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Occupy Boise Comes in Out of the Cold

Protesters tell legislators not to pass a proposal that would boot their encampment off state property.

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BOISE • Confusion marked the start of Friday's last-minute hearing on a house bill that would prohibit camping on Capitol and state properties.

But one thing was clear: Occupy Boise participants feel the move in-

fringes on their rights to free speech and assembly.

The legislation, sponsored by House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, would effectively break up the Occupy Boise encampment that's been located across Sixth Street from the Capitol on the old Ada County Courthouse lawn since November. The new law

would align with similar ordinances in other states and cities, including camping bans for city-owned property in Boise and Washington, D.C.

Friday's hearing in the House State Affairs Committee started with an announcement that there had been a misprint in the bill, and Chairman Thomas Loertscher, R-Iona, said the hearing might be postponed until Monday. Some committee members pointed out

that the audience was full of people who had cleared their schedules to testify, and asked that they be allowed to follow through.

After adjourning for nearly an hour, the committee gathered again to hear limited testimony on a new version of the bill, which corrected the typo. Loertscher said the bill would get a full hearing on Monday morning, when others could testify.

Those testifying Friday spoke against the bill, expressing con-

cerns about infringement on First Amendment rights and violation of personal property if the camping equipment is thrown out, while reiterating the Occupy movement philosophy.

Dana Jablonski of Marsing told legislators she placed her tent within view of the Capitol "because I can't occupy your office with a lobbyist." Jablonski expressed concern that political

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Cindy Ragains pulls out some of the oversized novelty checks she's won playing the Idaho Lottery, during a Jan. 13 interview at her home near Kimberly.

'I Guess It Was Just My Turn to Win'

In her first in-depth interview, Cindy Ragains, the most prolific winner in Idaho Lottery scratch game history, tells her amazing story.

BY NATALIE DICOU
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KIMBERLY • The luckiest woman in Magic Valley — maybe in the universe — lives down a bumpy, gravel road in rural Kimberly.

Like every gambler who plays the Idaho Lottery, Cindy Ragains had a dream: win the big one. Just once.

The 56-year-old managed to do it twice. And then some.

In 2011, Ragains won \$250,000 on two separate occasions, \$5,000 three times and \$600 23 times.

The madness started in February when Ragains won the quarter-million top prize in a lottery

game called Idaho Millions after buying a ticket at an Oasis Stop 'N Go in Twin Falls. There were six top prizes in that contest, each with one shot in 175,000 of winning.

Long odds, and yet Ragains doesn't believe in luck. She carries no rabbit's foot, and she doesn't blow on her tickets or scratch them with a lucky coin. She uses a quarter, any quarter. And then she hopes.

"I guess it was just my turn to win," Ragains said, "my time."

And the timing couldn't have been better for a serendipitous turn of events.

Ragains is guardian of three in-

dividuals — including two disabled adults and her grandson, Izeak, 17, whom she's raised since her son, Coy, the boy's father, died in a car accident when Izeak was a toddler.

As the head of a certified family home, Ragains cares for her sister, Jerri Snow, 54, who has epilepsy, and her son, Sonny Ragains, 40, who has cerebral palsy and is deaf. She receives \$53.39 a day from the state for each.

But money was tight after Ragains was laid off four years ago after 24 years as a Lamb Weston cafeteria manager.

Ragains says she was \$60,000 in debt, behind on bills, and in dire need of a new washer and dryer when she won her first quarter-million early last year.

"It was on the fritz," she said of the washer. "It would shake out of the box?"

"I was getting tired of driving to Boise for a \$600 one."

Cindy Ragains, who won so many prizes last year that Idaho Lottery headquarters in Boise decided to mail her the checks instead of requiring her to claim them in person

When she won, the first thing Ragains bought was a shiny new Whirlpool set.

And then she unburdened herself, settling five credit cards and paying off her other debts.

"When I got low on something, I used credit cards," said Ragains, who dropped out of Vera C. O'Leary Junior High in ninth

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Glanbia Gears up for Growth

Company officials hope new research center in downtown Twin Falls will help the cheese giant's international sales reach new heights.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • If you ask him, Glanbia Foods CEO and President Jeff Williams says he isn't satisfied with operating the largest producer of American-style cheese in the U.S.

He wants to do something bigger. But to do that, he needs to move downtown.

On Friday, the Twin Falls-based cheese manufacturer announced its plans to build an up to \$15 million corporate headquarters and innovation center in downtown Twin Falls.

The project includes building a three-story, 35,000-square-foot office complex and a 14,000-square-foot research center at the former Kruger's Nightlife property in

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TODAY IN RELIGION



Crowley's Calls It a Day

After 15 years in the Magic Valley Mall — and 40 years serving the area's LDS population — Crowley's-The Quad bookstore is closing. The reason: Deseret Book Co. is coming to town and bringing with it a church distribution center. Store owner Richard Crowley will manage the new store.

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Keep Active to Battle Blues After Holidays

Now that the holidays are over and we have a long winter ahead of us, I'm kind of down. How can I re-energize myself?

- Tami, Hansen

Answered by Colette Hoglund, Ph.D., St. Luke's Clinic Behavioral Health

It's most important to take care of yourself, especially by getting enough exercise, proper nutrition and sunlight. Studies show that exercise can help improve your mood through the release of mood-elevating chemicals called endorphins.

It's important to stay active, even if you start small and gradually increase your activity level. Set small, attainable goals that make you feel successful. If you have been feeling exhausted, exercise can be a key component in re-energizing.

Nutrition is also very important. Remember to eat regular, well-balanced meals, especially after the holidays when most of us have been overindulging in sugary treats. Eating too much sugar can make you feel exhausted and blue.

There is also a condition called seasonal affective disorder, which happens to people who don't get enough sunlight. Shorter days and overcast skies can and negatively impact your mood. When it's sunny, it's important to go outside, even if only for a short time each day.

You can also purchase a full-spectrum light for your home, which can replace outside sunlight as a mood booster.

Stay connected socially. Humans naturally seek to connect with others, so if you're feeling left out, join a group or club that interests you. Volunteering can also be another way to stay connected and gives the added benefit of helping others, which makes you feel good.

Joining a spiritual community can also provide you with social connection. Studies show that a spiritual connection can

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lessen your risk for depression, because it gives you an outlet to share and connect with others.

It's also important to connect with yourself. Spend some time, whether it's journaling, drawing or talking to someone else about what are you feeling. Women are particularly good at knowing what they feel, but not as good at getting what they need. Take short breaks throughout your day to ask yourself what you're feeling and what you need. Often, our feelings give us clues as to what we need. Expressing yourself verbally can help improve your overall mood because it removes those thoughts you dwell on.

If your mood is consistently affecting your relationships and work in a negative way, it is important to seek professional help and treatment.

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Glanbia

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downtown Twin Falls. The buildings are expected to open by March 2013.

The announcement represents a major move forward in downtown revitalization attempts, as the new facilities will keep more Twin Falls workers within blocks of downtown services.

"We're bringing 100 high-paying jobs downtown," Williams said. "These are people who go out to lunch and will give business to downtown restaurants and shops."

Glanbia hired Twin Falls-based Uptown Developers to build the new headquarters and will lease the building from them. According to city documents, the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency owns the Kruzers property and plans to sell it to the development company within 90 days.

Williams has wanted to build a corporate headquarters in Twin Falls for the past five years. However, he initially had doubts about moving downtown.

"It wasn't our first choice, but it turned into our best choice," he said. "We first looked at property near the north end of town, but it just didn't have the capabilities that this location offers."

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter attended Friday's announcement and credited the Magic Valley's competent leaders as the reason why Glanbia and other businesses like Chobani and LMS Defense want to move into or grow within the area.

"I like coming to Twin Falls," he said,



Jeff Williams, president and CEO of Glanbia Foods, talks with members of the Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency Friday.

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while speaking briefly at Twin Falls City Council Chambers. "When I'm here, something happy is going on. This is a happy room."

Glanbia operates plants in Twin Falls, Gooding, Richfield and a joint venture in Clovis, N.M. According to Williams, Glanbia is the largest producer of American-style cheese, holding 19 percent of the industry's market share.

But the company doesn't want to stop there. Ideas and products created from the new innovation center will help push how people look at American-style cheese, said David Perry, the company's director of cheese research and development.

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"We have a large export market and we want to expand that," he said. "This will help us figure out what those markets want."

The center will rely on customer feedback and will require additional milk from area dairies.

"This is huge for us," said Edie Nunes, who operates a Buhl dairy. "Most importantly, it says that Glanbia is here to stay and they're not going anywhere."

Occupy

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pressed concern that political power has long rested with those who have money, leaving the rest of Idahoans without a voice.

Rep. Brent Crane, R-Nampa, invited Jablonski and others to visit legislators.

"We serve at the pleasure of the people and we want to do everything we can to make sure your voice is heard," he said.

"The problem is I work longer hours than you do," Jablonski said, to which Crane replied he would make himself available on weekends.

After Scott Knight testified about his concerns on unemployment, Rep. Ken Andrus, R-Lava Hot Springs, asked if the homeless man knew that during harvest season there were jobs available in Washington to pick fruit for \$150 a day. Knight said he didn't, and pointed out he didn't have transportation to get to Washington.

During her testimony, en-



Dana Jablonski of Marsing listens to House Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, answer a question from the House State Affairs Committee on Friday in Boise.

JOE JASZEWSKI • IDAHO STATESMAN

vironmental activist Shavone Hasse of Boise read a Langston Hughes poem, "In Explanation of Our Times." Loertscher ended Hasse's testimony and had her escorted from the podium after she inserted Bedke's name in the poem, which talks about oppression. Loertscher

deemed it a personal attack. After the meeting, Bedke said he would have no problem inserting language into the bill that would notify campers before their property would be thrown out.

"There's no more staunch advocate of property rights, personal property rights,

than I," Bedke said.

Bedke empathized with some of the protesters, saying "We're all the different levels of dissatisfaction with the status quo." But, he said, that's not the issue.

"The laws of the Capitol are not intended for long-term camping," he said.

CORRECTION

Bowling Price Incorrect

A story about bowling on Friday contained incorrect information about the Jerome Bowling Center. Discounted price is \$8 an hour, per person, with up to four people per lane. The alley is also closed on Saturday. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Travelers Can Expect Cold, Rain and Snow Over the Weekend

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TWIN FALLS • Falling temperatures and continued precipitation could make weekend travel treacherous across south-central Idaho.

Drivers Friday morning found slick conditions, and a one-vehicle rollover temporary snarled U.S. Highway 30 near Curry Crossing, though nobody was injured.

With another potent winter storm approaching the West Coast, the National Weather Service has issued a hazardous weather outlook for most of the Magic Valley. Snowfall of 5-10 inches is possible at elevations above 5,000 feet, according to NWS.

At the valley's predominantly lower elevations, rain is expected through today. While precipitation is expected to taper off by tonight, it could come as snow in Mini-Cassia as temperatures drop below freezing.

Sunday is expected to be cloudy and cool, with daytime highs in the high 30s and low 40s.

By Sunday night, though, a 40 percent chance of rain or snow is forecast across the valley, with daytime highs early next week hovering near freezing.

For updated road information, call the Idaho Transportation at 511 or visit 511.idaho.gov.

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After DNA Match, Buhl Man Charged in Rape

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A Buhl man was arraigned Friday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court on charges he raped a woman in May 2011.

Daniel R. Ghormley, 25, was charged with the crime after Twin Falls police say they received forensic test results showing Ghormley's DNA matches samples taken from his accuser the night of the alleged incident.

On May 22, 2011, a Twin Falls police detective responded to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center for a report of a sexual assault.

A woman told police she had been raped after a party, while she slept. The woman said she had gone out to a bar with friends

who all later met up with Ghormley at his home. After a few drinks, the woman said, she became tired and was offered a spare bedroom.

The woman said she awakened a short time later and was being raped by an unknown man. She said she then blacked out, but later woke up to find Ghormley on the bed beside her.

According to court documents the woman had a small bruise on her knee and an abrasion. No tests were done to check for a "date rape" drug.

On Nov. 29, police say they received test results showing the DNA match, and a warrant was put out for Ghormley's arrest on Dec. 22.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 17.

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Ketchum Begins Talks on Remaking Its Image

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM • The last time Ketchum crafted its comprehensive plan, the town was riding a real estate and construction boom.

The Great Recession stifled that, and high unemployment contributed to a downturn in tourism.

So the city went back to the drawing board this week, trying to remake its image and its goals to fit what one person called “the new normal.”

Nearly 100 businesspeople and residents attended two focus groups to define what needs to go into the new comprehensive plan. Their input will be used to draft the plan over the next few weeks, said Joyce Allgaier, planning manager.

Participants identified tourism as one of the biggest areas Ketchum needs to focus on. Other priorities included providing a year-round economy, getting second-homeown-

ers to make Ketchum their primary home, and enticing second-homeowners to bring all or part of their businesses there.

The area has been under-marketed for a long time, said Arlene Schieven, the Sun Valley Marketing Alliance’s chief marketing officer.

And with just \$1 million to spend on a national marketing campaign, Ketchum needs to get creative in the way it presents itself, said Jim Keating, director of Blaine Recreation District. Traditionally, Sun Valley has focused on its downhill skiing and golfing. But the area also needs to tout its affordable recreational opportunities, such as Nordic skiing and mountain biking, he said.

“We have high value, low awareness,” he said.

Existing events need to be bundled and expanded, like when a number of existing events were recently parlayed into a nine-day Sun Valley Nordic Festival.

“We need to let people know how convenient all the activities you want to do are right from accommodations,” Schieven said. “And Ketchum can create some simple yet meaningful events, such as a countdown to midnight party on New Year’s eve in the Town Square that gives kids a feeling there’s something going on.”

Ketchum needs to focus on bringing big-name concerts and other large events to town to attract people, said Will Caldwell — especially young people who plan their vacations around big events they find on the Internet. The town also needs to convince visiting college kids that this is a place they want to return to to live, Jason Fry said.

To prepare for more people, Ketchum must improve its street lighting and sidewalks, and store owners should be encouraged to stay open in the evenings, said Anne Corrock and Michelle Griffith.

Twin Falls Man Accused of Attempted Strangulation

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TWIN FALLS • Tyler Alan Beck, 30, was arraigned Friday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court on charges of felony domestic assault and attempted strangulation.

Twin Falls police say they responded Thursday at 5:38 p.m. to the Monterey Motor Inn on Addison Avenue West for a report of a fight. A woman told police Beck had attacked her in an argument over their shared vehicle.

According to the police report, Beck hit the woman in the face, then choked her around her neck with both hands until she couldn’t breathe. Police say Beck also used a keychain lanyard to choke the woman until she passed out twice. The woman was also reported to have a bite mark on her left hand.

According to police, the alleged attack happened in front of the couple’s two children.

Beck is held in the Twin Falls County Jail on \$100,000 bond.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Jan. 27.

Wendell Resident Proposes Pit Bull Ban

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

WENDELL • When it comes to dog breeds, George Benson readily admits to harboring prejudice against pit bulls.

On Thursday, he told the Wendell City Council about a possible case of animal neglect, before suggesting an outright ban on the dog breed.

“This whole situation with this dog makes me sick,” Benson said.

The pit bull, Benson said, is chained up outside but can’t get to adequate shelter. The animal doesn’t look well and neighbors submitted several letters to City Hall about a mother and puppies that froze to death soon after birth.

Those claims were validated by Sgt. Jeff Lenker, who said the police department has “three citations for the owner if we can get him to answer the door.”

City Attorney Calvin Campbell told the council

the city has “a process” to deal with circumstances of animals in danger and those facing neglect, including an impound procedure.

While the city investigates ways to take care of the dog in question, Benson argued an outright breed ban would solve such problems in the future.

“You can’t get close to that dog. Before it was tied up but on the sidewalk, and you had to walk out in the middle of the street because it would bark and growl and snarl at you from the end of its chain,” Benson later said. “In my opinion, the kinds of people that have pit bulls are the kinds of people that leave their dogs outside and uncared for, untrained and they are out of control.”

Christopherson said the city wouldn’t likely consider a breed-specific ban.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FRIDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

William Robbins Field, 57, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 28.
Tyler Alan Beck, 31, Twin Falls; felony domestic battery, attempted strangulation, \$100,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 27.
Tyler Alan Beck, 31, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 28.

Derek Anthony Wilkins, 42, Twin Falls; disturbing the peace, appearance, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 28.

Craig Jordan Quilici, 20, Twin Falls; no-contact order violation, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 28.

Christopher Jason Schaeffer, 33, Twin Falls; two counts burglary, criminal possession of a financial transaction card, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Jan. 27.

Daniel R. Ghormley, 25, Buhl; rape, bond previously posted, private counsel to be hired, preliminary Jan. 27.

