

Agro Farma officials, along with Idaho and local government officials, break ground on the new Chobani Greek yogurt processing plant in Twin Falls on Dec. 19.



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Teachers raged, Idaho put a killer to death, and high-profile murders shook the Magic Valley. But for this year's turmoil, there was also triumph. CSI men's basketball became national champs, guardsmen returned home from Iraq, and Chobani brought promise of economic recovery.

Education reform: Teachers protested in front of the Idaho Capitol and on street corners; Twin Falls students walked out of their classes; and public schools chief Tom

Luna went to police after his truck tires were slashed while lawmakers mulled a polarizing package of education changes.

Luna unveiled his Students Come First plan just two days after the start of the 2011 Legislature - and some jaws dropped as he detailed measures to limit teacher collective bargaining and arm every high school student with a laptop while requiring them to take online courses.

The changes, which teachers union leaders have decried as an attack on their profession, are being carried out in cash-strapped Idaho classrooms even as critics behind a referendum campaign aimed at overturning the laws gear up for a November 2012 vote on the measures.

Twin Falls welcomes Chobani: The hope of economic recovery came to Twin Falls in the form of small plastic yogurt cups. Agro Farma's November announcement of a multimilliondollar Twin Falls processing plant for its Greek yogurt brand, Chobani, came with the pledge of 400 jobs and a boost to the Magic Valley economy. Twin Falls officials moved quickly, and the plant is already taking shape in preparation for a 2012 start of production.

The announcement quickly spurred area residents to pick store shelves nearly clean of Chobani products and now leaves many asking one question: How do I land a Chobani job?

Rhoades execution: The state executed Paul Ezra Rhoades for his role in the 1987 murders of two eastern Idaho women, marking Idaho's first execution in 17 years and leaving some witnesses stunned as Rhoades used his final words to apologize for only one of the slavings. Rhoades was convicted in the kidnapping and murders of 34-year-old Susan Michelbacher and 21-year-old Stacy Dawn Baldwin. He was also sentenced to life in prison for the murder of 20-year-old Nolan Haddon. Please see TOP 10, A2

Jan. 12 – Public schools chief Tom Luna announces Students Come First education reforms. Jan. 21 – Hundreds flock to historic first public hearing in front of Legislature's budget setting committee. Jan. 27 – Nicholas Sites robs First Federal Bank in Twin Falls, the second bank robbery he'll later go to prison for.





sand Springsarea trout farms, potentially soothing decades of area water rights woes. April 15 – Congressional budget bill removes endangered species protections for the gray wolf. April 18 – Xavier fires suspended Principal Cindy Fulcher following long legal battle. April 27 – Four charged for the March armed invasion of a Dietrich couple's home. April 28 – Juan Manuel Arellano sentenced to life in prison for fatally shooting his wife in a Burley bar. May 6 – Rita Chretien rescued from Northern Nevada wilderness, setting off search for her missing husband, Albert. May 19 -Xavier severs ties with Paragon, plans to handle fi-



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Feb. 7 – Christopher Taylor shoots Jerome Police Officer Dennis Clark during high-speed chase. Feb. 12 – Trustee Joan Hurlock questions the handling of Xavier Charter School's finances by Paragon Schools, a private charter school management company.

March 2 - Sweeping bill to cut state Medicaid spending by \$29 million introduced in Idaho Legislature. March 19 – College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program claims its third national title. April 1 – Groundwater pumpers announce plans to purchase Thou-

March 1 - On new Twin Falls Police Chief Brian Pike's first day on the job, police ensure safety of Canyon Ridge High School students who stage a massive moving protest of Luna's education reforms.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Canyon Ridge High School students hold up a sign protesting the Students Come First education reforms outside of the Twin Falls school on March 1.

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(ABOVE) A patient at the former St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center is moved to an ambulance to be transported to the hospital's new building on May 21. (BELOW) Area law enforcement officers escort Clark Cleveland to a patrol car after Cleveland surrendered, ending a July 15 hostage crisis in Twin Falls that claimed the life of a Utah man.



May 21 - New St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center opens along Twin Falls' Pole Line Road.

June 1 – Flooding worries along the swollen Snake River intensify in Mini-Cassia, Thousand Springs areas. July 1 - Ten area nonprofits split \$2.37 million surprise donation willed to them by quiet Hansen widow Nora Andersen. July 8 - Idaho announces details of second wolf hunt: No quota in most

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areas, trapping allowed for first time.

July 15 – Clark Cleveland shoots and kills Utah man, shoots state trooper in Twin Falls hostage crisis.

Aug. 14 - Four killed in Burley plane crash.

Sept. 11 – People across the country gather for 10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks.

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Tips for a Healthy New Year

The New Year is upon us and I want to get healthier. What are some healthy lifestyle changes that I can make to improve my diet, weight and overall health?

-Nancy

Answered by Alisa Rawson, MS, RD, LD, dietitian, Clinical Nutrition Services/MSTI

t's best to set one or two health goals for the New Year. It's also important that your goals are specific and attainable, and that you hold yourself accountable.

Write them down and post them somewhere you will see them every day. Your goals need to be important for you personally. Incorporate tactics to reach your goals in your everyday routine, or you won't achieve them. Make your goals important to you throughout the year - not just once a year in January and enlist friends and family for support.

One way to improve your diet and eat healthier is to keep a daily food and activity journal. It will help you track what you are eating and how much - where you are eating, who you are eating with and your mood while eating. You can then look for trends in your eating patterns that can help improve your diet.

Another way you can improve your daily diet is to plan ahead. Take a weekend day and prepare for the next week. Plan your meals, clean and chop vegetables, make one meal work for two and prepare healthy, portionsized snacks for the following week. These techniques will help you stay on track. Don't shop or cook when you are hungry, as you will have a tendency to overeat or not eat healthy.

Get back to the basics. Keep your diet fresh, with lots fruits and vegetables, lean meats, quick-cooking grains like quinoa or quickcooking brown rice. Add your own seasonings rather than using processed and packaged foods, which can add additional calories that will make it difficult to reach your goals.

Keep it simple and don't

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be afraid to try new ways to prepare your foods. You'll be more likely to stay with this new healthy eating lifestyle if your food is easy to prepare and tastes good. There are many healthy eating tools available via mobile apps and online that can assist you in the easy preparation of healthy meals.

Another way to reach your goals is to give yourself a small reward periodically that is not food related. Congratulate yourself as you work toward your goals and add to them as you begin to incorporate better lifestyle choices. Exercise is also key to maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Combine an exercise regimen that fits your lifestyle along with new and improved healthy eating habits. This will help you reach your goals and maintain them for a lifetime.

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Jerome Family Moves Forward after House Fire

Thanks to an outpouring of community support, the Fregoso family has been able to quickly recover from the November blaze that claimed their home.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI kkruesi@magicvalley.com

JEROME • A month after she lost all possessions in a house fire, Maricela Fregoso now only lacks several dining room chairs.

Sitting in her new living room, surrounded by her family and new furniture, Maricela looks a little more rested than she did a few weeks ago.

"Everything in this house has been donated," she said. "I don't know how we could have done this on our own."

On Nov. 18, the Fregoso family awoke to the smell of smoke. An electrical fire that started in the kitchen quickly spread throughout their modest home. Maricela and the rest of her family were spared, but everything else, including the family dog, was lost in the fire.

After the initial shock of losing their home, the Fregoso family began wondering how they could rebuild their life. The future looked grim with the constraints of a limited income and no insurance to help recover from the blaze.

Fast forward several weeks later and the family has now been able to move into a new home. Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley helped the couple find a house they could afford to rent in Jerome.

Donations from both individuals and organizations also flooded in to help the family along their path back to normal life. Maricela estimated that they've received donations from more than 80 different sources.

both food and appliances.

Maricela and her husband, Humberto, were even able to give their daughters gifts for Christmas after several or-



Humberto Fregoso holds his daughters Adamary, 4, left, and Diana, 6, while Yazaida, 2, holds the family dog, Samson, Friday in their new Jerome home. The family's home was destroyed in a November fire, but the Fregosos have been outfitted with furniture, appliances and clothes, thanks to various donations from the community.

ganizations surprised them with toys.

But the family still struggles processing some of the trauma they experienced from the fire. Smoke from a neighbor's fire sent Maricela's daughters into a fear frenzy. And her daughters still wake up in the middle night from nightmares of the fire.

"We are lucky. We live in a

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bigger house now and we're looking to buy our own place eventually," Maricela said. "We're moving forward, but it hasn't been easy."

Magic Valley

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Sept. 12 – Eleven area guardsmen among the first to return home after a yearlong deployment that took them to Iraq for nine months.

Sept. 27 - Thomas Trevino pleads guilty to the 2010 fatal shooting of Jill Gelever. Two days later, he's sentenced to serve 15 years in prison for the murder. Sept. 29 – Saylor Creek wild horse herd returned to habitat that was destroyed by 2010 Long Butte Fire near Hagerman. Oct. 21 – Fire guts former J.R. Simplot Co. potato processing plant in Burley. Officials suspect arson as a cause.

Nov. 3 - Four hundred-job Chobani Greek yogurt processing plant in Twin Falls announced. Ground broken on plant Dec. 19. Nov. 16 - Twin Falls County files legal challenge to newly redrawn state legislative districts.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO Sophia Lozada, 3, smiles up at her father, Spc. Henry Lozada, as members of the Idaho Army National Guard 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team returned home from a deployment to Iraq on Sept. 12 in Twin Falls.

Dec. 2 – Allegiant announces plans to discontinue flights from Twin Falls to Las Vegas. Dec. 7 – Boise State football

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St. Luke's Health System

also made news later in the

year, merging St. Benedicts

Family Medical Center in

Jerome into its operation.

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resumed calling them

announces plans to join Big East Conference in July 2013. Dec. 8 - Clark Cleveland

sentenced to serve life in prison for fatally shooting Utah resident Tracy Ivie during July 15 hostage standoff.

Dec. 18 - Burley resident Michael Jared Thompson charged with second-degree murder for the shooting death of Michael Kenneth Blair.

Dec. 19 – After about two weeks of work on the site, Chobani holds official groundbreaking for Twin Falls plant.

Maricela's three daughters now have coats and socks to wear to school and the kitchen is now stocked with

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Twin Falls hostage crisis: Clark J. Cleveland will spend the rest of his days in prison for turning the morning of July 15 into a full-blown crisis in northern Twin Falls.

The Spring Creek, Nev., man murdered Utah resident Tracy Ivie, mistaking him for a plain-clothes police officer attempting to end Cleveland's hostage standoff in a Twin Falls hotel. Only minutes earlier, Cleveland shot Idaho State Police Trooper Nick Walker in the leg, raining bullets down the stairwell where he held a California woman hostage.

Only after he ran out of bullets did Cleveland surrender to police, ending a nearly four-hour ordeal that began when he fled a routine traffic stop near Filer.

St. Luke's continued growth: St. Luke's multimillion-dollar Magic Valley Medical Center on Pole Line Road welcomed its first patients on May 21, marking completion of a move that was years in the making.

A parade of ambulances ferried patients from the former hospital on Addison Avenue, as the Idaho health care giant touted the new fa-



band, Albert, who left their stuck van to look for help on March 22. He hasn't been found, and is assumed to be dead.

Wolf delisting: Here we go again with wolves. For the second time since 2009, the federal government removed wolves in Idaho and neighboring Montana from the endangered species list.

The decision put wolf management back in the hands of those states, and Idaho responded by organizing its second public hunt, this time giving hunters and trappers more advantages in the hopes of trimming the predator's population.

CSI hoops title: The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball program ended its 24-year wait for its third national title, as the Golden Eagles dropped Midland (Texas) College 72-64 in March's NJCAA Division I finals.

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At 33-4, coach Steve Gosar's Golden Eagles cemented their place among the program's finest teams.

Graduate student killed: A University of Idaho graduate student was found murdered at her Moscow home on the first day of classes this fall, the victim of an ill-fated relationship with the professor who gunned her down.

Ernesto Bustamante had resigned only three days before he tracked down 22year-old Katy Benoit and shot her 11 times. Bustamante then checked into a hotel and turned a gun on himself.

Since the deaths, faculty leaders have revised university policy to more strongly discourage relationships between students and faculty members.



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Senator's Missteps among 2011 Idaho Lowlights

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BOISE • A disastrous Father's Day drunken-driving and auto-theft arrest threw the political fortunes of state Sen. John McGee, a young Republican from Caldwell, into disarray in 2011.

The four-term senator from Canyon County, a father of two young children, was arrested June 19 after he took an SUV attached to a cargo trailer from a southwest Boise home, then got it stuck in a yard just down the street. Homeowners found McGee, the Senate's majority caucus chairman, sleeping in the back seat. Police say a breath test found his blood-alcohol content was nearly twice Idaho's legal limit.

On July 1, a tearful McGee, 38, pleaded guilty to drunken driving and apologized profusely, part of a plea deal that dismissed felony vehicle theft charges. His explanation: He was dehydrated after a day on the golf course, had a few drinks, fell and suffered a concussion that resulted in his uncharacteristic behavior.

"It's something I'll remember and something that I'll learn from the rest of my life. I'm truly sorry," McGee told the judge.

Though he survived attempts by GOP critics to conduct a formal probe of his "drunken actions," McGee was subjected to fresh criticism in September after The Associated Press reported he's been taking an extra per diem payment from taxpayers for a

second residence that adds up to some \$6,000 annually even though he lists his parents' home in Boise during the session, while his own house in Caldwell is just 26 miles away from the Capitol.

Once lawmakers return to Boise in January, McGee's fellow senators may weigh whether he should remain in his caucus chairman leadership post – or if his struggles over recent months merit his ouster.

Here are some other stories that qualify as lowlights in Idaho news during the year:

An Unfortunate Text Message

As anybody who's ever been jilted knows, about the worst way to get the news is by text message. Ask Kristin Armstrong.

That's how the Olympic gold medalist cyclist from Boise found out she'd been bumped from USA Cycling's World Championship-bound team in September.

Armstrong, who won glory in the 2008 Beijing Olympic time trial, had been named to the squad earlier that month.

But another rider, Armstrong's top U.S. rival and former world champion Amber Neben, lodged a protest.

By the time USA Cycling made its decision, Armstrong was in a jet bound for Copenhagen. Upon landing, she switched on her phone, received a text from her husband that she'd been booted – and then boarded the next flight toward Boise.

After Neben placed eighth, however, Armstrong still has a shot at winning a trip to represent the U.S. at the 2012 London Olympics.

The House That Hart Built

Another Idaho lawmaker found himself in trouble with the tax man throughout the year.

Rep. Phil Hart, who's been waging tax battles with the state and federal government for more than a decade, was accused by the U.S. Justice Department of fraudulently transferring the title to his home in Athol to keep the government from seizing it to help pay more than \$550,000 in federal taxes.

It's the same home that Hart built with timber he illegally cut from state endowment land in 1996.

Hart is also fighting the state over \$53,523 in past-due state income taxes, penalties and interest he was ordered to pay in 2009.

Kicking Woes

For the second straight year, the lofty postseason hopes of the Boise State football team were doomed by a missed field goal.

At home against TCU on Nov. 12, Broncos quarterback Kellen Moore got his team in position to win the game and preserve the undefeated sea-

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Cassia County

FELONY DISMISSALS Carl Jacob Dayley; at-

tempted strangulation, dismissed by court; felony domestic violence with traumatic injury, amended to misdemeanor battery, guilty, \$162 fine, \$137.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 86 suspended, 4 credited, 20 days community service suspended.

Jeremiah C. Staley; aggravated assault with deadly weapon or instrument, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; attempted strangulation, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

influence, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Minidoka County FELONY SENTENCINGS

Primitivo Estrada Trujillo; lewd conduct with child under 16, amended to injury to child, \$225.50 costs, 10 years probation, 2 years prison determinate, 5 indeterminate, 239 days credited, penitentiary suspended; rape, dismissed by court, misdemeanor driver's license or commercial driver's license violation, dismissed

Francis Tracey Payne, 29, Filer; domestic battery, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial Feb. 7. Jeffery Lynn Stanley, 41, Twin Falls; felony possession of a controlled substance, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 6. Scott M. Berentz, 48, Filer; aggravated assault with a deadly weapon (two counts), \$50,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 6. Scott M. Berentz, 48, Filer; driving under the influence, leaving the scene of an accident, interfering with a 911 call, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, pleaded not guilty, pretrial Feb. 7. Johnny Moreno Jr., 41, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, recognizance release, court compliance, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 7. Johnny Moreno Jr., 41, Twin Falls; felony possession of a controlled substance, recognizance release, court compliance, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 6. Ashley Lynn Summer, 27, Twin Falls; felony possession of a controlled substance, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 6.

son, but Dan Goodale's kick sailed wide of the uprights as time expired. The loss deflated any hopes the Broncos, ranked No. 5 at the time, had in playing in a BCS game and snapped a 35-game home winning streak, the nation's longest at the time.

Sound familiar Bronco fans? Last year, Boise State's unbeaten season and BCS hopes were squashed when senior Kyle Brotzman missed from short range in regulation and overtime, lifting Nevada to a 34-31 overtime win on the road in Reno.

Toilet Paper River

It took a tow truck and some heavy duty mesh to remove massive rolls of unprocessed toilet paper that had clogged a section of the upper Lochsa River after a semi-trailer accident in July. The fragile nature of the soaked toilet paper proved a stubborn opponent for cleanup crews working to remove it from the river.

The fiasco started when a Freightliner truck hauling the

paper along U.S. Highway 12 and slid into the waterway. Initial attempts to pull out

the toilet paper were called off when the paper started disintegrating, creating an even bigger problem in the stream. Cleanup crews were finally able to remove the rolls, which were wrapped with a reinforced mesh before they were pulled out by a tow truck.





DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING William Chance Hines;

driving under the influence (second offense), amended to driving under the influence (excessive), guilty, \$400 fine, \$200 suspended, \$182.50 costs, \$100 restitution, driver's license suspended 1 year, 24 months probation, 365 days jail, 358 suspended, 1 credited, 30 days community service suspended.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE DISMISSAL **Christopher Shane**

Hutchison; fail to carry driver's license on person, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; resisting or obstructing officers, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; driving under the

by court. Yorick A. Perez; lewd

conduct with child under 16, amended to injury to child, \$1,500 restitution, 4 years probation, 2 years prison determinate, 4 indeterminate, penitentiary suspended. Michael Shane Korsen;

burglary, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; grand theft, treatment diversion.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING Javier Gurrola-Pulido;

driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, 1 credited.

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Pastor of Twin Falls' St. Ignatius Steps Aside After Five Years • A8

Parents Held Responsible for Underage Drinking

BY LEANNE ITALIE Associated Press

NEW YORK • Parents of teens: If you think a drinking disaster at your kid's party can't happen at your house, not with your kid, because he's a good kid, it's time to wake up and smell the whiskey bottle tossed on your lawn.

Because of the high risk of underage drinking and driving this time of year, many parents open their homes to partying teens as a way to keep them off the roads. What some may not know is that liability laws can leave Mom and Dad vulnerable to lawsuits, fines and even jail time if underage drinking is found to be going on under their roof.

Parents can get in trouble even if they didn't know about the drinking.

That's what a Menlo Park, Calif., father says he is up against.

Bill Burnett, a Stanford University professor, was arrested the night after Thanksgiving over a basement party thrown by his 17-year-old son to celebrate a big high school football win.

Burnett said he and his wife had forbidden alcohol at the party and were upstairs at the time police received a call about possible drinking by minors. In fact, he said, he had twice made his way to the basement to check on the merry-making.

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Emboldened by Monitors, Syrians Hold Huge Protests

BY ZEINA KARAM Associated Press

BEIRUT • In the largest protests Syria has seen in months, hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets Friday in a display of defiance to show an Arab League observer mission the strength of the opposition movement.

