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Body Found in Burley Hotel Identified

BY LAURIE WELCH
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BURLEY • Russ Taft, 54, has been positively identified as the person found dead in a crawl space at the Alpine Garden Inn last week.

Taft According to a press release from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, the case has now become a homicide investigation.

During an autopsy on Monday, it was determined that Taft died from blunt force trauma to the head and a stab wound to the heart, according to the release.

Taft, who owns the Home Away Motel in Rupert, was in the process of purchasing the Alpine Garden Inn. His body was found by motel employees in a crawl space under the living quarters of the motel on May 18.

The sheriff's office is looking for James Duane Ambrose, 55, for questioning. Ambrose was last seen in Las Vegas, Nev., around May 7. Taft and Ambrose were reported missing from the motel on May 4.

There are multiple warrants issued for Ambrose's arrest in Las Vegas for kidnapping, robbery, burglary, battery and grand larceny.

Please see **TAFT, A2**

One Injured in Plane Crash

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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BUHL • A man was injured after a plane crash Tuesday afternoon at the Buhl airport, authorities say.

The man was transported from the scene to a Boise hospital by Air St. Luke's, but his condition and the hospital he was at were not immediately clear.

Dispatchers received the call about the crash at 4:20 p.m. They reported the plane landed upside down and no flames were visible.

Michelle Jones was heading west on 4200 North Road in Buhl when she saw the small red and white plane tilting back and forth

in the sky. The plane stalled, she said, then quickly lost speed and fell at an angle from the sky before crashing in the grass near the landing strip at the airport.

Jones, a nurse, turned around and headed back to the airport to see if she could help.

When Jones arrived, she said, she saw the man slumping out of the door of the plane. She then helped stabilize him as other first-responders arrived.

Jones said the man had a head injury and possibly a broken foot along with other injuries.

While Jones didn't want to identify the man before his family

Please see **CRASH, A2**



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Buhl police investigate a crash involving a small plane Tuesday at the Buhl Municipal Airport. The male pilot was taken from the scene in an air ambulance.

T.F. SOLDIER HEALS



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM JONES

Army Pvt. Terence 'Bo' Jones works on rehab exercises during his recovery in San Antonio, Texas. The 21-year-old Twin Falls native was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan, but says he's now doing 'amazing.'

BO JONES OPTIMISTIC DURING RECOVERY

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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SAN ANTONIO • "Amazing"

That's how Army Pvt. Terence "Bo" Jones responds when asked how he's doing.

The 21-year-old Twin Falls native, who was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan, is undergoing rehabilitation for his injuries at the San Antonio Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center after moving from the Brooke Army Medical Center on May 13.

On Feb. 7, Bo stepped on an antipersonnel mine while on foot patrol in southern

Afghanistan, losing both legs and nearly his left arm in the explosion.

Bo's father, Tim Jones, said the move to the rehabilitation center marks the beginning of his son learning to walk again.

"I've got a really good team of doctors here," Bo said Monday. "A really good team of nurses and therapists too."

About two hours a day physical therapists work with Bo to improve his mobility.

"They've got me on about two hours a day," he said. "They push us to improve ourselves which I love. It's awesome."

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More Online

Keep up with Jones' recovery through Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/bojones>.

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Family Seeks Help Finding Missing Teen

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Local agencies are searching for a 16-year-old Twin Falls girl whose family hasn't seen her since May 12.

The last Bambi Bell heard from her daughter Kayla Mae Bell was in the form of a note she found on Mother's Day saying she was running away.

Bambi described her daughter as 5 feet, 3 inches tall and barely 100 pounds, with hazel eyes and bright red hair.

"Hopefully she hasn't dyed it," Bambi said.

Kayla has a tattoo of a bear claw dream catcher on her upper back with her brother Dakota's name written on it, her mom said.

Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said police initially did not believe Kayla is in immediate danger because she left a note and contacted friends last week.

"But that was six or seven days ago," he said.

Stotts said Kayla left with a friend, Justin Bartholome, 18, who was arrested Sunday evening in Twin Falls

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Twin Falls Motorists Pay More for Gas

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • With the Memorial Day holiday weekend nearing, Twin Falls residents are paying slightly more than the national average for a gallon of gas.

Local residents and others across Idaho had enjoyed prices lower than the national average until two weeks ago, when the U.S. average for a gallon of gas dropped to \$3.68. The price in Twin Falls is \$3.77 — up from \$3.60 a month ago and higher than the \$3.63 average a year ago, accord-

ing to AAA of Idaho.

“We believe Idaho prices are influenced by the tight inventories of our neighbors to the west,” AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson said in a news release.

Although the average price nationwide has dropped for 42 of the last 45 days, refinery problems in California and Washington state have led to tight inventories. It has particularly affected motorists in those states, with California’s average price at \$4.33 and Washington’s price at \$4.24.

The price of crude oil has

dropped from \$106 per barrel to \$92 per barrel in the past two weeks, but that hasn’t translated to lower prices in the West, Carlson said.

Despite the cost, AAA said 11 percent of Americans — about 35 million — will travel 50 miles or more during the upcoming holiday period with nine out of 10 people doing so in motor vehicles.

Other current gas prices in Idaho, according to AAA Idaho, include: Boise, \$3.76; Idaho Falls, \$3.77; Lewiston, \$3.96; and Coeur d’Alene, \$3.83.

Jerome Seniors Get Ready for Graduation



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Jerome High School seniors Courtney Amos, left, and Austin Rasmussen share a laugh while clearing out their lockers on the last day of class Tuesday. The graduation ceremony for Jerome students is this Thursday. Jerome High graduation begins at 6 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium. Visit Magicvalley.com to see a free video of the seniors on their last day of class.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

TUESDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Timothy J. Quinlan, 33, Wendell; driving under the influence, recognition release, public defender appointed, pre-trial June 12.

David Henry Wysocki II, 31, Palm Harbor, Fla.; fugitive warrant, \$250,000 bond, extradition waived, status hearing June 1.

Kristina Marie Crane, 22, Haines City, Fla.; fugitive warrant, \$250,000 bond, public defender denied, status hearing June 1.

Nathan James Stultz-Bartlett, 35, Boise, driving under the influence, recognition release, public defender appointed, pre-trial June 12.

CSI PLANS ORIENTATIONS FOR INCOMING FRESHMEN

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Freshmen planning to attend the College of Southern Idaho for the first time in the fall are invited to a free orientation.

Sessions are scheduled for July 7 and Aug. 18. Students may choose either session;

they run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students and their guests will discuss what it takes to be a successful student, academic planning, financial aid, registration, career exploration, student clubs and government.

Students should go to <http://csiorientation.acu->

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ity scheduling.com to confirm their attendance. Campus tours will be available, as well as special sessions for veterans and active military members. Free lunch will be available.

Information: CSI Matrix, 732-6250.

The Friedrichs

The daughters of Don & Elaine Friedrich would like you to join them in the open house reception in honor of their parents 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, May 27th, 2012, 2pm to 5pm, Burley First Christian Church, 1401 Oakley Avenue, Burley, Idaho. Renewal of vows at 2pm.



Don and Elaine Friedrich

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Ships of This Desert

A camel herd in the Magic Valley? Yes indeed, Blair Koch reports. Sunday in People

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Press Including AP, Times-News Sue Idaho over Execution Access

BY REBECCA BOONE
Associated Press

BOISE • The Associated Press, the *Times-News* and 15 other organizations sued the state of Idaho on Tuesday to force officials to let witnesses watch executions from start to finish, arguing that the media has a First Amendment right to view all steps of a lethal injection execution.

The group asked a U.S. District Court judge to require the state to increase witness access to its executions, starting with the upcoming execution of Richard A. Leavitt, a convicted killer scheduled to be put to death on June 12.

The AP and *Times-News* were joined in the lawsuit by the Idaho Press Club, Idahoans for Openness in Government, the *Idaho Statesman*, *Lewiston Tribune*, *Moscow-Pullman Daily News* and *The Spokesman-Review*.

Also joining was Pioneer Newspapers, which owns several newspapers including the *Idaho Press-Tribune*, the *Idaho State Journal*, the *Rexburg Standard Journal* and others.

Idaho, like most states with lethal injection, bars witnesses from watching as a condemned inmate is brought into the execution chamber, strapped to the table and has IVs inserted into his or her arms. The news organizations say re-

porters must be able to view executions from start to finish so they can accurately report the events — and any complications that may emerge — to the public.

Some death row inmates have challenged the constitutionality of lethal injection executions in court, contending that the insertion of the IVs can be easily botched, causing severe pain for the condemned.

“This lawsuit is really all about obtaining access to the entire execution process for viewing purposes. It’s very important in a society such as ours to have full transparency in regards to the exercise of government authority,” said Chuck Brown, the attorney representing the news organizations.

The states that grant access to part of the death penalty process say they do so to protect the anonymity of the execution team. Idaho Department of Correction spokesman Jeff Ray said the department had not yet had a chance to review the lawsuit, and that the state’s attorneys would respond to the claims in court.

The lawsuit relies heavily on a 2002 San Francisco-based federal appeals court ruling that found that witnesses should be allowed to view executions from the moment the condemned enters the death chamber until their final heartbeat.

Since the ruling, only one state under the court’s nine-

state jurisdiction is following it: California, where the case arose. Idaho, Arizona, Washington, Montana and Nevada have all barred witnesses from the first half of lethal injection executions.

Most states nationwide do the same. Of the 27 states that have lethal injection outside of the circuit’s jurisdiction, only Ohio and Georgia allow witnesses to see the entire process.

The lawsuit comes at a time when questions have been raised about whether the lethal cocktail of drugs used in the procedure is effective and whether the execution staff is properly trained.

The Idaho organizations decided to sue after state officials limited access to the execution of Paul Ezra Rhoades. Put to death in November, Rhoades was the first person to be executed in the state in 17 years, and only the second in the last half-century. Media interest in the event was intense, and the department selected four journalists to view the proceedings.

But none of the witnesses were allowed to watch as Rhoades entered the death chamber, was strapped to the execution table and had IVs inserted in his arms.

That portion was of particular interest because in the weeks preceding his death, Rhoades had argued in federal court that those initial steps were the most

likely to go awry. His lawyers said an improperly inserted IV could cause him extreme pain.

At the time, Idaho Department of Correction officials maintained that the first steps of the execution had to be kept private to protect the anonymity of the execution team.

The 2002 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals case was brought by the California First Amendment Coalition against California Department of Correction officials. The court found that preventing reporters — and through them, the public — from viewing all aspects of executions is an unconstitutional violation of the First Amendment.

The news media must be allowed to witness executions in their entirety so that the public can have an informed debate about whether execution by lethal injection meets the evolving standards of decency present in a maturing society, the court found.

“To determine whether lethal injection executions are fairly and humanely administered, or whether they ever can be, citizens must have reliable information about the ‘initial procedures’ which are invasive, possibly painful and may give rise to serious complications,” Judge Raymond Fisher wrote for the unanimous three-judge panel that heard the case.

COMING UP

Turkey Hunting

Learn all about turkeys, and how hunters fared during the spring hunt; correspondent Blair Koch reports. Thursday in Outdoors

The Speedway Scene

To illuminate the appeal of a local summer staple, Andrew Weeks mingles with the fans at M.V. Speedway. Friday in Entertainment

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Grizzly and Cub Killed in N. Idaho

BY NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) • A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the person who shot a grizzly bear and her nursing cub in northern Idaho.

The dead adult grizzly was discovered last Friday morning by a hiker on Hall Mountain in Boundary County, northwest of US Highway 95. A search of the remote area turned up the dead cub.

Both bears appeared to have been dead for several days, wildlife officials said.

The case is troubling because it does not appear to be accidental, said Jason Holm, a spokesman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The shooting of the cub is especially “a callous act that any sportsman would find appalling,” Holm said.

“Shooting a cub wouldn’t be allowed in any hunting situation,” Holm said. “That does not appear to be a case of mistaken identity?”

A black bear hunting

season is currently open in Idaho, but hunters may not shoot grizzly bears and may not shoot black bears with cubs, the FWS said.

Agents for the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game are investigating. The carcasses will be flown to a federal laboratory in Ashland, Ore., for necropsy and retrieval of evidence.

Grizzly bears are a threatened species in the lower 48 states and killing one carries a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

About 40 to 50 grizzlies are estimated to live in the Selkirk Mountains of northern Idaho and Eastern Washington, one of five federal grizzly bear recovery areas. One or two bears are killed by humans there in a typical year, usually in cases of self-defense, Holm said.

Holm declined to provide any details about what investigators have learned so far.

The reward is a combination of federal funds and donations, Holm said.

Boy’s Motorcycle Gang Wish Starts with Fight

REXBURG (AP) • A wish by a 7-year-old Idaho cancer patient to be part of a motorcycle gang started off a bit more realistically than planned.

Rexburg police say as nearly 400 bikers gathered Saturday to grant Wesley Johnson’s wish to participate in a motorcycle rally, five members of the Idaho Falls-based Brothers Speed attacked two bikers from Pocatello’s Empties motorcycle club.

A 57-year-old Pocatello man suffered serious head and facial injuries and broken bones, while a 50-year-old Pocatello man suffered minor injuries. Police say the second man fired a 9 mm pistol in what he said were warning shots in an attempt to break up the fight.

Police are still investigating.

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NATION + WORLD

TSA SEEKS TO SHIFT MORE FLIERS OUT OF SCREENING SLOW LANES

BY JEFF PLUNGIS
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON • The Transportation Security Administration wants to speed screening for as many as three in four travelers as it absorbs criticism for procedures that have led to pat-downs of children, seniors and members of Congress.

The agency envisions expanding enrollment in its PreCheck expedited-screening program beyond frequent fliers selected by airlines, Associate Administrator Doug Hofsass said Monday. The agency would like to have 50 percent to 75 percent of the flying public use PreCheck, with the rest going through traditional, more intensive screening lanes, Hofsass said.

It's a more ambitious acceleration of expedited screening than agency of-

officials have previously disclosed.

"We're going to have to get to the general population," Hofsass said at a meeting of the TSA's Aviation Security Advisory Committee at its headquarters in suburban Arlington, Va.

The effort is part of what TSA says is an effort to move away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to airport security and stress intelligence-based methods. The 52,000-employee agency, created after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, has been the subject of recent congressional hearings into its equipment purchases, hiring practices and confrontations with travelers at checkpoints.

