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STATE OF THE UNION

Obama: The American Dream Is in Peril

BY BEN FELLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Declaring the American dream under siege, President Barack Obama called Tuesday night for a flurry of help for a hurting middle class and higher taxes on millionaires, delivering a State of the Union address packed with re-



Obama

election themes. Restoring a fair shot for all, Obama said, is "the defining issue of our time." Obama outlined a vastly different vision for fixing the country than the one pressed by the Republicans challenging him in Congress and fighting to take his job in the November election. He pleaded for an active government

that ensures economic fairness for everyone, just as his opponents demand that the government back off and let the free market rule. Obama offered steps to help students afford college, a plan for more struggling homeowners to refinance their homes and tax cuts for manufacturers. He threw in politically appealing references to accountability, including warning universities they will lose federal aid if they don't stop

tuition from soaring. Standing in front of a divided Congress, with bleak hope this election year for much of his legislative agenda, Obama spoke with voters in mind. "We can either settle for a country where a shrinking number of people do really well, while a growing number of Americans barely get by," Obama said. "Or we can restore an economy where everyone gets a

fair shot, everyone does their fair share, and everyone plays by the same set of rules." A rare wave of unity splashed over the House chamber at the start. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, survivor of an assassination attempt one year ago, received sustained applause from her peers and cheers of "Gabby, Gabby, Gabby." She blew a kiss to the podium. Obama embraced her. *Please see ADDRESS, A3*



Robert Milligan, a College of Southern Idaho custodian, cleans a table in the college's Health and Sciences and Human Services building Tuesday in Twin Falls. The college hopes to receive state funding next year to help cover the costs of operating its newest building. PHOTOS BY ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Storms Save the Snowpack

Idaho has received about a month's worth of snow in the span of a week, making up for a long, dry spell during an important time of year.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • The year may have started cold and dry, but it's not expected to end that way. After a week of heavy snowstorms, Idaho's average snowpacks are closer to normal levels than they were a few weeks ago. "The snow has been perfect," said Ron Abramovich, water supply specialist for the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service. "We got a month's worth of snow in a week."

Typically, winter storms arrive earlier in the year, Abramovich said. But as November and December passed without significant snow, water experts were beginning to get anxious. The state's reservoirs are still carrying extra water from last year, but concerns still grew over whether the state could handle a year with little to no snowfall.

Now, Abramovich isn't as worried. Idaho's basins are close to their average snowpack levels and one more storm could exceed normal amounts. With winter almost halfway over, the odds look good that snow levels will remain around normal until a key forecast is released in April, he said.

The Upper Snake Basin has collected 90 percent of its average snowfall for this time of year, up from 72 percent of average at the end of December. The Salmon Falls Basin, once at 43 percent of average, is now at 83 percent of average. The Big Wood Basin holds 86 percent of its normal amount at this time, and the Little Wood Basin has reached 73 percent.

CSI's Budget Request Has Eye Toward Future

The Twin Falls college hopes state funding will help it prepare for Chobani and cover continued growth that hasn't been funded in recent years.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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BOISE • With increased enrollment and a new Health Sciences and Human Services Building, the leaders of the Magic Valley's community college have juggled a lot through the past few years.

If all goes as planned, they're about to get busier.

College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck presented the college's \$13.4 million state funding request for fiscal 2013 to the Legislature's budget-setting committee on Tuesday morning. The state fiscal year begins in July.

During his presentation to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, Beck spoke of the college's efforts to improve student retention and produce skilled workers for companies setting up shop in Twin Falls.

Beck said CSI is currently working with Chobani to develop training programs for positions at the Greek yogurt company's Twin Falls processing plant, which is expected to open later this year.

The Chobani plant will have a high need for



Students walk out of the College of Southern Idaho's Health Sciences and Human Services building Tuesday in Twin Falls. See more photos of CSI at magicvalley.com/gallery.

skilled workers, Beck said. Maintenance workers will need to understand the specialized machinery's computer systems, welders will need to know how to build the stainless steel yogurt equipment, and line workers will need to understand sanitation.

The college needs to have programs pumping out Chobani-ready graduates by August, *Please see CSI, A2*

By the Numbers

- \$13.4 million** CSI's state funding request for fiscal 2013
- \$11.6 million** Gov. Otter's funding recommendation for CSI
- \$11 million** CSI's approximate state appropriation for the current fiscal year

AREA SCHOOLS TO PARTAKE IN LEADERSHIP PROJECT

Representatives from 50 Idaho public school districts and charter schools will hash out how to best move forward in an era of reform.

BY JULIE WOOTTON
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TWIN FALLS • It takes leadership to make changes at schools.

Boise State University's new Ida-

ho Leads Project seeks to provide that training. Nearly 50 Idaho school districts and public charter schools were selected last week for the project.

Among the participants are eight

south-central Idaho school districts: Blaine County, Cassia County, Gooding, Jerome, Minidoka County, Twin Falls, Buhl and Castleford.

Minidoka County Superintendent Scott Rogers said the project is unique and focuses on sharing ideas about school improvement.

"When we try to do school im-

provement, we replicate the best ideas from schools that are being very successful across the nation," he said.

The J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation awarded a \$3.85 million grant for the project, led by BSU's Center for School Improvement & Policy Studies. The project is *Please see PROJECT, A2*

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Drinking for a cause: Twin Falls Optimist Club's wine tasting fundraiser, 6-9 p.m. at Serenity Life Celebration Center, 512 Second Ave. N. Proceeds go to assist area children and their families who are facing the challenges of cancer. Tickets are \$20 in advance or at the door. Info: Heidi, 733-0991.

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Can You Hear Me Now?

As 'Occupiers' speak, legislators say they're listening. So where's the disconnect?



Melissa Davlin
The Back of the Notebook

BOISE • If you're near the Capitol, you can't miss it: The run-down looking settlement of canvas tents and colorful hand-painted signs. "Pardon our dust," one states, "we're building a better world." Its inhabitants have bright bird masks and "Don't Tread On Me" flags, which they bring to protests.

The Occupy Boise encampment is a sharp contrast to the stark marble Corinthian columns across the street at the Statehouse. But the group of tents might not be there for much longer. House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, is sponsoring legislation that would prohibit camping on state lands, effectively ending the Occupy Boise campout that's adorned the lawn of the old Ada County Courthouse on the corner of Sixth and Jefferson streets since November. On Tuesday, the House State Affairs committee voted to send Bedke's proposal to the House floor with a do-pass recommendation.

Occupiers won't be evicted without a fight, and protesters have shown up to every relevant meeting to observe and, if they can, testify against Bedke's proposal.

One of the main thrusts of their argument: The law would stifle their freedom to assemble. This particular assembly is crucial, they say, because it's the best way to get lawmakers' attention. At a Friday

hearing, Marsing resident Dana Jablonski told lawmakers she camps on the lawn "because I can't occupy your offices with a lobbyist." One committee member invited her and everyone else to schedule individual appointments with their legislators, on weekends if necessary.

Do they mean it? After the meeting, Republican Rep. Bert Stevenson said he had three appointments with constituents scheduled for last Saturday when he went home to Rupert. And this Friday and Saturday, District 25 legislators Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, and Reps. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, and Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, are holding joint town hall meetings in Hagerman, Ketchum, Wendell, Bellevue, Gooding and Shoshone. Every state senator and representative's contact information is listed online at legislature.idaho.gov.

But some people still don't feel like they have a voice in Boise. So where's the disconnect?

I don't have an answer. But putting aside any personal feelings about the Occupy movement, I have a feeling that being forced to pack up their sleeping bags won't stop them from airing their concerns.

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Fife Reaches Plea Deal for Aggravated Battery, Burglaries

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TWIN FALLS • A man who was shot by police following a pursuit pleaded guilty Monday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court to a charge of aggravated battery using a deadly weapon or instrument. In a plea deal with prosecutors, charges of fleeing or attempting to elude officers and aggravated assault were dropped.

Lee Fife, 40, was accused of attempting to ram police vehicles with his car after Twin Falls police cornered him in a cul-de-sac during an early morning pursuit in southeastern Twin Falls. The Ada County Prosecutor's Office and Twin Falls Police Chief Brian Pike identified Twin Falls Police Officer Isaiah



Fife

Day as the officer who shot into Fife's vehicle, striking Fife and ending the pursuit. In a separate case, Fife pleaded guilty to a charge of grand theft and a charge of burglary. Investigators say he and Jerry Hance, 28, of Buhl, broke into manufactured homes owned by Clayton Homes and stole TVs and Blu-ray players in early November. Fife is scheduled to be sentenced in both cases on March 19. Hance is scheduled to be sentenced on burglary charges on March 5.



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when the Twin Falls plant is scheduled to open, Beck said. As CSI already offers related technical programs, there won't be much to set up, he said.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, asked if the college planned to similarly partner with Glanbia, which announced last week plans to build its new company headquarters and research center in downtown Twin Falls.

"We are not as involved with Glanbia as we are Chobani," Beck said. Glanbia already has relationships with four-year universities for research and development, and Beck said he hopes to work on student transfer programs with

those institutions.

Beck also spoke of improving student retention at the college, while emphasizing that ways of measuring retention don't take into account unique circumstances for community college students. Many CSI students take breaks to serve church missions, have children, get full-time jobs and deal with other life situations, Beck said.

That doesn't mean they don't come back. To help them complete their courses, the college is requesting \$106,100 to provide support personnel who will help returning students finish their degrees or certifications.

Beck also emphasized the importance of funding the costs to run CSI's Health Sciences and Human Services building, which

opened in January 2010. The college is requesting \$563,100 in state funding to help cover expenses such as maintenance, electricity, water and employing the building's three full-time custodians.

The school is seeking \$175,800 to advance programs and courses in science, technology, engineering and math — also called STEM courses — and \$1.37 million in catch-up funding for growth in previous years that hadn't been funded.

In his budget recommendation, Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter recommended fully funding CSI's HSHS occupancy costs and giving \$430,100 for growth in fiscal 2013. He did not recommend funding retention efforts, resources for STEM courses, or catch-up on enrollment growth.

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designed to advance education reform and ultimately, student achievement.

Jennifer Swindell, associate director of communications for the Idaho Leads Project, said it's also an opportunity to share "best practices."

Ten-person teams from each school district will participate in four regional meetings over the next 18 months. The first regional meeting for south-central Idaho participants is scheduled for Feb. 16 in Sun Valley.

Meetings will include nationally recognized keynote speakers, team-building exercises and discussion sessions among people with similar jobs.

"We are going to try to make it as interesting and exciting as possible," Swindell said.

School districts are in the process of choosing their team members and have some flexibility. They must, though, include the superintendent, a teacher, student, school principal and school board member.

For larger school districts such as Twin Falls, deciding on a team isn't an easy task.

"It's a little more difficult in a big district to narrow it down to 10," Superintendent Wiley Dobbs said, but a decision will be made by the end of the week.

Topics that might be covered during regional meetings include technology in classrooms, new Common Core Standards and teacher evaluations.

"The reason we applied is that our district is working hard on implementing technology in the classrooms K to 12," Gooding Superintendent Heather Williams said.

Under the state's Students Come First reforms, one-third of high schools at a time will receive mobile computing devices starting with the 2013-14 school year.

The Gooding School District has already been adding more mobile devices — such as netbooks, iPads and iPod Touches — into classrooms over the past few years. Unlike state initiatives, though, the district is focusing on advancing technology in kindergarten through eighth-grade classrooms.

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CORRECTION

Baby's Gender Incorrect

The gender of a baby in Sunday's Stork Report was incorrect, due to wrong information provided to the Times-News. Oaklee Lane Alonzo, son of Kelsey Elisabeth Graf and Emilio Lane Alonzo of Twin Falls, was born Jan. 15, 2012, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

The Times-News regrets the error.

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T.F. City Council to Hold Special Meeting

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TWIN FALLS • The Twin Falls City Council scheduled a special meeting on Thursday to discuss only a couple of items of business.

The council is meeting briefly to take care of last-

minute business because it won't meet on Monday. Unless there is something urgent, the council doesn't meet on the fifth Monday of the month, said Twin Falls Mayor Greg Lanting.

On the agenda: The council will approve its of-

ficial Jan. 17 council minutes and vote on a request to award a bid for the 2012 Northeast Sewer Stage 3 Project.

The council will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 305 Third Ave. E.

Man Arrested after Eluding Police on Motorbike

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A Twin Falls man who got away from officers twice was finally arrested Monday on charges of grand theft and eluding police after he avoided traffic stops three times.

Joshua M. Gumm, 21, was arraigned on the charges in Twin Falls County 5th District Court Tuesday.

Police say an officer spotted a white motorbike near the Twin Falls Police Department on Thursday, driving at high speed and running stop signs. The person fled before he could make a stop.

On Friday the same officer saw the same motorbike in front of him in an alley between Ash Street and Blue Lakes Boulevard. The officer tried to make a traffic stop but said the person on the motorcycle took off at high speed. The officer said he didn't pursue the bike because of poor road conditions.

On Monday at about 9 p.m., another officer was near the Twin Falls Police Department when he saw the motorbike make an incomplete stop at Idaho Street East. The officer said he tried to intercept the motorbike, which turned the opposite direction and sped away. The

officer said he watched the motorbike speed at about 50 mph across several streets and decided not to pursue, but found it again about two hours later.

The officer stopped Gumm at Swensen's on Washington Street South. According to police, Gumm told them he didn't stop the other times because he was scared.

Gumm allegedly admitted to police he saw a man park the motorbike in an alley and took it. Police say the ignition on the bike was hotwired to start without a key.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 13.

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Blind Students to Participate in Braille Challenge

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GOODING • Blind and visually-impaired students from around the state will meet in Gooding to test their Braille skills during an academic competition next week.

The Idaho Braille Challenge will take place from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, located at 1450 Main St. in Gooding.

Two regional events will also be sponsored Feb. 4 in Idaho Falls and Boise.

The Braille Challenge — a national program of the Braille Institute of America — is the only national academic competition for blind students in the United States.

Students ages 6 to 19 will compete in five categories requiring them to transcribe, type and read Braille using a device called a Perkins Braille. Regional prize sponsors include Humanware, National Braille Press, Seedlings Braille Books for Children and Perkins Products.

The Idaho Braille Challenge is the first step in the road to the national competition, which will be held in June at the Braille Institute's headquarters in Los Angeles.

For more information, contact Jan Zollinger at 934-8786 or jan.zollinger@iesdb.org.

Otter, Luna Split over \$19.7 M for Teacher Pay

Failing to restore the money could boost chances of overturning Students Come First in November.

Four days before the Legislature convened, Gov. Butch Otter offered a cryptic answer when I asked if his vow to restore school funding still stood.

"I have not relieved myself of my commitment to make sure that the last dollar taken is the first dollar replaced — and that was education," Otter said Jan. 5.

As another questioner spoke, Otter interrupted. "Within our ability to do so," he said, laughing. "Let me put it that way."

It turns out the joke is on Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, Otter's partner in 2011's Students Come First laws.

Otter's budget follows the letter of the new law, removing money the state gives school districts for salaries for teachers, administrators and support staff. Instead, the cash buys computers for students and funds a "pay for performance" plan.

But Luna, eyeing the first surplus in four years, has seller's remorse. He seeks to remove the most politically powerful argument against his plan: that it cuts teacher pay and increases class size.

To make Luna's 1-to-1 computer mandate and pay for performance work, Otter and lawmakers agreed to strip \$57 million from salaries, spread over four years, for an overall shift of 6.2 percent. This fiscal year, \$14.8 million was moved. Next year, the transfer is \$19.7 million.

Otter recommends \$38.8 million for pay for performance for 15,000 teachers now averaging \$45,000 a year. If revenue meets expectations, he would add \$41.1 million for one-time bonuses for state workers, with \$25.5 million of that for teachers.

Beyond that, Otter has other priorities, including \$45 million for tax cuts, \$60

Dan Popkey

Idaho Statesman

million for savings accounts and \$5 million for a new program to stimulate tech jobs.

On the same day Otter revised his schools-first promise, he met with an unhappy Luna. According to one account, Luna and Otter's Deputy Chief of Staff Roger Brown were yelling at one another. Another source told me it was simply a long "give-and-take."

Luna said he wouldn't talk to me because he believes I'm trying to drive a wedge between him and the governor. Otter also declined comment, saying, "No. Nada. Nothing."

Their spokespersons said there was no yelling. "It was a budget discussion," said Luna's Melissa McGrath.

When I asked Brown whether he "got into it" with Luna, he said, "I've heard that. I'm sorry, I can't be more helpful."

The stakes are high. Luna wants to defeat three referendums on the November ballot that would repeal Students Come First. Luna opponents gathered 220,000 signatures to force a vote and lawmakers who backed the law are nervous about their hides, too. More pressure comes from the end of \$49 million in federal funds, which means that Otter recommendation for K-12 spending of \$1.537 billion is a 1.5 percent drop in 2012-13.

"I'm happy that Tom wants it because I want it," Sen. Mitch Toryanski, R-Boise, said of restoring the salary money. "It's the best of both worlds: give them the full amount they got last year, in addition to pay for performance. The people who support reform really want to treat the teachers well

and fairly?" Rep. Fred Wood, R-Burley, is a budget committee member who defends sticking with the reform budget. "The governor funded that just exactly as the law says."

