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## Jerome Officials Ponder 2 Jail Spots

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**JEROME** • As Gooding County rolls forward with its new jail, Jerome County is making progress on its own and has narrowed property options by half.

Jerome County Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said the county is mulling two locations, one site in city limits near Jerome Cinema and another outside of the city along Victory Lane near Wow Logistics warehouses. The Victory Lane property could be annexed into the city, Howell said, if city leaders wish.

"We're working with the city to make sure water and sewer are available," Howell said regarding why these sites have made the cut.

A selection will be made soon, and officials will make an offer on the property.

County commissioners had worked with an Idaho Falls-based consultant to review properties this fall. Reed Miller of Ormond Builders is under contract with the county through the May 15 election, in which the county plans to seek voter approval for jail

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Doug and DeAnna Vollmer stand in front of the Pierce Street home they've lived in for the past 21 years Thursday night in Twin Falls. The Vollmers hired Festive Glow to hang some of the lights and received help from their grandchildren, neighbors and even soldiers to put up the rest of their Christmas display.

## No Price too High for Christmas Cheer

For area families who deck their homes with lavish holiday light displays, the increased electric bill is a worry best saved for after New Year's resolutions have been made.

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**TWIN FALLS** • With a quick look at the Santos' front yard, it's easy to understand how the family filled up three power strips.

Multi-colored Christmas lights are woven throughout their fence and their Quincy Street yard is littered with small light-up Santas and

nativity scenes. The cords somehow manage to end up at their front door, with the electrical plugs stacked on top of one another, connected to power strips.

The entire display takes about two weeks to finish, said Emeterio Santos, as translated through his son Jose.

"He could probably get it done in a week though," Jose joked. "But every year he takes about the same amount of time to get it done."

The Santos family is one of many area families who spend their December weekends and evenings hanging strands of lights across roofs in the name of Christmas cheer. The act is cherished, valued and sometimes dreaded as the days get colder and the displays get bigger.

But although putting up Christmas lights is far from easy, some families continue to decorate their homes with increasingly lavish displays.

People have more options than ever now that energy-saving LED lights are a popular exterior lighting option.

"LED lights use 70 percent less energy and are now coming in more fun colors and shapes than they did when they first came out," said Patti Best, an energy efficiency specialist with Idaho Power Co.

Best said she's seeing an increase in the use of LED lights in Christmas displays but, because they are slightly more expensive, they

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## NEW SIGNS FOR STEEP ROAD SAFETY

Twin Falls officials hope new signs will help Canyon Springs Grade's variety of users keep each other safe on the steep road.

BY ALISON GENE SMITH  
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**TWIN FALLS** • Ashley Bordewyk often jogs up and down Canyon Springs Grade when she's home visiting her parents, but says taking a bike down the canyon road seems too dangerous.

"I've been running the canyon for years," she said of the steep Twin Falls road into the Snake River Canyon. "I look forward to doing the grade just for the fun and being outdoors."

Bordewyk, who now lives in Boise, doesn't feel unsafe using the road as

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Grace Young, 5, of Costa Mesa, Calif. asks Santa Claus for a pair of skates on Dec. 13 at the lighting of the 'Snoopy House' display that Jim Jordan created 44 years ago, on the lawn outside City Hall in Costa Mesa, Calif.

## Santa Claus Passes New Poll with Flying Colors

Why do kids believe a chubby guy in a flying sleigh can deliver joy across America? Because their parents do.

BY CONNIE CASS  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** • Why do kids believe a chubby guy in a flying sleigh can deliver joy across America? Because their parents do. A whopping 84 percent of grown-ups were once children who trusted in Santa's magic, and lots cling to it still.

Things are changing fast these days, with toddlers wishing for iPads, grade schoolers emailing their Christmas lists and moms wrestling over bargain toys at midnight sales. Despite all the pressures on the rituals of the

season, an AP-GfK poll confirms that families are sticking by old St. Nick.

"It's important for kids to have something to believe in," says great-grandmother Wanda Smith of Norman, Okla.

And so they do. Year after year, Santa Claus survives the scoffers and the Scooges and the 6-year-old playground skeptics. He endures belittling commercials that portray him shopping at Target or taking directions from an iPhone. He shrugs off scolds who say his bagful of toys overshadows the reason for the season.

Two-thirds of parents with

kids under 18 say Santa's an important part of their celebrations this year. Moms, especially, have a soft spot for the man in red — 71 percent of them say he's important, and that's a big jump from 58 percent just five years ago.

His overall popularity is up slightly from an AP-AOL poll in 2006, before the recession hit. In these bleaker times of homes lost to foreclosure and parents sweating out their next paychecks, the poll shows Santa riding high with families both wealthy and poor.

Maybe that's because the big guy's always known how to stretch a dollar to make a kid smile.

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### IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

Enjoy the holiday spirit: "A Christmas Carol: The Musical," presented by nexStage Theatre and Laughing Stock Theatre Co., 2 p.m. at nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum. Adults, \$35 reserved seating, \$25 general admission; 12 and younger, \$25 reserved and \$15 general, at 726-4TKS.

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# Embarrassing Bladder Control Issues Often Curable

I'm 53 years old and notice when I laugh or sneeze, I have trouble controlling my bladder. Is this unusual and what can I do to help this embarrassing problem?

— Marie, Buhl

Answered by Dr. Jason Greenhalgh, Urology, St. Luke's Clinic:

Most people notice it when they cough, laugh or sneeze. Others have a need to “go,” even after they’ve just gone to the bathroom. Some experience both symptoms.

Urinary incontinence (UI) affects more than 13 million Americans — mostly women and commonly after childbirth, but it is also common in men. In fact, one in three women older than 60 is estimated to have bladder control problems. The good news is that UI is treatable, and often curable.

There are several kinds of UI. One of the most common is stress UI, caused by poor support of the urethra and pelvic floor. It can also happen in men who have had prostate surgery.

Coughing, laughing, sneezing, exercising or other movements increase pressure on the bladder, causing small amounts of urine to leak. Leading causes are physical changes from pregnancy, childbirth and menopause.

Try eliminating irritants like coffee and other caffeine products, and do Kegel exercises to strengthen the pelvic floor muscles.

If surgery for stress UI is warranted, one highly successful treatment for women is the sling procedure. In this procedure, a sling as wide as a piece of tape made of synthetic mesh material is placed as a support under the urethra through one vaginal incision and two small groin or abdominal incisions.

This procedure is 80-85 percent effective, and can be done as an outpatient

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surgery, although patients are asked to refrain from lifting for four to six weeks following surgery. Patients report little discomfort with the sling procedure.

The other leading type of UI is urge incontinence, which is caused by an overactive bladder. With this type of incontinence, patients may experience involuntary loss of urine while feeling a sudden need to urinate for no known reason. Treatments include medications, biofeedback and even a pacemaker for the bladder.

Incontinence can be a very personal and potentially embarrassing problem that can keep people isolated and limit their enjoyment and participation in daily activities. Please talk a urologist or your primary care provider about any bladder issues.

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A Quincy Street house glows Thursday night in Twin Falls.

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still aren't the most popular option.

Best said the company doesn't track how much residential energy use goes up during December, but says customer's monthly bills are usually higher between November and December.

## Road Safety

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a running path because she knows cars are coming, but thinks motorists drive far too fast on it.

The drivers, cyclists and pedestrians who all share space on Canyon Springs Grade were the topic of a presentation made at Monday's Twin Falls City Council meeting. The council unanimously approved placing signs at the top and bottom of the grade to urge caution from each of its users.

Twin Falls Police Department Staff Sgt. Dennis Pullin said that over the past few years, more people are using the road.

Their reasons vary. Motorists haul golf carts and boats in and out of Canyon Springs Golf Course and Centennial Waterfront Park. Bicyclists imitate truncated Tour de France mountain climbs, and walkers and runners — especially those training for the annual Rim 2 Rim run — test their stamina against the grade.

A report put together by Pullin for the city's Traffic

Twin Falls resident Linda Gene said the cost of her intricate Pierce Street display doesn't factor into her decision to offer it each year. She calls putting up her winter night show an “artistic act,” one that should be taken seriously.

For a few months out of the year, she drapes her roof in soft white lights and

highlights its windows with flickering electric candles.

And with a house that contains six Christmas trees, Gene expects her electric bill to spike.

“I love this time of the year,” she said. “I get to put up all my favorite things and it just makes everyone so happy. I let my husband take care of the electric bill.”

Safety Commission said congestion on the roadway causes a safety hazard for all who utilize the grade.

“With the narrow width of the roadway from the top of the grade to the bottom of the canyon, we often see pedestrians walking in the lanes of travel and obstructing motorized traffic,” the report said.

Bordewyk said she has noticed this as well, and says, “People walk up and down both sides.”

The Traffic Safety Commission hopes the signs can help guide the road's various users, letting pedestrians know they should walk on the left side of the road, no more than two side-by-side and single file when cars approach.

Originally, the commission suggested cyclists could ride two side-by-side, but Councilman Lance Clow worried cyclists might not hear motorists coming up the hill and suggested they should ride single file.

The signs will also remind cyclists to ride as close to the right side of the roadway as possible.

Clow said he often

walks the grade.

“I've never felt threatened, but I paid attention,” he said. “I've driven before and seen people aren't being as careful.”

The signs reminding drivers that cyclists and those on foot also use the road will be helpful, Bordewyk said. The drivers Bordewyk has seen are generally careful but could do better.

“It's half and half,” she said. “People are pretty good, but speed is the biggest issue.”

Maria Flores and her mother, also Maria, walked 3-year-old Sarae in a stroller down the grade Friday. Flores said she was due to give birth in the next two weeks and heard that walking was good before giving birth.

“In the summer we walk here a lot,” she said. “But now it's too cold.”

Generally, Flores said she feels safe walking down the grade, but wishes walkers and drivers had separate paths, or that drivers would at least go slower. She hopes the new signs will help.

The signs, which will go up soon, will cost the city \$200 to purchase and install.



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Cindy Braun jogs along Canyon Springs Road with her dog, Axle, Thursday afternoon in Twin Falls. On Monday, the Twin Falls City Council approved the placement of signs at the top and bottom of the grade along the Snake River Canyon's southern wall to encourage pedestrian, bicyclist and driver safety.

## Jail

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funding. The contract calls for a \$145-per-hour rate for Ormond, not to exceed \$25,000.

Miller could not be reached for comment before the Christmas weekend.

The May 15 primary election will mark the county's fourth attempt at convincing voters a new jail is needed. Three funding attempts have failed to pass

muster with voters since the issue first appeared on a ballot in November 2009. The county needs 66.7 percent of voters to approve the funding measure for it to pass, and it failed by nearly 6 percent last year. The first two attempts failed by margins of less than 2 percent.

The county considered holding another vote last month but decided to wait until May. The plan then was for a 120-bed facility with a cost of anywhere from \$8 million to \$11 million. The building would also house the sheriff's office.

The current, 35-year-old jail has 30 beds, which has caused the county to spend thousands to house overflow inmates in Gooding County and other locations.

In September, an inspector with the Idaho Sheriff's Association said she gave a failing grade to the Jerome County Jail, noting major problems with plumbing fixtures, ventilation and overcrowded living quarters.

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# DINNER FOR VETERANS OFFERED SUNDAY

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**JEROME** • A Jerome woman is seeking lonely veterans to host for Christmas dinner Sunday at her home.

Sherri Redd said she organized the event after reading a Dec. 14 *Times-News* column about a letter from a local veteran who felt depressed and alone for the holidays.

Redd will host dinner for veterans who are single, have no place to go or who are homeless. Transportation will be offered in the Twin Falls and Jerome areas to her home, 218 W. Ave. I, No. 36.

Redd asks those wishing to attend to call in advance: 320-4417.

# AG: Idaho Gets Settlement from Bond Scam

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**BOISE** • Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said Friday that Idaho is part of a multistate settlement with GE Funding Capital Market Services Inc. that stemmed from a nationwide investigation into anticompetitive and fraudulent allegations.

Idaho organizations that will be eligible for restitution payments include the Idaho Housing and Finance Association and the Boise City Housing Authority, the attorney general's office said.

The settlement is \$34.25 million for all affected entities nationwide, but it's not yet known how much of that will go to Idaho.

The alleged conduct occurred in the municipal bond derivatives industry, where users reinvest proceeds of bond sales until they need to tap the funding.

The investigation found that GE Funding traders worked with brokers to rig bids by giving the company access to confidential bidding information and arranging for other financial companies to intentionally submit non-winning bids.

Under the agreement, GE Funding has agreed to pay \$30 million in restitution across the nation to entities that include state government agencies, cities, school districts and nonprofit organizations that entered into contracts with the company.

GE Funding is also forking over a \$1.25 million civil penalty and \$3 million for the fees and costs of the investigation to the settling states, the office said.

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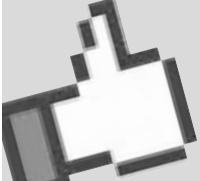
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# Santa

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Smith, whose childhood gifts were mostly handmade by her mother — things like cookies and knit scarves — remembers that every year Santa Claus managed to put one present under the tree for her to share with her two brothers (four more siblings came later).

“One year it was a bicycle, one year we had a sled. One year we got a puppy — his name was Jack and he was a border collie,” recalls Smith, now 70.

“We didn’t have a lot,” she said, “but we didn’t know it. Our mother and daddy made it a wonderful time for us.”

In multicultural America, Father Christmas isn’t just for Christians any more. Three-fourths of non-Christian adults say they believed in Santa when they were children. And half feel he’s important to their holi-

day celebrations now.

Developmental psychologist Cyndy Scheibe, who’s been interviewing kids about Santa since 1986, said lots of Jewish children told her that Santa Claus was real, even though he didn’t stop at their houses on Christmas Eve.

And many non-Christian parents embrace Santa because they see Christmas serving as a secular as well as religious holiday in the U.S., she said.

“Santa Claus is more than someone who just comes and gives you a present, it’s this whole spirit of giving and magic that you get to be a part of and celebrate,” said Scheibe, an associate professor at Ithaca College in New York.

That’s what keeps Santa going over the decades and across cultures, she said. “That, and there’s almost nothing as much fun as getting to see your kid’s face so completely excited.”

Scheibe knows firsthand.

She used to climb a ladder to the roof every Christmas, her daughter watching, to leave a key tied to a big red bow, because they didn’t have a fireplace.

It’s not all snowflakes and mistletoe in Santaland, however. Even among Christians, there’s tension about how big a role, if any, a jolly old elf deserves in the celebration of Christ’s birth.

Almost half of Americans polled said Santa detracts from the religious significance of Christmas more than he enhances it.

When she was growing up, Naomi Stenberg’s fundamentalist Baptist parents didn’t want her mixed up with Santa Claus or the Easter Bunny or Halloween trick-or-treating.

“I didn’t understand why everybody else got to believe in Santa, and me and my brother didn’t,” says Stenberg, 32, now a stay-at-home mom in Baxter, Minn. “I felt left out.”

Her own three children have gotten the full Kris Kringle experience, but sometimes she feels ill-

equipped to handle the tough queries from her youngest, 6-year-old Rylen.

“She’s been asking ques-

tions like how does Santa fit through the chimney,” she said. “I don’t know how to answer things like that.”

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## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES

**Stephen Casperson**, formerly of Burley, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Winton Cemetery, 7651 Almond Ave. in Winton, Calif. (Winton Family Mortuary in Atwater, Calif.)

**Reti Rolph** of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; private family inurnment at a later date in McCammon.

**Edna May Wheeler** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke’s Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in

Twin Falls.

**Claude C. Mull** of Wendell, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

**Richard “Dick” Flint Hill** of Kaysville, Utah, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lindquist’s Layton Mortuary, 1867 N. Fairfield Road in Layton, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

**Paul M. Pugh** of Rupert, memorial service at 7 p.m.

Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert.

**Gaylard Ralph Eggleston** of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

**Daryl D. Dille** of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

## Veda Viola Hines Shufeldt

Dec. 11, 1929-Dec. 18, 2011

**RUPERT** • Veda Viola Hines Shufeldt took a nap on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011, at Countryside Care at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and passed on to be with our heavenly father and her beloved husband, Ken.