Last month, a checkpoint at Newark Liberty International Airport had to be closed after a baby wasn't screened.

NATION & WORLD BRIEFS

Powell Not Ready to Endorse Obama again

WASHINGTON • Former Secretary of State Colin Powell declined Tuesday to renew the presidential endorsement he gave Barack Obama four years ago, saying he wasn't ready "to throw my weight behind someone" at this time.

The former chairman of the military's Joint Chiefs of Staff and Cabinet member under President George W. Bush demurred when asked if he was backing Obama again. A longtime GOP figure, Powell caused a stir in Republican political circles four years ago by endorsing Obama over war hero Sen. John McCain, calling Obama a "transformational figure."

Not so this time, Powell said on NBC's "Today" show. At least, not yet.

"It's not just a matter of whether you support Obama or (Mitt) Romney. It's who they have coming in with them," he said.

Pressed to say why he was holding back on giving Obama his blessing a second time, Powell said: "I always keep my powder dry, as they say in the military."

Auction Claims to Sell Vial with Reagan Blood

LONDON • A Channel Islands auction house says it's selling a vial that allegedly contains blood residue from Ronald Reagan — a move denounced Tuesday by the late U.S. president's family and his foundation.

The vial being auctioned online was used by the laboratory that tested Reagan's blood when he was hospitalized after a 1981 assassination attempt in Washington, the PFC Auctions house said.

Reagan's son Michael condemned the auction but said he was confident it was not his father's blood.

"Whatever's in the vial — could be mouse blood — it's certainly not Rea-

gan blood," Reagan said in a telephone call from Los Angeles. "And what an outrageous thing to do to (Reagan's widow) Nancy and the family. I hope the world calls on this organization to cease and desist because it's so bogus."

"Even if it were true, how dare they, how dare they do such a thing?"

Bidding for the vial had passed the 7,000-pound (\$11,000) mark Tuesday, the house said, and the auction ends Thursday.

Joplin Recalls Tornado's Devastation

JOPLIN, Mo. • A year after a massive tornado tore through Joplin, thousands of survivors and others touched by the storm's fury made a somber march through some of the hardest-hit neighborhoods in a town dedicated to remembering its losses but also committed to what is certain to be a long, slow recovery.

Carrying small American flags and wearing T-shirts bearing the names of friends and loved ones among the 161 tornado victims, they walked through the town where a tornado packing 200 mph winds killed 161 people. The tornado wiped away entire neighborhoods in the city of 50,000, destroyed Joplin's only public high school and left behind a ghastly moonscape of block after city block of foundations wiped clean of their structures.

"There is not a handbook out there that says, 'Here's how you develop a community that has an 8-mile-long, 25 to 30 city-block wide swath of area that has basically lost everything,'" said David Wallace, a Texas developer whose firm was hired by the city to oversee Joplin's rebuilding plan. He estimated the recovery will cost nearly \$2 billion, about half of which has already been pledged by private sources.

— Associated Press

US Army More Selective on Recruits, Re-enlistments

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Uncle Sam may not want you after all.

In sharp contrast to the peak years of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, the Army last year took in no recruits with misconduct convictions or drug or alcohol issues, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press. And soldiers already serving on active duty now must meet tougher standards to stay on for further tours in uniform.

The Army is also spending hundreds of thousands of dollars less in bonuses to attract recruits or entice soldiers to remain.

It's all part of an effort to slash the size of the active duty Army from about 570,000 at the height of the Iraq war to 490,000 by

2017. The cutbacks began last year, and as of the end of March the Army was down to less than 558,000 troops.

For a time during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army lowered its recruiting standards, raising the number of recruits who entered the Army with moral, medical and criminal — including felony — waivers.

Recruits with misdemeanors, which could range from petty theft and writing bad checks to assault, were allowed into the Army, as well as those with some medical problems or low aptitude scores that might otherwise have disqualified them.

A very small fraction of recruits had waivers for felonies, which included convictions for manslaughter, vehicular homicide,

robbery and a handful of sex crimes. The sex crimes often involved consensual sex when one of the individuals was under 18.

In 2006, about 20 percent of new Army recruits came in under some type of waiver, and by the next year it had grown to nearly three in 10. After the Defense Department issued new guidelines, the percentage needing waivers started to come down in 2009.

Now, as the Army moves to reduce its force, some soldiers will have to leave.

Officials say they hope to make cuts largely through voluntary attrition. But Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, has warned that as much as 35 percent of the cuts will be "involuntary" ones that force soldiers to abandon what they had hoped would be long military careers.



AP PHOTO • COURTESY OF STEVEN DALE GREEN
Steven Dale Green, seen here, a former 101st Airborne Division soldier who is serving five life terms for killing an Iraqi family and raping and killing the 14-year-old daughter in March 2006, came into the Army on a morals waiver because of prior problems with drugs.



AP PHOTO • FLORIDA TODAY, CRAIG RUBADOX
The SpaceX launch of its Falcon 9 rocket and a unmanned Dragon capsule lights up the sky during liftoff from a Cape Canaveral launch pad early Tuesday, as it streaks over a model of NASA's space shuttle at the Kennedy Space Center.

Commercial Spacecraft Speeds toward Space Station

BY MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. • Opening a new, entrepreneurial era in spaceflight, a ship built by a billionaire businessman sped toward the International Space Station with a load of groceries and other supplies Tuesday after a spectacular middle-of-the-night blastoff.

The launch of the Falcon 9 rocket and its unmanned Dragon capsule marked the first time a commercial spacecraft has been sent to the orbiting outpost.

Tracing a fiery arc across the night sky, the rocket lifted off just before 4 a.m. and

smoothly boosted the capsule into orbit. The capsule is expected to rendezvous with the space station within days, delivering a half-ton of provisions for its six crew members.

It is considered just a test flight — in fact, the capsule was packed with only nonessential items, in case something went disastrously wrong — but if all goes well with this mission and others like it, commercial spacecraft could be carrying astronauts to and from the space station in three to five years.

"Falcon flew perfectly!!" billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, founder of the SpaceX

company, said via Twitter. "Feels like a giant weight just came off my back."

Musk later told reporters: "For us, it's like winning the Super Bowl."

Up to now, flights to the space station were something only major governments had done.

The White House offered congratulations.

"Every launch into space is a thrilling event, but this one is especially exciting," said John Holdren, President Barack Obama's chief science adviser. "This expanded role for the private sector will free up more of NASA's resources to do what NASA does best — tackle the most demand-

ing technological challenges in space, including those of human spaceflight beyond low-Earth orbit."

NASA is looking to the private sector to take over flights to the space station now that the space shuttle has been retired. Several U.S. companies are vying for the opportunity.

"The significance of this day cannot be overstated," said a beaming NASA Administrator Charles Bolden. "It's a great day for America. It's actually a great day for the world because there are people who thought that we had gone away, and today says, 'No, we're not going away at all!'"

Iran Signals Wider UN Access as Nuclear Talks Loom

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI AND LARA JAKES
Associated Press

BAGHDAD • Iran made the first move Tuesday in attempts to gain an edge in nuclear talks with the U.S. and other world powers: It agreed in principle to allow U.N. inspectors to restart probes into a military site suspected of harboring tests related to atomic weapons.

The tentative accord — announced as envoys headed to the Iraqi capital for negotiations — is likely to be used by Iran as added leverage to seek concessions from the West on sanctions. But U.S. officials have shown no willingness to shift into bargaining mode so

quickly, setting the stage for possible tense moments after talks set for Wednesday resume in Baghdad's fortified Green Zone.

Still, Iran's move raises the pressure on the West for some reciprocal gestures to keep dialogue on track and further highlights Tehran's apparent aims of opening a long give-and-take process over its nuclear ambitions.

A major breakthrough in the impasse was not expected in Baghdad, with officials and experts saying both sides will seek to demonstrate enough progress to keep the process moving forward.

That could cool down worries in international markets over possible military action,

but reinforce the suspicions of Israeli leaders who claim Iran seeks only to buy time to keep up its production of nuclear fuel.

Iran's envoys, meanwhile, promoted the Baghdad round as an opportunity to set aside past obstacles.

"That is the basis for the beginning of a new cooperation," said Saeed Jalili, the top Iranian nuclear negotiator, who arrived in Baghdad late Monday. "We hope that the talks in Baghdad will be a kind of dialogue that will give shape to such cooperation."

Iran's ambassador to Iraq, Hasan Danaeifar, said the Baghdad talks could be historic.

"Should the talks set a start

for a serious, constructive settlement of the issues, it could be a historic meeting for all sides," the official IRNA news agency quoted him as saying.

A senior Western diplomat in Baghdad said sanctions on Iran's oil exports, set to take effect July 1, likely pushed Tehran to the bargaining table.

"I don't think the Iranians are coming to these talks because they suddenly changed their minds about anything. They are coming to these talks because sanctions are beginning to bite," the diplomat said in an interview this week with The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the negotiations candidly.

OPINION

“He holds the key to what actually took place in Pan Am 103. He knows what other individuals were involved and, more importantly, what other countries were involved.”

Bert Ammerman, whose brother was killed in the 1988 bombing, commenting after the death of convicted Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi.

OUR VIEW

It's Time to Rethink Liquor License Limits

Idaho law limits the number of liquor licenses available in each town to one per 1,500 residents. That's 30 licenses allowed in Twin Falls at its current population.

This means there's a waiting list in most of the state's larger cities, including Twin Falls where some applicants have been on the list for more than a decade.

The law has its origins in the Idaho Constitution, which lists “promotion of temperance and morality” as a key function of the Legislature. Article III Section 24 of the state constitution reads, “The first concern of all good government is the virtue and sobriety of the people, and the purity of the home. The legislature should further all wise and well directed efforts for the promotion of temperance and morality.”

Idaho's liquor license limit has accomplished two things. It has created a secondary market for liquor licenses and it has put a chokehold on businesses (namely restaurants) that might want to move into Idaho but must sit on a waiting list in order to serve alcohol.

Has the law protected us from ourselves? Do we drink less? Do we drink more responsibly? Doubtful. Will freeing up a few more liquor licenses turn our community into an alcohol-soaked Gomorrah? Probably not.

This law is an anti-business throwback to an earlier time when the role of government was to legislate morality (as described in the state constitution).

Bill Gress, owner of Montana Steak House, paid \$175,000 for his Twin Falls restaurant's current license on the secondary market. It was the only way his business could serve liquor by the drink without enduring what would have been a nearly decade-long wait.

Twin Falls eateries Buffalo Wild Wings and Elevation 486 lease licenses from private sources in order to offer liquor at their Twin Falls businesses. Anecdotal, typical license leasing cost is \$1,100 to \$1,500 per month. The cost to buy a license from the state is less than \$1,000.

The fact that business owners are paying almost \$200,000 apiece for a secondary-market liquor license shows that there is more demand than supply and the current set of laws is doing little more than squelching enterprise.

To continue the logic, if supply and demand is such that business owners are willing to pay just about anything, perhaps this is a revenue producing opportunity for a state struggling with its budget.

The current Idaho Republican platform lists as one of its main tenets, “We believe free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative have brought this nation opportunity, economic growth and prosperity.” And later in the platform, they believe “The government that governs best, governs least. ... That the rights of the individual can only be maintained by exercising personal responsibility for behavior.”

To listen to most lawmakers talk — or at least campaign — they believe in free market capitalism, where the law of supply and demand is king and government intervention is minimized.

It's time for our Republican leaders to govern according to these guiding principles. During the next legislative session, lawmakers should revisit this outdated law. If cities believe they need a cap on liquor licenses, let it be a local decision.



Romney About to Make Bush's Health-Care Blunder

Mitt Romney, so long bedeviled by the politics of health care, may be about to make another serious mistake.

He is on the verge of spelling out a plan to replace President Barack Obama's health plan. Romney's advisers, both inside and outside the formal campaign, want the main component of his alternative to be a change in the tax code's treatment of health care. But there are two versions on the table, and Romney is leaning toward the one that would offer much less help to the uninsured.

For decades, people have

Ramesh Ponnuru

Bloomberg News

paid taxes on their wages but not on their health benefits. This policy gives people an incentive to get health insurance through their employers, rather than cashing out the benefits and buying insurance themselves. This reliance on employers, according to many analysts, is one reason health costs have grown so fast: People are less cost-conscious when they are paying for services indirectly. Those who don't have access to employer-

provided coverage, meanwhile, are left out in the cold by current policy.

In 2007, George W. Bush's administration proposed to start treating individually purchased and employer-provided coverage the same. People who got insurance either way would get a “standard deduction” of \$15,000 off their taxable income — and they would get the same deduction whether they bought cheap or expensive insurance, restoring the incentive to economize. Romney is considering reviving Bush's idea.

Like today's tax break for employer coverage, the standard deduction would be

most valuable to people in the highest tax brackets. The uninsured typically aren't in those brackets. As a result, Bush's proposal would have done little to increase rates of insurance coverage. At the high end of estimates, 9 million additional people would have gotten coverage. (About 50 million Americans lack insurance.)

That's why other Republican health proposals have offered a tax credit instead of a deduction. A credit is worth the same amount of money in all tax brackets. When Sen. John McCain ran for president, he proposed a \$5,000 tax-credit plan for families. Rep. Paul Ryan and Sen. Tom Coburn have also introduced tax-credit plans. Compared with a deduction, a credit would increase the number of people with insurance much more for the same amount of money.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

God Bless President Obama as He Leads This Country

I consider myself a Christian and also believe the Bible to be a great source of how one should try to live their life. I believe my president is also Christian and must make many hard decisions. But we do have a separation of church and state, which means one can worship and believe the way they wish while trusting they live in a country that takes into account that not everyone believes the same. In this way, our government protects the rights of all believers.

Our president can attend church, teach his family what he believes and still conduct the business of running a country that protects the rights of all.

God bless President Obama. It can't be an easy job.
GINA HANKINS
Twin Falls

Many People Did Not Vote Because of Closed Primary

Since I am not a staunch Democrat or Republican, I did not vote on Election Day.

I do not vote for the person because he or she is a Democrat or Republican. I vote for the person I feel will do the best job.

I do not approve of having to vote a straight ticket and declaring my party. Nor do I approve of the electoral ballot because far too many times a state's voters may have voted far more for one person but the electoral voter voted for the person with the least votes. This is not equal rights.

There are people on both tickets that I would have gladly voted for, but because some people wanted to change things this year, many of our citizens will not vote.