Timothy Wayne Yates, 48, Twin Falls; felony driving under the influence, bond previously posted, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 17.

CASSIA COUNTY

FELONY SENTENCING

John Anthony Meithof; possession of controlled substance (felony), \$1,015.50 fines, 1 year determinate time, 2 years indeterminate time, 161 days credited.

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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCING
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IDAHO BRIEFS

Heider, 8 Other Senators Say They Voted Against McGee

BOISE • Nine Idaho senators didn't support retaining Sen. John McGee as the chamber's majority caucus chairman.

The senators said Friday in a statement that media reports suggested the secret Jan. 11 vote was unanimous, when they really wanted him removed following his Father's Day 2011 arrest for drunken driving and taking a stranger's car.

They called McGee a friend, but said they wanted him out as the Senate GOP caucus' No. 4 official.

The nine were Assistant Majority Leader Chuck Winder, as well as Russ Fulcher, Lee Heider, Shirley McKague, Dean Mortimer, Sheryl Nuxoll, Monty Pearce, Mitch Torjanski and Steve Vick.

They said they issued the statement because their constituents expect them to stand up for their convictions.

Eighteen of the other 27 GOP senators who voted opted to retain McGee.

Caldwell Man Sentenced in Marijuana Conspiracy

BOISE • A southwestern Idaho man has been sentenced to seven years in prison and ordered to forfeit vehicles and \$200,000 in cash for his role in a marijuana conspiracy involving grow operations on public lands in Oregon and California.

U.S. Attorney Wendy J. Olson of Idaho says 47-year-old Jose Cardona-Ramirez was sentenced Thursday by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill in Boise. He faces a concurrent seven years for being a previously deported alien found in the United States. His prison sentence is to be followed by five years of supervised release.

The defendant's wife, 39-year-old Victoria Villa-Gonzalez, was sentenced on Jan. 5 to just over two years in prison for her role in the conspiracy.

Prosecutors allege the couple and two others were involved in marijuana grow sites that produced over 12,000 plants.

Mont. Man Pleads Guilty to Idaho Bank Robbery

IDAHO FALLS • A man from Livingston, Mont. who was accused of robbing a bank in Rexburg, Idaho, has entered a modified guilty plea to the charge.

The *Post Register* reports that John Holland Green entered an Alford plea in 7th District Court on Wednesday, acknowledging that there's enough evidence to convict him without expressly admitting guilt.

Police say Green walked into the Zions Bank on Jan. 7, 2010, demanded money and claimed the building was wired with explosives. Green told prosecutors he's mentally ill and can't remember the crime.

Idaho Woman Dies in Crash

POMEROY, Wash. • A semi-truck went out of control on Highway 12 near Pomeroy Thursday afternoon, jackknifed and struck an oncoming SUV.

The Washington State Patrol says the crash killed the driver of the car, 60-year-old Cathy Barton of McCall, Idaho. The truck driver was not injured.

— Associated Press

AG: Denney, Semanko Can't Fire Redistricters

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • The Idaho attorney general's office said Friday that House Speaker Lawrence Denney and state Republican Party Chairman Norm Semanko likely can't fire their Republican redistricting commissioners, something they've threatened on grounds the two commissioners helped create new legislative boundaries that are too favorable to Democrats.

Denney, R-Midvale, said he's considering ousting former state Rep. Dolores Crow of Nampa from the panel that draws up Idaho's new maps to reflect population changes every decade. He asked for her resignation, he told The Associated Press.

Semanko also asked Randy Hansen, his appointee, to quit.

Crow said she'll fight

Denney's attempts to stop her from joining the five other commissioners on Thursday to work on new maps, after the Idaho Supreme Court ruled this week their first plan was illegal, in part, because it split too many counties.

According to the attorney general's opinion issued to Idaho Secretary of State Ben Yursa, political leaders like Denney and Semanko can appoint commissioners, but they don't appear to have the authority to remove them.

"No provision for removal of a commissioner with or without cause exists," wrote chief deputy attorney general Brian Kane, in his three-page opinion requested by Yursa. "Absent authority for removal by the appointing authority, it appears that a vacancy can occur only in specific circumstances."

Kane said commissioners can resign from office; a

death could necessitate the secretary of state declaring a vacancy.

But the law governing the redistricting commission, unlike laws over other commissions like the Idaho State Tax Commission and the State Board of Education, doesn't include provisions to remove commissioners from office. "No similar grant of authority or oversight is indicated in" the laws governing redistricting commission, Kane wrote.

Redistricting has been called the purest form of political blood sport, because strident partisans on both sides battle for maps that preserve their strongholds.

Meanwhile, incumbent lawmakers forced into primary elections against other incumbents as district lines shift live in terror of losing their cherished elected jobs.

Denney, who was put into a district with five incumbents for the May 15 primary

by the map Crow, Hansen and the others approved unanimously in October, said members of his caucus weren't happy with Crow. They don't think she stood up for GOP interests when she went along with the unanimous 6-0 vote for the map that was eventually rejected by the Supreme Court.

Denney said he hadn't yet read the attorney general's opinion, so he could not comment. He could ask the Supreme Court to rule on if he can fire Crow, but he said he hasn't decided on a course of action.

"I have asked her to resign," Denney said, adding he'd left a message on Crow's home answering machine. "I don't know what's next."

Crow maintains she, Hansen and the other commissioners created 35 new legislative districts that were fair to voters and blind to incumbency and partisan politics.

"I'm not going to call him back," Crow said. "We did what we felt was good for the people of the state of Idaho. That's what we swore we would do, and I believe in keeping my promise. If the

Supreme Court decided we didn't quite finish the job, I think we should be allowed to go back and finish it."

In Semanko's letter to Hansen, the GOP chairman issued this ultimatum: Quit or be fired.

"As discussed yesterday, I request your resignation from the Idaho Redistricting Commission," Semanko wrote Friday. "Failing that, you will be relieved of your appointment and removed."

Hansen didn't return a phone call.

In addition to Crow and Hansen, the redistricting commission called back to work next Thursday by the Idaho Supreme Court ruling includes Sheila Olsen of Idaho Falls, a GOP activist; as well as Democrats Ron Beitelspacher, a retired Grangeville utility lineman; Shauneen Grange, a Democratic activist; and Elmer Martinez, a former state representative from Pocatello.

Democrats say they'll stick by all their commissioners.

Senate GOP leader Brent Hill told the AP he's happy with Olsen's performance and won't ask her to resign.

Swing and a Hit



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Xander Spence, 9, hits a snowball with a shovel as he plays a game he and his friends called 'Base Snow' Friday afternoon on the corner of Third Avenue North and Fairfield Street North in Twin Falls. With most of this week's snow already melted, the children made snowballs using a plastic tub packed with snow they had saved.

N. Idaho Artist Urges Removal of Sculpture

BY KEITH KINNAIRD
Bonner County Daily Bee

SANDPOINT • The artist who created the "Tolerance" sculpture at the Bonner County Courthouse is recommending its removal.

"The piece was designed to do what it had to do and it did it. It served its purpose," said David Kraiser, who designed the timber-and-steel sculpture and donated to the county.

County commissioners have been pondering the future of the sculpture after it was discovered that timbers supporting it were rotting away.

It's also in the path of an expansion project at the courthouse.

"This may be the best time to relocate or remove that statue," commission Chairman Cornel Rasor said on Tuesday.

The sculpture was donated to the county in 2001 as part of Celebrate Sandpoint, an initiative that was launched in response to a plan by the Aryan Nations to parade through downtown.

The 10-foot-tall abstract sculpture's timbers are meant to convey a precarious balance. The base of the sculpture was adorned with several plaques.

Idaho Power Wants To Shift More Line Extension Costs To Customers

IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE • Idaho Power Co. has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to remove a cap of 1.5 percent that it can charge new customers in overhead costs for line extensions.

In 2011, Idaho Power spent \$54.3 million for line extensions. Overhead costs were \$12 million, about 22 percent of their cost.

Overhead costs, such as pay and expenses for engineering supervisors and administrative workers, are pooled and recouped through an assessment placed on line extension work orders. Idaho Power wants to assess all overhead expense to the specific customers requesting the construction. According to the company's calculation, the new rate would be 22 percent to cover the entire overhead expense for line extension construction.

Idaho Power says the proposed revision is an effort to shift more of the cost for new service attachments from the general body of ratepayers to cus-

tomers requesting the construction. The company says the move would reduce the revenue requirement needed from the general body of ratepayers and reduce upward pressure on rates.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is taking comment through Feb. 2 on Idaho Power's application.

The commission plans to take written comments rather than conducting a hearing, unless customer comments can demonstrate a need for a public hearing. Comment at www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "Comments & Questions About a Case." Fill in the case number (IPC-E-11-24) and enter comments. Comments can also be mailed to P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0074 or faxed to (208) 334-3762.

A full text of the commission's order and other documents related to this case, is on the website. Click on "File Room" and then on "Electric Cases" and scroll down to the above case number.

Idacorp Boosts Dividend for 1st Time in 23 Years

IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE • Idacorp, the parent company of Idaho Power, has increased its 2012 quarterly cash dividend by three cents to 33 cents a share — its first increase since 1989.

"This dividend increase moves the dividend payout ratio closer to the board of directors' previously adopted long-term dividend target payout ratio of between 50 and 60 percent of sustainable Idacorp earnings," said LaMont Keen, Idacorp president and chief executive officer. "The dividend increase reflects the company's confidence in the near- and long-term growth of the company and a commitment by the board to take action toward its goal of delivering a competitive total shareholder return."

The announcement didn't impress shareholders. Idacorp's stock was down 10 cents in midafternoon trading from Thursday's \$41.46 close.

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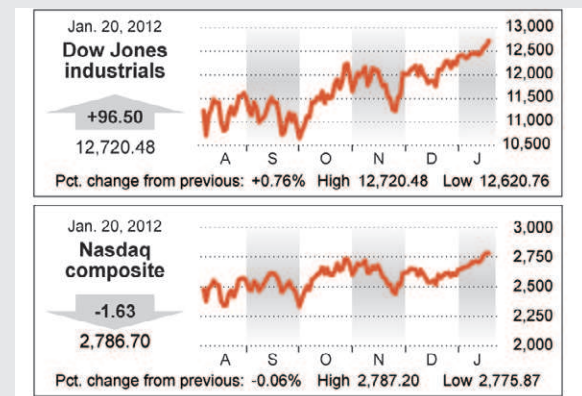
How the Major Stock Indexes Fared on Friday

NEW YORK (AP) • IBM and Microsoft drove the Dow Jones industrial average higher Friday after the tech giants reported stronger earnings than analysts expected. Microsoft said sales of Xbox games and Office software helped push revenue up in the last quarter of 2011.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 96.50 points, or 0.8 percent, to close at 12,720.48.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 0.88 points, or 0.07 percent, to 1,315.38.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 1.63 points, or 0.06 percent, to 2,786.70.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80f	15	43.08	+47	-2.3	Kaman	.64	14	31.35	-.11	+14.8
AlliantTch	.80	7	61.78	-.83	+8.1	Keycorp	.12	8	8.30	...	+7.9
AmCasino	.42	14	19.78	-.79	+14.4	LeeEnt h	...	...	.89	...	+26.2
Aon Corp	.60	17	47.49	-.01	+1.5	MicronT	...	...	7.76	-.12	+23.4
BallardPw	...	...	1.11	+0.3	+2.8	OfficeMax	...	10	5.81	+0.1	+28.0
BlkofAm	.04	...	7.07	+11	+27.2	RockTen	.80	24	66.02	-.47	+14.4
ConAgra	.96	16	27.06	-.12	+2.5	Sensient	.84	17	39.97	...	+5.5
Costco	.96	24	81.41	+2.0	-2.3	SkyWest	.16	28	13.94	+1.6	+10.7
Diebold	1.12	16	31.66	-.10	+5.3	Terady	...	12	16.14	+0.2	+18.4
DukeEnergy	1.00	17	21.30	+0.6	-3.2	Tuppware	1.20	15	59.18	+0.1	+5.7
DukeRtly	.68	...	13.50	+2.2	+12.0	US Bancrp	.50	12	28.74	+1.8	+6.2
Fastenal's	.68f	38	45.86	+1.2	+5.2	Valhi	.50	37	58.82	-.73	-2.7
Heinz	1.92	17	51.95	-1.51	-3.9	WalMart	1.46	14	61.01	+4.0	+2.1
HewlettP	.48	8	28.13	+9.8	+9.2	WashFed	.32f	14	15.60	+6.0	+11.5
HomeDp	1.16f	19	44.51	-9.0	+5.9	WellsFargo	.48	11	30.54	+3.9	+10.8
Idacorp	1.32f	12	41.39	-.07	-2.4	ZionBcp	.04	...	18.85	+1.5	+15.8

MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	125.48	124.35	124.55	+35
Apr	Live cattle	128.75	127.60	127.73	-75
Jan	Feeder cattle	152.30	151.55	151.63	-75
Mar	Feeder cattle	154.80	153.70	153.85	-15
Apr	Feeder cattle	156.08	155.13	155.20	-
Feb	Lean hogs	85.90	85.10	85.33	-08
Apr	Lean hogs	87.80	87.00	87.05	-45
Mar	Wheat	612.00	597.00	610.50	+4.50
May	Wheat	630.00	614.50	628.50	+5.00
Mar	KC Wheat	668.25	650.25	667.00	+9.00
May	KC Wheat	676.75	659.50	675.75	+9.00
Mar	MPS Wheat	802.00	794.75	798.75	-25
May	MPS Wheat	785.50	778.75	781.50	-2.75
Mar	Corn	613.75	601.25	611.50	+5.50
May	Corn	619.00	607.25	616.75	+4.75
Mar	Soybeans	1204.00	1183.00	1187.00	-10.00
May	Soybeans	1210.50	1191.00	1195.50	-8.75
Jan	BFP Milk	17.12	17.06	17.10	+03
Feb	BFP Milk	16.90	16.31	16.43	-06
Apr	BFP Milk	17.08	16.55	16.68	-09
Mar	BFP Milk	16.90	16.59	16.67	+04
Mar	Sugar	24.98	24.35	24.89	+28
May	Sugar	24.23	23.69	24.20	+28
Mar	B-Pound	1.5550	1.5443	1.5444	+0084
Jun	B-Pound	1.5511	1.5439	1.5511	+0066

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS
Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers. Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture, pinto, \$45; pink, \$45; small reds, \$45-\$46. Quotes current Jan. 18.

VALLEY GRAINS
Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice. Barley, \$10.40; oats, \$9.00; corn, \$11.10 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangens' in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 18. Corn, \$11.45 (cwt). Prices quoted by JD Heskell. Prices current Jan. 11.

CHEESE
Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Barrels: \$1.5025, -.0125; Blocks: \$1.5050, -.0400

VALLEY LIVESTOCK
BURLEY — The Burley Livestock Auction reports the following prices from the sale held Thursday, Jan. 19.
Steers: 300 to 400 lbs., \$155-\$189; 400 to 500 lbs., \$157-\$182; 500 to 600 lbs., \$137-\$174.75; 600 to 700 lbs., \$133-\$154.25; 700 to 800 lbs., \$116-\$144.50; 800 to 900 lbs., \$110-\$136.50 over 900 lbs., \$94-\$125.50
Heifers: 300 to 400 lbs., \$140-\$177.50; 400 to 500 lbs., \$132-\$169; 500 to 600 lbs., \$123-\$159; 600 to 700 lbs., \$116-\$142; 700 to 800 lbs., \$110-\$134.25; 800 to 900 lbs., \$108-\$118; over 900 lbs., \$105-\$114.25
Holsteins: 200 to 300 lbs., \$72-\$126; 500 to 600 lbs., \$65-\$102; 600 to 700 lbs., \$65-\$96; 700 to 800 lbs., \$65-\$92; 800 to 900 lbs., \$65-\$94.50; over 900 lbs., \$65-\$97
Trend: 907 head sold
Slaughter cattle:
Commercial/utility cows, \$60-\$69.50
Canner/cutter cows, \$50-\$65.75
Feeder cows, \$52-\$67.50
High yielding:
Heiferettes, \$65-\$109

Bulls: Commercial/Utility bulls, \$62-\$73
Feeder bulls, \$52-\$65

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAIN
POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report for Friday, January 20
POCATELLO — White wheat 5.60 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 6.29 (up 9); 14 percent spring 7.91 (steady); barley 9.16 (steady); hard white 6.69 (up 9);
BURLEY — White wheat 5.55 (down 5); 11.5 percent winter 5.70 (up 9); 14 percent spring 7.71 (up 4); barley 9.50 cwt (steady); hard white 6.40 (up 9);
OGDEN — White wheat 5.85 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 5.92 (up 9); 14 percent spring 7.74 (steady); barley 10.60 (up 10); corn 11.45 (up 9);
PORTLAND — White wheat 6.30 (steady); 11 percent winter 6.52-6.98 (up 9); 14 percent spring 9.29 (steady); corn 262.25-263.50 (up 2.00);
NAMP — White wheat 8.92 cwt (steady); 5.35 bushel (steady);

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK
LIVESTOCK AUCTION — Producers Livestock Auction in Jerome on January 17. Utility and commercial cows 61.00-70.00; cutters and boners 50.00-59.00; Shelly and lite 31.00-45.00; holstein heifers 75.00-98.00; heavy feeder steers 136.00-139.00; light feeder steers 141.00-172.50; stocker feeder steers n/a; heavy holstein steers 83.00-94.50; light holstein steers 85.00-97.00; heavy feeder heifers 136.00-140.00; light feeder heifers 136.00-149.00; stocker heifers 147.00-157.00; slaughter bulls 61.00-76.75; cow/calf pairs 900-1,100. Remarks: None.