Veda was born Dec. 11, 1929, to Hattie Ann Bennett Hines and Everette Hicks Hines at LDS hospital in Idaho Falls. She was the eighth child of eight. She grew up in Soda Springs, Idaho, and graduated from Soda Springs High School in 1948. That same year, she married Kenneth Rudd Shufeldt on Aug. 12, 1948. Ken and Veda were active members of the Presbyterian Church in Soda. They lived and worked in Soda City and on the China Hat Ranch. On July 6, 1952, they were blessed with their first child, Kenneth Randall (Randy) Shufeldt. They then bought a small piece of land and house right across from the airport in Soda in 1953. On Dec. 3, 1955, they were blessed with their daughter, Peggy Ann Shufeldt (Hess). In the year of 1958, they drew a homestead on the Minidoka north side. Ken went to Rupert to start preparing for the family and, after school was out for Randy in 1959, the entire family moved to the sagebrush of Rupert. They lived in a camp trailer with a 6-foot by 6-foot piece of concrete and a well house. Ken returned to Soda to help with the harvest and then returned to finish the cinder block, two-bedroom home before winter hit.

Veda was a hard-working farm wife who, for many years, did all of the first waterings on the Rupert farm until the Shufeldt family sold the China Hat Ranch. She did this with siphon tubes and children in tow. Veda was a seamstress for many of the ladies on the north side. She was very active in the community with 4-H, Cub Scouts, Campfire Girls, Little League, PTA, Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Toastmistresses, Soroptimist, many different card groups, and a neighborhood dance group. Veda had several home businesses, including Tri-



Chem and distributing for Minnesota Woolen Mills. She also took night classes in accounting to better keep the farm and home records. Veda was very active in the Rupert United Methodist Church, working with the different women’s groups, teaching Sunday school, and helping wherever she was needed. The Shufeldt family hosted three exchange students, one from Sweden, one from England and a 4-H exchange

from Japan.

Veda is now reunited with her parents; husband, Ken; four brothers, two that died at birth, and Dean and Bill; and one sister, Donna Minton. She will be greatly missed by her son, Randy (Cindi) Shufeldt of Portland, Ore.; her daughter, Peggy (Jesse) Hess of Rupert, Idaho; four grandchildren, Nikki Shufeldt of Northglenn, Colo., Valiann Hess of Rupert, Idaho, 2nd Lt. Peter (Tara) Shufeldt of Enid, Okla., and Joy Shufeldt of Portland, Ore.; and two great-grandchildren, Sean and Ethan.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St. in Rupert. Viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at the Hansen Mortuary and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. Services will conclude with burial in the Fairview Cemetery in Soda Springs under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital or Rupert United Methodist Church.

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Marcelina Gabiola  
Jan. 8, 1924-Dec. 20, 2011

**TWIN FALLS** • Marcelina Gabiola, 87, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday night, Dec. 20, 2011, at the River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Marcelina was born Jan. 8, 1924, in Amoroto, a small town in the beautiful Basque province of Bizkaia in northern Spain. She was the daughter of Bonifacio and Maria Luisa Gabiola Laka. Marcelina was the third of eight children born to Bonifacio and Maria Luisa. Marcelina lived with her family until the age of 8, when she had to go live with her godfather and his family because her parents struggled to care for all of their children. She worked by tending to cattle and by helping to take care of her godfather's children. Marcelina was able to see her parents on Sundays and on holidays at that time.

Marcelina moved to the town of Berritxu when she was 9 years old, and she worked for a family in their home as a baby-sitter. Marcelina was able to go to school occasionally during that time. Marcelina lived in the towns of Ea and Elorrio through her pre-teen and teen years, and she worked as a nanny in those towns. The Spanish Civil War started when Marcelina was 12 years old. She was living in Ea at the time of the bombing of Gernika. She remembered seeing the planes and hearing the bombs explode. Marcelina went to Gernika a few days after the bombings, and she never forgot the terrible destruction that she saw there. Marcelina moved to Bilbao, the capital of the province of Bizkaia, when she was 20 years old, and she worked as a maid/cook/nanny until the age of 35. Marcelina's childhood and her teen years look like they were very difficult on paper. However, she always had many fond memories of her family, festivals and dances. Marcelina always focused on the love that she felt for her family, and she counted her blessings.

Marcelina met her future husband, John, at a dance celebrating her sister's wedding. They were married six months later on Aug. 1, 1959. They left the Basque country and moved to Idaho a few months after their wedding. They farmed in Dietrich until 1971, when they moved to Wendell. Marcelina and John worked a small dairy farm in Wendell until 1990. Marcelina worked very hard on the farm alongside her husband, and she was an invaluable helper to him. Marcelina also had a huge garden and fruit trees. She canned many fruits and vegetables over the years.

Marcelina and John moved to Twin Falls at the time of their retirement. Marcelina and John had a house built in Twin Falls, and Marcelina enjoyed the process of picking out all of the paint colors, tiles, etc. It was a simple three-bedroom home, but it was like a dream house to Marcelina. She also had a garden and fruit trees in her backyard at this new home. The worker who designed the landscaping wondered aloud if Marcelina planned to feed all of Twin Falls with her large garden.

Marcelina was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother who put her family ahead of herself. She had the ability to find contentment in whatever place or circumstance she was in. Marcelina lovingly cared for her husband in his final years as he suffered from lung cancer and dementia. Marcelina battled heart problems and Alzheimer's Disease, and she showed her sweet nature and love for her daughters, grandchildren and friends throughout those illnesses. Her daughters believe that Marcelina's great desire to see her grandchildren grow gave her the motivation to live and added years to her life. Marcelina was a faithful member of the St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Gooding Basque Association, Agur Amatxu. How blessed



we are to have known someone who is so hard to say goodbye to.

Marcelina is survived by her daughters, Maria Gabiola and Lisa (Joshua) Spooner; and her three grandchildren, Elias, Evan and Emma Spooner, all of Twin Falls. She is also survived by her sisters and brother, Agustina, Leona and Andoni; and several nieces and nephews, all of Bizkaia, Spain. Marcelina was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John; two brothers; two sisters; and a nephew.

A prayer service will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The funeral Mass will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until the time of the prayer service Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Messages of condolence and support may be left at [www.reynoldschapel.com](http://www.reynoldschapel.com).

DEATH NOTICES

Valeria Avila

**BURLEY** • Valeria Pacheco Avila, 2-day-old daughter of Anthony and Maria Pacheco Avila of Burley, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert.

Lora Smith

**RUPERT** • Lora Jean Smith, 85, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011, at Valley Vista in Rupert.

A gathering and sharing of memories will be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at Hansen Mortuary, 710 Sixth St. in Rupert.

Ralph Garrison

**TWIN FALLS** • Ralph S. Garrison, 69, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at his home.



A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Dec. 30, at the Filer Cemetery; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, at Rose-nau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ruth Johnson

**BUHL** • Ruth Johnson, 89, of Buhl, died Friday, Dec. 23, 2011, at River Rock Assisted Living in Buhl.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Dale Miller

**BUHL** • Dale Edward Miller, 58, of Buhl, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at his home.

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# North Idaho Hotel Hosts Homeless Families for Holidays

**Through a partnership with a local nonprofit, the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Coeur d'Alene has offered shelter and respite for families struggling as Christmas nears.**

BY ALISON BOGGS  
The Spokesman-Review

**COEUR D'ALENE** • A 2-year-old girl's grin, as she frolicked in the lobby of a Coeur d'Alene hotel Thursday morning, gave no hint that her family has no place to call home.

And that was precisely the goal of the staff at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites as they worked to deliver Christmas joy to two homeless families they're hosting for the week.

Working with Family Promise, a nonprofit organization that houses homeless families in a network of churches, the hotel offered the families a weeklong stay and prepared a full slate of activities and meals. That includes a water park visit, meals in restaurants, a Christmas dinner with all the fixings, presents and stockings by the tree on Christmas morning and even a visit from Santa Claus.

"We wanted it to be like a Christmas vacation for these families. We wanted every single day to be exciting," said Jennifer Peat, the hotel's general manager. "We just have some really great people in this community and they all want to help."

Christina Vanwert is staying at the hotel with her boyfriend, Ivan Bowen, and their daughter, Sythia Bowen, 2. Sythia has most enjoyed the hotel room's large jetted bathtub, Vanwert said.

"It's wonderful," Vanwert said. "We're just really glad we have somewhere to be."

This is the second year the hotel has hosted homeless families for the holidays, Peat said. The hotel was contacted last year by Family Promise volunteers who

came up with the idea then went looking for a hotel willing to help. The search stopped when they found Holiday Inn.

Cindy Wood, Family Promise's director, said her "jaw just dropped" when she visited the hotel and realized all that was planned. "This isn't just respite and privacy. It's a full blessing."

The hotel staff raises money for charity year-round by selling extras such as laundry soap and bottled water. In addition, when guests ask for the "Dodger"

room rate, \$10 of the cost goes toward the fund, which fills a variety of charitable needs.

And Dodger? He's the hotel dog, a rescued Weimaraner with more than 2,600 friends on Facebook.

The hotel staff has been working for weeks to solicit donations from North Idaho businesses to make the families' stay special. On Wednesday, the families went to the water park at Triple Play Family Fun Park then ate at Fedora Pub & Grille.

"Coeur d'Alene is just amazing with supporting local charities," said Melody Breidenbach, the hotel's sales director.

Destinee Walcker said that when her family entered the Family Promise program, she had no idea "any of this was going to happen." Family Promise offers a 90-day program

that houses families and connects them with resources in the community to help find jobs and other services.

Her family became homeless for the first time when she lost her job a couple of months ago and paying rent became a struggle, she said. "When you first have to make the choice to go to

Family Promise, it's hard to swallow," Walcker said. "I've never been in this position before."

But, she said, the family was never judged, only helped.

"The most important thing at Christmas is to be together with your family," she said. "We're thankful to be together."

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# In Sickness and In Health: Nurses Married at I.F. Nursing Home

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**IDAHO FALLS** • Christa and Kenny Sarkela's first date wasn't ideal.

What started off as a group date turned into a twosome after friends canceled at the last minute. Even dinner and dancing couldn't overshadow an evening riddled with awkward moments and first-date jitters.

Despite that less-than-perfect start, one thing caught Christa Sarkela's attention.

"He was a perfect gentleman," she said.

The pair met about two years ago when both were hired by the Idaho Falls Care and Rehabilitation Center on the same day. Both worked long days at the facility and quickly forged a friendship.

As new nursing school graduates, they relied on each other to navigate the ins and outs of their first jobs.

When they were in the friendship stage, as Christa struggled with the end of her 26-year marriage, Kenny provided support. He knew how she felt. He'd been divorced, too.

Kenny continued to impress her, volunteering to work the graveyard shift so she could be home with her young son each night.

"I felt bad for her," Kenny said. "I already liked her then. We were both divorced; we were both new (employees). We just bonded with each other. Everything just seemed to fall into place."

It was a year ago today that Sarkela popped the question and asked his co-worker to marry him.

They exchanged vows Nov. 11 under an arch made of IV poles in the rehabilitation center's dining room. Many center residents and former patients attended



Nurses Christa and Kenny Sarkela speak about their marriage Monday at Idaho Falls Care and Rehabilitation in Idaho Falls.

the ceremony.

"You don't understand. These people go to bed right after dinner, so they made an effort to stay up for us," Kenny Sarkela said. "This place made sense. People say it was cheesy, but we thought it was wonderful."

Patients joined in the fun. They used craft time to fashion a collection of decorations, including handmade paper flowers.

Betty McNichol, 88, said she looked forward to the event. The couple had worked closely with her.

"I don't get to go to many weddings," a teary-eyed McNichol said. "It was a lot of fun for me to see them so happy."

The wedding party blend-

ed in, wearing scrubs embellished with bits of lace and satin.

Everything came together despite a serious setback last spring.

In April, Christa Sarkela was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. The Sarkelas said the experience strengthened their relationship and made for a more meaningful wedding.

"(Being diagnosed with cancer) was devastating, especially when you just find someone to spend your new life with," she said. "But I figured if he was going to stick with me through cancer, he was a good guy."

After just a few months of treatments, she is expected to make a full recovery.

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# Man to Stand Trial in N. Idaho Shooting

**SANDPOINT (AP)** • A 19-year-old northern Idaho man will stand trial on charges he fired a shotgun at a vehicle and injured two teen brothers.

The Bonner County Daily Bee reports a judge found enough evidence to support aggravated battery and assault charges against Larry Dean Flanigan Jr. during a hearing Wednesday in 1st District Court.

Flanigan remains jailed on \$100,000 bail.

Police say the charges stem from a Dec. 6 confrontation that started at a high school basketball game near Clark Fork and then escalated. Flanigan was at home when a vehicle carrying five people, including brothers Zachary and Nathan Nesbitt, arrived.

Flanigan is accused of firing a gunshot that shattered a window of the vehicle and hit Zachary Nesbitt in the neck and caused injury to Nathan Nesbitt's back.

# Wheelchair Group Goes on Hunt in Elko

BY ADELLA HARDING  
Associated Press

**ELKO, Nev.** • The experiences of two wheelchair-bound hunters snagging antelope bucks on Newmont Mining Corp.'s TS Ranch in Boulder Valley aired the Tuesday before Christmas on the television show "Blue Collar Adventures."

"It will be great press for Elko," said the segment's host, former Lamoille resident Jay Presti, who was on the hunt.

"I speak of Elko quite a bit and talk about Dunphy and the TS Ranch," said the 1991 graduate of Elko High School.

Presti said the 28-minute segment showed Dec. 20 on the Versus network.

"The main emphasis is on the two hunters and what mining gives back to the environment," Presti said.

The hunters, Josh Loftis and Bill Cotter of Reno, shot their antelope in the portion of the TS Ranch where water pumped from Newmont's underground mine and Barrick Gold Corp.'s Goldstrike Mine irrigates crops and creates wildlife habitat.

"Newmont generally doesn't let anyone hunt in that area," Presti said.

The TS Ranch worked with the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs organization to organize the hunt held in August.

"Newmont and the TS Ranch were very excited to be able to partner with the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs. The partnerships that were developed during the hunt on the TS Ranch are immense," said Newmont spokesman Matt Murray.

"We were proud to be able to donate the antelope tags for these individuals that otherwise may never get the opportunity to be part of the great American outdoors," Murray said, adding that the hunters filled their tags.

The TS Ranch's irrigated alfalfa fields attract hundreds of antelope around the irrigation pivots, so the ranch receives landowner-damage compensation tags for hunting antelope, Murray said.

Loftis was born with spina bifida and has been in a wheelchair his whole life. Murray said Loftis had hunted before, but the hunt on the TS Ranch was his first in many years.

Cotter was paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident.

"This was Bill's first time ever in the field," Murray said.

Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs founder Rob McMillan was on hand for the event, along with people from the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, New-



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In this undated photo, former Elko-area resident Jay Presti, left, a producer for 'Blue Collar Adventures,' poses with Josh Loftis, of Reno, and the antelope Loftis shot on Newmont Mining Corp.'s TS Ranch in Boulder Valley, Nev.

mont and friends and family of the hunters, as well as Presti.

Chad Bliss, a member of the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs board and the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board, contacted Dan Galian, manager of Newmont's Nevada Land and Livestock, including the TS Ranch, about the hunting tags in early spring. The ball rolled from there, Murray said.

Galian took the hunting group on a tour the following day to explain the relationship between the mining operations and the TS Ranch, and they also visited Newmont's TS coal-fired power plant on the ranch. The Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs presented Galian with an award for his help with the project.

Presti said this is his third season producing "Blue Collar Adventures," which is shot at locations worldwide. He lives in Stephenville, Texas.

Presti is classified as an expert outdoorsman.

He grew up riding horses and hunting and fishing at the base of the Ruby Mountains. He became a collegiate rodeo athlete, and still hunts and fishes.

# F&G OFFICIALS GIVE MOOSE FAMILY TICKET OUT OF TROY

BY ERIC BARKER  
Lewiston Tribune

**MOSCOW** • A cow moose and her twin calves that have become a fixture in and around Troy were evicted Wednesday over

concerns for the safety of school children.

Idaho Fish and Game biologists darted the moose with tranquilizers and then trucked them to a forested area outside of Elk River, where they were released.

Jay Crenshaw, the regional wildlife manager for the department at Lewiston, said the trio were feeding on apple trees, many which were near the school or along routes children use to walk to school. Some parents be-

came concerned.

Cow moose can sometimes be aggressive if they perceive a threat to their calves, and Crenshaw said that played into the decision to remove the animals. But he noted many residents en-

joy seeing the moose and didn't want to see them go.

"We recognize there are many folks in Troy who appreciate being able to see wildlife up close like this, and I have received some calls in that regard as well as those

concerned about kids. As is often the case, it's a balancing act for us."

It is not unusual for moose to pass through Troy as they move from higher elevations like Moscow Mountain to places with less snow. Residents have even given them the local nickname Troy-winkle.

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# Outreach Groups Seek Last-minute Help

BY JOHN E. SWAYZE  
*For the Times-News*

If you haven't had a chance to help someone in need this season, there's still today.