This is the first time in many, many years I have not voted.

MIRIAM DEPEW
Dietrich

Times-News Should Post Reader Comments More Quickly

I think it's wonderful that the *Times-News* allows reader comments on its website. I enjoy reading them, and I'm sure many others do as well.

What I don't understand is why it takes so long for the *Times-News* to actually post the comments. I visit the website each morning. I have noticed that, as a rule, reader comments are not available to read until several hours after they have been submitted. And, sometimes I have to search for them the next day, after the article, letter, etc., has already been tucked away in the archives.

I hope you can find a way to get reader comments posted sooner that you have in the past.

SHIRLEY CUNNINGHAM

Kimberly
(Editor's note: The *Times-News* policy is to approve comments before they go live on *Magicvalley.com*. This accounts for the lag between the post and seeing it on our website.)

Sheriff Carter Won Despite Times-News' Endorsement

Well, after a hard-fought election, we have retained our sheriff in spite of the *Times-News* endorsement. I'm sure Jack John-

son is a fine police officer and an asset to the Jerome Sheriff's department; however, the citizens of Twin Falls County have spoken loudly in their support of Sheriff Carter and have again given him a nod of approval to lead the Twin Falls Sheriff's office.

I am confident with Tom's knowledge; he will lead with integrity, credibility and commitment to the citizens who have elected him to his second term. Contrary to the *Times-News* earlier statement, Sheriff Carter is a personable man with a firm handshake. I am very impressed the citizens of our county are capable of thinking for themselves and electing the right man.

I would also like to make an endorsement of my own, if I may, to subscribe to the *Idaho Statesman* newspaper. It reports the facts accurately and also offered to install our newspaper receptacle. I waited three months for the *Times-News* to install mine and finally did it myself. How's that for working the crowd?

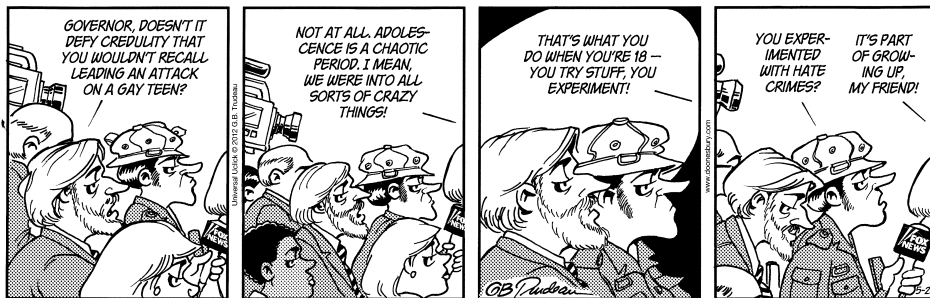
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\$3.4 Billion Indian Land Royalty Settlement Upheld

BY MATT VOLZ
Associated Press

HELENA, Mont. • A panel of appellate judges on Tuesday upheld a \$3.4 billion settlement between the U.S. government and hundreds of thousands of Native American plaintiffs whose land trust royalties were mismanaged by the Interior Department.

The ruling means that settlement checks could be mailed to members of the class-action lawsuit within weeks, said plaintiffs' attorney Dennis Gingold. Further appeals would delay that disbursement, and the attorney for the challenger, Kimberly Craven of Boulder, Colo., said they are considering their options.

The three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dismissed the challenge by Craven, who had objected that the settlement did not include an actual accounting for how much money the government lost and said that the deal would overcompensate a select few beneficiaries.

But the judges said in their ruling that the government would be unable to perform an accurate accounting, the deal is fair and it is the best that can be hoped for to avoid years of additional litigation.

Craven's characterization of the settlement as taking shortcuts "is to ignore the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting," the judges said in their ruling.

The settlement is the result of a class-action lawsuit filed in 1996 by Blackfeet tribal member Elouise Cobell, who died of cancer in October. The lawsuit had originally sought to find out how much money had been mismanaged, squandered or lost by the Department of the Interior, which held the trust money for land allotted to Native Americans under the Dawes Act of 1887.

"Our deepest regret is that Ms. Cobell did not live long enough to see this victory," Gingold said in a statement.

The lack of records created a problem in creating an accurate accounting of who was owed what, and the cost of creating such a record for each beneficiary would have cost more than what they were actually owed. After more than 13 years of litigation, the government and Cobell made a deal.

The agreement would pay out \$1.5 billion to two classes of beneficiaries whose numbers have been estimated to be between 300,000 and 500,000. Each member of the first class would be paid \$1,000. Each member of the second class would be paid \$800 plus a share of the balance of the settlement funds as calculated by a formula.

Another \$1.9 billion would be used by the government to purchase fractionated land allotments from willing individuals and turn those consolidated allotments over to the tribe. An education scholarship for young Indians also would be established under the agreement.

Congress approved the deal in December 2010 and U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan approved it after a June 2011 hearing. Hogan said that while the settlement may not be as much as some wished, the deal provides a way out of a legal

morass and provides some certainty for the beneficiaries.

As part of the deal, Cobell was awarded \$2 million and the three other named plaintiffs were awarded between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

Craven and others objected and appealed the settlement, claiming the deal creates a conflict between the beneficiaries as some would be overpaid while others would be undercompensated for their claims. Creating a lump-sum award without an accounting creates an arbitrary payout system without knowing who is actually owed what, she argued.

The appellate panel quoted Hogan in saying, "It is hard to see how there could be a better result" than this settlement. Few beneficiaries are likely to have substantial claims, Craven did not provide evidence that some beneficiaries would be underpaid and Congress' authorization of the deal "carries significant weight and sets this case apart from others," the appellate court ruled.

Ted Frank, Craven's attorney, said he believes they correctly argued the shortcomings of the settlement. Frank is considering his options, which could include a request for the full appellate court to review the decision.

"So we're certainly disappointed, because we believed we were correct on the law, though we understood that we had an uphill battle given the exhaustion factor of a case that had already generated 22 (now 23) published opinions," Frank said in an email to The Associated Press.

IDAHO BRIEFS

Bodybuilding Store, Officer Guilty in Steroid Case

BOISE • The U.S. attorney's office says an Idaho-based online fitness supplement company and its former president have pleaded guilty to selling misbranded drugs.

Bodybuilding.com and former president Jeremy DeLuca entered their pleas Tuesday under a plea agreement that calls for the company to pay a \$7 million fine and for DeLuca to pay \$600,000. Prosecutors are not recommending any prison time for DeLuca.

DeLuca and the company were charged with misdemeanors for violating the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Investigators say the company sold products listed as dietary supplements that the Food and Drug Administration classified as drugs because they contained synthetic anabolic steroids.

Sentencing is set for Aug. 1.

Alaska Gov. Praises Idaho Couple in EPA Wetlands Case

JUNEAU, Alaska • Alaska Gov. Sean Parnell on Tuesday praised an Idaho couple who fought the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Parnell told a Resource Development Council luncheon in Anchorage that Mike and Chantell Sackett were courageous in fighting federal government overreach.

In March, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the Sacketts, who challenged an EPA order blocking construction of their home. The couple contested a finding their lot contained wetlands regulated by the Clean Water Act and argued there was no reasonable way to challenge the finding. The court ruled they have a right to bring the matter before a judge.

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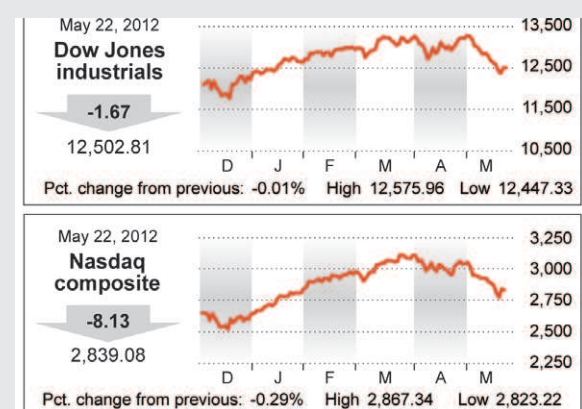
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Greece's Plan to Leave the Euro Send Stock Gains Back Down

NEW YORK (AP) • Just how nervous are investors about Greece? All it took to derail a day of stock market gains was news that Greece was preparing to leave the euro, an outcome most analysts expect to happen eventually. A 50-point gain in the Dow Jones industrial average turned into a 57-point loss in 45 minutes. The Dow recovered to end the day down just 1.67 points. The Dow fell 1.67 points to 12,502.81. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.64 of a point to 1,316.63. The Nasdaq composite index fell 8.13 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,839.08.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of local stock prices including AlliantEgy, AlliantTch, AmCasino, Aon plc, BallardPw, BkofAm, ConAgra, Costco, Diebold, DukeEngy, DukeRtly, Fastenal s, Heinz, HewlettP, HomeDp, Idacorp, Keycorp, LeeEnt h, MicronT, OfficeMax, RockTen, Sensient, SkyWest, Teradyn, Tippure, US Bancpr, Valhi s, WalMart, WashFed, WellsFargo, and ZionBcp.

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Brazil House Passes Slave Labor Amendment

BRASILIA, Brazil (AP) • Brazil's lower house has approved a constitutional amendment that strengthens punishments for landowners and others who force people into slave-like working conditions. The government reports there are approximately 20,000 Brazilians stuck in debt slavery. The practice is most common on remote farms but also occurs in urban sweatshops. The amendment passed Tuesday allows the government to confiscate without compensation all the property of anyone found to be using slave labor.

THE DIGIT

.36 percent

The rate of auto loan payments at least 60 days overdue declined • The rate of late payments for auto loans fell nationally in the first three months of the year to the lowest level in more than a decade, even as lenders financed more vehicle purchases for high-risk borrowers. For the January to March quarter, the rate of U.S. auto loan payments at least 60 days overdue declined to 0.36 percent, or down about 27 percent from the same period last year, credit reporting agency TransUnion said Wednesday.



Veterinarian Tom Bergstrom takes a blood sample from a horse named Ice Man while its owner Whitney Wiens looks and veterinarian technician Brianna Robbins takes notes on Tuesday at North Valley Veterinary Clinic south of Gooding.

Changing of the Guard

Tom Bergstrom replaces his father, Rand, at Gooding-area veterinary Clinic.

BY STEVE KADEL skadel@magicvalley.com

GOODING • Rand Bergstrom is an old hand plying the Magic Valley's roads to care for ailing cows and horses. The 38-year veterinarian — co-owner of North Valley Veterinary Clinic just south of Gooding for 31 of those years — drives a pickup truck with a vet box that holds antibiotics, medications and all the instruments he might need. He's ready to respond day or night for large animal emergencies such as colic or wire cuts. "I still like to go to work every day," Bergstrom said. "I like working on cows and horses. The camaraderie here is great and the staff is exceptional."

the staff after working for five years at Idaho Equine Hospital in Nampa. The elder Bergstrom, 64, looks young to be retiring, despite his bushy gray mustache. He's trim and fit with muscular forearms, and likes to get into the hills for archery hunting. He's the son of a veterinarian himself, and looks forward to Tom keeping the family tradition intact. "It's really a weird, satisfying deal," Rand Bergstrom said. "It's kind of a changing of the guard, but at least there will still be a Bergstrom on the marquee." Rand used to live in the San Francisco Bay area and studied veterinary medicine at the University of California-Davis. After four years of horse veterinary work in California, he headed for Idaho's open spaces where there was more room to breathe.

North Valley Veterinary Clinic

Where: Three miles south of Gooding on Idaho Highway 46. Specialty: Cows and horses. Owners: Rand Bergstrom, Marty Bennett, Eric Fikkema and Mike Holland. Number of veterinarians on staff: Eight

He calls Redwood City, Calif., his previous home, "A mass of humanity." Tom Bergstrom feels the same pull toward working with large animals and living in the country. Horses are his specialty, which will help diversify North Valley's previous heavy concentration on dairy cows.

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Germany Holds Out Against Euro Bonds on Eve of Debt Summit

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA AND MICHAEL BIRNBAUM The Washington Post

BERLIN • European leaders are set to descend on Brussels on Wednesday for a showdown over suggested drastic remedies for the region's debt crisis, even as fresh signs emerge that Europe's escalating woes could plunge the region into a recession capable of undercutting the global economic recovery. Officials from Germany, the continent's industrial powerhouse, say that they remain implacably opposed to a proposal to allow euro-zone countries to borrow money with the backing of all 17 countries that use the currency — an idea that has been pushed by French President Francois Hollande and others — but that they are open to the possibility of smaller measures. Emphasizing the stakes, a major economic organization said Tuesday that Europe is teetering, as it forecast recession for the euro zone and growth for the United States.



A home, shown March 20, has sold inside the Winthrop subdivision in Riverview, Fla.

U.S. HOME SALES UP ACROSS THE COUNTRY, HOPEFUL SIGN

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Americans are buying more homes in every region of the country, the latest indication that the housing market could be on the mend. An increasing portion of those sales are from first-time buyers, who are critical to a housing recovery. Sales of previously occupied rose 3.4 percent in April from March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.62 percent, the National Association of Realtors said Tuesday. That nearly matches January's pace of 4.63 million — the best in two years. It is still well below the nearly 6 million that most economists equate with healthy markets. A pickup in hiring and cheaper mortgages, combined with lower home prices in most markets, has

made home buying more attractive. While many economists acknowledged that the market has a long way to go, most said the April sales report was encouraging. "The trend in sales is upward, and we think it has a good deal further to go over the next few months as payrolls pick up further and mortgage availability improves," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist for High Frequency Economics. Sales rose last month from March in all regions of the country. They increased 5.1 percent rise in the Northeast, 3.5 percent in the South, 4.4 percent in the West and 1 percent in the Midwest. And more first-time buyers entered the market. In April, they made up 35 percent of sales. That's up from 32 percent in March.

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CFTC Investigates JPMorgan Loss, Argues Against Derivatives Loophole Abroad

BY DAVID S. HILZENRATH
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON • The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is investigating the recent multibillion-dollar trading loss at JPMorgan Chase, the agency's head told lawmakers Tuesday.

Gary Gensler, chairman of the commission, cited the losses incurred at a JPMorgan office in London to argue for tighter regulation of trading in derivatives — and against carving out a loophole for foreign affiliates of U.S. firms.

Both the 2008 financial crisis and the recent trouble “strongly suggest this would be a retreat from much-needed reform,”

Gensler said of the offshore exception in written testimony to the Senate banking committee.