GOLD
London morning fixing: \$164664.00 off \$9.00.
London afternoon fixing: \$1653.00 off \$2.00.
NY Handy & Harman: \$1653.00 off \$2.00.

SILVER
Handy & Harman silver Friday \$31.080 up \$0.530.
H&H fabricated \$37.296 up \$0.636.

Romney Offshore Accounts Contain up to \$32 Million

WASHINGTON (AP) • Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney owns investments worth between \$7 million and \$32 million in offshore-based holdings.

An Associated Press examination of Romney's financial records identified at least six funds set up in the Cayman Islands, a small Caribbean island chain that has long been used as a base for international investments because of low tax rates and financial secrecy. There is no indication Romney uses the accounts to dodge any U.S. tax obligations.

The Caymans have often been associated with individuals and corporations seeking to avoid paying U.S. taxes. However, it is legal for U.S. residents to own investment accounts that are set up there — if they file the proper forms with the Internal Revenue Service and pay the appropriate taxes.

THE DIGIT

8.4 percent

Idaho unemployment rate for December has dropped • The Idaho Department of Labor says the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December fell to the lowest level since September 2009. The Labor Department says more than 698,000 Idahoans were working in December — 13,000 more than in December 2010 — and the largest total since March 2009. Unemployment benefit payments totaled \$31.5 million to 32,000 jobless workers in December. That total is 25 percent less than the \$41.8 million paid to over 39,900 unemployed workers in December 2010, when the unemployment rate stood at 9.7 percent.



In this Jan. 18 photo, a real estate sign is displayed in front of a home in Little Rock, Ark. Home sales rose in December to the highest pace in nearly a year. The gain coincides with other signs that show the troubled housing market improved at the end of last year.

Home Sales up at End of Dismal Year, Offering Hope

BY DEREK KRAVITZ
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Home sales in December reached their highest pace in nearly a year. The gain coincided with other signs that the troubled U.S. housing market improved at the end of last year.

Analysts cautioned that sales remain historically low and that it will take years for the home market to return to full health.

Still, the third straight monthly sales increase was encouraging. And economists noted that conditions are in place for further gains this year.

Prices have declined. Mortgage rates have never been lower. Homebuilders are slightly more hopeful because more people are saying they might be open to buying this year. And home construction picked up in the final quarter of last year.

“There’s no denying that home sales

are still very low and will remain low for a few years,” said Paul Dales, an economist with Capital Economics. “But after having risen in each of the last three months ... it is clear that a housing recovery is now well under way.”

Sales of previously occupied homes rose 5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.61 million in December, the National Association of Realtors said Friday. It’s the best level since January 2011.

For all of 2011, sales totaled only 4.26 million. That’s up slightly from 4.19 million in the previous year. But it’s far below the 6 million that economists equate with healthy housing markets. In 2005, at the peak of the boom, 7.1 million homes were sold.

Hiring has improved, which is critical to a housing rebound. Fewer people sought unemployment benefits last week than at any time in nearly four years, evidence of far fewer layoffs. The unemployment rate fell in December to

its lowest level in nearly three years.

“With layoffs slowing sharply, hiring rising and consumers’ confidence rebounding, the pre-conditions for a sustained recovery are falling into place,” said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist for High Frequency Economics. “Sales and starts will keep rising; prices should stabilize, more or less.”

The median sales price of a previously occupied home ticked up 0.3 percent from November to December to \$164,500.

The supply of homes has declined, though it’s still historically high at 2.38 million. At last month’s sales pace, it would take nearly seven months to clear those homes.

If the supply continues to fall, prices could rise, more sellers would put homes on the market and more people would likely consider buying, said Pierre Ellis, an analyst at Decision Economics.

Networking Workshops Headed to Magic Valley

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • A series of free workshops regarding how networking can strengthen communities will make a swing through the Magic Valley in early February.

The two-hour workshops hosted by the Idaho Commission for Libraries, Idaho Department of Labor, and Professional-Technical Education/Adult Basic Education will come to Burley and

Twin Falls on Feb. 1 and Buhl on Feb. 2. They will also be in Hailey on Jan. 31.

Topics will include how various local agencies can work together and how broadband connectivity at libraries and online resources can help connect communities.

For meeting times and to complete required online registration, visit bit.ly/zTa7O4.

Information: Shirley Biladeau, 334-2150.

SCCAP, CORE Receive Homelessness Funding

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Two Twin Falls agencies recently received funding from the Idaho Housing and Finance Association to continue providing services for homeless Idahoans.

South Central Community Action Partnership received \$47,370 for Magic Valley Transitional Housing, which

provides housing for up to two years to homeless Twin Falls families.

CORE received \$23,390 for CORE Lodge, which provides permanent housing for Twin Falls’ chronically homeless single residents.

IHFA received \$2.54 million in federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funds, part of \$1.47 billion awarded nationally.

EUROPE EXHALES AFTER ANOTHER GOOD WEEK

DAVID MCHUGH
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany • Europe has taken a step back from the brink.

Three weeks into the year, borrowing rates for debt-saddled countries have fallen to more manageable levels. Auctions of government debt have gone better, a sign of increased investor confidence.

And while it may have been an embarrassment, especially to France, a sweeping downgrade of nine European countries last week by Standard & Poor’s, the credit rating agency, has been met with a shrug in financial markets.

All this is in stark contrast to the final weeks of last year, when countries such as Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece watched helplessly as the costs of managing their debt spiraled ever higher, and governments fell in Athens and Rome.

High hurdles remain: Greece must still cut a deal with its private creditors, to say nothing of the long-term problems — massive debt, uncompetitive economies and the prospect of years of cutbacks in public spending.

But for the moment, the continent is exhaling.

OPINION

"He did a great thing. He saved over 3,000 lives."

Domnica Cemortan, 25, of Moldova to Jurnal TV on the efforts of Costa Concordia Capt. Francesco Schettino to assist people in the rescue operation aboard the stricken cruise ship last week

CHEERS AND JEERS

JEERS to state Republican leaders for letting party politics guide their attempts to replace two members of Idaho's current Redistricting Commission.

Party Chairman Norm Semanko and House Speaker Lawrence Denney are both trying to remove their selections for the bipartisan commission, Randy Hansen of Twin Falls and former state Rep. Dolores Crow of Nampa, respectively. That's despite their lack of authority to actually do so, according to Idaho's attorney general.

Denney and Semanko claim the pair helped create a legislative map far too favorable to Democrats, a tiny minority party in this GOP-dominated state.

The last commission may have not made a perfect map — the Idaho Supreme Court overturned it this week, sending the group back to work. But its members, including Hansen and Crow, accomplished one important thing last year's first commission couldn't. They worked together, and they finished the task before them in a reasonable amount of time.

Partisan rancor and a partisan map aren't going to do Idaho, or its legislators any good.

CHEERS to civil discourse. In Castleford, landowners successfully diverted planned high-voltage power lines off of their private land by offering an alternative route to project leaders.

Almost nobody wants power lines or other public infrastructure encroaching their private land and affecting its value. But in this case involving the planned Gateway West transmission line, affected landowners met with Twin Falls County commissioners and utility company representatives to directly voice their concerns. No lawyers. No lawsuits. "We didn't have attorneys, we just took a collaborative approach from day one. And the process worked out the way we wanted," farmer Ken Murphy said. "Kind of surprising to see something logical has come out of government."

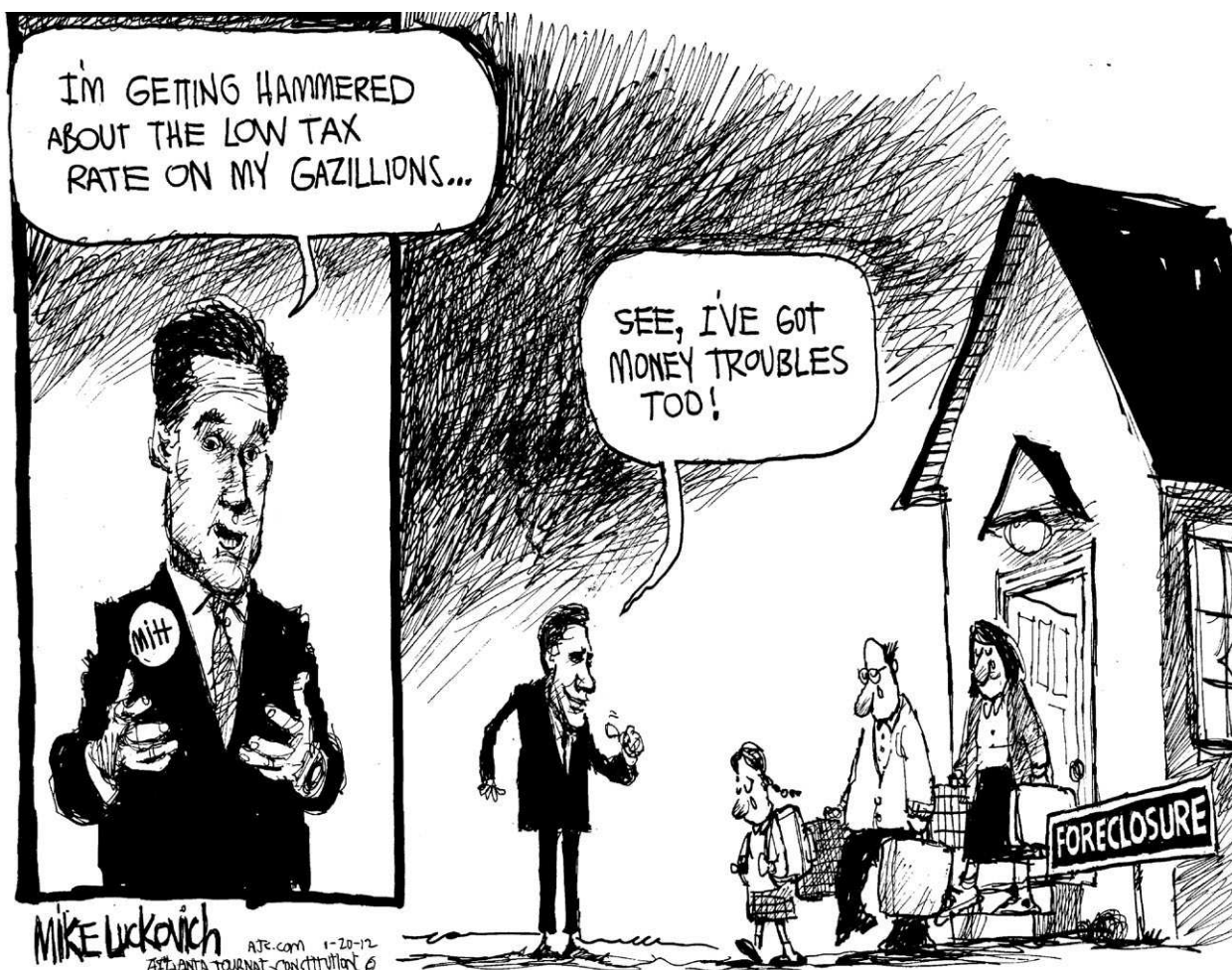
What a refreshing way to resolve differences. While other disputes over the path of the 1,100-mile power line have devolved into shouting matches, civil discourse and reason were used here to solve a potentially big problem. The outcome may not be perfect and there may be room for improvement, but the process is worth learning from.

JEERS to those in the Wood River Valley who think backup power is a luxury and an eyesore.

The Wood River Valley has had two blackouts in three years — most notably on Christmas 2009, when weather and mechanical failures in the valley's existing power lines left residents in the cold and dark for a full 24 hours. This week, Idaho Power announced it would seek the valley's input as it finalizes plans for a backup line to the area. Locals are already raising concerns of whether the backup power would use renewable sources, or if the line's aesthetics would be too much for the image-sensitive valley.

Idaho Power is right to be planning ahead, and to be listening to the public in the process. It is mind-blowing that the Wood River Valley has been without a backup for this long. Losing electricity can range from inconvenient to life-threatening. A backup source just seems like a obvious part of a community's plan.

Renewable energy, unsightly power poles and potential environmental impact are factors to consider, but the idea that a backup power source is unnecessary is a stretch. Perhaps those who put aesthetic value over survival will be happy to share their backup generators with those less fortunate during the next blackout.



Can Colbert Nation Upend the South Carolina GOP Primary?

What's more likely to call attention to the outrage that is the super PAC: a bunch of Occupiers showing up at federal courthouses Friday — or Colbert Nation upending Saturday's South Carolina Republican primary by voting for Herman Cain?

Two years ago Saturday, the U.S. Supreme Court unleashed super PAC funding on American voters by ruling that key restrictions on campaign spending amounted to censorship of corporations and labor unions that wanted to pour big money into electing candidates. In *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, the court said corporations, which are created strictly by the laws that shield them, have the same free speech rights as people, who are created by a power greater than the state.

Even though dissenting Justice John Paul Stevens pointed out that corporations "have no consciences, no beliefs, no feelings, no thoughts, no desires" and don't belong to "We the People" for whom the Constitution was written, GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney has perpetuated the myth that corporations are people, too, my friend.

Rather than giving corporations a human face, *Citizens United* has spawned lavishly endowed political action committees with



Linda P. Campbell
McClatchy Newspapers

names like Restore Our Future, Make Us Great Again, American Crossroads and Priorities USA. They're taking advantage of the rules — or lack thereof — that let companies and individuals raise and pour unlimited money into elections, sometimes without letting the public know who's behind it all.

The Sunlight Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to government transparency, reports that "dark money spending to elect or defeat candidates" topped \$454 million in 2010 elections, and super PACs already have spent more than \$24 million on the presidential race.

The Supreme Court majority seemed to think that the unrestricted campaign funding wouldn't be corrupting because it would be independent of candidates and the sources of money would be disclosed. So naive they were.

Even though super PACs aren't supposed to coordinate with candidates, their "independence" can be largely nodding and winking.

Make Us Great Again, one of the super PACs supporting Rick Perry, is powered by

primo lobbyist Mike Toomey, the governor's former chief of staff, who is reported to own a private island with lead Perry campaign strategist Dave Carney.

One of the brains behind American Crossroads is former George W. Bush adviser Karl Rove. That group asked the FEC whether it could sponsor ads featuring members of Congress up for reelection without it being illegal coordination.

Stephen Colbert, the Comedy Central faux pundit, wrote to the commission endorsing Rove's request: "A ruling that allows outside groups to produce ads with the candidate's cooperation, themes and message," Colbert said, would "prove to our nation's critics that America is a country that still makes something: strained rationalizations."

Colbert has made a running parody of the absurd depths to which campaign funding has fallen. It's brilliant, skewering satire. His super PAC, funded by viewer donations, started as Americans for a Better Tomorrow, Tomorrow and ran an ad in which low-profile GOP candidate Buddy Roemer got around the "coordination" rule by saying it was an issue ad he wished he weren't in.

Because Colbert wanted to run in the Republican presidential primary of his home

state of South Carolina, he handed his super PAC to fellow late-night comic Jon Stewart and renamed it The Definitely Not Coordinating with Stephen Colbert Super PAC — all under the grinning eye of his lawyer, Trevor Potter, a former FEC chairman who advised George H.W. Bush and John McCain.

Colbert couldn't get on the ballot, but former candidate Herman Cain is still listed. So Colbert has been mischievously pumping his viewers who are registered South Carolina voters to support him by marking their ballots for Cain. It's a deliciously devious scheme with the potential to mobilize real political action.

A group called Move to Amend is protesting Citizens United in a more conventional way, organizing an Occupy the Courts day for Friday and promoting the idea of a constitutional amendment declaring that corporations and labor unions don't have the same rights as human beings.

It seems like a sincere exercise of the time-honored right to free assembly, with events planned for federal courthouses in more than 130 cities, from Dallas and San Antonio to Missoula, Mont., Central Islip, N.Y., and Dothan, Ala.

But forgive me for doubting they'll rock the system. For goodness' sake, their New York City march is planned for the height of rush hour, with an evening rally after the courthouse has closed for the day.