The committee co-chairs, Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, and Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, prefer Luna's idea.

"It would be cleaner to backfill and stay away from that 3 percent bonus," Bell said.

"Restoring education means filling the hole that was created by Students Come First," Cameron said.

Brown, the Otter aide, met Tuesday with the floor sponsors of the K-12 budget, Sen. Dean Mortimer and Rep. Jeff Thompson, both Idaho Falls Republicans.

"I called the meeting," Thompson said. "I think anybody that voted for Students Come First would like to see it backfilled. Teachers are extremely valuable. They are educating the future of our state."

Thompson said one source of money would be trimming Otter's call to put \$29 million in the public school savings account. "That fills the gap," he said.

Mortimer said he's not decided on filling the hole, but said there is "political will to

get as much money as possible for schools." He echoed Bell's concern about a one-time bonus. "Do you take \$19 million away and give 'em \$25 million? To me, that's

weird accounting." Lawmakers who voted for the reforms are spooked. Opponents also want money restored. Together, they likely have the votes.

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Address

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Lawmakers leapt to their feet when Obama said near the start of his speech that terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, killed by a raid authorized by the president, will no longer threaten America.

At the core of Obama's address was the improving but deeply wounded economy — the matter still driving Americans' anxiety and the one likely to determine the next presidency.

"The state of our union is getting stronger," Obama said, calibrating his words as millions remain unemployed. Implicit in his declaration that the American dream is "within our reach" was the recognition that, after three years of an Obama presidency, the country is not there yet.

He spoke of restoring basic goals: owning a home, earning enough to raise a family, putting a little money away for retirement.

"We can do this," Obama said. "I know we can." He said Americans are convinced that "Washington is broken," but he also said it wasn't too late to

cooperate on important matters.

Republicans were not impressed. They applauded infrequently, though they did cheer when the president quoted "Republican Abraham Lincoln" as saying: "That government should do for people only what they cannot do better by themselves — and no more."

Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels, offering the formal GOP response, called Obama's policies "pro-poverty" and his tactics divisive.

"No feature of the Obama presidency has been sadder than its constant efforts to divide us, to curry favor with some Americans by castigating others," Daniels said in excerpts released before the address.

In a signature swipe at the nation's growing income gap, Obama called for a new minimum tax rate of at least 30 percent on anyone making over \$1 million. Many millionaires — including one of his chief rivals, Republican Mitt Romney — pay a rate less than that because they get most of their income from investments, which are taxed at a lower rate.

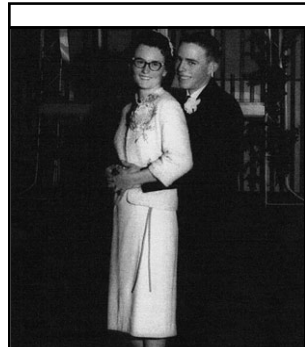
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The Clarks

The children of Jim and DeeAnn Horner are happy to announce an Open House in honor of their parent's 50th wedding anniversary, to be held Saturday, January 28th from 1-3 at the Paul Methodist Church.

The family invites friends and family to share in this day at 127 W. Clark St. Paul, Idaho (Across from the Paul Elementary

School) No gifts please. Jim and DeeAnn were married on Saturday January 27th 1962 at the Methodist Church in Rupert.

The couple lived and farmed in the Emerson area where they raised two children Terry and Tami.

The family now has another son Matt Clark, and two grandchildren Joe and Nathan Clark.

Legislative Committee Projects Slow Revenue Growth

BY MELISSA DAVLIN
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BOISE • Idaho's economy is slowly improving, and the state's revenue projection for fiscal year 2013 shows that.

The Legislature's Economic Outlook and Revenue Assessment Committee met Tuesday to form their revenue projections for the current and coming fiscal years.

After hearing a presentation from state economist Derek Santos and reviewing state revenue from the last several months, the committee voted to approve Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's revenue projection of \$2.55 billion for the state's current fiscal year that ends June 30.

They also agreed on a revenue projection of \$2.66 billion for fiscal 2013 — about \$33 million less than the \$2.7 billion projection from Otter.

The number isn't anything more than a recommendation to the Legislature's budget-setting Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said committee member Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. And it's not the final word, as projections are often reconfigured once revenue numbers for the new fiscal year start coming in.

When JFAC starts forming the state budget, it may use the committee's recommendation or another figure based on new numbers, Bedke said. If January's revenue numbers come in lower than expected, "they may tighten it down even still," Bedke said.

The \$33 million difference doesn't blow up the governor's recommended budget, Bedke said. Many of Otter's lower priorities are surplus eliminators, meaning they happen only if the state has the extra money to cover their cost.

Those priorities include Otter's recommended 3 percent raise for state employees, which will happen only if the state meets revenue projections.

Gov. Otter Travels to N. Idaho to Discuss Closure of Mine

WALLACE (AP) • Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter plans to ask federal regulators to hold a town hall meeting in northern Idaho and further explain the decision to close one of the nation's deepest underground mines for safety reasons.

Otter traveled Monday to Wallace to discuss the closure of the Lucky Friday Mine earlier this month and economic conditions in the depressed Silver Valley region, where dozens of workers recently received a pink slip.

"There's a lot of frustration and anger. And fear," said Art Fleming a pastor from Wallace who attended the governor's public meeting. "There's a lot of talk about the possibility of going to Nevada or Alaska, or just waiting it out."

The federal Mine Safety and Health Administration ordered the operation closed following an investigation prompted by a series of accidents that killed two miners over the last year. The agency ordered Hecla Mining Co. for safety reasons to scrub the walls of the mile-deep shaft that is the main entrance to the mine.



CHRIS BUTLER • IDAHO STATESMAN

On their first day meeting as redistricting commissioners in September, Democrats and Republicans lunched together — a practice they continued throughout the process. From left are Democrat Ron Beitelspacher and Republicans Sheila Olsen, Randy Hansen and Dolores Crow. Now, two GOP leaders are attempting to remove Hansen and Crow.

OLSEN VOWS TO PUT PUBLIC AHEAD OF PARTY — AGAIN

BY DAN POPKEY
Idaho Statesman

BOISE • Sure, says Sheila Olsen, she's disappointed the Idaho Supreme Court tossed a new political map she helped draw. And she's saddened by an attempt to kick two fellow Republicans off the redistricting commission.

But that won't stop the GOP legend from Idaho Falls from working with Democrats as well as Republicans when the commission reconvenes Thursday.

"You get this fighting and narrow self-interest and I think people are tired of it," Olsen said. "You do better when you work in an atmosphere of mutual respect. I think you're more effective."

Olsen, 73, said she loves the Republican Party and has never voted for a Democrat, but the commission's constitutional obligation is to set aside partisanship — including protecting incumbents. "You've got to do what's best for all of Idaho."

The attorney general's office said last week that House Speaker Lawrence Denney and GOP Chairman Norm Semanko don't have authority to remove their appointees to the commission — former GOP Reps. Dolores Crow and Randy Hansen. But Denney, R-Midvale, and Semanko got a private legal opinion to the contrary. And on Tuesday, they both announced two new commissioners they want to appoint and sued the Idaho secretary of state over the right to do so.

That could further delay the remapping of legislative districts for 2012 to reflect population shifts in the 2000s.

Senate President Pro Tem Brent Hill, however, stands behind Olsen, the widow of Dennis Olsen, who was GOP chairman during a fiercely competitive time, 1977-85.

"She's a woman of great integrity," said Hill, R-Rexburg. "She has the best interests of the state at heart."

Crow, GOP co-chairwoman of the commission, has known Olsen since Goldwater was the presidential nominee in 1964. "She's just a fine lady and wonderful advocate for the Republican Party."

Tougher Times

Olsen has been through worse than this ugliness over maps. At 29, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis while pregnant with her fifth child. Rather than scale back, she started skiing and

had five more kids.

After a heart attack killed her husband while shoveling snow in 1985, she sat the six youngest kids down and said, "Your dad is gone, but he's fine. He can see us better than he ever could before."

Olsen said she set aside her grief because she had children to raise.

Before Olsen got home from the hospital, Enid Davis, president of the Relief Society, had arrived to console her fellow Mormon. Davis got stuck in the snow in the driveway.

"Sheila couldn't get in," recalled Davis, the mother of Senate Majority Leader Bart Davis, R-Idaho Falls. "I said, 'I'm so sorry!' She said, 'Well, you know, I guess people go right on living. I guess the snow still falls and I guess people still get stuck.'"

Nine of 10 Olsen children earned college degrees — including four with law degrees from Harvard, Columbia, BYU and George Mason.

Until her husband died, Olsen relied on a cane and his arm to support weakened legs. She now uses an electric scooter and says her secret is physical therapy and never giving in to the temptation to stay in bed.

"Stay in bed one day and you'll never get up," she said.

Sweets, not Knives

Dennis Olsen, also a lawyer, had a knack for sharp rhetoric. He relished the tough 1978 and 1982 campaigns to unseat Democratic Gov. John Evans — both GOP losses — and the 1980 victory of Steve Symms over four-term Democratic Sen. Frank Church.

His widow doesn't like twisting the knife: "That's not my style."

Olsen's activism includes dozens of GOP campaigns, including leadership roles for Gov. Butch Otter's statewide races, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, former U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, former Gov. Phil Batt and Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. A daughter, Maria Nate, was on the task force charged with implementing Luna's school reforms.

Olsen's also been a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission; an advocate for religious, cultural and racial tolerance in Idaho Falls; and a leader in improving access for the disabled in public accommodations and the workplace.

"In today's climate of intolerance, she reaches out to everyone and truly loves people of all backgrounds," said Russell Johnson, executive director of

the Development Workshop Foundation, which helps employ and train hundreds annually in Idaho Falls. Olsen chairs the foundation board.

Olsen has been a GOP precinct committeeewoman since 1974 and was named outstanding GOP worker in the state in 1980, in part for her editing of "The Trumpeter," a GOP newsletter.

"One of my strengths is organization," Olsen said. "Very few people tell me no."

For 26 years, she's held a July 4 flag-raising ceremony in her yard. In 2010, the crowd included Otter, Luna, Lt. Gov. Brad Little, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden and Controller Donna Jones. Begun in honor of her husband, Olsen thanks her neighbors by serving his favorite treat: cinnamon rolls.

A Big Tent

Olsen was born in Utah, moved to Colorado at 10 and graduated high school in New Mexico. The daughter of a civil engineer father and artist mother, her friends were mostly non-Mormon.

"That's been a blessing to me," she said. "It's helped me reach across barriers."

Olsen has battled ultraconservatives in the Bonneville County GOP Central Committee for injecting themselves in nonpartisan city elections. In 2009, Olsen was treasurer for City Councilwoman Ida Hardcastle, who was targeted for perceived Democratic leanings.

Hardcastle, who won a fifth term with 67 percent of the vote, says she's an independent. "Sheila was trying to make a statement to them to get the heck out of nonpartisan races," she said.

Olsen cited Symms beating Church as a model of Republican unity. "Dennis drew everybody in the circle. My concern is I think we become less effective when we're less inclusive."

As she prepares to draw another legislative map, Olsen fears the Supreme Court's insistence on the fewest possible divisions of counties will make for unwieldy districts.

Still, assuming the same six are around the table, Olsen predicts the commission will succeed, swiftly.

"We'll do what's necessary to follow the law closely," Olsen said. "I'm quite confident it'll be the same thing, 6-0, because we will work together for the good of Idaho."

Man Pleads Not Guilty to Trying to Kill Obama

BY ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • An Idaho man accused of firing shots at the White House pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges that he tried to assassinate President Barack Obama.

A lawyer for Oscar Ramiro Ortega-Hernandez entered the plea on his client's behalf during a brief appearance in U.S. District Court in Washington. Ortega did not say anything during the proceedings and will remain held without bond. He has another court date next month.

Prosecutors say Ortega used an assault rifle with an attached scope to fire a series of shots at the White House from long range on the night of Nov. 11. Obama and his wife, Michelle, were out of town at the time. In the months before the shooting, investigators say, he had had become obsessed with Obama, referred to him as the anti-Christ and told at least one person that he planned to "take care of" the president.

Prosecutors say he drove away after the shooting and crashed his car, then took off on foot. Authorities searching his car found a semi-automatic rifle, 12 spent shell casings and three fully loaded magazines, and bullet impact points were located in the area of the White House that's known to be the living quarters of the First Family. Authorities recovered a bullet from a window frame on the Truman Balcony.

He was arrested on Nov. 16 at the same hotel where he had stayed before the shooting, authorities say.

Ortega, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was indicted last week on 17 counts including trying to assassinate the president, transporting a firearm across state lines and assaulting officers or employees of the United States with a deadly weapon. Those charges three government employees who were on the grounds of the White House at the time of the shooting.

Ortega's federal public defender, David Bos, has previously argued that prosecutors have not established that Ortega was present at the shooting or that the president was the target of the attack. Bos declined to comment after the hearing.

Ortega could face up to life in prison if convicted of trying to assassinate the president.

The hearing took place in the same week that a lawyer for John Hinckley, who was found not guilty by reason of insanity in a 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, is making his case for extended time away from the psychiatric hospital where Hinckley has been confined.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Troy Anderson, 31, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 14.

Jason Reed Allen, 24, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor (5 counts), \$25,000 bond, private counsel, preliminary Feb. 3.

Robert Joe Stovall, 21, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 14.

Scott N. Croft, 27, Hollister; driving under the influence, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 14.

Joshua M. Gumm, 21, Twin Falls; eluding police, grand theft, \$75,000, public defender appointed, preliminary Feb. 13.

Wilbur A. Long, 18, Kimberly; failure to carry driver's license on person, appearance, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 14.

Ramon Chavez-Cabeza, 41, Buhl; driving under the influence (excessive), appearance, public defender appointed, pretrial Feb. 14.

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Reagan Republicans Push Idaho Liquor Privatization

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • A grocery-industry lobbying group won't push a liquor privatization ballot measure in 2012, but a second group emerged Monday and announced it will try to get an initiative before Idaho voters in November.

The Idaho Federation of Reagan Republicans submitted a citizen's initiative to the secretary of state's office that would privatize liquor sales in Idaho and eliminate the state Liquor Division.

Liquor sales in Idaho are now conducted through state-run or contract stores.

In his group's push to change that, Reagan Republicans president Jeff Ward of Post Falls said his members intentionally avoided ties to trade groups or retailers. They want a measure focused on scaling back government, not one designed to make millions in profits for private industry, he said.

"It was important to us that this initiative is written in regards to the proper role of government, not who would benefit by the privatization of liquor sales," said Ward.

To do it, his group will have to collect 47,432 signatures of registered voters by April 30, meaning success will likely require a well-funded, committed campaign of paid signature gatherers.

Meanwhile, the Northwest Grocery Association, which said earlier this month it was exploring a similar ballot measure, now plans to hold off until at least the 2013 Legislature.

Then, it hopes to convince enough lawmakers to back a bill to privatize liquor sales in Idaho, rather than gathering signatures for a

popular vote.

"We don't want to have the perception that we're somehow end-running the governor and the Legislature," said grocery lobbyist Roy Eiguren, adding his group decided it didn't have enough time to get a ballot measure ready before the April 30 deadline.

Should the grocery industry fail to win support from the House and Senate next year, it could still gather signatures for an initiative on the 2014 November general election ballot.

There's been a lot of attention focused on privatizing liquor sales in the region.

About 60 percent of Washington state voters voted in November to privatize sales and dismantle controls by allowing stores larger than 10,000 square feet to sell liquor. Costco Wholesale Corp. committed \$22 million to the campaign, the most-expensive in that state's history.

Idaho, its neighbor to the east, remains one of 18 states that still have broad control over liquor distribution, a historical legacy with roots back to the repeal of prohibition in the 1930s.

But convincing Idaho lawmakers to privatize the industry will be no small challenge, especially since Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter — normally a proponent of limiting government's role

in the private sector — said as recently as two weeks ago that he didn't think Idaho was an environment where such a privatization push would find a soft landing.

That's in part because of provisions in Idaho's 1890 Constitution mandating that "the first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people."

Democratic House Minority Leader John Rusche, of Lewiston, said his caucus hasn't taken an official stand on privatization.

But he isn't opposed to allowing the private sector to take over — under certain conditions.

"I think that as long as we have good revenue — and recognize the costs of alcohol treatment and recovery — it doesn't matter to me whether it's done through taxation or running a department," Rusche said.

Idaho posted a \$50.1 million profit from liquor sales in fiscal year 2011 that ended last July, as people paid more per bottle and the Liquor Division trimmed staff.



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OPINION

“There’s one thing worse than losing an election and that’s not standing for the principles that you hold.”

Republican presidential contender **Newt Gingrich** to rival Mitt Romney during Monday night’s Republican debate in Florida

It’s Complicated

A longtime conservative friend sent me an email after reading something positive I had written about Newt Gingrich: “Whoever votes (for) or supports Newt for president is out of their mind.”



It wouldn’t be the first time I’ve been called crazy. He continued: “You can believe in redemption, as I do, but you are not thinking seriously if you support a person for president with the baggage he is carrying. What an example for our children and future generations when we dismiss character as the foundation for leadership?”

There’s more, but I get his point. The evangelical Christian population of South Carolina apparently believes that while character is a good thing, the ability to defeat President Obama and dismantle the welfare state is more important.

