summers Tuesday night at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls. Gillins was called for a charge. For more images from the game see [magicvalley.com](#).

Burley Races to Win Over Buhl, 56-31

BY RYAN HOWE
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BURLEY • The holiday break couldn't come at a better time for the Burley and Buhl girls basketball teams.

Burley, which has struggled in close games through the first half of the season, made sure Tuesday's nonconference game was never in question, beating the Indians 56-31.

"They came out and played hard, played aggressive and we got something out of everybody," said Burley coach Roger Caresia.

Aubrie Vale scored 14 of her game-high 17 points in the first half as Burley took a 35-14 halftime lead.

"We ran the floor well," said Vale. "We played together as a team."

Junior forward Brooke Bowers scored 13 points and Chelsee Baker had 11 for the Bobcats (4-7 overall, 1-3 Great Basin Conference).

Buhl got 10 points apiece from Cassidee Kippes and Kendyl Hamilton. The Indians executed its offense well in spurts, but only shot 19.2 percent from the field.

"I was OK with those stretches when we ran things right and shots just didn't fall, that was frustrating," said Buhl coach Kaleen Goedhart.

Buhl, which has only played a handful of games with its full roster, fell to 2-10 (0-2 SCIC).

"We've fought through a lot of

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RYAN HOWE • TIMES-NEWS

Burley's Ainsley Noble (30) shoots the ball against Buhl's Amy Morse (14) Tuesday at Burley High School.

LSU's Miles Wins AP Coach of the Year

BY BRETT MARTEL
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. • LSU's 2011 season will be remembered for challenging Les Miles' crisis-management skills over and over again.

It could also go down as the greatest season in the history of a program that has been around since 1893.

Now within one more victory of an unbeaten season and a BCS national title, Miles has been voted The Associated Press Coach of the Year.

Thirty of 56 votes cast went to Miles. Bill Snyder of Kansas State was second with 16, Mike Gundy of Oklahoma State had six, Brady Hoke of Michigan got three and Lane Kiffin of Southern California had one.

As Miles reflected on the var-

ious trials he dealt with this season in an interview with the AP this week, he spoke in a hushed tone and recounted a talk he had long ago with his father in the kitchen of his childhood home in Elyria, Ohio.

When Miles was around 12 years old, he was worried about his dad, Hope "Bubba" Miles, who'd been passed over for a promotion and subsequently laid off, all while dealing with the death of his own father.

"We'll be fine," the LSU coach recalled his father telling him. "It's the reaction to the difficult times; it's always those days when something does not come your way and you have to make the best move — that's what's going to make your



Miles

life rich."

However LSU's season ends in the BCS title game against No. 2 Alabama on Jan. 9 in the Superdome, it will go down as one of the more memorable chapters in the history of Louisiana's most storied college football program. The events that could have derailed the 2011 campaign were numerous and diverse, yet the Tigers dominated just about every team they faced.

There was a preseason bar fight that led to starting quarterback Jordan Jefferson's early season suspension. There was preseason coaching shuffle brought on by former offensive coordinator Steve Kragthorpe's Parkinson's disease diagnosis.

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OHIO STATE GETS BOWL BAN, OTHER PENALTIES

BY RUSTY MILLER
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio • Ohio State players broke the rules and got to play in the Sugar Bowl anyway. Jim Tressel knew about infractions and let it all happen.

Now the Buckeyes and new coach Urban Meyer will pay for it next season.

The NCAA hit Ohio State with a one-year bowl ban and additional penalties Tuesday for violations that started with eight players taking a total of \$14,000 in cash and tattoos in exchange for jerseys, rings and other Buckeyes memorabilia.

Tressel was tipped to the violations in April 2010 but didn't tell anyone — even after the athletes got caught last December but were allowed to play in

the Sugar Bowl against Arkansas if they served suspensions to start the 2011 season. Among those in the group: starting quarterback Terrelle Pryor and leading rusher Daniel "Boom" Herron.

Tressel's silence damaged Ohio State in the eyes of the NCAA and the result is that the Buckeyes, with a plum 2012 schedule and perhaps college football's best coach in Meyer, will watch next year's bowl games on TV.

"Had we known what (Tressel) knew, we would not have played those young men in that bowl game," said an emotional Gene Smith, Ohio State's athletic director.

Forced out in May and now on the staff of the Indianapolis Colts, Tressel was called out by the NCAA for unethical conduct and will have a hard time

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Marshall players, including wide receiver Wayne Bonner (11) celebrate with the trophy after winning the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl college football game 20-10 over Florida International Tuesday, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

CATO THROWS 2 TD PASSES, MARSHALL BEATS FIU 20-10

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. • Rakeem Cato threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns and Tyler Warner kicked a pair of field goals, helping Marshall beat Florida International 20-10 in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl on Tuesday night.

Cato threw TD passes of 31 and 35 yards to Aaron Dobson, the latter putting the game away in the closing seconds. Warner's 39-yard field goal set up by a blocked punt snapped a 10-10 with 5:16 remaining.

Marshall (7-6) overcame a slow start to win five of its last seven games and avoid a losing record in its second season under coach Doc Holliday.

FIU (8-5) was denied a school-record ninth victory and there was speculation that coach Mario Cristobal may be a leading candidate to fill a job opening at Pittsburgh.

Cato, a freshman from Miami who is one of 28 players on Marshall's roster recruited from the state of Florida, completed 27 of 39 passes and was intercepted once. Dobson had seven receptions for 81 yards, including a TD catch that wiped out a 10-3 FIU lead just before halftime.

All-purpose threat T.Y. Hilton scored on a 2-yard run for FIU, which also got a 46-yard field goal from Jack Griffin. Hilton had eight catches for 88 yards, ran for 22 yards on three carries and returned two kickoffs for 36 yards, but quarterback Wesley Carroll had difficulty getting the ball to him in open space in the second half.

Carroll was 19 of 29 passing for 150 yards. Marshall struggled early against a tough schedule, losing in September to West Virginia, Ohio and Virginia Tech before regrouping late win four of

six down the stretch to become bowl eligible and finish second behind Southern Mississippi in the Conference USA East Division standings.

FIU is a relative newcomer to the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Panthers launched their program in 2002, joined the Sun Belt Conference in 2005 and has made steady progress in five seasons under Cristobal, who led the school to its first Sun Belt championship a year ago.

Hilton has been a big part of that success, setting FIU and Sun Belt records for career receiving and all-purpose yards. The senior from Miami caught a TD pass and scored on an 89-yard kickoff return to help the Panthers beat Toledo in last year's Little Caesars Bowl, and FIU showcased his versatility early against Marshall.

The 5-foot-10, 185-pound receiver took a handoff on FIU's first play from scrimmage and ran for 20 yards before fumbling 5 yards backward. He had a 17-yard reception on the next play, then later in the opening quarter gained 14 yards on a catch-and-run to the Marshall 2.

Hilton scored his first rushing touchdown of the season on the next play, giving the Panthers a 7-3 lead.

Marshall answered Jack Griffin's 46-yard field goal that put FIU up 10-3 with a six-play, 55-yard drive that Cato finished with his 31-yard TD pass to Aaron Dobson to make it 10-10 with 23 seconds left in the first half.

Neither team was able to generate much offense in the third and fourth quarters. Zach Dunston blocked a punt to set up Warner's go-ahead field goal, and Cato began the clinching drive from his own 40 after FIU fumbled.

owner named Eddie Rife who was under federal investigation in a drug-trafficking case.

But the school and the NCAA discovered two additional problems — after Ohio State went before the committee on infractions in August.

Three players were suspended just before the start of the season for accepting \$200 from booster Bobby DiGeronimo. Then midway through the Buckeyes' 6-6 season it was revealed that several players had been paid too much for too little work on summer jobs — supplied by the same booster. He has been disassociated from the program.

The NCAA on Tuesday found Ohio State failed to monitor its athletic programs.

It was all a sobering blow to Ohio State and to Smith, who through the lengthy NCAA investigation had maintained there was no way the Buckeyes would be banned from a bowl game after the 2012 season. He also had refused to surrender a bowl invitation this season in order to save next year's.

"I never went there because we were confident we would not get a bowl-game ban," Smith said. "We were wrong."

CSI Volleyball Adds 6-4 Hitter for 2012

BY DAVID BASHORE

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TWIN FALLS • The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team wasted little time in plotting its defense of the Region 18 championship.

On Tuesday CSI coach Heidi Cartisser confirmed that Alex Johnson of Las Vegas signed a NJCAA National Letter of Intent to join the program starting next season.

Standing 6-foot-4, Johnson is expected to compete on

the right side of CSI's front line. As a senior at Centennial High School in Las Vegas, the left-handed hitter registered 107 kills and 43 blocks.

"She's extremely athletic, and you can't coach the size. I'm really, really excited to train her. She's got a ton of upside," Cartisser said of Johnson. "When she worked out for us, it was a little fast for her but she caught on real quick and it got me excited about her learning curve."

Johnson is the first signee

for the 2012 season. Of the 10 players on the 2011 roster with remaining eligibility, eight are expected to return. Cartisser confirmed Tuesday that Brazilian right-sided hitter Tailla Gnass will not return next season, saying Gnass had trouble adjusting away from home. Redshirt freshman Scharae Steel is expected to move on to a four-year school.

Also, Declo high graduate Kaylee Holmstead and former Jerome standout Melissa

Marsing will be given scholarships for the spring. Both walked on in the fall and will take the scholarships vacated by Ashleigh Pollard and Taylor Wilkinson. Pollard left the program midseason and Wilkinson is transferring to Idaho in advance of signing a 2012 scholarship offer in April.

In total CSI now has four scholarships available for 2012, up to two of them allowed to be filled by international players.