I'm expecting more impact from Colbert's subversives.

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staff. I felt I'd received a very special Christmas present from a total stranger and some honest movie staff.

Thank you and may you have a great 2012. It makes me proud to live in Magic Valley with good people.

DEANNA VOLLMER
Twin Falls

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toes to their recent "Build a Library, Buy a Spud" fundraising campaign.

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All the proceeds will go toward construction of a new Burley Public Library building. Watch for more fundraisers in the future.

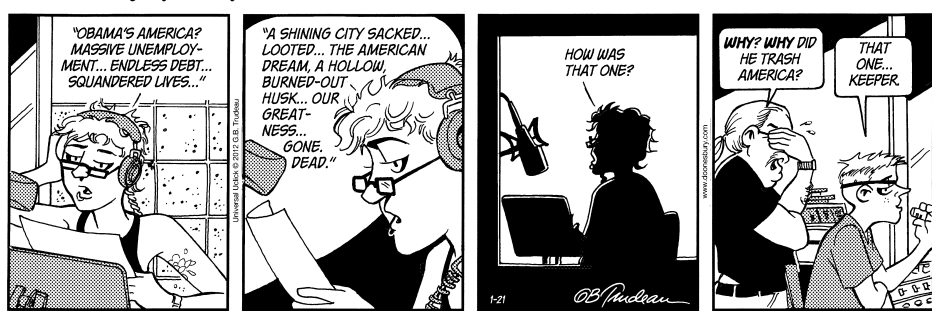
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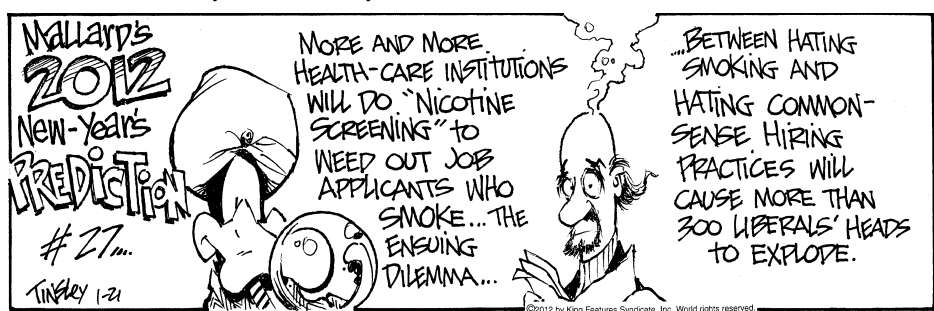
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Remorseful Man Admits He Caused Big Reno Blaze

BY SCOTT SONNER AND MARTIN GRIFFITH
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. (AP) • An “extremely remorseful” elderly man admitted Friday that he accidentally started a brush fire that destroyed 29 homes near Reno when he improperly discarded fire-places ashes at his home south of town, authorities said.

“He came forward on his own accord,” Reno Fire Chief Michael Hernandez said about the man. The resulting blaze, fueled by 82 mph wind gusts, burned nearly 3,200 acres and forced the evacuation of up to 10,000 people Thursday. “He has given statements to our investigators as well as law enforcement officers. He is extremely remorseful,” the chief said.

Investigators already had tracked the origin of the fire to a location in East Lake on the north end of the Washoe Valley, where the man lives about 20 miles south of downtown Reno.

Washoe County Sheriff Mike Haley said a formal case file will be forwarded to the district attorney next week for consideration of charges.

“The DA will have to give

this case a lot of deliberation,” Haley said.

“The fact he came forward and admitted it plays a role. But so does the massive damage and loss of life,” he said. “It’s a balancing act.”

In addition to the potential for facing jail time on arson charges, the man could also be ordered to pay the cost of fighting the fire, which already totals \$690,000.

Washoe County Manager Katy Simon said she expects the final bill to run into the millions of dollars.

Gov. Sandoval toured the fire damaged area Friday, describing it as “horrendous, devastating.”

RESCUED KIDNAPPING VICTIM ELIZABETH SMART ENGAGED

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • A Utah woman kidnapped at knifepoint at age 14 and held captive for nine months is getting married.

A spokesman for 24-year-old Elizabeth Smart says she got engaged last weekend and will likely marry in the summer.

No details about the groom-to-be were disclosed. The spokesman says Smart plans to keep her per-

sonal life private.

Smart’s father, Ed Smart, tells The Associated Press his future son-in-law is a “fine young man.” Ed Smart says he’s pleased for his daughter and hopes she has a happy life.

Onetime itinerant street preacher Brian David Mitchell was convicted in 2010 of Smart’s 2002 kidnapping and sexual assault. He’s serving a life prison sentence.

Lady Luck

Continued from the front page

grade, had four kids by age 21 and was divorced by 22. “And that starts adding up fast. I don’t have those anymore. They’re all tore up.”

With money in the bank, the Ragains family last year took the most fabulous trip they have ever enjoyed. They drove to Wyoming in the family trailer.

Before winning big, Ragains took her family on one trip a year: to Lagoon, an amusement park in Farmington, Utah. It was usually a quick turnaround because she had to get back to work.

“You get there, you go for two days, and you’re right back,” said the single parent who often worried about gas money on vacations. “We didn’t have time to go cruise around. It was paycheck-to-paycheck then, and you never had the money to do that.”

The Wyoming trip was different. She smiles when she speaks about it.

“It wasn’t a fast-fast, go, get back,” she said. “We got to stop whenever we got tired. And we ate whenever we wanted to eat. It was awesome.”

The Ragains were gone nine days. Their destination: Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park.

Not once on the trip did she worry about how she would fill the tank.

Lighting Strikes Twice

Cindy Ragains plays the lottery frequently, even obsessively.

If she drives past three gas stations on her way home, she’s likely to stop at all three to buy lottery tickets.

Before 2011, Ragains said, she broke even playing the Idaho Lottery since it opened in 1989. She “only hit a couple 1,500s” but never more.

“I never put myself in debt over lotto tickets,” Ragains said. “I’d spend like 60 bucks, and then hit 200, and then I’d buy like five more (\$20 tickets). And I’d hit another 60, 80, 100 bucks. If I hit a \$60 one, I’d buy three. And then if I had a \$20 one, I’d only buy one. I’d just not kill myself and not put myself in debt over lotto tickets.”

Ragains shares a portion of her winnings with the cashier who sells her the ticket. If she wins \$600, she’ll give a \$60 tip. If she wins \$1,000, she’ll give \$100. She gave bigger tips on her two major wins but wouldn’t disclose their amounts.

On Dec. 21, Ragains had already won \$140 at a Stinker station when she showed up at Oasis Stop ‘N Go at 2220 Addison Ave. E., the same location where she’d won big 10 months earlier. She bought five \$20 scratch tickets and walked out to her 2002 Excursion, which she’d paid off with February’s \$250,000 prize, to scratch the tickets.

All five were losers. With \$40 remaining from her earlier winnings, she said, she went back in and bought two more tickets.

She scratched one of the tickets and saw the zeroes: \$250,000 had happened again.

“I sat there for a very long time in my car, just looking at it. Twenty-three, 23,” she said, recalling the winning number. “I’m going, ‘no! I had to look again. It took me about 15 minutes. And I went back in the store and said, ‘I think you just sold me another winning lotto ticket.’ And (the cashier) looked at it — poor lady — she started jumping up and down.”

Stop ‘N Go manager Windi Garity was there that day, after a transfer from another location.

“I said it was all because of me,” Garity said this week, laughing. “I’m the good luck.”

Garity has worked 10 years in Oasis Stop ‘N Go stores and had never seen someone win a major prize.



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An Idaho Lottery winner multiple times, Cindy Ragains of Kimberly talks about what it’s like to win top prizes and what she does — and doesn’t do — with the money.

“(Ragains) was like, ‘I don’t even know you!’ but she gave me a big old hug,” Garity said. “She was like, ‘I can’t believe it, it’s like a dream.’”

Ragains’ legs were shaky, so she sat on a condiment counter to steady herself. And then she went back to her Excursion and called her daughter.

“I said, ‘You’re never going to believe this!’ She said, ‘What’d you do now?’” Ragains said. “I said, ‘I just hit another lotto ticket! I kept repeating ‘Twenty-three, 23.’”

To claim a lottery prize more than \$599, a winner must go to Idaho Lottery headquarters in Boise. Last year alone, Ragains won so many times that the office just started sending Ragains’ checks in the mail.

“I was getting tired of driving to Boise for a \$600 one,” Ragains said.

When she showed up at the lottery office a few days before Christmas, the woman working the front desk knew Ragains’ face well. Before Ragains could say why she was there, the lottery employee began talking.

“I’ve got another \$600 for you,” Ragains said the woman told her. “I’ll just give it to you instead of mailing it.”

And that’s when Ragains revealed her \$250,000 news. She had won one of two top prizes in the Mega Fortune game. The odds: one in 185,000.

Unprecedented Success

Many people keep stacks of birthday cards. Ragains has a pile of oversized novelty checks. She also has printed copies of her \$600 winning tickets.

“This one is Dec. 18, this one is Nov. 15, Nov. 19, Nov. 11 — I have quite a few in November — Nov. 6, Nov. 4,” she said, starting to laugh while flipping through them last week, “umm, Nov. 1.”

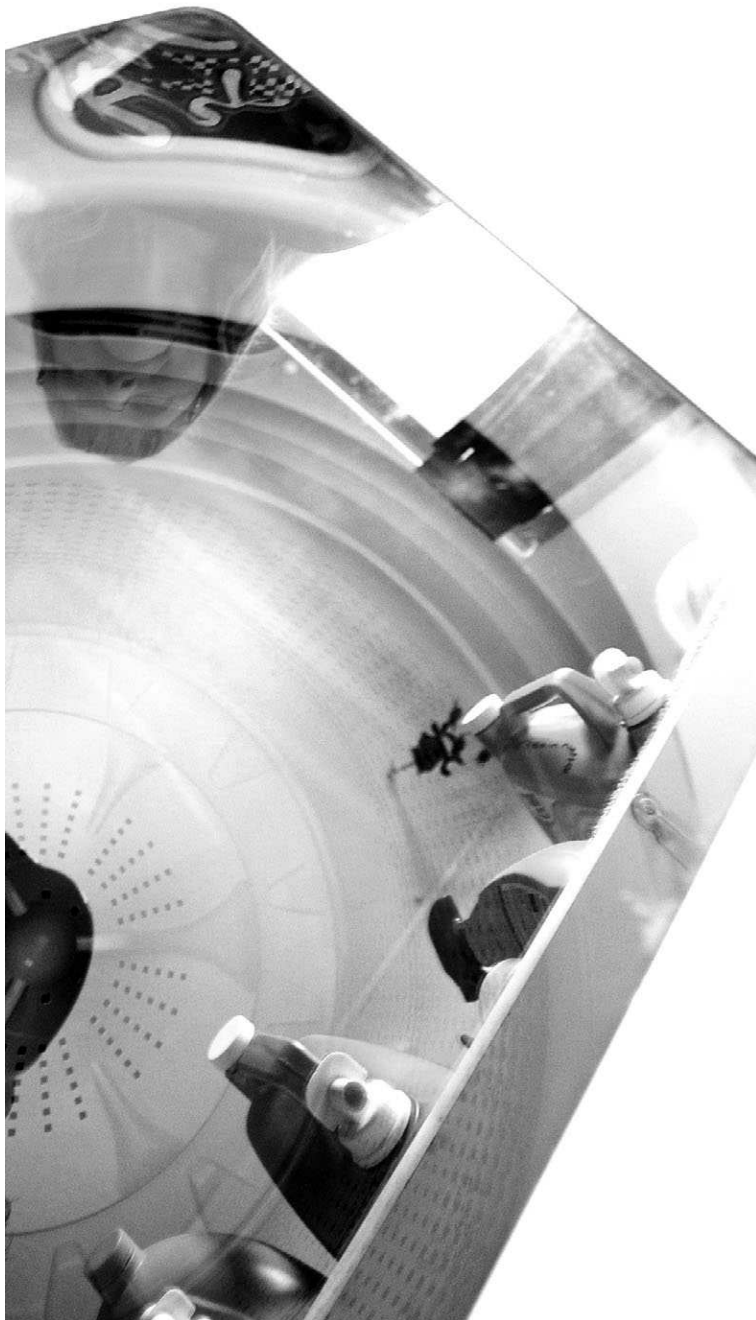
And the odds of her two big wins are astounding.

Combine one in 175,000 with one in 185,000, and then consider that Idaho Lottery tickets are sold in about 1,000 retail outlets.

“The odds of the same person going to the exact same store doing the same thing, I wouldn’t even know how many zeroes to add to the end of that,” said Idaho Lottery spokesman David Workman. “That’s just remarkable.”

Nobody has done it before in scratch games, Workman said, noting Ragains sits at No. 41 all-time on the Idaho Lottery money list.

Judy Seacrest of Hagerman had



Cindy Ragains is reflected in her clothes washer, one of the first things she bought after winning a quarter-million dollars the first time.

quite a run of her own a few years back. Seacrest won \$12,000 in an Oasis Stop ‘N Go in Hagerman in July 2009. Later that month, in the same store, she won another \$150,000. And then in January 2010, she won \$200,000 at Avid Sportsman in Buhl.

That still doesn’t equal Ragains’ windfall.

“I think it’s crazy,” said Izeak. “I told her to stop buying tickets the first time because she’s not going to win again — and then she won again.”

He wishes she’d slow down her ticket-buying now. He watches her spend hundreds of dollars at a time.

“She buys so many of them,” he said. “That’s where a lot of the money goes.”

Where’s the Money?

Since winning more than a half-million dollars, Ragains has received phone calls from a handful of old friends.

They’re people she hasn’t seen in ages, like co-workers at Tupperware, where she worked nearly three decades ago. And yet, none of her long-lost friends have asked for money, Ragains said.

“They didn’t harass me about it,” she said. “They just told me, ‘It couldn’t happen to a better person,’ because they know my life story.” Touched by their well wishes, she hasn’t erased their voicemail messages.

The money — minus 32.8 percent for taxes — is in the bank.

“It’s very, very nice,” she said. “I don’t have to worry about not having enough money for a gallon of milk. And my grandson drinks four gallons a week.”

Not much has changed in Ragains’ life. She cares daily for her son and sister, taking them to school and appointments.

“She’s really good with them,” said Izeak, who attends the College of Southern Idaho. “She stays home with them all the time. She knows what they need and how to help them the most.”

Steve Soran, owner of Twin Falls’ Depot Grill and other restaurants, has known Ragains for decades. He was her boss when she managed the Lamb Weston plant cafeteria.

“The first time she won, I thought, ‘If it wasn’t me, I’m glad it was her,’” Soran said. The second time, he was as floored as everyone else.

“I was in shock,” he said. “I said, ‘Whatever she didn’t get right the first time, she gets another shot at it.’”

With some of her winnings, Ragains has spruced up her humble house in Kimberly with new windows, roof and siding, and she plans to install fresh carpet.

Though she’s lived there since 1988, her mortgage still has about 20 years left, she said. She refinanced when she incurred unexpected costs following Coy’s death. She hasn’t decided if she’ll pay off the house or move away. She’s leaning toward staying.

“I got this house a long time ago, and I love the big, open spaces,” Ragains said. “I love being out here, and I bought this on my own. I have a hard time giving it up.”

She’s planning a road trip to Washington state. Though she can afford it, she won’t be visiting Europe or the Caribbean.

“This girl don’t get in the air,” said Ragains, who added she won’t ride in a boat unless she can see the shore. “That way, if something goes wrong, I can swim back.”

She bought Izeak a car as a reward for turning around his life, paying \$2,500 for a Ford Taurus.

“I put a stereo in it for his birthday,” she said. “He’s a good kid.”

On a recent January afternoon, Ragains was home with Snow and Sonny. An episode of Dr. Phil played on a high-definition, big-screen TV. Izeak was gone for the day.

“He cleaned my whole basement and garage to make 60 bucks to go skiing,” Ragains said. “That’s how my kids are raised. You don’t get money for nothing. You have to earn it.”

Crapo, Peers: Raise Bar for Wyoming Frack Study

BY MEAD GRUVER
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. • Ten Republican senators have asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to subject a draft report that theorizes a link between hydraulic fracturing and groundwater pollution in a Wyoming gas field to a more rigorous level of scientific review than currently planned.

The senators include James Inhofe of Oklahoma and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska. Inhofe is ranking Republican on the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Murkowski is the ranking Republican on the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, is also among the senators making the request.

They sent the request involving groundwater pollution in the tiny Wyoming community of Pavillion to EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson in a letter Friday.

"I hope that after receiving this letter, Administrator Jackson will agree to our reasonable request. If she does not, the Pavillion study can have no credibility," Inhofe said in a news release.