Here, in part, is how I responded to my friend: What is the standard for selecting a president and who decides? Franklin Roosevelt cheated on Eleanor with Lucy Mercer and perhaps others, yet he helped to win World War II and led us out of the Great Depression. In 1964, Lyndon Johnson used a questionable encounter between U.S. and North Vietnamese vessels in the Gulf of Tonkin to ram a resolution through Congress that sucked us deeper into the Vietnam War, which needlessly killed more than 58,000 Americans. Johnson had one wife, but allegedly had a roving eye.

Richard Nixon by all indications was faithful to Pat, but unfaithful to the Constitution. Gerald Ford and Betty (who was divorced) were pro-choice on abortion, which is anathema to social conservatives. Jimmy Carter was a faithful, church-going, Sunday school-teaching, born-again man. He was a profile of what social conservatives say they want in a president, yet they now judge him a failure. Ronald Reagan was divorced, but a good president.

Bill Clinton kept the tabloids, talk radio and mainstream media busy with his marital transgressions. His apologists said sex was a private matter between him and his family and had no bearing on his ability to do his job. George W. Bush spoke of being “redeemed,” as Gingrich does, but from alcohol, not women. The judgment of history is yet to be rendered on his eight years in office.

And now we have Barack Obama, who is the husband of one wife and seems to love her and their two daughters. But conservatives don’t like his policies.

A *New York Times* editorial last week castigated Gingrich, not for his three marriages and acknowledged adultery, but for his “sermonizing.” The newspaper thinks that because of his past sins Gingrich has no right “to tell Americans how to run their lives.”

To say that Gingrich has not always lived up to the ideals he professes does not diminish those ideals. When Thomas Jefferson wrote and delegates of the Continental Congress edited the Declaration of Independence, some of those assembled owned slaves. Did writing “all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights” ring less true because of slavery? No, it simply set an ideal in place that nearly 90 years later Abraham Lincoln (and 100 years after that, Martin Luther King Jr.) would reference in successful efforts to force government to recognize the rights of African-Americans.

As America grows more secular, less religious and less married, appeals to “morality” will increasingly fall on deaf ears. Charles Murray wrote about this “new American divide” in last Saturday’s *Wall Street Journal*.

Voters on one side of the divide — the “traditionalists” — are conflicted. They remind me of the film “It’s Complicated” in which Meryl Streep has an affair with her remarried ex-husband (Alec Baldwin), while entertaining the amorous intentions of her architect (Steve Martin).

Social conservatives seem similarly conflicted in the Romney vs. Gingrich vs. Santorum contest. Two of the candidates have had just one wife and they are religious. And then there’s Newt.

Conservative voters are being forced to make a pragmatic choice between their “traditional values” and who can best defeat President Obama. If Gingrich’s convincing victory in the South Carolina primary is any indication, they appear to be making that choice.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race Has Been No Fairy Tale

Regarding presidential candidates: We have been looking for a Prince Charming or maybe a Cinderella but all that have shown up so far are the seven dwarfs.

LES NELSON
Kimberly

Time to Swap Out GOP Leadership?

If “politics is just show business for ugly people” as Jay Leno suggests, then several Idaho politicians qualify for the “Most Ugly” Contest.

When House of Representatives Speaker Lawrence Denney and Republican Party Chairman Norm Semanko tried recently to fire their own appointees on the legislative redistricting committee after the outcome did not mir-

ror their own self-serving agenda, they qualified as contenders for “Ugly.”

I say it’s time for a new act with some new players on the Idaho political stage.

This “punish anyone who does not agree with your viewpoint” posturing may appeal to a rowdy few within the Republican Party, but a growing number of Idahoans from all walks of life, including long-standing Republicans, are not applauding this brand of arrogant, self-absorbed leadership.

Idaho deserves better!
JAN MITTLEIDER
Twin Falls

Don’t Ban Breeds, Work with Owners

This letter is in response to how one person can cause widespread panic from one uneducated comment.

George Benson made a completely prejudiced statement about a specific breed of animal that has no facts that can be backed up in any way. He states, “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.” There is no proof that having a certain breed of dog is a reflection of the type of person you are.

Mr. Benson also stated that an outright ban of the breed would eliminate any further issues of animal neglect. What happens when another dog is neglected? Should we follow Mr. Benson’s belief that if we ban that breed, it will also quit — again? While the article states that the city wouldn’t likely consider a breed specific legislation, it gives no alternative options

to facilitate a change in city ordinances to help prevent animal abuse in the future.

There should be ways to take possession of an abused animal if the resident is uncooperative. Fines and failure to appear warrants are a few steps that could be taken. This poor animal was not brought into the world inherently mean. No breed has more of a tendency to be aggressive than any other breed. That has been proven.

What is for sure is that people are responsible for what they teach animals. If they are loved and treated well, they will respond in kind. Please, going forward, look to the “owner” of an animal before condemning the animal.

We need to protect those that cannot speak for themselves.

NANASH
Clarkston, Wash

Government, Big or Small

Brent Cebul
Los Angeles Times

games. Presidents have promised smaller, more efficient government, but — whether measured in terms of federal spending, the total number of federal agencies or the number of executive branch employees — government has continued to grow.

Nixon’s “silent majority” appeal was based on bringing government — too beholden to discrete electoral minorities — back to the majority. “The great danger,” Nixon presciently warned in 1971, “... is that this momentary disillusionment with government will turn into a more profound and lasting loss of faith.” To restore the silent majority’s faith in government, Nixon proposed his New Federalism policies, an effort to gut the bureaucracy and shore up local governments by sharing federal income tax

revenue with mayors and governors rather than local branches of federal agencies.

As Nixon put it in 1972, “After many years in which power has been flowing away from those levels of government which are closest to the people, power will now begin to flow back to the people again.” Nixon’s reorganization plans, however, actually increased federal spending — by a minimum of \$6 billion a year (about \$31 billion in 2010 dollars). His goal was to empower local governments to deliver local services, but in doing so he made them even more beholden to the federal purse. Under Nixon, domestic spending grew from a little more than 10 percent of GDP to almost 14 percent.

Republicans aren’t the only ones who play this shell game. Though many think of Jimmy Carter as a failed liberal president, his 1976 presidential campaign was staked on small-government claims. On the

campaign trail, Carter promised to shrink the number of federal agencies from 2,000 to 200. He loved to highlight his efforts as Georgia governor to streamline and reorganize the state’s bureaucracy. Like Obama, he promised to apply sound business principles to rationalizing government.

Carter’s reorganization plan for Georgia succeeded in reducing the number of agencies from about 300 to 30, but his programs increased the number of state workers from under 50,000 to almost 61,000. Carter also ballooned the budget by 55 percent. Georgia’s government hadn’t gotten smaller. Its workers simply huddled together under bigger umbrellas. And once he was president, Carter dumped his promise to slash federal agencies.

Ronald Reagan’s anti-government stance is well known. But Reagan’s cuts were more than offset by his borrowing and defense spending.

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John Pfeifer, Publisher

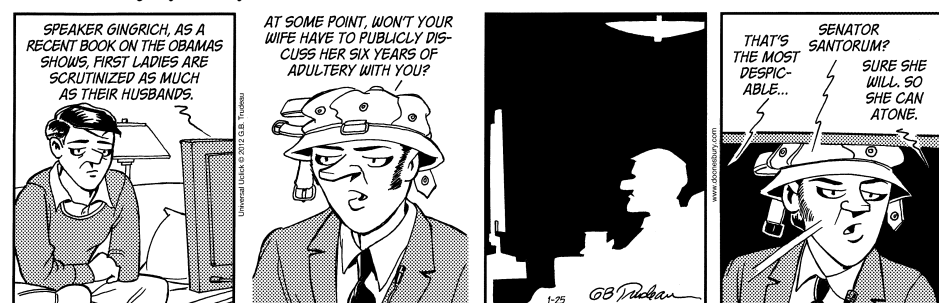
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Idaho House Panel OKs Bill Aimed at Ousting Occupiers

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE • A camping ban at state-managed properties cleared a House committee on Tuesday, beginning the countdown to the day when Occupy Boise protesters will likely be forced from their tent village across the street from the Idaho Capitol.

The House State Affairs Committee voted 13-5 for the measure, after the Idaho attorney general concluded evicting the group from the old Ada County Courthouse grounds wasn't an unconstitutional infringement on free-speech rights.

Four Democrats and one Republican, Rep. Janice McGeachin of Idaho Falls, voted against the bill.

The vote capped three days of testimony, as the protest group's diverse interests came into focus: Some want laws against businesses that offer high-interest loans and others sought to underscore frustrations with Wall Street bankers' role in the housing bubble and ensuing recession. Still others were convicted sex offenders who fear eviction will leave them without shelter.

The bill's sponsor, House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Bedke, said he appreciated protesters' passion but insisted it was reasonable to have limits on where people can erect their tents. "Who'd have thought, we'd need to regulate camping on the Capitol Mall?" said Bedke, R-Oakley. "I don't think it was the intention of the citizens of the state of Idaho to have their lawns on the Capitol Mall camped on."

Bedke cited a legal opinion from Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office as support for the legislation.

"It is content-neutral. It is narrowly tailored to the purpose of keeping public property open for all and free of obstructions," wrote chief deputy attorney general Brian Kane.

Occupy supporters said even if Bedke's bill becomes law, as seems almost inevitable, they won't go without making some kind of statement.

At a meeting on Monday evening in one of their large tents, they discussed what to do once state eviction notices go up.

"The group is pretty creative — there's a lot of crowd sourcing, a lot of ideas, so I wouldn't be surprised to see another civilly disobedient response that would continue the message," said Alex Neiwirth, a union lobbyist and Occupy Boise supporter who attended Monday's meeting.

The Idaho Department of Administration manages the courthouse property, and Tuesday's hearing gave its director, Teresa Luna, a chance to outline her agency's response to protesters' arrival in November.



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Occupier Rachael Raue prepares for a planned open house for Idaho legislators on Tuesday at the group's encampment on state land across from the state Capitol in Boise. Earlier in the day, the Idaho House State Affairs Committee had voted 13-5 for a bill to ban camping from state managed property, likely starting the countdown to the day when the protest group will be evicted.

She described a futile search for a law forbidding such long-term encampments, like the city of Boise has on its books. While she finally concluded that Idaho had nothing similar, Luna insists her agency has never struck a deal with the occupiers, as some in the group had suggested.

"We did meet with them, but we did not give them permission," she said, adding

her agency has incurred about \$9,000 in additional costs since the protest began in early November, including hiring an extra security guard to monitor campers and to remove graffiti.

Luna pledged to give the group notice — likely to start once the bill clears the full Senate and heads to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter for his signature — before state officials actually began formal

eviction proceedings.

"At some point after that, we would begin looking at an eviction," she said. "At the very least, these folks would have three days' notice that a law was going to be signed."

Some Occupy protesters said afterward they'd accomplished part of their goal: To underscore to lawmakers their concerns that government has lost its connection to average Americans and now listens only to corporations.

Katie Fite, an environmental activist and supporter of the Occupy Boise movement, said she was especially heartened by Rep. McGeachin's support.

McGeachin, the lone Republican to oppose the bill, talked about how she was intrigued by the motives of

protesters and highlighted her own concerns about the cozy ties between Wall Street banks and presidential administrations from both major parties.

"It's not a Democratic issue, it's not a Republican issue," McGeachin said. "It's an American issue. Crony capitalism is a big problem in our country."

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Gingrich, Romney Disagree over Debate Crowds

BY KASIE HUNT
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. • Presidential candidate Newt Gingrich said Tuesday he doesn't want to continue debating his Republican rivals if the audience isn't allowed to participate. His campaign said later that he would participate in upcoming debates, regardless of the audience rules.

Gingrich, whose rise in the polls and come-from-behind victory in the South Carolina followed well-received debate performances, complained that people were admonished by NBC News anchor and debate moderator Brian Williams not to applaud during Monday night's debate in Tampa. The candidates were to debate Thursday night in Jacksonville, Fla.

"That's wrong," the former House speaker told Fox News. "The media doesn't control free speech. People ought to be allowed to applaud if they want to. It was almost silly."

Disagreeing with his rival, Mitt Romney told reporters that the rules for general-election debates are much stricter and that Gingrich would have to be willing to follow the rules of the Presidential Debate Commission.

"He better learn to debate in all settings," Romney said.

Romney's advisers believe that audience participation drove Gingrich's breakout moments in two debates in South Carolina. They were pleased with the audience reaction during Monday night's debate, calling it more serious than the raucous crowds at the second South Carolina debate.

Gingrich was an audience favorite at the two debates in South Carolina, particularly when he admonished debate moderator John King of CNN for bringing up the subject of ex-wife Marianne Gingrich and her allegation that Gingrich had sought an "open marriage" as he was having an affair with the woman now his wife, Callista. Audience members applauded and cheered Gingrich's criticism of King as well as some of his policy statements.

Sen. John McCain, the Arizona Republican who was the GOP's nominee in 2008, said Tuesday that he thinks debates have had an inordinate influence, and at times a negative one, on the primary campaign. McCain is supporting Romney's bid for the nomination.

"It's very harmful to Republicans because of instead of presenting their views, their policies and their proposals — it's all gotcha, it's all gotcha," McCain told reporters on Capitol Hill. "And disapproval ratings go up. And people spend an hour or two insulting each other. So I think it's very damaging."

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ANALYSIS



President Barack Obama delivers his State of the Union address on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday as Vice President Joe Biden, back left, and House Speaker John Boehner listen.

Obama Delivers Confrontational State of the Union Speech

BY DAVID LAUTER
Tribune Washington Bureau (MCT)

WASHINGTON • By using his State of the Union speech to draw sharp contrasts with Republicans on such high-profile issues as taxes and the housing market, President Barack Obama opened an election-year debate on the role of government that could be more intense than any in decades.

Warning Congress that "I in-

tend to fight obstruction with action," he painted a confrontational picture that stands in sharp contrast with the conciliatory approach taken by the last Democrat to seek a second term, Bill Clinton.

In fact, Obama's strategy more closely resembles that of George W. Bush in 2004, who used polarizing issues to increase turnout of his supporters and made few concessions to the center. The approach in-

creases the chance that if he wins a second term, Obama could claim a mandate for his program. It also carries more risk of failure in a nation still deeply skeptical of government activism.

Only a few months ago, many voters had seemed on the verge of writing Obama off. But in recent weeks, two developments have given him a chance to ask those voters for another look.

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Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich, left, arrives with his military defense attorney, Meridith Marshall, for a court session at Camp Pendleton in Camp Pendleton, Calif., Tuesday.

Marine to Serve No Jail Time for Iraqi Killings

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. • The lone Marine convicted in his squad's killing of two dozen unarmed civilians in one of the Iraq War's defining moments escaped jail time Tuesday after defending his order to raid homes in Haditha as a necessary act "to keep the rest of my Marines alive."

The sentencing of Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich ends a six-year prosecution

for the 2005 attack that failed to win any manslaughter convictions. Eight Marines were initially charged. One was acquitted, and six others had their cases dropped.

Wuterich admitted he ordered his squad to "shoot first, ask questions later" after a roadside bomb killed a fellow Marine as part of a deal that ended his manslaughter trial with a guilty plea Monday to a single count of negligent dereliction of duty.

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The deal that dropped nine counts of manslaughter sparked outrage in the besieged Iraqi town and claims that the U.S. didn't hold the military accountable.

"I was expecting that the American judiciary would sentence this person to life in prison and that he would appear and confess in front of the whole world that he committed this crime, so that America could show itself as democratic and fair," said survivor Awis Fahmi Hussein, showing his scars from a bullet wound to the back.

The military judge, Lt. Col. David Jones, initially recommended the maximum sentence of three months for Wuterich, saying, "It's difficult for the court to fathom negligent dereliction of duty worse than the facts in this case."

But after opening an envelope to look at the terms of the plea agreement, as is procedure in military court, Jones announced the deal prevented any jail time for the Marine.

"That's very good for you obviously," Jones told Wuterich.

Jones did recommend that the sergeant's rank be reduced to private, which would dock his pay, but he decided not to exercise his option to cut it by as much as two-thirds because the divorced father has sole custody of his three daughters. The rank reduction has to be approved by a Marine general who already signed off on the plea deal.

Wuterich read a statement apologizing to the victims' families and said he never fired on or intended to harm innocent women and children. But he said his plea shouldn't be seen as a statement that he believes his squad dishonored their country.

"When my Marines and I cleared those houses that day, I responded to what I perceived as a threat, and my intention was to eliminate that threat in order to keep the rest of my Marines alive," he said. "So when I told my team to shoot first and ask questions later, the intent wasn't that they would shoot civilians, it was that they would not hesitate in the face of the enemy."

"The truth is I never fired my weapon at any women or children that day," Wuterich later told Jones.

The contention by Wuterich, 31, of Meriden, Conn., contradicts prosecutors and counters testimony from a former squad mate who said he joined Wuterich in firing in a dark back bedroom where a woman and children were killed.

Prosecutors argued that Wuterich's kneejerk reaction of sending the squad to assault nearby homes without positively identifying a threat went against his training and caused needless deaths of 10 women and children.

"That is a horrific result from that derelict order of 'shoot first, ask questions later,'" said Lt. Col. Sean Sullivan.