The Salvation Army, Christmas for Kids, Toys for Tots and other area outreach groups are calling for last-minute community support to help brighten the season for families needing assistance. And there's still plenty of opportunity to help some groups after Sunday.

The Salvation Army's red kettles and volunteer bell ringers have become iconic symbols of holiday giving. Last year's campaign took in donations of \$86,000. This

"Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

season, the 17 locations around Twin Falls County are seeing a 25 percent dip, said Salvation Army Business Manager Nicki Kroese.

"That's due to the economy and job loss," Kroese said. "We have a huge need right now, with helping 720 people in the county and distributing 600 food boxes a month."

Funds collected over the holidays are used locally to

help provide Christmas dinners as well as clothing and other basic aid. Through Angel Tree, the Salvation Army also helps provide Christmas toys for children, up to age 12, who may not receive anything else.

"We are actually a church, and I believe God has called me here," Kroese said. "We partner with other churches, organizations, and rely on community support to serve

as his hands and feet."

For more information, contact the Twin Falls Salvation Army at 733-8720 or [salvationarmyusa.org](http://salvationarmyusa.org).

The local Toys for Tots and Christmas for Kids programs are in full swing and excited to be giving children the joy of Christmas with a new, wrapped toy.

Regional Director Paul Johnson said the 5,000 to 6,000 requests for toys have held steady with numbers from last year. The South Idaho Region covers Lincoln, Gooding, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Twin Falls counties.

"We're going gang busters and some of our providers

are already making deliveries," he said. "Our big push now is we still need toys for girls between the ages of 3 and 11. I'd also like to get a Kiwanis group or someone interested in helping coordinate efforts up in Sun Valley and Camas County. We don't have anyone up there."

The Toys for Tots program operates on an annual budget of between \$4,000 and \$5,000, generated through donations and fundraisers. Toys and check donations made out to Toys for Tots and marked attention Paul Johnson, can be sent to the KMVT offices at 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls.

The Saint Edwards Soup

Kitchen, 212 7th Ave. E, Twin Falls, serves meals on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m. and is always willing to accept volunteer help or donations in ministering to the needs of 150 to 180 individuals and families.

"Our meals are up about a third in number, but it doesn't matter if you're the richest or poorest person around. We'll feed you," said kitchen coordinator Ray Kelley. "We have people who bring in produce from their garden and ranchers who sometimes bring in beef."

Donations can be made by calling Saint Edward's Catholic Church at 733-3907.

# Nun Famous for Kissing Elvis Prays for Miracle

BY STEPHANIE REITZ  
*Associated Press*

**BETHLEHEM, Conn.** • In the little town of Bethlehem, a cloistered nun whose luminous blue eyes entranced Elvis Presley in his first on-screen movie kiss is praying for a Christmas miracle.

Dolores Hart, who walked away from Hollywood star-

dom in 1963 to become a nun in rural Bethlehem, Conn., now finds herself back in the spotlight. But this time it's all about serving the King of Kings, not smooching the King of Rock and Roll.

The former brass factory that houses Mother Dolores and about 40 other nuns cloistered at the Abbey of Regina Laudis needs millions

of dollars in renovations to meet fire and safety codes, add an elevator and make handicapped accessibility upgrades.

Like 73-year-old Mother Dolores, the order's nuns have taken a vow of stability with the intent to live, work and die at the complex. The order was established in 1947 in Bethlehem, a small burg in Connecticut's rolling western hills.

Now, the historically self-supporting nuns have launched a fundraiser for the \$4 million renovation project dubbed "New Horizons." They don't have much money, but they have Mother Dolores: a starlet-turned-suppliant whose unique story might lure the attention and donations of generations of movie fans, particularly those

who adore all things Elvis.

For Mother Dolores, the monastery has been home since she was a 23-year-old actress in 1963 and walked away from Hollywood for a life of contemplation and prayer as a postulant.

"This work may not be in my lifetime that it's finished,

but we're sure trying," Mother Dolores said of the upgrades, which are budgeted to run about \$2 million for the fire code and accessibility compliance work and another \$2 million for improvements to the housing and other facilities.

They hope to break ground in January.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Candlelight Service Set at Filer Church

**FILER** • The Rev. Carol Thompson will lead a Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 5 p.m. today at the Filer United Methodist Church, 318 Union Ave. Haley Peterson will provide special music.

A service of Scripture and Christmas Carols will be at 9:30 a.m. Sunday.

All are welcome. Information: 733-2629.

### Presbyterians Hold Christmas Eve Services

**TWIN FALLS** • The First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls will hold a Communion and Candlelight service at 5 p.m. today. The Advent candles and Christ candle will be lit. The Hallelujah Handbells will ring a German carol and a Spanish carol and the Chancel Choir will sing "Joy to the World."

An informal time for singing, prayer and activities for all ages will be at 11 a.m. Sunday. Cinnamon rolls, coffee and juice will be served.

Everyone is invited.

### Ascension Episcopal Church Celebrates Eucharist

**TWIN FALLS** • A family Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:30 p.m. today at the Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Eucharist will be celebrated; children of the parish will present "Every Perfect Gift."

A Choral Eucharist with singing of Christmas carols begins at 10:30 p.m.; worship follows at 11 p.m.

Choral Eucharist will be at 9 a.m. Sunday. Other service

es will not be held.

The parish will gather for Christmas caroling at 4:30 p.m. Monday (Boxing Day). A chili supper and a white elephant gift exchange follows.

All are welcome. Information: [www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org](http://www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org) or 733-1248.

### Reverend Presents Candlelight Service

**TWIN FALLS** • The Rev. Suzanne Marsh will present the Candlelight Christmas Eve service, "Each Night a Child is Born is a Holy Night," for the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 6 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W. The service will include traditional readings, music and carol singing. Everyone is welcome.

No service will be held Sunday.

All are welcome. Information: Ken Whiting, 734-9161.

### Burt Huish Performs at Christmas Eve Service

**MURTAUGH** • A Community Christmas Eve service

will be held at 6 p.m. today at the Murtaugh City Hall.

Burt Huish will present a special performance.

Everyone is invited.

### Lutheran Churches Announce Christmas Schedule

**RUPERT** • Trinity Lutheran Church in Rupert and Zion Lutheran Church in Burley announced their Christmas schedule.

A children's program will be presented at 6:30 p.m. today at Trinity Lutheran Church. A service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Zion Lutheran Church will hold a candlelight service with Communion at 9 p.m. today.

Pastor Joel Pike will officiate at all services.

The public is invited.

### Candlelight Service Planned in Hollister

**HOLLISTER** • The Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave. A dessert and coffee social will follow. No service will be held Sunday.

Visitors are welcome.

### Twin Falls Church offers Christmas Eve Program

**TWIN FALLS** • First Southern Baptist Church of Twin Falls, located on the corner of Filer and Washington, will hold a Christmas Eve program at 7 p.m. today. Participants include the AWANA children and Nepalese and Micronesian youth. Refreshments will be served while some go Christmas caroling.

A Christmas service will be at 11 a.m. Sunday with scripture reading, carol singing, special music and Communion. No Sunday school will be held.

Everyone is welcome.

The Nepalese congregation will hold services from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Everyone is invited to come for an hour or all afternoon.

### Christian Church Presents Live Nativity

**TWIN FALLS** • The First Christian Church is presenting a live Nativity between 7 and 9 p.m. today.

The church has been presenting this program for more than 50 years.

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*Chantal Guerin displays a breast implant made by Poly Implant Prothese, or PIP, that was removed from her left breast, during a Thursday interview in Paris.*

## FRANCE TO PAY FOR IMPLANT REMOVALS

BY ANGELA CHARLTON  
*Associated Press*

**PARIS** • France took the costly and unprecedented step Friday of offering to pay for 30,000 women to have their breast implants removed because of mounting fears the products could rupture and leak cheap, industrial-grade silicone into the body.

Tens of thousands of other women elsewhere in Europe and in South America have the same French-made implants, but authorities there have so far refused to follow suit. The silicone-gel implants in question are not sold in the U.S.

Over the past week, the safety fears have created a public furor over something usually kept private, even in France. Women whose own families didn't know they had their breasts enlarged marched on Paris to demand more attention to worries about what might be happening inside them. Images of leaky, blubbery implants and women having mammograms have been splashed on French TV.

More than 1,000 ruptures pushed Health Minister Xavier Bertrand to recommend that the estimated 30,000 women in France with the implants get them removed at the state's expense.

Bertrand insisted the removals would be "preventive" and not urgent, and French health authorities said they had found nothing to link the implants to nine cases of cancer in women. The death last month of a woman who had the implants and developed a rare cancer had catalyzed worries.

The implants, made by the French company Poly Implant Prothese, were pulled from the market last year in countries around Europe and South America where they had been sold.

France's health safety agency says the PIP implants appear to be more rupture-prone than other types. Also, investigators say PIP used industrial silicone instead of the medical variety to save money. However, the medical risks posed by industrial silicone are unclear.

PIP is being liquidated and its executives and lawyer could not be reached for comment Friday.

The financial burden of the French government's decision falls on the state health care system, which estimated the removals could cost 60 million euro (\$78 million) at a time when the country is teetering on the brink of another recession and struggling with debt.

In recommending removal, the government noted the risks associated with major surgery and general anesthesia.



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*President Barack Obama signs the payroll tax cut extension Friday in the White House Oval Office in Washington.*

## Defense: Military Overreached in Wikileaks Case

A Jan. 16 deadline looms for the military to decide whether the soldier blamed for the biggest national security leak in U.S. history should be court-martialed.

BY PAULINE JELINEK AND DAVID DISHNEAU  
*Associated Press*

**FORT MEADE, Md.** • A seven-day hearing into the biggest national security leak in U.S. history ended Thursday with defense lawyers insisting that the accused soldier was a victim of overreaching by a military that didn't even follow its own rules for safeguarding sensitive information.

The government argued that it had made its case for a court-martial of Pfc. Bradley Manning, a troubled young intelligence analyst who prosecutors said aided the enemy by leaking troves of documents.

Lawyers for the prosecution and defense gave closing arguments in the preliminary hearing at a military base outside Washington to determine whether Manning should be tried for allegedly sending hundreds of thousands of diplomatic documents and Iraq and Afghanistan war zone field reports to the anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks.

The presiding officer, Lt. Col. Paul Almanza, has until Jan. 16 to recommend whether the 24-year-old Crescent, Okla., native should be court-martialed.

Speaking for more than an hour, the chief prosecutor, Capt. Ashden Fein, methodically recounted evi-

dence supporting each of the 22 charges, illustrating his arguments with several dozen slides projected on courtroom screens.

"He did this during a time of war," Fein said. Laid bare on the Internet last year were military procedures for providing air support for ground troops and procedures used to fly the injured out for medical treatment, he said. Leaked documents also included names of units, intelligence sources and methods, as well as tactics used by troops in general, including secretive special operations commando forces, he said.

"He wrongfully and wantonly caused the information to be published on the Internet" knowing that "enemies of the United States use the Internet," Fein said.

Defense attorney David Coombs spoke for about 20 minutes and never denied his client had leaked the documents.

But he said the Army had failed Manning as he repeatedly struggled with emotional problems, and that the government is now piling on charges in an attempt to strong-arm Manning into pleading guilty.

The defense says Manning was nearly paralyzed by internal struggles over his belief that he was a woman trapped in a man's body. They suggest he should not have been sent to the war zone to begin with and say his chain of command failed to suspend his access to classified data despite clear signs of emotional distress, including his statement to a supervisor that he had multiple personalities.

## Tax Cut Lives: Congress Votes Holiday Approval

MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

**WASHINGTON** • Congress on Friday quickly and quietly approved a two-month extension of the Social Security payroll tax cut, ending a week of rancor and assuring that more than 160 million people will avoid a 2 percentage point payroll tax increase next year.

But the calm, collegial legislative day was deceptive. When lawmakers return in January, they'll remain far apart on agreeing to a longer-term deal.

The package approved Friday — a major victory for President Barack Obama and a setback for Republicans in the House of Representatives — will assure that the average employee will avoid paying \$80 a month more in Social Security taxes after Jan. 1. The rate for employees will remain at the 2011 level of 4.2 percent. But if no action is

taken before Feb. 29, it will rise to 6.2 percent.

Congress' agreement, reached Thursday after rebellious House Republicans abandoned their bid for a one-year deal before Jan. 1, also continues current payment rates for Medicare physicians, which otherwise would have dropped by 27.4 percent starting Jan. 1, and retains up to 99 weeks of unemployment benefits for long-term jobless workers.

The measure also provides for an expedited review of the Keystone XL pipeline. The 1,700-mile project would bring oil from oil sands in western Canada to the U.S. Gulf Coast. Obama wanted to delay the decision until late 2013 — after November's elections — as environmentalists hold strong reservations. Republicans insisted on including the pipeline decision.



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*Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney pays Allan Lowe for diesel after refueling his campaign bus during a Thursday stop in Randolph, N.H. Lowe is also the Randolph police chief.*

## Biden, Romney Spar Like It's Fall 2012

BY JIM KUHNHENN AND KASIE HUNT  
*Associated Press*

**TILTON, N.H.** • It's an opening salvo of the presidential campaign, minus actual presidential nominees.

Vice President Joe Biden unleashed a biting critique of Mitt Romney's policies Friday and the Republican came swiftly back at him — a full-contact preview of what the general election might look like should Romney win the GOP nomination to challenge President Barack Obama.

All this, before a vote is cast in the Republican race, The Iowa caucuses, looming Jan. 3, are the first step in the voting to pick a Republican nominee.

In an opinion piece published in *The Des Moines Register*, Biden portrayed the Republican frontrunner as the purveyor of failed, retreaded economic ideas. Romney shot back that Biden and Obama live an economic "fantasyland" out of touch with the real world.

Biden's jabs mark a major escalation in Obama's re-election campaign and refocus his political team on Romney, the former Massachusetts governor whom Obama advisers have long considered his most likely opponent. And it switches Obama away from his just-concluded tax cut victory over House Republicans to the GOP presidential field just 12 days before the Iowa caucuses.

"Romney appears satisfied to settle for

an economy in which fewer people succeed, while the majority of Americans are left to tread water or fall behind," Biden wrote.

The Obama team may be betting on Romney, but his Republican rivals were conceding no such ground.

Campaigning in South Carolina, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich derided Romney as a "Massachusetts moderate trying to come down and pretend to be a conservative. But I'm not going to say anything stronger than that. I'm going to focus on positive things."

Rep. Michele Bachmann's campaign said Friday she would start radio and TV commercials in Iowa, her first since her straw poll victory in the state in August. In them, she stresses her Christian values and that she's "an Iowa girl from Waterloo!"

Biden's words, meanwhile, summed up a running story line about Romney that Obama's campaign and the Democratic Party have been refining for months. The piece also was a direct rebuttal to Romney's recent claim he wants "an opportunity society" versus what he called Obama's "entitlement society."

In taking on Romney, Biden defined "opportunity" in his own terms.

"We believe deeply in opportunity — that if you work hard and play by the rules, no opportunity should be out of reach," he wrote. "This is a fundamentally different vision than what the other side has proposed"

## Two Suicide Bombs Shake Syrian Capital, Kill 44

BY ALBERT AJI AND BASSEM MROUE  
*Associated Press*

**DAMASCUS, Syria** • Two car bombers blew themselves up Friday outside the heavily guarded compounds of Syria's intelligence agencies, killing at least 44 people and wounding dozens more in a brazen attack on the powerful security directorates, authorities said.

State-run TV said the al-Qaida terrorist network was possibly to blame for the first suicide car bombings in the nine-month uprising against authoritarian President Bashar Assad.

The opposition, however, immediately questioned the government's account and hinted the regime itself could have been behind the attack, noting it came during a visit by Arab League observers investigating Assad's bloody crackdown of the popular revolt.



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*People line the site of a Friday suicide bombing in Damascus, Syria.*

The government has long contended that the turmoil in Syria this year is not an uprising but the work of terrorists and foreign-backed armed gangs.

Syrian officials said a suicide attacker detonated his explosives-laden car as he waited behind a

vehicle driven by a retired general who was trying to enter a military intelligence building in Damascus' upscale Kfar Sousa district. About a minute later, a second attacker blew up his SUV at the gate of the General Intelligence Agency, the officials said.

Government officials took the Arab League observers to the scene of the explosions and said it supported their accounts of who was behind the violence.

"We said it from the beginning, this is terrorism. They are killing the army and civilians," Deputy Foreign Minister Faysal Mekdad told reporters outside the headquarters of the General Intelligence Agency, where bodies still littered the ground.