PREP ROUNDUP

SANT'S 27 LEAD SHOSHONE PAST WENDELL

TIMES-NEWS

Garrett Sant scored 27 points and Shoshone rallied to beat Wendell on the road, 64-54 on Tuesday in non-conference boys basketball action.

The Trojans (1-4) led after three quarters but only scored seven points in the final period, while Sant netted nine of Shoshone's 21 in the quarter.

Wendell hosts Filer Jan. 6.

Shoshone 64, Wendell 54					
Shoshone	12	16	15	21	64
Wendell	15	11	20	7	54
SHOSHONE (64)					
Garcia 8, Sant 27, Waite 5, Diaz 4, Roberts 6, Wallace 11, Hayden 3, Totals 25 12-16 64.					
WENDELL (54)					
Swainston 12, Salfield 14, Mendes 11, Valadez 10, Bunn 7, Totals 23 4-8 54.					
3-point goals: Shoshone 2 (Sant 2), Wendell 4 (Valadez 2, Swainston 2). Total fouls: Shoshone 10, Wendell 15.					

DIETRICH 56, OAKLEY 39 The visiting Blue Devils were led by Steve Kent with 15 points, while Andru Howard had 12.

Brodie Bell led the Hornets with 12 points.

Dietrich (6-1) is at Community School on Jan. 3. Oakley (2-6) is at Challis on Jan. 5.

Dietrich 56, Oakley 39					
Dietrich	13	14	10	19	56
Oakley	11	8	13	7	39
DIETRICH (56)					
Kent 15, Porter 8, Astle 2, J. Howard 4, Aguilar 3, Vargas 1, Weber 1, Perron 9, A. Howard 12, Power 1. Totals 18 18-32 56.					
OAKLEY (39)					
Wybenga 6, Palmer 8, Tellez 6, Setoki 2, Bell 12, Kimber 2, Lind 3, Totals 17 4-11 39.					
3-point field goals: Dietrich 2 (Kent, Perron), Oakley 1 (Palmer). Total fouls: Dietrich 15, Oakley 22.					

HAGERMAN 51, RAFT RIVER 36

Xavier Strick tossed in 22 points and Kade Kress followed with 21 in the Pirates' road win over the Trojans.

Andrew Fenn led Raft River with 13 points.

Raft River (0-7) hosts Grace on Jan. 5. Hagerman (5-3) is at Castleford on Jan. 6.

Hagerman 51, Raft River 36					
Hagerman	16	14	9	12	51
Raft River	4	13	3	16	36
HAGERMAN (51)					
Kress 21, Strick 22, Arriaga 2, Smith 4, Sauer 2, Totals 17 19-51.					
RAFT RIVER (36)					
Boden 8, Guadarrama 4, Maldonado 4, Fenn 13, Steed 2, Hurst 5, Totals 15 3-10 36.					
3-point field goals: Hagerman 8 (Strick 6, Kress 2), Raft River 3 (Fenn 3). Total fouls: Hagerman 11, Raft River 11.					

Girls Basketball

MINICO 64, PRESTON 39

Hanna Munns led the Spartans with 18 points and Marlee Chandler added 15 in the rout of Preston.

Micaela Merrill pitched in 14 for Minico, which was able to empty the bench in the second half.

The Spartans (8-5) play Great Basin Conference rival Burley Jan. 5.

Minico 64, Preston 39					
Minico	21	10	18	6	64
Preston	5	10	8	16	39
MINICO (64)					
Merrill 14, Mendoza 3, Chandler 15, Slusser 2, Bailey 2, Munns 18, Bingham 2, Hegsted 4, Bradford 4. Totals 21 21-30 64.					
PRESTON (39)					
Hall 2, White 3, Knopp 2, Swainston 3, Calbout 1, Hyde 17, Yardley 11. Totals 10 14-26 39.					
3-point goals: Minico 1 (Munns) Hyde 2, Yardley 3. Total fouls: Minico 25, Preston 21. Fouled out: Merrill, Preston, Carlisle.					

Burley

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adversity from injuries, illness, vacations, you name it," said Goedhart. "I'm looking forward coming back after the break because I think we're

going to put it together."

Eight different Bobcats found the scoring column, as Burley got easy buckets in transition as well as in its half-court sets.

"I'll take it, they're a good bunch of girls," Caresia said. "They're working hard, it's just a matter of you've got to

Riverhawks

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Crossland still led all scorers with 15 and Kellen Gillins added 12. Gillins hit an NBA-range 3-pointer to close the third

quarter, making the score 30-27.

But Canyon Ridge held the Indians scoreless until the 3:50 mark and built its lead to as big as 10 before hitting 3-of-6 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Miles

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Starting receiver Russell Shepard was suspended three games because he talked out of turn about an NCAA probe of a scouting service. Then there were the midseason, one-game suspensions of three key players — star cornerback Tyrann Mathieu, starting running back Spencer Ware and nickel back Tharold Simon — for failing school administered drug tests.

Through it all, the Tigers won big, starting with a season-opening 13-point triumph over then No. 3 Oregon on a neutral field in Dallas, barely more than a week after learning they'd be without Jefferson or Shepard.

Of their 13 victories, 12 have come by double digits and seven by 30 or more points. The lone exception was a tense 9-6 overtime triumph at Alabama highlighted by spectacular defensive plays.

LSU won its first eight games with pocket passer Jarrett Lee taking most of the snaps, and the rest with Jefferson getting the bulk of the work, often running option

plays. Miles said he was proud of his staff for being adaptable enough to design game plans around different styles of quarterbacks, and proud of his players for their "no-excuses" approach to every game.

"They didn't see (the suspensions) as something they could not overcome in any way," Miles said. "They recognized that we've got two veteran quarterbacks and some guys that can step in for anybody if they happen to miss their start, and that we were not going to let those things that were on the perimeter of this program affect us."

Miles, his staff, and his players entered 2011 sensing they would be among the best in the nation following an 11-2 2010 campaign capped by a dominant Cotton Bowl victory.

The roster was laden with talented players who'd thrived as underclassmen. So when Michigan Athletic Director Dave Brandon flew last January to Baton Rouge to gauge Miles' interest in returning to his alma mater, where he'd played for Hall of Famer Bo Schembechler, Miles decided to stick with the job he had.

finish. We do a lot of things well, but the first half of the season we haven't finished a lot of games. When we learn how to finish the last four minutes of a ball game, we're going to be a solid ballclub."

Both teams are off through the holidays. Burley travels to

"We didn't come out ready to play tonight," said Winn, whose team travels to Minico Dec. 30.

Canyon Ridge plays one more nonconference game against Kimberly, Jan. 4, before playing Great Basin Conference rival Twin

Falls two days later.

Canyon Ridge 42, Buhl 35					
Canyon Ridge	5	13	9	8	35
Buhl	14	4	12	12	42
CANYON RIDGE (42)					
Jensen 1, C. Gillins 3, Crossland 15, K. Gillins 12, Havens 4, Totals 13 5-15 35.					
Buhl 35					
Brown 2, Kauppila 6, Gates 9, Chapple 9, Smajovic 4, Huey 4, Petty 8, Totals 16 9-13 42.					
3-point goals: Buhl 4 (Crossland 3, K. Gillins), Canyon Ridge 1 (Chapple). Total fouls: Buhl 16, Canyon Ridge 11.					

MAACO Bowl

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"Some things just don't go your way in different games," White said, "but they're a great team."

After beating Missouri in overtime early in the season, ASU has lost its last three games decided by a touchdown or less. On the other side, Boise State has lost its last two which were decided by the same margin.

Just as certain as it is that both teams would be elsewhere for the bowl season if they had better luck in close games, equally uncertain is exactly which team is better prepared for a tight game in the fourth quarter.

Never Say Goodbye

Tuesday marked the final full-pads practice for Boise State. It will go through its day-before-game walkthrough today at Sam Boyd Stadium, one of several "last-time ever" for nearly two dozen Bronco seniors.

Not that anyone is getting misty-eyed over it — yet.

"Like Coach Pete says, the hay's not in the barn yet," White said, referring to head coach Chris Petersen. "We still have a lot of work to do, a lot of film to watch."

"It feels kind of weird, a little bit, thinking it's the last practice," tight end Kyle Efaw said. But you don't have too much time to think about that. You just have to focus on the task at hand. We still have some business to take care of.

"I think when it's over you can reflect back on it."