Defense attorney Neal Puckett said Wuterich has been falsely labeled a killer who carried out a massacre in Iraq and insisted he only intended to protect his Marines in an "honorable and noble" act.

"The appropriate punishment in this case, your honor, is no punishment," Puckett said.

Wuterich directly addressed family members of the Iraqi victims, saying there were no words to ease their pain.

"I wish to assure you that on that day, it was never my intention to harm you or your families. I know that you are the real victims of Nov. 19, 2005," he said.

Westminster Introduces 6 New Breeds to Competition

BY SUE MANNING

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES • Six dogs will make history this year as the newest breeds eligible to compete at Westminster. If they have visions of winning, though, history is against them.

The names of some of these rookie breeds competing in this year's Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show on Feb. 13-14 at Madison Square Garden are a mouthful: the Entlebucher (ent-lee-BOO'-kehr) mountain dog, the Norwegian Lundehund (LUHN'-dee-hund), the American English coonhound, the Finnish Lapphund (LAP'-hundh), the Cesky (CHES'-key) terrier and the Xoloitzcuintli (show-low-itiz-'QUINT'-lee), previously known as the Mexican Hairless.

The six new breeds bring to 185 the number that will compete this year for the best of show grand prize in the annual contest, the oldest sporting event in the United States next to the Kentucky Derby, said David Frei, the club's director of communications and the USA Network show host.

In 1990, there were 142 eligible breeds.

This is no limit on the number of new breeds that can be admitted each year, but there are strict criteria. For the last 12 years, no more than six rookies have been approved in any year, Frei said.

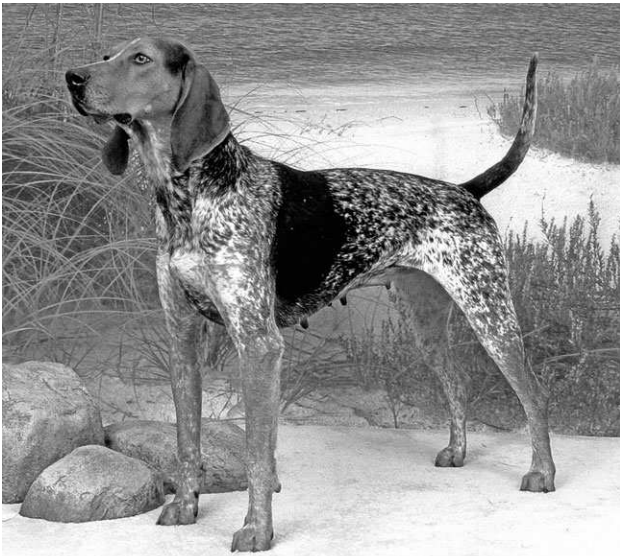
Before the American Kennel Club will approve a new breed, there have to be a significant number of the dogs in the United States and there has to be a breed club to oversee enthusiasts and geographic diversity.

The rookies will compete with all the other dogs but they won't be a good bet to win best in show.

Frei said the rookie that rose to the top and became best in show fastest was the Bichon Frise. That breed made its debut in 1974 and was named best of show in 2001, a 27-year gap.

The AKC provided these thumbnail sketches of this year's rookie breeds:

- The American English coonhound is a descendent of the English foxhound and evolved from Virginia hounds. Originally used to hunt fox by day and raccoon by night, they were once called the English fox and



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This undated photo courtesy of the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show shows an American English coonhound. Six breeds will make history this year as the newest breeds eligible to compete at Westminster.

coonhound.

The breed is pleasant, alert, confident and sociable with both humans and dogs. The modern version of the dog is a speedy, durable and wide-ranging hunter.

It is represented by the American English Coonhound Association.

- The Entlebucher mountain dog is a native of Switzerland and the smallest of the four AKC Swiss breeds. Prized for its work ethic and ease of training, this dog can easily switch from high-spirited playmate to serious, self-assured dog with a commanding presence. This is not a good dog for the casual owner because it needs so much socialization and will remain active and energetic all its life.

It is sponsored by the National Entlebucher Mountain Dog Association.

- The Finnish Lapphund is a reindeer herding dog from the northern parts of Scandinavia. It is thought that this breed existed for hundreds, if not thousands, of years as a helper dog to native tribes. Today, they are popular as family pets in their native Finland. Devoted to their family, they are friendly with all people, highly intelligent and eager to learn. They are strong but very agile.

They are represented by the Finnish Lapphund Club of America.

- The Norwegian Lundehund is also called the puffin dog. It spent centuries on the rocky cliffs and high fields of arctic Norway hunting and retrieving puffin birds, which was an important meat and feather crop to local farmers.

This dog has at least six toes on each foot so it can handle the almost vertical areas where puffins nest. It also has a flexible skeletal structure that enables it to squirm out of tight spots or go spread eagle to prevent slips and falls.

Today's version of the dog is an alert, cheerful and somewhat mischievous companion.

It is represented by the Norwegian Lundehund Club of America, Inc.

- The Xoloitzcuintli is the national dog of Mexico and was previously known as the Mexican Hairless. It comes in three sizes and there is a coated version seen only in the United States and Canada. These dogs are descendants of the hairless dogs prized by the Aztecs and revered as guardians of the dead.

Living in the Mexican jungles, they were shaped by their environment. Their intelligence, trainability and natural cleanliness have turned them into unique and valued pets.

It is sponsored by the Xoloitzcuintli Club of America.

- The Cesky terrier is a well-muscled, short legged hunting terrier that can be worked in packs. With natural drop ears and a natural tail, it is longer than it is tall and has a long, soft, silky coat that can be any shade of gray from charcoal to platinum.

Lean and graceful, the dogs are reserved toward strangers but loyal to their owners and always keen and alert during a hunt.

This breed is sponsored by the American Cesky Terrier Fanciers Association.

Iran

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"Elements within the European Union, by pursuing the policies of the U.S. and adopting a hostile approach, are seeking to create tensions with the Islamic Republic of Iran," the official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Ali Asghar Khaji, a senior foreign ministry official, as saying. He called the EU decision "irrational."

But other Iranian officials claimed the sanctions would not work — and could even benefit OPEC giant Iran by driving up crude prices.

"The oil embargo will lead to higher prices. Europe will be the loser and Iran will earn more because of high prices," Iran's oil ministry spokesman, Alireza Nikzad Rahbar, told state TV.

Iran also summoned the Danish ambassador in Tehran over the EU's oil embargo. Denmark currently holds the EU presidency.

In London, Britain's Defense Secretary Philip Hammond said his country was ready to strengthen its military presence in the Gulf if needed.

The U.S.-led convoy of warships now in the Gulf — which included Britain's HMS Argyll frigate and France's frigate La Motte Picquet — sent "a clear signal about the resolve of the international community to defend the right of free passage through international waters," Hammond told reporters.

"We also maintain mine-counter measures vessels in the Gulf, which are an important part of the overall allied presence there, and of course the U.K. has a contingent capability to reinforce that presence should at any time it be considered necessary to do so," he added, accusing Iran of working "flat out" to produce a nuclear weapon.

Iran insists its atomic program is only aimed at producing energy and research, but has repeatedly refused to consider giving up its ability to enrich uranium. The U.S. and allies fear it could use its stockpile to one day produce weapons-

grade material.

Hammond declined to offer specific details on what forces are currently in the Gulf, but said it had about 1,500 Navy personnel in the region east of Suez, which includes the Middle East and Indian Ocean, and a Royal Air Force base in Cyprus in the eastern Mediterranean.

Four anti-mine vessels are based out of Bahrain, which is also the base for the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Britain also has two frigates — including HMS Argyll — three support ships, a survey vessel and one hunter-killer nuclear submarine in the region, the ministry said.

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One is the economy, which has started to show signs of improvement — declining unemployment, rising consumer confidence and reduced levels of household debt. The other is the way the Republican primary race recently has focused on the vast wealth (and relatively low tax burden) of the party's sometimes front-runner, Mitt Romney.

Obama drove straight at the wealth issue with the signature proposal of his speech: a minimum tax for millionaires that formed part of his call for all Americans to pay their "fair share." The proposal, requiring people with incomes of more than \$1 million to pay at least 30 percent in taxes, would conveniently — administration officials insist coincidentally — double the taxes that Romney paid last year, according to the tax return the former Massachusetts governor released earlier in the day.

Similarly, the speech's other major domestic proposal — a plan to make mortgage refinancings more available to homeowners who owe more than their homes' value — would insert the government more directly into the housing market.

Republicans have adamantly resisted higher taxes on those they term "job creators." And they have called for the federal government to get out of the housing market entirely, saying that federal involvement has only made the country's foreclosure crisis worse.

They also wasted no time in rejecting Obama's basic premise about the conflicting interests of the middle class and America's wealthiest citizens. "We do not accept that ours will ever be a nation of haves and have-nots; we must always be a nation of haves and soon-to-haves," Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels said in his Republican response. He accused Obama of "extremism" and called for lowering tax rates.

Like Clinton, Obama seeks re-election after a disorienting midterm defeat in which Republicans captured control of the House. Both Democrats delivered their election-year State of the Union speeches after months of bruising confrontations with Congress in which they tried — with some success — to paint Republicans as extremists.

But Clinton sought to co-opt the GOP's rhetoric, memorably declaring early in his address that "the era of big government is over." And even as he used the power of his office to block many Republican efforts to roll back government, he largely set aside his own plans to expand its reach in such areas as health care. By blurring the contrast between himself and the GOP, Clinton made himself a frustratingly elusive target, but set up a campaign that avoided most major issues.

The difference between Obama's approach and Clinton's reflects the personalities of the two men, but also the times.

Clinton, for all the adulation he now receives from the left, entered national politics trying to break the hold that liberal interest groups had on his party and criticizing what he called the "brain-dead policies of both parties." Obama, for all his professed desire to create a "post-partisan" political culture, comes from a notably more liberal tradition.

More importantly, the political center toward which Clinton tacked has eroded so much in 16 years that Obama probably could not follow Clinton's model even if he wished to.

America's political parties have grown more polarized. Democrats have moved somewhat to the left; Republicans have shifted many steps to the right, according to political scientists who have analyzed congressional votes, issues positions and polling data. Policy ideas that only a decade ago characterized the conservative side of major debates — a mandate that individuals buy health insurance in a regulated market, for example, or a "cap and trade" system to limit pollution — are now excoriated by Republicans.

Over the past year, in which he sought and failed to achieve a "grand bargain" with Republicans on the federal budget, Obama learned painfully just how little ground remains in the political center.

"Obama knows he has 44 percent of the electorate" to start with, and in a country as divided as the U.S., "44 percent is a big number," said Peter Hart, the Democratic pollster. He's decided "I'm going to keep those people on board, then we'll go after everyone else."

Getting the rest of the way to a majority depends on persuading a handful of crucial voters in the middle who find themselves tugged in two directions.

On the one hand, voters — including those who call themselves independents — hold a deeply skeptical view of government and its ability to help them. Fewer than one-third of voters have a positive view of the size and power of the federal government, a share that has fallen steadily since the early years of Bush's tenure, according to a series of Gallup polls.

At the same time, pollsters have found a sharp and rapid increase in the percentage of people who doubt the Republican idea that America has no class divisions. In 2009, a majority of both Republicans and independents said they saw little if any conflict between rich and poor, according to a survey by the Pew Research Center. Now, more than two-thirds of Americans, including those independent voters, say they think such conflicts are "strong" or "very strong."

In the balance between that skepticism of government and the acknowledgment of class conflict, the 2012 election could be determined.

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'Hugo,' 'Artist' Inject Cinema Nostalgia to Oscars

BY **CHRISTY LEMIRE**
and **DAVID GERMAIN**
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.—American master Martin Scorsese journeyed to France, putting Hollywood's newest technology to work for his dazzling 3-D re-creation of 1930s Paris in "Hugo." French filmmaker Michel Hazanavicius came to America, reviving old-time Hollywood with his charming resurrection of early cinema in the silent film "The Artist."

The two films now head a 21st century Academy Awards show whose top nominees offer loving looks back to the infancy of moviemaking, when flicks really flickered and cutting-edge visual effects amounted to actors jumping out of the frame while the camera was stopped so they would seem to magically disappear.

Scorsese's Paris adventure "Hugo" led contenders Tuesday with 11 nominations, among them best-picture and the latest directing honor for the Oscar-winning filmmaker.

Hazanavicius' "The Artist" ran second with 10 nominations, including honors for the director and Jean Dujardin and Berenice Bejo, the stars of the film that could become the first silent movie to win the best-picture prize since year one at the Oscars.

Also nominated for best picture: Alexander Payne's family drama "The Descendants"; Stephen Daldry's Sept. 11 tale "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"; Tate Taylor's Deep South drama "The Help"; Woody Allen's romantic fantasy "Midnight in Paris"; Bennett Miller's sports tale "Moneyball"; Terrence Malick's family chronicle "The Tree of Life"; and Steven Spielberg's World War I epic "War Horse."

Arguably the world's most passionate moviemaker for preserving old films and the heritage of cinema, Scorsese tried his hand at 3-D filmmaking for the first time on "Hugo" and crafted a look with such depth that the images are almost tactile.

"Hugo" follows the adventures of a boy and girl caught up in a mystery surrounding French silent film pioneer George Melies (Ben Kingsley), who stretched the boundaries of cinema with fantastical short movies in the early 1900s.

Today's digital technology made it possible for Scorsese to create his elaborate illusion of long-gone Paris. But the process he describes sounds as experimental and innovative as the work Melies did a century ago.

"It was harder to do because every time we put the camera in a position I wanted, we discovered new ways to do things or wrong ways to do things. We were, in a sense, constantly breaking new ground," Scorsese said. "We had to rediscover how to make movies every day, every setup."

Among the nominations for "Hugo" are adapted screenplay, cinematography, musical score and



In this image released by Paramount Pictures, Asa Butterfield portrays Hugo Cabret in a scene from 'Hugo.' The film was nominated Tuesday for an Oscar for best film. The Oscars will be presented Feb. 26 at the Kodak Theatre in Los Angeles, hosted by Billy Crystal and broadcast live on ABC.

visual effects.

"The Artist" is a throw-back to black-and-white silent days as a superstar of the pre-sound era (best-actor nominee Dujardin) falls on hard times when talking pictures arrive, while a rising star (supporting-actress nominee Bejo) becomes guardian angel for the former screen idol.

"Who knows? It might be possible that he's set off a chain reaction, and we're off for 100 years of silent movies," Dujardin said. "I would love it. It's really fun for an actor. It's very playful, and it's pure emotion. In the end, you only see what is essential. You take away the intellect, and what's left is life."

Along with his directing honor, Hazanavicius was nominated for original screenplay on "The Artist." The film's other nominations include musical score, cine-

matography and costume design.

While "Hugo" and "The Artist" are testaments to early filmmaking, another key nomination is a tribute to the big-screen's most famous sex symbol, Marilyn Monroe, a superstar who was never nominated for an Oscar. Michelle Williams earned a best-actress nomination as Monroe in "My Week with Marilyn."

"I would like to think that the recognition our film has received by the academy is a testament to Marilyn's legacy," Williams said.

Williams' competition includes Meryl Streep, who extended her record for most acting nominations to 17 with a best-actress honor as Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady."

Also nominated: Glenn Close for the Irish drama "Albert Nobbs," Viola Davis for

"The Help" and Rooney Mara for the thriller "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

Dujardin, the Golden Globe winner for best actor in a musical or comedy, will be up against Globe dramatic actor recipient George Clooney for "The Descendants," in which the Oscar-winning superstar plays a down-to-earth role as a dad in crisis.

While Dujardin and Clooney were almost assured of nominations, there were big surprises across-the-board, with longshots making the cut and favorites getting skunked.

Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock's "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," which got mixed reviews and has not been much of a factor at earlier Hollywood awards, was a very unexpected best-picture nominee. Co-star Max von Sydow was a surprise

nominee for supporting actor.

Malick's "The Tree of Life" also had been considered a bit of a best-picture longshot. The movie, which won top honors at last May's Cannes Film Festival but was a love-it-or-hate-it drama among audiences, also picked up a directing nomination for Malick.

Melissa McCarthy, a supporting-actress nominee for the wedding romp "Bridesmaids," is a rare funny lady competing at the Oscars, which seldom honor performances in mainstream comedies.

"I think it's a big coup for all of us," McCarthy said. "If you get the right thing and the right people, you can still make a really good movie that's still a comedy."

Demian Bichir also was a surprise nominee as best actor for "A Better Life," an im-

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migrant drama that few people have seen. Bichir said he had been ill the night before and learned he was nominated when his girlfriend called with the news.

"I thought it was part of my hallucinations from the fever," Bichir said. "A nomination helps. I feel a lot better already."

Along with Bichir, Clooney and Dujardin, the best-actor contenders are Gary Oldman for the espionage tale "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" and Brad Pitt for the baseball story in "Moneyball."

Pitt's third Oscar nomination came for a film that he fought to make after it went on the back-burner amid screenplay and director changes.

"This one is more satisfying than ever," said Pitt, who also shared a best-picture nomination as a producer on "Moneyball." "This movie was dead in the water two and a half years ago."

Among those with strong prospects that came away empty-handed were Leonardo DiCaprio for "J. Edgar," from perennial Oscar heavyweight Clint Eastwood, whose latest film did not score a single nomination.