While the EPA hasn't classified the report as the senators have requested, the report will undergo the same level of review they are seeking, EPA spokesman Rich Mylott said.

"This includes ensuring the expertise, balance, conflict of interest and independence of the reviewers; transparency; and public involvement," Mylott said.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a petroleum industry practice that uses pressurized water, sand and chemicals to fracture rock inside oil and gas wells. The draft EPA report released Dec. 8 theorized that industry activity including fracking may have caused groundwater contamination in two test wells drilled in Pavillion.

The draft report is set to undergo a 30-day peer review process following a public comment period. The public comment period had been set to run through Jan. 27; the EPA this week extended it through March 12.

Also this week, the EPA opened the process in which people can nominate experts to serve on the scientific peer review panel for the report.

The 10 senators want the report classified as a "highly influential scientific assessment" that would require more rigorous peer review standards. The process would need to be opened to public involvement, for example, and EPA employees would not be allowed to serve on the peer review panel.

Peer reviewers also would need to be given access to key studies, data and models related to the draft report.

A scientific report may be considered "highly influential" if it could have a public or private sector impact of more than \$500 million a year, according to a 2004 Office of Management and Budget memo linked from the EPA website.

A report that is "novel, controversial, or precedent-setting, or has significant interagency interest" also can require the more rigorous standard.

The senators' request seems reasonable and in line with the position of the Wyoming state government that adequate testing, data and review is needed before the peer review process, Gov. Matt Mead said Friday.

Northwest Power Outages May Continue for Days

BY MANUEL VALDES AND JONATHAN J. COOPER
Associated Press

SEATTLE • A Pacific Northwest storm that brought snow, ice and powerful winds left a mess of fallen trees and power lines Friday as tens of thousands of residents already without power faced the prospect of a cold, dark weekend and flooding became a top region-wide concern.

While temperatures warmed and the icy, snowy conditions abated in western Washington and Oregon, slick roads and fast-melting snow brought challenges for road workers, city officials and rescue crews. The region also faces more rain as swelling rivers lead to the worst flooding some Oregon counties have seen in more than a decade.

"It's definitely a trial we get to endure," said Jeanette Donigan, whose Turner, Ore., home was surrounded by floodwater, leaving her and her family to seek shelter nearby. "But earthly possessions can be replaced, as long as we got our children to higher ground."

The storm system has been blamed for three deaths that include those of a mother and her 1-year-old boy, who died after torrential

rain swept away a car from an Albany, Ore., grocery store parking lot on Wednesday night; and an elderly man fatally injured Thursday by a falling tree as he was backing an all-terrain vehicle out of a backyard shed near Seattle.

On Mount Rainier, a blizzard kept rescuers from continuing a search Friday on Washington's Mount Rainier for two campers and two climbers missing in the storm since early this week. Meanwhile, the system continued its plod east, bringing a first major snowstorm for the winter to parts of the Midwest. More than 700 flights were cancelled in Chicago, the bulk of them at O'Hare International Airport.

The rain in western Oregon resumed Friday, though not as heavily as the previous two days, and forecasters said the Northwest can expect more rain, mountain snow and winds for a week.

A 35-year-old woman who drove a Ford Mustang into 4 feet of floodwaters in Oregon's Willamette Valley was plucked from the roof Friday by deputies who arrived by boat to save her. It was one of a number of dramatic rescues in western Oregon, left sodden by as much as 10 inches of rain in a day and a half that has

brought region's worst flooding in 15 years.

Interstate 5, the main arterial connecting Seattle and Portland, was briefly closed Friday morning in both directions near Centralia so crews could remove fallen power lines. Amtrak trains weren't running Friday between Seattle and Portland, because of trees and other debris that fell on the tracks.

Northbound lanes of the interstate in Everett, north of Seattle, were closed much of the morning following a tractor-trailer accident. Around midday, Washington State Patrol troopers closed both Tacoma Narrows bridges, which connect Tacoma with communities to the west, because of large ice chunks falling onto the bridge deck.

In Seattle, residents were asked for help clearing the city's 80,000 storm drains.

Puget Sound Energy used three helicopters Friday to check its transmission lines as crews repair damage from Thursday's ice storm. There were still about 240,000 without power late Friday afternoon, including 230,000 PSE customers, mostly around Seattle, Tacoma and Olympia. New outages were still being reported Friday. The utility it could take into the weekend or later to get the power back on.



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A U.S. flag is shown encrusted with ice, Friday near Lacey, Wash. Heavy layers of ice brought down trees and power lines across the Northwest Friday.

Much of Washington's capital city, Olympia, was without power. Gov. Chris Gregoire's office, legislative buildings and other state agencies in Olympia lost electricity for several hours before power was restored. Lawmakers are in the midst of a 60-day session, but some hearings were canceled on Friday. On the main street through downtown, tree limbs littered a park and sidewalks. Main roads were clear, but many residential

roads in the area weren't plowed, and at least one power line had fallen.

Cathie Butler, a spokeswoman for the City of Olympia said they were dealing with "the fallout from all of the heavy ice and snow on the trees."

Butler said that in addition to first dealing with downed trees and limbs and power lines, the city wants to get snowplows back out to clear primary roads and snow that is piled up on drains.

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Baltimore running back Ray Rice carries the ball earlier this year during the first half of a game against the New England Patriots. The Ravens are slated to play the Patriots in the AFC championship on Sunday.

Rice Seeks New Playoff Memory to Cherish

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. • Ray Rice has played in eight post-season games, none more memorable than the one in which he ran for 159 yards to help the Baltimore Ravens beat the New England Patriots.

About the only thing that could possibly top that would be playing in the Super Bowl, a quest Rice just might realize if he can run wild again in Sunday's AFC championship game against those same Patriots.

Now in his fourth season, Rice has emerged as Baltimore's main offensive threat. The 5-foot-8 running back stepped into that role in his second year, when he enjoyed the first of three straight seasons with more than 1,000 yards rushing.

Rice put together a masterful performance against the Patriots in the 2009 postseason, beginning with an 83-yard run on the first play from scrimmage that set the tone for what would be a 33-14 rout.

"If you want to ask me if that was my fondest moment in my NFL career, yes it was," Rice said this week. "When you can do something that special in a playoff game in another team's stadium, that was huge. And that's something that I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

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NFL REFS GETTING ATTENTION THIS POSTSEASON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's the deal, football fans: NFL officials are going to mess up. Calls will be missed. Others will be made that shouldn't have been.

Even the league knows that — and it wants to make sure you remember, too.

"Certainly there have been some calls we wish had not caused so much attention," NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations Ray Anderson said in a telephone interview Friday. "When things are going 100 mph, at game speed and with game pressure, sometimes mistakes are going to be made. When it comes to officiating, fans apparently tend to be less forgiving."

Thanks to a handful of eyebrow-raising calls in these playoffs, and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's mention of a proposal to start hiring some game officials as full-time employees, the men in black-and-white striped shirts are a topic of conversation heading into the Ravens-Patriots and Giants-49ers conference championship games Sunday.

"We're never completely satisfied. We certainly think we can do better, and are certainly hoping all the crews remaining will do better in the games upcoming," Anderson said. "We want to make sure that the whole officiating body is performing at the highest level. We would prefer to have calls ... not take center stage for the entire next week." Or longer.

Mike Pereira was NFL vice president of officiating from 2001-09, and nothing ate at him more than the prospect of a blown call in the Big Game.

Please see REFS, S3

EAGLE MEN PROVIDE TEASE, THEN REALITY

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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RANGELY, Colo. • Colorado Northwestern came out swinging, giving the national champs their best shot.

That lasted for about five minutes. The night ended in a 92-58 win for the College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team, all while its female

counterparts chanted from the stands, sounding every bit as energetic as a home crowd in Twin Falls.

"Usually this is a game where it's tough to come out with a lot of energy, but I thought we got great sophomore leadership and came out strong, we just weren't hitting shots," said CSI head coach Steve Gosar.

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stormed out to a 6-1 lead behind a Tali Tapisoua 3-pointer, which brought the 50 or so Spartans fans in the house to their feet.

Fabyon Harris and Pat Swilling hit back-to-back 3-pointers, however, to give the Golden Eagles (17-2, 3-1) the 7-6 lead, which they would relinquish only once more at 16-15.

Kevin Attila hit a 3-pointer to push the lead to 31-20 and CSI took a 45-32 advantage to halftime.

Please see CSI MEN, S2

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Saving His Best For Last

Bruins' Meyerhoeffer seals his team's victory against Jerome with heady play, game-clinching basket in tense Great Basin Conference battle.



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Jerome's Spencer Geist, left, runs into Twin Falls' Alec Meyerhoeffer Friday night at Jerome High School in Jerome.

BY DAVID BASHORE
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JEROME • A team long known for its ability to score in threes, the Twin Falls boys basketball team needed the most unconventional of three-point plays to ice Friday's game with Jerome.

Alec Meyerhoeffer only scored three points Friday night, but they were the last three as he rebounded his own missed free throw attempt and laid it back in to seal a 43-38 win and silence the cauldron of noise inside Jerome's gym.

After hitting the front end of a 1-and-1 with 7.4 seconds left, he clanged the second off the left side of the rim but nobody blocked him out. Rather than pulling the ball out and draining

more time, he put it back and gave the Bruins (12-1, 5-0 Great Basin) an unassailable lead for the final margin.

"It's my first time in an environment like this, and I was really nervous. I just knew I needed to hit the free throws," said Meyerhoeffer. "The second one felt off as it left my hand, and I just wanted to follow my shot and the lane opened up for me. No one was around me so I decided to lay it up, and I knew they'd still have to get a clean rebound and get it up the floor even if I missed."

Robert Sanchez blitzed Jerome's zone defense, burying five 5-pointers on his way to a game-high 17 points.

After blitzing the Tigers (12-2, 4-1) in the district tournament last season, Sanchez enjoyed a return to Jerome's

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gym, particularly as he felt they were giving him more space than they ought to have.

"I was surprised because they were giving a lot of ball pressure on Eric (Harr), and they were giving me a lot of open looks," Sanchez said. "Guess I was feeling it tonight. I really like the feel of this place, and it's always a great atmosphere because they always want to get after us. It really felt like a tournament game."

Please see TWIN FALLS, S2

Bobcats Wear Out Wood River

BY RYAN HOWE
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BURLEY • Wednesday's snow day paid dividends for the Burley boys basketball team.

"It was good to have the rest," said Burley senior Garrett Robins after the Bobcats' 85-27 win over Wood River Friday. "I thought we would come out a little rusty, but we came out good after a week off."

Burley pummeled the Wolverines with solid defense and rebounding. The Bobcats had a 15-0 run to finish the first quarter to put the game out of reach early.

"After a week off we had fresh legs," said Robins, who scored 11 points. "We could get into it and play defense on them. We were confident that we could get up and deny them and mess up their offense."

Karsten Hinckley scored a career-high 17 points off the bench for Burley. Scott Pilling scored 13 points and Jason Boehmer had 12 for the Bobcats (8-4 overall, 3-2 Great Basin Conference).

Burley coach Jack Bagley liberally used his bench, which provided 46 points.

"Those kids come off the bench and have an opportunity; it's hard to tell them not to go," said Bagley.

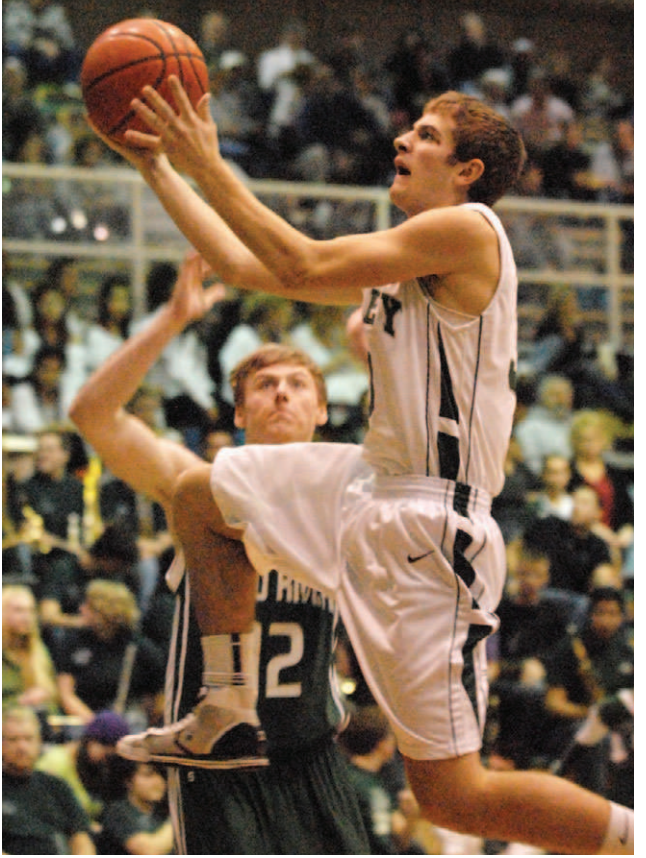
The win came at a critical time for Burley, coming off two road losses last week against league frontrunners Jerome and Twin Falls.

"It felt good after coming off a hard week last week to get our confidence back," Robins said.

Wood River (2-11, 0-5) got 10 points from Braxton Parish. The Wolverines were without its star player Stone Sutton, who had been ill the past couple games, but quit the team as of Thursday, according to first-year coach Rick Bradshaw.

"I'm trying to put a team concept together. It was unfortunate," said Bradshaw.

Please see BOBCATS, S2



RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Burley's Karsten Hinckley drives for a layup against Wood River's Colton Larkin (12) during their Great Basin Conference boys basketball game Friday at Burley High School.

NATION + WORLD

Etta James, Acclaimed
Blues and R&B Singer,
Dies at 73 • S7Romney, Gingrich in SC
Suddenly 'Neck and Neck'BY DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. • On the eve of a Southern showdown, Mitt Romney conceded Friday he's in a tight race with Newt Gingrich for Saturday's South Carolina primary in a Republican campaign suddenly turned turbulent.

It's "neck and neck," Romney declared, while a third presidential contender, former Sen. Rick Santorum, swiped at both men in hopes of springing yet another campaign surprise.

Several days after forecasting a Romney victory in his state, Sen. Jim DeMint said the campaign's first Southern primary was now a two-man race between the former Massachusetts governor, who has struggled in recent days with

questions about his personal wealth and taxes, and Gingrich, the former House speaker who has been surging in polls after a pair of well-received debate performances.

The stakes were high as Republicans sought a challenger to Democratic President Barack Obama. Television advertising by the candidates and their supporters exceeded \$10 million here, much of it spent in the past two weeks, and mailboxes were stuffed with campaign flyers.

In a bit of home-state boosterism, DeMint said the primary winner was "likely to be the next president of the United States."

Indeed, the winner of the state's primary has gone on to capture the Republican nomination each year since 1980.



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Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney looks at a supporter while speaking Friday at a campaign rally in North Charleston, S.C.

A victory by Romney would place him in a commanding position heading into the Florida primary on Jan. 31. He and an organization supporting him are already airing television ads in that state, which is one of the country's costliest in which to campaign.

Mega Compound

This aerial shot shows Kim Dotcom's house in Coatesville, north west of Auckland, New Zealand on Friday. Police arrested the Megaupload.com founder and three employees on U.S. accusations that they facilitated millions of illegal downloads.



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France
Threatens
Early Exit
from
AfghanistanBY DEB RIECHMANN
AND JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan • France's threat Friday to withdraw early from Afghanistan after an Afghan soldier killed four French troops and wounded 15 is a setback for the U.S.-led coalition's efforts to build a national army and allow foreign troops to go home.

The deadly shooting — the second against French forces in a month — is the latest in a rising number of disturbing attacks in which Afghan security forces or infiltrators have turned their guns on coalition forces.

It came during an especially deadly 24 hours for the international coalition, with six U.S. Marines killed in a helicopter crash Thursday night in southern Afghanistan.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy, who faces a potentially tough re-election campaign this spring, reacted swiftly and sternly to the killing of the French troops, who were unarmed when they were shot during a physical training exercise. He ordered French forces to stop training Afghan forces and suspended joint patrols.

"The French army is not in Afghanistan so that Afghan soldiers can shoot at them," Sarkozy said in Paris. "From now on, all the operations of training and combat help by the French army are suspended."

If security for the French troops is not restored, "the question of an early withdrawal of the French army would arise," he said.

France's threat comes at a time when the coalition is trying to reassure Afghanistan that it is not rushing to leave, that it will continue to develop the nation's struggling security force, and that it will help the government negotiate a political settlement with the Taliban to end the decade-long war.

If France suspends training operations indefinitely or withdraws soon, it would weaken the coalition and could prompt more troop-contributing nations to follow suit.