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Odds

NCAA Football
Tonight
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego

FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
TCU	11	9½ (55½)	Louisiana Tech
Tomorrow MAACO Bowl At Las Vegas			
Boise St.	11½	14 (66)	Arizona St.
Saturday Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu			
Southern Miss.	5½	6½ (62)	Nevada
Monday Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.			
Missouri	3½	4½ (52½)	North Carolina
Tuesday Little Caesars Pizza Bowl At Detroit			
Purdue	2½	2½ (60)	W. Michigan
Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.			
NC State	1½	2½ (45)	Louisville
Dec. 28 Military Bowl At Washington			
Toledo	3	3 (70)	Air Force
Holiday Bowl At San Diego			
Texas	3	3 (47½)	California
Dec. 29 Champs Sports Bowl At Orlando, Fla.			
Florida St.	3	3 (47)	Notre Dame
Alamo Bowl At San Antonio			
Baylor	8½	9½ (78½)	Washington
Dec. 30 Armed Forces Bowl At Dallas			
BYU	Pk	2½ (55½)	Tulsa
PinStripe Bowl At New York			
Rutgers	2	2 (44½)	Iowa St.
Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn.			
Mississippi St.	6½	6½ (47½)	Wake Forest
Insight Bowl At Tempe, Ariz.			
Oklahoma	15½	13½ (58)	Iowa
Dec. 31 Meineke Car Care Bowl At Houston			
Texas A&M	10	10 (66)	Northwestern
Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas			
Georgia Tech	3	3 (50½)	Utah
Fight Hunger Bowl At San Francisco			
Illinois	3	2½ (47)	UCLA
Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.			
Vanderbilt	1½	2½ (48½)	Cincinnati
Chick-Fil-A Bowl At Atlanta			
Auburn	1	1½ (48½)	Virginia
Jan. 2 TicketCity Bowl At Dallas			
Houston	7	6 (58½)	Penn. St.
Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.			
Georgia	3	3½ (50½)	Michigan St.
Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla.			
South Carolina	1	2 (47)	Nebraska
Cator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.			
Florida	1	2 (44)	Ohio St.
Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.			
Oregon	4½	6 (72)	Wisconsin
Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz.			
Oklahoma St.	3	3½ (74)	Stanford
Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans			
Michigan	1	2½ (51)	Virginia Tech
Jan. 4 Orange Bowl At Miami			
Clemson	Pk	3½ (60½)	West Virginia
Jan. 6 Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas			
Arkansas	7½	7½ (62½)	Kansas St.
Jan. 7 BBVA Compass Bowl At Birmingham, Ala.			
Pittsburgh	5½	3½ (47½)	SMU
Jan. 8 Godaddy.com Bowl At Mobile, Ala.			
Alabama St.	1	1½ (63)	N. Illinois
Jan. 9 BCS National Championship At New Orleans			
LSU	1	Pk (40)	Alabama

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SCHEDULE: TONIGHT'S BIG GAMES

Local
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Idaho Falls at Minico
Burley at Century
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Oakley at Shoshone
HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING
5 p.m.
Minico at Blackfoot

On TV
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
6 p.m.
ESPN — Poinsettia Bowl, TCU vs. Louisiana Tech, at San Diego
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
5 p.m.
ESPN2 — Texas at North Carolina
7 p.m.
ESPN2 — Oklahoma St. vs. Alabama, at Birmingham, Ala.
NHL HOCKEY
5:30 p.m.
VERSUS — Philadelphia at Dallas

Denver at Buffalo, 11 a.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 11 a.m. Minnesota at Washington, 11 a.m. Cleveland at Baltimore, 11 a.m. Miami at New England, 11 a.m. N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m. Arizona at Cincinnati, 11 a.m. San Diego at Detroit, 2:05 p.m. San Francisco at Seattle, 2:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Dallas, 2:15 p.m. N.Y. Islanders Sunday, Dec. 25 Chicago at Green Bay, 6:20 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26 Atlanta at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.	
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Tennessee	7 7 0 .500 279 278
Jacksonville	4 10 0 .286 207 293
Indianapolis	1 13 0 .071 211 395
NORTH	W L T Pct PF PA
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x-Pittsburgh	10 4 0 .714 285 218
Cincinnati	8 6 0 .571 305 283
Cleveland	4 10 0 .286 195 274
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Oakland	7 7 0 .500 317 382
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Thursday, Dec. 22	
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Saturday, Dec. 24	
Oakland at Kansas City, 11 a.m.	
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 11 a.m.	
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.	

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groomed 20-29 base 20 of 24 trails, 3 of 3 lifts 80% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p

John Elway Quickly Reversing Broncos' Fortunes

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) • A year ago, John Elway agreed to another comeback with his beloved Denver Broncos shortly after the ouster of Josh McDaniels, whom many felt had doomed the franchise to mediocrity for years to come.

The Hall of Famer has pulled all the right strings in rapidly reversing the team's fortunes.

And for all those fans worried that the Broncos' boss isn't completely sold on Tim Tebow and might put the unorthodox quarterback on the trading block this winter, relax. Elway said the city's new comeback king is here to stay.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Elway gave his strongest indication yet that he believes Tebow can morph from a scrambling quarterback into a pocket passer, which suggests he won't be spending a high draft pick on another QB in April.

"Tim Tebow's not going anywhere," Elway said. "I mean, he's going to be a Bronco and we're going to do

everything we can and hopefully he's that guy."

Elway, who led Denver to five Super Bowls and two titles during his playing career, reiterated his intention to work with Tebow during the offseason, something he couldn't do last offseason because of the NFL lockout.

It's the latest example of Elway's efforts to resurrect a franchise that has mostly foundered since he retired in 1999, shortly after winning his second straight Super Bowl.

The AFC West-leading Broncos (8-6), who have already doubled their win total from last year, are relevant again under their new chief of football operations, who wasted no time in putting his mark back on the organization.

In short order, Elway empowered general manager Brian Xanders, hired coach John Fox, intercepted star cornerback Champ Bailey on his way out of town, lured tailback Willis McGahee to Denver, re-signed kicker Matt Prater, drafted pass-rusher Von



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Denver Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow (15) reacts after his team scored a touchdown against the New England Patriots Sunday in Denver.

Miller, traded receiver Brandon Lloyd and endorsed the quarterback switch that put Tebow on the field and Kyle Orton on the waiver wire.

After starting the season in the middle of the Andrew Luck sweepstakes talk, the Broncos are instead shooting for their first playoff berth since the 2005 season behind Tebow, who's won seven of his nine starts, four of them via

the kind of fourth-quarter comebacks that marked Elway's storied career.

Elway brought back a winning attitude, and his management style, in which he seeks input from those around him, has changed the culture at Dove Valley from the autocratic regimes of McDaniels and, before him, Mike Shanahan.

"I think that if you look at

where we were a year ago at this time, it was probably the lowest point in Pat's ownership," Elway said, referring to owner Pat Bowlen. "One of the things that we thought was everybody needed kind of a little bit of football rehab. I mean, you're 6-22, there's a negative feeling about football. That's why John (Fox) was a perfect fit for us, because of his enthusiasm, his energy."

Elway needed to learn the ropes of being an NFL executive, so he has constantly sought others' advice in steering the Broncos while giving his colleagues more say, especially on personnel matters.

"I've always felt the more input you have, the more discussions you have on certain things, the chances are you're going to make the right decisions," Elway said. "And I think the culture now is it's not only teamwork downstairs but it's teamwork upstairs, too."

One of the first things Elway did was reach out to Bailey, the perennial Pro Bowl cornerback who was headed for unre-

stricted free agency after McDaniels had pulled an extension offer off the table just as he was about to sign it last season.

Elway said he doesn't think Denver's defensive turnaround would have been possible without Bailey, who's provided stellar play, locker room leadership and stability to a team with its sixth defensive coordinator in six seasons.

To the surprise of many, Elway, the greatest offensive player in franchise history, believed the blueprint for winning again was to focus on defense. Trying to outpace everyone just wasn't going to work, he said.

"I think that you have to have a special guy to outscore everybody, and if you look at where we were with Kyle, we didn't have the Tom Bradys or the Peyton Mannings or the Drew Breeses, those are the guys that outscore everybody, and there's three or four of those guys in the league and they're very difficult to find," Elway said.

Eagles Among Several NFL Teams Still in Playoff Chase

PHILADELPHIA (AP) • The Philadelphia Eagles should ditch those pregame "Rocky" videos for another Sylvester Stallone movie that sums up their season.

Given up for dead just a few weeks ago along with several other teams, the underachieving Eagles are somehow still in the NFL playoff race. So instead of showing inspirational clips of Rocky Balboa fighting Apollo Creed, maybe it would be more fitting to have a video montage from the "Saturday Night Fever" sequel directed by Stallone, "Staying Alive."

With two weeks left in the regular season, 15 teams are in the hunt for the five remaining playoff spots. There are seven teams battling for two openings in the AFC and eight teams in contention for three berths in the NFC.

Four division titles are still up for grabs. The wackiest races are in the AFC West and NFC East, where 8-8 might be enough to win either division.

Green Bay, San Francisco, New Orleans, New England, Houston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh have clinched playoff spots. Dallas (8-6), Atlanta (9-5), Detroit (9-5), Denver (8-6) and the New York Jets (8-6) and Giants (7-7) control their own destiny.

Philadelphia (6-8), Chicago (7-7), Arizona (7-7), Seattle (7-7), Tennessee (7-7), Cincinnati (7-7), Oakland (7-7), San Diego (7-7) and Kansas City (6-8) all need to win and get help to play beyond New Year's Day.

The fact that the Eagles haven't been mathematically eliminated yet is perhaps most surprising. A team that many picked to reach the Super Bowl started 1-4 and was 4-8 following consecutive lopsided losses to the Patriots and Seahawks.

But two straight wins over Miami and the Jets coupled with losses by Dallas and the Giants kept Philadelphia alive. Now it wouldn't even take big upsets for the Eagles to win the NFC Least, er, East.

First, the Jets have to beat the Giants in the battle of North Jersey on Saturday. Then, later that afternoon, the Eagles must beat Dallas. The Jets are 3-point favorites over the Giants. The Eagles are just 3-point underdogs, and they whipped the Cowboys 34-7 on Oct. 30.

If that happens, the Eagles would win the division for the second straight year if they beat Washington at home on Jan. 1 and the Giants beat Dallas in the Meadowlands. The Giants already defeated the Cowboys on the road last week.

Two other NFC teams that seemed to be going nowhere have revived their

hopes in recent weeks. Though the 49ers (11-3) wrapped up the NFC West by midseason, the Cardinals and Seahawks never quit. Arizona has won six of seven and Seattle has won five of six to overcome awful first halves. Both teams are fighting for the two wild-card spots, but need the Falcons and Lions to lose.

Out in the AFC West, all four teams have a chance to claim first place. The Fighting Tebows, (aka Denver Broncos) have the inside track. But Oakland and San Diego are just one game behind, and Kansas City kept its faint hopes alive with a stunning upset over previously unbeaten Green Bay.