While Spielberg's best-picture contender "War Horse" picked up six nominations, the Oscar-winning filmmaker missed out in the directing category, a prize he has won twice. His first cartoon feature, the Golden Globe-winning "The Adventures of Tintin," also did not make the list for best animated film.

The animated films that did make it: "A Cat in Paris," "Chico & Rita," Kung Fu Panda 2, "Puss in Boots" and "Rango."

Besides von Sydow, supporting-actor nominees are Kenneth Branagh for "My Week with Marilyn," Jonah Hill for "Moneyball," Nick Nolte for the extreme-fighting drama "Warrior" and Christopher Plummer for the father-son story "Beginners."

Plummer won at the Globes for his role as an elderly dad who comes out as gay. At 82, Plummer would be the oldest acting winner ever at the Oscars; Jessica Tandy now holds that position for her best-actress win in "Driving Miss Daisy" at age 80.

Joining Bejo and McCarthy in the supporting-actress field is Octavia Spencer, whose Globe win as a fiery maid in "The Help" positions her as a possible front-runner.

Spencer's "The Help" co-star Jessica Chastain also is nominated, along with Janet McTeer for "Albert Nobbs."

Winners at the 84th annual Oscars will be announced at a Feb. 26 ceremony aired live on ABC from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre, with Billy Crystal returning as host for the first time in eight years.

BOOK' EM DANNO: TURKEY BUSTS INTO DEADWOOD LIBRARY

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP)—Authorities in Deadwood, S.D., investigating an apparent break-in at a public library were surprised to discover the culprit: a 20-plus-pound turkey.

Library director Jeanette Chaney-Moodie tells the *Black Hills Pioneer* that she headed into work Sunday morning after authorities called her about the apparent

break-in.

Deadwood Police Sgt. Ken Mertens says he didn't see any footprints near the broken window and figured a snow blower had tossed up a rock.

Mertens says a closer inspection revealed the wing-flapping culprit. And, he says, "that turkey wanted back out that hole."

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Chipotle Peppers: What They Are, How to Use Them • F3

NATALIE'S PICKS

3 Treats Worth a Kiss

BY NATALIE DICOU
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TWIN FALLS • Does your sweetheart have a sweet tooth? Impress him or her this Valentine's Day with some delicious, locally made treats. Flowers die, but the memory of these decadent cookies and candies will stay on your valentine's lips forever. And they'll make your thank-you kiss that much sweeter.

Heartwarming Candy

Sink your teeth into one of Frederickson's Candy's caramel hearts, and you'll swear you're committing a sin. Covered in mouthwatering milk chocolate, these soft caramels are wrapped in gold-colored foil and topped with a red heart sticker. They come in four sizes: small (\$1.20), medium (\$2.25), medium-large (\$3.89) and large (\$6.35). Caramel hearts are the best holiday seller at Frederickson's Candy, 309 Second St. E. in Twin Falls.



Moist, Tender Cookies

The Cookie Basket's hand-cut, heart-shaped, sprinkles-coated sugar cookies are sure to put a frosting-covered smile on your valentine's face. The dough is made with sour cream, which creates a softer, moister cookie. Personalized messages can be written on the cookies, which are best enjoyed with a tall glass of milk. Sizes range from 2 inches in diameter up to 16 inches, and prices range from 90 cents to \$25.99 at The Cookie Basket, 106 Main Ave. N.



Chocolates from the Heart

Why opt for a factory-made box of chocolates when you can individually choose candies to fill your loved one's box? Daisy's Olde Time Confections, at 1886 Addison Ave. E., charges \$15.99 a pound for its chocolates. Does your valentine love orange cremes? Load up on those. Doesn't like coconut? Leave it out. Daisy's cremes include blueberry, almond macaroon, butter rum, cherry nut, huckleberry, maple, vanilla and, of course, classics lemon and orange. Try the "caramel apple pie" chocolate made with apple-flavored caramel, dipped in white chocolate and sprinkled with cinnamon.



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SUPER BOWL SNACKS

Putting a Delicious, Low-calorie Spin on a Game Day Favorite — Chicken Wings

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A Crowd-Friendly Taco Bar Fit for Super Bowl

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A featured dish at Fausto Cuares' Basque — American & Peruvian Diner is the lomo saltado, photographed Thursday evening in downtown Twin Falls. Strips of marinated meat are stir-fried with tomatoes and red peppers, combined with french fries, and served with a side of rice.

TASTE OF PERU

With a new downtown diner, Peru native Fausto Cuares wants to introduce Magic Valley to his country's cuisine.

BY NATALIE DICOU
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TWIN FALLS • Longtime cook Fausto Cuares has taken orders his whole life. He's filled food orders for customers, of course, and he's spent his work life obeying orders from superiors.

In December, the 61-year-old native of Peru became his own boss for the first time when he opened his new restaurant in downtown Twin Falls.

Basque — American & Peruvian Diner, at 117 Main Ave. E., has a sprawling menu for a startup. Cuares serves everything from traditional American breakfasts of eggs and bacon to sandwiches, steak and pastas.

He recommends his tallarin saltado (\$10.99): pasta sauteed in soy sauce with diced garlic, onions and tomatoes.

Cuares, who immigrated to the U.S. at 27, is eager to introduce Magic Valley residents to traditional Peruvian dishes, such as anticuchos (pieces of bull heart) for \$15.99. For dessert, Cuares tempts diners with his mazamorra morada (\$2.50), a dessert popular in Peru made from purple corn and black currant fruit.

"It's thickened into pudding, and spiced with cinnamon and cloves," the bilingual menu says.

For \$6.99, you can get a chorizo



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Fausto Cuares cooks lomo saltado at his Basque — American & Peruvian Diner on Twin Falls' Main Avenue. Cuares considers his diner 'a gathering place.'

sandwich ("pork meat flavored and seasoned with garlic and mild red pepper," the menu says). Steaks range from \$13.99 to \$19.99.

Cuares said his wife, Alejandrina, inspired him to start a business of his own after watching her husband work

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New Flavors

Basque — American & Peruvian Diner is at 117 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls. It's open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Closed Sundays. 933-2088.

The Other Michael Jackson

A Ketchum bartender is working to finish a documentary on a British critic whose writings created the craft beer movement as we know it today.

BY NATE POPPINO
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KETCHUM • For three years, a Wood River Valley filmmaker has worked to keep the memory of Michael Jackson alive.

He hasn't been dead that long, you say? You're thinking of the wrong one. Try Michael Jackson, the British beer writer, whose work starting in the 1970s created beer styles as we know them today and spurred a resurgence in the popularity of craft beer, including through a 1990s television show called "The Beer Hunter."

Before he was a bartender at Ketchum's Sawtooth Brewery, J.R. Richards served for three years as travel companion and documentarian to Jackson, who died in 2007. Now, he's on the verge of releasing his documentary on the beer critic, an attempt to ensure new generations of beer lovers don't forget this key figure.

The roots of the project date back to 2003, when Richards was hired to film beer tastings Jackson did for his Rare Beer Club, a beer-of-the-month club. It was a new world for Richards.

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Keep up on the latest on this documentary and other local craft beer and homebrewing news on the Times-News' beer blog, "Idaho On Tap." Magicvalley.com/blogs



Jackson



Richards

A Crowd-Friendly Taco Bar Fit for Super Bowl

BY ELIZABETH KARMEI
For The Associated Press

Whenever I think of Super Bowl Sunday, I think of chili and guacamole and chips. And Ro-Tel cheese dip. And Frito pie.

Because face it, people love to indulge in fatty, crunchy, salty foods they can munch while milling about or standing and watching the game in suspense. And if you make a dish that combines everyone's favorite football snacks, you've got a winning day regardless of who wins the game.

When I was growing up, the go-to football party food was seven-layer dip. Which is basically the same thing as Frito pie — layers of Fritos corn chips, chili, cheese and other toppings.

A few months ago, I flew down South and when I arrived, I met a chef from New York who was essentially serving Frito pie, but calling it "The Walking Taco" — a bunch of toppings dumped into snack-size bags of Fritos and eaten right from the bag.

I loved the name and concept, and immediately

thought that it would be a great party food. I liked the idea of offering guests bags of chips and a buffet of toppings (chili, cheeses, vegetables, etc.) to let them assemble their own walking tacos. The medium snack bags are the best bet for this approach.

This make-your-own-bar is dramatic, and is easy on the cook. I like adding pulled chicken to the mix (buy a rotisserie chicken or make your own beer-can chicken and pull it once it is cool). Great homemade chili and guacamole are key, so I am including those recipes here. Otherwise, most of the ingredients are just purchased and put out for guests.

Suggested Toppings

Guacamole
Pulled chicken
Pulled pork
Grilled shrimp
Grated sharp white cheddar cheese
Grated jalapeno-Jack cheese
Grated yellow cheddar
Sliced scallions

Chopped tomatoes
Chopped white onions
Chopped cilantro
Sliced olives
Pickled jalapenos
Pickled onions
Black beans
Pinto beans
Refried beans
Tomato salsa
Tomatillo salsa
Shredded lettuce
Sour cream

Texas Bowl of Red Chili

This chili can be prepared up to two days ahead, then slowly reheated over low. Start to finish: 2 1/2 hours. Servings: 8.

1 pound ground sirloin
1 pound ground chuck
2 large yellow onions, finely chopped
12-ounce bottle Lone Star or Corona beer
Two 10-ounce cans chopped tomatoes with chili peppers
6-ounce can tomato paste
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon dry oregano leaves



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A make-your-own taco bar is dramatic — and easy on the cook.

1 tablespoon garlic powder
2 teaspoons kosher salt (or more to taste)
1 tablespoon ancho chili powder
1 tablespoon New Mexican chili powder
1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (optional)

Heat a large, heavy-bottomed stockpot over medium-high. Add the sirloin,

chuck and onions and cook for 15 minutes, or until the meat is browned and the onions are translucent. **Add the beer,** tomatoes and tomato paste. Stir and simmer for a few minutes, then add the cumin, oregano, garlic, salt, all 3 chili powders, and the cayenne pepper (if using). Stir well, then cover, reduce heat to low and cook for 2 hours, stirring occasionally. **If chili is** too thick, water or

an additional beer may be added. If so, add just a bit at a time or the chili will get too thin.

1-2-3 Tomatillo Salsa Guacamole

I first made this recipe for a very large event in California. I was daunted by the task of making guacamole for 500 people. But friends at Frontera Foods suggested I try their easy recipe. Well, it was so good that it was the hit of the event. And I couldn't stop eating it. Since I tried this recipe, I've never made guacamole any other way. Start to finish: 5 minutes. Servings: 6.

3 to 4 ripe avocados
1 cup Frontera Foods tomatillo salsa
1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
Kosher salt

Cut the avocados in half, scoop out the flesh and combine in a bowl. Mash well. Stir in the tomatillo salsa, then the cilantro. Season with salt.

Beer

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"I liked beer, I was interested, but I was the video guy," he said.

Over time, that changed. Richards was amazed by the response and attention Jackson garnered wherever he went, and he secured permission to keep filming Jackson. That became a three-year adventure.

Richards remembers it as long days with packed itineraries, complicated by a celebrity who never refused an autograph or a conversation — ensuring Jackson and Richards were almost always late to events. Homebrewers offered the beer writer samples of their brews to critique. Beer fans sought autographs. Richards recalled arriving at a press conference in the Czech Republic, an hour and a half late, and being amazed by the throngs of press waiting for Jackson.

"We walk in, and it was just like Michael Jackson the pop singer was arriving," Richards said.

As Jackson and Richards traveled the U.S. and Europe, they became close working partners. Richards recalls a man who was humble, who loved meeting everyday people and couldn't stand snobbery. He also remembers a man who was driven to stay active in the beer world, lest he become irrelevant as craft beer's popularity continued to grow.

"Near the end, he started referring to me as a friend," Richards said. "There's something special about that."

The duo talked about many options for Richards' footage. The documentary was still in play, but maybe, the two thought, they could

put together another installment of "The Beer Hunter," more than a decade later.

Those plans were cut short by Jackson's announcement that he'd developed Parkinson's disease. Barely half a year later, the behemoth of the beer world died.

"We were pretty much in shock," Richards said. Then, his mind turned to his work of the past few years. "We thought, we had this footage, we had to do something with it."

But what? Richards' hours of following Jackson around wouldn't really fit by themselves as a scripted documentary. And the footage needed work — on rare occasion, he had audio or lighting help, but for the most part it was just him and his camera.

Richards took it one piece at a time. He sketched out a documentary that would work with his footage, and set about piecing together funding. That was more difficult than he expected, he said — even for a piece on such a luminary as Jackson.

Traillers released online in 2010 got some reaction, though Richards' hopes to premiere the documentary at that year's Great American Beer Festival (GABF) fell through. It was the production team's discovery of Kickstarter — a website that allows people to help fund a variety of projects, even if they give only a few dollars — that finally gave the project the boost it needed. The key, Richards said, is it brought the community of craft beer drinkers on board.

As of Monday night, "Beer Hunter: The Movie" had 500

Fight Parkinson's, Support Film

After a career spanning three decades and several continents, Michael Jackson died from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system that led critics to sometimes believe he was just drunk.

On Friday, Sawtooth Brewery will give you the chance to support both re-

search into the disease and the forthcoming documentary on Jackson's later years. The event starts at 6 p.m. A \$20 donation will buy you an evening of beer from Alaskan Brewing and Full Sail Brewing, both co-sponsors of the event; a DVD of "Beer Hunter: The Movie" when it's released; an invitation to the film's Idaho premiere; and an entry in a raffle for an Alaskan Brewing snowboard. The snowboard will be raffled off at 9 p.m. Saturday at Sawtooth's Pray for Snow Party.

Sawtooth Brewery is at 600 N. Main St. in Ketchum, with the entrance on Sixth Street. Parking is available across Sixth in the Ketchum public lot.

and they have one part of Michael's story," he said, noting as example Jackson's lesser claim to fame — his career as a whiskey writer. "I want to get other footage, show the other side of Michael."

He'd also like to license some of the footage from the original "The Beer Hunter," though he's not sure how much that will cost.

And, of course, there's the pressure of getting the film out in the first place, with 500 backers awaiting its release. Richards ideally would like another year to finish it, but he's looking at an earlier premiere — perhaps in August, on the day Jackson died. Or, there's this year's GABF in October, a fine place to show a film dedi-

ated to the man who so loved American brewing. "Michael's base of support was always right here in the U.S.," Richards said. "He loved Belgian history. But Americans picked up on their creativeness."

Donate Online

The Kickstarter campaign seeking money to produce "Beer Hunter: The Movie" ends at about noon Sunday. It has met its goal, but filmmaker J.R. Richards said every extra dollar will go to improve the film.

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(TOP) Fausto Cuares talks to customers at his downtown diner. (BELOW) Cuares serves food to Mary Daniel, left, and her daughter Sheena Livia, 7, on Thursday.

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Basque

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for 21 years in a restaurant in Elko, Nev. The family moved to Jerome in October.

So far it's been difficult for Cuares to spread the word about his restaurant. "I feel no good because I don't have no customers," he said. Cuares had to throw out food, but he hopes more people start to trickle in soon.

On Friday, three tables were occupied in the diner at lunchtime. Peru native Bruno Nonotol ordered anticuchos.

"It's an opportunity to eat a different kind of food," instead of the same old fare, said Nonotol, who

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SEE a gallery of more photos from Basque — American & Peruvian Diner. magicvalley.com/gallery

dined with his son, Lincoln. Nonotol tries to support his countrymen, so he decided to give Cuares' place a shot.

The Cover family, who moved to Twin Falls from Texas three weeks ago, were driving along Main Avenue when they spotted the restaurant. They like to support local places and ordered burgers, sandwiches and fries.

"The fries aren't out of the bag," Michelle Cover said. "They look fresh."



Cuares is giving his endeavor a year to succeed. If business doesn't pick up, he'll have to close down and figure out something else.

OFF THE BEATEN AISLE

Chipotle Peppers: What They Are, How to Use Them

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

Pay no attention to the many shelves of faux salsas (Blueberry-pineapple? Really?) and shove aside all those cans of low-fat, low-sodium, no-flavor refried beans.

For this week's underappreciated ingredient, you will need to dig a bit deeper into your grocer's Hispanic section. Your goal? Mexico's gift to high-flavor cooking — chipotle peppers in adobo sauce.

Typically sold in 7-ounce cans, these not entirely attractive (truth is, they look a bit prune-like) peppers pack gobs of smoky, chocolaty, slightly sweet piquancy.

First, the basics. Chipotles are really just jalapeno peppers that have been dried and smoked. In the U.S., they most often are sold canned in adobo sauce, a smooth tomato-vinegar blend spiked with garlic, onion and various spices.

The result is that you essentially get two ingredients in each can: peppers and sauce. The peppers marinate in the adobo, taking on its sweet tang. Meanwhile, the sauce absorbs some of the peppers' heat.

But you don't need to be a heat fiend to appreciate these flavor bombs. Jalapenos are hardly the most intense chili around. Still, most people will find that one to two is plenty for most dishes.

Some people suggest you can moderate the heat by slicing the chipotles open and scraping out the seeds, much as you would with fresh jalapenos. That's way too much trouble for me. I'd rather just use less. Or use just the sauce.