Alongside him, the head of the Arab League's advance team, Sameer Seif el-Yazal, said, "We are here to see the facts on the ground ... What we are seeing today is regrettable, the important thing is for things to calm down."

Such attacks are rare in Syria, although security agencies have been targeted in the past.

The impact is also powerful because Damascus is home to the presidential palace and headquarters of security and military bodies.

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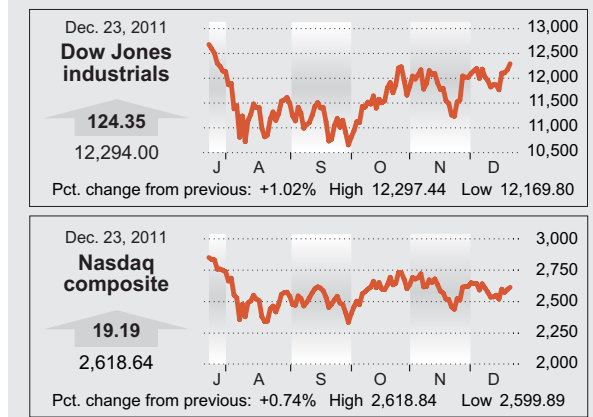
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## THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

### Stocks Rise; S&P Turns Positive for 2011

**NEW YORK (AP)** • Stocks rose in quiet, pre-holiday trading Friday. The S&P 500 index turned positive for the year. Traders were relieved by news that Congress extended a payroll tax holiday for workers and emergency unemployment benefits. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 78, or 0.6 percent, to 12,257. All but 3 of the 30 Dow stocks rose. The Nasdaq composite index gained 11, or 0.4 percent, to 2,610. Trading volume was light in the final session before the Christmas holiday. The market will be closed on Monday because Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Earlier Friday, the government said that consumer spending and incomes rose just 0.1 percent in November. The weak gains suggest that consumers may have trouble sustaining their spending into 2012. In another worrying sign, a measure of business investment decreased for the second straight month. Business investment has been a pocket of strong demand and spending amid a sluggish recovery.



## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.70	16	43.87	+54	+19.3	Kaman	.64	12	28.00	-.33	-.37
AlliantTch	.80	7	51.27	-.15	-.23.1	Keycorp	.12	8	7.78	+0.05	-.12.1
AmCasino	.42	13	18.20	+2.3	+16.4	LeeEnt h	...	...	.74	-.01	-.69.9
Aon Corp	.60	17	46.86	-.14	+1.8	MicroInt	...	...	.640	-.01	-.20.3
BallardPw	...	...	1.10	-.03	-.26.7	OfficeMax	...	8	4.66	+0.09	-.73.7
BkofAm	.04	...	5.60	+1.3	-.58.0	RockTen	.80	21	58.37	+1.6	+8.2
ConAgra	.96	15	26.60	+2.3	+17.8	Sensient	.84	16	38.44	+3.0	+4.7
Costco	.96	25	84.66	+8.8	+17.2	SkyWest	.16	26	12.83	-.11	-.17.9
Dielhold	1.12	15	30.26	+2.2	-.5.6	TeraDyn	...	10	13.75	+0.6	-.21
DukeEngl	1.00	17	21.89	+5.2	+22.9	Tipprwe	1.20	14	56.11	+6.8	+17.7
DukeRely	.68	...	12.12	-.02	-.2.7	US Bancrp	.50	32	27.49	+1.5	+1.9
Fastenal s	.56f	38	43.69	+8.3	+45.9	Vallui	.50	17	58.32	+0.1	+163.8
Heinz	1.92	18	54.15	+3.5	+9.5	WallMart	1.46	14	59.99	+8.0	+11.2
HewlettP	.48	8	25.88	+0.2	-.38.5	WashFred	.32f	14	13.95	+0.3	-.17.6
HomeDep	1.16f	18	42.09	+1.7	+20.1	WellsFargo	.48	10	27.79	+5.4	-.10.3
Idacorp	1.20	13	42.25	+3.0	+14.3	ZionBcp	.04	...	16.33	+1.8	-.32.6

## MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Dec	Live cattle	123.75	123.00	123.50	+ .35
Feb	Live cattle	124.00	123.25	123.70	+ .25
Jan	Feeder cattle	147.35	146.98	147.25	+ .38
Mar	Feeder cattle	150.38	149.80	150.38	+ .73
Apr	Feeder cattle	151.30	150.93	150.93	+ .28
Feb	Lean hogs	85.45	84.85	85.20	+ .65
Apr	Lean hogs	88.53	88.15	88.20	+ .25
Mar	Wheat	627.75	618.50	625.25	+ 3.50
May	Wheat	645.50	637.00	642.75	+ 2.75
Mar	KC Wheat	681.00	670.00	678.25	+ 5.75
May	KC Wheat	688.75	678.50	687.25	+ 6.25
Mar	MPS Wheat	849.75	836.50	845.25	+ 1.50
May	MPS Wheat	824.00	817.50	819.00	+ .50
Mar	Corn	621.75	614.25	620.50	+ 3.00
May	Corn	630.00	622.75	629.20	+ 2.75
Jan	Soybeans	1167.25	1156.50	1165.50	+ 3.25
Mar	Soybeans	1176.25	1165.75	1174.75	+ 3.00
Dec	BFP Milk	18.73	18.65	18.65	-.03
Jan	BFP Milk	17.40	16.90	16.96	-.38
Feb	BFP Milk	17.50	17.02	17.10	-.37
Mar	BFP Milk	17.26	17.00	17.08	-.16
Mar	Sugar	23.86	23.50	23.59	+ .15
May	Sugar	23.36	23.03	23.08	+ .10
Dec	B-Pound	1.5696	1.5594	1.5605	-.0063
Mar	B-Pound	1.5590	1.5590	1.5590	-.0064

Mar	J-Yen	1.2845	1.2806	1.2838	+ .0023
May	J-Yen	1.2860	1.2844	1.2860	+ .0016
MarEuro-currency	1.3109	1.3040	1.3067	+ .0009	
MayEuro-currency	1.3110	1.3061	1.3065	-.0006	
Dec Canada dollar	.xxxx	.xxxx	.9737	.xxxx	
Mar Canada dollar	.9805	.9772	.9792	+ .0019	
Dec Swiss Franc	1.0734	1.0672	1.0698	-.0004	
Mar Swiss Franc	.xxxx	.xxxx	1.0731	.xxxx	
Dec U.S. Dollar	80.38	80.06	80.25	-.06	
Feb Comex gold	1612.8	1605.8	1608.5	-.04	
Feb Comex silver	16156	16040	16059	-.47	
Dec Treasury bond	29.28	29.02	29.02	+ .02	
Mar Comex silver	29.45	29.03	29.11	+ .06	
DecTreasury bond	141.3	140.2	140.2	-.11	
MarTreasury bond	141.3	140.2	140.2	-.11	
Mar Coffee	222.85	217.40	219.85	-.155	
May Coffee	225.20	220.30	222.70	-.145	
Mar Cotton	87.65	86.86	87.44	+ .20	
Jan Crude oil	100.23	99.24	99.82	+ .29	
Jan Unleaded gas	2.6841	2.6240	2.6767	+ .0399	
Jan Heating oil	2.9280	2.8950	2.9955	-.0199	
Feb Natural gas	3.207	3.147	3.159	-.047	

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## 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; pintos, \$45; pinks, \$45; small reds, \$45-\$46; garbanzos, \$45-\$47. Quotes current Dec. 21.

### 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 Rangen's in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 21. Barley, \$10.00 (cwt); corn, \$11.70 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Dec. 21.

### CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1,560.00, nc; Blocks: \$1,562.5, nc

### GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Friday. London morning fixing: \$1607.50 up \$1.00. London afternoon fixing: \$1605.00 off \$1.50. NY Gold & Harman: \$1605.00 off \$1.50. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1733.40 off

\$1.62. NY Engelhard: \$1610.38 up \$0.50. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$1731.60 up \$0.98. NY Merc. gold Dec. Fri. \$1604.70 off \$4.20. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Fri. \$1605.00 unchanged.

### SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) — Handy & Harman silver Friday \$29.210 up \$0.30. H&H fabricated \$35.052 up \$0.156. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$29.220 off \$0.080. Engelhard \$29.300 up \$0.220. Engelhard fabricated \$35.160 up \$0.264. NY Merc silver spot month Friday \$29.046 up \$0.045.

### NONFERROUS METALS

NEW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices. Aluminum — \$0.8915 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper — \$3.3984 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper \$3.4635 NY. Merc spot Fri. Lead — \$195.50 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc — \$0.8391 per lb., London Metal Exch. Gold — \$1604.70 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. Silver — \$29.210 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Gold — \$1604.70 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. Silver — \$29.210 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Silver — \$29.046 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. Platinum — \$1433.00 troy oz., NY. (contract). Platinum — \$1429.50 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. n.q. — not quoted n.a. — not available r-revised

# Tis' the Season to Steal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than spirits are being lifted this holiday season.

Shoppers may be grabbing lots of things off shelves, but many are leaving stores without paying for them.

During the four weeks leading up to Christmas, an estimated \$1.84 billion in merchandise will be shoplifted this year, according to The Global Retail Theft Barometer, a survey of retailers worldwide. That's up about 6 percent from \$1.7 billion during the same period last year.

Some people always get sticky fingers during the holidays. After all, crowded stores and harried clerks make it easier to slip a sweater under a coat undetected. But higher joblessness and falling wages have contributed to an even bigger rise this year.



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**Kristopher Rush, 14, shows off the Nike Air Jordan shoes he got for Christmas from his parents Friday outside the Lafayette Square Mall in Indianapolis, where he waited in line with his father and brother for over three hours. Police were called in to control crowds of shoppers flocking Lafayette Square and Castleton Square malls in Indianapolis to control the crowds waiting for the shoes. The release of Nike's retro Air Jordans caused a frenzy at stores across the nation early Friday, with hundreds of people lining up for a chance to buy the classic basketball shoes and rowdy crowds breaking down doors and starting fights in at least two cities.**

# New Air Jordans Cause Shopping Frenzy Across U.S.

BY DOUG ESSER

Associated Press

**SEATTLE** • The release of Nike's retro Air Jordans caused a frenzy at stores across the nation early Friday, with hundreds of people lining up for a chance to buy the classic basketball shoes and rowdy crowds breaking down doors and starting fights in at least two cities.

Police used pepper spray on about 20 people at a mall near Seattle, while officers arrested at least four unruly shoppers in suburban Atlanta.

People started gathering around midnight at four stores in the Westfield Southcenter mall in suburban Seattle for a chance to buy the shoes, which retail for \$180 a pair, Tukwila Officer Mike Murphy said. The crowd grew to more than 1,000 people by 4 a.m., when the stores opened, he said.

"Around 3 (a.m.) there started to be some fighting and pushing among the customers," he said. "Around 4, it started to get pretty unruly and offi-

cers sprayed pepper spray on a few people who were fighting, and that seemed to do the trick to break them up."

No injuries were reported, although some people suffered cuts or scrapes from fights. One man was arrested for assault after authorities say he pushed an officer.

"He did not get his shoes; he went to jail," Murphy said.

In Lithonia, Ga., at least four people were arrested early Friday at a mall after a crowd of customers broke down a door at a store selling the Air Jordans before it opened.

DeKalb County police told Fox 5 Atlanta that up to 20 squad cars responded. Officers said they escorted most of the people outside but took four into custody.

Police also said they had to break a car window to get two toddlers out after a woman went in after the shoes. They said she was taken into custody when she returned to the car.

It's not the first time the Nikes have

caused an uproar. Some people were mugged or even killed for early versions of the Air Jordan shoe, which Nike Inc. created in 1985.

The shoe has been a consistent hit since then with sneaker fans. A new edition was launched each year, and release dates had to be moved to the weekends at some points to keep kids from skipping school to get a pair.

No one anticipated the hysteria around the original Air Jordan, which spawned a subculture of collectors willing to wait hours to buy the latest pair. But the shopping frenzy over the shoe had died down in recent years.

These latest incidents instead seem to be part of trend of increasing acts of violence at retailers this holiday shopping season, such as the shopper who pepper-sprayed others at a Walmart in Los Angeles on Black Friday and crowds looting a clothing store in New York.

A representative for Nike, based in Beaverton, Ore., was not immediately available to comment.

# More Americans Taking Long Holiday Trips This Year

**NEW YORK (AP)** • More Americans are expected to take long trips this holiday season — and in many parts of the country it looks to be smooth sailing.

About 92 million people will travel 50 miles or more from Friday through Jan. 2, an increase of 1.4 percent more than last year, according to AAA.

The federation of motor clubs said 90 percent will travel by car. Drivers will find gasoline prices higher than last year, but well below this year's peaks. Air travel will be down about 10 percent.

There was nothing Friday to indicate any widespread weather disruptions at the beginning of the Christmas travel period, though a winter storm did close large portions of Interstate 25 in New Mexico. Parts of central Texas were could see freezing rain.



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**Travelers check their luggage at a United Airlines express check-in area at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, Friday. While travel experts expect large crowds this holiday season, overall holiday air travel, both locally and nationally, is expected to drop compared to previous years because of higher ticket prices, fewer flights and reduced seating capacities.**

In Colorado, operations at the Denver airport, one of the nation's busiest, were getting back to normal Friday after a storm dumped about 10 inches of snow.

The air disruptions were minimal, though when there are problems with air travel today — be it weather, mechanical issues or computer glitches — they are much

worse than just a few years ago.

Airlines have trimmed the number of flights and are packing planes fuller than ever before. That means if something goes wrong, there are fewer options to rebook stranded passengers. There are just no spare seats.

When large snowstorms hit the busy Northeast last Christmas, it took airlines as long as a week to get some people home. A similar passenger nightmare occurred after Hurricane Irene struck in August.

Bad weather also can mean more cancellations than in the past. A Department of Transportation rule that went into effect in April 2010 limits planes to three hours on the tarmac. Airlines that violate it face penalties of up to \$27,500 per person — that's more than \$3.7 million for just one Boeing 737.

That has made them skittish about operating in bad weather, leading to 20 percent more cancellations in the typical month.

# OPINION

*“In the end, House Republicans felt like they were reenacting the Alamo, with no reinforcements and our friends shooting at us.”*

Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, after House Republicans caved to demands by President Obama, congressional Democrats and fellow Republicans for a short-term renewal of payroll tax cuts

## Yes, Virginia, There Is a Santa Claus

*Editor’s note: In September 1897, 8-year-old Virginia O’Hanlon of New York City was beginning to have doubts about Santa Claus. So her father suggested that she write to the New York Sun to ask whether Santa Claus existed. On Sept. 21, the paper published an editorial written by Francis Church answering Virginia’s question. By long tradition, the Times-News editorial board is proud to republish it on Christmas Eve.*

Merry Christmas.

— John Pfeifer, Nate Poppino, Victor Friesen and Jess Johnson

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except (what) they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men’s or children’s, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus!

You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that’s no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and un-

seeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby’s rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## Multi-faith America is Worth Celebrating

The annual controversy surrounding greetings for this season, “Merry Christmas” vs. “Happy holidays,” is enough to make me say, “Bah, humbug!”

I’m in no way an Ebenezer Scrooge, that mean-spirited tightwad in Charles Dickens’ 1843 classic “A Christmas Carol.” But, seriously, I’m tired of hearing it.

Those who suggest that it is somehow disrespectful, anti-Christian or atheistic to say “Happy holidays” or “Season’s greetings” this time of year are being pretty petty and, in some cases, very biased.

Individuals, retailers, corporations and organizations that choose a non-specific greeting are not trying to distance themselves from Jesus Christ, as some have claimed.

In many cases they simply are taking into account that there is more than one holiday during this “season,” and some companies find it less complicated and less expensive to prepare advertising, marketing and signage that will endure a long shopping season that runs from before Thanksgiving to New Year’s.

When I was in the radio/television business years ago, our promotional spots tended to use “Happy holidays” because it prevented the necessity of having someone come in the day after Christmas to re-record spots that said “Happy New Year.”

Of course, there are other religions whose holidays sometimes overlap with Christmas.

There are years when both Hanukkah (Jewish) and Ramadan (Muslim) coincide with the Christian observance of Jesus’ birth.

Boycotting stores that

### Bob Ray Sanders

McClatchy Newspapers

don’t say “Merry Christmas” in their advertising, or the berating of broadcasters and various celebrities because they use the term “Happy holidays,” are pathetic protests.

But, in America everyone has that right.

The hullabaloo over this issue is almost nonsensical, considering that Christmas has been so commercialized and distorted that the “true” meaning for many was lost a long time ago.

It is astounding that some of the same people who were upset that Jesus was being ignored by some department stores also were irate that a few schools had banned Santa from coming into classrooms.