The Chiefs were looking to next year when they fired coach Todd Haley a week ago. But interim coach Romeo Crennel put together a game plan that finally stopped Aaron Rodgers and the Packers, who had won 19 in a row, including the Super Bowl.

Kansas City still needs to beat the Raiders on Saturday, have Denver lose to Buffalo and San Diego drop one of its last two games. If all that happens, the Chiefs will play for a spot in the playoffs at Denver in their regular-season finale.

Late Surge Keeps Seattle's Playoff Hopes Alive

RENTON, Wash. (AP) • At midseason, the Seattle Seahawks were a joke with most of the talk being about which top 10 draft position they might land.

Now they might be the team no one in the NFC wants to see slip into the playoffs.

Seattle (7-7) returned to practice Tuesday after winning for the fifth time in six games by routing Chicago 38-14 on Sunday, keeping alive Seattle's slim hopes of the playoffs. It's a remarkable turnaround from the first half of the year and perhaps more of an accomplishment than a year ago, when Seattle made the playoffs with a 7-9 record.

They've already matched last season's win total with two games remaining. And Seattle needs both of those victories to even have a shot at sliding into a most unlikely playoff berth, beginning on Saturday when they host San Francisco. The 49ers hammered Seattle 33-17 in the season opener.

"We're not the same team we were the first week of the season, just like they aren't," Seattle fullback Michael Robinson said. "It should be a great matchup, a great test for us."

No matter the circumstance this much is clear: Seattle needs to win its final two games and either Atlanta or Detroit must lose its final two. The rest of the playoff



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Seattle Seahawks defensive end Red Bryant (79) celebrates with teammates after scoring on an interception return in the second half of Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears in Chicago.

scenarios get jumbled, but the simplest would be Seattle winning two and Detroit losing two. If it's Atlanta in the

mix, Seattle would need another team involved in a three-way — or more — tiebreaker due to the Falcons' win over Seattle earlier this season.

It's long odds to be sure. But just having the word playoffs uttered in the Seattle locker room is an achievement following the Seahawks' 2-6 start.

"They are within reach and we know that, but we can't look ahead because all we can focus on is San (Francisco)," Linebacker Leroy Hill said. "San (Francisco) is a tough opponent, we can't look past them. You have to focus on them. ... We'll be ready, we'll be geared up and we know what's on the line. It's almost playoffs for us now!"

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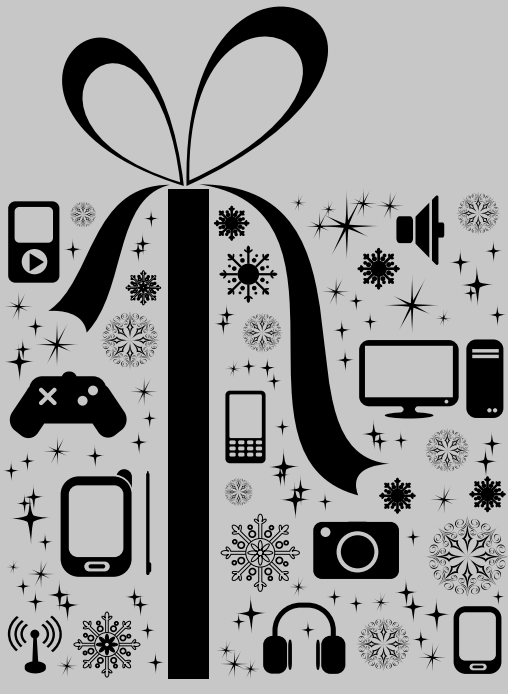
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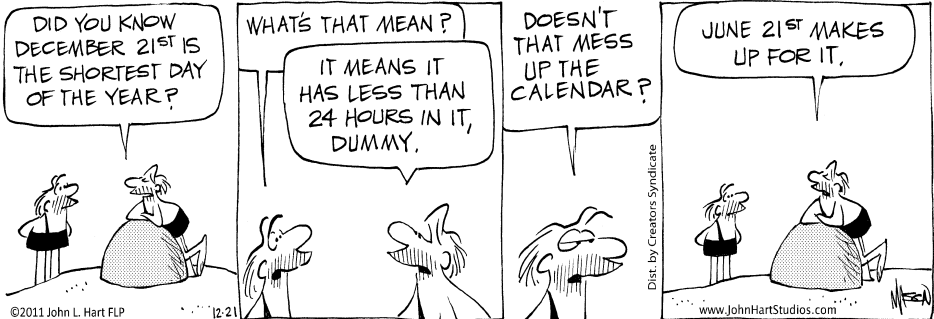
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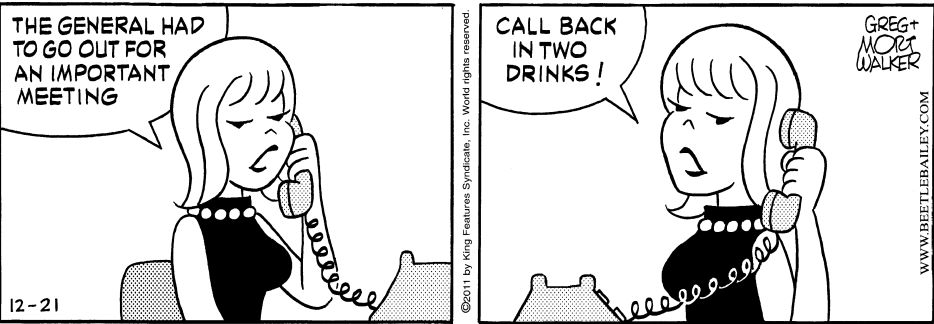
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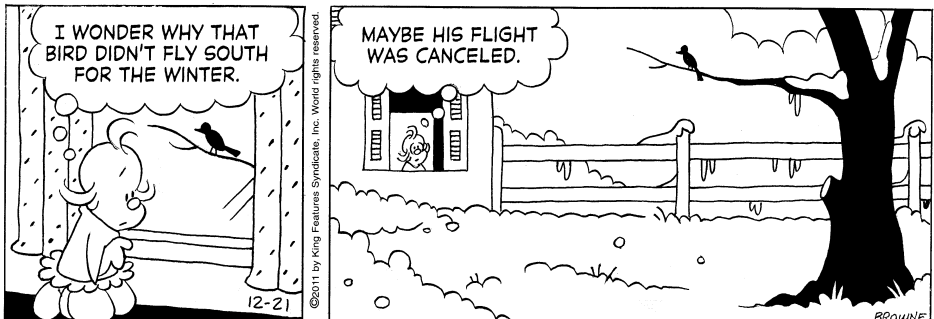
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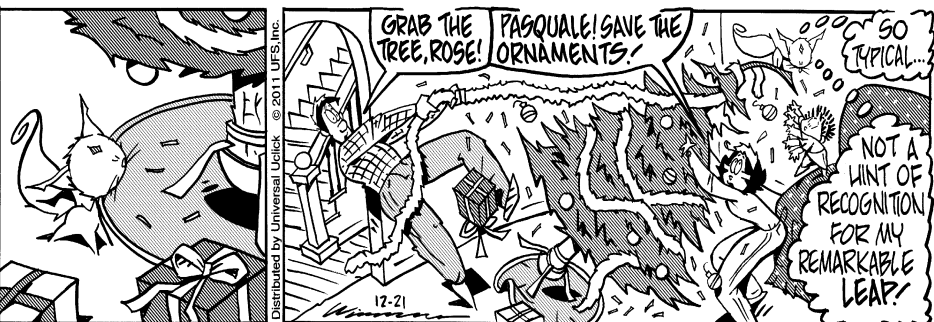
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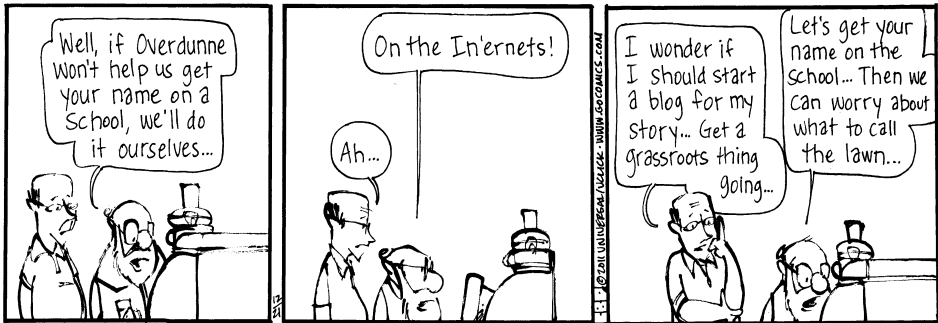
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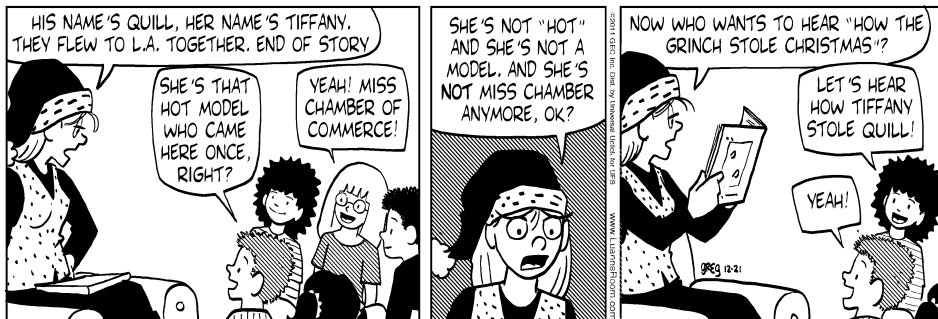
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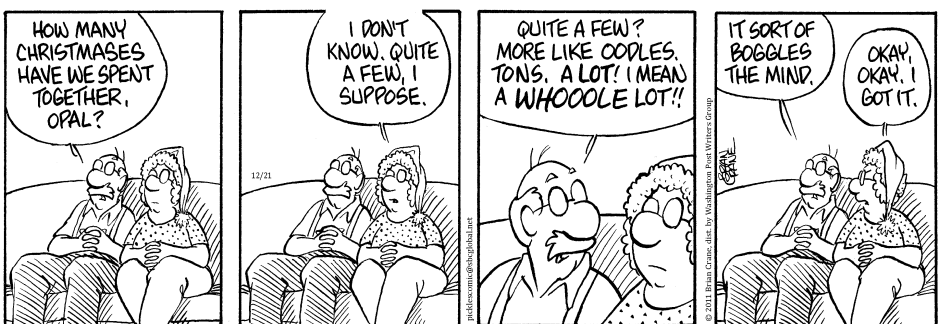
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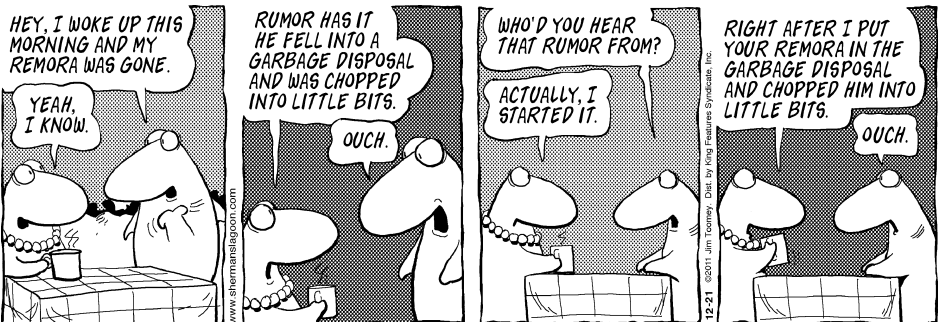
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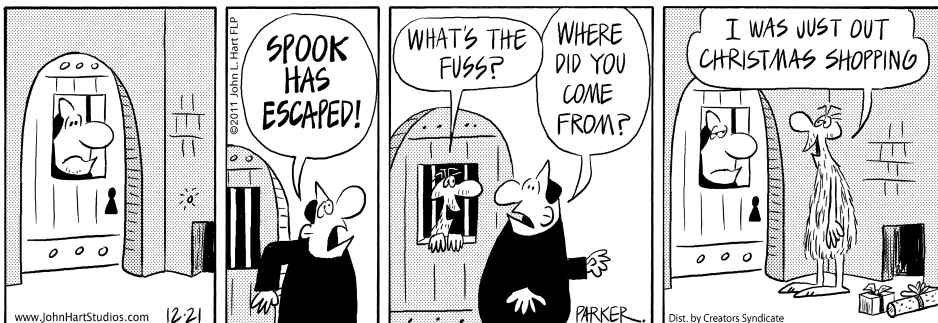
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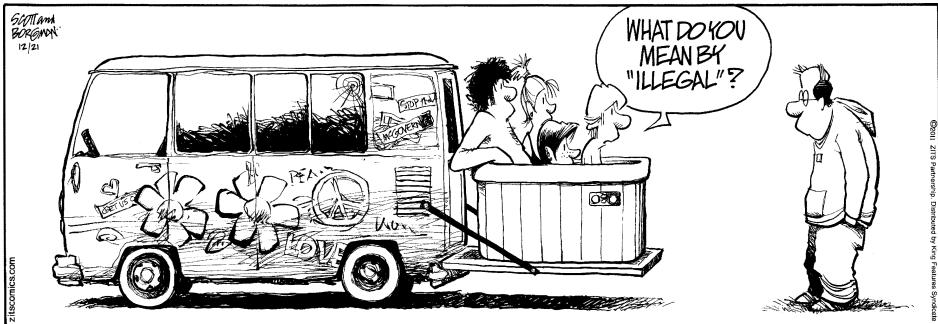
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Wambach Handily Wins AP Female Athlete of the Year