One can is likely to last you a while. Though leftovers can be refrigerated for a couple weeks, your best bet is to divide the peppers and sauce into an ice cube tray, then freeze for easy use whenever.

Not surprisingly, chipotles in adobo sauce are wonderful in Mexican and Tex-Mex dishes. Chop them and mix them into shredded cheese for topping nachos. Dice or puree a few to crank up the



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heat of your favorite chili. Marinate beef strips in the sauce for tacos. Dice them and add to salsa (no cranberries, please).

For more ideas for using chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, check out the Off the Beaten Aisle column over on Food Network: <http://bit.ly/mw41sx>

Chipotle Barbecue Porky Pappardelle

Start to finish: 30 minutes. Servings: 4.

- 12 ounces pappardelle pasta
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup prepared barbecue sauce
- 1 chipotle in adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon adobo sauce
- 1 teaspoon lime juice
- 1 pound pork loin cutlets (or other lean cut of pork)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
- Sour cream, to serve
- Chopped fresh chives, to garnish

Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to package directions. Drain, return to the pot, drizzle with the olive oil, then toss and set aside. Meanwhile, in a food processor combine the

barbecue sauce, chipotle, adobo sauce and lime juice. Process until smooth. Add the pork, then pulse until well chopped, but not ground. Set aside. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the canola oil. Add the onion and pepper and saute for 6 minutes. Add the pork mixture and simmer until the pork is cooked

through and the sauce thickens, about 6 minutes. Serve the pork over the pasta. Top each serving with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkle of chives. Per serving: 670 calories; 130 calories from fat (20 percent of total calories); 14 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 95 mg cholesterol; 95 g carbohydrate; 37 g protein; 4 g fiber; 880 mg sodium.

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Cooling Those Hot Peppers

BY KATHLEEN PURVIS
McClatchy Newspapers

Question: My brother-in-law recently tried to make fried, stuffed jalapenos called poppers. He removed the seeds, but the poppers were still very hot. What could he have done to tame the heat?

Answer: Like anything grown in nature, chile peppers can vary in intensity. Their age, degree of ripeness, even the amount of water they got when they were growing can affect their heat.

You can take some evasive action, though. The most common way to tame chiles is to remove both the seeds

and the ribs, the white-ish ridges inside the pepper. Chile purists would shudder, but you also can soak the peppers in a little hot water before cooking them. It also might make them milder if you grill or bake the filled peppers instead of frying them.

Finally, it will help quench the fire if you serve the chiles with a dairy product, such as a sour cream-based dip.

Whatever you do, wear gloves while you handle the peppers or wash your hands very well afterward. The heat can linger much longer than you'd think, but a single touch to your eyes, mouth or nose is all it will take to remind you.

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BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

What pairs well with your couch, a bowl of popcorn and the Super Bowl? How about a wine with a genuine pigskin pedigree?

Sure, beer may be the first beverage that comes to mind when you think about football. But it turns out plenty of football fans like to drink wine — and quite a few NFL legends like to make it.

Take Dick Vermeil, who coached the 1980 Eagles to their first Super Bowl appearance and later, after a 15-year stint as a broadcaster, took the St. Louis Rams all the way to victory in Super Bowl XXXIV.

These days he's an expert on a different type of field as partner of Vermeil Wines in the Napa Valley. And unlike some celebrity vintners, Vermeil is a hands-on guy who has been known to take a pre-dawn tractor ride or two, pulling gondolas of charbono grapes.

"You'd be surprised how many people come in and they don't realize that it's THE Dick Vermeil," says Mary Sue Frediani, who is the tasting room manager and wife of winemaker Paul Smith. Frediani also is a co-owner of her family's Frediani Family Vineyard, which provides much of the fruit for Vermeil wines.

Vermeil was born and raised in the Napa Valley town of Calistoga. His great-grandfather retired to Calistoga and grew grapes — the Fredianis now own and farm that land. So, Vermeil's move from gridiron to grape in 1999 wasn't a huge stretch. He has a cabernet sauvignon named after his great-grandfather, Jean Louis Vermeil.

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Mike Ditka wines are seen alongside a bottle of Jets Uncorked.

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Bears to a Super Bowl championship.

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Lighter Take on Game Day Classic: Popcorn Chicken

BY ROCCO DISPIRITO
For The Associated Press

The big game on Super Bowl Sunday usually brings with it big eats.

As a nation, in just one day we consume millions of pounds of potato chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, popcorn and nuts. And don't even get me started on the guacamole, chicken wings, baby back ribs, pizza, dips, chili and subs.

But a few smart choices can have you enjoying Super Bowl-style snacks without doing quite so much damage to your New Year's resolutions.

My buffalo popcorn chicken is a good example. It puts a delicious, low-calorie spin on a game day favorite — chicken wings. Typical wings rack up 549 calories and 30 grams of fat per serving (you'd have to do the wave about 2,000 times to burn those off). My version has just 264 calories and 14 grams of fat per serving.

Traditionally, chicken wings are deep-fried. Combine that with the usual blue cheese dip accompaniment, and you have a caloric nightmare. Mine are served with low-fat blue cheese dressing, and I swear you won't taste the difference.

To reduce fat and calories, I use my flash-frying method, which is easy to master.

Starting with skinless chicken thighs, I microwave the thighs until cooked through. Microwaving the chicken first means it doesn't need to sit in the oil for nearly as long. Next, they are

dunked in low-fat egg white, then dredged through a blend of whole-wheat flour and cornmeal.

After that, the frying takes just 12 seconds. Traditional methods call for 10 to 15 minutes. By cooking the chicken before it hits the oil, it needs little time in the oil. And that means it absorbs very little of it.

Nothing goes better with wings — or in this case, thighs — than beer. But drink a few brews and you'll have to climb the stadium steps for an hour to burn them off. Instead, consider serving low-calorie beers at your party. There are some great ones out there.

As for the rest of your Super Bowl offerings, don't be afraid to serve vegetables and fruit with low-fat and low-sodium dips, and other creative low-cal foods. With some thoughtful planning and delicious dishes, you'll be sure to score with food and football fans alike.

Tips:

- **Omit** the blue cheese dressing to save an additional 35 calories per portion.

- **Make** sure your oil thermometer is used exactly as the manufacturer directs. Carefully monitor the temperature of the oil every 5 minutes so it does not exceed 400 degrees.

- **When** cooking the chicken in the microwave, keep in mind that the pieces on the outer rim of the plate will cook faster than those in the middle. So when you flip them over, be sure to rotate the pieces from the outside of the plate to the middle before you continue to mi-

crowave.

- **Let** the oil cool on the stove until it is room temperature, then use a funnel to pour it back into its original container for easy disposal.

Buffalo Popcorn Chicken

Start to finish: 30 minutes.
Serves: 4.

1 quart grape seed or corn oil
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken thighs
Salt and ground black pepper
2 egg whites
1/4 cup fine ground yellow cornmeal
3/4 cup whole-wheat flour
1/2 cup Tabasco Buffalo Style Hot Sauce
1 bunch celery, trimmed and cut into 4- to 5-inch lengths
1/2 cup low-fat blue cheese dressing

In a large, heavy pot over medium, heat the oil to 400 degrees. Use a thermometer to monitor the oil temperature.

Meanwhile, cut each chicken thigh into 4 to 5 even chunks. Season the chunks on all sides with salt and pepper, then arrange them on a microwave-safe plate. Microwave on high for 1 1/2 minutes. Flip the chicken pieces and move those on

the outer edge of the plate to the center and vice versa.

Microwave on high again until the chunks are just cooked through, about another 1 1/2 to 2 minutes depending on your microwave. Let the chicken cool to room temperature. **While the chicken** cools, in a medium bowl beat the egg whites until foamy, in a separate large bowl, mix the cornmeal and flour, then season with salt and pepper.

Submerge the cooked chicken pieces in the egg whites and toss to coat well, then move the chicken to the bowl with the cornmeal mix. Toss the chicken to coat well.

Working in about 4 batches, add the chicken pieces to the hot oil and fry for 12 seconds. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the fried chicken to a plate lined with paper towels to drain excess oil. While still hot, place the chicken in a large bowl, add the buffalo sauce and toss to coat well.

Serve the chicken with celery and blue cheese dressing for dipping.

Per serving: 264 calories; 14 g fat (2 g saturated); 75 mg cholesterol; 13 g carbohydrate; 27 g protein; 3 g fiber; 747 mg sodium.



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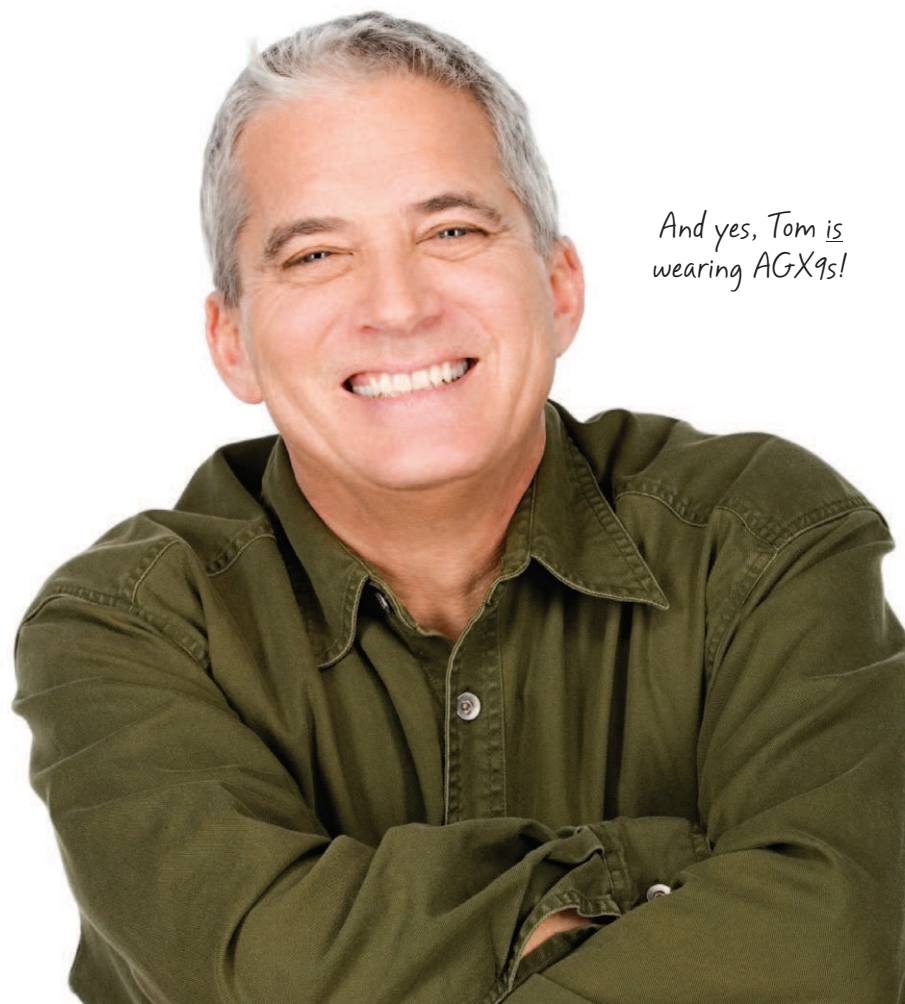
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Cupcakes for the Super Bowl Dudes in Your Life

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

These are not your girlfriend's cupcakes. There is no frilly pastel frosting piped on top. They are not delicate. They are not pretty.

They are big, bold, manly and totally down for a Super Bowl spread.

Since ease is key for Super Bowl feasts, we decided to start with a chocolate cake mix. To man-it-up, we made them big and added beer. And instead of pretty buttercream frosting, we're dabbed and smeared whiskey frosting all over them. And to really take it up a notch, bacon. Of course, salted peanuts, pretzels or crushed malted milk balls also would also be terrific.

If you want, you also could make giant cupcakes; you just need an oversized muffin pan (sold at most kitchen shops). You'll need to cook larger cupcakes longer (timing will vary depending on the size).

But whatever you do, don't you dare add sprinkles.

Super Bowl Cupcakes

Start to finish: 1 hour (30 minutes active). Servings: 24.

For the cupcakes:

1 cup dark beer, such as stout
1/3 cup sour cream

1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil
3 eggs
18.5-ounce package moist chocolate cake mix

For the frosting:

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
3 cups powdered sugar
1/4 cup whiskey
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

For the toppings

(use any or all):

Crisp cooked bacon
Salted peanuts
Pretzels
Crushed malted milk balls

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Spray 24 muffin regular cups with cooking spray.

In a large bowl, mix together the beer, sour cream, oil, eggs and cake mix. Mix until thoroughly combined and smooth, about 2 minutes. Spoon into the prepared muffin cups and bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted at the center comes out clean. Allow to cool for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack to finish cooling.

While the cupcakes cool, make the frosting. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat together the butter, sugar, whiskey and vanilla until smooth and fluffy, about 4 to 5 minutes.

When the cupcakes have cooled, add a smear of frosting to the tops, then sprinkle with your choice of toppings.

Stromboli — Part Pizza, Part Calzone, All Party!

BY ALISON LADMAN
For The Associated Press

Servings: 10.

1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cups chopped raw vegetables, such as peppers, onions and mushrooms
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup drained and chopped Kalamata olives
1 tablespoon drained and chopped capers
1 teaspoon dried Italian herb blend
Salt and ground black pepper
20-ounce ball pizza dough
10 ounces sliced deli meat, such as salami and ham
1 cup grated provolone or mozzarella cheese

Coat a large baking sheet with cooking spray.

In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the vegetables and garlic, then saute until tender and any liquid has evaporated, 5 to 10 minutes depending on your choice of vegetables. Stir in the olives, capers and herb blend. Season with salt and pepper, then set aside to cool slightly.

On a lightly floured sur-



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face, roll out the dough to a 12-by-16-inch rectangle. Arrange the sliced meat over the dough, leaving a 1-inch border on the longer sides, as well as the end furthest from you. Spread the cooked vegetables over the meat, then sprinkle with the cheese.

Starting with the side closest to you, roll the stromboli up like a log. Pinch the seam and ends to seal. Transfer the log to the prepared baking sheet with the seam on the bottom. Using a paring knife, make three deep slits in the top of the loaf.

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Allow the stromboli to rest for 20 minutes while the oven heats.

Bake for 40 to 50 minutes, or until a meat thermometer inserted at the center reads 180 F. The outside should be golden brown and should sound hollow when tapped. Allow to cool for at least 20 minutes before slicing.

Per serving: 430 calories; 240 calories from fat (55 percent of total calories); 27 g fat (9 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 60 mg cholesterol; 28 g carbohydrate; 22 g protein; 1 g fiber; 1,740 mg sodium.

Super Bowl Stromboli

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active).

IN WINTER, PICK FRUIT FROM THE FREEZER

BY ERICA MARCUS
Newsday

Dead of winter. It's an apt description for this time of year, when even apples are out of season and virtually every other fruit comes from another time zone, if not another hemisphere.

The cure for a cook's cold-weather blues, however, can be found a few aisles over from fresh produce: Winter is frozen fruit's time to shine. Right out of the bag, frozen fruits are great for snacking, and they are a favored ingredient in breakfast smoothies. But with a little more effort, they can live up a cake or a batch of muffins, lend a sunny sweetness to savory dishes.

Frozen has some distinct advantages over out-of-season fresh fruit. Bob Barnhouse, vice president of operations for Dole's frozen division, explained that fresh fruit

destined for faraway markets often is picked underripe, and can spend weeks reaching its destination. "With frozen," he said, "we pick it at the peak of the season, and then usually process it within 24 hours." The cleaned and sorted fruit is conveyed into a tunnel, where the circulating air is about 30 degrees below zero. Within 20 minutes the fruit itself has been cooled to zero degrees. (This process, commonly known as flash freezing, is called IQF — individually quick frozen — in the industry.)

Barnhouse said that strawberries were Dole's top frozen seller, followed by the rest of the berry family, then peaches and other fruits. Ironically, strawberries freeze less well than other fruits since trimming off the stems "opens them up" and leaves them vulnerable to cell damage and water loss. "Most frozen

strawberries end up in fruit smoothies and margaritas," he said. "When they're pureed, the textural loss isn't really a problem."

Roland Mesnier, White House pastry chef from 1979 to 2004, is a big fan of frozen fruit, especially flash-frozen mangos, which he uses with fresh apples to make winter charlottes. "Blueberries freeze very well," he added, and could be used in muffins, "or in a cobbler with frozen peaches." His highest praise is reserved for frozen raspberries: He likes to use them — straight out of the freezer — as a garnish for almost any dessert.

One of fruit's greatest virtues, of course, is its nutritional benefits. Xianli Wu, a researcher at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Arkansas Children's Nutrition Center who specializes in the disease-prevention effects of

berries, cited the fiber, vitamins and minerals as well as "other nutrients and non-nutritional phytochemicals which have been shown to promote health." Freezing can alter the structure of some of fruits' chemical compounds, he said, but frozen fruit is still a good bet.

Wu, whose primary research deals with blueberries, explicitly rejected the idea of a "super fruit." "Every food contains so many different compounds, each of which contributes differently to your health," he said. "We know very little about these compounds, and we can't really say that one fruit is better than another — or even that one food is better than another."