What does Santa Claus have to do with Jesus? Or did I miss the part of the Bible that says, “Behold, a child is born... and his name shall be called Santa, St. Nick, Kris Kringle and a Jolly Old Fellow?”

I don’t mean to be cynical about this because I understand the irritation some feel that too many Christians don’t give proper reverence to the day honoring the birth of the one they call Savior.

To them it is sacrilege that there are those who, to be “politically correct,” would avoid uttering the word “Christmas” when greeting people even if they are of other faiths.

It’s not a matter of political correctness.

It is a demonstration of tolerance, a way to be considerate of others and their religions. In fact, it is being Christian.

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### LETTERS OF THANKS

#### Thanks to All Who Made Bridge Festival a Success

The 2011 Perrine Bridge Festival was a success, with proceeds going to the Fund for Children with Special Needs. The events of the festival were a juried art exhibit and silent auction in May and weekend events in September including a fundraising lunch at the Outback Steakhouse, a kayak race and barbecue, a 5K and 10K run/walk sponsored by CPR, skydivers and base jumpers demonstrations, a Kids Fun Run sponsored by Primary Therapy Source, onstage entertainment by local artists and a country fair.

A special thank you to the sponsors and volunteers who made this event possible: Janine and Brian Fortuin, Jamie and Riley Wight, Leona King, Teresa Zepeda, Jan and Max Yingst, Kristin and Monlo Beck, Julie Ellis, Nikki and Miles Daisher, Ivan Hardcastle, Tara Parsons, Mandy Lee, Kerry Bowman, Jamie Benjamin, Justin and Trish Howard, Lisa and Lawrence Mashak, Rachelle Williams, Michelle Holland, Teresa Prine, Lori and Jon Wheelwright, Pattie and Mark Lopshire, Charlotte Gardunia, Magan Hodge, Stephanie Wright, Jon Wright, Paul Brady,

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JAN YINGST  
Perrine Bridge Festival Committee  
Twin Falls

#### Christmas Spirit Alive and Well at Gold’s Gym

Gold’s Gym members have been most generous this holiday season. We would like to give a big thank you to all of our Gold’s Gym members who helped us give Christmas for three families who might otherwise believe that there’s not much to celebrate this time of year. Just giving a little of your time and generosity has given these families a reason to celebrate. Thank you for being a part of the Gold’s Gym family.

JENNIFER ROBERTS  
Owner, and the Gold’s Gym Staff  
Twin Falls

#### Students Learned Much From Sugar Scientist’s Visit

I would like to extend a special thank you to Amalgamated Sugar Factory and Research.

We were lucky enough to

have Mr. Tim Pryor from your laboratory visit our classroom. Our local elementary students learned about chemistry, the scientific method, patents and inventions. The children enjoyed performing a scientific investigation that encouraged them to ask questions, form and then test a hypothesis, and draw conclusions. New discoveries were made as children were given the opportunity to see a sugar beet up close. Several students said the sugar beet reminded them of a dinosaur’s tooth!

It was a pleasure to have Mr. Pryor from Amalgamated Research come to our classroom and share his knowledge of science and inventions.

KATHY DOBBS  
Science teacher  
Morningside and Harrison elementary schools  
Twin Falls

#### Team Home Depot Comes to the Rescue

I’m writing this to say thank you to the members of Team Home Depot.

Sadly, too often the real meaning of this time of year gets lost in the stress of buying presents and decorating trees. Christmas isn’t about lights and

trees, Santa, reindeer and elves, or even about the presents. Yes, Christmas is about giving, but it’s not about the price or number of presents under the tree.

Recently, I needed to have some modifications made to my bathroom. As a lower income, disabled person, I couldn’t afford to hire a contractor or plumber. I contacted LINK, which in turn put me in touch with Team Home Depot. These generous people work at the local Home Depot store and volunteer their time to help out others in need. They came to my home, listened to my needs and found a solution. They came back Dec. 16 and, within a couple of hours, had my bathroom fixed and my problems solved. All their time and the materials were donated.

What better gift, Christmas or otherwise, than the gift of your time and abilities? So, to Walt, Sam, Jeff, Joey and Jessie: thank you so very, very much. Your gift of time, your efforts and your cheerful, friendly attitudes are appreciated more than you will ever know. May your Christmas and the New Year be blessed. Merry Christmas and God bless us, everyone.

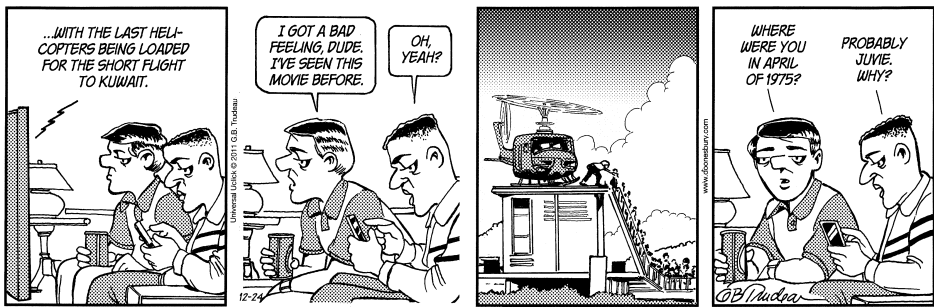
ROBIN JAMES  
Twin Falls

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# NFL Playoffs? For the Lions a Win Will Do It

BY BARRY WILNER  
*Associated Press*

The last time the Detroit Lions were this close to the playoffs, Barry Sanders was in their backfield. Sanders now is in the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a place few if any of the recent Lions will end up. His former team has been rebuilt by GM Martin Mayhew and coach Jim Schwartz, and a win over San Diego on Saturday will secure Detroit an NFC wild-card slot. Since making the post-season in 1999 at 8-8 — one

year after Sanders retired — the Lions have had one winning year (9-7 in 2000) and six last-place finishes. “You think of the last 10 years, what we’ve gone through — what this organization and what the city and the fans have gone through — to be able to get to the playoffs, to have a successful season, it’s huge,” tackle Jeff Backus said. “People have been waiting a long time. I’ve been waiting my whole career to do it.” Backus joined Detroit in 2001, and seven years later



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**Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson (81) celebrates with running back Kevin Smith (30) after the Lions beat the Oakland Raiders 28-27 in an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Dec. 18.**

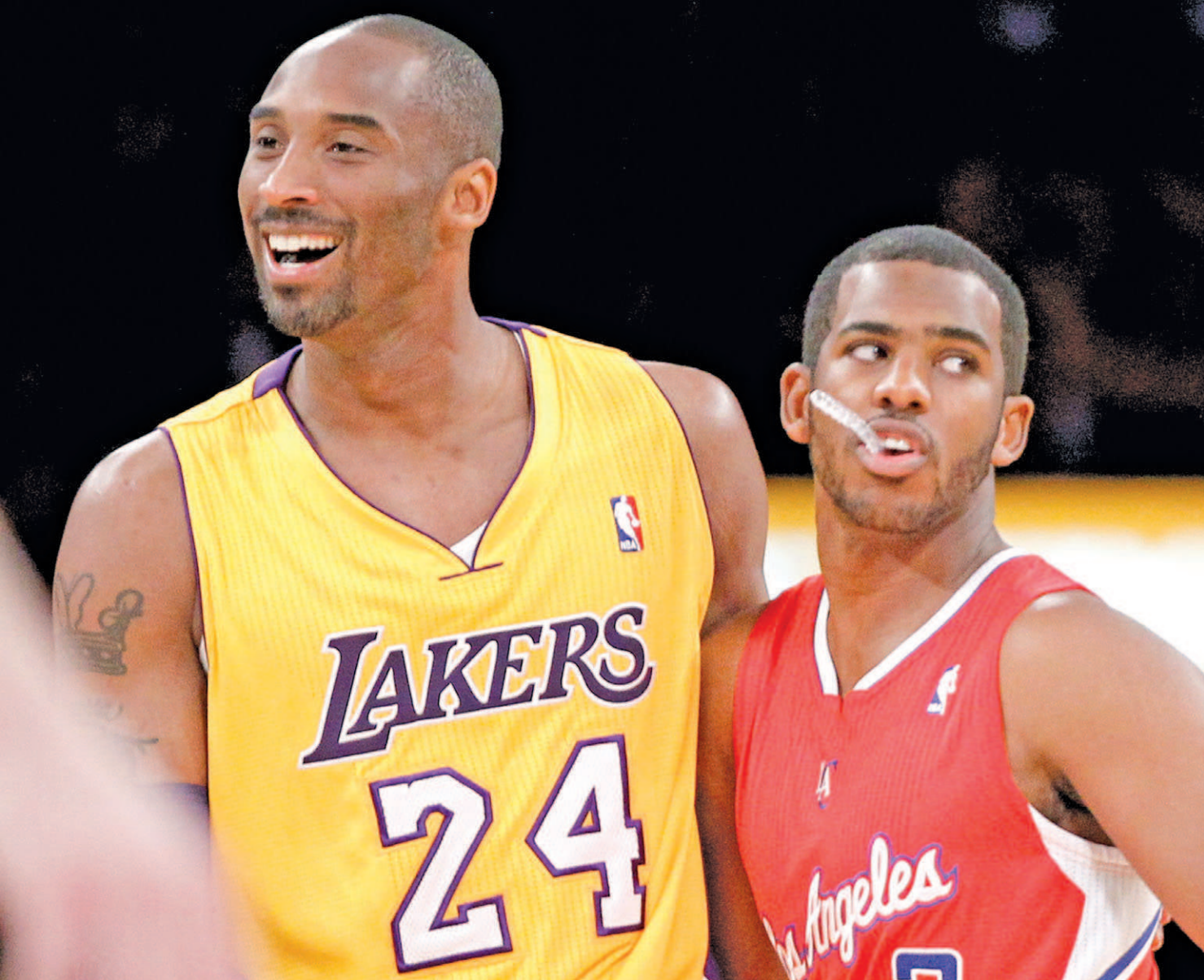
## NBA PREVIEW

# Quirks Galore in Compressed NBA Schedule

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Carmelo Anthony’s return to Denver is delayed for another year. LeBron James and Dwyane Wade won’t be visiting Sacramento anytime soon. Fans in Chicago will only be seeing Kobe Bryant on television this season. The NBA sought competitive balance. What it got was schedule imbalance. One of the many consequences of the lockout, besides hundreds of lost games and hundreds of millions of lost dollars, was the tradition that every team plays in every NBA city at least once per season. That’s not the case this year. While teams will visit every other team in their own conference, they will only make trips to play nine clubs from the other side of the league instead of the usual 15. It’s one of many quirks of a 66-game schedule that, in a variety of ways, is not like any other in NBA history. “In some cases, the team business-type might complain that they didn’t get (to host) the Heat or the Lakers,” NBA Commissioner David Stern said. “While in the background, the coach is doing cartwheels. So it’s kind of an interesting dynamic.” There’s no shortage of those. Reigning scoring king Kevin Durant dropped 66 points in New York earlier this year — alas, at Rucker Park, the fabled outdoor court and not Madison Square Garden. He and Oklahoma City won’t be going to play the Knicks this season. The NBA champion Dallas Mavericks won’t be going to Charlotte, nor will Durant’s Thunder, Bryant’s Lakers or the Spurs, and that will keep ticket dollars from finding Bobcats owner Michael Jordan’s pockets. Teams won’t be playing the same number of divisional games, so get ready for complaining should tiebreakers come into play when determining playoff seeding. And many small market teams will be miss out on some guaranteed sellouts against some elite clubs that might hurt in the standings but help with the bottom line.

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**Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, left, and Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul, right, greet each other before a preseason game in Los Angeles on Monday.**

# NBA is Back, Believes it Can Regain What it Had

BY BRIAN MAHONEY  
*Associated Press*

**NEW YORK** • In between the Mavericks’ party in Miami and the Chris Paul celebration in Los Angeles, business got in the way of basketball. The lockout came 2½ weeks after the NBA finals and lasted five months, leaving nobody certain when players and owners would settle so Dallas could begin defending its title — or LeBron James could resume chasing his first. “We were way, far, far apart from one another,” Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony said. Others never wavered, insisting the NBA wouldn’t waste the momentum it was riding from James’ arrival in Miami right through the

champagne-soaked Mavericks’ departure with the Larry O’Brien trophy. “I knew we would play,” Mavericks owner Mark Cuban wrote in an email. “The commissioner wasn’t going to let us miss a season.” He was right. And now back comes the NBA, with Paul on the Clippers, Dwight Howard still on the Magic — at least for now — and the belief that the league can regain what it had before the games stopped. A 66-game schedule was saved, starting with five games on Christmas featuring the kind of story lines that made last season so memorable: a finals rematch; the Knicks’ chance to see if Tyson Chandler closes their gap with Boston; Kobe Bryant and the Lakers — suddenly a potential second-class team in

their own arena — beginning against the Bulls; the Thunder looking to show why they’re a finals favorite; and Paul hoping to set up Blake Griffin for a few dunks to open the Clippers’ new era. And it’s those things, David Stern believes, that will win back whatever fans were lost during one of the most turbulent times of his tenure. “I believe that we can. I believe that the enthusiasm for the Christmas Day start, which we agreed to with our players, is exuberant,” he said, noting fans’ interest in the compressed free agency period. “The sponsors are literally flocking into our games and activating, our players are raring to go. So we recognize that

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# NOWITZKI, NEW-LOOK MAVS SEEKING 2ND STRAIGHT TITLE

BY JAIME ARON  
*Associated Press*

**DALLAS** • Dirk Nowitzki has an idea of what it’s like to be an NBA champion. He learned one of the lessons over the years he spent being teammates with Devean George. Nowitzki noticed that before practically every game, George found someone warming up on the other side of the court

and greeted them with a smile and a hug that seemed warmer than most pregame how-do-you-do’s. Nowitzki eventually asked George why. The answer: they were his teammates, guys he had one an NBA title with during one of those three magical seasons with the Los Angeles Lakers. “Once you win a championship,” George

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**Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, right, shoots as Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka defends during the first quarter of Tuesday's preseason game in Oklahoma City.**

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# Wade, James Say Time Has Made Them Even Closer

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
*Associated Press*

**MIAMI** • Dwyane Wade and LeBron James are known to bicker like brothers. They screamed at one another more than once during Miami Heat playoff games last season. And when they’re on opposite teams in practice, they attack the other like they would any opponent. Now they’re closer than ever. And on the cusp of enter-

ing Year 2 together with the Heat, Wade and James opened up about their friendship Friday in an interview with The Associated Press. “I don’t think many players that have the similar games as we have or have done the things that we did in the league can come together this fast and make it work,” Wade said. “That communication is there. I don’t mind him saying something to me. I

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## NBA PREVIEW

## TEAM-BY-TEAM NBA

## CAPSULES, IN PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## ATLANTIC DIVISION

## BOSTON CELTICS

STARTING FIVE: G Ray Allen (16.5 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 2.7apg), G Rajon Rondo (10.6 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 11.2 apg), F Paul Pierce (18.9 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 3.3 apg), F Kevin Garnett (14.9 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.4 apg), C Jermaine O'Neal (5.4 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 1.25 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Keyon Dooling (trade, Bucks), F Brandon Bass (trade, Magic), F Chris Wilcox (free agent, Pistons), F/G Marcus Daniels (free agent, Kings).

KEY LOSSES: F Glen Davis (trade, Magic), C Shaquille O'Neal (retired), G Delonte West (free agent, Mavericks).

## NEW YORK KNICKS

STARTING FIVE: G Toney Douglas (10.6 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 3.0 apg), G Landry Fields (9.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 1.9 apg), F Carmelo Anthony (25.6 ppg, 7.3 rpg, 2.9 apg), F Amare Stoudemire (25.3 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 2.6 apg), C Tyson Chandler (10.1 ppg, 9.4 rpg, 1.1 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: C Chandler (trade, Mavericks), G Mike Bibby (free agent, Heat), G Baron Davis (free agent, Cavaliers), G Iman Shumpert (draft, No. 17).

KEY LOSSES: G Chauncey Billups (waived-amenity), F Shawne Williams (free agent, Nets), C Ronny Turiaf (trade, Wizards).

## PHILADELPHIA 76ERS

STARTING FIVE: G Jrue Holiday (14.0 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 6.5 apg), G Jodie Meeks (10.5 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 1.1 apg), F Andre Iguodala (14.1 ppg, 6.3 apg, 5.8 rpg), F Elton Brand (15.0 ppg, 8.3 rpg), C Spencer Hawes (7.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F/C Nikola Vucevic (draft, No. 16), Owners Joshua Harris and Adam Aron.