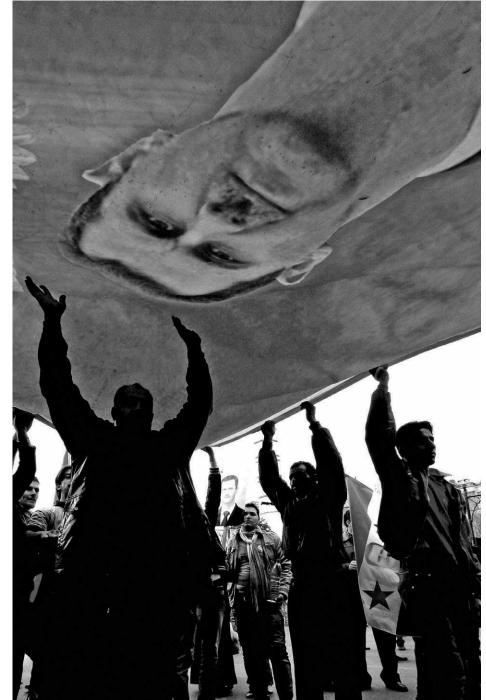
Despite the monitors' presence in the country, activists said Syrian forces loyal to President Bashar Assad killed at least 22 people, most of them shot during the anti-government demonstrations.

In a further attempt to appeal to the monitors, dissident troops who have broken away from the Syrian army said they have halted attacks on regime forces to reinforce the activists' contention that the uprising against Assad is a peaceful movement.

While opposition activists are deeply skeptical of the observer mission, the outpouring of demonstrators across Syria underscores their wish to make their case to the foreign monitors and take advantage of the small measure of safety they feel they brought with them.

The nearly 100 Arab League monitors are the first that Syria has allowed into the country during the uprising, which began in March. They are supposed to ensure the regime complies with terms of the League's plan to end Assad's crackdown on dissent. The U.N. says more than 5,000 people have died as the government has sought to crush the revolt.

Friday's crowds were largest in Idlib and Hama provinces, with about 250,000 people turning out in each area, according to an activist and eyewitness who asked to be identified only as Manhal because he feared government reprisal. Other big rallies were held in Homs



Supporters of Syrian President Bashar Assad hold a large banner bearing his likeness during a rally in Damascus, Syria, Friday. The rebel Free Syrian Army said Friday it has stopped its offensive against government targets during a month-long mission by Arab Legue monitors, saying it wants to expose how the regime is killing peaceful protesters.

and Daraa provinces and the Damascus suburb of Douma, according to Rami Abdul-Raham, who heads the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The crowd estimates

could not be independently confirmed because Syria has banned most foreign journalists from the country and tightly restricts the local media.

Haytham Manna, a prominent Paris-based dis-

sident and human rights defender, said the observers' presence has emboldened protesters to take to the streets in huge numbers.

"Whether we like it or not, the presence of ob-Please see SYRIA, A5

Mild Weather Redefines Winter Landscape in U.S.

BY JULIET EILPERIN and DARRYL FEARS

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON • At the National Arboretum, the white petals of snowdrops - normally an early spring flower - have unfurled. In Maine's Acadia National Park, lakes still have patches of open water instead of being frozen solid. And in Donna Izlar's back yard in downtown Atlanta, the apricot tree has started blooming.

It's not in your imagination. The unusually mild temperatures across several regions of the country in the past few months are disrupting the natural cycles that define the winter landscape.

What began as elevated temperatures at the start of fall in parts of the United States have become "dramatically" warmer around the Great Lakes and New England, according to Deke Arndt, chief of the Climate Monitoring Branch at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climatic Data Center. The Washington area is on track for its fourth-warmest year on record.

That, in turn, has created conditions where plants are blooming earlier and some birds are lingering before moving south.

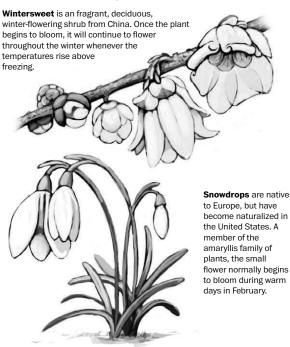
"It's a weird kind of fall blending right into spring," said Scott Aker, head of horticulture at the National Arboretum.

The pattern is most pronounced in eastern Montana, northeastern Minnesota and parts of North Dakota, Arndt said, where December temperatures so far have averaged 10 degrees above normal. But the mild weather extends to other Great Lakes states along with New England and the mid-Atlantic, with temperatures this month averaging between six and eight degrees above normal.

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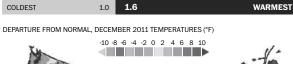
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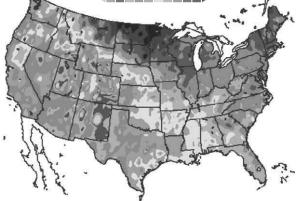
An unusually warm December has encouraged several outdoor plants at the U.S. Botanic garden to burst into bloom, including wintersweet and snowdrops.



to Europe, but have become naturalized in the United States. A member of the amaryllis family of plants, the small flower normally begins to bloom during warm days in February.

Temperature records for December 2011 are still trickling in, but so far the number of record-setting or -tying warm days in the United States far exceeds the number of record-setting or -tying cold days. While data are incomplete, climatologists prefer to focus on the ratio of cold-to-warm records





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Pedestrians pass police vans in Times Square as city police officials begin ramping up security before Saturday's New Years Eve celebrations, Friday in New York.

NEW YORK POLICE PLAN TIGHT SECURITY AT TIMES SQUARE

BY TOM HAYS

Associated Press

NEW YORK • Less than two weeks after graduating from the New York City police academy, more than 1,500 rookie officers have a daunting first assignment: helping to protect Times Square on New Year's Eve.

The deployment is just one of an array of security measures - many visible, many not - that the New York Police Department rolls out each year for the

event that turns the "Crossroads of the World" into a massive street party that stretches 17 blocks through the heart of Manhattan.

Behind the scenes leading up to New Year's Eve, city police officials meticulously map out how to control crowds that can swell to 1 million. The yearly ritual also means worrying about potential terror threats.

"There will be several thousand police officers involved," Police Commissioner Please see SECURITY, A5

PETA Seeks Memorials to Cows Killed on Ill. Roads

CHICAGO (AP) • An animal rights group wants Illinois to install highway signs in memory of cattle killed when trucks hauling them flipped in two separate wrecks.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has asked for permission to buy the markers, one in suburban Chicago and one northwest of Peoria. The group says the signs would pay tribute to the more than 20 cattle killed as a result of

negligent driving this year.

Illinois Department of Transportation spokesman Josh Kauffman says the request will likely be denied because the state's Roadside Memorial Act specifies that only relatives who lost loved ones in highway crashes may request memorials.

In 2006, Virginia rejected PETA's request for highway markers to memorialize hogs killed in crashes on their way to slaughter at Smithfield Foods.

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Raymond Kelly said Thursday when asked about security. "I think we do this pretty well. We have a lot of experience in doing it."

Kelly said so far there are no specific threats against Times Square. But in the post-9/11 world, the department knows from experience — especially a botched attempted car bombing in the summer of 2010 — that Times Square is a potential terror target.

Backed by the Pakistani Taliban, Faisal Shahzad left a Nissan Pathfinder outfitted with a crude, homemade propane-and-gasoline bomb on a block teeming with tourists. The explosive malfunctioned, but the near-miss spread a wave of fear across the city.

Shahzad was arrested and, after a guilty plea, sentenced to life in prison. But he warned, "Brace yourselves, because the war with Muslims has just begun."

Since then, the NYPD has maintained a higher profile in Times Square, with mounted police and foot patrols outside hotels, restaurants and Broadway theaters. The department even elevated its neon "New York Police Dept." sign on West 43rd Street several feet so it's more visible.

The usual security is bolstered each New Year's Eve by an army of extra patrol officers who use police barriers to prevent overcrowding and for checkpoints to inspect vehicles, enforce a ban on alcohol and check handbags. Revelers will see bomb-sniffing dogs, heavily armed counter-terrorism teams and NYPD helicopters overhead.

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peace plan," he told The Associated Press. S The observers began their mission Tuesday in Homs, p often referred to by many A Syrians as the "Capital of the Revolution." Since then, i they have fanned out in small groups across Syrian r provinces, including the restive Idlib province in the north, Hama in the center and the southern province of Daraa, where the revolt be-

gan. The orange-jacketed observers have been seen taking pictures of the destruction, visiting families of victims of the crackdown, and taking notes.

On Friday, they were within "hearing distance" from where troops opened fire on tens of thousands of protesters in the Damascus suburb of Douma, activist Salim al-Omar said. They later visited the wounded in hospital, he added.

Despite questions about the human rights record of the man leading the monitors, tens of thousands have turned out this week in cities and neighborhoods where they were expected to visit.

The huge rallies have been met by lethal gunfire from security forces, apparently worried about multiple mass sit-ins modeled after Cairo's Tahrir Square. In general, activists say, security forces have launched attacks when observers were not present. But there have been some reports of firing on protesters while monitors were nearby.

Omar Shaker, an activist and resident of the battered neighborhood of Baba Amr in Homs, said the observers were "laughable," often walking around with outdated cameras and without pens.

"Still, the bombardment and killings have decreased here in their presence. We see them as a kind of human shields, that's all," he said.

Shaker said around 7,000 protested Friday in Baba Amr – the first demonstration in the besieged district in more than a week.

"People are feeling optimistic," he said. "We've been protesting and dying for 10 months. We have the feeling that the worst is over and the end is near," he added.

In Douma, up to 100,000 people protested Friday. Amateur videos posted on the Internet by activists showed demonstrators carrying away a bleeding comrade after being hit by a gas canister.

"Look, Arab League, look!" the cameraman is heard shouting. The Britishbased Observatory, which relies on a network of activists on the ground, said the regime used nail bombs against protesters in Douma. The report was confirmed by Douma activist al-Omar.

In another video, a huge crowd packed a main street in Homs, singing anti-Assad songs and dancing in unison. The crowd sang, "We will die in freedom," to the festive beat of a drum, as the unidentified cameraman proclaimed, "For months we didn't hear anything on Friday" because of the crackdown. "But because of the observer committee, they didn't fire a single bullet."

"Victory is close, god willing," he said.

Thousands turned out in the city of Idlib to welcome the observers, filling a large square, waving olive branches and flags, and chanting, "The people want the fall of Bashar?"

Parents

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He spent a night in jail and was booked on 44 counts of suspicion of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Each misdemeanor count carries up to a \$2,500 fine and nearly a year in jail.

Burnett questioned the deterrent value of laws that hold parents legally responsible even if they didn't know there was alcohol at the party

ty. "In this case I think arresting a parent isn't going to prevent kids from drinking," he said on the "Today" show.

Eight states have specific "social host" laws that say parents can get in trouble if underage guests are drinking, even if no one gets hurt, according to the National Institutes of Health. (Some of those states allow parents to serve alcohol to their own children in some situations.)

Sixteen other states have laws that hold Mom and Dad legally responsible for underage drinking under certain circumstances — for example, if a teen who drank at their home got into a car accident, NIH said. In other states, parents can get in trouble under more general liability laws.

Stephen Wallace, a senior adviser at Students Against Destructive Decisions, or SADD, which used to be called Students Against Drunk Driving, said that with an increased awareness of the dangers of underage drinking, law enforcement authorities are increasingly relying



Bottles of alcohol are seen in August 2009 lining the shelves of a liquor store in Springfield, Ill.

on social host liability laws to go after parents.

While he acknowledged that teens are adept at finding ways to drink on the sly, he said he is all for anything that gets at the problem of underage drinking. He said he finds it troubling that the Burnetts said they saw no alcohol consumed at their party.

"Parents need to say to kids, 'You shouldn't be drinking at all and you certainly can't do it here because we can be put in jail," Wallace said.

According to SADD research co-sponsored by the insurance company Liberty Mutual, more teens are saying that their parents allow them to go to parties where alcohol is being served – 41 percent in 2011, compared with 36 percent two years ago. Also, 57 percent of high school students whose parents allow them to drink at home said they prefer to drink elsewhere with their friends, Wallace said.

At some parties, the parents themselves supply the booze. In other cases, the kids bring it, sometimes with the hosts' knowledge.

"Some parents feel helpless," said David Singer of Demarest, N.J., who has 17year-old twin daughters and a 20-year-old son in college. "Some parents feel they need to look the other way in order to help their kids fit in with the cool crowd. And some parents believe, 'It's better under my roof than whoknows-where."'

Like Burnett, Singer said he doesn't condone drinking by his underage kids under any circumstances. And yet he found a whiskey bottle in the yard after a party thrown by his son.

Burnett acknowledged he made a mistake but said he doesn't believe police crackdowns like the one at his house do much good.

"All of this is probably going to go underground and result in a more dangerous situation for kids," he told the online news network Patch. "I really don't think it's up to the police to help me parent."



Mild

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Just 19.6 percent of the continental United States is now covered in snow, according to the latest snow analysis by NOAA, compared with 50.3 percent this time last year.

Both scientists and those who question dire global warming predictions emphachildren behave. "There's always local factors to a kid's behavior. Maybe he was stressed out, or didn't get enough sleep, or was hanging out with other kids who don't behave. But when you see a pattern to that, you think, 'Maybe it is parenting!"

The decreasing frequency of cold snaps should not lead anyone to conclude that there is dramatic warming across the globe, said Patrick Michaels, a senior fellow in environmental studies at the libertarian Cato Institute. Climate change is happening, he said, but not at the "magnitude" that some suggest. Some researchers have detected warming trends in key habitats, but incomplete historic records make it difficult to measure these changes with precision. Abe Miller-Rushing, science coordinator for Acadia National Park, said it's clear that when the lakes freeze no longer comports with conventional wisdom. "They typically freeze by January 1st," he said. "They're not close to freezing up." Miller-Rushing collaborated with Boston University biology professor Richard Primack to examine how the seasonality of plants and animals in Concord, Mass., has shifted since the 1850s, when naturalist Henry David Thoreau recorded their spring patterns with precision. They found that plants, including the highbush blueberry, are blooming an average of 10 days earlier because of warmer temperatures.

Primack said it's easier to detect these changes in the spring compared with fall, when a combination of temperature, precipitation and day length governs plant behavior. "There's a climate change signal, but it's much more complicated," he said.

Still, Primack added, New England lost almost its entire

size that one warm season should not be interpreted as a broader sign of climate change.

"It's about long-term trends, and one year does not make a trend," said Doug Inkley, a senior scientist at the National Wildlife Federation in Reston, Va.

Temperature anomalies happen for many reasons, and Arndt said some of the mild weather stems from a persistent ridge of high pressure that has settled over the eastern third of the country, pumping up south winds in many areas. But he added that the shifts in seasonality now on display are in line with the warming the United States has experienced in recent years.

"We've seen consistently in the last couple of decades more consistent warm episodes for the season than cold episodes," Arndt said, adding the "climate wrapper" that affects local weather is akin to the connection between parenting and how fall foliage season this year because there were few freezing temperatures in September and October and more rain than usual. Rather than having the leaves turn color at the start of October, he said, they stayed green until late October, and "in a matter of days, all the trees went from having green leaves to having no leaves."

While many have welcomed the balmy temperatures, they pose potential threats to both habitat and humans. Western bark beetles, whose reproductive cycles have sped up and numbers have increased because they don't face the same cold winter temperatures as in the past, have ravaged pine trees out West. University of Maine researcher William Livingston recently published a study showing that Cryptococcus fagisuga, a different bark beetle species, boomed during warm winters between 1999 and 2002 and has feasted on Maine's beech trees ever since.







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OBITUARIES

Margaret Lola Sonner

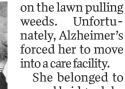
Oct. 13, 1923-Dec. 28, 2011

BUHL • Margaret Lola Sonner, age 88, of Buhl, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at River Ridge Care Center in Twin Falls.

Margaret was born Oct. 13, 1923, to Lola and Tony Vasquez of Twin Falls. To her family and friends, she was known as Maggie.

Maggie grew up in a family of five to which she was the middle daughter. Her older sister, Getta, preceded her in death and her younger sister, Carmen, resides with her husband, Richard Keavan, on their farm outside of Twin Falls.

Maggie married Barton E. Sonner of Buhl on Oct. 10, 1945, in Elko, Nev. They



several bridge clubs throughout the years and was a member in good standing of her local PEO chapter. She volunteered at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center as a "Pink lady" in the ladies auxiliary. Maggie also kept the accounting books for the Buhl Highway Department. She was a lifelong member of the United

Methodist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Susan Sonner; four grandsons, John, Jason, Eric and Tyke; her sister, Carmen; and several great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bart; her sister, Getta; and her son, Terry.

SERVICES

Ray W. Goff Jr., of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul, burial at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, 10101 N. Horseshoe Bend Road in Boise; visitation from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Sandra Kay Rehn of Boise, memorial service at 11:30 a.m. today at the Collister Community Church, 1709 W. State St. in Boise (Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City).

Paul C. Holloway of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Ierome.

Harold Eugene Hollibaugh Jr. of Jerome, remembrance celebration at 1 p.m. today at 547 S. 100 W. in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

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Dr. Henry G. West Jr. of Pocatello, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Highland LDS Stake Center on the corner of Butte and Satterfield in Pocatello; visitation from 12:30-1:45 p.m. today at the church (Cornelison Funeral Home in Pocatello).

Ira Christine (Groda) Jensen of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Buhl, funeral at 10 a.m. Monday at the Holy Redeemer Parish, 17010 NE Ninth St. in Vancouver, Wash.

Victor James Graybeal of Crystal Bay, Nev., memorial service at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

TIMES-NEWS

Cuts to Disabled Living Expenses on Hold for Now

NAMPA (AP) • The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare has agreed to postpone cuts to governmentfunded living expenses for 70 severely disabled Idaho residents.

The Idaho Press Tribune reports that the agency on Wednesday decided to postpone the cuts until the 4th District Court in Boise continues a hearing on the petition on Jan. 4.

The decision follows a court petition filed last week by Idaho Legal Aid Services challenging the cuts, contending the severely disabled adults will be forced from private homes into nursing homes or other institutions that would be more costly and less desirable. The petition asks the cuts be delayed until Health and Welfare can hear objections.

"They're wasting money on everything, and then they're taking money away from people who can't take care of themselves," said Karen Grabow, who gets cash grants through the Aged, Blind and Disabled to support two disabled adults she cares for in Caldwell at her certified family home.

She said the cuts would amount to \$200 a month for each of the two disabled adults in her home.

Tom Shanahan, spokesman for Health and Welfare, said the cuts for recipients in the program were based on those who had the best financial safety nets, including those in certified family homes.

"Idaho has been pretty generous with that payment," Shanahan said. "Most states (have) a lot lower payments."

Last year, the department decided to reduce or cut payments to about 2,000 people in the state's cash assistance program for disabled adults, with the Legislature cutting about \$45 million from the department's overall budget.

The payment reductions range from \$33 a month to \$198 a month for those who live in certified family homes, and the money is intended to help cover daily living expenses. The cost of medical care is generally handled through separate programs.

North Idaho County Scales **Back School Recycling Sites**

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) • A decades-old recycling program serving more than 40 public schools in northern Idaho will be significantly scaled back next year in a move that is expected to save Kootenai County about \$170,000 a year.

Teachers and students who recycle can now find collection bins for newspapers, cans and magazines at 42 schools within the county. But receptacles at all but five of those locations will not be available after June 1.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners decided last week not to renew contracts to pick up the recyyear and participation rates shot up from around 27 percent to 63 percent. Other cities have since followed with similar programs, including Post Falls.

As collections at the school sites went down, the decision to end program wasn't difficult, said Kootenai County Commissioner Dan Green.

"I think it made it easier," Green said. "Recycling has been a tremendous success." Hayden Meadows, Dalton

Elementary, Hayden Kindergarten and other schools will continue to be drop locations for recycling materials because of the high

were accompanied by good friends, Lela and Joe Bill Robertson of Buhl. They established their home on the Sonner's family farm, where she and Barton raised their children, son, Terry, and daughter, Susan, both of Buhl.

Maggie worked at Andersons store in Buhl and was a founding member of the Buhl Country Club and served in many capacities throughout the years. She was its first female executive director. She enjoyed spending her spare time in the upkeep of her home and yard and could be seen sitting out

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 2, 2012, at the Buhl United Methodist Church.