The blowup at JPMorgan Chase hit as regulators struggle to write detailed rules to put in place the two-year-old Dodd-Frank Act, which was passed in response to the financial crisis.

Some rules would restrict financial bets by banks that are federally insured, and others would govern historically unregulated instruments known as derivatives that contributed to the crisis.

Alluding to lobbying by the financial industry, Gensler said regulators have been told that “if a transaction is done offshore, it should not come under Dodd-Frank.”

The embarrassment at the big bank has the potential to influence regulators' decisions.

“I think it's a good reminder that risks in London can come back here, and we can't have the U.S. taxpayer stand behind them,” Gensler told lawmakers.

“When one affiliate of a large, international financial group has problems, it's accepted in the markets that this will infect the rest of the group,” he said in written remarks.

The Senate panel, which convened the hearing on regulation of derivatives, is planning another hearing with JPMorgan Chase chief executive Jamie Dimon.

Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., the committee's chairman, called the bank's

massive loss “a wake-up call for many opponents of Wall Street reform.”

The trading commission's probe of JPMorgan focuses on credit derivatives traded by the firm's chief investment office, Gensler said.

Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Mary Schapiro told the panel that the agency is investigating the accuracy of the firm's financial disclosures.

The hearing spotlighted another potential loophole.

Business groups have argued that companies should get a break from restrictions where they are using derivatives to hedge against particular business risks rather than to make speculative investments. Regulators said they are trying to draw a line between the two activities.



Veterinarians Rand Bergstrom, left, and his son Tom Bergstrom pause for a photo on Tuesday at North Valley Veterinary Clinic south of Gooding. Tom recently joined the practice and is one of eight veterinarians.

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The Washington State University Veterinary School graduate's wife, Mandy, is pregnant with the couple's first child and they want to raise the boy in

Gooding, where Tom grew up.

“We thought about it for a year or two, and finally pulled the trigger,” Tom said of the move.

He said he enjoys working with horses because they are part of ranchers' and cowboys' livelihoods.

“I like the animals and the people. Being outside is a big part of it.”

Mandy is a veterinarian, too, and works with small animals, although she's currently concentrating on motherhood with the child due June 24.

Rand watched his father

pursue a vet career and followed because “I couldn't see anything different I wanted to do.”

Tom joked that he had another career in mind until it didn't work out.

“I wanted to be a skier,” he said, “but that wasn't paying very well.”

Europe

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might of Germany's frugal taxpayers behind them.

Despite the support for the measure voiced by a growing number of European leaders, however, German officials bluntly ruled it out Tuesday.

“You can wake me up in the middle of the night, at 3 a.m., and I will tell you our position. Or 5 a.m., it doesn't matter. We think that euro bonds are not the right path for many reasons,” a senior German government official told reporters in Berlin, under a customary ground rule of anonymity.

The opposition from Berlin appears to cut off any discussion of major steps toward common borrowing, because the advantages of pooled credit would come mainly at Germany's expense. German officials have said that euro bonds can be considered only after other countries have slashed their debt and committed to tough rules on fiscal responsibility. The proposal also faces substantial legal hurdles, given that Germany's constitutional court has ruled that German taxpayers' money cannot be used to bail out foreign nations mired in debt.

In addition, Germany has expressed skepticism about proposals to allow the euro zone's bailout funds to go directly to troubled banks to help boost

their capital, in part because it fears that loosening the rules could become a back-door way to finance government borrowing.

Germany's hard line comes as more voices are being raised in favor of measures that would share debt between countries. This weekend, British Prime Minister David Cameron endorsed the idea of euro bonds, even though his country does not use the euro. On Tuesday, International Monetary Fund chief Christine Lagarde called for more steps toward common debt, although she also praised the tough economic measures Germany has advocated, such as opening labor markets.

“More needs to be done, particularly by way of fiscal liability-sharing,” Lagarde told reporters in London, Reuters reported.

Hollande's push from Paris might simply be a bargaining tactic to pressure his neighbor into backing narrower growth measures that could ease the crisis. What European leaders are likely to actually agree on remains much more modest than euro bonds, though it could be enough for Hollande to back down and claim victory after running a successful presidential campaign against Nicolas Sarkozy on a platform of renegotiating the German-backed fiscal pact that commits euro-zone countries to strict controls on debt and spending.

Sales

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“First-time homebuyers are slowly making their way back,” said Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets. “That is still below the 40 percent-to-45 percent range during healthy times, but the highest in almost half a year.”

The report measures completed sales. A sale typically closes a month or two after a buyer signs a contract to buy a home. But a growing number of buyers in recent months have been investors who pay cash, which speeds up the process.

The number of buyers who signed contracts to buy homes in April rose to the highest level since April 2010, when buyers could qualify for a federal home-buying tax credit.

The increase suggests sales could keep rising in May and June.

“People believe that interest rates are as low as they are going to get and that prices have hit rock bottom. So they are getting off the fence,” said Tony Geraci, the owner of Century21 Homestar, a real estate firm in Cleveland.

Geraci said sales at his firm are up about 15 percent over last year. He credited that to a milder winter this year, better housing conditions and an improving economy.

Homes at risk of foreclosure accounted for 28 per-

cent of sales last month. That's roughly in line with March sales but down from 37 percent of sales in April 2011.

The decrease in foreclosures helped boost the year-over-year median sales price in April. It rose to \$177,400, which is 10.1 percent higher from the same month last year.

Rising home sales is the latest sign that the market could be starting to turn around nearly five years after the housing bubble burst.

Builders are more confident and are starting to build more homes. Mortgage rates have never been cheaper. And the job market is improving, which has made more people open to buying a home.

Employers have added 1 million jobs in the past five months. And unemployment has dropped a full percentage point since August, from 9.1 percent to 8.1 percent in April.

Still, many would-be buyers are having difficulty qualifying for home loans or can't afford the larger down payments being required by banks.

Even some would-be home buyers are holding off because they fear that home prices could keep falling.

Previously occupied homes represent 80 percent of the overall home market.

Builders have grown more confident since last fall, in part because more people have expressed an interest in buying a home.

OBITUARIES

Jean L. Pierce Dec. 1, 1928-May 20, 2012

MALTA • Jean Ludwig Pierce, age 83, of Burley and former longtime resident of Malta, passed away peacefully Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2012.

She was born Dec. 1, 1928, in Milwaukee, Wis., the daughter of Richard and Lorraine Ludwig. She received her education and graduated from high school in Milwaukee. She married Dale O. Pierce on Dec. 25, 1947, in Albion, Idaho. Together, they lived in Malta where they owned and operated a successful ranch. They also ran the Malta Post Office for several years. Jean was a member of the Ladies' Social Club of Malta and enjoyed reading, sewing and being with family and friends. She loved hosting nieces and nephews during the summer months, providing each of them the opportunity of living the ranch life.



She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband of nearly 65 years, Dale O. Pierce of Burley; one sister, Elisabeth Puddephatt of Sandy, Ore.; one brother, Junior “J.R.” (Shirley) Ludwig of Clarkdale, Ariz.; and

other family members who will remember her calm and peaceful outlook on life. Jean was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Richard “Dick” Ludwig; a sister, Dorothy Gregory; and her beloved son, Denny Pierce.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 25, at the Malta LDS Church, with Ted Higley officiating. Burial will be in the Valley Vu Cemetery in Malta. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Donna June ‘Bug’ Summers May 8, 1931-May 20, 2012

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Family Eternal. There will be a memorial gathering held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Demaray-Robertson Funeral Chapel, 629 E. Third, Jerome, ID 83338. Contributions may be given to Hospice Visions, 209 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Demaray-Robertson Funeral Chapel.

Delila Hunter April 28, 1933-May 13, 2012

RUPERT • Delila Hunter, 79-year-old Rupert resident, passed away on Mother's Day, May 13, 2012, in Boise.

She was born on April 28, 1933, in Montpelier, Idaho. On Nov. 22, 1962, Delila married Jim Hunter. She lived in Rupert for nearly 50 years.



her parents, Beatrice and Douglas Booth; brothers, Rodney, Wayne and Calvin; sisters, Irene, Afton and Verona; and stepson, Ernie Hunter.

Though the angels have taken her from this world, memories of her feisty spirit and beautiful smile will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Delila is survived by her daughters, Vicky Booth of Spokane, Wash., Rae Deane Whitaker (Bill) of Hailey, DeeAnn Anderson of Kennewick, Wash., and Casey Wright (adopted daughter). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jason and Dax Barrett, Karl, Trevor and Jaime Nordstrom, Davin, Jeremy and Michael Peterson; sisters, Audrey Lee and Helen Close; brother, Gayle Booth; and 11 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jim Hunter;

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, May 27, at the Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert. Private family urn placement will take place at a later date in Montpelier, Idaho.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honor her may send donations in her name to Harrison's Hope Hospice, 3137 S. Meridian, Meridian, ID 83642. Cremation services are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory in Rupert.

Betty Qualls Aug. 10, 1936-May 19, 2012

TWIN FALLS • Betty Verlene Porter-Qualls, 75, died Saturday, May 19, 2012, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Betty was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Merrill and Dora Porter. She attended schools in Twin Falls, graduating from Twin Falls High School in 1954, the first class to graduate from the “new” high school.

Betty married Ronald Keith Qualls on Aug. 25, 1955, at the First Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Their son, Dusty, was born in 1957 and Downey was born in 1960. Betty and Keith raised their sons on the rocky edge of the Snake River Canyon at Park Ranch, the site of the 1974 Evel Knievel jump. She hosted many friends, family and young cow-



boys in her home over the years. She was an outstanding bowler and enjoyed spending time cooking, fishing, sewing, working in her yard, spending time with her grandkids and having a loyal dog by her side. In 2001, she and Keith moved to acreage in Filer.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Phil Airhart of the Twin Falls United Methodist Church officiating.

Those wishing to share memories or condolences may do so at www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy L. Eliason
July 26, 1928-May 12, 2012

YAKIMA, Wash. • Dorothy Lee Plumlee Eliason departed sleeping peacefully Saturday, May 12, 2012.



Dorothy was born July 26, 1928, in Everton, Ark., to Oren Franklin and Pearl Mae Choate Plumlee.

Dorothy was preceded by her parents and older brothers, Hugh Plumlee (World War II Marine killed in battle) and Haskel Dee Plumlee; her husband, Ivan (Ike) L. Eliason; and her faithful companion "Pretty Woman," her cat. Dorothy is survived by her younger brother, Richard L. Plumlee of Rupert, Idaho; daughters, Peggy L. Mosshart of Yakima, Wash., Patsy J. Gage of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Jennie S. Koch of Yakima, Wash.; six grandchildren, one in Selah, one in Boise, two in Twin Falls and two in Burley; and six great-grandchildren, two in Selah, one in Boise and three in Burley.

Dorothy has requested that there be no memorial service.

Dorothy traveled with her family from the Arkansas Ozarks to Burley, Idaho, when she was a child. Dorothy attended school in Cassia County, Minidoka County and later went on to attend community college, where she graduated with a degree in gerontology (working with the elderly).

Dorothy's career began in the potato fields on farms; she picked spuds by hand during harvest seasons. She became a waitress and then the receptionist at the Cottage Hospital in Burley. She also was expected to help out as an aid when the shift was short staffed. Dorothy went on to work in several local doctors' offices, which developed into her owning and operating a billing and collection service that specialized in medical accounts. She owned Mini-Cassia Service Agency and then later opened Gold Standard Collection Bureau. The agency hosted monthly luncheon/training meetings for the medical offices with one receptionist honored for outstanding achievement. Dorothy was an active member of the American Collectors Association and the Medical and Dental Collectors Association.

Dorothy's sense of humor and her ability to tell a good story served her well throughout her entire life. She loved to tell jokes and wrote a "Parody Christmas Play" for the Cottage Hospital. When Dorothy retired from her business life, she began a new career as a certified hypnotherapist and trainer/educator. Through the many seasons of her life and the many roads traveled, people's lives were touched

by her desire to help others. Dorothy's life was lived in bold passionate strokes, often outside the box. She loved this work and was an excellent teacher as well as understanding and helping students and clients achieve their goals. Dorothy studied New Age Philosophies and worked in that genre for many years.

Dorothy loved children and wrote many vivid and exciting children's stories, which were sprinkled with her childhood adventures in the Ozarks. She also had a wonderful imagination and the ability to see the world from their perspective. Her grandchildren would sit spellbound by her wonderful descriptive stories.

When Ike passed in 2005, Dorothy was willing to pull up roots and move with her daughter to Washington. Dorothy lived with Peggy until 2009 when, due to immobility, she had to move to a nursing home. Dorothy went from home to Yakima Memorial Hospital then into Living Care, where she continued to reside. Hospice came into the picture in late 2011 and continued until she transitioned.

The hard physical labor that Dorothy did in her youth and physical activities that were expected of people from that era came back to haunt her. In later life, Dorothy had back surgery, both knees and hips replaced and one shoulder. She used

to tease about being the bionic woman. Dorothy was wracked with pain throughout her final days. She, however, always responded to her family and knew them.

Our family offers heartfelt thanks to Living Care and its wonderful caring staff, and hospice and its wonderful staff and her volunteer,

Mike, who was tireless in his care and support of our mother and sister. Those lucky enough to have known Dorothy were touched by her gentle and generous spirit. She was gifted with the ability to listen, laugh and love unconditionally. She will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

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Mildred Bates
Oct. 22, 1919-May 20, 2012

SACRAMENTO, Calif. • Mildred was born on a ranch in Almo, Idaho, on Oct. 22, 1919. Mildred passed peacefully in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday, May 20, 2012, with her children at her side.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Bailey of 73 years. She is survived by her brother, Garth Wake; her

sister, Jeannine Harris; two daughters, LaRae Brown and Linda McMurdie; two sons, Gary and Gale; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

At her request, no service will be held. Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Marilyn Goodro

GOODING • Marilyn Janiece Goodro, 57, of Gooding, died Monday, May 21, 2012, at her home.