## NEW JERSEY NETS

STARTING FIVE: G Deron Williams (15.0 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 7.6 apg, 1.3 spg), G Anthony Morrow (13.2 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.2 apg), F Damon James (4.4 ppg, 3.4 rpg), F Shamane Williams (7.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg), C Brook Lopez (20.4 ppg, 6.0 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Shawne Williams (free agent, Knicks), F Sheldon Williams (free agent, Knicks), Rookie G MarShon Brooks (draft, No. 25).

KEY LOSSES: F Kris Humphries (free agent), G Sasha Vujacic (free agent, Turkey), F Travis Outlaw (waived-amenity).

## TORONTO RAPTORS

STARTING FIVE: G Jose Calderon (9.8 ppg, 8.9 apg, 3.0 rpg), G Delmar DeRozaan (17.2 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 1.8 apg), F James Johnson (7.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 2.3 apg), F Andrea

Bargnani (21.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg), C Amir Johnson (6.2 ppg, 4.8 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Rasual Butler (free agent, Bulls), G Gary Forbes (free agent, Nuggets), F Anthony Carter (free agent, Knicks), C Jamaal Magloire (free agent, Heat), C Aaron Gray (free agent, Hornets).

KEY LOSSES: G Sonny Weems (free agent, Europe), F Reggie Miller (not re-signed).

## SOUTHEAST DIVISION

## MIAMI HEAT

STARTING FIVE: G Mario Chalmers (6.4 ppg, 2.1 rpg, 2.5 apg), G Dwyane Wade (25.5 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 4.6 apg), F LeBron James (26.7 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 7.0 apg), F Chris Bosh (18.7 ppg, 8.3 rpg), C Joel Anthony (2.0 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 1.2 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Shane Battier (free agent, Grizzlies), G Norris Cole (draft, No. 28).

KEY LOSSES: C Zydrunas Ilgauskas (retired), G Mike Bibby (free agent, Knicks).

## ATLANTA HAWKS

STARTING FIVE: G Jeff Teague (5.2 ppg, 2.0 apg), G Joe Johnson (18.2 ppg, 4.0 rpg, 4.7 apg), F Marvin Williams (10.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg), F Josh Smith (16.5 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 3.3 apg, 1.6 bpg, 1.3 spg), C Al Horford (15.3 ppg, 9.3 rpg, 3.5 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G/F Tracy McGrady (free agent, Pistons), F Vladimir Radmanovic (free agent, Warriors), G/F Jerry Stackhouse (free agent, Heat).

KEY LOSSES: G Jamal Crawford (free agent, Trail Blazers), G/F Damien Wilkins (free agent, Pistons), F/C Josh Powell (free agent).

## ORLANDO MAGIC

STARTING FIVE: G Jameer Nelson (13.1 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 6.0 apg), G Jason Richardson (15.6 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 1.8 apg), F Hedo Turkoglu (10.8 ppg, 4.4 rpg, 4.2 apg), F Ryan Anderson (10.6 ppg, 5.5 rpg), C Dwight Howard (22.9 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 2.4 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: C/F Glen Davis (trade, Celtics), G Von Wafer (trade, Celtics).

## WASHINGTON WIZARDS

STARTING FIVE: G John Wall (16.4 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 8.3 apg), G Nick Young (17.4 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.2 apg), F Rashard Lewis (11.7 ppg, 5.1 rpg), F F. J. Silas (16.8 ppg, 8.2 rpg, 2.3 apg), C Javale McGee (10.1 ppg, 8.0 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Ronny Turiaf (trade, Knicks), G Roger Mason (free agent, Knicks), F Jan Vesely (draft, No. 6), F Chris Singleton (draft, No. 18).

KEY LOSSES: F Josh Howard (free agent, Jazz), F Yi Jianlian (free agent).

## CHARLOTTE BOBCATS

STARTING FIVE: G D.J. Augustin (14.4 ppg, 1.8 rpg, 2.7 apg, 0.7 spg), G Gerald Henderson (9.6 ppg, 3 rpg, 1.5 apg), F Corey Maggette (12 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 1.3 apg), F Tyrus

Thomas (10.2 ppg, 5.7 rpg), C Boris Diaw (8.8 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 2.4 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Melvin Ely (free agent, Nuggets), F D.J. Brown (free agent, Knicks), G Reggie Williams (free agent, Warriors).

KEY LOSSES: C Kwame Brown (free agent, Warriors).

## CENTRAL DIVISION

## CHICAGO BULLS

STARTING FIVE: G Derrick Rose (25.0 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 7.7 apg), G Richard Hamilton (14.1 ppg, 2.3 rpg, 3.1 apg), F Luol Deng (17.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 2.8 apg), F Carlos Boozer (17.5 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 2.5 apg), C Joakim Noah (11.7 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 2.2 apg, 1.5 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: Hamilton (free agent, Detroit), G George Hill (trade, Spurs).

## INDIANA PACERS

STARTING FIVE: G Darren Collison (13.2 ppg, 5.1 apg, 2.8 rpg), G Paul George (7.8 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 1.0 spg), F Danny Granger (20.5 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 2.6 apg), F David West (18.9 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 2.3 apg), C Roy Hibbert (12.7 ppg, 7.5 rpg, 1.8 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F David West (free agent, Hornets), G George Hill (trade, Spurs).

KEY LOSSES: G Mike Dunleavy (free agent, Bucks), F Josh McRoberts (free agent, Lakers).

## MILWAUKEE BUCKS

STARTING FIVE: G Brandon Jennings (16.2 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 4.8 apg), G Stephen Jackson (18.5 ppg, 4.5 rpg, 3.6 apg), F Carlos Delfino (11.5 ppg, 4.1 rpg, 2.3 apg), F Luc Richard Mbah a Moute (6.7 ppg, 5.3 rpg), C Andrew Bogut (12.8 ppg, 11.1 rpg, 2.0 apg, 2.6 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: Jackson (trade, Bobcats), G Beno Udrih (trade, Kings), F Mike Dunleavy (free agent, Pacers).

KEY LOSSES: G John Salmons (trade, Kings), F Corey Maggette (trade, Bobcats).

## DETROIT PISTONS

STARTING FIVE: G Rodney Stuckey (15.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 5.2 apg), G Ben Gordon (11.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 2.1 apg), F Tayshaun Prince (14.1 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 2.8 apg), F Charlie Villanueva (11.1 ppg, 3.9 rpg), C Greg Monroe (9.4 ppg, 7.5 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Brandon Knight (draft, No. 8), G/F Damien Miller (free agent, Hawks).

KEY LOSSES: G/F Richard Hamilton (waived-amenity, Bulls), G Tracy McGrady (free agent, Hawks), F/C Chris Wilcox (free agent, Celtics).

## CLEVELAND CAVALIERS

STARTING FIVE: G Anthony Parker (8.3 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 3.0 apg), G Kyrie Irving (rookie), F Antawn Jamison (18.0 ppg, 6.7 rpg), F Omri Casspi (8.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg), C Anderson Varejao (9.1 ppg, 9.7 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Kyrie Irving (draft, No. 1), F Tristan Thompson (draft, No. 4), F Omri Casspi (trade, Kings).

KEY LOSSES: F J. Hickson (trade, Kings), G Baron Davis (waived-amenity, Knicks).

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## SOUTHWEST DIVISION

## DALLAS MAVERICKS

STARTING FIVE: G Jason Kidd (8.2 apg, 7.9 ppg, 4.4 rpg), G Vince Carter (14 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.0 apg), F Dirk Nowitzki (23 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 2.6 apg), F Shawn Marion (12.5 ppg, 6.9 rpg), C Brendan Haywood (4.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Lamar Odom (trade, Lakers), G Vince Carter (free agent, Suns), G Delonte West (free agent, Celtics).

KEY LOSSES: C Tyson Chandler (trade, Knicks), G J.J. Barea (free agent, Timberwolves), F Caron Butler (free agent, Clippers).

## SAN ANTONIO SPURS

STARTING FIVE: G Tony Parker (17.5 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 6.6 apg), G Manu Ginobili (17.4 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 4.9 apg), F Duncan Jefferson (11.0 ppg, 3.8 rpg, 2.5 apg), F Tim Duncan (13.4 ppg, 8.9 rpg, 2.7 apg), C DeJuan Blair (8.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G T.J. Ford (free agent, Pacers), F Kawhi Leonard (draft, No. 15).

KEY LOSSES: G George Hill (trade, Pacers), F Antonio McDyeys (retired).

## MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES

STARTING FIVE: G Mike Conley (13.7 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 6.5 apg, 1.78 spg), G Tony Allen (8.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg, 1.79 spg), F Rudy Gay (19.8 ppg, 6.2 rpg, 2.8 apg, 1.69 spg), F Zach Randolph (20.1 ppg, 12.2 rpg), C Marc Gasol (11.7 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 2.5 apg, 1.68 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Jeremy Pargo (free agent, Maccabi Tel-Aviv), G Josh Selby (draft, No. 49).

KEY LOSSES: F Shane Battier (free agent, Heat).

## HOUSTON ROCKETS

STARTING FIVE: G Kyle Lowry (13.5 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 6.1 apg), G Kevin Martin (23.5 ppg, 3.15 rpg, 2.41 apg), F Gordon Hayward (5.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 0.4 apg), F Luis Sciole (18.3 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 2.26 apg), F Chase Budinger (9.8 ppg, 3.43 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Marcus Morris (draft, No. 14), F Chandler Parsons (draft, No. 38), G Jonny Flynn (trade, Timberwolves).

KEY LOSSES: F Chuck Hayes (free agent, Kings), C Yao Ming (retired).

## NEW ORLEANS HORNETS

STARTING FIVE: G Jarrett Jack (8.5 ppg, 1.9 rpg, 2.6 apg), G Eric Gordon (22.3 ppg, 2.9 rpg, 4.4 apg), F Trevor Ariza (11 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 2.2 apg), F Carl Landry (11.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 5.2 spg, 2.2 apg), F Carl Landry (11.9 ppg, 4.6 rpg, 5.2 spg, 2.2 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Eric Gordon (trade, Clippers), C Chris Kaman (trade, Clippers), F Al-Farouq Aminu (trade, Clippers).

KEY LOSSES: G Chris Paul (trade, Clippers), F David West Tony Allen (free agent, Pacers).

## NORTHWEST DIVISION

## OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER

STARTING FIVE: PG Russell Westbrook (21.9 ppg, 8.2 apg, 1.9 spg), SG Thabo Sefolosha (6.0 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 1.8 apg), SF Kevin Durant (27.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 2.7 apg), PF Serge Ibaka (9.9 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 2.4 bpg), C Kendrick Perkins (6.0 ppg, 8.0 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Reggie Jackson (draft, No. 24).

## PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

STARTING FIVE: G Raymond Felton (15.5 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 8.3 apg), G Wesley Matthews (15.9 ppg, 3.1 rpg, 2.0 apg), F LaMarcus Aldridge (21.8 ppg, 8.8 rpg, 2.1 apg), F Gerald Wallace (15.7 ppg, 8.0 rpg, 2.4 apg), C Marcus Camby (4.7 ppg, 10.3 rpg, 2.1 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Raymond Felton (trade, Nuggets), G Jamal Crawford (free agent, Hawks), F Craig Smith (free agent, Clippers), C/F Kurt Thomas (free agent, Bulls).

KEY LOSSES: G Brandon Roy (retired-amenity), G Andre Miller (trade, Nuggets), G/F Rudy Fernandez (trade, Mavericks).

## DENVER NUGGETS

STARTING FIVE: G Ty Lawson (11.7 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 4.7 apg), G Andre Miller (12.7 ppg, 3.7 rpg, 7.0 apg), F Danilo Gallinari (15.6 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 1.7 apg), F Nene (14.5 ppg, 7.6 rpg), G/F Arron Afflalo (12.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 2.4 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G/F Rudy Fernandez and F Corey Brewer (trade with Dallas), G Andre Miller (trade with Portland), F Kenneth Faried (rookie out of Morehead State).

KEY LOSSES: F Kenyon Martin (China), F Wilson Chandler (China), G J.R. Smith (China), G Raymond Felton (trade, Trail Blazers).

## UTAH JAZZ

STARTING FIVE: G Devin Harris (15.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg, 7.1 apg, 1.0 spg), G Raja Bell (8.0 ppg, 2.6 rpg, 1.7 apg), F Gordon Hayward (5.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 0.4 apg), F Paul Millsap (17.3 ppg, 7.6 rpg, 2.5 apg), C Al Jefferson (18.6 ppg, 9.7 rpg, 1.8 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Josh Howard (free agent, Wizards), C Enes Kanter (draft, No. 3), G Alec Burks (draft, No. 12).

KEY LOSSES: F Andrei Kirilenko (free agent, Russia), F Ronnie Price (free agent, Suns).

## MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES

STARTING FIVE: G Ricky Rubio (4.8 ppg, 4.0 apg, 3.2 rpg, 1.6 spg for Regal Barcelona), G Wes Johnson (9.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg), F Michael Beasley (19.2 ppg, 5.6 rpg, 2.2 apg), F Kevin Love (20.2 ppg, 15.2 rpg), C Dario Milicic (6.7 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 2.2 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Ricky Rubio (2009 draft, No. 5), G J.L. Barea (free agent, Mavericks), F Derrick Williams (draft, No. 2), coach Rick Adelman (Rockets).

KEY LOSSES: Coach Kurt Rambis (fired), PG Jonny Flynn (trade, Rockets).

## PACIFIC DIVISION

## LOS ANGELES LAKERS

STARTING FIVE: G Kobe Bryant (25.3 ppg, 5.1 rpg, 4.7 apg), G Derek Fisher (6.8 ppg, 2.7 apg, 1.9 rpg), F Matt Barnes (6.7 ppg, 4.3 rpg), F Pau Gasol (18.8 ppg, 10.2 rpg, 3.3 apg), C Andrew Bynum (11.3 ppg, 9.4 rpg, 1.4 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: F Josh McRoberts (free agent, Pacers), F Jason Kapono (free agent, 76ers), F Troy Murphy (free agent, Celtics).

KEY LOSSES: F Lamar Odom (traded, Mavericks), G Shannon Brown (free agent, Phoenix), coach Phil Jackson (retired).

## LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS

STARTING FIVE: G Chris Paul (15.8 ppg, 9.8 apg, 4.1 rpg), G Chauncey Billups (16.8 ppg, 5.4 apg, 2.6 rpg), F Caron Butler (15.0 ppg, 4.1 rpg), F Blake Griffin (22.5 ppg, 12.1 rpg, 3.8 apg), C DeAndre Jordan (7.1 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 1.8 bpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Paul (trade, Hornets), G Billups (waived-amenity, Knicks), F Butler (free agent, Mavericks).

KEY LOSSES: G Eric Gordon (traded, Hornets), C Chris Kaman (traded, Hornets), F Al-Farouq Aminu (traded, Hornets).

## PHOENIX SUNS

STARTING FIVE: G Steve Nash (14.6 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 11.4 apg), G Jared Dudley (10.6 ppg, 3.9 rpg, 1.3 apg), F Grant Hill (13.2 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 2.5 apg), F Channing Frye (12.7 ppg, 6.7 rpg), C Marcin Gortat (13.0 ppg in 30 games with Suns, 9.3 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Shannon Brown (free agent, Lakers), G Sebastian Telfair (free agent, Timberwolves), G Ronnie Price (free agent, Jazz), F Markieff Morris (draft, No. 13).

KEY LOSSES: G Vince Carter (waived, Mavericks).

STARTING FIVE: PG Stephen Curry (18.6 ppg, 5.8 apg, 3.9 rpg), SG Monta Ellis (24.1 ppg, 5.6 apg, 3.5 rpg), SF Dorell Wright (16.4 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 3.0 apg), PF David Lee (16.5 ppg, 9.8 rpg, 3.2 apg), C Andris Biedrins (5.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg).

KEY ADDITIONS: G Kwame Brown (free agent, Bobcats), KEY LOSSES: G Charlie Bell (waived-amenity).

## SACRAMENTO KINGS

LAST SEASON: 24-58, missed playoffs.

STARTING FIVE: PG Tyreke Evans (17.8 ppg, 5.6 apg, 4.8 rpg), SG Marcus Thornton (21.3 ppg, 4.7 rpg, 3.4 apg), SF John Salmons (14.0 ppg, 3.6 rpg, 3.5 apg), PF Chuck Hayes (7.9 ppg, 8.1 rpg, 2.7 apg), C DeMarcus Cousins (14.1 ppg, 8.6 rpg, 2.5 apg).

KEY ADDITIONS: Hayes (free agent, Rockets), KEY LOSSES: C Samuel Dalembert (free agent, unsigned).