For those who desire, contributions may be made the Buhl United to Methodist Church or the West End Ministerial Association Food Pantry at 908 Maple in Buhl.

Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl is in charge of arrangements.

Irene Francis Kaster

March 27, 1927-Dec. 28, 2011

BURLEY • Irene Francis Kaster, 84, of Burley, Idaho, passed away early Wednesday morning, Dec. 28, 2011, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Irene was born March 27, 1927, in Paul, Idaho, the daughter of Carl and Emelia Schultz. She grew up and attended schools in Paul and Burley. Irene married Glen Kaster in 1956 in Twin Falls and to this union three children were born, Milo, Tammy and Cindy.

Irene and Glen worked the farm and ranch in the Hunt area for many years. She also worked for 15 years at the J.R. Simplot potato processing plant as production maintenance.

Irene's love was being in the outdoors, whether it be working out in the farm taking care of the animals or out in her yard and garden,

she loved being outside. She also enjoyed getting in the car and taking road trips around the valley. Irene is survived

by her two daughters, Cindy Salts of Burley, Idaho, and Tammy Ross of Juneau, Alaska; as well as her two sisters, Laura Bird of Boise, Idaho, and Darlene Banner of Burley, Idaho. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren and 13 greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Glen; one son, Milo Kaster; and

one sister, Dorothy Larsen. No public services for Irene will be held at this time. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls.

Condolences may be left for Irene's family at www.whitemortuary.com.

Ted Lee Dalrymple of Mountain Home, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Rost Funeral Home, Mc-Murtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Jerry Berrier of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; graveside service at noon Tuesday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burlev; visitation from 1-1:45 p.m. today at

DEATH NOTICES

Jerry Burt

RUPERT • Jerry P. Burt, 74, of Rupert, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, at the Albion Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Helen Haken

BUHL • Helen Darlene Haken, 69, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Wynona Glauner

HAGERMAN • Wynona F. Glauner, 67, of Hagerman, died Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service,

Michael Kenneth Blair of Burley, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at the Mountain View Christian Center in Burley.

Dimas Linhares Fagundes of Jerome, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome; vigil service with rosary at 7 p.m. Monday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Betty Anne Ellis of Buhl, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

Gooding Chapel.

Clarence Glover

BURLEY • Clarence Eugene Glover, 93, of Burley, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Dora Young

BURLEY • Dora Dean Young, 93, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

George Moody Jr.

GOODING • George "John" Moody Jr., 80, of Gooding, died Friday, Dec. 30, 2011, at Bennett Hills Care Center in Gooding.

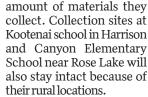
Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

cling with three districts, which means many bins outside Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls and Rathdrum schools will be removed.

School collections at the schools have declined as cities make recycling from home easier, offering curbside service and allowing residents to dump multiple items into one bin without having to sort the materials, according to the head of the Kootenai County Solid Waste Department.

"We didn't see changes in the first nine months, but now we're starting to see changes," said Department director Roger Saterfiel told the Coeur d'Alene Press. "It's dropping more and more as time goes on?"

Coeur d'Alene was the first in the area to introduce streamlined recycling last



The Kootenai County recycling program has been in place since the early 1990s and is used as an educational tool to teach students about the benefits of recycling and saving landfill space. The program, which saved the county \$27,000 worth of landfill space last year, no longer made economic sense, Saterfiel said.

The Coeur d'Alene School District understood the county's decision from a fiscal perspective, said spokeswoman Laura Rumpler. The district will now work to inform parents and students of the upcoming change.





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RELIGION



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This will be Father Mark Kerr's last weekend as pastor of St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Christian Church in Twin Falls. 'I've done just about all I can here and it's time for me to step aside,' he says.

Moving () Worship Times

Pastor of St. Ignatius steps aside after five years.

BY JOHN E. SWAYZE For the Times-News

Father Mark Kerr can't pinpoint an exact moment he started to feel the call toward ministry. It was a natural extension of his faith.

This weekend will mark the end of his five years as pastor at St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Christian Church in Twin Falls.

"I've done just about all I can here and it's time for me to step aside," he said. "I don't have anything planned, but I'm sure God will have something rise up. I'm moving down to Ely, Nev., to focus on my monastic life?

Father Mark grew up attending the Episcopal Church. By age 32, however, changes within the denomination drew him toward the stable, spiritual continuity of orthodox faith and the eventual desire to become a monk in 1978. Ordination as a priest, or hieromonk, followed in 1980.

"I spent 35 years of my monastic life in Florida and New Jersey, but it's an internal struggle and not isolated or reclusive," he said. "It's a life that's between you and God."

Father Mark came to Idaho in 2006 and was installed as pastor of St. Ignatius on Feb. 19,2007.

"There was a situation in New York that didn't suit me," he said. "I knew Father Patrick O'Grady, who was serving here, and I was invited to stay in an empty room at the parish."

Three months after assuming his pastoral duties, the congregation began a remodeling project to give the church's 1830 Addison Ave. E. location a more traditional orthodox architecture.

"Before we made changes to the outside, along with new flooring, carpet and other Weekend services at St. Ignatius of Antioch Orthodox Christian Church: Saturday Vespers at 5 p.m., Sunday Matins at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. Information, 734-3664

things on the inside, anyone driving by wouldn't even have known this was a church," he said. "One of the guys who was working on the hospital did the work for us."

In addition to conducting worship services and overseeing church upgrades, Father Mark volunteered his time with the Department of Juvenile Probation's Drug Division and the Juvenile Drug Court. He also was an on-call chaplain at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

"Everybody just came to love that man," said Sue Carver, the hospital's bereavement and spiritual care coordinator. "He developed relationships with patients and staff. Even when not working, he would come in and make his rounds."

U.S. Comedian to Tour **India and Spread Message** of Religious Harmony

FAIRFIELD, Ohio • An Ohio-born standup comedian who bills himself as "The Funny Indian" will find out whether people in his ancestral homeland agree.

Rajiv Satyal, who is Hindu, will tour India with an Indian-American Muslim and one other performer on a Jan. 4-17 trip organized by the U.S. State Department. Their comedy show "Make Chai Not War" will include messages of diversity and religious harmony, with a measure of diplomacy.

His routines often include jokes about being Indian-American, he says.

CHURCH NEWS

Methodists Welcome New Year

The First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls, will welcome the new year with an informal service at 10 a.m. Sunday. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Breakfast casseroles and fruit will be served in the Fireside Room after worship.

Information: 733-5872 or www.tffumc.com.

Rupert Church Hosts Financial **Peace Classes**

Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert, will host a 13-week course through Financial Peace University taught by Dave Ramsey on DVD beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 13.

The course teaches families and individuals common sense principles like

changes," Satyal said. "If I do a lot of Indian jokes with an Indian audience, it's a 'you guys know what I'm talking about' thing. Whereas, if I'm in Alabama, it's more explanatory."

Satyal and Azhar Usman of Chicago founded the "Make Chai Not War" show. A third Indian-American, Hari Kondabolu of the New York borough of Queens, will join them on the tour. The three also will conduct comedy workshops while on the trip.

Satyal said comedy can help bridge differences.

mas trees and greens for the

fire. The evening will con-

clude with a chili dinner,

King's Cake and Epiphany

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UUF Service

'Burning Bowl'

Karen Fothergill will host the

Magic Valley Unitarian Uni-

versalist Fellowship service at

10:30 a.m. Sunday at the

Twin Falls Senior Center, 530

The topic for the New Year

is "Letting Go." Sunday's

service will be a burning bowl

"It's cool to be able to go to India because that's where a lot of religious strife has been happening," he said.

IISSIONARY



Sister Erika Richman has been called to serve an 18month mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints in the Argentina Cordoba Mission. She will speak in sacrament meting at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly 1st Ward Chapel, 3857 N. 3500 E. of Kimberly, and will enter the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Jan 11.

Richman is the daughter of Burke and Ann Richman of Kimberly. She is a 2008 graduate of Kimberly High School and a seminary graduate. She received her associate degree in psychology from the College of Southern Idaho and completed one year at BYU-Hawaii. She has been active in dance for many years and has choreographed for the Miss Kimberly Scholarship Pageant and JuMP Company. She is currently employed at Bella Couture and the Quilt Barn in Kimberly.

All are welcome. Informa-An Epiphany Pageant will be presented at 5:30 tion: Ken Whiting, 734-9161. p.m. Friday by the children Burley Church Gathers Items of the LOGOS program. A bonfire follows at 6 p.m. All are invited to bring Christ-

for Needy

The First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. in Burley, will start off the New Year with the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Rev. David Bierschwale will start a new sermon series Sunday.

We're asked to remember the needy in our community. Those who attend are asked to prayerfully consider bringing a few cans of food or boxed food mixes, paper towels, toilet paper and personal items to worship. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Worship starts at 10:45 a.m. Church school for all ages is at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Other opportunities during the week are Men's Bible Study at 7:30 a.m. Tuesdays

Live Like You're a Mayan

"I'm pretty much going to do my act. But the tone

don't mean to be morbid or anything, but what if the Mayan calendar is right?

Of course, I realize that there is considerable disagreement about whether or not the Mayan calendar actually predicts the end of the world due to "cataclysmic events" (like collisions with black holes, asteroids or a planet called "Nibiru") on Dec. 21, 2012. Some scholars insist that the prediction completely misrepresents the Mayan calendar, and that it is simply the end of a 5,125-year cycle. Others say that the transformation will be more spiritual than physical, and that 2012 simply represents the beginning of a wonderful new era for all of us who travel together on planet Earth.

That may be a positive, upbeat way of considering the possibilities, especially if you're a political candidate facing election in 2012. "Elect me and be spiritually transformed in 2012" makes a much better campaign slogan than "Elect me and meet Nibiru." But it avoids the obvious question: What if Nibiru really is heading toward us, and Bruce Willis and his "Armageddon" drilling crew aren't available to blow the planet off course?

What if the world really does come to an end next December?

A friend of mine had a year sort of like that not too long ago. For reasons too complex and pretty much irrelevant to our discussion here, he and his wife were sure that he was going to die within a year. It wasn't something they were pleased about, but they were confident that it was unavoidable, and they were both resigned to it. They decided not to share the information with anyone – they didn't want anyone else, especially



their children, to be troubled or concerned. But between the two of them, they focused their attention on preparing for the inevitable and doing everything they could to make whatever time they had left together more meaningful.

The first thing they did was make sure the family was going to be provided for financially. They took out a sizable insurance policy and put their financial affairs in order. He continued to work hard at his place of employment, but his work wasn't the focus of his life like it had been before. Instead, he looked for every opportunity to be with his family. He reached out to long-lost friends and tried to reconnect. Relationships mattered more; the acquisition of things mattered less. The final scores of basketball games something that was awfully important to him before seemed suddenly inconsequential, but going to a game with his sons was important.

What he learned that year couldn't be summarized in a box score. But it could be clearly seen in the eyes of his loved ones, and keenly felt in the hearts of all who watched this change take place in the life of a man who thought his life was ending.

At the end of the year, the man and his wife were both still there - living and breathing. And they were both profoundly grateful for it. But they were even more grateful for the lessons they had learned through a year of constant priority assessment and adjustment.

"I would never want to go

through anything like that again," he told me a couple of years later. "But I'm a better person today for having gone through it."

Now, I'm not saying we should all approach 2012 like it's going to be a year of doom and gloom. Probably those naysayers are right: Nibiru is going to stay right where it is \cdot wherever it is - and we can all look forward to the wondrous possibilities of 2013.

But instead of treating 2012 like it's just another year we have to endure, why not pretend that it's our last chance to become the kind of person we've always wanted to be? Why not allow 2012 to be the year of positive relationships and reconciliation with longlost friends and family members -a year of doing the right things for the right reasons? We can take a page from Tim McGraw, only instead of living like we were dyin, we can say that 2012 will be the year we can all learn and grow by living like we're Mayan.

And Nibiru is on its way.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.



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how to make a plan with their money so they are able to free themselves of debt and build lasting wealth.

Information or to register for this course: Greg Boettcher, 436-3790.

Children Present **Epiphany Pageant**

Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, will hold one service only at 10 a.m. Sunday. Hats, gloves, scarves and other warm items donated during December will be blessed and then donated to the Refugee Center and CASA.

Wiggle Worship will be at 9 a.m. Ascension Cafe and Sunday school will resume Jan. 8.



As we seek stories of hope in the new year, there are some things we would like to put behind us. Scraps of paper to write those things on will be distributed. These scraps of paper will be placed in the Burning Bowl and

consigned to the purifying flames. A discussion will follow.

church.

at Connor's Cafe, Small Group Bible Study at 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at the church, and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 5 p.m. Thursdays at the church. Cub and Boy Scouts are also sponsored by and held at the

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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stock Market Ended Right Where it Started

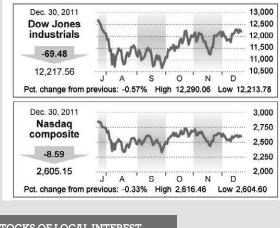
NEW YORK (AP) • The stock market ended a tumultuous year right where it started. In the final tally, despite big climbs and falls, unexpected blows and surprising triumphs, all the hullabaloo proved for naught. On Friday, the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed at 1,257.60. That's exactly 0.04 point below where it started the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 69.48 points, or 0.6 percent, to 12,217.56.

The S&P 500 fell 5.42 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,257.60.

The Nasdaq composite fell 8.59 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,605.15.

A DAY ON WALL STREET



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST



Weekly U.S. Oil and Gas **Rig Count Down by 1**

HOUSTON (AP) • The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. decreased by one this week to 2,007.

Houston-based drilling product provider Baker Hughes Inc. reported Thursday that 1,193 rigs were exploring for oil and 809 for natural gas. Five were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week Baker Hughes reported 1,694 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Pennsylvania added four rigs and Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota and West Virginia each added one.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. A low of 488 was recorded in 1999.

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THE DIGIT

19 percent

Price of oil soared in 2011 • Gasoline followed oil higher this year, with an average for the year of \$3.52 per gallon — the highest ever.

And high oil and gasoline prices are expected to continue weighing on the economy as it struggles to grow in 2012. Benchmark crude gave up 82 cents to finish at \$98.83 per barrel on Friday, the final trading day of the year.

Overall in 2011, crude prices averaged \$95.09 per barrel in New York. That's up from \$79.64 in 2010 and \$62.11 in 2009. The Energy Department expects prices to rise further in 2012 to an average of \$98 per barrel.

The Offshore Drilling Life: Cramped and Dangerous

BY JONATHAN FAHEY Associated Press

ALAMINOS CANYON BLOCK 857, GULF OF MEXICO • The 160 workers on Shell's Perdido oil platform have access to a free restaurant, gym and movie theater.

Their laundry and meals are taken care of and they get paid pretty well about \$60,000 a year for a young roughneck, \$90,000 for a young engineer and \$150,000 for a supervisor. Plus they get a two-week vacation every two weeks.

The catch? They toil on this floating oil factory in 12-hour shifts for 14 days straight. Their rooms are tiny - just enough space for a pair of bunk beds, one desk and some lockers. And there is definitely no getting away from work: They are 200 miles from shore and there is nothing on the horizon in all directions.

The clanking, buzzing machine they live on rises 30 stories out of the water and weighs 50 million tons. It uses new and unproven technologies to coax oil out of a tricky and important geologic formation in the Gulf of Mexico. One well is in the deepest water ever, 9,627 feet.

If they can't get Perdido to work right and have to stop the oil and natural gas from flowing, their company loses \$5 million per day in revenue. If they lose control of it, their lives are at stake.

The job drives some people crazy.

"A lot of people have trouble," says Louis Lemoine, a drilling foreman from Alexandria, La. who has been working offshore for 41 years. "You can't go anywhere?"

But the ones who stick to it say they love it.

Alison Whitt, a 22-year-old engineer just out of college says: "At the end of 14 days here I'm ready to go home, but



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This Oct. 27 photo shows the oil rig aboard the Perdido oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico, 200 miles south of Galveston, Texas.

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VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundred weight. Prices sub Jert to change without notice. Barley, \$10.50; oats, \$9.40; corn, \$11.80 (15 per cent moisture). Prices are given by Rangen's in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 28. Barley, \$10.00 (cwt); corn, \$12.20 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Dec. 28.

CHEESE

ddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Barrels: \$1.5800, nc; Blocks: \$1.5625, nc

INTERMOUNTAIN

IN TERMOOUN TAIN GRAIN POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report for Friday, December 30. POCATELLO – (Closed Friday) White wheat 6.05; 11.5 percent winter 6.28; 14 percent spring 8.65; barley 990; BURLEY – (Closed Friday) White wheat 5.95; 11.5 percent winter 5.96; 14 percent spring 8.33; bar-ley 9.50 cwt; OGDEN – White wheat 6.15 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 6.21 (up 8); 14 percent spring 8.48 (down 2); barley 1100 (steady); con 71.203 (up 10); PORTLAND – White wheat 6.20 (up 2); 11 percent

winter 7.27-7.43 (up 19); 14 percent spring 9.88 (down 5); corn 276.00-276.25 (up 3.00-3.75); NAMPA – White wheat 9.17 cwt (up 9); 5.50 bushel (up 5);

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Twin Falls Livestock on December 17 and 21; Slaughter & feeder cows 46.50-71.25; bred cows 780.00-1510.00; slaugh-ter & feeder bulls 61.25-73.00; heavy feeder steers 125.00-141.80; light feeder steers 121.50-151.75; stocker feeder steers 149.00-171.00; heavy feeder heifers 119.75-120.50; light feeder heifers 130.50-134.50; stocker feeder heifers 135.00-155.00; weaner pigs 35.00-55.00; fats 63.00; sows 28.00-32.00; lambs 140.00-169.50; ewes 42.00-59.00; bucks 46.00-80.00; holstein calves 45.00-215.00; goats 15.00-135.00. No remarks.

GOLD

London morning fixing: \$1574.50 up \$43.50. London afternoon fixing: Closed for holiday . NY Handy & Harman: \$1570.00 up \$39.00. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1695.60 off

NY Engelhard: \$1575.82 up \$41.57. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$1694.01 up \$44.69. NY Merc. gold Dec Thu. \$1539.90 off \$23.10. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Thu. \$1545.00 off \$11.00.

SILVER

SILVER Handy & Harman silver Friday \$28.260 up \$1.370. H&H fabricated \$33.912 up \$1.644. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$28.180 up \$2.020. Engelhard \$28.090 up \$1.210. Engelhard \$28.090 up \$1.210. Engelhard fabricated \$33.708 up \$1.452. W Merc Silver spot month Friday \$27.875 up \$0.601.

at the end of 14 days (off) I'm ready to come back."

Workers compare it to having a second family. The isolation, the intensity of working so many hours straight and the danger breed closeness uncommon in most jobs.

Most people don't eat three meals a day with their co-workers, or share small bunk rooms with them.

There are movie nights and video game tournaments. There's even a nurse who nags workers to get their cholesterol and blood pressure tested. There are also flare-ups between workers who are tired, and tired of being cooped up with each other for so long. "It's just like home," Lemoine says. "Spats. Rumors. Gossip."

The sense of camaraderie – as well as the tension - has been intensified for all Gulf oil workers since 11 died in the explosion of the oil rig controlled by BP in April of 2010. That disaster led to the biggest oil spill in U.S. history.

Chris Smith, Perdido's operations manager, says there's been a "chronic sense of unease" among workers ever since.

The Perdido workers, like many in the oil industry outside of BP, say their culture and processes were focused on safety long before BP's disaster. They say they would have avoided such an accident.

But they know that Shell workers have died in accidents, too, and they are reminded of the fact during a tedious, 90-minute safety session they must sit through when they arrive at Perdido. As if the dangers of deepwater drilling needed reinforcing, lifeboats hang from the platform and sharks can be seen prowling the waters beneath it.

Perdido gathers oil and natural gas from wells drilled in its vicinity, many by an on-board rig that drills down into the sea floor and then horizontally into oil reservoirs. The oil and gas is then sent via undersea pipeline to terminals and refineries on the Gulf coast.