Through training of Afghan police and soldiers, the coalition hopes to wrap up its combat mission at the end of 2014 when foreign forces are to have gone home or moved into support roles.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said France was a valued member of a tightly knit NATO coalition. "I don't want to get ahead of any discussions or decision that France might make with regard to its ... presence as part of that coalition," he said.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said, "I am in great sympathy with what happened to the French soldiers. It was terrible. And I can certainly appreciate the strong feelings that are being expressed."

"We are in close contact with our French colleagues, and we have no reason to believe that France will do anything other than continue to be part of the very carefully considered transition process as we look at our exit ..." Clinton added.

The unpopular Sarkozy has been struggling to revive his poll numbers at a time when the public has grown weary of France's 10-year commitment in Afghanistan. Most voters are worried about jobs, the economy and state debt, and Sarkozy can ill-afford to let the war fester as another liability on his political balance sheet.

After Protest, Congress
Puts Off Movie Piracy BillBY JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Caving to a massive campaign by Internet services and their millions of users, Congress indefinitely postponed legislation Friday to stop online piracy of movies and music costing U.S. companies billions of dollars every year. Critics said the bills would result in censorship and stifle Internet innovation.

The demise, at least for the time being, of the anti-piracy bills was a clear victory for Silicon Valley over Hollywood, which has campaigned for a tougher re-

sponse to online piracy. The legislation also would cover the counterfeiting of drugs and car parts.

Congress' qualms underscored how Internet users can use their collective might to block those who want to change the system.

The battle over the future of the Internet also played out on a different front Thursday when a loose affiliation of hackers known as "Anonymous" shut down Justice Department websites for several hours and hacked the site of the Motion Picture Association of America after federal officials issued an indictment against Megaupload.com, one of the

world's biggest file-sharing sites.

The site of the Hong Kong-based company was shut down, and the founder and three employees were arrested in New Zealand on U.S. accusations that they facilitated millions of illegal downloads of films, music and other content, costing copyright holders at least \$500 million in lost revenue. New Zealand police raided homes and businesses linked to the founder, Kim Dotcom, on Friday and seized guns, millions of dollars and nearly \$5 million in luxury cars, officials there said.

In the U.S., momentum against the Senate's Protect Intellectual

Property Act and the House's Stop Online Piracy Act, known popularly as PIPA and SOPA, grew quickly on Wednesday when the online encyclopedia Wikipedia and other Web giants staged a one-day blackout and Google organized a petition drive that attracted more than 7 million participants.

That day alone, at least six senators who had co-sponsored the Senate legislation reversed their positions. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, in statements at the time and again on Friday, stressed that more consensus-building was needed before the legislation would be ready for a vote.

On Friday, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he was postponing a test vote set for Tuesday "in light of recent events." House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, followed suit, saying consideration of a similar House bill would be postponed "until there is wider agreement on a solution."

Obama Isn't First President to Serenade Public

BY JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

Is it too much to ask our presidents to uphold the Constitution, command the armed forces, execute the nation's laws — AND provide us with a little musical interlude?

The question comes to mind in the wake of Barack Obama's appearance at the Apollo Theater, when the leader of the free world took a moment to channel the Rev. Al Green, singing a bar from "Let's Stay Together." The crowd (and admirers on the Internet) went nuts, reacting in a way they rarely do to, say, a veto message or a Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Obama, of course, is not the first president to show his tuneful side to the public. Through the years, commanders-in-chief have turned musicians-in-chief, with varying results.

Among them:

• **RICHARD NIXON.** He was no Billy Joel. And yet twice in 1974, in the last months of his doomed administration, the President Who Was Not a Crook became the President Who Was the Piano Man. He played "God Bless America" at the Grand Ole Opry,

and the same tune when he accompanied singer Pearl Bailey in the East Room of the White House. The two also conspired on "Home on the Range" and "Wild Irish Rose." "You don't play as well as I sing," Bailey joked, "but I don't sing as well as you govern." She was half right.

Nixon also appeared on TV with Jack Paar in 1963, and played a little concerto of his own devising. Nixon said this would put the kibosh on his political career: "The Republicans don't want another piano player in the White House," he said.

• **HARRY TRUMAN.** Nixon was referring to "Give 'em Hell Harry," a Democrat who could never pass a piano without sitting down to play a few bars. In 1952, Truman conducted a nationally televised tour of the newly renovated White House and played a bit on the 1938 Steinway. The building had been condemned when a leg of piano played by his daughter Margaret, a singer whose talent was of some dispute, crashed through the floor of the decrepit mansion.

Truman also played for Joseph Stalin and Winston Churchill at the Potsdam Conference, neither

shortening nor lengthening World War II appreciably. The man did love the piano: "My choice early in life was either to be a piano-player in a warehouse or a politician," he once said. "And to tell the truth, there's hardly any difference."

• **THOMAS JEFFERSON.** He played the violin, and not just to meet women (though that is how he came to know his harpsichord-playing wife, Martha). When he wasn't writing the Declaration of Independence or rewriting the Bible or inventing a four-sided music stand for string quartets, he made music. He played the cello and clavichord, but the violin was his instrument, and he was a ringer for several orchestras. Though often in need of money, he always refused payment.

• **BILL CLINTON.** William Jefferson Clinton, not yet president, took a giant step in that direction in June 1992 when he showed up with a saxophone and wrap-around sunglasses to play "Heartbreak Hotel" on "The Arsenio Hall Show." "It's nice to see a Democrat blow something besides the election," quipped the host.

After he won the presidency,



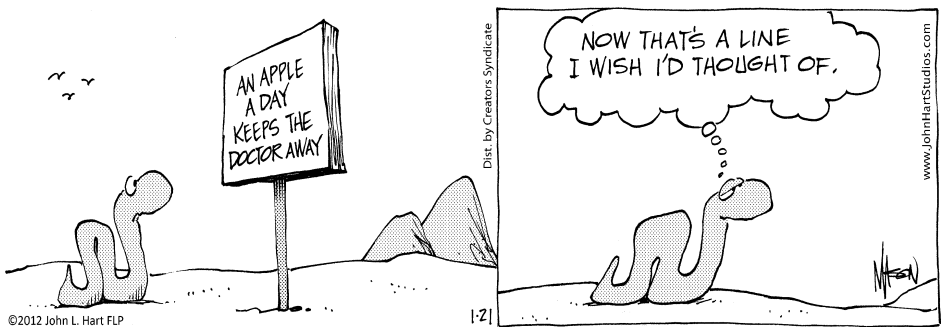
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Vice President Harry S. Truman plays the piano as movie star Lauren Bacall watches, in February 1945 at the National Press Club canteen in Washington.

Clinton played with E Street Band saxophonist Clarence Clemons at an inaugural ball. He also took a moment from an East European tour in 1994 to climb the stage of Prague's Reduta Jazz Club and play "My Funny Valentine" and "Summertime." At one point he invited Czech leader Vaclav Havel to join him; this would be remembered in political and musical history as the Two Presidents Gig.

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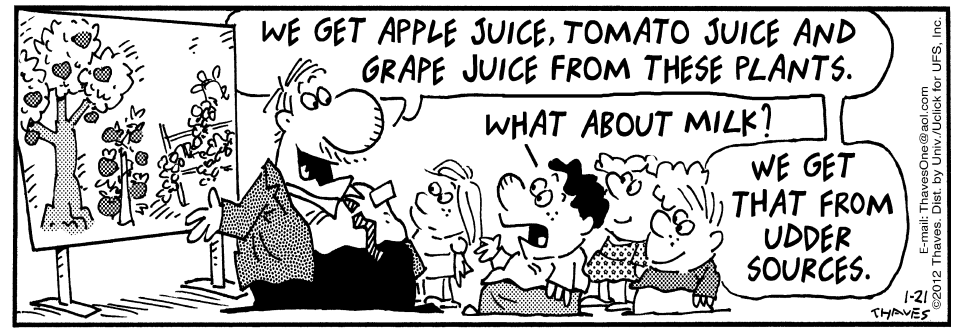
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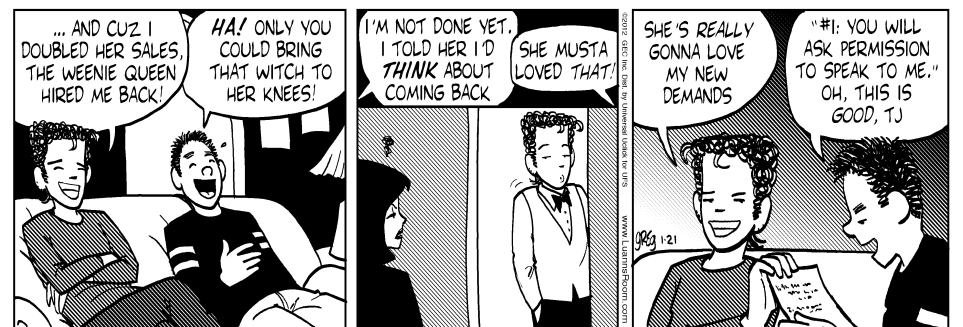
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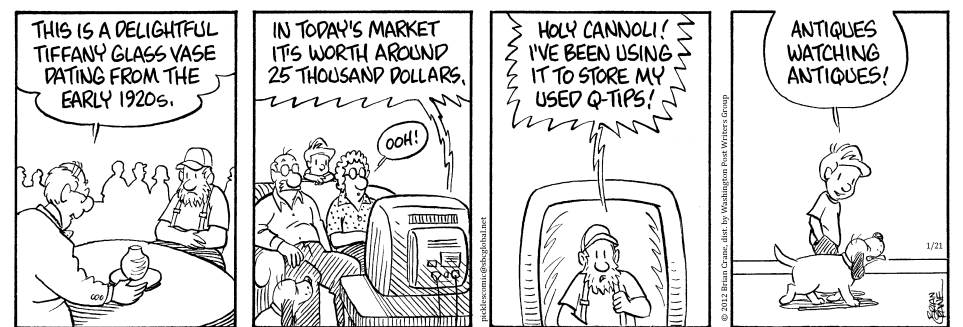
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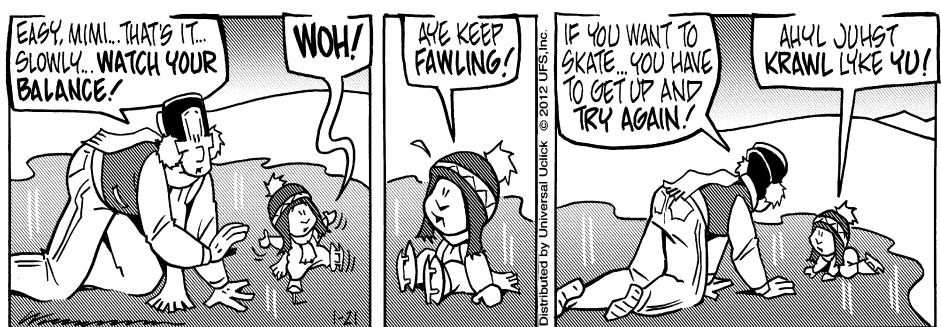
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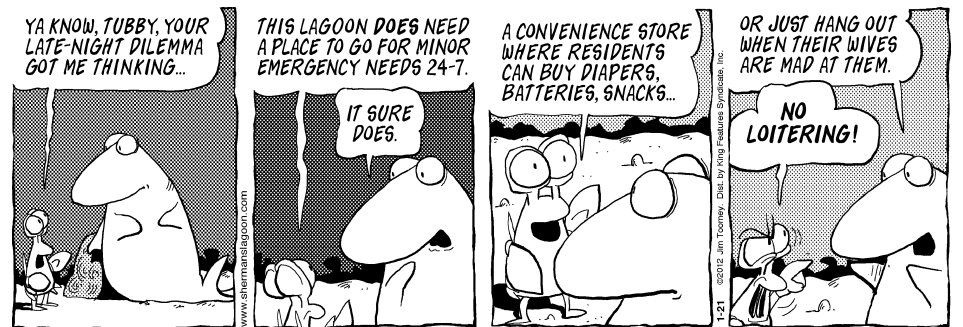
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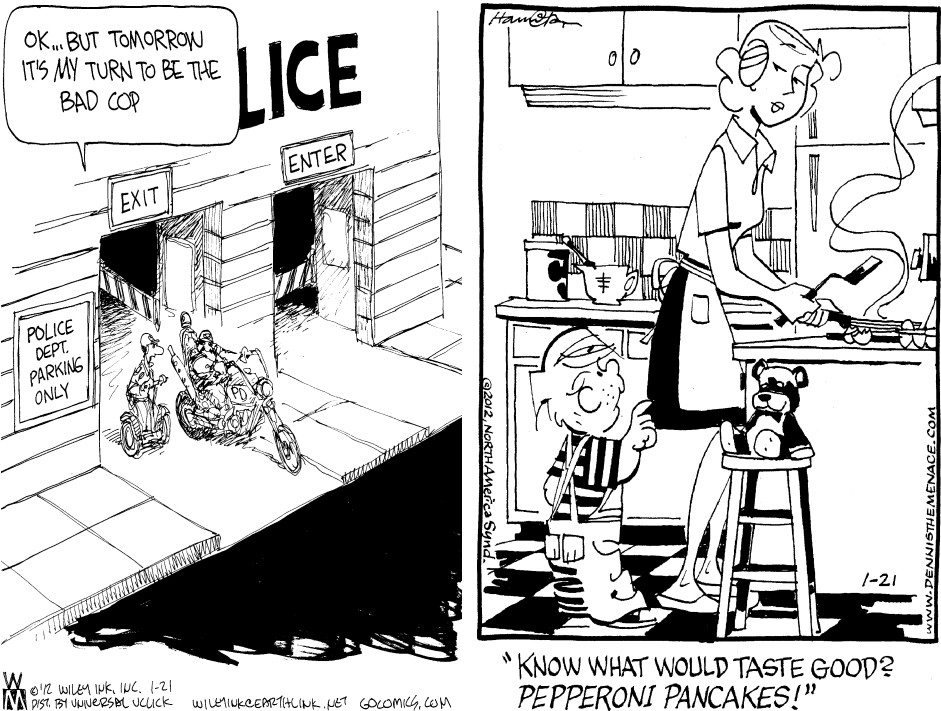
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Crowley's Closes

After 40 years, a family-owned bookstore closes to welcome Deseret Book and an LDS church distribution center.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
aweeks@magicvalley.com

TWIN FALLS • After 15 years in the Magic Valley Mall — and 40 years serving the area's LDS population — Crowley's-The Quad bookstore is closing.

"I call it moving," store owner Richard Crowley said.

The reason: Deseret Book Co. is coming to town and bringing with it a church distribution center. Crowley will manage the new store.

Salt Lake City-based Deseret Book, owned by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is the largest LDS book publisher and retailer in the world. Its new store, which will be built at the corner of Locust Street and Pole Line Road, will be half bookstore, half church distribution center.

That means customers will be able to purchase not only books, music and scriptures

as they did at Crowley's, but official church products not available at bookstores such as teachers' manuals and temple clothing.

Now that Twin Falls has a temple, Crowley said, he's not surprised that Deseret Book wants to come here. He has, in fact, worked with the publisher for several years, patterning his store after its own and selling its products. He said he wanted to expand his bookstore, but Deseret Book asked him to partner instead of compete.

"They're buying all my inventory and a few assets and will move me over there to manage the store," he said. "With their help I'm able to build a much bigger building than I had planned and have more product availability than I ever could by myself."

The new store will be 5,500 square feet compared with Crowley's 1,500-square-foot store.

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Richard Crowley

Deseret Book opened combined bookstore-distribution centers in six locations and liked what it saw, said Mark Clegg, the company's vice president of retail. Twin Falls has been on the map for a while because the company already has several wholesale accounts here, but it was bringing a church distribution center close to the temple that was the big draw. Several more "integrated



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Richard Crowley, owner of Crowley's-The Quad in the Magic Valley Mall, is closing his bookstore after 15 years in the mall and will be the general manager of a new Deseret Book being built nearby.

stores," as Clegg calls them, are planned in Western states.

Working for the chain bookstore will be an adjustment for Crowley — he left corporate life years ago to run the family business — but one that has more pros than cons, he said. The sad thing for him: taking down the Crowley sign.

Before opening in the mall on July 24, 1996, the family sold books out of its former pharmacy and soda fountain in downtown Twin Falls.

"We've loved our family-owned store, and grateful for the opportunity to have served the Magic Valley for the past 40 years," he said. "The mall has been a good business partner, but it was

time to move on." Shellen Gilliland, the mall's marketing director, said the bookstore was a good thing for the mall.

Crowley's has to be out by Feb. 1, when Tilt, a former mall tenant, will lease the space. Items at the bookstore are discounted for the move.

The new store is scheduled to open May 3, Clegg said.

CHURCH NEWS

Church Offers Bible, Fellowship Groups

TWIN FALLS • Several adult Bible studies are available through the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

The Rev. Phi Price will facilitate a study on the Apostle Paul at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sundays through February.