No public service is planned (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

James Falconburg

EDEN • James L. Falconburg, 63, of Eden, died Monday, May 21, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Angel Jimenez

TWIN FALLS • Angel Jesus Jimenez, stillborn son of Sara Rojas, died Friday, May 18, 2012, in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Robert Butler

TWIN FALLS • Robert O. Butler, 75, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, May 22, 2012, at St Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Thomas Duncan

TWIN FALLS • Thomas "Tom" L. Duncan, 82, of Twin Falls, died Monday, May 21, 2012, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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COOKING CLASSES

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TWIN FALLS • Sommelier Jon Melone will teach a six-night "Basic Wine Appreciation" class for the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center. Melone aims to take the mystique out of buying and

enjoying wine. Students must be 21 or older. Class will be 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, May 31 through July 5, and the location is to be announced. Cost is \$35 plus a \$40 supply fee. Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.



Melone

Impress Party Guests with Cheese Appetizers

GOODING • Chef Jane Deal will teach a "Nouveau Wine & Cheese Parties!" demonstration-style cooking class, 7-9 p.m. June 4 at Sweet Inspiration, 438 Main St. in Gooding.



Deal

Cost is \$25. Deal's appetizers will include the local Ballard dairy's Idaho Golden Greek grilling cheese with grapefruit, basil and vanilla bean syrup; portobello mushrooms with mushroom pesto and truffle cheddar; and a jalapeno cheesecake with pepper cheddar — all paired with wines and sampled by the students. Reservations are due June 1: 934-4756.

KITCHEN SKILLS FOR KIDS

TWIN FALLS • Randy McCarron, chef and owner of River Rock Grill, will teach a children's camp dubbed "Future Chefs" for the College of Southern Idaho's Community Education Center. The three-morning camp, for children in fourth through sixth grades, will walk students through the basics of

starting to cook. The lessons include how to properly use a knife and other kitchen equipment. Class will be 9-11 a.m. June 5-7 in CSI's Desert Building kitchen. Cost is \$35 plus a \$15 supply fee. Register: 732-6442 or communityed.csi.edu.

FOOD

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Is Your Pantry Safe?

Don't trust all the canning advice you find online. Some of those recipes invite bacterial invasion.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • With just a few taps on a keyboard, a search engine can produce an endless supply of recipes for preserving any meat, vegetable or fruit. Google's top suggestions may seem harmless, but food-preservation and canning gurus are quick to point out the dangers of following the wrong recipe: a greater chance of bacteria and diseases leaking into improperly preserved jars.

It's an all too common problem, says Rhea Lanting, an extension educator through the University of Idaho's Twin Falls County Extension Office.

As interest in home preservation has grown over the past few years, so has the amount of inaccurate information on how to do it, Lanting said. Particularly online.

For example, one Food.com recipe for preserving green beans instructs a person to "fill jars and seal." Seems straightforward? Not to Lanting.

"You need to place the jars in a boiling water bath after sealing the jars," Lanting said. "This is called 'processing,' and it's an important step that wasn't encouraged until the '90s."

During the 1990s, the U.S. Department of Agriculture began testing and standardizing home canning recipes. Precautions like processing and distinguishing when a person should or should not use a pressure cooker were among the recipe guidelines added to make home canning safe. The result: a list of pre-approved recipes now available for free to the public (visit http://nchfp.uga.edu/publications/publications_usda.html).



ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Karen McHan, a USDA-trained master food safety adviser, shows the canned-food pantry at her Gooding home on Monday. McHan has been canning most of her life but doesn't improvise: She says it's critical to follow an approved recipe.

Often a non-USDA-approved recipe doesn't acknowledge how a change in sea level could affect the time jars should spend in a pressure cooker. Other times, the recipe fails to include enough details on packing or sealing the jars.

One Food.com recipe for salsa instructs the home cook to "cold

pack" the salsa mixture into a canning jar. What does that mean? Not even Lanting knows.

"I've never heard of cold packing," she said. "I've heard of heat packing or raw packing, which refers to how warm the mixture is before you place it in the jar, but

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Learn More

Planting veggies now? You'd better get ready for the home canning season, too, so you can safely preserve your harvest. Call the Twin Falls County Extension Office to learn about home canning classes and where to find safe recipes: 734-9590.

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New Book Features Sun Valley Food Photographer's Lush Images

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

SUN VALLEY • Paulette Philpot doesn't slice a cabbage in half and rush to chop it.



Philpot

The Sun Valley photographer pulls the two halves apart and studies their variegated designs before putting them under the lights and training the lens of her Nikon camera on them.

Under her care, parsnips become a band of little people gathered around a bride and groom. And a red onion is turned on its side to emphasize its earthy roots.

Philpot has photographed common fruits and vegetables in ways most people have never seen them before. And she turned those photographs into a coffee table cookbook that celebrates their lusciousness.

"Ripe: A Fresh, Colorful Approach to Fruits and Vegetables" features 75 fruits and vegetables arranged by the colors of the rainbow so a reader can easily find blueberries by turning to the purple-blue section. Want apricots? Turn to the orange.

The book's author, "5 Second Rule" food blogger Cheryl Sternman Rule, wrote a few whimsical paragraphs

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"I'm hoping you'll pick up that pomegranate because you genuinely want to eat it, not because it's low in calories or rich in vitamin C," Cheryl Sternman Rule writes in "Ripe." Your motivation: Paulette Philpot's photography.

Find the Book

"Ripe" (Running Press, \$25) is available at Iconoclast Books in Ketchum, Barnes & Noble in Twin Falls and Amazon.com.

Philpot will sign books 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Iconoclast Books, 671 Sun Valley Road in Ketchum; and 12:30-2 p.m. that day at the Sun Valley Wellness Festival in Sun Valley Inn.

DINING TIDBITS

Beacon Grill Trims Its Dinner Menu

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TWIN FALLS • Beacon Grill scaled back its menu this year as a concession to recession, eliminating a number of dinner entrees to reduce waste of unsold food.

"We were doing steaks and prime rib and salmon and trout and all kinds of dinner entrees, and it just wasn't moving," owner-operator Nick Schroeder said.

Those entree options are gone now, and the Beacon is serving the same things in the evening as it does for lunch: burgers, sandwiches, wraps, salads and housemade finger steaks.

Preparing Schroeder's finger steaks is a three-day process: tenderizing the meat, marinating it for 24

hours, breading it and freezing it. The beef, chicken and pork varieties each have their own marinades and their own breadings. "They're each made to be very distinctive," he said.

Finger steaks are \$8.95 with a side, and diners can pair them with any of three housemade sauces — perhaps hot mustard with the sweet pork, barbecue sauce with the beef or honey mustard with the chicken.

Beacon Grill renovated its interior last year, adding historical photos and farm memorabilia.

The business (137 Second Ave. E.; 733-9730) has been for sale since March. If Schroeder doesn't find a buyer soon? "Just keep doing what I'm doing," he said.

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Karen McHan cans peaches, pickles, tomatoes, green beans and a lot more. Last year's canning included 100 pints of salsa — with the hottest peppers possible — and 150 quarts of peaches.

Canning

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'cold packing' is a vague term and potentially misleading."

Karen McHan, a USDA-trained master food safety adviser in Gooding, said creating your own canning recipe can be just as harmful as relying on faulty information.

"I don't think people realize the danger of making up recipes," McHan said. "There's a lot of science behind home canning. There are only a few options on how to change a recipe. Most of the time, you just follow it."

Even though canners won't start prepping for preserving until later this summer, it's important for beginners to start learning where to find the right information immediately, said Peggy Candy, a Gooding resident and longtime canner.

A common issue is that people try to rely on old memories of when their grandmas used to can, Candy said. While enjoying a fond memory of a beloved relative shouldn't make you ill, following the same processes can be dangerous.

"Canning is a science," Candy said. "If you want to get creative, then you can freeze it."



Karen McHan's canning clipboard tracks the items most popular with her family.

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along with a tip and three simple uses for each. And she included 75 original recipes that she concocted in her San Jose, Calif., kitchen.

Philipot took an artsy photo of each food, plus inviting photos of the finished recipes.

"It's a great addition to my cookbook coffee table book collection," said Hailey resident Kathy Frederick, praising its "must-get, gorgeous, tempting pictures."

"This book makes even me want to cook," said Ketchum bookstore owner Sarah Hedrick.

Philipot and Rule have been on a book-signing tour stretching from Kennebunkport, Maine, to Los Gatos, Calif., since they introduced the book in early April at the International Association of Culinary Professionals' annual conference in New York.

The book, which received raves from *The Wall Street Journal*, *Huffington Post*, *The Oregonian*, *Publishers Weekly* and other media, is already in its fourth printing.

Philipot will conduct her first local book signings on Saturday: from 6 to 8 p.m. at Iconoclast Books, 671 Sun Valley Road in Ketchum, and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Sun Valley Wellness Festival outside the Sun Valley Inn's Lighthouse Room.

The book has long been a dream for the young woman who was introduced to eating lobster at age 5. She met Rule at the IACP conference in New Orleans, where Philipot also won the 2008 IACP Best of Show for food photography.

"I started following her

blog and decided she could bring fruits and vegetables to life in the way I had in mind," Philipot said. "She has a unique voice. She describes the process of slicing a mango, for instance, as trying to handle a slippery, wet, soapy baby. And that's really is how it is."

"Stand the mango at attention," Rule writes. "Run a heavy knife downward, just right of center, curving snugly around the large central seed. Repeat on the other side. These rounded sections are sometimes called mango 'cheeks,' and you can cross-hatch them with a paring knife and then slice the cubes right off. If you simply want to eat the mango, invert the cheeks, thrust them towards your mouth and nuzzle the dice with a gentle but thorough kiss."

Philipot says she believes the book will offer a variety of ways to help people elevate their experience of fruits and vegetables, from accenting green beans with smoked paprika and pistachio dust to serving jicama with a peanut Sriracha dip.

"People spend all their time marinating meat, but vegetables are afterthought," she said. "The recipes are not complicated and you feel good after eating them."

The book doesn't chide people to eat more fruits and vegetables because they protect your heart and slash obesity, writes Rule, a food magazine writer who won the IACP's 2012 New Media and Broadcast Award for outstanding culinary blog.

"Instead, I want to excite you and show you a good time," she writes. "By presenting stories, photographs, recipes and practical, flavorful ingredient combinations, I'm hoping you'll pick up that



A rich indulgence: cookbook author Cheryl Sternman Rule's Open-Faced Smoky Tomato Grilled Cheese.

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pomegranate because you genuinely want to eat it, not because it's low in calories or rich in vitamin C or because studies show it blah blah blah."

Open-Faced Smoky Tomato Grilled Cheese

Serves 4. From "Ripe" (Running Press, \$25).

- 1/2 pound smoked mozzarella, wrapped in foil, frozen for 10 minutes
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for drizzling
- 4 slices thick-cut country-style, sourdough, or pugliese bread
- 1 large or 2 medium beef-steak tomatoes, cut into 4 thick slices
- 4 sprigs basil, for garnish
- Lightly dressed salad greens, for serving

Set the broiler rack 5 inches from the heat source. Shred the cheese on the

largest holes of a box grater. You'll have 3 scant cups. Place the bread on a rimmed baking sheet. Brush both sides with the oil. Broil on one side for 1 minute only, or until the top feels just slightly toasted but is not yet colored. Remove from the oven (keep the broiler on) and flip the bread. Lay 1 thick tomato slice on each piece of bread. Divide the cheese among the bread slices, pressing firmly so it adheres and blankets the bread's entire surface. (If some falls on the sheet pan, let it. It makes a crispy and delicious garnish.) Return to the broiler until the cheese bubbles and turns golden brown; watch carefully and snatch the pan from the oven just before it burns. Drizzle each slice with a thin stream of olive oil, garnish with a basil sprig and serve with plenty of salad. Tip: Because each sandwich has a whopping 3/4 cup of cheese, serve only one slice per person.

Review: Bio Details Revolution in Approach to Food

BY JERRY HARKAVY For The Associated Press

authority," says McNamee. Claiborne joined the *Times* after

"The Man Who Changed the Way We Eat: Craig Claiborne and the American Food Renaissance" (Free Press), by Thomas McNamee: Many of us can no longer remember what life was like before arugula and balsamic vinegar became part of the larder, celebrity chefs strutted their stuff on TV and the term "foodie" made its way into common parlance.



training in classic French cuisine and service at a prestigious hotel school in Switzerland and writing for *Gourmet* magazine. His prodigious output went beyond his newspaper columns and re-

views, encompassing a string of best-selling cookbooks, many co-authored by longtime friend Pierre Franey.

Despite his success and many honors, Claiborne's life appears to have brought only superficial joy. His alcohol consumption was mind-boggling, as he routinely downed a half-dozen margaritas or scotches, a bottle or two of wine and a few stingers or cognacs before, during and after dinner. It was a rare morning that didn't include a hang-over.

This first comprehensive account of Claiborne's life transports readers to renowned restaurants, profiles innovative chefs and traces the revolution in dining that his writings did much to inspire.

The book is replete with anecdotes and memorable incidents, some of them monuments to breathtaking excess. There is the lavish party on the liner SS France to celebrate Claiborne's 50th birthday, where guests included Salvador Dali and his pet ocelot; the closing of the legendary restaurant Le Pavillon in 1960 after the staff walked out amid a feud with its tyrannical boss, Henri Soule; and, of course, Claiborne's \$4,000 dinner for two in Paris, an outgrowth of a public television auction.

Students of social history and readers with an abiding interest in food will find much to savor in this book. But those whose palates aren't attuned to the likes of foie gras and truffles may get their fill early on. De gustibus.

But that was the state of the culinary scene little more than a half-century ago when the writer who was to become arguably the most influential restaurant critic of our time landed his dream job by being named food editor of *The New York Times*.

"What Craig Claiborne saw when he looked out across the vast expanse of the United States was a gastronomic landscape blighted by ignorance and apathy, a drearily insular domain of overdone roast beef and canned green beans," Thomas McNamee writes in "The Man Who Changed the Way We Eat: Craig Claiborne and the American Food Renaissance," his comprehensive biography of this towering figure whose public success masked a troubled life.

Claiborne reshaped the world of food criticism, taking it from advertiser-friendly puff pieces displayed on what were then known as the newspaper's women's page to a respected genre whose work reflected the same rigor and gravity as that of the *Times'* drama, music and art critics. He guided a generation of readers from TV dinners, Reddi-wip and Cheez Whiz to classic French cuisine, Szechwan cooking from China and Mexican dishes that went beyond tacos and tortillas.

"Julia Child was beloved, but Craig Claiborne was the

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20 Fresh Takes for Dressing a Stack of Pancakes

BY J.M. HIRSCH
Associated Press

As pancake toppings go, maple syrup is swell and certainly traditional, if not particularly inspired.