The platform also has desalination machines to make fresh water, power generators, air conditioners, a giant kitchen, laundry facilities and TV hookups. If something breaks, engineers on board fix it. The cable guy isn't coming to Perdido to adjust anyone's picture.

Perdido workers come from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and as far away as Michigan and Alaska to get to work. They board a helicopter at an airport in Galveston, Texas, for the two-hour ride to the platform.

When the helicopter touches down, it's all work for two weeks. The schedule compresses a full year's work into six months. But that makes for nice stretches of vacation.

STRUGGLING IDAHO SOLAR PLANT FEARS POWER CUTOFF

BY JOHN MILLER

Associated Press

BOISE • A struggling plant in southeastern Idaho that hopes to produce material for solar panels fears Idaho Power Co. will shut off its electricity after it missed a payment.

Honolulu-based Hoku Corp., which has survived so far with help from Chinese financiers, said Friday that Idaho's biggest utility threatened to cut off power to its unfinished Pocatello plant after the company missed a payment.

Hoku Materials, the unit building the plant, lodged a formal protest with Idaho Public Utilities Commission regulators after getting a termination of service notice. The Honolulu-based company said it has told Idaho Power that it can't pay its November power bill until January due to cash flow problems

The would-be polysilicon maker said losing power would delay the Pocatello plant's commissioning and expose infrastructure to freezing as winter sets in, causing "material harm." Southeastern Idaho's hopes that Hoku's \$390 million plant will eventually add hundreds of green-energy jobs to the local economy have been replaced by uncertainty over whether the project will survive.

"If service is terminated, these high value systems may freeze, causing irreparable and material damage to Hoku's plant assets," the company's lawyers told utility regulators in their complaint. "Any damage would need to be repaired, at additional cost, prior to continuing with the commissioning and operation of the plant?"

Hoku wants Idaho Power to use some of the \$4 million it had previously deposited with Idaho Power as security for its power bills to cover charges for November that total \$1.9 million.

Idaho Power didn't confirm it had told Hoku that it would shut off its power.

"Idaho Power does not share information specific to a customer's account," the utility said. "In this case, with pending litigation, we're not even permitted to comment. However, it is important to note we have and will continue to follow the Utility Customer Relations Rules for Termination of Service as outlined" by regulators.

Hoku has said it plans to hire hundreds of workers in Idaho to help make polysilicon for solar panels.

But it struggled to raise funds to complete the facility, where a pilot project produced its first polysilicon earlier this year.

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OPINION

"The big reason is Europe. Europe tried to muddle through without a real solution. They can save a small country like Greece, but they cannot save a big country like Italy. Two trillion euros in foreign debt — nobody in the world has that kind of money."

Francis Lun, managing director of Lyncean Holdings in Hong Kong, on why global stocks tumbled this year.

THEIR VIEW

Bipartisan *Medicare* Proposal is Good Start

The following editorial appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Tuesday:

aybe we just want to Starting in 2022, the close 2011 out on an optimistic note. Or maybe it's because things in Washington have looked nothing short of dismal much of the year. But there's something to get up and shout about in the Medicare proposal less in annual premipresented this month by GOP Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin and Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon.

Yes, you read that right: Law- above the GDP growth makers from opposing parties have a common solution, a somewhat unexpected develop- health plans to offer ment after so many partisan brawls this year. But there they were, offering serious ways to control Medicare costs to keep this program from going belly up like Lehman Brothers and leaving seniors without a safety bidding system. net.

um subsidies to purchase private plans. rate. • Require private benefits that at least

tional Medicare. • Determine annual premium vouchers through a competitive

Ryan previously introduced a Medicare overhaul that would give seniors government vouchers to pay their premiums for a private health care plan. His proposal got shoved aside because it didn't keep traditional Medicare as an option for them.

Now he's back with a different "premium support" model. This one would keep traditional Medicare as a choice for seniors in the future, much like a version floated recently by former GOP Sen. Pete Domenici and former Clinton adviser Alice Rivlin. If seniors like Medicare as they know it, they can keep it. But if they want to choose among plans that offer benefits tailored to their specific needs, they can go that route. We like the competition-choice strategy because it

would force plans to offer better benefits at lower costs. That's basically what happened with the prescription drug benefit that Medicare has offered over the last decade. Competition among private plans has helped control expenses.

Ryan and Wyden have included several additional elements, starting in 2022, that are favorable to seniors. For example, seniors with serious medical needs would receive a greater subsidy to buy a private plan than would healthy seniors. The extra money is aimed at stopping insurers from gearing their plans to only the healthiest retirees

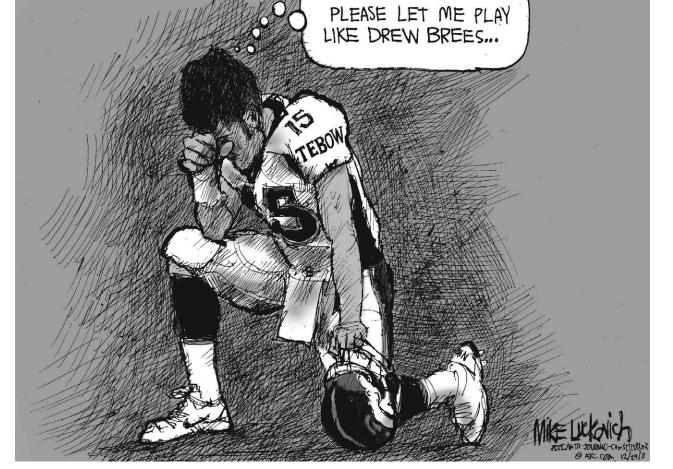
The primary unknown is whether Congress would ever stick to the pair's call to cap Medicare spending at 1 percent above the gross domestic product's growth rate. The Dallas Morning News supports a limit so the system has enough money left to sustain itself; Medicare's major trust fund is now racing toward bankruptcy.

Legislators have never shown much will to impose



Ryan-Wyden Medicare overhaul would: • Allow seniors to choose among health care plans, including traditional Medicare. • Pay wealthier retirees Cap annual Medicare spending at 1 percent

equal those of tradi-



The Justice Department's Identity Problem

s there, or should there ever be, a point when a state is no longer penalized for its discriminatory past?

Not according to the Department of Justice, which last Friday rejected a South Carolina law that would have required voters show a valid photo ID before casting their ballots.

Justice says the law discriminates against minorities. The Obama administration said, "South Carolina's law didn't meet the burden under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discriminatory practices preventing blacks from voting." Why South Carolina? Because, the Justice Department contends, it's tasked with approving voting changes in states that have failed in the past to protect the rights of blacks. Are they serious? There are two African Americans representing South Carolina in the U.S. House of Representatives, One is Tim Scott, a freshman Republican. The other is 10-term Rep. James Clyburn, the current assistant Democratic leader. There are numerous minor ity members of the S.C. state legislature and Governor Nikki Haley who is Indian-American.



This is not your grandfather's South Carolina. This is not the South Carolina of the then-segregationist and Dixiecrat presidential candidate Strom Thurmond. Yesterday's South Carolina had segregated schools, lunch counters, restrooms and buses and a dominant Democratic Party. Today's South Carolina is a modern, integrated, forward-looking, dual-party state.

If Justice thinks proving who one is by showing valid photo ID discriminates against minorities, how does it explain the election of so many minority legislators? Are only whites voting for them? Democrats, especially, should be sensitive to states and people who have demonstrated that they have changed. It was the Democratic Party of the late 19th century that resisted integration throughout the South, passing Jim Crow laws that frustrated blacks who wanted to vote. Those were Southern Democrats who stood in schoolhouse doors, barring blacks from

entering. Today, many members of that same party refuse to allow poor minority students to leave failing government schools as part of the school voucher system because they, apparently, value political contributions from teachers unions more than they value educational achievement.

The South Carolina law that offends the Justice Department anticipated objections that some poor minorities might not have driver's licenses (and certainly not a passport) because they might not own cars. So the state will provide free voter ID cards with a picture of the voter on it. All someone has to do is prove who they claim to be. A birth certificate will do nicely. A utility bill can be used to prove residency. Not requiring a voter to prove his or her citizenship and residence is a recipe for voter fraud. Democrats like to accuse Republicans of trying to keep minorities from voting because they know most will vote for Democrats. Even if that were true (and it's debatable) the reverse is probably truer. Some Democrats have allegedly encouraged people to vote who were not eligible, some more than once.

Without a valid ID, how can we stop this?

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law has compiled a list of new voter identification laws passed this year. In addition to the one in South Carolina, all require some form of photo identification. Will Justice go after all of them, as well?

According to the Brennan Center, a new law in Kansas, effective Jan. 1, 2012, requires a photo ID, with certain exceptions such as a physical disability that makes it impossible for the person to travel to a government office to acquire one, though they must have "qualified for permanent advance voting status ... "

A new Texas law, which took effect on September 1, requires a photo ID in order to vote, or another form of personal ID card issued by the Department of Public Safety.

Even historically liberal Wisconsin passed a new law this year requiring voters to prove who they are, in most cases with a photo ID. Governor Haley and South Carolina Rep. Joe Wilson vow to fight the Justice Department ruling. They should. Photo IDs are required when flying on commercial aircraft or cashing a check. That discriminates against no one. Neither does requiring people to prove who they are before voting, unless, of course, there's another agenda, like "stuffing" the ballot box.

such caps. The battle this month over how much Congress should pay doctors for treating Medicare patients is the latest example.

Still, the Ryan-Wyden proposal, which mirrors one Republican Mitt Romney recently outlined, is encouraging. Yes, there are kinks that need to be worked out. But the bipartisan duo has given Congress a good place to start in 2012.

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Iowa, Remember What it did for Obama

t happens every four vears. With each presidential election cycle come complaints that a state that looks nothing like the rest of the nation has a disproportionate impact on how this nation picks its leaders. (Not to mention criticisms that the state is too rural, and thus particularly conservative,



and has turnout numbers

smaller than some census

tracts in Manhattan.) And

publican presidential can-

the lengths to which the Re-

didates are going to appeal to Iowa's more socially conservative caucus-goers are nothing short of frightening. But before folks get too

giddy about beating down the Hawkeye State, I want to remind them of something: Iowa is the same wildly unrepresentative state that added instant legitimacy to

the presidential ambitions of Barack Obama four years ago.

Sure, in 2008, plenty of white Americans were 100 percent behind hope and change. But plenty of African-Americans were unconvinced that "they' would vote for "one of us." Despite Obama's good polling numbers, many thought, white voters would never really mark a ballot for the relatively inexperienced black senator from Illinois. That refrain was as common among blacks as it was constant in the days leading up to the 2008 Iowa caucuses.

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IDOC: Rhoades Execution Cost Idaho \$53,000

BY JESSIE L. BONNER Associated Press

BOISE • The execution of Paul Ezra Rhoades last month for his role in the 1987 murders of two women cost the state more than \$53,000, Idaho prison officials said Friday.

Rhoades died on Nov. 18 at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution after being administered three separate drugs that make up the state's new lethal injection protocol. Prison officials spent \$53,411 while preparing for and carrying out the state's first execution in 17 years, officials said.

Idaho Department of Correction Director Brent Reinke detailed the cost, saying about \$25,500 went to cover overtime department staff accrued and more than \$27,800 went toward operating costs, such as medical supplies, equipment rentals and meals.

The department was committed to carrying out the execution with professionalism and respect and for the individuals involved, Reinke said.

"We believe we met those standards while at the same time being careful stewards of taxpayer dollars," he said in a prepared statement.

In comparison, Reinke said the Oregon Department of Corrections spent an estimated \$57,574 in preparation for the execution of death row inmate Gary Haugen before he was granted a temporary reprieve on Nov. 22, two weeks before he was scheduled to be executed.

Rhoades was the first Idaho inmate to be executed since 1994 and the only person to be involuntarily put to death in the state since 1957. The last inmate to be executed gave up all of his remaining appeals and asked the state to carry out his lethal injection.



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An investigator works the scene where fire caused damage to a two-story apartment in Hollywood section of Los Angeles on Friday. An arsonist torched car after car early Friday, sending firefighters scrambling to put out more than a dozen blazes in Hollywood and neighboring West Hollywood.

Firefighters Chase Arson Fires in Hollywood Area

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD Associated Press

LOS ANGELES • An arsonist swept through the Hollywood area under the cover of dark early Friday, torching vehicles whose flames ignited nearby houses, including one once occupied by Doors frontman Jim Morrison.

The four-hour onslaught started shortly after midnight and sent firefighters scrambling to douse fires in at least a dozen locations in Hollywood and the neighboring city of West Hollywood. In nearly every case, the fire started in a parked car. Authorities were preparing for possibly another round of fires, while searching for a suspect.

Dozens of people were rousted from their homes, power was disrupted in several neighborhoods and Los Angeles police were put on alert in the Hollywood area. One city firefighter was treated and released from a hospital after a fall from a ladder while battling one blaze. No other injuries were reported.

Authorities were interviewing witnesses and looking for any video footage that may have captured the person, or people, responsible for the spate of crimes. Investigators from four agencies met for a strategy session, while Los Angeles officials summoned investigators from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

We will "be preparing for what may be coming tonight," said Los Angeles County fire Battalion Chief Tom Sullivan.

Fire officials couldn't say whether the rash of fires was the work of a copycat. There was a series of other arson fires early Thursday, also in Hollywood. Two people have been arrested and remain in custody for those blazes, officials said.

All of the fires on Friday were in a 2-square mile area and most were in densely populated neighborhoods.

One of the homes was in Laurel Canyon, where Morrison and his girlfriend once lived, neighbors said. The winding road was the inspiration for the Doors' hit "Love Street," and the house was listed for nearly \$1.2 million earlier this year, according to real estate website Zillow.com.

Sandy Gendel, who owns a nearby restaurant, said he heard explosions from what he later determined were likely car tires. He saw flames 30 feet high coming from the deck of the former Morrison house and a gutted Mazda Miata.

"It was just like a towering inferno," Gendel said.

Jeff Dorman, who lives in the neighborhood, said he and his wife were awakened by noise in the street.

As he and his neighbors watched the firefight, he said they worried about embers floating toward their houses because they are so close together. They also were concerned about a firebug being loose in their neighborhood.

"One spark could have been a huge problem," Dorman said. "The fire department did a fantastic job."

City Councilman Tom LaBonge said the arsonist is mostly targeting underground parking in mid-century type apartments that have no security gates and putting some kind of incendiary device under cars.

"These are not trash can fires on street corners. We are just a second away from tragedy," he said.

Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Jaime Moore said car fires spread to adjacent buildings in at least three cases, and investigators were looking for patterns that might link the blazes.

Hollywood is served by the Los Angeles city police and fire departments. Adjacent West Hollywood is a separately incorporated city served by the Los Angeles County fire and sheriff's departments.

Obama Delays Request for \$1.2T Debt Limit Increase

BY JULIE PACE Associated Press

HONOLULU • President Barack Obama is delaying his request for another \$1.2 trillion increase in the nation's debt limit at the request of congressional leaders.

It's basically because of a technicality.

The White House had been ready to ask for the increase Friday because the government is within \$100 billion of exhausting its current borrowing authority. Congress would then have 15 days to reject the request, though Obama would veto any objections in order to ensure that the government does not default on its obligations.

But with Congress not due to return to Washington until mid-January, a bipartisan group of lawmakers asked Obama to delay his request so they would be in session during the 15-day period allowed for objections.

"The administration is in discussions with leaders in both houses to determine the best timing for submission of certification and any subsequent votes in the two houses," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Friday.

Kevin Smith, a spokesman for Speaker John Boehner, said the House leadership preferred not having to call members back to Washington early to vote on the increase request, but would have done so if necessary.

A senior White House official said Obama will make his request within days. The Treasury Department will use accounting measures to ensure that the nation does not reach its debt limit before the \$1.2 trillion increase is finalized, said the official, who requested anonymity because the person lacked authority to speak publically.



Iowa Race Shifts from Persuasion to Mobilization

BY THOMAS BEAUMONT

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa • In the race for Iowa, Republican presidential candidates are largely shifting from per-suading people to support them to mobilizing them to actually come out and vote for them in Tuesday's caucuses.

None of the candidates has the extensive get-out-thevote network that helped former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee win in 2008. But Mitt Romney and Ron Paul have strengthened the organizations they had in place for their failed bids four years ago. The cash-strapped others, including Rick Santorum, have more modest efforts and are mostly relying on momentum to carry their supporters to the caucuses on what could be a chilly night.

"This isn't the Huckabee year," said Susan Geddes, a socially conservative Iowa

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activist and top staffer on that Republican's campaign. With the race fluid, all the

campaigns are working to ensure their backers vote at the caucuses, where turnout of 120,000 would break the record set in 2008. Volunteer armies already are knocking on countless doors and making countless phone calls to get Iowans to the community meetings where they will take the first step toward picking a president.

The candidates, themselves, are making final appeals as they canvass the state.

"If you can get out here in this cold and this wind and a little bit of rain coming down, then you can sure get out on Tuesday night and you can sure find a few people to bring with you," Romney told a crowd on a dreary Friday morning in West Des Moines.

Hours later in Waterloo, Rick Perry implored: "I need you to brave the weather. I need you to come out and support us. If you have my back on Tuesday, January the third, then I will have your back in Washington for the next four years."

It's about this time every four years that scores of Christian home-school activists, pastors and other cultural conservatives fan out across the state to corral people to caucus on behalf of their chosen candidate. This year, that coalition - which lifted the late-charging outsider Huckabee to victory four years ago - is dividing its support among many candidates, including Santorum, Perry, Newt Gingrich and Michele Bachmann. None of them have had the time or money necessary to build strong operations.





Volunteer Jodi Peacock, of Atmore, Ala., talks on the phone at Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney's campaign headquarters, Friday in Des Moines, Iowa.



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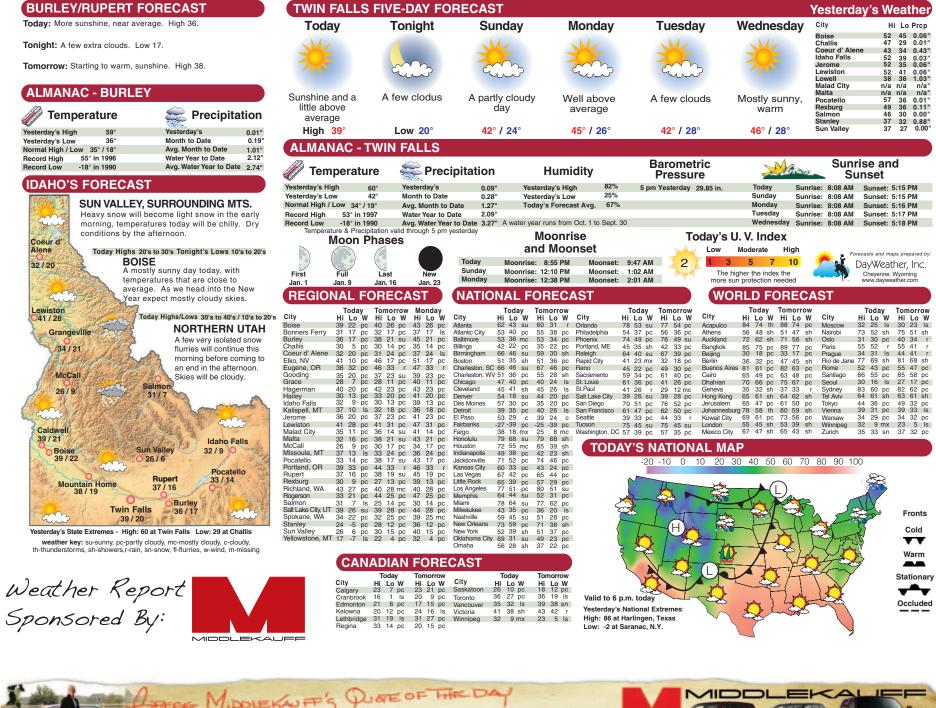
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"Every decision you make - every decision - is not a decision about what to do. It's a decision about Who You Are. When you see this, when you understand it, everything changes. You begin to see life in a new way. All events, occurrences, and situations turn into opportunities to do what you came here to do." Neale Donald Walsch



Idaho Debates Growing \$31M Cash Stash

BY JOHN MILLER Associated Press

BOISE • Lawmakers, veterans officials and Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter are grappling with how to spend a \$31 million stash of cash at the Division of Veterans Services that's been growing in recent years because federal reimbursements have exceeded Idaho's costs of caring for military members.