BY NANCY ARMOUR
Associated Press

With the final seconds ticking down and the Americans on the verge of their earliest exit ever from the Women's World Cup, Abby Wambach kept waving her index finger at her teammates.

One chance, she screamed, all they needed was one chance.

When it came in the form of a left-footed cross from Megan Rapinoe, Wambach pounced. With one vicious whip of her head, she changed the course of this year's World Cup and sparked a nationwide frenzy rarely seen for women's sports.

Wambach's clutch performance at this summer's World Cup made her the clear choice for the 2011 Female Athlete of the Year, selected by members of The Associated Press. The U.S. forward received 65 of the 214 votes cast, while teammate Hope Solo (38) was a distant second and UConn basketball star Maya Moore (35) was third.

Wambach is the first individual soccer player — man or woman — to win one of the AP's annual sports awards, which began in 1931. The U.S. women's team won in 1999, when their World Cup triumph at the Rose Bowl transfixed the nation.

"We, as a team, did something that no team since Mia Hamm was able to do," Wambach told the AP. "Even the team that won the (Olympic) gold medal in 2008 wasn't able to inspire and get people excited about women's soccer. It goes to show you the impact drama

can bring."

Wambach's four goals in Germany give her 13 in three World Cup appearances. That's the most by an American, topping Michelle Akers by one, and puts her third on the all-time World Cup scoring list behind Brazil's Marta and Germany's Birgit Prinz. The 31-year-old ranks third on the U.S. career scoring list with 125 goals, trailing only Mia Hamm (158) and Kristine Lilly (130).

"When she's on top of her game," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said, "she's one of the best in the world."

Wambach was certainly at her best at the World Cup, leading the Americans to the final, where they lost to Japan on penalty kicks.

The U.S. has long been the dominant team in women's soccer, winning two of the first three World Cups and all but one of the Olympic gold medals since the sport was added to the program in 1996. The Americans were so famous they could go by one name — Mia, Brandi, Foudy — and they got rock star treatment during the 1999 World Cup, playing to sold-out crowds in massive stadiums from coast to coast.

Americans grew spoiled by the group's success, however, and were barely able to muster a yawn when the U.S. won the Olympic gold medals in 2004 and 2008. Many people in the States may not have even realized there was a World Cup going on this summer.

Then came that quarterfinal against Brazil.

Down a player for almost an hour, the Americans were less than 90 seconds from losing in overtime after

squandering an early lead. But in the 122nd minute, Rapinoe lofted a cross from 30 yards and Wambach rose above the Brazilian defenders. One of the world's best players in the air, she scored on a thunderous header, setting off pandemonium in the stadium that soon spread clear across the Atlantic Ocean.

"It just seemed surreal. Even in the moment, I was feeling like it was a dream because we were so against the ropes and everything was pointed to us going down that day," Wambach said. "But there was something inside of us that wasn't going to allow that to happen. We weren't quite ready to give up."

There are few things Americans like more than winners, especially those who wear "U-S-A" on their chests. That the U.S. women were a fierce, gritty bunch who refused to be beaten only made them more appealing, particularly in a summer when all the other news — the economy, home sales, the NFL lockout — was bleak.

By the time the U.S. beat Brazil on penalty kicks — Wambach and her teammates made all of theirs — folks who couldn't tell a bicycle kick from a Schwinn were piling on the bandwagon. Celebrities such as Tom Hanks, Lil Wayne and Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rodgers were quick to show the Americans some love, and the women even got face time on the Jumbotron at Yankee Stadium.

"People kind of forgot about their woes and were able to celebrate," Wambach said.



United States forward Abby Wambach celebrates scoring her side's second goal during the semifinal match against France July 13 at the Women's Soccer World Cup in Moenchengladbach, Germany.

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NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Idaho Code 45-805 that Kimberly Mini Storage, 537 Madison St. W., Kimberly will repossess the contents of the following units:
#24 Olson, Marcus & Crystal, 916 Delmar Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301.
PUBLISH: December 21 and 28, 2011

In re: Michael A. Duncan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Stipulation and Consent Agreement dated October 24, 2011, between the Idaho State Board of Accountancy and Michael A. Duncan, the certified public accountant license and certificate for Michael A. Duncan has been revoked effective November 7, 2011. Mr. Duncan is not allowed to use the CPA designation in any manner nor to display his certificate, nor to perform any act which requires a CPA designation. The revocation was by consent of the Board and Mr. Duncan, but by terms of the stipulation, it is further disclosed that Mr. Duncan's license is revoked in conjunction with his actions relating to a client's account and his plea of guilty to grand theft relating to that account.