But if you're going to go to the trouble of griddling up a stack of hot pancakes, consider going the extra step and whipping up a more creatively delicious topping.

We asked chefs, cookbook authors and food bloggers around the nation to come up with easy suggestions for topping a stack of hotcakes. The only rule — no maple syrup allowed.

Perhaps you'd like cookbook author Dorie Greenspan's bananas sauteed in brown sugar? Or maybe Alex Guarnaschelli's molasses and honey simmer spiked with lemon juice and crisped bacon is more your style. Or keep it sweet and creamy with Melissa D'Arabian's cream cheese whipped with lemon juice and powdered sugar, then topped with fresh raspberries.

Here are 20 of the best suggestions:

- **In a small** saucepan over medium heat, warm one part molasses to two parts honey, a splash of water, a pinch each of salt and black pepper, a squeeze of lemon juice and some chopped crisp bacon. Simmer until the flavors meld together. (From *Food Network's Alex Guarnaschelli of "Chopped All-Stars"*)

- **Toss huckleberries** with cane sugar, vanilla extract and fresh lemon juice. Allow to sit at room temperature for 30 minutes, allowing for a light sauce to extract from the berries. Spread the berries over pancakes (lemon-ricotta pancakes are particularly good) and drizzle with some of the sauce. (From *Gabriel Caliendo, executive chef for the Lazy Dog Cafe chain in California*)

- **Heat lemon** curd, then drizzle it over pancakes and sprinkle with fresh blueber-



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Pancakes with molasses and honey used as a base.

ries. (From *Karen DeMasco, pastry chef at Locanda Verde restaurant in New York*)

- **Make banana** syrup by slicing and microwaving an overripe (black) banana until very soft and syrupy. Spoon over pancakes with a dollop of Greek-style yogurt, toasted pecans and a dash of cinnamon. (From *Lourdes Castro, author of "Simply Mexican"*)

- **Saute fresh** pineapple cubes in brown sugar, then deglaze the pan with a bit of coconut milk and reduce till it has a syrup-like consistency. Pour over the pancakes and top with whipped cream and toasted coconut flakes. (From *Roger Stettler, executive chef for the Four Seasons Resort Maui*)

- **Mix ricotta** cheese with a dash of honey and spoon over pancakes topped with blueberry jam. (From *Jill Donen-*

feld and Josie Gordon, authors of "Party Like a Culini-sta")

- **Saute apple** slices with butter and sugar, then spoon them over the pancakes. Sprinkle with toasted pecans, then drizzle with dulce de leche. (From *Daisy Martinez, author of "Daisy: Morning, Noon and Night"*)

- **Saute sliced** pears and pineapple chunks until soft. Add a squeeze or two of lemon juice, some sugar and vanilla extract. (From *Sara-beth Levine of Sarabeth's Kitchen restaurants in New York*)

- **As soon** as you pour the pancake batter into the pan, top it with granola and fresh blueberries, then continue cooking as normal. (From *Barb Stuckey, author of "Taste What You're Missing"*)

- **Saute sliced** bananas in



Pancakes with blueberries and granola mixed in the batter.

butter with a sprinkle of brown sugar. Cook until the bananas are lightly caramelized. (From *Dorie Greenspan, author of "Around my French Table"*)

- **Make a simple** syrup using a 2-to-1 ratio of brown sugar to water. Simmer, then add grated fresh ginger and diced fresh mango. (From *Rafael Gonzalez, executive chef at Fountain Restaurant at Four Seasons Hotel Philadelphia*)

- **Simmer 2** tablespoons of water, then whisk in 3 tablespoons of butter, then 3 tablespoons of honey and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Use warm. (From *Andrew Carmellini, author of "American Flavor"*)

- **Top chocolate** chip pancakes with warmed Nutella and chopped toasted hazelnuts. (From *Kathleen King, owner of Tate's Bake Shop in Southampton, N.Y.*)

- **Simmer** chunks of peeled apple in brandy until very tender, then spoon over the pancakes. Top with sour cream or creme fraiche spiked with ground cardamom, nutmeg or cinnamon. (From *Sara Kate Gillingham-Ryan, founding editor of the website Apartment Therapy: The Kitchen*)

- **Top** pancakes with chopped fresh figs, crumbled blue cheese and a drizzle of agave syrup. (From *Matt Christianson at Urban Farmer restaurant in Portland, Ore.*)

blespoons of fruit syrup (such as passion fruit). Season with pinches of ground cardamom, then mix in a small handful of fresh mint leaves. (From *Lisa Yockelson, author of "Baking Style: Art, Craft, Recipes"*)

- **Combine** sorghum syrup, lemon zest, orange juice and cinnamon. Bring to a boil, then drizzle over the pancakes. (From *Hugh Acheson, author of "A New Turn in the South"*)

- **Make a quick** drizzle by whisking together lemon juice, cream cheese and powdered sugar. Top with fresh raspberries. (From *Melissa D'Arabian, author of the forthcoming "Ten Dollar Dinners"*)

- **A pancake** version of croque madam — stack dollar-size pancakes, layering fried egg and ham between them. (From *Michael Uhnak at Besaw's restaurant in Portland, Ore.*)

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Wine Lines Targeting Women Are Long on Legs, Short on Flavor

ELIN MCCOY
Bloomberg News

Freud struggled to find an answer to the question “What does a woman want?” Ninety-odd years later, some in the wine industry think they know.

Really? According to the new “girly-wine” brand marketers, we want to be skinny, to toss our hair playfully like ponies as we pick our bottles to match moods, not foods. We also crave an easy-sipping flavor profile with a naughty edge of sweetness.

High-heeled shoes star in our fantasies. Well, maybe they got that one right. But aren't Canadian wine maker Strut's labels featuring photos of long, shapely, perfect legs emerging from short skirts a guy fantasy?

Just looking at them makes me want to forget about drinking and head for the gym.

In the past few years the wine world has finally discovered that women drinkers are a coveted customer niche.

Hello? We're the sex that makes up nearly 60 percent of U.S. wine consumers, according to the Beverage Information Group's 2011 Wine Handbook.

Which is why there are so many companies are starting up lines of wines for chicks. Most are targeting women 21 to 34, but their marketing efforts often treat this audience as if it had no more sophistication than a bevy of sorority sisters on spring break.

Recently, global giant Treasury Wine Estates launched four wines under the “Be.” label: Flirty, a pink moscato; Bright, a pinot grigio; Fresh, an unoaked chardonnay; and Radiant, a riesling.

I guess so-called Millennial women are supposed to only turn to wine when they're feeling upbeat, not when they're tired and grumpy at the end of the day. Treasury's website describes the pinot grigio mood: “Your sunny disposition sets your soundtrack to the soothing sounds of a steel drum band as you flip flop through fabulousness.”

This new marketing vision also assumes all women are dietobsessed. In April, three lower-calorie Skinnygirl wines from Beam Global Spirits & Wine hit retail shelves. Beam claims a five-ounce glass of any of the Skinnygirl wines contain 100 calories. (Typically, most wines contain 110 to 125, unless they're sweet dessert bottlings.)

The white, red, and rose “guilt-free” blends are the first wines released by Skinnygirl which has been making premixed cocktails since it was founded in

2009 by reality TVstar Bethenny Frankel from “The Real Housewives of New York City.”

New York's Mister Wright Fine Wines & Spirits stocks the rose, and so far the wine isn't exactly flying out the door, according to manager Jodie Leishman. She also carries another “fun” wine brand for women, Mommy's Time Out. “Moms buy it for a joke, when they're going on a play date with their kids,” Leishman says. “They buy it for the name, not the wine. I keep it on a low shelf.”

Barbara Insel, president of St. Helena, Calif.-based wine consulting firm Stonebridge Research, says men's and women's motivations are very different. “In focus groups, women say they buy wine to go with food, to relax, to drink with friends, to have fun.” Men, on the other hand, “say they drink for health, but off the record, they admit they buy wines that will impress their friends.”

The Middle Sister wine brand reflects this lifestyle approach, according to Mary Ann Vangrin, one of its three partners. She says women look for wines that offer an emotional connection.

Its 10 sassy-style wines have personality-profile names like Drama Queen (pinot grigio), Smarty Pants (chardonnay) and best-selling Rebel Red (a blend). All share a flavor-phobic house style.

“Women don't want a wine that bites back. They like ripe, fruit-forward wines without a lot of tannin and oak,” says Vangrin. She should know: Middle Sister regularly solicits feedback from its 115,000 Facebook friends.

Deutsch Family Wine & Spirits, which brought us the ubiquitous Yellowtail, has launched its own new wine marketed to women, Flirt, a blend of syrah, zinfandel, and tempranillo. Its approach is obvious yet more subdued and somewhat less cringeworthy than other brands. Think lipstick advertisement.

I almost forgot taste. I sampled a selection of all these blind alongside a few “non-women's wines.”

What can I tell you? The girly brands tasted like neutered commercial plonk. Only three stood out as barely acceptable chilled plastic cup party fare: 2011 Skinnygirl White, 2011 Skinnygirl Rose, and 2011 Be. Fresh (chardonnay).

The bottom line? For the \$10 to \$15 that most of these cutsey bottling go for, drinkers seeking an emotional connection with what they swill in their glass could have real wine made by real people think rieslings, proseccos, roses, Beaujolais, Argentinean torrontes and malbecs you know, the kind of vino even guys like.



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New Way with a Southern Classic: Shrimp and Grits

BY ELIZABETH KARMEL
For The Associated Press

During a recent visit to a food festival in South Carolina, I was lucky enough to be invited to the home of Nathalie Dupree, cookbook author and Southern entertainer extraordinaire.

An hour before, I'd listened as she spoke on a panel with other female chefs discussing the challenges of being a woman in a male-dominated field. I loved her candor and strong opinions, the stories of her mother wanting her to be a lady — a Southern lady — above all else. I was amused, because to me Dupree always has been the epitome of a Southern lady.

And one thing Southern ladies know how to do is set out a killer cocktail buffet. Even though I was on my way to dinner, I could not resist Dupree's buffet.

There was a Dixie cassoulet complete with charming lady peas, a delicious salad of arugula, pecans and perfect slices of avocado with a classic sherry vinaigrette, a stuffed and rolled beef tenderloin, new asparagus, and many other dishes. But the dish that I could not keep my spoon out of was a simple rendition of Low Country shrimp and grits.

I love shrimp and grits almost as much as I love barbecue, and have eaten it and cooked it more times than I can count. But this version was different.

I took a spoonful of the shrimp already mixed into the creamy white stone-ground grits and noticed that they looked poached. Then I took a bite. The sweet shrimp tasted like the sea and the texture was tender and pristine. I instantly realized Nathalie's shortcut, which was also her brilliance.

The one drawback to shrimp and grits is that often the shrimp — which traditionally are sauteed separately — end up tough and

overcooked. Dupree found a simple way around this. I couldn't help myself, and I blurted out, “Nathalie, did you put raw shrimp in the simmering grits?”

“Yes, I did,” she nonchalantly replied. “And I sometimes put a handful of spinach in there, too.”

I couldn't wait to get home to try a new kind of shrimp and grits recipe. Since I was no longer in shrimp country, I bought frozen shrimp, baby spinach and grape tomatoes.

I made the grits with my favorite Anson Mills stone ground grits and two cheeses, Boursin and cheddar. When the grits were seasoned and ready, I added the raw shrimp. I watched as they turned from gray to pink and curled up just so. Just before I was ready to serve the dish, I went a few large handfuls of spinach.

Just before serving, I topped the steaming bowl with sliced grape tomatoes and a quick grate of Parmesan cheese. It was every bit as good as I hoped it would be!

Shrimp and Grits with Spinach and Tomatoes

Anson Mills grits are hand milled to a coarser grind than most other varieties of grits. If you can't find the, any variety of corn grits can be substituted. Start to finish: 50 minutes. Servings: 4.

3 cups water
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 cup Anson Mills grits (or other corn grits)
Half of a 5.2-ounce wheel of Boursin cheese
1/2 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese
1/2 to 1 teaspoon kosher salt, to taste
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 pound raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
3 cups baby spinach
1/2 cup grape tomatoes, halved

Parmesan cheese

In a 4-quart Dutch oven over medium-high, combine the water and butter. Bring to a boil, then add the grits, stirring as you do so. Return to a boil, then reduce heat to low to maintain a simmer. Cook, alternating with the lid on and off, for 30 to 40 minutes, or until soft but not mushy. If they get too stiff, add milk or water. The grits should be loose and creamy.

Stir in the Boursin and cheddar cheeses, and the

salt and pepper. Add the shrimp, stir and let simmer until cooked through, about 4 minutes.

Just before serving, stir in the spinach and let wilt for 2 minutes. Garnish with the tomatoes and a generous amount of grated Parmesan.

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Saving Food, One Sheet of Paper at a Time

JANE BLACK
Special to *The Washington Post*

When I was a kid, the future promised all kinds of whiz-bang technologies. Jet boots. Robot maids. And, most exciting for a 12-year-old with a subscription to *Gourmet* magazine, “smart” refrigerators that performed tricks like alerting you to eat that lettuce in the back of the produce drawer before it spoiled and went to waste.

Smart refrigerators finally do exist. For about \$4,000, I can have a fridge that generates recipes based on what’s on the shelves and tells me when I’m out of milk. But no matter how smart the appliance is, it still cannot warn me when those pricey strawberries from the farmers market are about to get moldy or when that bunch of cilantro is about to turn black. Nor will it be able to assuage my guilt for forgetting about them and wasting food.

Happily, there is a better, low-tech solution to that problem: FreshPaper, which looks like small, square paper towels. They are infused with a mixture of organic spices and botanicals that inhibit bacterial and fungal growth and extend the life of quickly perishable produce. One sheet of maple-scented FreshPaper helped my basket of very ripe strawberries last more than a week in the fridge. A sheet tossed into a plastic bag with cilantro helped the herb last about 10 days.

FreshPaper doesn’t blink or beep, but I’m not complaining. Its power is in its simplicity — and its price. Each 5-by-5-inch sheet, manufactured in Massachusetts, costs 50 cents. Sheets can be used and reused over the course of two or three weeks and then composted. Like many useful inventions, the idea for FreshPaper began by happenstance. Kavita Shukla, then a student at Burleigh Manor Middle School in Maryland, was visiting relatives in India and swallowed some water while brushing her teeth. Immediately, she began to worry that she would get sick to her stomach. But her grandmother made her a spice tea from an old family recipe, and Shukla avoided illness. Soon, she began to wonder what else this magic formula could do.