Idaho Veterans Services administrator David Brasuell told The Associated Press Friday he's submitted a plan to draw down the money, but details Pocatello and Boise.

In 2007, the cash balance at Veterans Services was \$12.6 million. By Dec. 31, 2010, it had risen to \$27 million, and Brasuell said it swelled to \$31 million by this month.

In mid-2011, state Legislative Services auditors poring over his division's financial books concluded there were likely no restrictions on its use.

"No liability exists to the federal government or any other entity," auditors wrote. "We recommend the division initiate a discussion with legislative and executive leadership to develop a formal plan." the time.

"We should not use onetime money to fix ongoing problems, especially when there was concern that the economy was going to get worse," Moyle told the AP earlier this year.

House Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Janice McGeachin, R-Idaho Falls, said she would have like to have known about the Veterans Services money as she and her Senate counterpart, Health and Welfare Committee Chairwoman Patti Ann Lodge, R-Huston, sought to trim Medicaid spending to close a budget gap. "I agree with Rep. Moyle's philosophy, that we should not be propping up ongoing expenses with one-time money," McGeachin said in an interview over the summer. "But it's hard for me to say what we could have done with that money, not knowing it was there. We should have been made aware of it? Minority Democrats say they, too, would have liked to have been included. "I was unaware (of the money) at the time," said Sen. Dan Schmidt, D-Moscow and a medical doctor. "If we'd known about it, it could have been a part of a healthy health care policy discussion." Last week, Cameron told the AP there are a number of potential options for the 2012

Legislature to consider.

The cash balance money could go toward fixing up Idaho's three veterans homes, Cameron said. In addition, a portion could also be used to shore up Medicaid-funded services, especially for elderly people at nursing homes who could include those with military experience. "That would be a high priority: Any type of minimizing of past reductions – or current reductions to Medicaid or nursing homes – any of those services that we've reduced right to the edge," he said.

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won't be released until Otter's budget becomes public Jan. 9.

"The federal government believes that our accounting of the money is appropriate," Brasuell said, adding other states' veterans programs likely face similar cash surpluses.

Wayne Hammon, Otter's budget director, declined to comment Friday on how the money will be spent.

Veterans Services collects more money than it costs to care for clients because federal rules exclude payments from the U.S. Veterans Administration from calculations of the costs billable to Medicare and Medicaid.

Both Medicare and Medicaid help pick up the tab for veterans including some 300 residents of Idaho's veterans nursing homes in Lewiston, There were discussions during the 2011 Legislature, including between leaders of Idaho's budget writing committee, Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert and Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, as well as Idaho House of Representatives leaders like Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star, over how the money could be deployed.

At the time, lawmakers and Otter were sweeping as many state accounts as possible for available cash, in hopes of offsetting a looming budget shortfall.

But Moyle argued against tapping the Veterans Services money, contending Idaho couldn't count on receiving it year after year. So-called "one-time money" shouldn't be used to prop up programs like Medicaid, he argued at

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No. 2: Boise State Announces Move to Big East Conference for Football

Boise State doesn't want to be considered the darling of college football anymore. Once a team that shocked the college football world with its win over Oklahoma in the 2006-07 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, the Broncos are now a perennial top-10 power. Only, after two straight seasons of 11 regular season wins, BSU has just two MAACO Las Vegas Bowl victories to show for that effort. The Broncos hope that their move to the Big East in 2013 will end the trend of being passed over for BCS bowls in favor of more "traditional" and "name-brand" schools. Coach Chris Petersen said the move will create better exposure for his program which is still an unknown on the East Coast. This is the move the school has been working so hard to get. Will it pay off for the Broncos?

Boise State's 2011 football schedule: "neutral" site vs.

In the Magic Valley, the unscientific polling puts the Boise State fan base largely in favor of this move. Closer to Boise, the debate is more evenly split. That's for a few reasons, mainly around travel to away games. Divisional travel could alleviate that, but there's no denying trips to Cincinnati, Louisville and Texas are a bit further than Colorado, Wyoming and Las Vegas.

Two bigger potential issues loom, the biggest being talk that the BCS could shut things down after the 2013 season and go to arranging purely the top two teams in the standings for a championship game. That would seem to further restrict the access of a Boise State to the BCS, but before the BCS existed, the Big East champion routinely went to New Year's Day bowls. Any of those, BCS or otherwise, are higher-profile than going to Las

Vegas every year. Also, three current Big East teams - West Virginia (Big 12), Pittsburgh and Syracuse (both ACC) - will be gone by the start of the 2014 season, perhaps earlier if the conference relents on its stance to make each fulfill a mandatory 27-month waiting period that follows a school announcing its intention to depart. Either, or both, taking place would be a blow to the anticipation this move creates. But a depleted Big East, top to bottom, is far better than the Mountain West (I'm looking at you, Colorado State, UNLV and New Mexico...) will be anytime soon. And better conferences mean better bowls and more money, regardless of the future of the BCS. - David Bashore covers all kinds of sports, including the occasional Boise State game, for the Times-News.

DREAMS CAME TRUE AND DREAMS WERE SHATTERED

No. 1: College of Southern Idaho Men's Basketball Team Wins NJCAA National Title

"Going to Hutch" has long been the pinnacle of any junior college men's basketball coach. Until a coach actually gets there, he doesn't dare dream of winning a national championship. Because once you get there, all kinds of unforeseen, uncontrollable obstacles pop up. The tournament is unseeded, meaning you can be the top-ranked team in the country and face the No. 2 team on the opening day at 11 in the morning. Or you can draw the Kansas representative at 7:30 p.m. in front of a packed house rooting against you. Whatever obstacles confronted the Golden Eagles last spring, they leaped and bounded past all of them to claim the school's third national championship and first since 1987.

Last October, when I returned home from an LDS mission to the Philippines, I never would have thought I would be holding an NJCAA national championship trophy. When I arrived at CSI, I was a little nervous with what I should expect. It was a lot different than my high school team. The guys soon welcomed me to the team, and seemed like it just clicked. We came from a lot of different backgrounds and values, but one thing was for sure: we had the same goal. That was winning a national championship.

During the season we had our ups and downs. I remember playing against Western Nebraska. We ended up losing the game by two points, but while they were prancing around the court swinging their jerseys around, it was a learning experience for us. I felt like that game was the turning point, and we had to fight adversity and decide what type of a team we wanted to become.

With only four losses throughout the season, we were representing Region 18 as a candidate for the national championship. Those four games in Hutch were my best memories at CSI. I felt like we were a family. The final game of the tour-



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nament was against Midland. They were a tough team and had a lot of good players, but I felt like we were stronger and more united. Winning the National Championship was one of the biggest accomplishments of my life. One of the things that stuck out to me at Hutch and also throughout the season was our fans' support. I don't think CSI would be the same without the local support we received every day. As the bus pulled into the college, there were fans welcoming us off the bus and congratulating us for bringing home a third national championship. I'll never be able to relive that moment but I will always have those memories of CSI and Hutch.

- Mitch Bruneel played on CSI's 2010-11 championship team and currently suits up for the Utah State men's basketball team.

No. 4: Glenns Ferry High School Graduate Korey Hall Wins Super Bowl with Green Bay

Korey Hall was a two-way star for tiny Class 2A Glenns Ferry, earning 2A Player of the Year honors in 2001, which led him to a stellar career at Boise State as a linebacker. Last year, as a fullback and special teams player for the Green Bay Packers, Hall became the fifth Idaho native to win a Super Bowl ring. He's the darling of Glenns Ferry and in an interview with the Times-News a week before the Super Bowl, Hall said Glenns Ferry has gained quite a few Packers fans because of his play. He returned home this summer to host his youth football camp and in August signed a contract with the New Orleans Saints.



before the Super Bowl. Store fronts were decorated, townspeople wore green and gold Korey Hall shirts, there was a parade where the town's kids rode on floats chanting his name, and numerous news stations visited the town and interviewed the community members. It was amazing that one young man had made such an impact on so many people. To this day, Korey still stays true to his roots. He holds an annual football camp in the summer and impressed the boys this year by bringing his Super Bowl ring. He denotes money, cleats, gloves, and other equipment to the high school football team, and he even spoke at an assembly, thanking the students and the people in the town for their support and dedication. His big smile, nervous demeanor, and gracious attitude that day are a part of why our town rallies around him. Glenns Ferry is his home. No matter what he does from this point on, he will never forget that and that is why we all admire Korey so much. – Rob Spriggs is the head football coach at Glenns Ferry High School.

Georgia, at Toledo, Tulsa, Nevada, at Fresno State, at Colorado State, Air Force, at UNLV, TCU, at San Diego State, Wyoming, New Mexico.

A purely hypothetical 2013 Boise State schedule: at Washington, Idaho, at San Diego State, Southern Mississippi, at Cincinnati, at BYU, Louisville, SMU, at Houston, West Virginia, at South Florida, Pittsburgh, plus a possible conference championship game.

That, in a nutshell, is why Boise State will be playing football in the Big East starting in 2013. Well, that and possibly triple the television revenue that the school currently gets in the Mountain West's TV deal, and the chance to get into the uberlucrative BCS with a loss (something that's never happened to a non-BCS team). My first year as a varsity football assistant coach, I was fortunate enough to work with a disciplined, intense, and intelligent young man by the name of Korey Hall. Looking back, I would say Korey wasn't given some of the same opportunities players in larger schools are given when it comes to recruiting. Boise State, though, knew talent and they knew the type of player Korey could be; they



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the WAC's Defensive Player of the Decade, Glenns Ferry couldn't help but scoff at those big-time schools that had overlooked him.

We thought seeing Korey play in the Fiesta Bowl was the epitome of his greatness. Once again, we shouldn't have been surprised when he was drafted into the NFL. My wife and I were at his uncle's home when Korey received the call from the Packers, asking him to be a part of their legacy. I can't even put into words what we all felt that day, and the pride in Korey and his family was palpable.

Glenns Ferry might as well have been Green Bay the week

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saw his potential and the un-

wavering family and commu-

nity values he possessed. I re-

member being present when

Korey signed with Boise

State. It was a proud moment

When Korey went to BSU,

the town rallied behind him,

buying season passes and

holding huge tailgate parties.

I remember getting a message

left on my answering ma-

chine a day or two before the

first game of Korey's fresh-

man season. It was his dad,

Dan Hall, and he simply said,

"Starting defense, Baby!" So,

when Korey surpassed every-

one's expectations and be-

came a four-year starter and

for Glenns Ferry.

No. 3: Dietrich Girls Basketball's Triumphs and Tribulations

Plucky, small-town school wins a state championship, followed by the coach leaving for the perceived "better opportunity," usually at a bigger school and for more money. It happens everywhere across the country. The script was flipped at Dietrich, where coach Acey Shaw spent the summer not looking to maximize his coaching opportunities, but fighting for his life. From the highs of a triple-overtime victory against Richfield in the state championship game to wondering if their beloved coach would be back on the sidelines, the Dietrich community has been through it all. But you can always count on the good will and kind deeds of plucky small towns, and the final chapters written on this period seem certain to have a happy ending.

The overall excitement of Dietrich High School winning a thrilling triple-overtime 1A Girls State Championship, led by coach Acey Shaw, was something that the Dietrich and Magic Valley community wanted to bask in and enjoy for a long time.

But that excitement would be short-lived as Acey became seriously ill from unknown causes, with symptoms that put him in intensive care at the University of Utah Medical Center. He battled daily as doctors worldwide worked on diagnosing his illness. After a grueling 88 days of being hospitalized, Acey came home to a hero's welcome.

The Magic Valley community, which rallied around a winning team, now came together to support the Shaw family through prayers, monetary donations and words of encouragement. The support is still ongoing.

Being confined to a wheelchair and having difficulty with speaking hasn't kept Acey from coaching this year. This year's team has four starters from last year's championship team and Acey and the girls are focused on winning the championship again.

Although it is hard for him to communicate, coach Acey is still very much in charge. In practice he calls out the drills and instructions for what the girls need to do to prepare for the next game. John Howard and Gene Shaw assist him in his coaching duties.

His highly energetic and athletic girls are learning patience and are fully supportive of him and it shows when you speak with them.

"Communication during practice can be a challenge for us, but we are learning from it and making the best of it," said senior, Moriah Dill. "We love Acey and are going to help him get through this."

"Acey still has a sense of humor as he made coach Howard run laps for him with us girls," said senior Ellie Dalton.

I credit coach Shaw with being an inspirational leader for the girls



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and other students, helping them learn teamwork, building character and developing an understanding of hardships. With hard work, determination and a support system, coach Shaw can beat the odds. We have every bit of hope and trust that he will have a full recovery and continue to inspire and constantly amaze us.

Coach Shaw's courage and determination, combined with the girls' talent, desire and a little luck should help Dietrich earn another state title.

- Neal Hollingshead is the superintendent of the Dietrich School District.

Bruins Serve Notice to Middleton

A balanced Twin Falls attack leads to a 21-point road victory over the Vikings.

BY DAVID BASHORE

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MIDDLETON • Anything Jerome can do ...

Twin Falls used its crosscanyon rival as motivation, going one-up with a statement win over host Middleton, defeating the Vikings 68-47 Friday afternoon in one of the Bruins' most complete performances since they won the state championship two seasons ago.

Jerome defeated Middleton by 11 on Thursday, and the third-party competition gave the Bruins (7-1) a little incentive to try and beat the Vikings (5-2) by at least 12.

"We heard that score and we used it as motivation. The coaches try and keep that stuff away from us while we're preparing for a game, but it's good for us to push ourselves," said Twin Falls senior Robert Sanchez, who scored 13 points.

"We wondered (after Thursday) if Middleton just had a bad night or if Jerome is really that good, and now we know that Jerome's really good. But now they know we're good too. It's going to be fun when we get a chance to battle them later on."

Middleton came into the weekend undefeated and regarded as one of the best teams in the Treasure Valley, regardless of classification. But the Vikings' nine-man squad had few answers for the depth of Twin Falls, which sent wave after wave of athleticism and defensive tenacity.

That depth was on display early Friday, as the Bruins built a lead as large as 10 before Eric Harr, generally viewed as their best player, scored his first point. When he hit a free throw with 4:44 left before halftime, it started a nine-point personal burst to stretch Twin Falls' lead to 16 at the break.

Harr and Sanchez played provider early, particularly for Thomas Corr, who led the Bruins with 14 points, 11 of them coming in the first half.

"Our coaches have really stressed that when Eric and Rob are running up the floor, we need to be trailing and ready to hit 3-point shots because guys are going to be flying toward them," said Corr, who hit three 3-pointers. "I've known I could contribute offensively, but I wasn't really able to put it together before tonight. It's nice to know that we've got a lot of guys who can score."

Harr finished with 11 points, making him the last of three Bruins in double figures. Six Twin Falls players scored at least seven points. Dominic Sexton led all

scorers with 17 for Middleton, while Trevor Maughan scored 15. But the rest of the Vikings combined for just 15 points.

"We knew that (Sexton and Maughan) were their main players, and that they were going to get their points," Sanchez said. "If we could keep them fairly quiet we knew there wouldn't be a lot else they could do."

The Bruins are at Century on Wednesday before hosting Canyon Ridge next Friday.

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 -68 -47 24 12 Merritt 7, Allen 4, Corr 14, C. Meyerhoeffer 8, A. Meyerhoeffer 8, Harr 11, Crandall 3, Sanchez 13. MIDDLETON (47) Ah You 5, Bennett 3, Gibb 7, Sexton 17, Maughan 15. Totals 19 7-9 47. Totals 19 7-9 47. 3-point goals: Twin Falls 6 (Corr 3, A. Meyerhoeffer, Middleton 2 (Ah You, Bennett), Total fouls: Twin Falls 16, Middleton 20

MINICO NOTCHES FIRST WIN UNDER NEW COACH

BY RYAN HOWE rhowe@magicvalley.com

RUPERT • The former Minico graduate finally got his first win as a Spartans coach.

It took seven games and nearly a month, but Adam Johnson and the Spartans earned their first victory, 48-40 over Buhl Friday.

"Hopefully this game will inspire a bit of confidence and momentum moving forward," said Johnson, who took over the reins of his alma mater heading into this season.

The scrappy Spartans outrebounded Buhl 32 to 16, 15 offensive including boards.

"We weren't ready to play," said Indians coach Dan Winn. "We need to find our identity. We got outworked tonight, and that's on me. Minico fought hard."

Ethan Belnap scored 18 points to lead Minico (1-6).

"We've come a long ways.



PREP ROUNDUP HOLLIFIELD LEADS JEROME OVER

MOUNTAIN HOME

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Jake Hollifield had a double-double of 19 points and 15 rebounds as Jerome cruised past Mountain Home 55-42 to move to 8-1 on the season.

Garrett Leavitt pitched in 11 points, sinking three 3pointers. Jerome hosts Wood River next Friday.

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Girls Basketball JEROME 55, **MOUNTAIN HOME 33**

Haylee Burnham sank four 3-pointers and scored 13 points as Jerome bounced back from its first loss of the season.

Trailing 21-20 at halftime, the Tigers outscored Mountain Home 35-12 in the second half, including 19-3 in the third quarter.

points for Jerome (10-1), which is at Wood River on Thursday.

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MIDDLETON 37, **TWIN FALLS 36**

Twin Falls had a chance in the final eight seconds for the game-winning shot, but couldn't get off a clean look in the one-point loss.

Josie Jordan scored a game-high 16 points and Brylee Bartlett added four steals. The game was backand-forth throughout as Twin led at halftime 19-18 and the teams were tied at 26 after three quarters.

Twin Falls (8-4) hosts Highland on Tuesday.

Twin Falls MIDDLETON (37) Brown 5, Cooper 7, Edwards 4, Swarman 2, Buckway 5, Tulloch 14. Totals 13 5-13 37.

Bartlett 4, Jordan 16, Merritt 2, Swafford 7, Harris 3, Skahill 4. Totals 14 4-5 36. 3-point goals: Middleton 2 (Cooper, Edwards), Twin Falls 4 (Jordan 3, Swafford). Total fouls: Middleton

19, Twin Falls 16 Frankie Carey added 11

CSI ROUNDUP **CSI Men Earn Tough Win over Idaho Select**

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Experience nearly nipped the young Golden Eagles.

The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball pulled away from the savvy Idaho Select team Friday night to win 89-79, but it wasn't easy against the team of former college players.

CSI (13-1) trailed 37-36 at halftime and after it took an early lead in the second

CSI Women Fall to Tucson Sol

Megan Tanner had one of her best games of the season, but the CSI women fell 76-63 to the Tucson Sol in the final game of the Bill Culver Memorial Tournament in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The Golden Eagles (7-7) return home to open Scenic West play against Salt Lake Thursday night.

The Golden Eagles trailed 37-31 at halftime and briefly

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Learning each other is the most important; we're passing the ball more and things are looking more fluid for us," Belnap said.

Buhl (3-5) committed 20 turnovers as Minico had good pressure on the perimeter and 6-foot-6 Osterhout twins Wyatt and Wade were a force inside.

"This is just going to get us going. We needed this to jumpstart us," said Wyatt Osterhout, who scored 12 points. "(Johnson) is a great coach, I love him to death. We have a new team, and we just all had to get together as a team and work."

Starting the fourth quarter, a jumper in the lane by Wade Osterhout, followed by a 3-pointer by Belnap gave Minico its biggest lead, 36-25. The Spartans never slammed the door – at one point missing 11 free throws in a row down the stretch –

RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Minico's Matt Harper drives to the hoop while Buhl's Pablo Serrano, right, defends and Devon Privott, left, takes a charge Friday at Minico High School in Rupert.

but Buhl didn't challenge to barge through it, either.

The Indians were led by Kade Crossland's 16 points. Each team's next game is

at Burley - Buhl on Tuesday and Minico on Friday.