Idaho State Board of Accountancy
 Barbara R. Porter, Executive Director

PUBLISH: December 21, 28, 2011, January 4 and 11, 2012

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. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE S SALE Loan No.: 0084928928 T.S. No.: 10-12328-6 On April 6, 2012 11:00 am, At the entrance to Twin Falls Title & Escrow located at 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83303 in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Township 12 South. Range 17 East, Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho Section 31: A parcel of land located in the SW1/4, NE1/4 being more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the East one-quarter corner of said Section 31 from which the Northeast corner of said Section 31 bears North 00°22'56" East 2650.92 feet; thence South 89°41'08" West along the South boundary of the NE1/4, of said Section 31 for a distance of 1317.66 feet to the Southeast corner of the SW1/4NE1/4 of said Section 31 and being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING: thence continuing South 89°41'08" West along the South boundary of the NE1/4 of said Section 31 for a distance of 1373.25 feet to the center of a county road known as Hopper Gulch Road, said point being on the South boundary of the SE1/4NW1/4 of said Section 31; thence along the center of the county road known as Hopper Gulch Road on the following courses; North 48°23'41" East 32.08 feet; North 38°51'22" East 267.22 feet; North 45°28'22" East 78.09 feet; North 47°32'22" East 124.02 feet; North 53°11'33" East 79.04 feet; North 63°47'22" East 89.36 feet; North 65°52'57" East 63.51 feet; North 57°37'35" East 123.19 feet; North 71°03'58" East 263.24 feet; North 69°55'58" East 115 94 feet; North 68°56'14" East 319.73 feet to the point of curvature of a curve right; thence Northeasterly along the centerline of the county road known as Hopper Gulch Road and along the arc of the curve right for a distance of 80.99 feet to the intersection of the centerline of the county road known as Hopper Gulch Road and the East boundary of the SW1/4NE1/4 of said Section 31, said arc having a radius of 183.00 feet and a chord bearing and distance of North 81°36'57" East 80.33 feet; thence leaving the centerline of the county road known as Hopper Gulch Road on a bearing of South 00°29'31" West along the East boundary of the SW1/4NE1/4 of said Section 31 for a distance of 790.93 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: **2350 N. 2700 E., TWIN FALLS, ID**, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **JOSEPH L. GLASSETT**, as original grantor(s), to **WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL NATIONAL BANK**, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of **WELLS FARGO BANK NA**, as original beneficiary, dated as of March 7, 2008, and recorded March 7, 2008, as Instrument No. 2008-005110 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: CITIBANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR CMLTI ASSET TRUST, (the "Beneficiary"). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated March 7, 2008 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$4,032.35 due from September 1, 2010, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$592,090.38, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.62500% per annum from August 1, 2010. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 7, 2011 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 1920 Main Street, Suite 1120, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-4900 Juan Enriquez, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 ASAP# 4152430
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TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
NOTICE OF REGULAR ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on **Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 2012**. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at **9:00 AM in the Rick Allen Room at the Herrett Center** at the **College of Southern Idaho** in Twin Falls.
 Director from **District 1 (Hansen, Kimberly & Murtaugh)** will be elected for a three-year term.
 Director from **District 5 (Castleford)** will be elected for a three-year term.
 Petitions of Candidacy for Director must be filed by December 1, 2011.
 Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports concerning operation and maintenance efforts, 2012 water supplies, water call and other matters of interest.
 The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock on December 30, 2011.
 The polls shall be open at the office of the Company at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM on January 10, 2012, if necessary.
 Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 6, 2012.
 DATED this 12th day of October, 2011.
TWIN FALLS CANAL COMPANY
 Kay Puschel, Assistant Secretary
PUBLISH: December 21, 25 and 28, 2011, Jan 1 and 8, 2012

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

Case No. CV 2011-1030
NOTICE OF HEARING – ELECTION CONFIRMATION PROCEEDING AND RIGHT TO FILE AN ANSWER
 IN THE MATTER OF THE CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE 43-406 TO 43-408 AND 43-2204 RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE MINIDOKA DAM SPILLWAY,
 MINIDOKA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
 Plaintiff and Petitioner.
 You are notified that the Minidoka Irrigation District (MID) filed a Verified Complaint and Petition for Confirmation of Proceedings Pursuant to Idaho Code 43-406 to 43-408 and 43-2204.
 The prayer of the Verified Complaint and Petition reads as follows:
 WHEREFORE, Minidoka Irrigation District prays for an order and judgment of the Court as follows:
 1. For an order setting a hearing on the Verified Complaint and Petition.
 2. For an order confirming that the proceedings undertaken by MID have complied with all legal requirements and stating that MID is authorized to incur indebtedness and issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed Fourteen Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$14,750,000.00) as authorized by the election for the purpose of financing MID's proportionate share of the costs of improvements to and rehabilitation of the spillway for the Minidoka Dam on the Snake River, together with related costs and fees, said indebtedness and bonds to be payable from assessments against property within the District as provided by law.
 3. For such other and further relief as the Court deems proper.
 A complete copy of the Verified Complaint and Petition are available at the Minidoka County Courthouse, 715 G Street, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho.
 You are further notified that the hearing on the Verified Complaint and Petition has been set for Monday, the 23rd day of January, 2012 at 1:30 p.m., at the Minidoka County Courthouse, 715 G Street, Rupert, Minidoka County, Idaho. Any person interested in the subject matter of the Verified Complaint and Petition may, on or before the day fixed for the hearing, file an Answer to the Verified Complaint and Petition. Every material statement of the Petition not controverted by answer shall be taken as true, and every person or party failing to answer the Petition shall be deemed to have admitted all the material allegations of the Petition. The Petition shall be taken as confessed by all persons who fail to appear and answer the Petition.
 DATED this 14th day of December, 2011.
 /s/ Jonathan Brody, Judge
PUBLISH: December 20, 21 and 22, 2011

Loan No. xxxxxx0504 T.S. No. 1319881-09 Parcel No. rp10s17e289030a **NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE** On April 11, 2012, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at Outside the main entrance of the twin falls county, Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier's check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO SECTION 28: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 28; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 610.20 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 36°49' EAST 226.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 99.89 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 240.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 180.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 240.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°31' EAST 180.00 FEET TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH A 35 FOOT PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 17 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 719.20 FEET ALONG SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 185.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 35.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 185.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°31' EAST 35.00 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER A STRIP OF LAND 35 FEET IN WIDTH, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 28: THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 719.20 FEET ALONG SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE NORTH 185.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°31' EAST 145.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 35.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88°31' WEST 180.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 220.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°31' EAST 35.00 FEET ALONG THE SECTION LINE TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as **3606 Shady Acres Twin Falls Id 83301**. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **James W. Schipper and Amanda B. Schipper**, Husband And Wife as Grantor, to Twin Falls Title & Escrow, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. As Nominee For Main Street Bank d/b/a Main Street Mortgage, Its Successors and Assigns as Beneficiary, recorded February 15, 2006, as Instrument No. 2006-003755, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due October 1, 2010 of principal and interest and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$169,191.93, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/o Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon Ca 92022-9004 (800)546-1531 Dated: December 09, 2011 Signature/By First American Title Insurance Company. R-399212
PUBLISH: 12/21, 12/28, 01/04, 01/11

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INVITATION TO BID

South Central Community Action Partnership, Inc. will be accepting proposals for its 2011 audit. The draft audit report must be completed by May 10, 2012, for the approval of the Executive Director and the Board of Directors.
 The RFP package is available upon request at 550 Washington Street South, Twin Falls, Idaho. South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP) will consider contracts for additional years - negotiable if funding levels change significantly.
 Proposals must be received, and will be opened, at SCCAP, Twin Falls office, 550 Washington Street South, by 4:30 p.m., prevailing time, January 18, 2012. SCCAP reserves the right to refuse any and all proposals. Contact Michelle Picklesimer.
PUBLISH: December 19, 21 and 23, 2011.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. 10-0086724 Title Order No. NWT006576 Parcel No. RPT4081006003DA The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, Outside the main entrance of the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83301, on 04/02/2012 at 11:00 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 10/03/2006 as Instrument Number 2006-025160, and executed by **SHERRY L HARDIN, AND GLENN E HARDIN**, WIFE AND HUSBAND, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Twin Falls County, state of Idaho: A PORTION OF LOTS 3 AND 4, BLOCK 6, PACE ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN BOOK 11 OF PLATS, PAGE 58, RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE SOUTH 89°05'21" EAST 70.29 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF SAID LOT 3 TO THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89°05'21" EAST 48.71 FEET ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF LOTS 3 AND 4; THENCE SOUTH 00°01'12" WEST 114.26 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°08'40" WEST 49.70 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF LOTS 4 AND 3; THENCE NORTH 00°30'57" EAST 114.30 FEET TO THE REAL POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **2778 4th AVE E , TWIN FALLS, ID 83301-7522** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 08/01/2009 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 8.125% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$135,498.17, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 11/18/2011 RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A. 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94 SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821 PHONE: (800) 281-8219 Successor Trustee ASAP# 4141407
PUBLISH: 11/30/2011, 12/07/2011, 12/14/2011, 12/21/2011

File No.: 119559 / IHFA No.11208386/Quinonez

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Friday, March 30, 2012 at the hour of 10:30AM, of said day, in the office of Alliance Title & Escrow Corp. located at 1411 Falls Avenue East #1315, Twin Falls, ID 83301, Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers check, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
 Lot 6, Block 7, Pheasant Meadows Subdivision, Phase 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 20 of Plats, Page 5, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
 THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: **1163 Sage Grouse Path, Twin Falls, ID 83301**, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.
 If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the previous sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.
 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by **Norma Quinonez**, as sole and separate, as Grantor to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of Idaho Housing and Finance Association as Successor Beneficiary, recorded January 28, 2008 as Instrument No. 2008-002151, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
 The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to: Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$152,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 5.875% per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated January 25, 2008. Payments are in default for the months of May 2011 through and including November 2011 in the amount of \$1,223.00 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance as of November 21, 2011 is \$145,531.07 together with accrued and accruing interest thereon at the rate of 5.875% per annum. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.
 The balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$145,531.07, excluding interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.
 Dated: November 29, 2011
 Alliance Title & Escrow Corp.
 By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
 Phone: 208-947-1553
 This communication is on behalf of a debt collector and is an attempt to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
PUBLISH: December 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2011

204 Drivers

DRIVERS

Ag Express Inc. Burley, Paul & Twin Falls, ID.
Class A CDL Drivers
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 735-6656

DRIVERS

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DRIVERS

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 EOE

204 Drivers

DRIVER

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DRIVERS

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DRIVERS

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206 Farm

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207 General



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207 General

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Twin Falls 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GENERAL

Commercial Cook with kitchen management experience.
Applications at
Twin Falls Senior Center
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GENERAL

Exp. Parts Counter Person needed for Kenworth Sales Company. Salary DOE with full benefits.
Contact Scott at 322 East Frontage Rd. N. in Jerome.
Or email resume to shuer@kwsco.com. No Phone Calls

GENERAL

Garden Cents, a locally owned retail nursery is seeking part-time help. This opportunity will involve cashiering, customer service, general nursery work and some heavy lifting. Previous retail and cashier experience are preferred but will train the right person possessing the right attitude. Plant knowledge is a plus but not necessary.
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GENERAL

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Fax resumes to 208-678-4925,
direct inquires to 208-678-4820.