Shukla is now 27 and living in Cambridge, Mass.

In high school, Shukla began to look in earnest for practical applications for her grandmother’s special tea. She found it one day at the

grocery store when her mother asked her to pick out a pint of strawberries. Many of the baskets had berries that were already going bad. Would dipping the berries in her spice mixture help them stay “healthy”?

It did. And it seemed to work for other fruits and vegetables as well. At 17, Shukla was awarded her second patent.

In 2010, Shukla began to visit farmers markets and street fairs in Boston. As she talked to potential customers, she heard stories of frustration about tomatoes and greens thrown in the trash and families skipping fresh produce for fear that it would go bad before they used it. Food spoilage and waste, Shukla realized, were big problems everywhere.

That’s an understatement. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, approximately one-third of food, about 1.3 billion tons, is lost or wasted annually. American and European consumers toss out between 210 to 250 pounds of food per person each year. A study at the University of Arizona at Tucson in 2004 estimated that household food waste in the United States alone adds up to \$43 billion each year.

And so, a decade after receiving her patent, Shukla founded Fenugreen along with a friend, Swaroop Samant. (The company’s name is a play on fenugreek, one of FreshPaper’s main ingredients.) Their first customer was Harvest Co-op in Cambridge, which agreed to sell the product after performing its own semi-scientific experiment. Chris Durkin, the director of membership and community relations, bought two baskets of blueberries and left them unrefrigerated. The berries without FreshPaper shriveled within three days and grew moldy by day five. The ones with FreshPaper nestled at the bottom of the basket stayed fresh. “I tend to be a bit of a cynic,” Durkin says. “So I was pretty excited when it worked. This is a low-cost, low-environmental-footprint solution to help fresh food to last longer.”

Fans of FreshPaper have likened it to “dryer sheets for produce,” according to Shukla, as they toss them in the vegetable drawer, a fruit bowl or a cardboard berry box. And they say FreshPaper saves them money. “I have not thrown out a single carton of berries since I started using it,” raved Joan Popolo, a customer in Carlisle, Mass.



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Pack in the Flavor with Healthy Steamed Hake

BY ALISON LADMAN
For *The Associated Press*

Admittedly, steamed fish doesn’t exactly scream mouthwatering. But what it lacks in excitement it more than makes up for in health cred.

Steaming generally involves no added fat and is a great way of retaining all of the nutrients in your food. It’s also relatively speedy.

One of the best ways to steam fish is what the French call en papillote (pronounced on pap-ee-oat), or literally “in parchment.” In this simple method, fish is wrapped in a packet of parchment paper. As it cooks, the food releases juices. Those flavorful juices turn to steam and are trapped in the packet, cooking and flavoring the food, while keeping it moist.

You also can add other ingredients to flavor and cook alongside the fish, such as herbs, slices of lemon and vegetables. Because fish cooks quickly, it’s a good idea to pick vegetables that are

either thinly cut or tender; this helps them cook at the same speed as the fish. Try to avoid vegetables that give off too much liquid, such as spinach.

Chicken thighs and lamb also can be cooked in this manner, though they take longer.

Don’t have any parchment handy? It’s widely available alongside the plastic wrap at the grocer and is excellent for lining baking sheets when roasting foods or baking cookies (it’s nonstick). But you also can use foil to make the packets. Whatever you choose, be sure not to wrap it too tightly.

For our dish, we went with hake, a firm white fish. We arranged it over a bed of seasoned green beans and topped it with a simple blend of fresh herbs and lemon. Other ideas could be par-cooked, thinly sliced potatoes, scallops and rosemary.

You also might julienne carrots, celery and pea pods and top with raw shrimp seasoned with garlic powder,

cayenne and orange slices. For an all-vegetable option, you could do asparagus, sliced the long way, topped with sliced shiitake mushrooms, apple slices and chives.

Hake en Papillote

Start to finish: 30 minutes.
Servings: 4.

1/2 pound small green beans, trimmed
Pinch smoked paprika
Salt and ground black pepper
Four 4-ounce hake fillets
4 sprigs fresh thyme
4 fresh mint leaves
4 small sprigs fresh marjoram
4 lemon slices

Heat the oven to 375 degrees.

Cut 4 large pieces parchment paper, about 12-by-20-inches each. Fold each in half the short way.

In a small bowl, toss the green beans with the paprika. Season with salt and

black pepper. Open each sheet of parchment similar to a book. Arrange a quarter of the beans on one half of each sheet of parchment, placing them close to the fold line. Top each pile with a hake fillet. Season again with salt and black pepper.

Top each fillet with a sprig of thyme, a mint leaf, a sprig of marjoram and a slice of lemon. Fold the parchment packets closed like a book again. Starting at one end of the fold, fold the edges of the paper together every couple of inches, creating a seam all the way around. Tuck the last end under and place on a baking sheet.

Bake for 10 minutes. To serve, place each packet on a serving plate and tear open at the center.

Per serving: 120 calories; 10 calories from fat (8 percent of total calories); 1 g fat (0 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 65 mg cholesterol; 5 g carbohydrate; 22 g protein; 3 g fiber; 200 mg sodium.

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Body Found in Burley Hotel Identified

BY LAURIE WELCH
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BURLEY • Russ Taft, 54, has been positively identified as the person found dead in a crawl space at the Alpine Garden Inn last week.

Taft According to a press release from the Cassia County Sheriff's Office, the case has now become a homicide investigation.

During an autopsy on Monday, it was determined that Taft died from blunt force trauma to the head and a stab wound to the heart, according to the release.

Taft, who owns the Home Away Motel in Rupert, was in the process of purchasing the Alpine Garden Inn. His body was found by motel employees in a crawl space under the living quarters of the motel on May 18.

The sheriff's office is looking for James Duane Ambrose, 55, for questioning. Ambrose was last seen in Las Vegas, Nev., around May 7. Taft and Ambrose were reported missing from the motel on May 4.

There are multiple warrants issued for Ambrose's arrest in Las Vegas for kidnapping, robbery, burglary, battery and grand larceny.

Please see **TAFT, A2**

One Injured in Plane Crash

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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BUHL • A man was injured after a plane crash Tuesday afternoon at the Buhl airport, authorities say.

The man was transported from the scene to a Boise hospital by Air St. Luke's, but his condition and the hospital he was at were not immediately clear.

Dispatchers received the call about the crash at 4:20 p.m. They reported the plane landed upside down and no flames were visible.

Michelle Jones was heading west on 4200 North Road in Buhl when she saw the small red and white plane tilting back and forth

in the sky. The plane stalled, she said, then quickly lost speed and fell at an angle from the sky before crashing in the grass near the landing strip at the airport.

Jones, a nurse, turned around and headed back to the airport to see if she could help.

When Jones arrived, she said, she saw the man slumping out of the door of the plane. She then helped stabilize him as other first-responders arrived.

Jones said the man had a head injury and possibly a broken foot along with other injuries.

While Jones didn't want to identify the man before his family

Please see **CRASH, A2**



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS

Buhl police investigate a crash involving a small plane Tuesday at the Buhl Municipal Airport. The male pilot was taken from the scene in an air ambulance.

T.F. SOLDIER HEALS



PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM JONES

Army Pvt. Terence 'Bo' Jones works on rehab exercises during his recovery in San Antonio, Texas. The 21-year-old Twin Falls native was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan, but says he's now doing 'amazing.'

BO JONES OPTIMISTIC DURING RECOVERY

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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SAN ANTONIO • "Amazing"

That's how Army Pvt. Terence "Bo" Jones responds when asked how he's doing.

The 21-year-old Twin Falls native, who was severely injured while serving in Afghanistan, is undergoing rehabilitation for his injuries at the San Antonio Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center after moving from the Brooke Army Medical Center on May 13.

On Feb. 7, Bo stepped on an antipersonnel mine while on foot patrol in southern

Afghanistan, losing both legs and nearly his left arm in the explosion.

Bo's father, Tim Jones, said the move to the rehabilitation center marks the beginning of his son learning to walk again.

"I've got a really good team of doctors here," Bo said Monday. "A really good team of nurses and therapists too."

About two hours a day physical therapists work with Bo to improve his mobility.

"They've got me on about two hours a day," he said. "They push us to improve ourselves which I love. It's awesome."

Please see **JONES, A2**

More Online

Keep up with Jones' recovery through Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/bojones>.

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Family Seeks Help Finding Missing Teen

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Local agencies are searching for a 16-year-old Twin Falls girl whose family hasn't seen her since May 12.

The last Bambi Bell heard from her daughter Kayla Mae Bell was in the form of a note she found on Mother's Day saying she was running away.

Bambi described her daughter as 5 feet, 3 inches tall and barely 100 pounds, with hazel eyes and bright red hair.

"Hopefully she hasn't dyed it," Bambi said.

Kayla has a tattoo of a bear claw dream catcher on her upper back with her brother Dakota's name written on it, her mom said.

Twin Falls Police Lt. Craig Stotts said police initially did not believe Kayla is in immediate danger because she left a note and contacted friends last week.

"But that was six or seven days ago," he said.

Stotts said Kayla left with a friend, Justin Bartholome, 18, who was arrested Sunday evening in Twin Falls

Please see **BELL, A2**

Have You Seen Her?

Kayla Mae Bell
Age: 16
Height: 5 feet, 3 inches
Weight: 100 pounds
Hair: Red
Eyes: Hazel
Features: Upper back tattoo and scar over left eye

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COMING UP

Times-News' Athletes of the Year Series Starts Thursday

The Times-News sports staff will feature athletes of the year who played with vigor and passion in various spring sports from high schools around the Magic Valley.



Shrine Game Rosters Confirmed

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Rosters have been finalized for the 35th annual Shrine senior all-star football games, which will be staged Monday at Bruin Stadium.

The annual event, which has one 8-man game and one 11-man game, honors some of the top graduating senior football players from around the area.

The top local teams in each discipline of football will be well represented. Class 4A Great Basin Conference champion Minico has 10 participants, including Times-News 11-man player of the year Brady May. Host Twin Falls will have six, including tight end Zayne Slotten and quarterback Eric Harr, who missed this season due to shoulder surgery.

Sophomore heavy Hagerman, the 1A Division I champ, has five participants, including running back Johnathon Owsley and defensive lineman Ty Martin. Class 2A Division II champion Lighthouse Christian has seven players, including H-back/defensive lineman Dylan Van Esch.

The games will be played on Memorial Day, May 28, with the 8-man game starting at 5:30 p.m. and the 11-man game kicking off at 8. Admission is \$5, with canned food donations also requested.

MAGIC VALLEY BRIEFS

Times-News Seeks College Athlete Information.

Know a former area prep sports star competing at the next level?

The Times-News wants to know.

Please send information on any former area high school athlete competing in college during the spring 2012 season (baseball, equestrian, golf, softball, tennis, track and field) to sports@magicvalley.com by May 30.

Information must be verifiable through a school's athletic department website to be included in the spring college report.

Minico High School Physicals.

The Rural Health Clinic, 1218 9th Street, Suite 13 is conducting physicals for Minico High School athletes on May 23, with girls from 5-6 p.m. and boys from 6-7 p.m.

Cost is \$10 and no Boy Scout physical forms will be accepted.

— Staff Reports

If You Go

35th Annual Shrine North-South Senior All-Star Football Games

When: Monday, May 28

Where: At Twin Falls HS

Games open at 4 p.m.; 8-man game at 5:30 p.m., 11-man game at 8 p.m.

Admission: \$5. Canned food donations also requested.

8-MAN GAME ROSTERS

NORTH: Dietrich - Brody Astle, Colton Hanson, Andru Howard, Jakob Howard, Arturo Vargas, Gray Weber, Hagerman - Ty Martin, Johnathon Owsley, Ismael Sandoval, Jordan Smith, Xavier Strick, Shoshone - Tyrall Furgason, Jose Hurtado, Joseph McMullin, Gage Roberts, Joey Villagomez. **SOUTH:** Castleford - Tanner Allred, Cody Hansen, Mitch Howard, Destry Weekee, Hansen - Daniel Colson, Brannon Cummings, Devon Spearing, Pete Veenstra, Lighthouse Christian - Andre Briggs, Jon Carpenter, Gabe Heath, Trentan Lessley, Dylan Van Esch, Logan Vander Steil, Brad Wall, Murtough - Humberto Pacheco, Austin Stanger, Ralf River - Joel Anderson, Forrest Hearst, Brogan Higley, Layne Ward.

11-MAN GAME ROSTERS

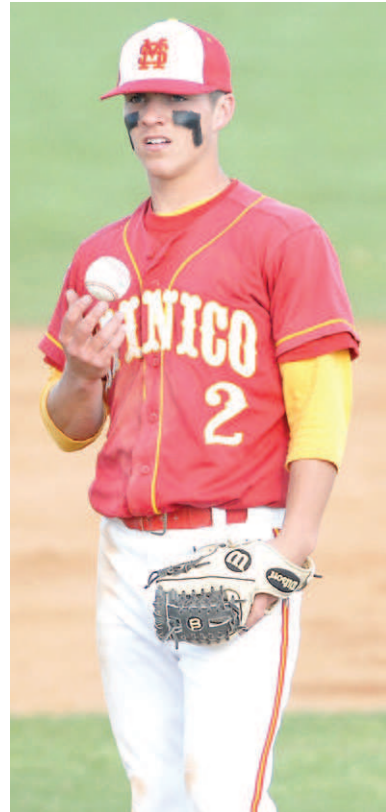
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Jackson Kunz



Casey Merritt



Andrew Frank

Five Area Athletes Selected for Top 40 Baseball Showcase

BY RYAN HOWE
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TWIN FALLS • Five baseball players from District IV have been selected to play in the Top 40 Showcase Games.

Local selections are Jackson Kunz of Burley, Casey Merritt and Zayne Slotten of Twin Falls, and Andrew Frank and Shay Chandler of Minico.

The annual event puts the best 20 players from around the state up against the best 20 players from Treasure Valley. This year's doubleheader will be played at noon, June 9 at Borah High School in Boise.

"There were a lot of nominations and in the end, Twin Falls, Minico, and Burley all had at least one player chosen," said Brad Dalton, president of Idaho Baseball Coaches Association and game coordinator. "It's a big deal to get chosen to what basically amounts to the All-State team."