"Burley is a tremendous team this year. There's no pressure on us and we have to look at it as an opportunity to go see how we stack up against a good team," Johnson said.

MINICO 48, BUHL 40

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half, Idaho Select just hung around.

Justin McCarthy sank back-to-back 3-pointers to tie the game at 54 with 11:41 left. CSI's two Paul's, Bunch and Egwuonwu, scored a layup and two free throws, respectively, to put the Golden Eagles up 58-54.

Idaho Select wouldn't get closer the rest of the game.

Fabyon Harris led the Golden Eagles with 26 points, Rafriel Guthrie had 22 and Sebastien Michineau pitched in 12.

Egwuonwu had a huge double-double of 11 points and 15 rebounds on a night when forward Luke Cothron didn't play.

CSI begins Scenic West Athletic Conference play on Thursday, hosting rival Salt Lake Community College.

got to within two points midway through the second half, but the Sol went on a 7-0 run, pushing the score to 54-45.

CSI wouldn't make a serious run the rest of the game, despite the efforts of Tayllor Gipson, who sank four 3-pointers and scored 16 points.

Tanner also grabbed eight boards to go with her 17 points, while Chakala Carthen also had eight rebounds.

"Megan did a nice job for us and our bench has played better as of late," CSI head coach Randy Rogers told 1450 AM KEZJ. "You can't just go with four or five kids, especially against Snow and Salt Lake coming up. We just need to find some more consistency, but I think we can be a team who can hang around and make people pay."

Late Wade Surge Lifts Heat past Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS • Dwyane Wade hit a jumper from the wing, then scored on an inbounds pass from LeBron James with 4.6 seconds to play to lift the undefeated Miami Heat to a 103-101 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves on Friday night.

Playing on a sore foot, Wade finished with 19 points, while James had 34 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds on his 27th birthday

Ricky Rubio had 12 points, 12 assists and six rebounds, and Kevin Love had 25 points and 12 boards for the Timberwolves, who led 100-99 with 55 seconds to play.

CELTICS 96, PISTONS 85

BOSTON • Jermaine O'Neal scored 19 points as he and Boston ended a dismal start to their season by beating Detroit in their home opener.

O'Neal, who played passively in totaling just eight points in the first three games, all losses, was aggressive throughout. He had 10 points in the first half, which ended with Boston on top 50-43. Then he scored seven in the third quarter when the Celtics outscored the Pistons 36-21 to take an 86-64 lead.

MAVERICKS 99, **RAPTORS 86**

DALLAS • Reserve center Ian Mahinmi scored a career-high 19 points, Dirk Nowitzki contributed 18, and reigning NBA champion Dallas rallied for its first victory of the season.

The last defending NBA champs to open a season at 0-4 were the 1969-70 Boston Celtics.

GRIZZLIES 113, **ROCKETS 93**

MEMPHIS, Tenn. • Zach Randolph scored 23 points, Marc Gasol added 20, and Memphis earned its first victory of the season.

SUNS 93, HORNETS 78

NEW ORLEANS • Hakim Warrick scored 18 points in a reserve role, and Phoenix won for the first time this young season while handing New Orleans Hornets its first loss.

PACERS 98, CAVALIERS 91, OT

INDIANAPOLIS • Danny Granger scored nine of his 22 points in overtime to help Indiana beat Cleveland.

MAGIC 100, BOBCATS 79 CHARLOTTE, N.C. Dwight Howard had 20 points and 24 rebounds, Ryan Anderson scored 23 points, and Orlando beat Charlotte for its third straight victory.

BUCKS 102, WIZARDS 81 MILWAUKEE • Brandon Jennings scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half to lead Milwaukee over winless

Washington.

JAZZ 102, 76ERS 99

SALT LAKE CITY • Derrick Favors scored a career-high 20 points and added 11 rebounds in his first start for Utah, and the Jazz avoided their first 0-3 start in 32 vears.

Paul Millsap added 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Jazz, who have beaten the 76ers seven straight times at home and in 21 of the last 23 meetings in Salt Lake City.

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AL Darlids Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 10 a.m.(ESPNU) Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), 11 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla 3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), 11 a.m.(ABC)

Georgia (1977) 727 Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla. Clorida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), 11 a.m.(ESPN2) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.

BYU Defeats Tulsa in Armed Forces Bowl

DALLAS • Riley Nelson threw three touchdown passes to Cody Hoffman, the last with 11 seconds left, and BYU beat Tulsa in the Armed Forces Bowl for another 10-win season.

With no timeouts and the ball at the 2, the Cougars hurried up to the line. Nelson faked a spike that would have stopped the clock and instead threw to Hoffman in the end zone. Hoffman had eight catches for 122 yards.

The Cougars (10-3) wrapped up their season of independence by winning 10 games for the fifth time in Bronco Mendenhall's seven seasons as coach.

G.J. Kinne threw three TD passes for Tulsa (8-5), including a 30-yarder to Bryan Burnham with 10:42 left for a 21-17 lead.

BYU needed 12 plays to go 48 yards on its last drive. Nelson converted a fourth-and-9 with a 14-yard scramble and later ran 8 yards on third-and-5.

Tulsa's other four losses this season came against top-10 teams.

MUSIC CITY BOWL MISSISSIPPI STATE 23, WAKE FOREST 17

NASHVILLE, Tenn. • Vick Ballard ran for a career-high 180 yards and two touchdowns to lead Mississippi State over Wake Forest in the Music City Bowl - the Bulldogs' fifth straight bowl victory and second consecutive under coach Dan Mullen.

The Bulldogs (7-6) capped a season that started with high expectations by winning consecutive bowls for only the second time in school history and first since 1999-2000.

Ballard's TDs were the longest in the Bulldogs' 14 bowl games. Mississippi State

overcame four turnovers thanks to six sacks - its highest total since piling up seven in a win over Florida in 2000. Wake Forest (6-7) snapped a two-game bowl winning streak. The Demon Deacons of the Atlantic Coast Conference now have lost both bowls against the SEC and finish the season having lost five of their last six games.

PINSTRIPE BOWL RUTGERS 27, **IOWA STATE 13**

NEW YORK (AP) • Chas Dodd hit Brandon Coleman for an 86-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter and Jawan Jamison ran for two scores to lead Rutgers over Iowa State 27-13 in the Pinstripe Bowl at Yankees Stadium on Friday.

Jamison finished with 134 yards on 27 carries for the Scarlet Knights (9-4), who ran their bowl winning streak to five. Rutgers, which played in one bowl game before 2005, is 5-1 in the postseason under coach Greg Schiano.

Steele Jantz took over for Jared Barnett at quarterback in the second quarter and helped pull the Cyclones (6-7) within 20-13 on Jeff Woody's 20-yard touchdown run with 10:00 left.

After an exchange of punts left Rutgers deep in its own end, Dodd went deep to Coleman. The 6-foot-6 redshirt freshman went over 5-7 cornerback Jeremy Reeves, then outran the corner to the end zone to make it 27-13 with 5:47 left.

Iowa State jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter, with Zach Guyer kicking field goals of 40 and 46 yards on the Cyclones' first two possessions.

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Fight Hunger Bowl

Illinois (6-6) vs. UCLA (6-7), 1:30 p.m.(ESPN) Line: Illinois by 2½ Series Record: UCLA leads, 6-5. WHAT'S AT STAKE Illinois looks to snap a six-game losing streak in its first game under interim coach Vic Koenning and win for the first time in 12 weeks. A victory also would give Illinois bowl wins in back-to-back sea sons for the first time in school history. UCLA also has an interim coach, with Mike Johnson taking over after a 49-31 loss to Oregon in the Pac-12 championship. That dropped the Bruins to 6-7 on the season, making them the first team since North Texas in 2001 to go to a bowl with a losing

record KEY MATCHUP Illinois front seven vs. UCLA running game. The Bruins have rushed for at least 200 yards six times this season, including five of their wins. Reaching that mark won't be easy against All-American DE Whitney Mercilus and the Illini. Mercilus has helped Illinois rank seventh in the nation in total defense. He has forced nine fumbles, one shy of Elvis Dumervil's FBS record set in 2005, and has 191/2 tackles for loss. Jonathan Brown has also excelled with 19 tackles for loss, including 10 in the past four games. PLAYERS TO WATCH Illinois: WR A.J. Jenkins. Jenkins led the Big Ten with 84 receptions this season and averaged 99.7 yards receiving per game, 14th best in the nation. He is one of the lone threats on a struggling pass offense, accounting for 53.3 percent of the Illini's pass offense for the most in the nation UCLA: TE Joseph Fauria. The 6-foot-8 redshirt junior leads the Bruins with six touchdown catches and is second with 34 receptions overall. FACTS & FIGURESThis is the fourth bowl meeting between the schools, with UCLA winning the 1991 John Hancock Bowl and the teams splitting Rose Bowls in 1984 and 1947. ... Koenning was defensive coor-dinator before taking over for the fired Ron Zook. He has a 5-29 career record in three seasons at Wyoming. ... Illinois has held five opponents under 100 yards passing, including four in Big Ten play. Illini K Derek Dimke has missed just one kick all season, a 42-yard FG at Penn State that would have tied the game as time expired. He is the most accurate kicker in Illinois history, making 37 of 43 FG attempts and all 87 PATs. ... Mercilus needs two sacks to break Simeon Rice's school record of 16 set in 1994. ... Johnson had been offensive coordinator and receivers coach before replacing Neuheisel. This is his first head coaching opportunity. ... Kevin Prince has 455 yards rushing, the most for a UCLA QB since Jeff Dankworth had 815 in 1976. ... UCLA RB Johnathan Franklin needs 53 yards rushing to become the first UCLA player since DeShaun Foster in 2000-01 to have backto-back 1,000-yard seasons. ... WR Nelson Rosario is fifth all-time at UCLA with 143 career catches and 2,307 yards receiving.

the run

PLAYERS TO WATCH Virginia: WR Kris Burd has kept the chains moving for the Cavaliers. Of his teamleading 60 catches, 43 have been for first downs. Burd, a senior, has had four 100yard games this season and eight for his career.

Auburn: Onterio McCalebb and Tre Mason are expected to share carries as the replacement for Dyer. McCalebb is a veteran with 13 career starts. including seven this year. Each has returned kickoffs for touchdowns this season and in a close game could swing the momentum with another big return. FACTS & FIGURES

The ACC has a two-game winning streak over the SEC in the bowl, including Florida State's 26-17 win over South Carolina last year. ... The bowl is expecting its 15th straight sellout. ... Auburn was held to no more than 17 points in six of its eight Southeastern Conference games. The Tigers were outscored by a combined margin of 87-21 in losses to Georgia and Alabama to closer their disappointing conference schedule. ... Jones needs 117 yards rushing to become the first 1,000-yard rusher for Virginia since Alvin

the finale of its first season in the Pac-12. KEY MATCHUP Utah's rush defense vs. Georgia Tech's

option offense. The Utes surrender 97 yards rushing per game (seventh nation-ally) and allow 19.7 points per game (18th). But they will be tested by the Yellow Jackets, who are ranked third nationally with 316.8 yards rushing per game and average 35 points (19th). PLAYERS TO WATCH Georgia Tech: QB Tevin Washington. He has rushed for 890 yards and 14 touchdowns while completing 63 of 135 passes for 1,515 yards and 10 more TDs. LB Julian Burnett has 113 tackles this season, ranking him fifth in the Atlantic Coast Conference and 32nd nationally. He has double-digit tackles in a game five times this season. Utah: RB John White IV has 1,404 yards

rushing and 16 total touchdowns (14 rushing, two receiving). DL Star Lotulelei is tied for the team lead in tackles for loss (nine) despite being double-teamed on

most plays. FACTS & FIGURES Georgia Tech is playing in the Sun Bowl for the second time but the first since 1970, when the Yellow Jackets won 17-9 against Texas Tech . Utah also is making its second appearance in the Sun Bowl. The Utes beat New Mexico 26-0 in 1939 . Utah is 12-4 in Sun Bowl Stadium (11-4 vs. UTEP, 1-0 vs New Mexico). . CBS will broadcast the game for the 44th consecutive year, which is the longest running partnership between a bowl game and a network.

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National Hockey League BOSTON BRUINS – Reassigned D Ryan Button and D Marc Cantin from Providence (AHL) to Reading (ECHL). COLUMBUS BLUE JĄCKETS – Assigned LW Dane Byers to Springfield (AHL). NEW YORK RANGERS – Waived F Sean Avery. PHOENIX COYOTES – Recalled C Marc-Antoine Pouliot from Portland (AHL). WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled F Cody Eakin from Hershey (AHL Hersney (AHL). **American Hockey League** AHL – Suspended Oklahoma City D Taylor Chorney three games for his actions during Tuesday's game

against Rochester. HERSHEY BEARS – Assigned F Maxime Lacroix and D Brett Flemming to South Carolina (ECHL).

ECHL ELMIRA JACKALS – Signed F Kelly Miller. COLLEGE SYRACUSE – Announced junior DE Chandler Jones will enter the NFL draft. VIRGINIA – Signed football coach Mike London to a two-year contract extension. VIRGINIA TECH – Suspended PK Tyler Weiss from the Sugar Bowl because of a curfew violation



Chick-Fil-A Bowl Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 5:30 p.m.

EST (ESPN) Line: Auburn by 3.

Series record: 1-1. The teams split a homeand-home series in 1997-98. WHAT'S AT STAKE The Cavaliers are trying to cap their sea-son of improvement from a 4-8 finish in 2010 by winning in their first bowl appearance since the 2007 season. Auburn must overcome the suspension of star running back Mike Dyer. One year after winning the national championship. the Tigers are looking to finish a disap-

pointing season on a winning note. KEY MATCHUP

Auburn linebackers vs. Virginia running back Perry Jones. Coach Gene Chizik is the fill-in defensive coordinator after Ted Roof left for the same post at Central Florida. Auburn players say Chizik, whose background is defense, has turned up the intensity while coordinating the defense. The Tigers will need a good plan to contain Perry, who led Virginia with 883 yards rushing and five TDs and was second on the team with 41 catches. Auburn ranks only 98th in the nation against

Pearman in 2004 .. Virginia's Kevin Parks is 10th among FBS freshmen with 661 yards rushing. He led Virginia with eight rushing touchdowns.

Meineke Car Care Bowl

Northwestern (6-6) vs. Texas A&M (6-6), 10 a.m.(ESPN) Line: Texas A&M by 10. Series record: First meeting. WHAT'S AT STAKE A winning record. The Aggies haven't won a bowl game since 2001 and would like to come out on top to honor former coach Mike Sherman who was fired earlier this month. It's been far longer since the Wildcats have won a bowl game, with their last and only victory coming in the 1949 Rose Bowl. KEY MATCHUP Texas A&M's running game vs. Northwestern's run defense. The Aggies are averaging more than 209 yards rushing a game, and the Wildcats are yielding more than 185 a contest. Texas A&M's attack should get a boost with the expected return of Cyrus Gray, who missed the Aggies' last game with a stress fracture in his left shoulder. PLAYERS TO WATCH Northwestern: QB Dan Persa. The senior threw for 2,163 yards with 17 touchdowns and just seven interceptions despite missing the first three games of the season. He threw for more than 300 yards in two games this season, including a seasonhigh 372 yards and four touchdowns in a win over Rice in November. Texas A&M: RB Cyrus Gray. The senior should return for his last college game after sitting out Texas A&M's loss to Texas to end the regular-season. Gray ran for 1,045 yards this season for his second straight year with at least 1.000 vards rushing. He averaged 5.3 yards a carry and scored 12 rushing touchdowns and had three touchdown receptions. FACTS & FIGURES Texas A&M defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter will serve as interim coach for the game despite being hired as Fresno State's coach earlier this month. ... New Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin was not involved with bowl preparations because he didn't want to distract the team. ... Northwestern has lost eight bowl games since its win in 1949. ... The Wildcats won four of their last five games to qualify for a bowl. ... A&M's last bowl win came in Houston in this bowl when it was called the Galleryfurniture.com bowl and played in the Astrodome, which is adjacent to Reliant Stadium where Saturday's game will be played. .. Northwestern has five players from the Houston area.

Sun Bowl

Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah (7-5), Noon EST (ČBS). Line: Georgia Tech by $2^{1/2}$. Series record: Utah leads 1-0. WHAT'S AT STAKE Georgia Tech will try to avoid losing its 7th straight bowl game while Utah will look to bounce back after losing to Colorado in

Liberty Bowl MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) – Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 1:30 p.m. Line: Vanderbilt by 1½. Series Record: Vanderbilt leads 4-3. WHAT'S AT STAKE Vanderbilt can finish with only its second winning season since 1982 and the program's third bowl victory in five tries. Cincinnati can improve to 7-6 in bowls and add the Liberty Bowl trophy to its share of the Big East championship. KEY MATCHUP Vanderbilt RB Zac Stacy vs Cincinnati defense. Stacy set a single-season school record by running for 1,136 yards, and he averaged 6.2 yards per carry and scored a school-record 13 touchdowns. He ranks third in the Southeastern Conference in yards rushing. The Bearcats allow an average of 93.7 yards rushing per game, which ranks second in the Big East and sixth nationally. PLAYERS TO WATCH

Vanderbilt: QB Jordan Rodgers. The younger brother of Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers has started the past six games in leading the Commodores to a bowl berth. Jordan Rodgers has accounted for 13 TDs, including at least one passing TD in every start. He's the first Vandy quarterback to do that since Jay Cutler in 2005, and Rodgers threw for 297 vards in a loss to Florida. He also is a running threat, rushing for 387 yards. Cincinnati: QB Zach Collaros. The senior broke his right ankle Nov. 12 and returned to practice five weeks after surgery. He is 154 of 243 for 1,860 yards and 14 TDs with a 140.1 pass efficiency rating that was second in the Big East. But he had a touch of the flu this week in Memphis. FACTS & FIGURES Vanderbilt is 2-1-1 all-time in bowl games. ... This is the Commodores' second bowl in four seasons. They beat Boston College 16-14 in the 2008 Music City Bowl for their first bowl victory in 53 years. . James Franklin is the first coach to lead Vanderbilt to a postseason game in his first season. His six wins are the most by a firstyear Vanderbilt coach since Fred Pancoast won seven games in 1975. ... These teams first played in 1898, and Vandy won 10-0 in Nashville. ... Vandy lost its last four SEC games by a combined 19 points. ... Vandy is 11-8-1 all-time against the Big East and beat UConn 24-21 on Sept. 10. ... Cincinnati is one of the five oldest college football programs. .. The Bearcats won their third Big East title in four years, tying West Virginia and Louisville. ... Cincinnati is 6-6 in bowl games. and this is the Bearcats' fifth bowl in six seasons. ... Cincinnati has 21 seniors. ... RB Isaiah Pead ran for 1,100 yards and led Big East in scoring with 14 total TDs. ... Cincinnati led

the nation in sacks, averaging 3.58 per game, and had 40 sacks over the final 10 games. ... Cincinnati led the Big East and ranked 11th nationally in turnover margin (plus-11).

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THE YEAR IN SPORTS



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No. 5: Lighthouse Christian's First State Football Championship

Entering the season, Lighthouse Christian had never made a playoff appearance in football, but this was a bunch that many opposing coaches thought could finally break through. Not sure they predicted the dream ending, but the Lions overcame two tough losses early and the "scenic route" in the playoffs, which saw them play three district champions on their way to the title game. By the time Lighthouse Christian faced off against Carey for the championship, the Lions had won six of seven and the confidence showed as they took the game to Carey and left Holt Arena with the school's first varsity title in any sport.

What started at Holt Arena during football camp last June ended, fittingly, at Holt Arena with a state championship.

The 2010 Lion football team was extremely young, starting a freshman and a number of sophomores. We had installed a new offense and had finished 3-6, with one of those wins coming against a young Magic Valley Christian program. Losing only three seniors to graduation, the bulk of the Lion squad returned and soon-to-be seniors immediately began talking about what we could accomplish the following year.

The thought of the possibility of being able to contend for a state title began exactly one year ago during the Christmas break, when word arrived at the school that Magic Valley Christian was closing its doors, and a number of those students were enrolling at Lighthouse Christian. Although we were in the middle of a basketball season, thoughts immediately turned to the 2011 football season. The new students added a depth that we were unaccustomed to in prior years.