At 7 a.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Shari's Restaurant, the Men's Covenant Group will study the Gospel of John with Terry Nelson as facilitator.

Nelson will lead a study group on the "History of Religion and Politics in America" at 10 a.m. Wednesdays at Woodstone Assisted Living.

At 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Harry Geist will lead a study in the church library.

Nelson will facilitate a video series on Grace at 10 a.m. Thursdays in the chapel at Bridgeview Care Center.

Phyllis Fletcher will lead study that accommodates those with sight and other impairments at 10 a.m. Fridays in the Church Library.

Couples Group will be at 7 p.m. starting Jan. 26. Scott and Marjie Atkins will facilitate a video study on "Living the Question" at the Flournoy's home.

Fellowship groups starting include:

A Book Club beginning Thursday will be discussing "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese; contact is Kathy Price.

WOW (Women Offering Women Support) will meet at 7 p.m. Jan. 26 at Zulu Bagels; contact is DeAun Stephens.

The Men's Breakfast group will meet at 7 a.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Idaho Joe's with breakfast and topical discussion.

Signup for Cooks Night Out is available in the Fellowship Hall; participants will eat dinner out around town.

The Lunch Bunch group

meets for lunch Fridays at local restaurants.

Information: 733-7023.

Ascension Episcopal Church Holds Annual Meeting

TWIN FALLS • The Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, will hold a single worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. The all-parish annual meeting of the church will follow.

Wiggle Worship, Ascension Cafe and Middle/High School Christian Education will not be held. Sunday school for fifth grade and younger will be at 9 a.m.

At the annual meeting, new vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention will be elected and reports from all programs and parish committees will be available in a written annual report.

Information: www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248.

UMW Officers Installed Sunday

TWIN FALLS • Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Filer United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Fifth and Union streets.

The Rev. Carol Thompson's message will focus on the Third Sunday after Epiphany. Newly elected officers of the United Methodist Women will be installed and will participate in the morning service. Fellowship time and Sunday school will follow.

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Wheat Weaving Class to be held at 2 p.m. Jan. 28 in the Fellowship Hall. The class is for all ability levels and will teach basic weaving techniques. All participants will have a project to take home. Admission is free, but registration is encouraged by Wednesday to ensure enough supplies will be available. To register: 326-4829.

Information: 326-5686

Methodists Host Guest Speaker

TWIN FALLS • The Rev. Kim Fields will be the guest speaker for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E.

Fields is the assistant to the bishop of the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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

Former Evangelist Speaks at Twin Falls Church

TWIN FALLS • Former evangelist Doris Sommer will be the featured speaker at 10:35 a.m. Sunday at Church on a Mission, 134 Hansen St. E. in Twin Falls.

Sommer's topic will celebrate "The Sanctity of Life." Information: 490-0548.

Unitarian Universalists Discuss Salvation

TWIN FALLS • The Rev. Suzanne Marsh will host the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. We.

Her topic is "What's Salvation Got to Do with Us?"

The denomination's name, Unitarian Universalist, gives equal billing to both of the religious traditions of our forebearers, but modern UU's may not give them equal time. So often, the Unitarian part of our heritage, with its illustrious writers and great orators, grabs most of our attention.

The simplicity of the Universalist message as summed up by Rev. John Murray: "Give them not hell but hope," stymies us. When the majority of us believe in neither heaven nor hell, do we need to be en-

gaged in questions of salvation?

Attendees Sunday will learn some Universalist history and ponder how the theology of Universalism might inform their lives in the 21st century. Discussion will follow.

Information: Ken Whiting at 734-9161 or Don Morishita at 734-4973.

Gooding Ministry Offers Bible Discussion

GOODING • Are you curious about what the Bible really says? It is the primary text for all Christians of faith, yet even most Christians are not honestly familiar with what it says (or does not say).

The High Desert Cooperative Ministries, operating out of Gooding United Methodist Church, has recently started Bible studies at each of its three churches in Richfield, Shoshone and Gooding. All three churches do the same four readings every week, following a reading schedule found on the website. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. Mondays in Richfield, Tuesdays in Shoshone and Wednesdays in Gooding. Visit the website for locations.

We realize that it can be intimidating to join a new group, especially when it involves anything religious. Yet the Bible is an important document to know, if not for religious reasons then at least for political ones. People of all ages are welcome. It is just fine if you have never even read one word of the Bible. We don't ask for any money. We don't ask for you to believe in anything or to attend our churches for worship. We are hosting this because studying a 2,000-year-old text requires a little teamwork and expertise.

If you're interested, please visit our website for more details: www.highdesertministries.com or call the church (Pastor Jeffrey Rickman) at 934-4633.

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MISSION NEWS

Elder Kory James Kunzler has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Nicaragua Managua North Spanish-speaking mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Paul 2nd Ward Chapel and will enter the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Wednesday.

Kunzler is the son of Kelly and Stephanie Kunzler of Paul. He graduated from seminary and Minico High School

in 2011. He earned his Eagle Scout and Duty to God awards and has worked for several local farmers and dairymen. He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for one semester.

Kunzler



Bailey

Elder Drew A. Bailey has been called to serve in the Russia Novosibirsk Mission

for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 2:45 p.m. Sunday at the Pella 2nd Ward Chapel and again at 10:50 a.m. Jan. 29 at the Heyburn Ward Chapel. He will enter the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, on Feb. 1.

Bailey is the son of Jay and

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OBITUARIES

Toni K. Martinez

April 23, 1955-Jan. 18, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Toni K. Martinez, 56, of Twin Falls, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012, in Jerome.

She was born April 23, 1955, in Sonoma, Calif., the daughter of Tony N. J. Anthony and Peggy Nadine Newman. She grew up in Twin Falls and attended schools there.

Toni raised two children, Charlotte and Sam. She loved people and especially enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Toni will be remembered as a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend who will be dearly missed.

Toni is survived by her husband, Leo Martinez of Twin Falls; her daughter, Charlotte



(Carson) McNee of Richfield; 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; her sister, Darlene (Martin) Hunter of Twin Falls; three brothers, Barry (Snooks) Anthoniey of Filer, Michael (Linda) Anthoniey of Twin Falls and Kirby Anthoniey of Seward, Alaska; and many extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; her son, Sam; and one brother, John.

Family and friends are invited to attend a celebration of Toni's life and potluck luncheon at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at The Log Tavern, 401 Fourth Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

Leslie Pearson

BURLEY • Leslie Pearson, 65, of Burley, died Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, at Morrison Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home; private graveside service at a later time at the Rupert Cemetery.

Peggy Shockey

PAUL • Peggy A. Shockey, 70, of Paul, died Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012, at Saint Alphonsus Medical Center in Nampa.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Irene Hathaway

RUPERT • Irene M. Hathaway, 84, of Rupert, died Friday, Jan. 20, 2012, at her home.

Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Beryl (Jorge) J. Sperry Nelson Nay of Burley, open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 85 S. 200 W. of Rupert (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Lyman Cleon Jensen of Sequim, Wash., and formerly of the Mini-Cassia area, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Ruth R. Johnson of Buhl, celebration of life at 11 a.m. today at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Ilia Callahan Randell of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Oakley LDS Stake Center (Morrison-Payne Funeral Home in Burley).

Jerry D. Allen of Williamsport, Pa., and formerly of the Burley area, gathering from 1 to 2 p.m. today at Lycoming College's Mary L. Welch Theater in Williamsport, Pa. (Crouse Funeral Home in Williamsport, Pa.)

Ivan John Hansen of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Daniel Eugene Mack of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Grace Community Church, 100 N. Meridian in Rupert; visita-

tion one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Alma Lois Bailey of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the LDS Church, 501 Main St. in Buhl; visitation from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. today at the church (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Rosie Mendini Stover of Twin Falls, open house from 2 to 4 p.m. today at Chaparelle House, 1880 Harrison St. in Twin Falls.

"Junior" Rulon R. Young Jr. of Salmon, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Sacajawea Cultural Center in Salmon (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Thelma M. Lefler of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Sunday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Neoma Loretta Shouse of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rose-nau Funeral Home, 2826 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls; brief graveside service follows at Sunset Memorial Park; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the mortuary.

Ralph R. Baughman of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.



Etta James performs in April 2006 at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans.

Etta James, Acclaimed Blues and R&B Singer, Dies at 73

LOS ANGELES (AP) • Etta James, the earthy blues and R&B singer whose anguished vocals convinced generations of listeners that she would rather go blind than see her love leave, then communicated her joy upon finding that love at last, died Friday morning, said her son, Dontto James. She was 73.

She died of complications of leukemia at a hospital in Riverside, Calif., said Dr. Elaine James, her personal physician.

James had been in failing health for years. Court records in the singer's probate case show she also suffered from dementia and kidney failure. Her two sons had battled their stepfather for control of her \$1 million estate but in late December agreed to allow him to remain as conservator.

James spent time in a detox facility for addiction to painkillers and over-the-counter medications, her son Dontto told Reuters in 2010. And she had wrestled with complications since undergoing gastric bypass surgery in 2002 to remedy a lifelong struggle with her weight.

After that procedure, which actress Roseanne Barr had recommended to her, James lost 200 pounds. Before the surgery, her weight had gone past 400 pounds. When she performed, she often had to be escorted on and off the stage in a wheelchair. "I thought I was going to die," she told *Ebony* magazine in 2003. "I was constantly worried that I was going to have a heart attack."

Perhaps the quintessential R&B diva, James, who was born and lived much of her life in Los Angeles, was equally at home singing unadulterated blues, searing R&B and sophisticated jazz, the latter receiving special attention in her recordings over the last decade. Her dusky voice, which could stretch from a sultry whisper to an aching roar, influenced generations of

singers who came after, from Tina Turner to Bonnie Raitt to Christina Aguilera. And pop-R&B singer Beyonce carefully studied James before portraying her in the loosely historical 2008 film "Cadillac Records."

"This is a huge loss," Beyonce said Friday in a statement on her website. "Etta James was one of the greatest vocalists of our time. I am so fortunate to have met such a queen. Her musical contributions will last a lifetime. Playing Etta James taught me so much about myself, and singing her music inspired me to be a stronger artist. When she effortlessly opened her mouth, you could hear her pain and triumph. Her deeply emotional way of delivering a song told her story with no filter. She was fearless, and had guts. She will be missed."

Despite her early commercial success, James struggled for much of her life with her weight, with addictions to heroin, cocaine and alcohol, and with her tumultuous relationship with her mother, who was just 14 when she gave birth to Jamesetta Hawkins on Jan. 25, 1938.

She was adored by rock's elite, including the Rolling Stones, who drafted her in 1978 as the opening act on their U.S. tour, and voters at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, who inducted her in 1993.

"It really does mean a lot," James told the *Los Angeles Times* upon her induction. "It shows that if you're hanging around the candy store long enough, people start giving you things."

James' six-decade recording career began at the top of the R&B charts when her bawdy 1955 single "The Wallflower," better known as "Roll With Me Henry," quickly made her a national star.

In the rollicking early days of rock 'n' roll, James' saucy song answered Hank Ballard's

then-recent hit "Work With Me Annie," a ribald, thinly veiled invitation to a woman to have sex. James' response, in which she assertively put forth the same offer on her own terms, was wildly popular but equally controversial coming from a 17-year-old girl long before the sexual revolution of the '60s upended traditional sex roles.

She is best known for "At Last," the powerhouse ballad that became a hit in 1961 and which has been enshrined in the Grammy Hall of Fame. Bending and stretching the notes of the bluesy melody to reflect the hard-won realization of a lifelong desire, and channeling a sense of joy that sounded as though the gates of heaven had just opened to welcome her in, James sang: "At last, my love has come along/My lonely days are over/My life is like a song"

The other song with which she became inextricably connected was "I'd Rather Go Blind," which she said she co-wrote in 1968 with her friend Ellington Jordan while he was in prison. He outlined the song and James finished it, but for tax reasons she gave the co-writing credit to Medallions singer Billy Foster, to whom she was briefly married. It conveys the desperation of a woman who prefers losing her sight to seeing her man with someone else. *Rolling Stone* critic Dave Marsh included it in his 1999 book "The Heart of Rock and Soul: The 1001 Greatest Singles Ever Made." It was subsequently recorded by artists including Rod Stewart, B.B. King, Koko Taylor and Beyonce in "Cadillac Records" but it remains most closely associated with James.

James, the child of a single teenage mother growing up in South Los Angeles during World War II, never knew her father but remained convinced throughout her life that he was pool shark Minnesota Fats.

With her blond curls and light complexion, she stood out in the African-American community, and she started to make a mark singing in the choir of St. Paul Baptist Church. The church's music minister, a prominent figure in gospel circles known as Professor James Earle Hines, quickly singled her out for solos when she was just 5 or 6, said biographer David Ritz.

The church was frequented by Hollywood stars such as Lana Turner and Robert Mitchum and had a weekly radio broadcast that helped spread word of the girl's talents. James' mother left her to be raised by foster parents, but when her foster mother died when James was about 12, she was reunited with her biological mother and they lived for a time in San Francisco.

As a teen, James formed a trio called the Peaches, which was discovered by R&B musician and promoter Johnny Otis (who, coincidentally, died Tuesday at age 90). Soon, she was in a duo called Etta & Harvey with Harvey Fuqua of the Moonglows, the R&B group behind the 1955 hit "Sincerely."

Early on, she toured with Johnny Guitar Watson, the Texas singer, songwriter and guitarist, in an association that figured prominently in her approach to music for the rest of her life.

"Her real role model was not a woman, it was Johnny Guitar Watson," said Ritz, James' collaborator on her 1995 autobiography, "Rage to Survive." "Johnny also could do all three things: blues, R&B and jazz. ... Where he really influenced her was in his vocals. He would sing standards and then kind of bluesify them. Just as Nancy Wilson modeled herself on Little Jimmy Scott — a man — Etta James modeled herself on Johnny. ... He had an enormously healthy and rich in-

Wisconsin Recall Webcam Is So Boring that It's Mesmerizing

BY SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. • Nameless bureaucrats processing petitions to recall the governor shuffle in and out of the frame, stacking, unstacking and scanning seemingly endless piles of paper in a process carried live on an increasingly popular webcam that's so mind-numbingly boring, it's mesmerizing.

Welcome to Wisconsin, where even the dullest of political theater attracts tens of thousands of viewers.

The cam (<http://mirrors.5nines.com/stream/>) transmits a live feed from the guarded, secret location where petitions to recall Gov. Scott Walker and five other Republicans are being housed and processed. Walker has turned the state upside down since he took office last year. He proposal, now law, taking away public unions' bargaining rights set off weeks of protests and drew national attention to a state mostly known for the Green Bay Packers and making cheese.

The cam is so popular it has a parody Twitter account and

a growing cadre of followers who nickname the workers, point out when they mug for the camera and generally mock the entire process.

It ain't exactly the sexiest of web cams. Everyone keeps their clothes on — in fact, with temperatures hovering around zero outside, they're bundled up — and there are no pandas being born or eagles taking flight.

There's not even sound. But this is Wisconsin, a state that's been more or less the center of the political universe for a year, and the action shows no sign of letting up.

On Tuesday, organizers said they turned in more than a 1.9 million signatures to recall Walker and the others, 3 tons of paper that would extend 66 miles if laid end to end.

And someone has got to deal with all that.

Enter the ultimate in blandly named bureaucratic bodies — the Government Accountability Board — which has the important job of overseeing Wisconsin's elections and determining whether recall elections can proceed.

Its task is to examine every

signature and make sure that Mickey Mouses and Adolf Hitlers get caught and discarded, along with any Walker-hater or saboteur who signed multiple times. But before that can happen, all 300,000 pages must be scanned in to computers.

The Government Accountability Board, or GAB as it's known in these parts, wants to be, well, accountable. So as the work proceeds at the secret location, it's letting the public watch via the webcam as work is being done between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.

When the cam first got plugged in Tuesday night, the image was straight on at roughly waist level. Viewers could see the back of one worker's bald head, the scanner and the somewhat blank stare of the police officer sitting in the corner making sure security wasn't breached.

By Thursday, onlookers were being treated to a new view of their government at work. The cam had been elevated, offering a bird's-eye view of eight computers and four folding tables where stacks of paper with post-it

notes attached were picked up, moved, set back down, and moved again. All of the action takes place against a stark, white cinder block wall.

Political junkies couldn't get enough. They made observations on the parody Twitter account (@recallcam), assigning personalities to the workers, establishing nicknames like "Sideburns," "White Glasses" and "Flirty von Flirtinheimer" and creating a storyline that includes hints of office romance.

Other possible plots also have developed.

"It's still snowing hard in WI — you just know SOMEONE in that room has thought about who they would eat first if they get trapped in," said a tweet posted Friday as a snowstorm hit Madison.