The Treasure Valley team consists of players from Payette County to Elmore County. The State squad consists of players from the rest of the state.



Shay Chandler



Zayne Slotten

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Brad Dalton, president of Idaho Baseball Coaches Association and game coordinator

Top 40 Showcase Baseball Games

Treasure Valley vs. State
Noon, June 9 - Doubleheader
Wigle Field at Borah High School

District IV Selections	Class	Position	Team
Shay Chandler	Jr.	OF	Minico
Andrew Frank	Jr.	RHP	Minico
Jackson Kunz	Jr.	SS	Burley
Casey Merritt	Jr.	OF/LHP	Twin Falls
Zayne Slotten	Sr.	OF/C	Twin Falls

CSI NOTEBOOK

Spring Region Tournament Formats Could Change

BY DAVID BASHORE
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TWIN FALLS • The format for the spring Region 18 tournaments could change for next season, according to College of Southern Idaho Athletic Director Joel Bate.

At the Scenic West Athletic Conference's summer meetings, discussions on how to amend the format for the Region 18 baseball tournament will be held, and a change to the softball tournament could be discussed as well.

The baseball tournament will need to be changed as Utah State University-College of Eastern Utah is transitioning to NJCAA Division II in baseball only beginning next season. USU-Eastern will remain Division I in volleyball and basketball.

"We're not sure how it's going to look, but it could go



to a five-team tournament, or a four-team tournament," Bate said.

When asked two weeks ago, Bate had said just taking the top four teams to regionals wasn't on the table. But he said Tuesday that the idea had been put up for consideration.

The softball tournament could be expanded to include the seventh-place team from the Scenic West, Bate added. Currently, the tournament only admits the top six of the conference's seven teams.

Baseball Investigation Ongoing; Jobs Safe

The investigation into exactly how involved members of the CSI baseball team were in a steroid scandal is ongoing, Bate said.

Last week, sophomore utility man Billy-Bob Ward was arrested and charged with three felony counts of delivery of a controlled substance, after allegedly being caught selling steroids. A court report said that a confidential informant implicated four other players as being purchasers from Ward.

After Ward's arrest, Bate and head coach Boomer Walker both stressed a need to evaluate how it went unnoticed and how to make sure it doesn't happen at CSI again.

Whatever changes are made, it won't affect the job security of anyone on the current coaching staff.

"There's nothing to suggest the coaching staff was in any way complicit with this," Bate said. "It was an isolated incident."

Volleyball Assistant Near?

CSI has made a recommendation to the school's board of trustees for a new assistant volleyball coach.

The Golden Eagles have been without a full-time assistant since Erin Mellinger left in March to take the head coaching position at reigning national champion Blinn College.

Bate said he could not identify the recommended candidate, adding he hoped the board would vote on his recommendation by month's end.

Owners Unsure about Running Parma Horse in Belmont Stakes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAMPA • The owners of Rousing Sermon are taking a wait-and-see approach to entering the colt in next month's Belmont Stakes.

Horse manager Dan Kiser told the Idaho Press Tribune the owners are curious to see the other horses signed up for the June 9 race in New York. Kiser says a decision will be made late next week.

The three-year-old colt finished eighth in the Kentucky Derby but was held out of Saturday's Preakness, the second leg of horse racing's triple crown.

Rousing Sermon is owned by Larry and Marianne Williams, who train horses at their ranch near Parma.

Kiser says the horse is on track to run the Belmont if that's the wishes of the Williamses.

Seau's Suicide Prompts Worries about Post-NFL Life Page S4.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly sunny, some showers. High 58.
Tonight: Scattered showers. Low 36.
Tomorrow: Staying cool, isolated showers. High 57.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation almanac table for Burley/Rupert area.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls: Today, Tonight, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

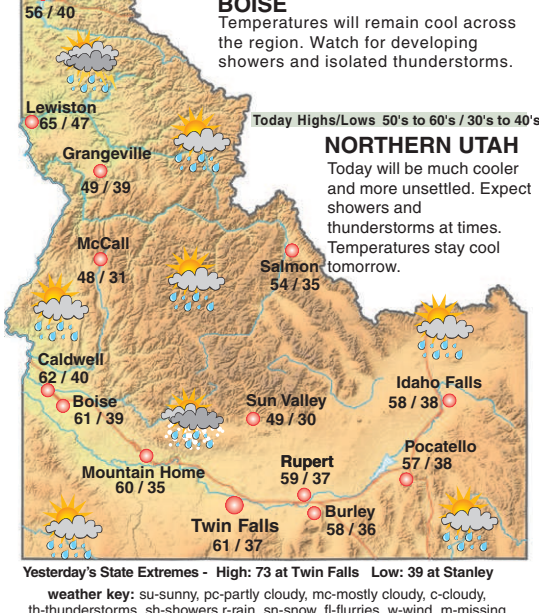
ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise/Sunset almanac for Twin Falls.

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Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, and others with their forecasts.

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Seau's Suicide Prompts Worries about Post-NFL Life

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Junior Seau's suicide is troubling NFL players. No one knows precisely why the 43-year-old Seau shot himself in the chest at his oceanfront home May 2, less than 2 1/2 years after the end of his Pro Bowl career...

been what people needed to open their eyes a little bit about what might happen down the road. How do you go forward to prevent it? Hopefully some good can be found from a horrible situation. Hopefully that's one silver lining - that it might help other guys keep from getting to a place like that."

It's one thing to read about hundreds of guys they've never heard of suing the league because of neurological problems traced to a career long ago. It's quite another to find out about Seau, a charismatic, recent star for the Chargers, Dolphins and Patriots who played in the Super Bowl.

kinds of situations are horrible, but Junior's situation probably would have people re-examining things." Indeed it did. Even less-experienced NFL players in their mid-20s were forced to face some compli-

icated questions in recent weeks. "You can't avoid thinking about how the game might be affecting your future. Even something as small as forgetting where I put my keys. I know everyone does that from

time to time, but am I forgetful because of football? Have I already done damage to my brain playing the game?" Packers tight end Tom Crabtree, who's played two seasons in the league, wrote in an email.

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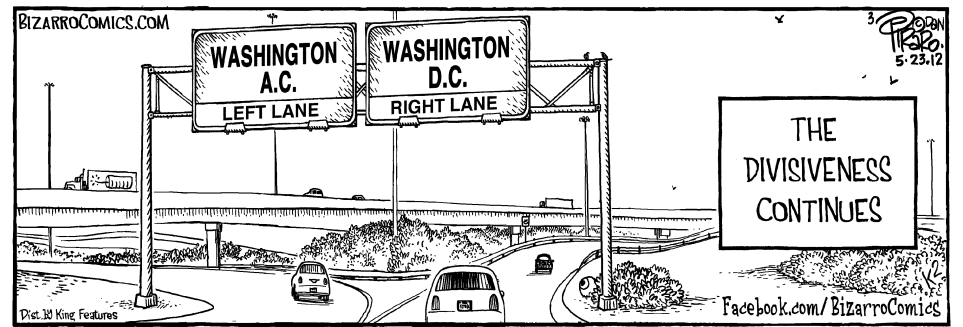
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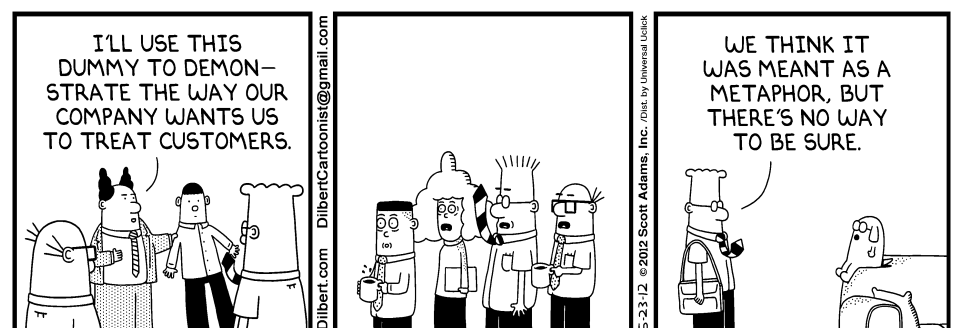
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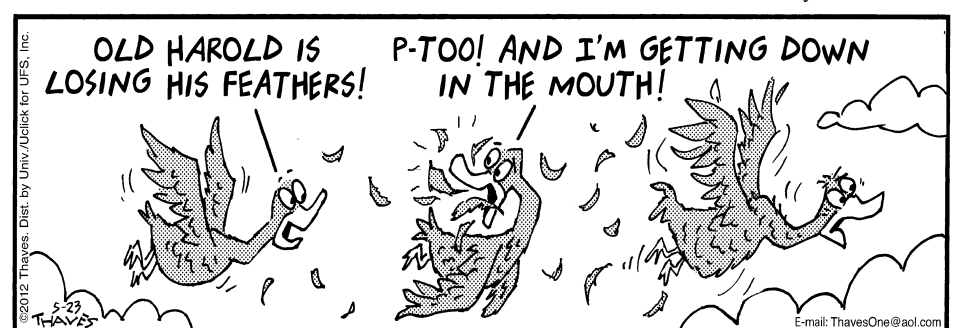
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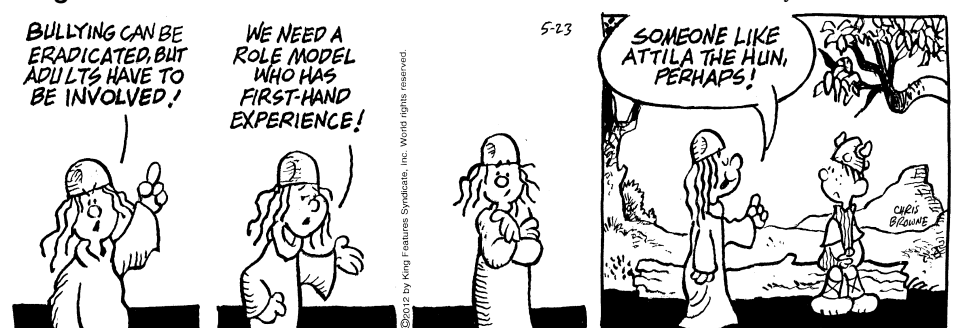
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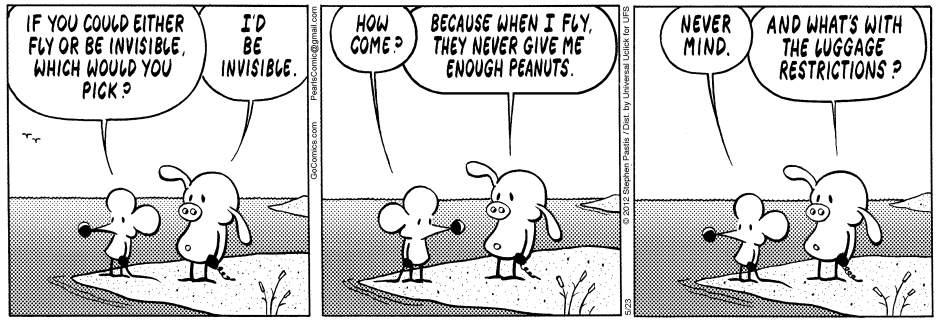
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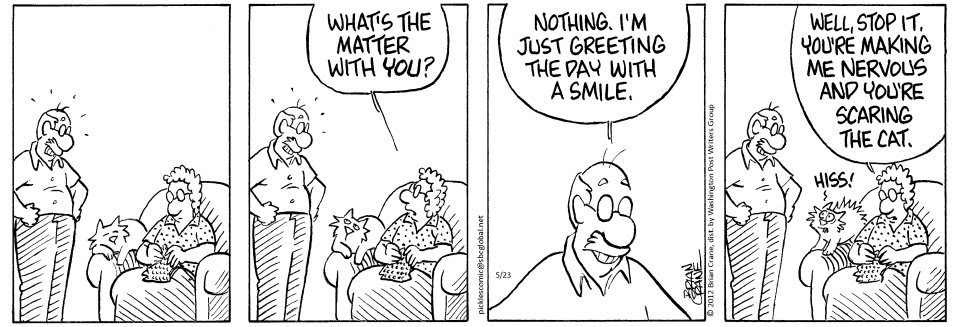
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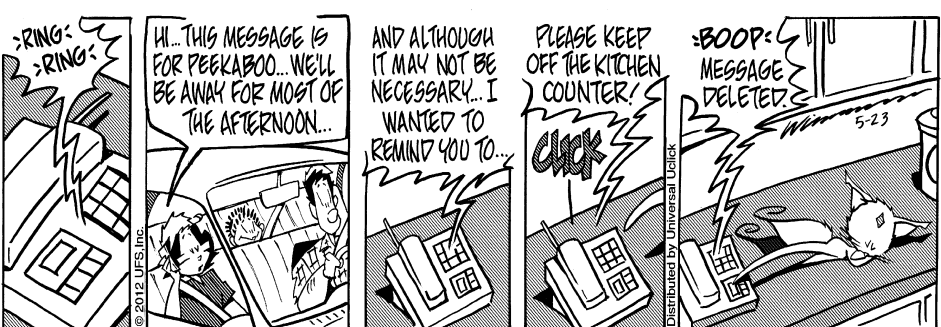
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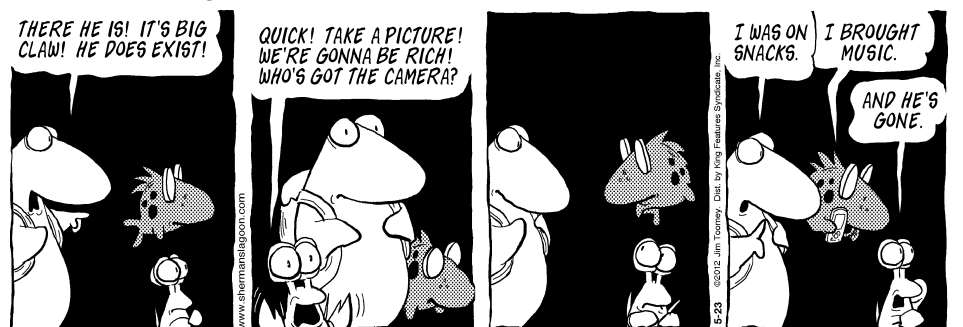
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