Blueberries contain a high level of antioxidants, he said, "but antioxidants are just one aspect of nutrition. Cherries may be just as good for you."

OBITUARIES

SERVICES

Mary Kay Berg of Stevensville, Mont., Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Stevensville, Mont. (Whitesitt Funeral Home in Stevensville, Mont.).

Leslie Pearson of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Morrison-Payne Funeral Home, 321 E. Main St. in Burley; visitation one hour before the service today at the funeral home.

Irene M. Hathaway of Rupert and formerly of Idaho Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

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

Nancy J. Boguslawski of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Thursday at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

Owen LaMarr Krahn of Boise, funeral Mass at 11 a.m. Friday at Saint Mark's Catholic Church, 7960 Northview in Boise; vigil at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church (Bowman Funeral Home in Boise).

Robert Anthony (Tony) Slane of Wendell, celebration of life at 3 p.m. Friday at Tony

and Julia's home, 474 E. Ave. B in Wendell (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Lloyd LeRoy "Schooney" Rasmussen of Kimberly and formerly of the Mini-Cassia area, service of remembrance at 11 a.m. Saturday at Eternal Life Christian Center, 451 Orchard St. in Twin Falls (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

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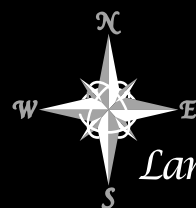
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Jam Plus Chicken Equals Delicious

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

When it comes to making pulled chicken, it's hard to beat the two-ingredient simplicity of simmering chicken breasts in a bottle of barbecue sauce.

On plenty of weeknights, that's my go-to dinner. Add some bread (buns, whole-wheat tortillas, or even just lettuce leaves) and call it a filling — and crazy delicious — dinner.

But for a Super Bowl party, I wanted something a little bigger, a little bolder, a lot more interesting, but not a lot more work. After all, the point is to sit in front of the television, not mind the stove. And that meant a DIY barbecue sauce was out of the question. Though hardly difficult to make, making them well calls for many ingredients. And that slows things down.

That got me thinking about how I could combine just a few big-flavored ingredients. I was inspired by two things — a recipe for marmalade glazed chicken wings I'd read recently, and the many iterations of jam-glazed meatballs that inevitably show up at potluck feasts.

What I ended up with was a sweet-and-savory pulled chicken that can be done on the stovetop or in a slow cooker. For the slow cooker

version, combine the chicken and sauce ingredients as described below, then cook on high for 6 hours. You'll then need to transfer everything to a saucepan to boil for a few minutes to reduce the liquid.

I serve these on slider-size buns, but you could easily use hot dog buns, baguette sections, flour tortillas, or whatever you prefer.

Creamy Mango-Marmalade Pulled Chicken Sliders

Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active). Servings: 12.

- 2 1/2 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2-ounce jar mango-pepper jelly
- 1/2 cup orange marmalade
- 1/4 cup cider vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon sweet or smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup sour cream
- 16-ounce package shredded cabbage coleslaw mix
- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- Hot sauce, to taste
- 12 dinner rolls or other small buns, split



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In a large saucepan over medium-high, combine the chicken, broth, jelly, marmalade, vinegar, cumin, paprika, garlic powder, salt and pepper. Bring to a simmer, then cook, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Transfer the chicken to a cutting board. Continue cooking the sauce for another 10 minutes, or until considerably reduced and thickened.

Meanwhile, use 2 sets of tongs or 1 set and a fork to pull apart and shred the chicken breasts. Once the liquid has reduced, return the chicken to the

saucepan and mix with the sauce. Simmer until heated through, then remove the pan from the heat. Stir in the sour cream, then set aside.

In a medium bowl, mix together the coleslaw mix, mayonnaise and hot sauce. Serve the chicken on the buns topped with coleslaw.

Per serving: 410 calories; 100 calories from fat 24 percent of total calories; 11 g fat (4 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 70 mg cholesterol; 53 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 2 g fiber; 690 mg sodium.

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New England head coach Bill Belichick tips his hat to the crowd during the trophy presentation after the Patriots defeated the Ravens to earn a spot in Super Bowl XLVI against the New York Giants.

Belichick Strives For Consistent Approach

ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. • Season opener or Super Bowl, every game is a big game to Bill Belichick.

His consistent approach to preparation for the next opponent, whether a powerhouse or a pushover, is the cornerstone of the coaching that has brought the New England Patriots to their fifth Super Bowl in 11 years.

The more intense the practices, the more prepared his players are for the game.

"You know what to expect week-in and week-out with him," wide receiver Matthew Slater said. "The attention to detail is always there. It doesn't matter if it's a bye week or if it's a divisional playoff round. He's committed to winning and that commitment never falters, no matter what the circumstance, no matter how much success we've had or how many games we may have lost in a row.

Please see **BELICHICK, S4**

SHADES OF THE PAST: FEDERER, NADAL MEET AGAIN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia • The intensity was vintage Rafael Nadal.

On the stroke of midnight, he thrust his arms up and punched the air, sealing the victory that sets up the most anticipated semifinal at the Australian Open in quite some time.

Roger Federer did his part to put this in place. In the previous match on Rod Laver Arena, he beat 2009 U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 in a quarterfinal marking his 1,000th tour-level match.

A Federer-Nadal semifinal had been looming since the draw for the season's first major — the first time the pair have been in the same half at a Grand Slam tournament since 2005.

Playing with a new racket and a heavily taped right knee, Nadal was at his demonstrative best, rallying after losing the first set to beat Tomas Berdych 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-3.

Yelling "Vamos," disputing line calls, pumping his arms after winning big points and bounding around like a hyperactive kid, Nadal ripped winner after winner against Berdych in a 4-hour, 16-minute display of pure intimidation.

He said he was nervous in the first set — he'd lost in the quarterfinals two straight years — but by the third and fourth sets things had indeed changed.

Australian Open Glance

WEATHER: Sunny with a high of 95 degrees.

WINNERS: Men: No. 2 Rafael Nadal, No. 3 Roger Federer. **Women:** No. 3 Victoria Azarenka, defending champion and No. 11 Kim Clijsters.

LOSERS: Men: No. 7 Tomas Berdych, No. 11 Juan Martin del Potro. **Women:** No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 8 Agnieszka Radwanska.

STAT OF THE DAY: 67 — number of weeks Wozniacki was No. 1, a position she will lose when new

rankings are released next Monday.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I will get it back eventually, so I'm not worried" — Wozniacki on her top ranking.

ON COURT WEDNESDAY: Men's quarterfinals — Andy Murray vs. Kei Nishikori, Novak Djokovic vs. David Ferrer;

Women's quarterfinals — Maria Sharapova vs. Ekaterina Makarova; Petra Kvitova vs. Sara Errani.

TODAY'S FORECAST: Sunny with a high temperature of 84 degrees.

The Lowdown on Girls District Basketball

BY DAVID BASHORE

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TWIN FALLS • This time next week, District IV's girls basketball play will shift to state tournament qualifiers. The picture grew clearer on Tuesday night, but there are several moving pieces that still need to be settled in the last week-plus of the regular season.

Here's an overview of at each classification's district tournament, along with start dates and hosting format for each:

Class 4A

(Jan. 31, each game at higher seed)

Twin Falls clinched the top seed for

the district tournament when Minico lost to Wood River on Friday. The Bruins would have won any tiebreaker involving themselves and Jerome and/or Minico, due to various tiebreaking criteria, but they made sure there wouldn't be an issue by beating sixth-seeded Canyon Ridge on Tuesday. They'll have a first-round bye and home-court advantage as long as they keep winning.

Minico took the second seed, and the other first-round bye, when it beat Burley Tuesday and Jerome lost to Wood River. That dropped Jerome into the third position, which means the Tigers will host Canyon Ridge in the first round, with the winner heading to Minico.

Wood River and Burley were already

assured of playing each other in the first round. The Wolverines earned the fourth seed and hosting rights for the game by beating Jerome, combined with Burley's loss to Minico. The winner of that game will travel to Twin Falls.

Class 3A

(Jan. 30, each game at higher seed or CSI)

This one's been settled for a while. Filer and Kimberly finished tied atop the conference standings, and the Wildcats won a coin flip for the top seed and a first-round bye. Buhl is the third seed and opens at Kimberly.

Please see **GIRLS, S2**

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Kimberly's Stephen Clements blocks Filer's Ryan Karel's shot Tuesday during their game at Kimberly High School.

Filer's Small Ball Pays Off

BY STEPHEN MEYERS

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KIMBERLY • A crew full of quick, aggressive guards can give a team fits.

The Filer Wildcats, who start four guards and a forward, are that crew and they handed Kimberly a 62-38 thumping, dropping the Bulldogs to 0-2 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

"They are really quick on the outside and really pressured our guards on the perimeter," said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm. "They just took the ball right away from us. They were more aggressive and wanted it more tonight. Every game we've played where we lost the turnover battle, we've lost the game. It's something we need to work on."

The Wildcats (11-4, 2-0 SCIC) forced 21 Kimberly turnovers and Austin Tews sank all three of the team's 3-pointers, his last one coming in the final minute of the third quarter to give Filer a 20-point lead.

The two teams traded baskets in a frantic first quarter, with Filer taking an 18-15 lead. The Bulldogs had a disaster of a second quarter, however, scoring just six points and missing all three free throw attempts as Filer built a 35-21 halftime lead.

"The second quarter killed us," Mumm said. "We were hitting shots in the first, but we turned the ball over too many times and didn't hit any shots in the second."

Filer didn't let up in the second half,

ripping off a 10-0 run fueled by a Tews bucket and three Kimberly turnovers.

"Coach (Allen Kelsey) always tells us to set the tone in the first three minutes of the game and the second half," said Filer guard Austin Beard. "That run all started on the defensive side of the ball. We did a nice job pressuring them and got some easy baskets and felt like we had control of the game from there."

Jade Wadsworth scored eight straight points in the third quarter to end the Filer run, but the Bulldogs never made a serious dent in the Filer lead.

Tews led Filer with 16 points and Marc Remseyer had 13 to give the guard-oriented Wildcats a nice post presence.

Please see **FILER, S2**

Bruins Close GBC Season in Style

BY DAVID BASHORE

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TWIN FALLS • The Twin Falls girls basketball team picked a fine time to put together its best half of basketball this season.

Frustrated by Canyon Ridge's zone defense and unable to put the Riverhawks away, the Bruins erupted in the third quarter and never looked back, cruising to a 59-33 win over their crosstown rivals to secure the outright Great Basin Conference championship. Twin Falls (13-6, 8-2) led by just

three at halftime but ripped off a huge run in the third quarter to stretch the lead to 15 after three quarters, and it just kept ballooning from there.

"We finally just started to penetrate the zone and be aggressive, looking for the person with the open shot rather than trying to force it," said Bruin forward Mikayla Harris, who had game highs with 14 points and nine rebounds. "Being patient was really what made it work for us."

Every time the Riverhawks (4-16, 0-10) would claw back into the game in the first half, their hosts would reel off

another mini-run to push the lead to half a dozen or so.

As has happened so often this season, they lost their shooting touch in the locker room, and again they had no answer but to watch the deficit swell and think it was a case of "here we go again."

"We know that third quarters have been a problem for us all year, but we don't know why. We just need to keep trying and make the best of it," said Riverhawk guard Kennedy Bell. "It's inevitable that the other team is going to

Please see **BRUINS, S2**

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: A few light winter rain showers. High 47.

Tonight: Rain could mix with some snow. Low 31.

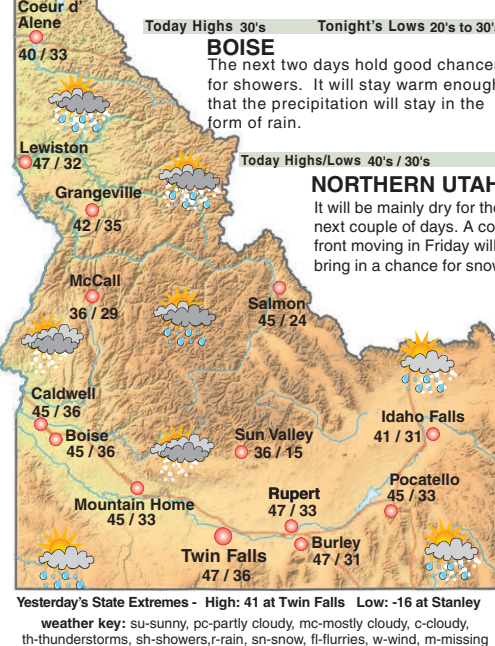
Tomorrow: Redeveloping showers, night snow. High 45.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Rows include Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and Avg. Month to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. The high country will pick up some fresh snow over the next 24 to 48 hours.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Forecast table for Twin Falls from Today to Sunday, including weather icons and temperature ranges.

Yesterday's Weather

Table showing weather data for various cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 5 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset.

MOON PHASES



MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Table showing Moonrise and Moonset times for Today, Thursday, and Friday.

TODAY'S U.V. INDEX



REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table for cities like Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, and Coeur d'Alene.

NATIONAL FORECAST

National forecast table for cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, and Denver.

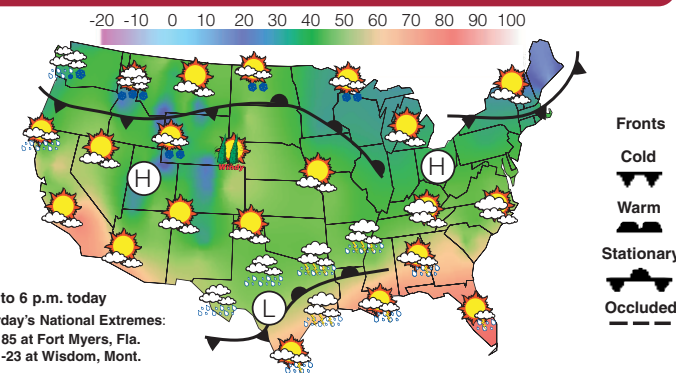
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World forecast table for cities like Acapulco, Athens, Beijing, and Buenos Aires.

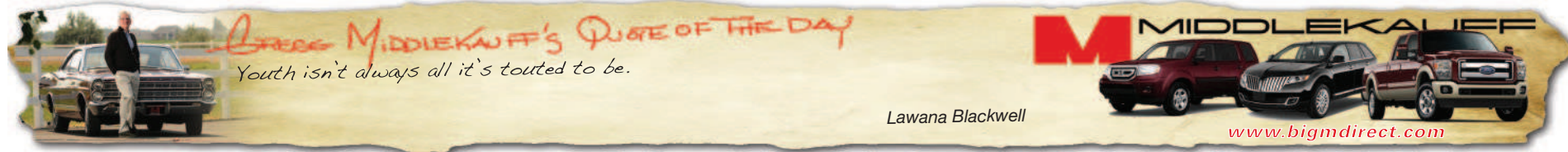
CANADIAN FORECAST

Canadian forecast table for cities like Calgary, Cranbrook, and Edmonton.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



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NAVY ON BOARD FOR 2015 BIG EAST ENTRY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK • Navy is headed to the Big East, giving up more than 130 years of football independence to join a conference that is in the middle of a massive overhaul.

emy, said during a teleconference. "What we see is a very bright future for the conference." Navy has been playing football since 1879 without conference affiliation, but academy officials said they believe independence will be too difficult to maintain as other powerful leagues grow.

about a year ago — before the Big East was beset by defections. "It's a marriage our membership has longed for for many, many years," Big East Commissioner John Marinatto said.

ball), and I want to be with the haves." Gladchuk said the Big East will allow Navy to maintain its annual rivalries with Army, Air Force and Notre Dame, and that the Army-Navy game will still be the season finale for both teams, regardless of when a future Big East championship game is played.

"The Army-Navy game remains on that second Saturday in December," he said.



Michael Zordich, right, embraces fellow Penn State football player Kevin Blanchard, as Zordich replaces Blanchard as an honor guard in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center on the Penn State campus for the viewing for former Penn State coach Joe Paterno on Tuesday.

Belichick

Continued from Sports 1 "That commitment to winning is always there." During practices, Belichick's daily message is simple — get the fundamentals right and just do your own job while preparing for the uniqueness of the next opponent.