The big question was how this new mix of student athletes would get along and work together. That question was answered quickly, when we saw the guys working together during basketball season, watched them interact during school and at school functions, and saw them pushing each other in the weight room the following spring. We watched them bond as a team at the Idaho State University summer football camp.

As the season unfolded, we found that the quality of our practices was going to be a key to our season. Because of the depth of varsity players, our scrimmages became increasingly competitive as the guys pushed each other for playing time and a desire to make themselves and their teammates better.

Strangely enough, our losses had as much to do with our ultimate success as anything. We learned something from each loss that allowed us to make adjustments, both in personnel and in scheme, which would benefit us at the end of our season and during the play-offs. It should also be noted that our losses also put us on a unique path through the playoffs that allowed us to travel to Riggins to face No. 1-seeded Salmon River, host No. 1-seeded Kootenai, and face No. 1-seeded and defending champion Carey in the final game.

All of these unique factors made Lighthouse Christian's first state championship a memorable one.

- John van Vliet is the head football coach and athletic director at Lighthouse Christian School.



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No. 6: Twin Falls Baseball Team Claims State Championship

They had been so close, this group of Twin Falls baseball players. The previous year, the Bruins lost by one run to eventual champion Bishop Kelly and had finished runner-up in the American Legion Class AA state championship two summers in a row too. This spring though, behind Cy Sneed and his rocket arm, the Bruins finally won that state championship, beating Kuna 5-2 for the school's first title since 1990 and third overall. Sneed pitched on one day's rest and still struck out nine. He had 14 k's against Bishop Kelly in the first round, drawing crowds who were in awe of his 90+ MPH fastball. Twin Falls played gritty baseball with solid pitching, exceptional defense and timely hitting and displayed a strong team bond that couldn't be broken.

When the season started our expectations for the team were high within our program, but I don't believe the community felt the same. Based on talent, we were down compared to the last five years. Throughout the season, we found that we could scrap and compete with any team. We had a good record going into districts as the No. 1 seed, but we were a little overconfident. After districts, losing to Minico, we got a reality check and refocused on working harder and playing more as a team.

Going into the state tournament, we felt really good about our chances. Our No. 1 pitcher, a professional draft pick, dominated over batters. Whenever he was on the mound, we felt like we couldn't be beat. It was such a great experience being a teammate of a great competitor like that. He taught us all a lot about the game.

Cy was on the mound, and we had a tough draw against Bishop Kelly who had put us out of state championship contention the previous year. We knew Cy would hold them to a few runs and all we had to do was get our bats going. Bishop Kelly's pitcher was a sophomore and had proven to be a quality pitcher. We felt maturity would play in our favor. Key moments included a timely hit by Tucker Donnelley, a diving catch by Ryan Fuchs, and a stellar performance by Cy on the mound.

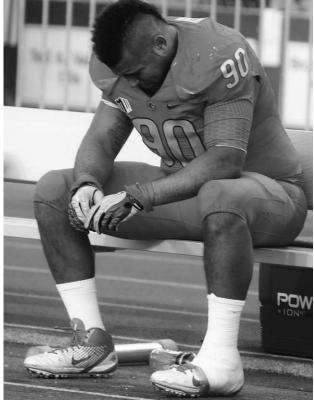
We didn't know much about Lakeland, but their first game they scored double-digit runs and ended up winning with a walk-offhomerun. We figured that meant they could hit the ball, but we also figured their pitching was weak. We came out strong, hit the ball well, and ended the game in the fifth inning.

The game with Kuna we knew would be a battle. Cy was on the mound again with only one day's rest. He'd only been put in this position once before as a sophomore, but it was the championship and we knew he wasn't going to let us down. Coming into the game was nerve-racking. The first few innings were scoreless, and we weren't hitting the ball well. By about the fourth inning, we finally broke loose and scored a few runs off a clutch hit by Tucker Donnelley.

Cy's arm was getting tired, but he gave all he had left and the rest is history.

The feelings after were amazing. The number of fans we had there to support us, the dogpile on the mound, and the accomplishment of finally finishing on top was phenomenal. We'd never felt these feelings before. All of our hard work and hours of practices had finally paid off. We were State Champions!

- Zayne Slotten is a senior at Twin Falls High School and a member of the 2011 state championship baseball team.



RYAN HOWE . TIMES-NEWS

No. 7: Boise State Football Team Upset by TCU

After handling Georgia in the season opener, anyone who follows Boise State knew the team would only have one more serious hurdle in its bid to bust the BCS yet again: TCU, on the Blue, on Nov. 12. It was a game that was originally a home game for the Horned Frogs, changed by the Mountain West Conference after Boise State joined and TCU decided to leave for the Big East (and after that the Big 12). But TCU won anyway and denied Boise State another trip to the BCS, maybe even the title game after LSU finished as the only unbeaten team. Instead, it was again left out of the BCS despite finishing in the ranking system's Top 10 the fourth time it's happened to the Broncos since 2004.

2011 will be the year Boise State fans ponder what could have been following TCU's 36-35 win Nov. 12 in Bronco Stadium.

As kicker Dan Goodale's potential game-winning field goal flew wide right as time expired, Boise State's dreams of a national championship vaporized with it.

With the way college football is currently set up, the nation knew the Broncos would need help to play for the title in New Orleans. Turns out, the dominos may have fallen correctly for an undefeated BSU squad to take on LSU for all the marbles — potentially changing the landscape of the sport.

Instead of the college football world swarming around Boise preparing for an unprecedented BCS title tilt, perhaps the greatest team Boise State will ever field finished its season quietly, as an afterthought before Christmas against a scuffling Pac-12 team that finished 6-7.

The TCU loss cannot be solely blamed on Goodale, despite Boise State's recent history of kicking woes. Horned Frog quarterback Casey Pachall gashed the Broncos for 473 yards and five TDs, and the Broncos couldn't capitalize on opportunities to win in crunch time leading up to the kick. Running back Drew Wright fumbled as Boise State tried to run out the clock, and quarterback Kellen Moore ultimately failed to lead a game-winning drive that would have further reinforced his invincibility on the blue turf and possibly earned him another trip to the Heisman Trophy ceremony.

The Broncos still finished with a sterling 12-1 record, yet a MAACO Bowl Las Vegas trophy seems far from satisfying. BSU coach Chris Petersen complained about the BCS following the end of the regular season, criticizing the criteria to be selected, but may have praised it if the system chose his team to play LSU for the national championship. If Boise State beat TCU and finished third in the BCS, who knows what Petersen would have said or done.

To reach the BCS, the Broncos and their fans knew before the season started that their room for error was razor-thin. For 2011, that tangible difference ended up being 15 feet right on that November day.

- Alex Calinsky covered Boise State football for the Times-News

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No. 8: College of Southern Idaho Guard Pierre Jackson Signs with Baylor

Every basketball fan loves the short guard with hops, the player who dominates in a game created for giants. At a listed height of 5-foot-10 and a vertical leap of 40 inches, Pierre Jackson is the short guard with hops. He wowed CSI fans for two seasons with his deft shooting touch and two slam dunk contest titles. After leading CSI to its third NJCAA national championship in March and earning NICAA Player of the Year Honors, Jackson signed with Baylor, a team loaded with NBA talent and a lofty tio-10 ranking that has its eyes set on a Big 12 championship and deep run in March. He hasn't disappointed and is still keeping fans on the edge of their seats. Only this season, they're watching him on ESPN.

Pierre is just so dynamic and electric on offense and he was getting lots of looks from schools. Baylor started recruiting him early in the year and he went there on a visit in the spring. They worked him very, very hard, which was good for him. He's such a hard worker.

He was playing there with Perry Jones III, who is a projected lottery pick in the NBA, and Quincy Miller, Quincy Acey, Brady Heslip. All those guys are so talented and I think Pierre took it as a challenge to see if he could play with those guys.

He just felt like he clicked with them. People thought maybe he was going too high and maybe was in over his head. That's a big step for a junior college player to make, going to Baylor, but he's gotten significantly better each and every year.

Itold Pierre, 'Hey, you've got this scholarship. Now you're going to have to work even harder to make yourself better."

I have no doubt he will. He



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loves the game so much.

It's been so much fun to watch him this season as a fan. It did my heart good to where I got to see him play in person against BYU earlier this season. He was always so polished offensively, and us as coaches were always pushing him to work on his defense. To see him make that defensive play there at the end of the game, blocking that shot, was pretty cool. To see him do some of the things he's doing at a big-time college is really exciting.

The day after each one of those games is on TV, I hear from CSI fans who said they watched him play. Everyone is glued to their TV's right now.

He's always been a fan favorite and I think always will wherever he goes. One, he's a very athletic player and is a small guy playing in a big man's game. People always like to root for the underdog. I also think he's such a personable kid. He's got such a warm personality and an easy going smile. He's friendly to people. He's a genuine person and a good person. You always root for that guy. You like that guy.

It was a joy to coach him.

-College of Southern Idaho head coach Steve Gosar, as told to Times-News reporter Stephen Meyers



LAURIE WELCH • TIMES-NEWS

No. 9: Idaho Regatta Canceled Due to Unsafe Water Conditions

Typically, the last weekend in June is a hotbed of excitement on the Snake River in Burley. The sounds of racing engines fill the air as teams work feverishly to prepare their boats for competition. However, the 2011 edition of the Idaho Regatta was cancelled due to high waters and fast-moving currents. It's only the second time in 36 years the event has been cancelled; the previous time came in 1997, when the Snake River flooded banks in Mini-Cassia and across the state.

Racers from Seattle to Miami were disappointed by the news of Burley's cancellation. For many, Burley is their favorite stop on the national circuit. Many contestants plan their vacation time around the event, and bring contingents of family and crews to enjoy the racing weekend in Burley. Despite the disappointment, the decision was made to scrap this year's regatta in the name of safety. The fast moving current and large debris created hazards for the racers and safety personnel.

The cancellation was also of concern to local businesses that see an increase in sales over the event weekend. Hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and retail stores reap the benefits of the influx of out of town money into the Mini-Cassia community. In what have been difficult economic times, the cancellation of the regatta was a loss to the local economy.

Fans of the regatta were also deprived of their annual does of racing excitement and fun in the sun. The boat races are an annual pilgrimage for many motorsports junkies looking to fill their need for speed and loud racing engines. However, it was not to be in 2011.

Although the cancellation of the 36th Annual Idaho Regatta was a disappointment, the future of the event is bright. The 37th Annual Idaho Regatta is scheduled for June 23-25, 2012. The upcoming event will host the crown jewel of boat racing, the American Powerboat Association National Championship races.

The Burley Regatta Committee looks forward to bringing the Idaho Regatta back in 2012. Mother Nature permitting, the Snake River should be bustling with racing action once again this June.

– Mark Moyle is the Idaho Regatta Committee Chairman.



DREW NASH · TIMES-NEWS

No. 10: Dave Slotten Leaves Twin Falls to Coach Canyon Ridge Football

It would have been one thing if Dave Slotten had left Twin Falls High School, his alma mater, for just another job. But the Bruins' defensive coordinator jumped across Blue Lakes Boulevard to take the head position at Canyon Ridge, providing further intrigue to an already fierce rivalry. Life wasn't easy in the Slotten household for a few months — his son Zayne, a senior at Twin Falls, was one of the football team's standouts this season — but his focus has always been on the bigger picture. Working with the school across town — except for Service Bowl week, of course — Slotten aims to build Canyon Ridge, and by proxy other teams in the area — into consistent state playoff threats. While it didn't happen this season, the red half of Twin Falls is convinced it's got the right guy.

In looking to hire the new leader of the Canyon Ridge football program, we were looking for someone with a vision for a program. Dave Slotten had the vision and commitment level we were looking for.

Dave's vision for Canyon Ridge football starts at the youth level, works into Robert Stuart football, and finishes up at Canyon Ridge's varsity level. He understands that it was going to take a large amount commitment to get the football program to where we wanted it to be and where he sees it going. Coach Slotten hired a team of coaches starting at the seventh-grade level up through high school that can help him complete this vision.

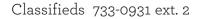
Coach Slotten expects that the programs between Robert Stuart and Canyon Ridge work together. He spends time with all levels of coaches and players putting his program's vision into action.

I think one of the things that I see Dave instilling in our kids is a new culture of toughness. He is teaching our kids how to work hard and commit to the program. I think Coach Slotten's enthusiasm and vision have become contagious to other athletic programs at Canyon Ridge. I see all our athletes feeding off of the football program and where it is going.

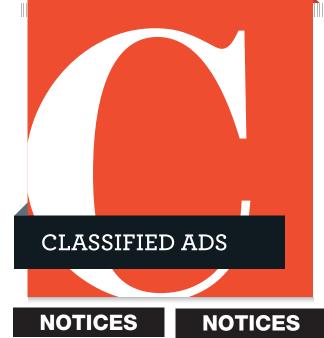
Dave has become a leader in the Canyon Ridge Athletic Program, and he was a great hire to lead our football program to the next level. "One Team, One Effort!"

- Kim Wray is the athletic director at Canyon Ridge High School.

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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, outside the main entrance of the Minidoka County Courthouse, 711 G Street, Rupert, ID 83350, on 04/16/2012 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 08/04/2006 as Instrument Number 485984, executed by JEFFREY A RUSSELL AND ANN SHELDON-RUSSELL, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. MIN: 100124700070178573, as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Minidoka County, State of Idaho: LOT 5 IN BLOCK 1 OF B.E. SMITH'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE CITY OF REPERT, MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER MINIDOKA COUNTY, IDAHO. 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, 617 1ST STREET, Rupert, ID 83350 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 07/01/2011 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.250% 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 \$45,834.34, 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: 12/08/2011, 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 # 11-0141666 FEI # 1006.149221

PUBLISH: December 31, 2011, January 7, 14 and 21, 2012

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE S SALE Loan No.: 0198902595 T-S. No. 11-03411-6 On April 24, 2012 11:00 am, In the lobby of Land Title & Escrow, 1411 Fillmore Street., Suite 600 Twin Falls, ID 83301 in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, NA., the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: The East 44 feet of Lot 2 and the West 44 feet of Lot 3 in Block 1 of Eastgate Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Plats, page 37, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 2536 ELIZABETH BLVD EAST, TWIN FALLS, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ROBERT J. ADAMS AND NADINE R. ADAMS. HUSBAND AND WIFE, as original grantor(s), to TWIN FALLS TITLE AND ESCROW COMPANY, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR REPUBLIC MORTGAGE HOME LOANS, LLC, as original beneficiary, dated as of August 25, 2005, and recorded August 29, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-019200 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4){A) Idaho Code, No representation is made that they are, or are not presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Wells Fargo Bank, NA., (the "Beneficiary"). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated August 25, 2005 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$945.31 due from April 1, 2011, together with all subsequent payments; together with late charges due; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$121,094.62, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.87500% per annum from March 1, 2011. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 21, 2011 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Trustee 1920 Main Street, Suite 1120, Irvine, CA 92614 949-252-4900 Juan Enriquez, Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AT www.lpsasap.com FOR AUTOMATED SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 ASAP# 4163347

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NOTICE OF SALE

South Locust Mini Storage, 197 South Locust, Twin Falls, ID 83301 will sell entire contents of 7 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

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Scott Laughlin, Unit 57, 3813 North 1600-B East, Buhl, ID 83316.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citi zens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Loan No.: 0212144836 T.S. No.: 11-00925-6 On April 24, 2012 11:00 am. At the main entrance of the Gooding County Courthouse, 624 Main Street, Gooding, ID 83330 in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank, NA, the current Beneficiary, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Gooding, State of Idaho, and described as follows: TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 16 EAST OF THE BOISE MERIDIAN, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO Section 18: Being all that certain tract or parcel of land situated in the SW1/4SE1/4, and being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the S1/4 corner of the aforementioned Section 18, Thence South 89 degrees 43'27" East, 508.14 feet along and with the South section line to the Southwest corner and the POINT OF BEGINNING of the herein described tract; Thence North 00 degrees 01'24" West, 325.33 feet to the Northwest corner of the herein described tract; Thence South 89 degrees 47'20" East 313.00 feet to the Northeast corner of the herein described tract; Thence South 00 degreees 01'24" East, 325.69 feet to the Southeast corner of the herein described tract; Thence North 89 degrees 43'27" West, 313.00 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of: 2358 EAST 3300 SOUTH, JEROME, ID, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrance to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by ERIC EBBS, unmarried, as original grantor(s), to First American Title, as original trustee, for the benefit and security of MERS AS NOMINEE FOR ADVANCED FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC., as original beneficiary, dated as of February 6, 2009, and recorded February 18, 2009, as Instrument No 229442 in the Official Records of the Office of the Recorder of Gooding County, Idaho. Please Note: The above grantor(s) are named to comply with section 45-1506(4)(A), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation set forth herein. The current beneficiary is: Wells Fargo Bank, NA, (the "Beneficiary"). Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining unpaid balance of the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or eavinae loan assor and ation savings bank specified in the Idaho Financial Code and authorized to do business in Idaho, or other such funds as may be acceptable to the trustee. The default(s) for which this sale is to be made under Deed of Trust and Note dated February 6, 2009 are: Failed to pay the monthly payments of \$1,417.88 due from August 1, 2010, together with all subsequent payments: together with late charges due; together with other fees and expenses incurred by the Beneficiary; The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$210,818.04, plus accrued interest at the rate of 5.37500% per annum from July 1, 2010. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: December 21, 2011 Fidelity National Title Insurance Company Trustee 1920 Main Street, Suite 1120, Irvine CA 92614 949-252-4900 Juan Enriquez Authorized Signature SALE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED ON LINE AUTOMATED AT www.lpsasap.com FOR SALES INFORMATION please call 714-730-2727 ASAP# 4163134 PUBLISH: 12/31/2011, 01/07/2012, 01/14/2012, 01/21/2012 106



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Burley Mtgs-N/S-1321 Oakley #9 Saturday, 12 noon. Sunday, 2pm Spanish Speaking. Monday-Thursday, 8pm. Rupert Mtgs-N/S-6th & I Street

Monday, 8pm & Friday, 8pm. Paul, 2220 E. Ellis-Weds., 12 noon

Call 208-670-4313

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Friday, 6pm Dinner. 7pm group. Burley Christian Center, 317 W 27th

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Monday, 4-5:30pm Minidoka Memorial Hospital

1218 8th St., Rupert. 431-3741

208-678-3145

Wednesday, 7pm, Seminary Bldg. 457 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls 208-595-4080

SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, 7pm, Seminary Bldg. 457 Maurice St. N., Twin Falls 208-731-5932

Thursday, 7pm, Seminary Bldg. 217 N Kennedy, Jerome

208-324-8607 Friday, 7pm, Minico Seminary Bldg. 97 S. 300 W. Rupert.

208-431-1481

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101 Lost and Found

FOUND Christmas Present on 500 South 200 West, Ruper Call to identify 208-312-3064

FOUND Holstein Bull Calf abandoned near 400 S 25 W, Jerome. Call 208-324-3073

FOUND Kitten in the Burley area. Grey, black & white. If not claimed free to a good home. 312-3763

FOUND Min Pin cross, male, on Dec. 24 at Interstate Feeders Malta Feedlot. Call 208-654-2889 to claim.

LOST Border Collie, large black and white male, \$500 reward. Shorthair, lots of white around chest and neck. Had a collar, but may have lost. Call or text 208-539-1483

LOST Cat, black female, 1/2 mi W of Kimberly HS & 1 mile S. Has white chest, white whiskers on one side & black on the other. 423-6170

LOST Dog, small brown, on Christmas Eve near 16th & Washington in Burley. If found please, please call 260-1240. We have a seven year old girl that is heartbroken.

LOST Fuji film camera & Black Hills Gold wire heart earring in the Wendell area. 536-6561/961-4036

LOST Jack Russell, female, long haired. Lost west of Jerome. 970-985-1063

106 **Special Notices**

AL-ANON Meetings for the family & friends of alcoholics & addicts Tuesdays-7:00pm at 450 E 27th St. Burley United Methodist Church Contact Lila at 208-650-9067.