GENERAL

JBS Five Rivers Cattle Feeding in Malta, Idaho has a **Mill Worker** position available. Full Benefits, 401k, Insurance avail. Drug screen and Drivers License required prior to employment.
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 EEO M/F

GENERAL

Three Creek Highway District is seeking a **Foreman**. Duties include: maintenance of gravel and asphalt roads, manage employees, operate and maintain equipment, and manage the budget. Grader experience and some computer experience. CDL required. Remote Southern Idaho Location. Call 208-857-2385 or send resume to 208-733-4737 or zanderson@idahocpa.com

207 General

GENERAL

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- #25: Janitorial & Grounds Maintenance
- #26: Legal
- #27: Management
- #28: Materials & Logistics
- #29: Mechanics
- #30: Media & Advertising
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- #56: Medical Technicians
- #53: Medical Therapists
- #52: Nursing
- #31: Office Administration
- #32: Operations
- #33: Personal Care
- #54: Pharmacy
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Hospitality

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Management

MANAGEMENT

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 Van Beek Nutrition is seeking a qualified individual to oversee mill operations in our Twin Falls facility. This individual will be responsible for the manufacturing of minerals, scheduling deliveries, inventory, and operating the batching systems. Experience working in a feed or mineral production plant is a plus.
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Medical

DENTAL

Family Health Services has an opening for a **Dental Assistant** in to work in our **Twin Falls and Fairfield Dental Clinics**. The schedule is three 10 hour days in Twin Falls and one 8 hour day in Fairfield. This position provides a range of clinical and staff support to a full-range dental services operation. Candidates must have completed a Dental Assistant program from an accredited institution and be certified in all areas of Expanded Functions. Six months prior experience preferred. Bilingual English / Spanish skills preferred but not required.

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

Applications will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 21st

Apply online at www.fhsid.org or email a cover letter and resume to seguiilor@fhsid.com



Family Health Services
 HR Department
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- Pharmacy - #54

MEDICAL

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Fax resume to 208-436-1758
or email pbs@pmt.org.
Attn: Heather

MEDICAL

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Linda 208-420-8384

NURSING

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Professional

PROFESSIONAL



The City of Twin Falls is accepting applications for **ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN**. The notice and employment application are available at www.tfid.org.
For additional information you may contact the
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215 Professional

PROFESSIONAL



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REAL ESTATE

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Open House

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Homes For Sale



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 All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin or an intention to make any such preference limitation or discrimination." "Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodian; pregnant women and people securing custody or children under 18,

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To be considered for this position, a cover letter, resume, and completed City of Elko employment application (w/supplemental questionnaire) must be submitted to the Human Resources Department (1751 College Avenue, Elko, NV 89801) no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 2011. For application materials, please call (775) 777-7122, or visit our website at www.elkocity.com.

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TITLE:

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JOB SUMMARY:

The Operations Manager will have overall responsibility for day to day operation of the (3 MW) Rock Creek Dairy anaerobic digester, electrical generation facility. The Operations Manager must proactively operate this highly complex system to maximize all revenue streams while minimizing maintenance and operations expenses of the plant.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

- Maintains relationships with dairy management that facilitates maximum digester gas production.
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- Develops and documents a total plant operations manual.
- Develops and documents a preventative maintenance program that maximizes uptime and minimizes maintenance expenses.
- Develops systems and keeps accurate records to satisfy the needs of all regulatory agencies.
- Maintains metering and records that allow for the sales of Renewable Energy Credits (REC).
- Maintains metering and records that allow for the sales of carbon offsets.
- Communicates effectively with the Board of directors on all important matters in regards to plant operation.
- Works effectively with Western States, Standley Co, Northern Biogas and others to assure successful operation of the plant.
- Actively cares and advocates safety. Adheres to all applicable safety policies, procedures and standards.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

High School diploma or equivalent required. Bachelor's highly desired in Engineering or a related field. At least 5 years of progressive experience in overseeing industrial and commercial facilities. Spanish language skills a plus. Complete knowledge of plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems used in anaerobic digestion and electrical power production facilities. Proven skills in written and verbal communications, planning, organizing, leadership and interpersonal relationship building. Computer skills required, including MS Office and plant automation systems.

For more information or to apply, please go to: www.westernstatesmaterial.com



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TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, deluxe, carport, new carpet/paint, W/D, near CSI, no pets, \$600. **208-212-6902**

TWIN FALLS lg nice quiet bsmt, 1 bdrm, w/g walk-in closet, private entrance in private residence. Walking distance to Lincoln school, downtown & courthouse. Close to CSI. Refrig, DW, stove incl. W/D hookup, AC, all utils incl. No smoking/pets. Curbside parking, cable ready. \$550 + \$300 dep. Taking applications. **208-731-7313**

TWIN FALLS Newer 4-Plex, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, cul-de-sac, garage, W/D hookups. **319 Lenore #3** \$700 + \$600 dep. No pets/smoking. **Ask about move-in special! 420-2853**

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502 Homes For Sale

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514 Income Property

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515 Commercial Property

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RENTAL PROPERTIES

601 Furnished Homes

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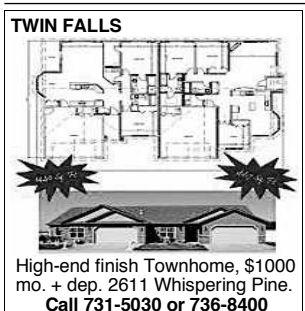
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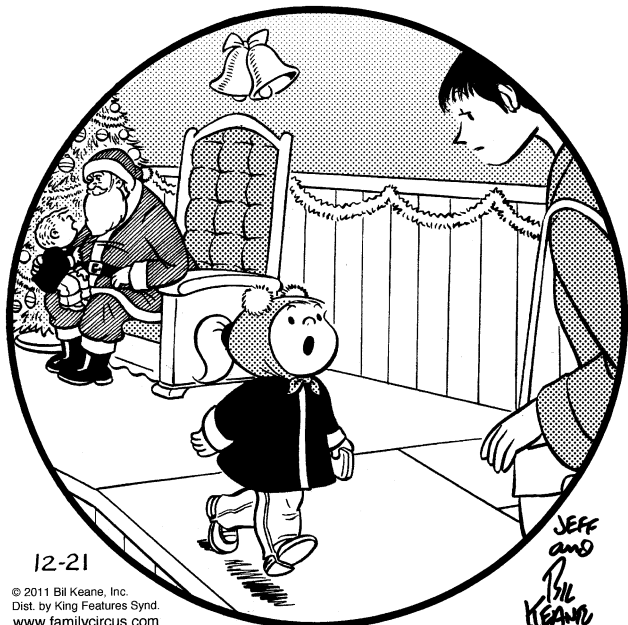
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Today's Highlight:
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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

In 1879, the Henrik Ibsen play "A Doll's House" premiered at the Royal Theater in Copenhagen.

In 1910, 344 coal miners were killed in Britain's Pretoria Pit Disaster.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1948, the state of Eire, or Ireland, passed an act declaring itself a republic.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island, off Massachusetts, almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

In 1991, eleven of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Ten years ago: The Islamic militant group Hamas announced it was suspending suicide bombings and mortar attacks in Israel. President George W. Bush signed the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001, which required the African nation to adopt land ownership protections in order to continue receiving U.S. aid. Emmy-winning sports broadcaster and author Dick Schaap died in New York at age 67.

Five years ago: At Camp Pendleton, Calif., four Marines were charged with murder in the killings of 24 Iraqi civilians in Haditha; four Marine officers were accused of failures in investigating and reporting the deaths. (Of the eight, six had charges dismissed, and one was acquitted of making false statements; Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, who had his unpremeditated murder charge reduced to voluntary manslaughter, has yet to stand trial.) Final results showed opponents of Iran's ultra-conservative president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, winning nationwide elections for local councils.

One year ago: The Census Bureau announced that the nation's population on April 1, 2010, was 308,745,538, up from 281.4 million a decade earlier. A divided Federal Communications Commission approved, 3-2, new rules known as "net neutrality" meant to prohibit broadband companies from interfering with Internet traffic flowing to their customers. The No. 1-ranked Connecticut women's basketball team topped the 88-game winning streak by John Wooden's UCLA men's team from 1971-74, beating No. 22 Florida State 93-62. Chip Kelly, in just his second season leading Oregon, was voted AP Coach of the Year.

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In today's deal, from a Far East Championship a few years ago, the defenders tricked declarer.

Three no-trump by North-South is untouchable, and it looks as if four hearts should be comfortable too, with the trump queen lying doubleton under the ace-jack — even if the defenders find their diamond ruff.

But in one match, West led the club seven, taken with dummy's ace. Declarer continued with a low heart to the ace, under which West, L.H. Chin of the China Hong Kong Youth Team, smoothly dropped the queen. It now looked to declarer as if trumps were breaking 4-1 and that East had a natural trump trick.