## SCOREBOARD

## Odds

## NCAA FOOTBALL

**Tonight**  
Hawaii Bowl  
At Honolulu

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Southern Miss. 5½ 8 (63) Nevada

**Monday**  
Independence Bowl  
At Shreveport, La.

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Missouri 3½ 5½ (52½) North Carolina

**Tuesday**  
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl  
At Detroit

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Purdue 2½ 2½ (60) W. Michigan

**Wednesday**  
Military Bowl  
At Washington

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Toledo 3 3½ (70) Air Force

**Holiday Bowl**  
At San Diego

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Texas 3 3 (47½) California

**Thursday**  
Champs Sports Bowl  
At Orlando, Fla.

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Florida St. 3 3 (47) Notre Dame

**Alamo Bowl**  
At San Antonio

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Baylor 8½ 9½ (79) Washington

**Friday**  
Armed Forces Bowl  
At Dallas

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
BYU Pk 1½ (55) Tulsa

**Pinstripe Bowl**  
At New York

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Rutgers 2 2 (44½) Iowa St.

**Music City Bowl**  
At Nashville, Tenn.

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Mississippi St. 6½ 6½ (47½) Wake Forest

**Insight Bowl**  
At Tempe, Ariz.

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Oklahoma 15½ 14 (58) Iowa

**Dec. 31**  
Meineke Car Care Bowl  
At Houston

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Texas A&M 10 10 (66) Northwestern

**Sun Bowl**  
At El Paso, Texas

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Georgia Tech 3 3 (50½) Utah

**Fight Hunger Bowl**  
At San Francisco

**FAVORITE** **OPEN** **TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**  
Illinois 3 2½ (47) UCLA

**Liberty Bowl**  
At Memphis, Tenn.

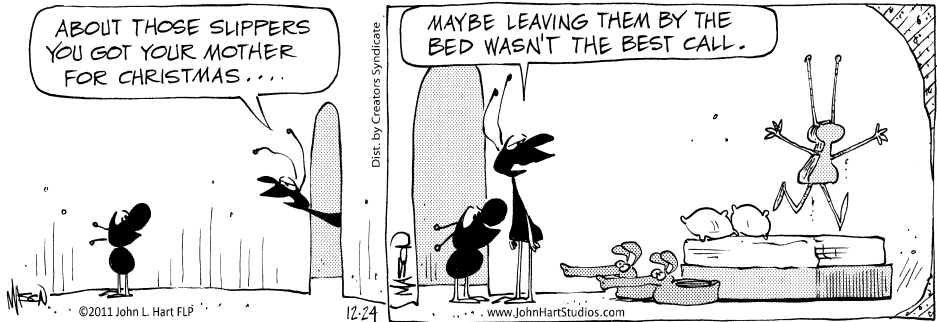
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Vanderbilt 1½ 2 (48½) Cincinnati

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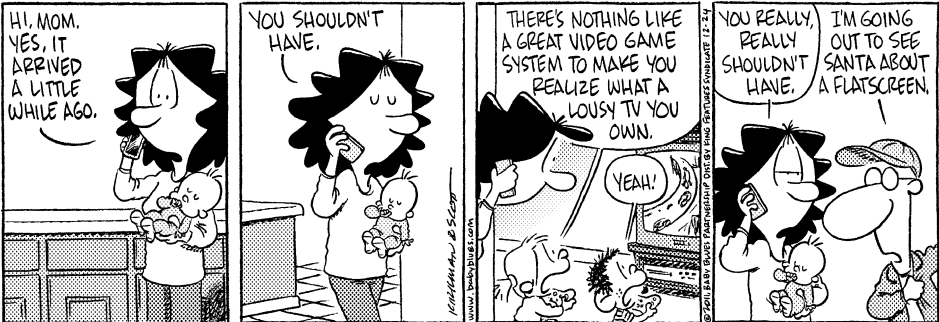
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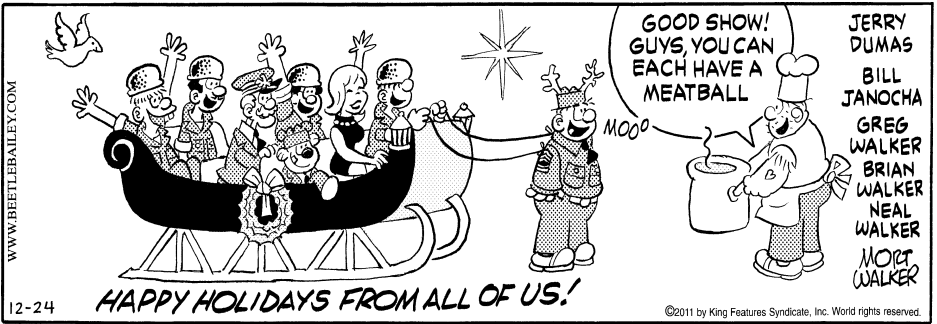
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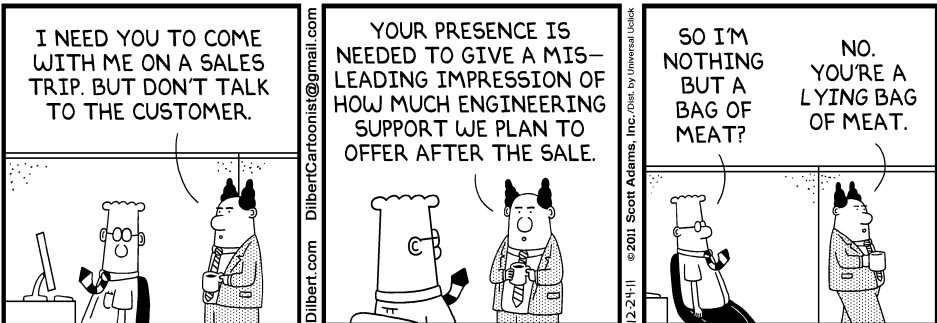
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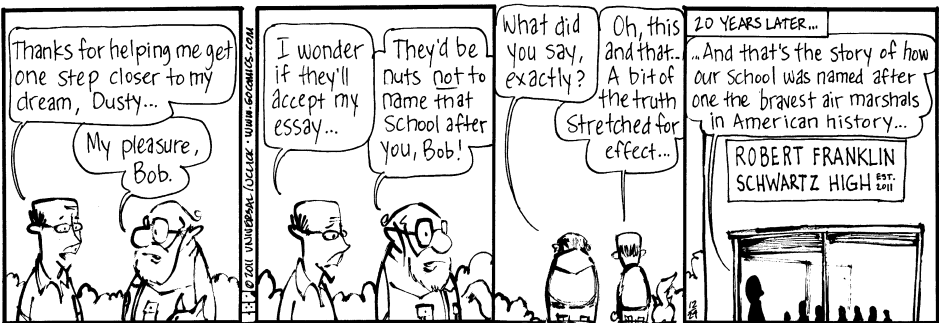
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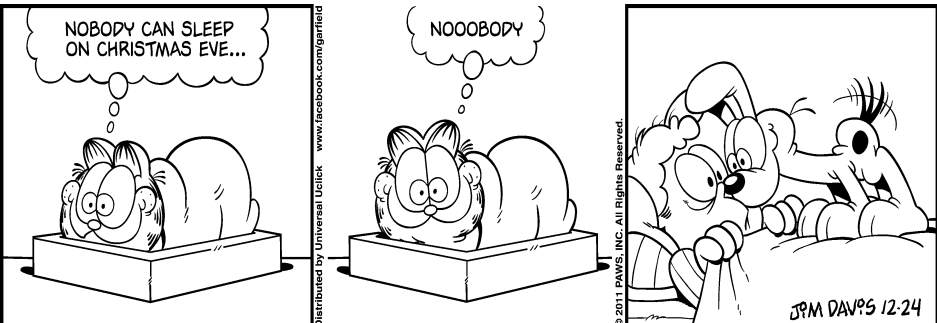
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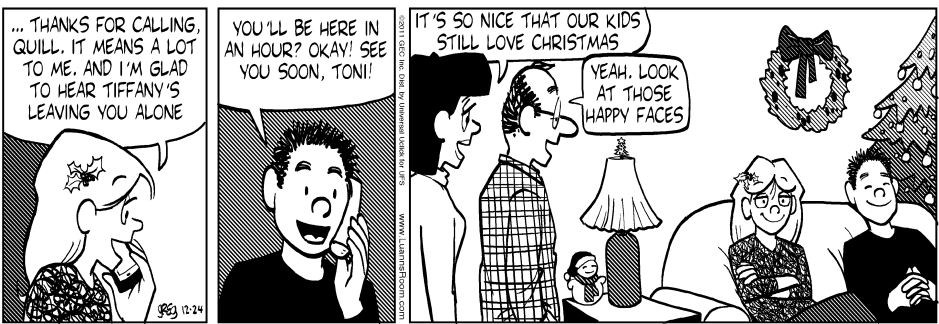
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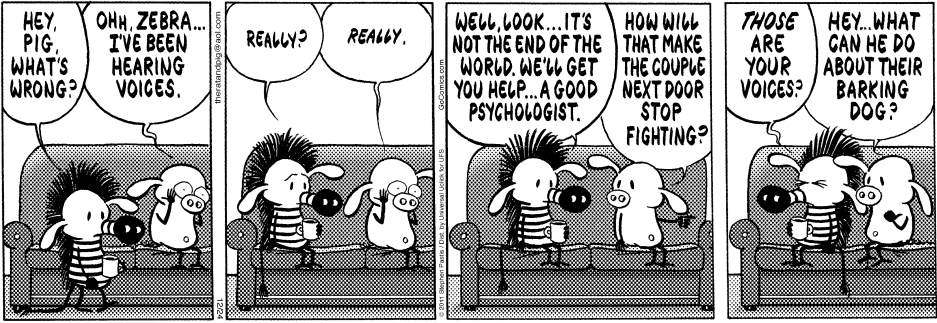
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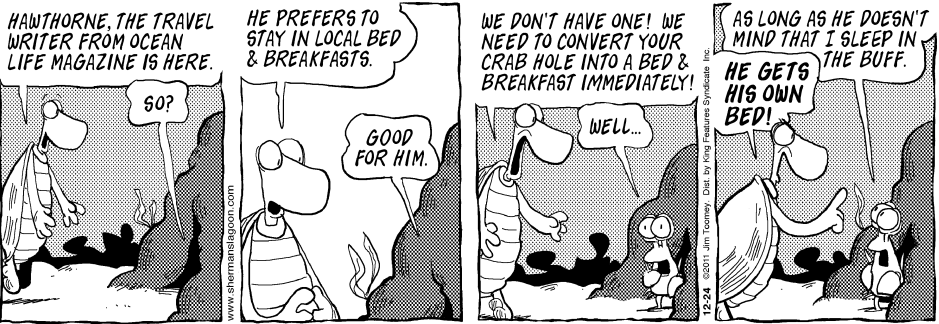


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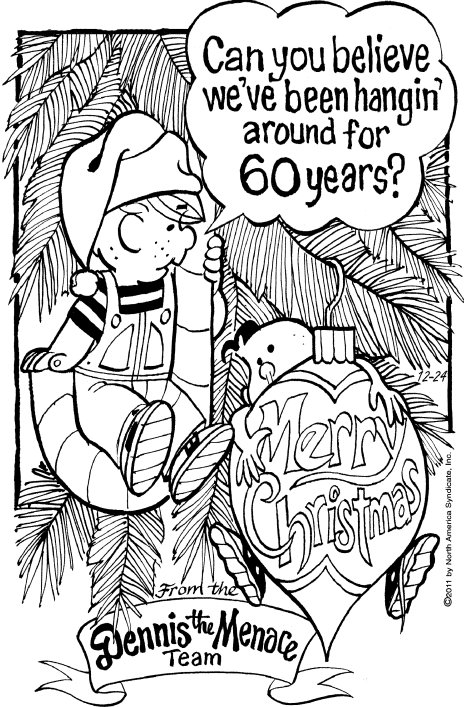
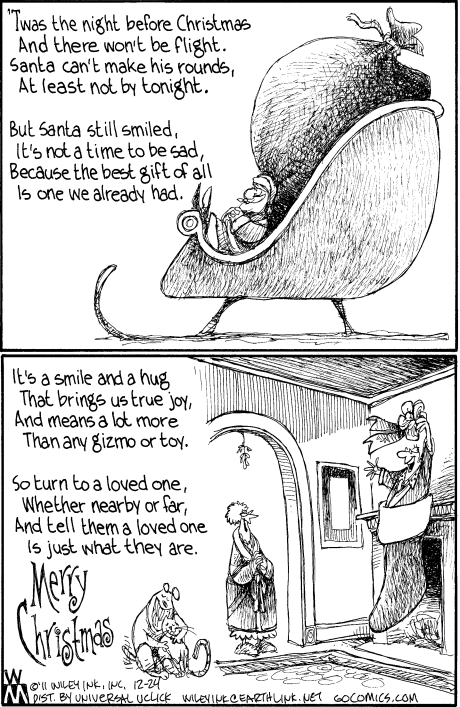


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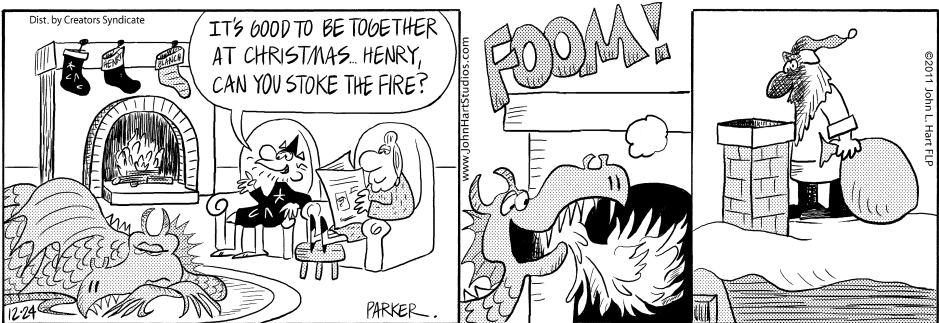
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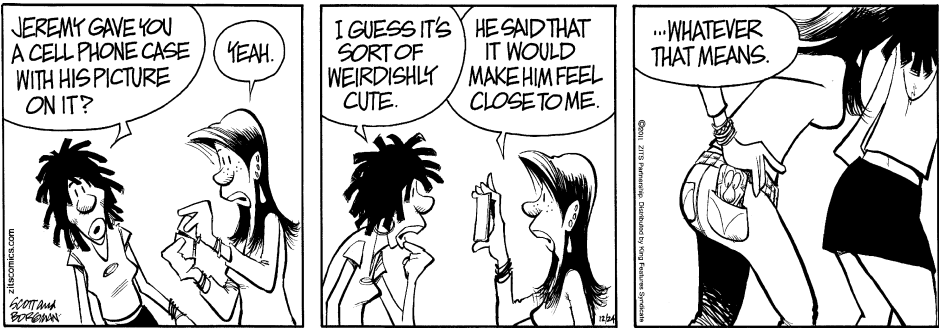
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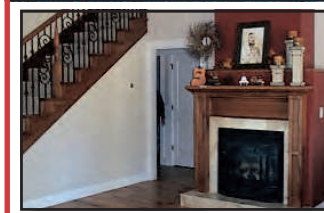
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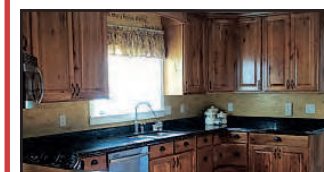
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Today is Saturday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 2011. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

**Today's Highlight:**  
On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent.

# Today in History

**On this date:**  
In 1524, Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama — who had discovered a sea route around Africa to India — died in Cochin, India.

In 1809, legendary American frontiersman Christopher “Kit” Carson was born in Madison County, Ky.

In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's opera “Aida” had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe as part of Operation Overlord.

In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's “Amahl and the Night Visitors,” the first opera written specifically for television, was first broadcast by NBC-TV.

In 1961, the Houston Oilers won the second American Football League Championship Game, defeating the San Diego Chargers, 10-3.

In 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve telecast.

In 1980, Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity. Karl Doenitz, the last leader of the Third Reich following the suicides of Adolf Hitler and Joseph Goebbels, died in West Germany at age 89.

**Ten years ago:** Officials said President George W. Bush had created a formal line of succession at several key federal agencies in the event a Cabinet secretary were to be killed or incapacitated. A West Virginia woman kidnapped 16-month-old Jasmine Anderson from a Chicago bus station in order to pass the child off as her own; Sheila Matthews and Jasmine were found by FBI agents three days later in West Virginia. (Matthews was later sentenced to more than 12 years in prison.)