TOPS CLUB ID# 374 Rupert Thursday, 9:30am. 410 East 3rd, Rupert. 436-6037 or 679-3518

ID# 256 Burley Thursday, 5:15-7pm 725 Minidoka Ave, Burley. 678-5959 or 678-2622 ID# 388 Malta Wednesday, 5:15pm 2025 S. Hwy 81, Malta.

208-645-2438 ID# 0048 Jerome Thursday, 9:30am Jerome Public Library. 208-324-6693

ID #0003 Twin Falls Weds, 4:30pm Church of Christ, 2002 Filer Ave. E.,

208-734-2641 ID #0395 Twin Falls Tues, 8:30am, 1338 N. College Rd (in the Library)

Visions of Hope Grief Support **Group** held each Thursday from 5-6pm at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. For more info please call 735-0121.

> 107 Pregnancy Alternatives

Pregnant? Worried?

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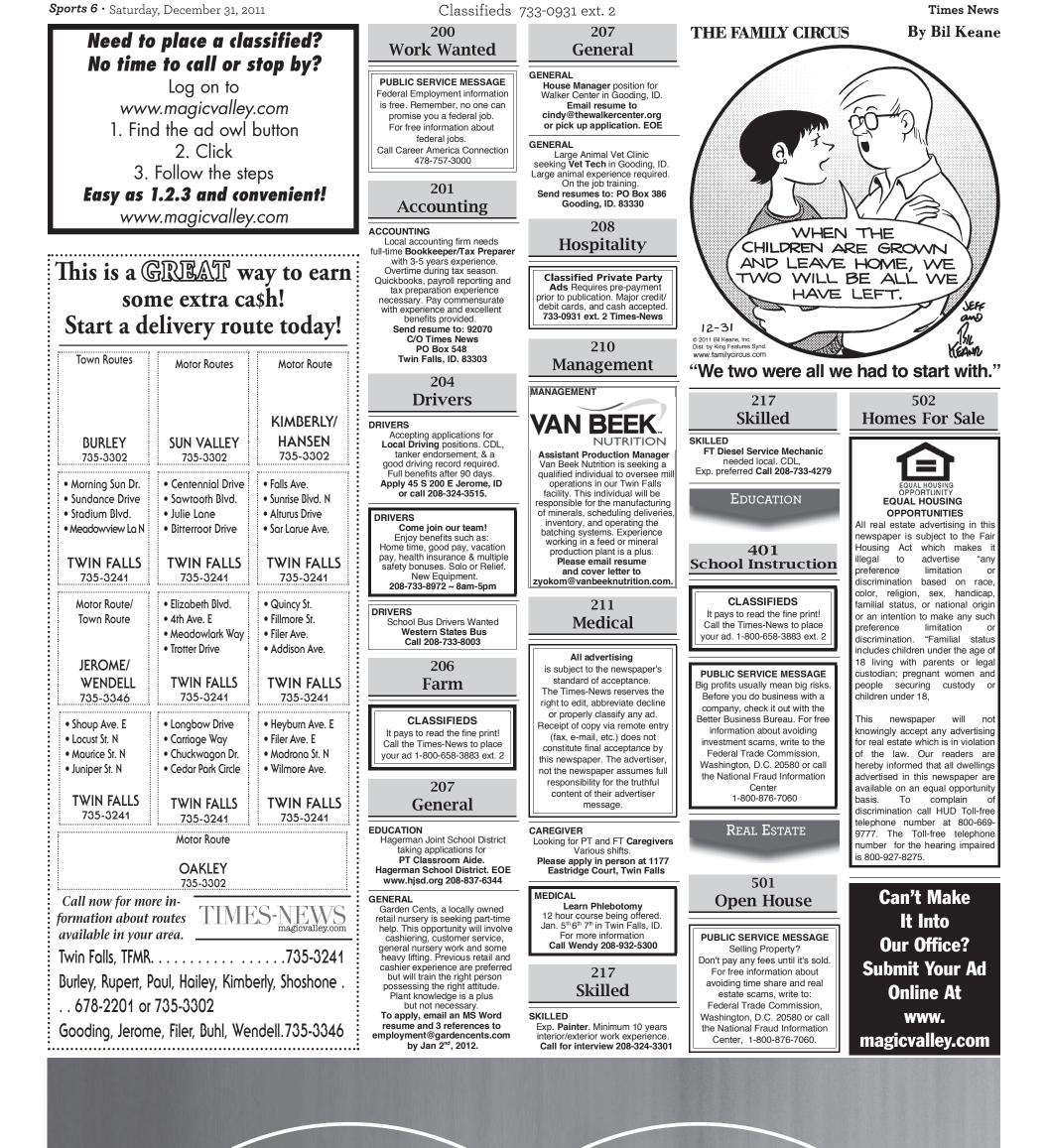
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CAREGIVER

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TWIN FALLS Free Home Search www.twinfallshomeinfo.com Free list of foreclosures www.twinfallsforeclosures.com Canyonside Irwin Realty	TWIN FALLS Triple Net Bank leased property. 113 Main Ave. W. Master lease on entire bldg by Panhandle State Bank. 15 years left on primary lease term. Full CPI increases every 24 months. Ask- ing \$3,230,000 at 6.5% cap rate. 1-208-660-2500 (non local)	DO YOU KNOW THIS GREA	A BUYER FOR AT HOME?	JUST [USTED
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ONLY \$350,000			OPEN HOUSE 1022 BORAH AVENUE, TWIN FALLS 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 1531 sq.ft MLS# 98474033 \$155,000		614 ETHAN COURT, JEROME drooms, 2 baths, 1591 Sq. Ft., 98477417 \$139,400

4 Bdrm • 2.5 Bath • Ofc • 3,351 Sq Ft • 1.73 Acres





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0602 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek **Unfurnished Homes** David! Great to see you. Make yourself at home. Happy New Year! 2012 BURLEY 1010 Occidental, 3 bdrm. one letter to each square. 1 bath, refrig, stove, W/D hookups included. \$525 mo. + \$500 dep. to form four ordinary words NUPDO Call 208-312-2477 FILER 3 bdrm, 2 bath, Ig yard, 1 car detached garage, no pets/smok-ing. \$750 month & last month rent ©2011 Tribune Media All Rights Reserved \$500 deposit. Also mobile home space for rent. 208-326-5475 UCPHO HAZELTON Month-to-Month. Lg 4 bdrm, 3 bath, 2700 sqft, office, no smoking, \$800/mo.+dep. 731-2285 SLSTUY EVERYBODY LIKED TO GO

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JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath mobile homes, \$550-\$650. No pets. Long term. 324-8903 or 788-2817 JEROME 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage on 1 acre, in Big-Little Ranches, \$850 + deposit.

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JEROME in country. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, water trash and electric furnished \$525 + \$500 dep. **731-6421**

JEROME Nice, large 2bdrmn, 1 bath, W/D hookup, appls., garage & fenced yard. No smoking/pets, \$630/mo + \$400 deposit **324-2244**

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to property. Highest ground in

Kanaka. 98436909 \$45,000

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construction, tape and textured, set on a permanent foundation - you own the

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98402530 \$149,000 Jim Herrett 731-3096

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552 Woodland Dr.. 455 Ridgeway Dr., **Twin Falls Twin Falls** This home has everything, Great family home 4 bedroom 3 bedroom 2 bath, Office, formal 2 bath with basement Remodeled An ANDER D

dining, 3 car garage RV parking wonderful landscaping.

Answer here: Jumbles: COACH INPUT Yesterday's Ben Franklin was able to invent bifocals Answer: because he was a - VISIONARY 0602 **Unfurnished Homes Unfurnished Homes**



RUPERT 2 bdrm. BURLEY 1 bdrm Will qualify for IHA. 208-431-3526 or 431-3560

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carport, fenced yard, new inside, no pets/smoking. \$700+dep. Near Walmart. 731-5900 or 420-3726 TWIN FALLS **376 Van Buren**, 2 bdrm, 1 bath garage, \$650/\$650.

BECAUSE HE WAS A

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as

suggested by the above cartoon.

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0602

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, remo-dled by Fred Meyer. Gas/AC/WD hookup, \$750. 539-5008

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath du-

plex, \$750. 4 bdrm, 2 bath dup car garage, \$950. 2 bdrm, 1 bath house w/2 car garage, \$750. 2 bdrm, 1 bath bsmt apt, \$550. No

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TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dbl

dep. 208-539-9964

(Answers Monday)

SCURVY

1577 Sommer, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car, \$825/\$825. No Pets.

287 Morningside #4 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$650/\$650. No Pets.

Call Jeff 539-4907

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 1 bath, Idaho Housing Eligible, 712 2nd Ave W., updated, \$850. 208-404-8042

TWIN FALLS 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, small storage unit, gas heat, no smoking/pets, \$880 + dep. **734-5063 or 539-9408**

State Laws & Regulations define the minimums required for a land survey.





Boundary, Lot, Construction Surveys, Subdivisions, Elevation Certificates 208-934-4811 George A. Yerion, PLS Member: Gooding Chamber of Commerce & the Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyor



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609 Green Tree Way, **Twin Falls**

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2461 Cedarchip Rd., **Twin Falls**

3 bedroom 2 bath with an office, great location. MLS #98480080 \$157,900

MLS #98483626 \$259,900

2008 Candleridge Dr., **Twin Falls**

4 bedroomroom 2 bath, 3 car garage beautifully landscaped home. MLS #98470911 \$269,000

2381A E. 3800 N., Filer

3 bedroom 2.5 bath Custom home on 1.27 acres. Great back yard and Patio, Room for horses. MLS #98476632 \$210,000

1605 Grandview Dr Sp 47, Twin Falls

Very nice Manufactured home with spacious kitchen and eating area. Living room is a very nice size featuring a total of 1344 sq. ft. Home is pristine and ready for a new owner. Nice covered patio and a shed for all those extras. Property is mowed and maintained throughout the year. MLS# 98481148. \$36,000

5651 A US HWY 93, Jerome Beautiful Home with 3 Bed/3 Baths, 2047 sq ft., Maple Cabinets. Lots of upgrades with dual vanities, tub and seperate shower in Master Bath, Beautiful hardwood floors, and tile. Lots of windows. Well taken care of Home. Must be Relocated! MLS# 98481230. \$100,000







230 Lenore, Twin Falls 1244 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 1 bath, double lot, hardwood floors, wood burning stove, covered patio. Good Solid Home!!! MLS 98483080 \$72,000 OR MAKE OFFER.



15.25 Acres - 3300 East - Kimberly Secluded area with trees 10.17 water shares No CCR's. Use to be farmed. Would be a great place to build home! MLS# 98449667 REDUCED TO \$90,000 OR BEST OFFER.







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DEAR ABBY: My friend "Kayla" and I are 12 and in seventh grade. Recently, Kayla informed me that she has acquired a new boyfriend. I didn't mind when she showed me all his lovey-dovey texts. I thought they were adorable.

When I asked Kayla why her boyfriend didn't sit with us at lunch, she laughed and said, "Oh, he doesn't go to school here. He's a junior in high school." That's why I'm writing.

Kayla is telling me that she and "Jacob" are making out, and their texts are getting progressively worse. Plus, Kayla has said her parents are taking her and Jacob to a concert. The concert is out of town and they will be renting a hotel room. I'm worried for my friend.

Am I incorrect for thinking this is wrong? WORRIED FRIEND IN

WASHINGTON STATE



WORRIED DEAR FRIEND: I agree with you that at 12, Kayla is too young to have a 16-year-old boyfriend. That her parents give her enough unsupervised time with him that they're involved in makeout sessions is also troubling. If this continues, Kayla could could be accused of statutory rape - even if Kayla was a willing participant.

Talk to your mother about what's going on. She may want to chat with Kayla's parents about this and mention the texts Jacob is sending their daughter.

DEAR ABBY: I have a question that may seem odd, but I hope you can give me an answer.

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At the Cap Gemini tournament in 1998, the eventual winners, Zia Mahmood and Tony Forrester, had taken a big early lead and were still just in front when this board arrived at the table.

The pair in second place also reached three no-trump, and Tor Helness as West led the heart jack in response to his partner's opening bid. Declarer won with dummy's king and misguessed the clubs. Back came the heart nine, ducked all around, and that was followed by a diamond to South's king. Now the defense was ahead in the race to establish a long suit, and the contract had to go one down

At the other key table, West led the diamond 10 to the king, and East unblocked the queen. Forrester as declarer naturally guessed the clubs, cashing the ace and playing a dummy's club to the jack. He ducked the diamond continuation, throwing a heart from dummy, and that left East on lead play. That player made the natural-looking play of the spade queen (the winning defense is to switch to a heart), and Forrester put up dummy's king.

He then cashed the diamond ace, discarding another heart, and took his winning clubs. East had to keep three hearts, so was forced down to two spades. Forrester was able to lead a spade, win the heart return with the ace, and exit with a further spade. He took the penultimate trick with the heart king and had an established spade for his ninth trick.

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better with every call in the auction. You can now assume partner is relatively short in spades, and since your side might be able to make slam easily, it would be lazy to bid four hearts now. Cue-bid four clubs and hope your partner can cooperate.

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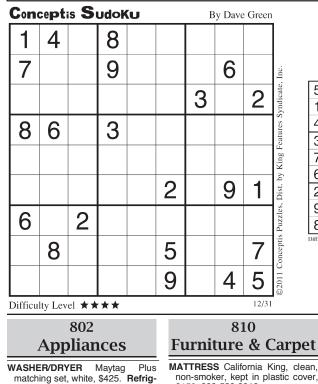
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Today's Highlight:

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TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1759, Arthur Guinness founded his famous brewery at St. James's Gate in Dublin.

In 1775, during the Revolutionary War, the British repulsed an attack by Continental Army generals Richard Montgomery and Benedict Arnold at Quebec; Montgomery was killed.

In 1879, Thomas Edison first publicly demonstrated his electric incandescent light in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1909, the Manhattan Bridge, spanning the East River between Manhattan and Brooklyn, was officially opened to vehicular traffic.

In 1946, President Harry S. Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

In 1961, the Green Bay Packers shut out the New York Giants 37-0 to win the National Football League Championship.

In 1969, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidencv of the United Mine Workers of America, was shot to death with his wife and daughter in their Clarksville, Pa., home by hitmen acting at the orders of UMWA president Tony Boyle.

In 1985, singer Rick Nelson, 45, and six other people were killed when fire broke out aboard a DC-3 that was taking the group to a New Year's Eve performance in Dallas.

In 1986, 97 people were killed when fire broke out in the Dupont Plaza Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. (Three hotel workers later pleaded guilty in connection with the blaze.)

In 1991, representatives of the government of El Salvador and rebels reached agreement at the United Nations on a peace accord to end 12 years of civil war.

Ten years ago: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani spent his final day in office praising police, firefighters, and other city employees in the wake of 9/11, and said he had no regrets about returning to private life. Notre Dame tapped Tyrone Willingham to be its football coach, replacing George O'Leary, who'd resigned because of misstatements about his academic and athletic achievements on his 01-1 Willingham resume: became the first black head coach in any sport for the Irish. Actress Eileen Heckart died in Norwalk. Conn., at age 82. Five years ago: The death one owner, like new toll for Americans killed in the Iraq war reached 3,000. Hundreds of Iraqis flocked to the village of Ouja where Saddam Hussein was born to see the deposed leader buried in a religious compound 24 hours after his Ordinary execution. paid their Americans respects to former work ready President Gerald R. Ford. walking slowly by his flagcovered casket in the U.S. Capitol. One year ago: Tornadoes fueled by unusually warm air pummeled the South and Midwest, killing a total of eight people in Arkansas and Missouri. The body of federal defense consultant John Wheeler III, 66, was found in a Wilmington, Del., landfill; his death, ruled a homicide, remains under investigation.





IF DECEMBER 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Love and romance seem to fill all of your waking hours, so put your ambitions on hold until the end of January and enjoy a vacation or inspiring activities. The first half of March is a time to embrace opportunities that may lead to bigger and better things. This is also the best time to launch your most important plans or make plans for the future, because your judgment is at its zenith. During late April and early May, you can make lucrative financial decisions and career moves.



ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let old acquaintances be forgotten. As the new year approaches, take time to catch up with friends you may have lost touch with. Lasting relationships are built over time; physical attractions fade quickly.

TAURUS (April 20-May **20):** Easy does it. It may be difficult to show restraint during New Year's festivities, but you should be careful not to let your merriment get out of hand. A wonderful time can still be had without overindulgence.

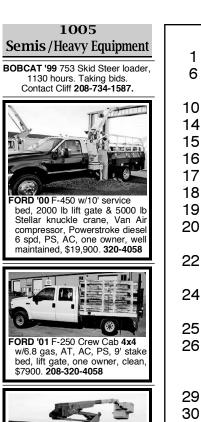
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): What has worked for you in the past will still work in the future. Take time to reflect on the past so that you may learn what the future holds in store for you. Usher in the new year surrounded by family.

CANCER (June 21-July **22):** Be the shoulder to lean on. Friends rely on your discretion and good judgment and subsequently you are the one they come to for answers. A lasting relationship cannot be built on mere attraction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Leo the lion roars tonight. Friends admire you for your ability to keep a promise. The object of your desire is close at hand, but keep any romantic interludes private. Follow through on your resolutions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): No matter where you go, there you are. Accept your lot in life. It may not be as much fun to be a designated driver but you still serve a valuable purpose. Friends appreciate your selfless nature.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take things as they come. Focus your attention on a special someone rather than New Year's resolutions and you may enjoy a belated but welcome Christmas gift. Usher out the old and welcome in the new. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Dream a little dream. As you will be in close contact with your mate tonight, it will be an excellent time to discuss joint ventures and plans for the future. Look at the new year as a fresh start for the both of you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Resolve the unresolved. Spend the last hours of this year taking care of any lingering situations. That way, you can enter 2012 with a clean slate and start fresh. Let go of animosities. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): To give is divine, but to throw money away is stupid. At this time of year, everyone has a hand out; some deserve charity, some don't. Give to those who need it and to the rest say, "Happy New Year!" AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep traditions alive. Your group may be less than enthusiastic about going through the motions this holiday, but you can bring them around with a little enthusiasm. Enjoy memorable festivities. PISCES (Feb. 19-March **20):** Keep some champagne on ice. Traditions are what make holidays fun, so don't shirk your New Year's duties. A resounding success will be had if you are surrounded with your dearest friends and family



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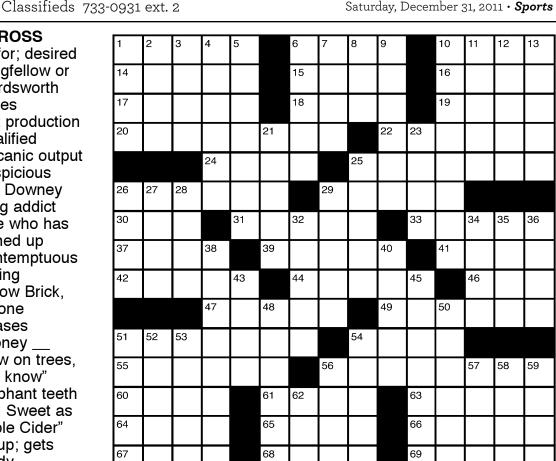
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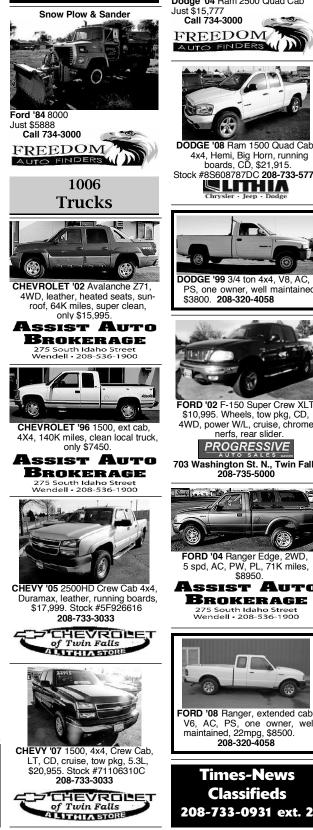
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