Even had this been the case, declarer could still get home. However, reading West's initial lead as top of a doubleton, and taking the heart queen at face value as a singleton, South decided that it was safe to ruff dummy's losing clubs in hand, believing that West could not overruff. Declarer was shocked when, after cashing the club king and ruffing a third club, West overruffed with the 10. Chin made no mistake with his continuation: ace and another diamond, ruffed by East, who then promptly cashed the spade ace for the setting trick.

Had West not false-carded, declarer would have drawn trump, of course, and sailed home easily.

NORTH 12-21-A
♠ 6 3
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ J 2
♣ A K 9 8

WEST
♠ 8 5 2
♥ Q 10
♦ A 10 9 8 7 6
♣ 7 5

EAST
♠ A 10 9 7
♥ 9 7 4
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 6 4 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 4
♥ A 6 3
♦ K Q 4 3
♣ J 3

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♥	All pass		

Opening Lead: Club seven

BID WITH THE ACES

12-21-B

South holds:

♠ 6 3
♥ K J 8 5 2
♦ J 2
♣ A K 9 8

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	1 ♠	1 NT	Pass
?			

ANSWER: Clubs. Whenever you hold a 5-4 hand pattern, you should be happy if you can bid out your shape economically rather than settling for playing no-trump and hoping your decision is correct. Yes, there are hands where no-trump will play better than a suit; equally, bidding your hand will help partner in the auction, especially with how far to compete if the opponents bid again.

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

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Build your self-esteem. By doing the things that earn you appreciation and a pat on the back, you can improve your spirits. When you realize you can share some of your bounty with others, you improve relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Deck the halls with boughs of holly. 'Tis the season to be jolly and you can Ho ho ho! with the best of them. Surround yourself with loved ones and plan to share the best things of life with family.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A little holiday cheer goes a long way. It is very easy to let social affairs disrupt your normal habits. Don't neglect obligations towards partners or ignore business duties but accept knocking opportunities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider your position on the social pyramid. Your friends might jockey for a more lofty position, but you don't need to push your way up any higher at this time. It might be time to take a breather.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Change is for the better. It is time to kick Scrooge out of the building and welcome Santa Claus aboard. Rather than crying over spilled milk, realize it is giving you a chance to clean and polish the floors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): To climb a ladder, you must start at the bottom. If you'd like to be known as an expert, you need to earn a few more credentials. Don't try to fool anyone by pretending to know more than you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You must pay to play. You may like to roll the dice or take chances on the roulette wheel — but if you lose, you lose a lot. Watch out for a shell game in which someone can take advantage of you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "Kiss and make up" can extend to financial misunderstandings. If someone owes you money, this is a good time to ask for reimbursement or to discuss plans for timely repayment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do the things that you know you do well. You can't always please the person in charge, but you can always find ways to please yourself and receive kudos. You might have too many holiday entertainments to attend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Share the gift of prosperity. You have ample means to help those in need. This is a time in which family needs and career demands could require some fancy footwork to keep everything in balance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Venus has moved into your sign for the holidays. A tantalizingly attractive something — or someone — might crawl into your stocking in the upcoming week. Take time to simply have a good time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Wave a white flag. It might be time to give in gracefully. You may not share the same spiritual, political or religious beliefs as others, but you can call a truce. Don't put hard-earned money on the line.

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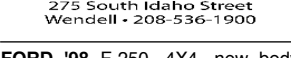
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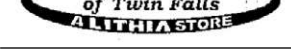
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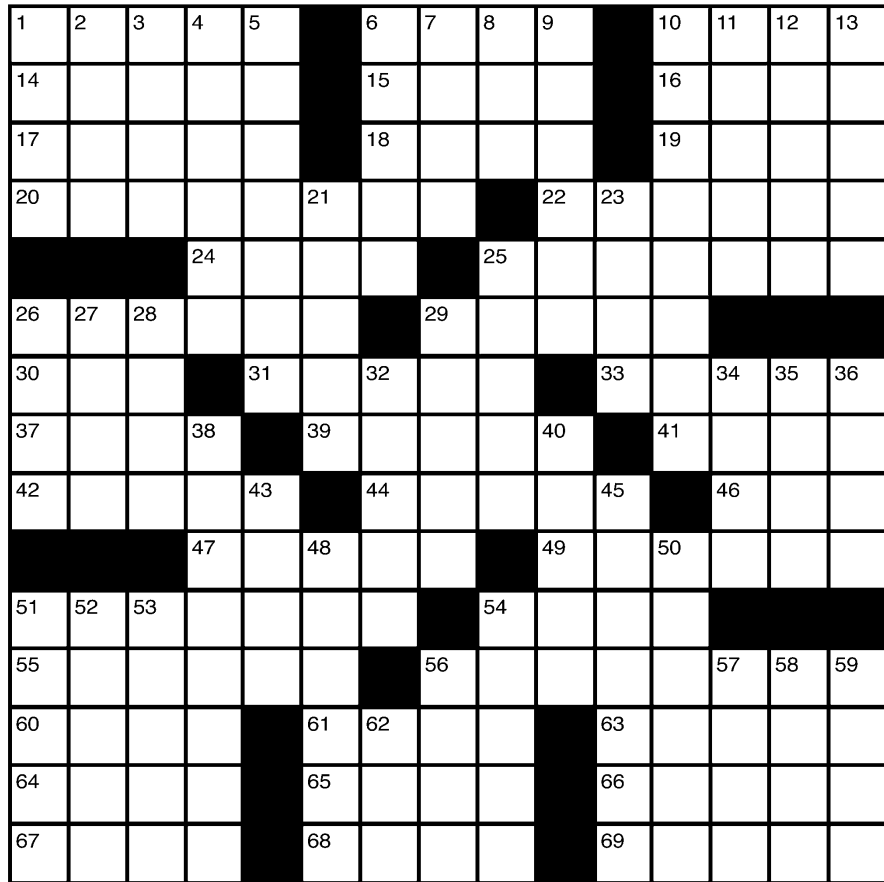


ACROSS

- 1 Sandal part
- 6 Loud sound of a hard impact
- 10 Destiny
- 14 Fragrance
- 15 Possess
- 16 Grass
- 17 Men and boys
- 18 Thingamajig
- 19 Dry as a desert
- 20 Ghosts
- 22 "Scram!"
- 24 Ship's frame
- 25 Well-educated
- 26 Loose waist-length jacket
- 29 Vital artery
- 30 Subject for Freud
- 31 Heroic tales
- 33 Bite between meals
- 37 Goes astray
- 39 Penetrate
- 41 Loyal
- 42 Disgusted
- 44 Mexico's dollars
- 46 Weep
- 47 Arrogant
- 49 Pops
- 51 Harmonious relationship
- 54 Parisian mom
- 55 Unwilling
- 56 Argued about
- 60 Commanded
- 61 Incite; urge on
- 63 Dwelling
- 64 Slant; personal judgment
- 65 Chances
- 66 Twilled fabric
- 67 Misfortunes
- 68 Robin's home
- 69 Contemptuous look

DOWN

- 1 Houston and Donaldson
- 2 Ensnare
- 3 Acting part
- 4 Oscar-winning actor Don
- 5 Grazing land
- 6 Spin rapidly



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

R	E	S	T		A	P	A	R	T		N	O	T	E
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- 7 Bowlers and sombreros
- 8 Pennsylvania or Fifth: abbr.
- 9 Church ___; parishioner
- 10 Glaringly offensive
- 11 Producer ___ Spelling
- 12 Strong string
- 13 Discontinued
- 21 Run and wed
- 23 Gobbles up
- 25 Is defeated
- 26 Red meat
- 27 Meanie
- 28 Actor Jack ___
- 29 Went on stage
- 32 One's two cents' worth

- 34 Rainbows
- 35 Rudely brief
- 36 Door openers
- 38 Squelch
- 40 Terry cloth wraparounds
- 43 ___ and cons
- 45 Go beyond

- 48 Neighbor of California
- 50 Corned beef sandwich
- 51 Synagogue leader
- 52 To no ___; fruitlessly
- 53 Ride a bike
- 54 In the ___ of; surrounded by
- 56 Root beer brand
- 57 Ripped
- 58 Border
- 59 Forest animal
- 62 "___ on a Grecian Urn"

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GMC '06 Duramax SLE, 4 dr, ¾ ton, HD, winch, running boards, custom wheels, exhaust, chipped, 69K org miles, 1 owner. 420-6814



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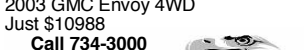
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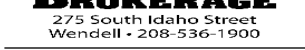
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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

	1	6		7	4	2	3
8			2	1			6
2			4				8
7			3				5
	8	5	1			6	
			8			9	
			7		1		
			9		6		
	4	3			5		

Difficulty Level ★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Answer to previous puzzle

5	9	7	1	3	8	4	6	2
2	8	4	6	7	5	3	1	9
3	1	6	4	9	2	8	5	7
1	5	3	7	4	6	2	9	8
7	4	2	8	1	9	6	3	5
9	6	8	2	5	3	1	7	4
6	2	1	5	8	7	9	4	3
8	3	5	9	6	4	7	2	1
4	7	9	3	2	1	5	8	6

Difficulty Level ★★

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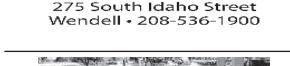


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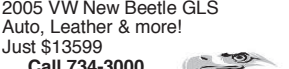


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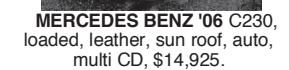
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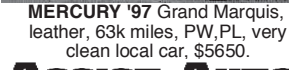
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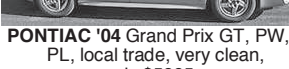
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