**Five years ago:** Ethiopia sent fighter jets into Somalia and bombed several towns in a dramatic attack on Somalia's powerful Islamic movement; Ethiopia's prime minister said his country had been “forced to enter a war.” Broadcasting pioneer Frank Stanton, CBS president for 26 years, died in Boston at age 98.

**One year ago:** Pope Benedict XVI ushered in Christmas Eve with an evening Mass amid heightened security concerns following package bombings at two Rome embassies and Christmas Eve security breaches at the Vatican the previous two years. John Warhola (cq), the older brother who helped raise pop art icon Andy Warhol and later helped establish the Andy Warhol Museum, died in Pittsburgh at age 85.

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The contract of three spades was a Goldilocks contract — two spades would have been too easy; four spades, too hard. West led the heart king, and South, Corey Krantz, playing with Howie Cohen, took the trick, desperately needing to generate extra trump tricks. When he ducked a diamond, West won the queen and played the diamond ace and another diamond. Krantz ruffed with dummy's queen and could draw trump in three rounds, thanks to the location of the spade jack onside. On the third trump he pitched a club from the board.

He next led a low club from hand, and when West followed small (a play that I suspect many of us might have made without overdue reflection), declarer carefully inserted dummy's eight and let East win the trick. That player had a choice of leading a club back into the tenace or leading out top hearts, when declarer would ruff and cross to dummy to pitch the club loser on the heart 10. So Krantz made his contract.

Note that had West put in the club 10, declarer is faced with a choice of losing options. If he finesses, then East wins and returns a club to set up the defenders' fifth winner before declarer can establish a heart trick.

**NORTH**  
♠ Q 7 2  
♥ 10 8 3 2  
♦ J 7  
♣ A Q 8 4

**WEST**  
♠ 9 8 6  
♥ K  
♦ A Q 10 8 3 2  
♣ 10 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 5  
♥ Q J 9 7 5 4  
♦ K 5  
♣ K J 9

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 10 4 3  
♥ A 6  
♦ 9 6 4  
♣ 7 6 2

**Vulnerable:** Neither  
**Dealer:** North

**The bidding:**  
South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ 3 ♥  
3 ♠ All pass

**Opening lead:** Heart king

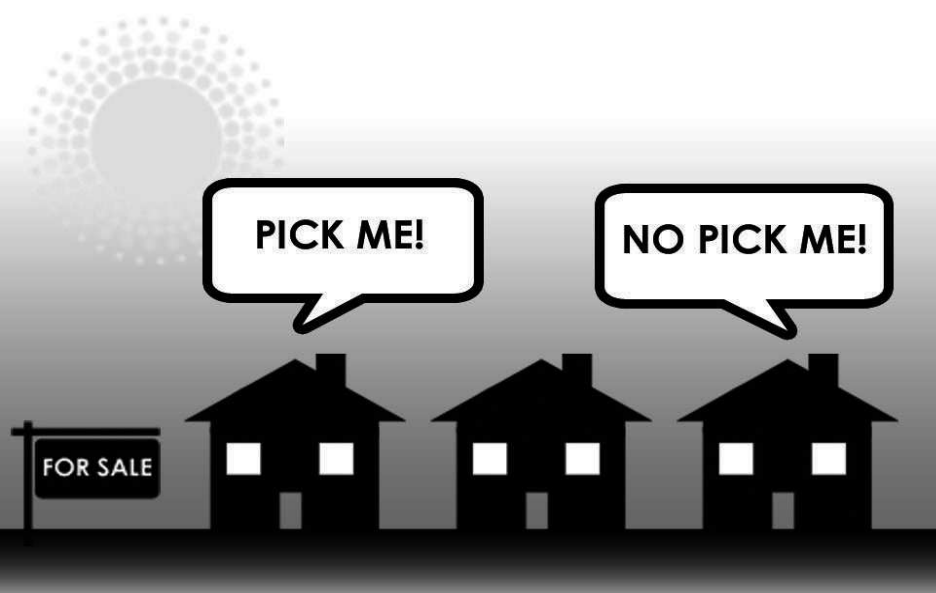
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**South holds:**  
♠ Q 7 2  
♥ 10 8 3 2  
♦ J 7  
♣ A Q 8 4

**South West North East**  
1 ♥ 1 ♠ 1 ♣ Pass  
? Pass

**ANSWER:** Whatever methods you play over reverses without intervention from the opponents, a call of three clubs by you here must be nonforcing in competition. So you are far too strong for that. Start by cue-bidding two spades to look for no-trump, or planning to raise clubs at your next turn. A reasonable choice would be a jump to four clubs, but that bypasses three no-trump.

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				4		
		2	1			5
	8	1			5	4
			6			
9	2		7		6	
6		8		3		
		6				
	8			5	4	9

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

7	8	1	3	6	4	2	9	5
6	4	9	2	1	5	7	8	3
2	5	3	8	7	9	6	1	4
5	7	4	9	8	1	3	2	6
1	3	8	6	5	2	9	4	7
9	6	2	4	3	7	1	5	8
8	2	6	1	4	3	5	7	9
4	1	5	7	9	6	8	3	2
3	9	7	5	2	8	4	6	1

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## HOROSCOPE

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Rudolph the Red- Nosed Reindeer got to have the last word. Even if others find you a bit eccentric, your talents can come to the forefront to save the day. You will get an opportunity to shine this weekend.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You better watch out. Santa Claus is definitely coming to town. You might even love playing the part of that jolly fellow so you can spread gifts and good cheer early. Just don't trip on your beard.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Even the lions can lie down with the sheep. Tender feelings are at the forefront of any romantic relationship. Enjoy a deep- ened sense of commitment as you share holiday bless- ings with loved ones.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Charity begins at home. Spend your pennies and time on things that make family members feel cher- ished. Anything seems pos- sible under this new moon, so set plans in motion that guarantee improvements.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Cross that bridge when you come to it. Banish worries and settle down to holiday celebrations. You can put many concerns to rest by simply concentrating on getting family advice and solid support.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Kind and generous stars are twinkling that guarantee a joyous holiday weekend for both young and old. A casual acquaintance may have the knowledge or knowhow to help you make a wise decision.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Santa's elves may work overtime to get treats ready. You might have more than your fair share of holiday preparations to handle, but it will be worth all the effort. Contact family members far from home.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Pretense doesn't play well off-Broadway. Play the generous benefactor, instead. If you have been pretending to be something you aren't, you are in no position to help others cele- brate the holidays.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Old acquaintances won't be forgotten under these stars. A touch of sen- timentality may make this a holiday to remember through photos or videos as family members get togeth- er in harmony.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Look ahead to the future and don't dwell on the past. The new moon falls in your sign, so the month ahead might echo or resound with the ideas and sentiments that are set into motion today.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Spread good will like butter. That will ensure the desired response or out- come. You might think you are smarter than the average bear, but it isn't just brain power that will make the difference today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Make sure there's a chicken in every pot. No one should be left out when it comes to sharing the boun- ty on this holiday weekend. You should check on friends or acquaintances that might enjoy a holiday invitation.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I have been happily married for more than 20 years. I joined an online social network to keep in touch with family, friends and my kids who are in college. I love the convenience, but I'm in a quandary.

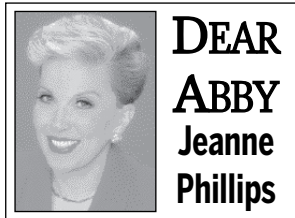
A number of men from my past (some I dated and some not) have contacted me online with their phone numbers and asked me to call them. I was flattered at first, but now I think phone communication would be inviting trouble.

I politely inform friends who push the issue that I'm happy to catch up online, but out of respect for my husband and my marriage I don't call men who send me their numbers. Most of them then drop further attempts at communication; others do not.

My problem is it continues to happen. I don't remember being that popular when I was young, so it has caught me off guard. I suspended my account several times, but reactivated it because I miss the connection with extended family and friends.

I'm getting turned off to responding to any "friend" requests anymore because it seems that most men just want to recapture some youthful fantasy. How do I handle this?

— BLAST FROM THE PAST



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR BLAST:** You are handling it very well just the way you are.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Ian" and I are in our 30s. Although we have been together for seven months, his family is not yet over his ex-wife. They invite her for dinner, share weekend visitation with Ian's daughter with her, and remind him constantly that they are disappointed with his decision.

Ian has moved on. He would like to cut all ties with his ex, but his family won't allow it. He's afraid if he puts his foot down it will destroy the already strained relationship he has with them.

My family accepts Ian, but his refuses to admit I exist. How do we deal with this? It's Ian's life, and he has the right to choose who he spends it with.

— INVISIBLE WOMAN IN PHILLY

**DEAR INVISIBLE WOMAN:** Toughen up, grit your teeth and continue the relationship. Remember, because a child is involved, Ian cannot completely move on. As for his parents, accept that their grandchild's mother will always be a part of their lives so get used to it. If this romance leads to the altar, you will meet Ian's family at some point.

**DEAR ABBY:** My friend "Cailin" is very sensitive and not very accepting. She's also unforgiving and tends to get into stupid arguments about nothing. Since the sixth grade it has gotten even worse. There is a new girl in school who seems to be a really nice, friendly person. Cailin was the first one to meet her and she wouldn't let anyone else sit with them.

I told my mom about it and she said to just sit down with them both. Today I did what my mom said to do. When Cailin saw us together, she was steaming. She ignored me for the rest of the day. I don't want to keep the new girl, just share her. Why can't Cailin and I both be friends with her? Is there any way I could talk to her? I'm considering talking to the dean of students. Would this be OK?

— SHARING FRIENDS IN COLORADO

**DEAR SHARING FRIENDS:** Cailin is immature, insecure and possessive. She's afraid that if the new girl talks to other people, the girl will no longer like and depend on her. That's why she was angry when you sat down with them. By all means discuss this with the dean of students. The dean may have a solution that will allow the new girl a chance to make friends with more of her classmates — including you.

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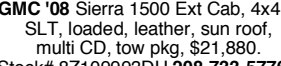
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- 26 In the know
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- 36 Looking glass
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- 38 Inspection
- 40 Lamb's cry
- 41 Filthy
- 43 Gobble up
- 44 Throw
- 45 Move furtively
- 46 Eyelid swelling
- 47 Glee
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- 11 Asian staple
- 12 Tavern drinks
- 13 Cots and cribs
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- 23 Inexplicable
- 25 Coffins
- 26 Accumulate
- 27 " \_\_ Train"; old TV Western
- 28 Venerate
- 29 Sticky stuff
- 31 Vine-covered lattice shelter
- 32 Seashore
- 33 Garbage
- 35 Layer of turf
- 36 Encountered

- 38 Compare
- 39 Utter
- 42 Banged up
- 44 Dalai Lama devotee
- 46 Like a slimeball
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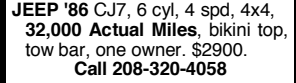
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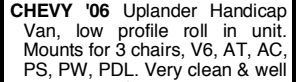
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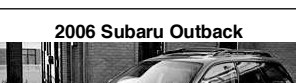
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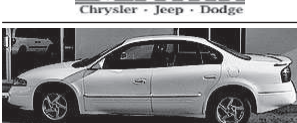
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE:** The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of First American Title Company, 199 Country Lane, Jerome, ID 83338, on 03/19/2012 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 06/19/2006 as Instrument Number 2063571, and executed by **ROBERT D MILLER AND SANDRA MILLER**, HUSBAND AND WIFE, 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 Jerome County, State of Idaho: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 1, BLOCK 2, F. R. MANN SUBDIVISION NO. 3, JEROME TOWNSITE, JEROME COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED JANUARY 13, 1972, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 192366. JEROME COUNTY RECORDS, IN FOLDER 5, NO. 2; AMENDED DEDICATED FILED MARCH 31, 1972, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 193608, JEROME COUNTY RECORDS, IN FOLDER NO. 10, NO. 2. 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, **523 12TH AVE EAST, Jerome, ID 83338** 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 02/01/2009 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 \$87,080.49, 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: 11/10/2011, 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. TS # 11-0127313 FEI # 1006.147159

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## NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF SALE

South Locust Mini Storage, 197 South Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301 will sell entire contents of 8 storage units to the highest bidder on site 1/6/12 at 9:00AM, cash only at time of sale. To be removed by 5:00PM on 1/6/12. Be early to register at office.  
**Greg Norwest, Unit 23**, 1153 Monaco St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Janice Prescott, Unit 31**, Twin Falls Labor Center 63C, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Kristen & Jorge Vela, Unit 47**, 161 Locust St., Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Scott Laughlin, Unit 57**, 3813 North 1600-B East, Buhl, ID 83316.  
**Cindy Burton, Unit 58**, 564 Eastland Dr., Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Dustin Rhoades, Unit 71**, 2026 Elizabeth #128, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Ashley Rackham, Unit 161**, 304 Madrona St. #3, Twin Falls, ID 83301.  
**Johnathon Adams, Unit 191**, 31712 N Cheyenne Dr., Queen Creek, AZ 85140.  
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## NOTICES

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# Wheelchair Group Goes on Hunt in Elko

BY ADELLA HARDING  
Associated Press

**ELKO, Nev.** • The experiences of two wheelchair-bound hunters snagging antelope bucks on Newmont Mining Corp.'s TS Ranch in Boulder Valley aired the Tuesday before Christmas on the television show "Blue Collar Adventures."

"It will be great press for Elko," said the segment's host, former Lamolle resident Jay Presti, who was on the hunt.

"I speak of Elko quite a bit and talk about Dunphy and the TS Ranch," said the 1991 graduate of Elko High School.

Presti said the 28-minute segment showed Dec. 20 on the Versus network.

"The main emphasis is on the two hunters and what mining gives back to the environment," Presti said.

The hunters, Josh Loftis and Bill Cotter of Reno, shot their antelope in the portion of the TS Ranch where water pumped from Newmont's underground mine and Barrick Gold Corp.'s Goldstrike Mine irrigates crops and creates wildlife habitat.

"Newmont generally doesn't let anyone hunt in that area," Presti said.

The TS Ranch worked with the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs organization to organize the hunt held in August.

"Newmont and the TS Ranch were very excited to be able to partner with the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs. The partnerships that were developed during the hunt on the TS Ranch are immense," said Newmont spokesman Matt Murray.

"We were proud to be able to donate the antelope tags for these individuals that otherwise may never get the opportunity to be part of the great American outdoors," Murray said, adding that the hunters filled their tags.

The TS Ranch's irrigated alfalfa fields attract hundreds of antelope around the irrigation pivots, so the ranch receives landowner-damage compensation tags for hunting antelope, Murray said.

Loftis was born with spina bifida and has been in a wheelchair his whole life. Murray said Loftis had hunted before, but the hunt on the TS Ranch was his first in many years.

Cotter was paralyzed from the chest down after a car accident.

"This was Bill's first time ever in the field," Murray said.

Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs founder Rob McMillan was on hand for the event, along with people from the Nevada Department of Wildlife, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, Newmont and friends and family of the hunters, as well as Presti.

Chad Bliss, a member of the Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs board and the Eureka County Wildlife Advisory Board, contacted Dan Galian, manager of Newmont's Nevada Land and Livestock, including the TS Ranch, about the hunting tags in early spring. The ball rolled from there, Murray said.

Galian took the hunting group on a tour the following day to explain the relation-



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In this undated photo, former Elko-area resident Jay Presti, left, a producer for "Blue Collar Adventures," poses with Josh Loftis, of Reno, and the antelope Loftis shot on Newmont Mining Corp.'s TS Ranch in Boulder Valley, Nev.

ship between the mining operations and the TS Ranch, and they also visited Newmont's TS coal-fired power plant on the ranch. The Nevada Outdoorsmen in Wheelchairs presented Galian with an award for his help with the project.

Presti said this is his third season producing "Blue Collar Adventures," which is shot at locations worldwide.

He lives in Stephenville, Texas.

Presti is classified as an expert outdoorsman.

He grew up riding horses

and hunting and fishing at the base of the Ruby Mountains. He became a collegiate rodeo athlete, and still hunts and fishes.

## OFFICIALS SEARCH FOR TEEN RUNAWAY

**COEUR D'ALENE(AP)** • Officials in northern Idaho are searching for a 16-year-old boy who ran away from a residential treatment facility in Coeur d'Alene wearing only pajama bottoms and a flannel shirt.

Kootenai County deputies and 15 members of the sheriff's volunteer search and rescue group are looking for Jacob Lee, who ran away from Innercept House Thursday night. He is considered in danger because he was not dressed for the cold weather.

A Spokane County sheriff's helicopter joined the search Friday.

Lee's parents live in Santa Clara, Calif.

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