"I think every game is a big game," Belichick said Tuesday. "Every time we get an opportunity to compete then we try to take advantage of the time leading up to that opportunity — the practice week, the preparation, the film study, understanding our game plan and our adjustments, all of those kinds of things."

played his first 11 seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs. But when he signed with the Patriots on Sept. 4, eight days before the season opener, he quickly sensed the difference in Belichick's style. "I wasn't here in training camp but, from day one, I can tell that he's all about the details," Waters said.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS
IN RE: Marcelino Venegas-Hernandez
Maria del Carmen Venegas-Hernandez
Manuel Alejandro Venegas-Hernandez
Case No. CV-2012-87
NOTICE OF HEARING OF NAME CHANGE (Minors)
 A Petition to change the name of (1) Marcelino Venegas-Hernandez and the name of (2) Maria del Carmen Venegas-Hernandez and the name of (3) Manuel Alejandro Venegas-Hernandez all minors, now residing in the City of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, has been filed in the District Court in Twin Falls County, Idaho. The names will change to (1) Marcelino Juan Hernandez-Venegas, (2) Maria del Carmen Hernandez-Venegas and (3) Manuel Alejandro Hernandez-Venegas. The reason for the change in names is to correct birth certificates. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9 o'clock A.M. on February 14, 2012 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes.
 Date: January 6, 2012
 CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By: Deputy Clerk
 PUBLISH: January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2012

**College of Southern Idaho
 Request for Proposals for
 Commissioning Agent for
 Applied Technology & Innovation Center**

The College of Southern Idaho is seeking the services of a commissioning agent for the purpose of providing commissioning and LEED certification services for a 30,000 square foot professional technical education building to be constructed on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012, in the office of the Vice President of Administration in the Taylor Administration Building, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho and then publicly opened. The outside of the package should clearly indicate "ATIC Commissioning Agent Proposal Enclosed". For additional information, proposal specifications and procedures, contact Mike Mason at the College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Avenue, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 or telephone 208-732-6203. The College reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formalities and to accept the proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the College.
 John M. Mason,
 Vice President of Administration
Publish Times-News: January 25th and February 1st, 2012

INVITATION TO SUBMIT LETTERS OF INTENT

The CSI Office on Aging is accepting letters of intent from legally incorporated organizations with a demonstrated history in the delivery of human services, and which are interested in providing the following services:
Congregate Nutrition Services: Hot or other appropriate meals that meet 1/3 Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for eligible senior citizens (60 years of age or older), served in a group setting, (i.e. Senior citizens center, church or school).
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Nutrition/Health Education Services: Nutrition/health education provided at least monthly for congregated and home-delivered meal participants.
Geographic Areas:
 • **Blaine County:** Hailey, Carey and surrounding areas
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 • **Gooding County:** Gooding and surrounding area, Hagerman and surrounding area
 • **Jerome County:** Eden and surrounding area, Jerome and surrounding area
 • **Lincoln County:** Shoshone, Richfield and surrounding area
 • **Minidoka County**
 • **Twin Falls County:** Buhl and surrounding area, Filer and surrounding area, Kimberly and surrounding area, Twin Falls and surrounding area
 Interested parties may submit a letter of intent to receive a request for proposal packet concerning these services. The services are to be provided for the period from date of contract grant through June 30, 2016. Requests for Proposal must be submitted on the form prescribed by the CSI Office on Aging. Contact the Contracts Manager, CSI Office on Aging, College of Southern Idaho, PO Box 1238, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1238; phone 208-736-2122. Deadline for submitting letters of intent is February 21, 2012.
PUBLISH: January 25 and February 1, 2012

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, in the office of Land Title and Escrow, 706 Main Street, Gooding, ID 83330, on 04/30/2012 at 11:00 AM, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 02/10/2009 as Instrument Number 229360, and executed by **RUBEN CORTEZ TOVAR** A MARRIED MAN, as Grantor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., as Beneficiary, to RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Gooding County, State of Idaho: LOT 6 AND THE EAST 10 FEET OF LOT 7 IN BLOCK 101, WENDELL TOWNSITE, GOODING COUNTY, IDAHO, AS THE SAME IS PLATTED IN THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, NOW OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, **439 EAST AVENUE B, Wendell, ID 83355** is sometimes associated with said real property. Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier's check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust. The default for which this sale is to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due 02/01/2011 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 5.000% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$61,075.98, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys' fees, Trustees' fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a) IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. DATED: 12/22/2011, RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: RECONTRUST COMPANY, N.A., 1800 Tapo Canyon Rd., CA6-914-01-94, SIMI VALLEY, CA 80028-1821, PHONE: (800) 281-8219. TS # 11-0146673 FEI # 1006.150196
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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.
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2012 Digger Derrick
City of Burley

Sealed bids for the above named 2012 Digger Derrick will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall; 1401 Overland Ave., P.O. Box 1090, Burley, ID 83318 until 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10:00am. The Specifications will be on file and may be examined at burleyidaho.org, the above office or the office of the Electrical Director at 2020 Parke Ave, Burley, ID 83318. Each Bid must be submitted on the prescribed forms and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of bid. The City of Burley reserves the right to reject any or all bids; to waive informalities; or to accept the proposal of the best responsible Bidder; to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of thirty (30) days; and to accept such proposals as are to the best interest of the City of Burley, Idaho. NO BIDDER may withdraw their bid after the hour set for opening of the bids.
 City of Burley, Idaho
 Brent Wallin, Electrical Director
PUBLISH: Times-News on January 25, 2012 & February 1, 2012.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On the **10th** day of **May, 2012**, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of this day (recognized local time), in the office of Insured Titles, 905 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID 83303, in the County of Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash or cashier's check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1506(9) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: Lot 6 in Block 2 of NORTH POINTE RANCH SUBDIVISION NO. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho according to the plat thereof, recorded in Volume 16 of Plats, Page 33, records of said County. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessors office, the address of **1353 Tara Street, Twin Falls, ID 83301**, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by **Rebecca L. Anderson, an unmarried person**, as Grantor(s), to **TitleOne Corporation, an Idaho corporation, as Successor Trustee, and Idaho Central Credit Union**, as Beneficiary, recorded **June 27, 2008**, as Instrument No. **2008-014799**, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION (45-1506)(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Note, the monthly payments of \$1,242.16, which includes applicable escrow, due per month for the month of August 2011 and all subsequent monthly payments of principal, interest, escrow, late charges and any miscellaneous fees thereafter. The Principal balance is \$170,092.76 and the current interest rate is 5% per annum, as of November 18, 2011. All amounts are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and all are accruing until the date of sale, full satisfaction, or reinstatement of the obligation. Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
 Dated: 01/11/2012
 TITLEONE CORPORATION
 By: Amy Wilcoxson
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Clinical Liaison – Southeastern Idaho – FT

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If you are interested in applying for this position, please go to www.siach.ernesthealth.com and download an application. You can then either drop in, mail, fax or email your completed application along with a cover letter and resume to: Southwest Idaho Advanced Care Hospital 6651 West Franklin Road Boise, ID 83709 208-685-2641, 208-685-2372 (fax), geffons@ernesthealth.com (email).

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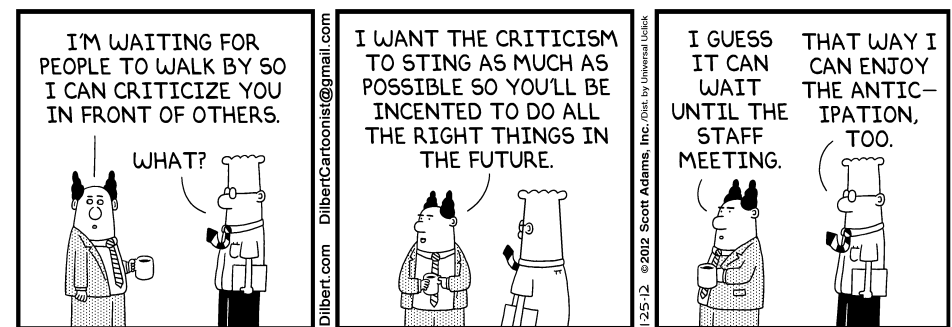
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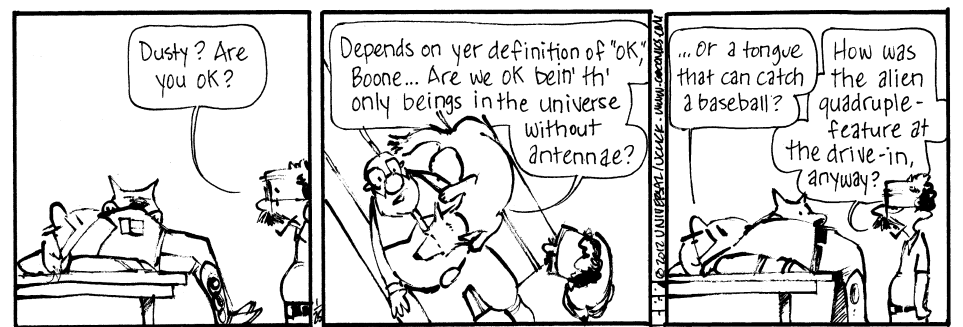
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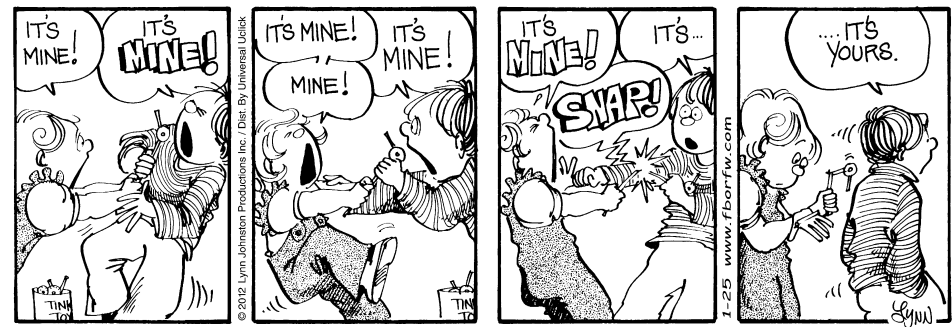
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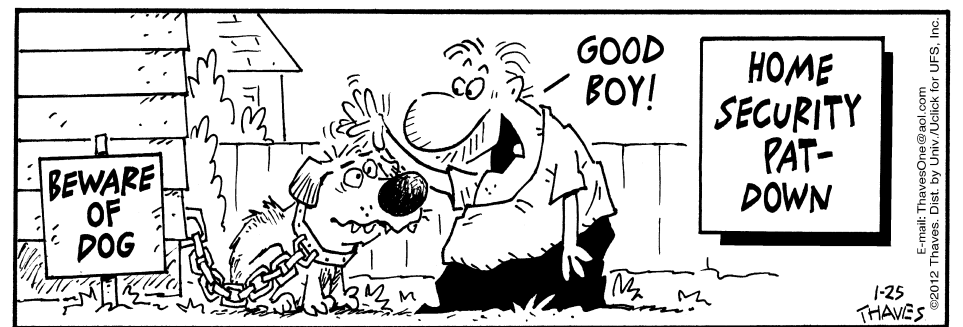
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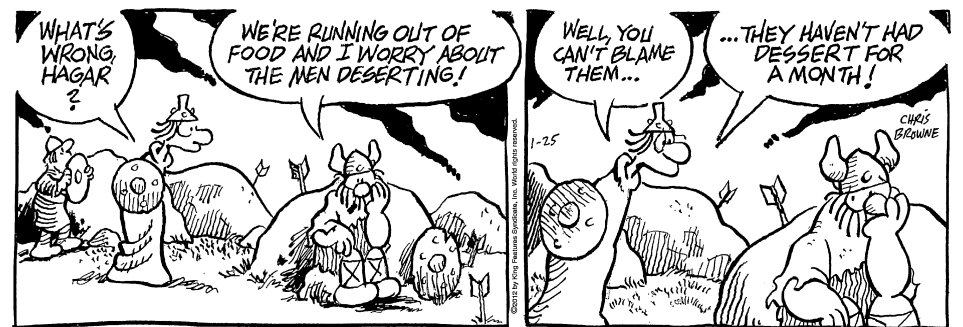
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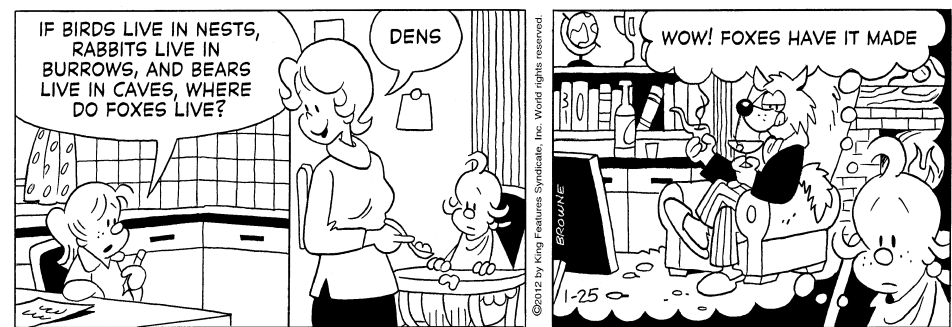
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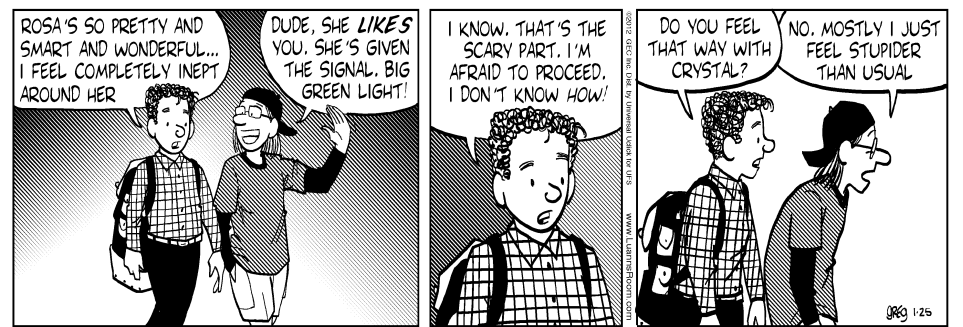
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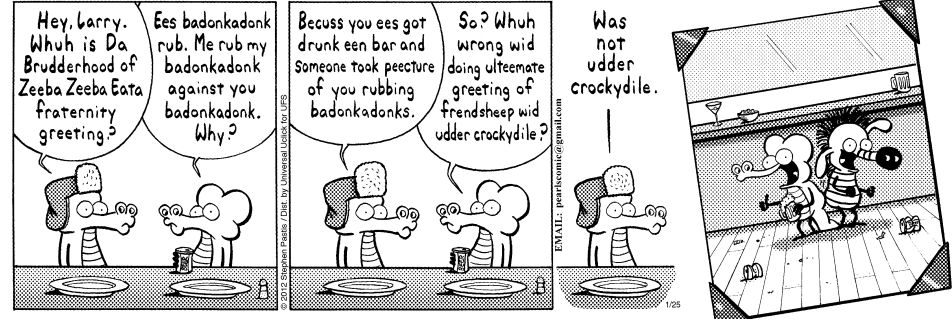
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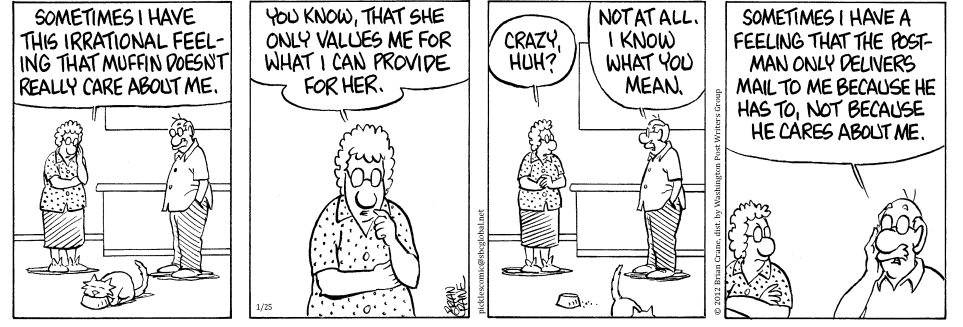
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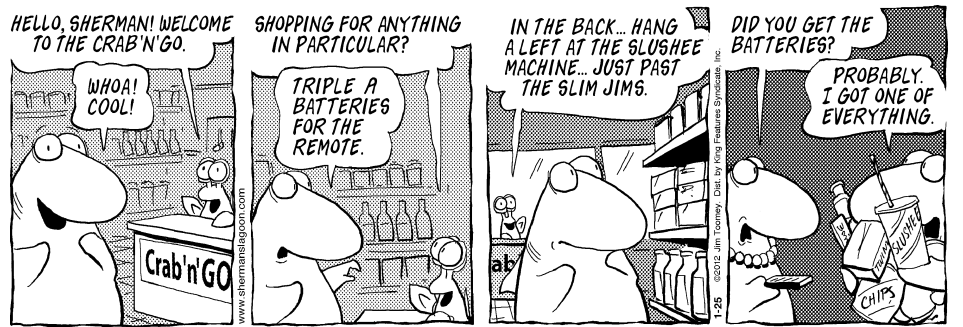
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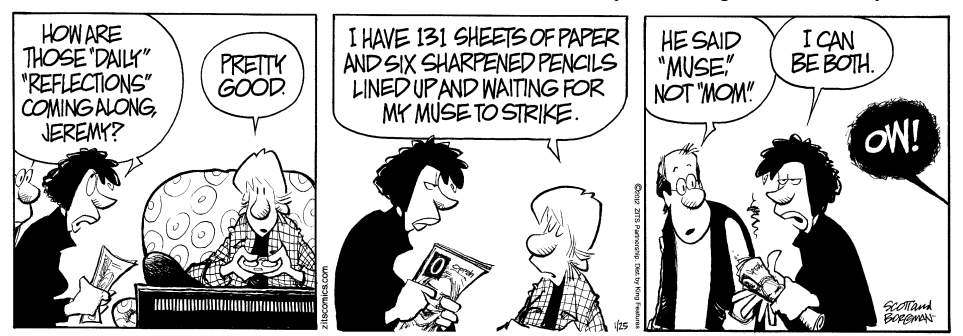
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