Much of the debate has focused on where the work was being done.

One post speculated it was Osama bin Laden's old command.

Others commented on what the workers were wearing, noting more sweaters and scarves on a day when temperatures dipped near zero outside.

Board spokesman Reid Magney, who has made cameo appearances on the cam, said at its busiest Friday there were 848 people watching at the same time.

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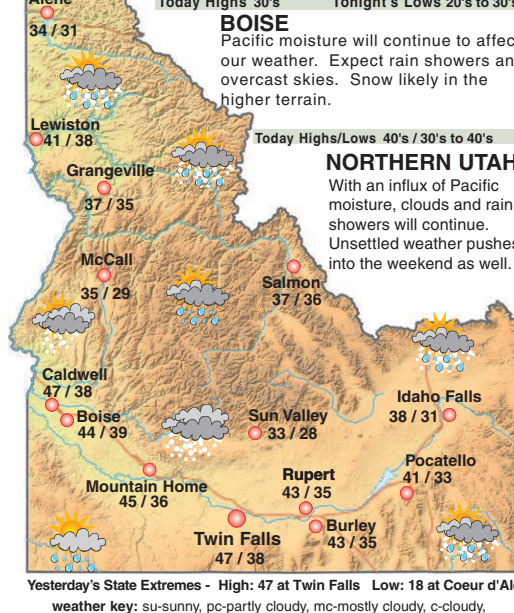
Today: Scattered rain showers. High 43.
 Tonight: Rain changes to snow late. Low 35.
 Tomorrow: A mix of rain and late snow. High 40.

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Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	40°	Yesterday's	0.78"
Yesterday's Low	36°	Month to Date	1.01"
Normal High / Low	36° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	0.61"
Record High	57° in 1971	Water Year to Date	3.22"
Record Low	-14° in 1963	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.38"

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 Temperatures will remain cold enough for snow across much of the region. Several inches of accumulation is expected.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Some rain showers likely	Chance for rain showers	Rain and late snow likely	Late snow showers	Flurries possible	Re-developing snow
High 47°	Low 38°	44° / 29°	38° / 27°	37° / 23°	38° / 31°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	43°	Yesterday's	0.90"	Yesterday's High	89%	5 pm Yesterday	29.77 in.	Today	Sunrise: 8:02 AM
Yesterday's Low	37°	Month to Date	1.14"	Yesterday's Low	70%			Saturday	Sunrise: 8:02 AM
Normal High / Low	37° / 21°	Avg. Month to Date	0.73"	Today's Forecast Avg.	74%			Sunday	Sunrise: 8:01 AM
Record High	53° in 1998	Water Year to Date	3.30"					Monday	Sunrise: 8:00 AM
Record Low	-12° in 1984	Avg. Water Year to Date	4.04"					Tuesday	Sunrise: 8:00 AM

Moon Phases and Moonset

Today	Moonrise	Moonset
Jan. 23	5:45 AM	3:10 PM
Jan. 31	6:37 AM	4:17 PM
Feb. 7	7:20 AM	5:25 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	44 39 sh	43 27 sh	Atlanta	60 54 sh	69 52 th
Bonnerville	29 28 sn	38 26 ls	Atlanta City	40 30 pc	49 39 r
Burley	43 35 r	40 26 r	Baltimore	36 27 pc	42 30 r
Challis	37 32 mx	36 15 ls	Billings	21 10 ls	33 20 ls
Coeur d'Alene	34 31 mx	37 26 ls	Birmingham	65 58 sh	68 53 th
Elko, NV	44 28 sh	40 18 ls	Boston	34 15 su	30 20 ls
Eugene, OR	50 43 r	47 34 r	Charleston, SC	68 54 pc	70 56 pc
Gooding	40 33 sh	38 24 sh	Charleston, WV	43 39 mc	50 35 th
Grace	36 30 ls	33 21 ls	Chicago	23 19 sn	28 24 ls
Hagerman	47 36 sh	45 28 sh	Cleveland	25 23 ls	31 24 ls
Hailey	36 30 mx	34 20 ls	Denver	56 31 pc	57 30 pc
Idaho Falls	38 31 mx	36 26 mx	Des Moines	17 -2 sn	18 16 pc
Kalispell, MT	25 30 ls	35 18 ls	Detroit	22 18 sn	27 21 pc
Jerome	43 35 sh	41 27 sh	Fairbanks	-9 24 pc	-10 24 pc
Lewiston	41 38 r	43 33 r	El Paso	71 44 pc	68 47 pc
Malad City	39 30 mx	37 23 mx	Fargo	7 -7 r	18 13 pc
Malta	42 34 r	38 26 mx	Fairfax	78 68 su	78 68 pc
McCall	35 29 ls	32 17 ls	Houston	77 63 mc	75 59 pc
Missoula, MT	35 32 mx	37 25 mx	Indianapolis	30 26 pc	37 25 ls
Pocatello	41 33 mx	38 30 mx	Jacksonville	72 56 pc	75 58 pc
Portland, OR	47 41 r	45 37 r	Kansas City	35 14 mc	31 27 pc
Rupert	43 35 r	41 26 r	Las Vegas	64 48 pc	69 47 pc
Ruxburg	34 31 ls	35 24 ls	Little Rock	61 40 th	48 37 sh
Richland, WA	33 29 r	41 30 sh	Los Angeles	64 55 r	65 51 r
Rogerson	38 32 ls	34 25 ls	Memphis	62 49 sh	53 39 th
Salmon	37 36 r	36 21 r	Miami	75 66 pc	77 67 pc
Salt Lake City, UT	46 36 r	45 30 r	Milwaukee	19 15 sn	28 23 ls
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Stanley	32 27 ls	30 13 ls	New Orleans	73 61 th	74 59 th
Sun Valley	33 28 ls	30 15 ls	New York	37 26 pc	38 35 ls
Yellowstone, MT	25 19 ls	28 14 ls	Oklahoma City	59 22 pc	44 38 pc
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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	9 8 pc	27 11 pc	Saskatoon	12 -6 pc	12 -2 ls
Edmonton	0 -4 pc	4 1 ls	Toronto	19 12 ls	24 14 ls
Kelowna	22 21 ls	30 15 ls	Vancouver	40 36 ls	40 35 ls
Lethbridge	25 25 pc	37 30 pc	Victoria	46 42 r	46 41 sh
Regina	-2 -2 pc	30 -1 pc	Winnipeg	-5 -9 pc	13 13 ls

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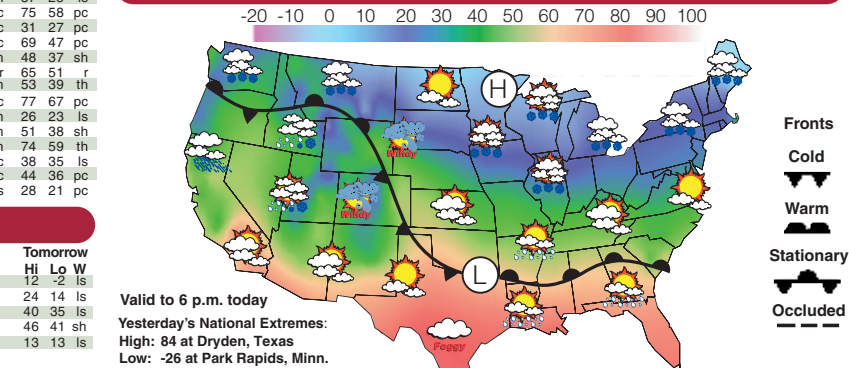
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WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	City	Today	Tomorrow
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Athens	55 46 pc	59 43 sh	Nairobi	79 51 pc	80 52 pc
Auckland	69 55 sh	68 56 pc	Oslo	24 10 pc	33 12 sn
Bangkok	87 77 pc	87 76 th	Paris	50 43 r	53 39 r
Beijing	22 8 pc	22 9 pc	Prague	38 27 ls	39 34 ls
Berlin	36 29 ls	40 35 sn	Rio de Janeiro	84 69 th	86 69 th
Buenos Aires	91 71 th	91 70 th	Rome	57 46 sh	57 49 pc
Cairo	60 38 pc	60 46 pc	Santiago	82 52 pc	82 51 pc
Dhahran	68 53 pc	65 50 sh	Seoul	35 14 pc	23 10 pc
Geneva	35 23 ls	34 26 ls	Sydney	79 64 sh	71 65 sh
Hong Kong	67 57 sh	67 52 sh	Tai Aviv	56 53 sh	58 53 sh
Jerusalem	53 37 sh	54 41 sh	Tokyo	41 38 r	44 34 r
Johannesburg	77 53 pc	80 54 sh	Vienna	44 31 r	38 35 ls
Kuwait City	65 38 pc	52 39 pc	Warsaw	34 26 pc	33 31 ls
London	48 39 r	51 38 sh	Winnipeg	-5 -9 pc	13 13 ls
Mexico City	67 45 pc	69 46 sh	Zurich	35 27 ls	35 28 sn

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CLEVELAND TV STATION RE-ENACTS OHIO BRIBERY TRIAL WITH PUPPETS

BY THOMAS J. SHEERAN
 Associated Press

CLEVELAND • It's "Sesame Street" meets the unseemly side of politics.

With cameras barred from a high-profile corruption trial, a television station has puppets acting out the sometimes-steamy testimony about hookers, gambling and sexual-

ly transmitted diseases. In one scene, a furry hand stuffs cash down the shirt of a puppet prostitute. "I'm horrified," a laughing anchorwoman said after a

segment shown this week on WOIO, a CBS affiliate in Cleveland, where the trial of longtime Democratic power broker Jimmy Dimora is the talk of the town.

The station's news director brought up the idea of using the puppets to lampoon the trial and give a glimpse of what's happening in the federal courtroom. Because cameras aren't allowed, other stations have relied on artist sketches of the proceedings and videos of Dimora walking into court with his wife and defense team. "It's a satirical look at the

trial and, again, I think we have it appropriately placed at the end of the newscast," WOIO news director Dan Salamone said Thursday. The puppets are in addition to the station's regular coverage of the trial of Dimora, a former Cuyahoga County commissioner and county Democratic chairman who has pleaded not guilty to bribery and racketeering.

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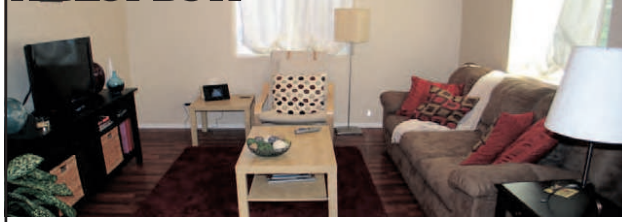


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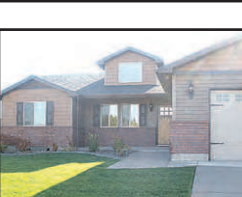
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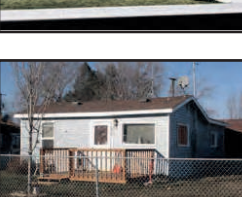
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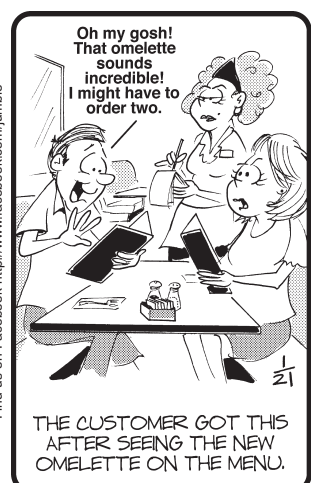
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With no real fit, you do not have to bid combined 24-counts to game. However, as you look at all four hands today, four spades seems simple enough to bring home. You would be worried about losing a trick in each red suit and two trump tricks, but with the spades lying in such friendly fashion, you would expect the contract to make, as indeed it did most of the time. But when Portugal faced Ireland's Adam Mesbur and Nick Fitzgibbon in the 2002 European Championships, the defense that the Irish pair found was both imaginative and effective.

North-South were playing a weak no-trump, which partly explains South's aggressive initial action and North's ability to rebid a forcing two no-trump. In response to his partner's intervention, Mesbur led the club five, which was taken in dummy with the ace. A low spade went to the king and ace, and this was followed by a finesse of the heart 10, which held. Next came a low diamond to the queen, also ducked without a flicker from Mesbur.

Declarer now confidently finessed again in hearts, and on winning with his now-bare king, Fitzgibbon returned a diamond to Mesbur's ace, who promptly played a heart, which his partner ruffed with the spade queen. That was the defense's third trick, and with the spade 10-8 sitting over South's nine, a further trump trick was guaranteed.

NORTH ♠ J 6 2 ♥ A Q 10 ♦ K 10 8 5 ♣ A K 4 WEST ♠ 10 8 4 ♥ 9 7 6 3 ♦ A J 2 ♣ 7 6 5 EAST ♠ K Q ♥ K 4 ♦ 9 7 3 ♣ Q J 9 8 3 2 SOUTH ♠ A 9 7 5 3 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ 10

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: West The bidding: South West North East 2 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ 2 ♣ 3 ♥ Pass 2 NT* Pass *Forcing

Opening lead: Club five

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ A 9 7 5 3 ♥ J 8 5 2 ♦ Q 6 4 ♣ 10 South West North East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♦ Pass ?

ANSWER: In response to a reverse, it is relatively common these days to treat a rebid of your long suit (here, two spades) as forcing for one round. Almost all other actions deny five cards in the suit in which you responded. Whether or not you have this special agreement, there is no reason not to bid two spades. If you play the call as nonforcing and partner passes, you won't have missed game.

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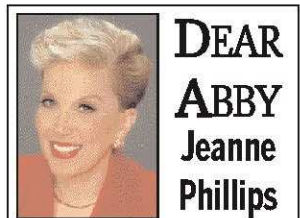
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I find it rude, and to be quite honest, disrespectful. I also think it makes no sense because with the TV on it's difficult to hear him. If I want to speak to someone in another room, I get off my "keester" and go directly to him or her. That's common sense. My former roommate used to do the same thing. Do you think this is a "guy thing"?

— CAN'T HEAR IN NEW YORK

DEAR CAN'T HEAR: Nope. It's just lazy. And it continues because you allow it. Tell your boyfriend that if he has something he wants to say to you, he should come and say it. Point out that you give him that respect. And if he "forgets," stay put and don't answer from the other room.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend with whom I exchange birthday and Christmas gifts. I make a great deal of effort to find things I know she would like, and I have been quite successful. My friend, however, buys me things I suspect she would like for herself.

Example: I'm always hot while she's always chilly. She bought me heavy pajamas and a warm robe for Christmas. I don't like spicy food — she does. She gave me two large containers of seasoning containing chili pepper. I love to read fiction while she prefers nonfiction. For my birthday I received a book about history.

This kind of exchange has been going on for years, and I don't remember receiving one gift I could really use. What can I say to her?

— PEEVED IN PITTSBURGH

DEAR PEEVED: To say something would be rude. I do have a suggestion, however. On the next gift-giving occasion, give your friend some things YOU would like. Example: A pretty fan to accessorize a summer dress, a jar of your favorite jam, a novel or two you would enjoy reading — and then you can agree on a gift exchange. Problem solved.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 2-year-old son, "Seth." His father, "Ray," and I went our separate ways during my pregnancy. He came to see Seth a few times when he was a couple of months old and promised he'd continue, but he didn't follow through. Ray has married since then, and hasn't called to ask about his son. I don't call him either.

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— SOLE PARENT IN ALABAMA

DEAR SOLE PARENT: Tell him the truth. Explain that when he was born, Ray wasn't ready to accept the responsibilities that go along with being a dad — and that as time has passed, Ray has been unwilling to step forward. As sad as that may be, it would be worse to give your son false information or false hope that his biological father will ever be willing to give him more than the court ordered him to.

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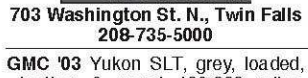
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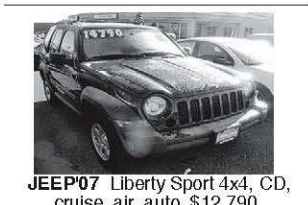


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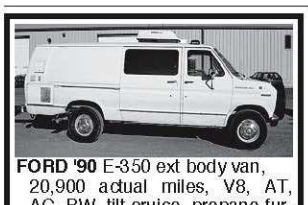
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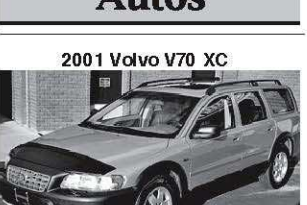


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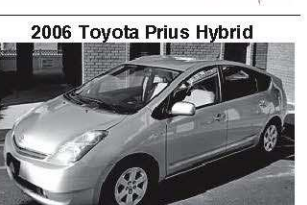


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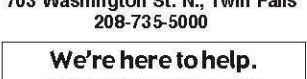
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