

RAISING

Father Hopes Others Learn from Son's Death

AWARENESS



Brandon Rasmussen (from right), Dietrich Fire Chief Lyle Towne and Joel Smith gather around a 1957 GMC structure fire engine Saturday at the Dietrich Highway District Building in Dietrich. Rasmussen and Smith, who both lost sons to the "choking game," are restoring the engine with the help of Towne. They hope to have it on the road within a year to be used in a campaign to raise awareness about the deadly game.

“

Being a firefighter, I thought my kids knew better. I thought I taught them better.

”

Brandon Rasmussen, firefighter

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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DIETRICH • A firefighter for 12 years, Brandon Rasmussen thought he'd heard of everything that could harm his children.

Then, in March, his 10-year-old son, Austin, died after playing the "choking game." At the time of Austin's death, Dietrich School District Superintendent Neal Hollingshead called him a "happy kid" with a bright future.

"I never heard about it; this was all new to me," Rasmussen said. "I was blind to it."

Learn More

www.gaspinfo.com and chokinggame.net

In the so-called game, participants experience a brief high or tingly feeling after choking themselves or others, cutting oxygen flow to the brain. Now, Rasmussen is hoping to raise awareness about the behavior and its signs so other parents won't suffer the pain of losing a child.

Sitting in the yard of the Dietrich Highway District is a decades-old fire truck that Rasmussen is planning to fix up and take to parades, fairs and schools to teach others about the choking game.

"Just so kids and parents are aware," he said. "Just signs to watch out for so hopefully it won't happen again."

If everything goes well, Rasmussen said he hopes to have the truck completed in about a year.

"We've got some people interested in

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Luck Brings Lost Wedding Ring Back to Idaho Couple

POST REGISTER

IDAHO FALLS (AP) • Alair Schroeder screamed when she saw her naked index finger where her diamond wedding ring should have been.

She'd spent that fine July day swimming in Redfish Lake near Stanley where she and her husband, Dana Schroeder, celebrate their anniversary each year.

The diamond sparkled on Alair Schroeder's finger every day since her wedding day 38 years ago.

But that night, back at the cabin, she realized her ring was gone.

"It's amazing how much a thing can mean to you," she said last week in her Ucon home.

A midnight search crew zig-zagged the beach and shallows with headlamps without luck.

The Schroeders left two days later but re-



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Alair Schroeder and her husband, Dana, have a tradition of visiting Redfish Lake for their anniversaries.

turned with friends, scuba gear and an underwater metal detector.

Hearts jumped every time the detector

picked up traces of metal.

Optimism fell when each hit on the detector turned out to be a fishing hook, a broken necklace or coins adding up to 17 cents.

Before returning home empty-handed, Alair Schroeder looked at the lake and night sky from her balcony, disheartened.

"I love Stanley. It's my place of renewal," she said. "I looked out on the balcony and thought, 'This isn't my special place anymore.'"

In August, Amy Harris of Nampa was wading in Redfish Lake when she saw a metallic glint at the bottom.

She reached into the cool water after what she guessed was a bolt or bracket she could give to her sons.

She fished out a diamond wedding ring instead.

"I was sick to my stomach," Harris said. I thought, 'Someone is so sad right now.'"

After returning home, Harris posted an ad

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SCCAP

Seeks Low-Income Rep

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • South Central Community Action Partnership has one opening for the low-income representative seat on its board of directors.

The open seat will represent Region 3 — Lincoln, Gooding, Jerome, Blaine and Camas counties. Applicants for the seat must reside in one of the counties that they will represent.

The board of directors consists of three sectors of the community that represent the public sector (county commissioners or their appointee), the private sector (civic groups, church, business, etc.) and the low-income sector, representing the needs of the low-income population of the community.

The low-income representative seat is determined by an election with low-income voters. Low-income representatives must be aware of the problems affecting low-income families and be willing to speak up for their needs.

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Local Interns

for U.S. Senator

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI
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TWIN FALLS • She was only supposed to drop a bill off on the Senate floor.

But there she was, a 22-year-old intern from Hagerman, standing in an elevator with Sen. John McCain in the U.S. Capitol building.

The Republican Arizona lawmaker was introducing himself to a page also in the elevator.

"He went, 'Your name is Trey?'" said Aubrey Goolsby. "And then he turned to me and asked, 'Why is it that every kid I meet from the South is named Trey?'"

"I'm from Idaho. I don't know, sir," Goolsby replied.

It was a brief but memorable interaction for Goolsby. It would be just one of the surprise perks she would experience while working as a fall intern for Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., in Washington, D.C.

As an intern, Goolsby answered phones, wrote legislative reports and gave tours of the U.S. Capitol building. It was a chance to give her experience

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IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

Frozen Stones Scottish Highland Games: Begins at 10 a.m. at Shoshone Falls Park, Twin Falls; hosted by Scottish American Athletic Association of Idaho. Free for spectators.

THE FORECAST

High 23°
Low 6°
Fog Possible. Details on page S4.

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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stocks Turn Up on Hints of 'Fiscal Cliff' Deal

NEW YORK (AP) • On Monday, the stock market was as choppy as the “fiscal cliff” deal-making that has been yanking it around.

Stocks opened little changed but jerked higher at midday as headlines began to cross that the bare bones of a deal had been worked out to avoid a drastic series of tax increases and government spending cuts set to kick in after a midnight deadline.

President Barack Obama told news media at an early afternoon appearance that a deal on reducing the U.S. government’s budget deficit was “within sight, but not done.” He urged negotiators to get an agreement wrapped up.

The Dow Jones industrial average surged as much as 99 points in midday trading, but investors’ enthusiasm waned as it became clear a deal wasn’t completed yet. As of 2 p.m. the Dow was up 34 points at 12,973.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 was up eight to 1,411 and the Nasdaq composite index was up 29 to 2,989.

If politicians can’t agree on a deal by midnight, then higher taxes and lower government spending will automatically kick in Tuesday — the so-called fiscal cliff. That would hurt the economy, many investors believe. But what might hurt more, they add, is the psychological impact of knowing that the government that can’t agree on a budget.

“We’re having a fragile recovery, with the pain of 2008 still fresh on everybody’s mind,” said Joe Heider, principal at Rehmann Group outside Cleveland. “It’s fear of the unknown. And fear is one of the greatest drivers of the financial markets.”

It’s difficult to discern how a deal, or lack of a deal, might affect the stock market. From mid-November through roughly mid-December, the stock market rose more or less steadily, despite the “fiscal cliff” looming on the horizon. It wasn’t until shortly before Christmas that the “cliff” finally scared investors enough to send the market down.

Some investors are unruffled by the approaching “cliff.” Even if Republicans and Democrats can’t reach a deal, some investors think the effect would be more like the anti-climactic Y2K scare than a true Armageddon.

MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

| Mon | Commodity | High | Low | Close | Change |
|-----|---------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Dec | Live cattle | 133.80 | 133.25 | 133.45 | -.13 |
| Feb | Live cattle | 137.30 | 137.00 | 137.00 | -.23 |
| Jan | Feeder cattle | 152.95 | 152.30 | 152.03 | .jxx |
| Mar | Feeder cattle | 155.68 | 155.35 | 155.35 | +.63 |
| Feb | Lean hogs | 85.53 | 84.90 | 85.30 | -1.08 |
| Feb | Lean hogs | 88.75 | 88.65 | 88.65 | -1.48 |
| Mar | Wheat | 780.00 | 767.75 | 778.75 | .jxx |
| May | Wheat | 790.00 | 778.00 | 788.50 | .jxx |
| Mar | KC Wheat | 827.75 | 816.00 | 826.50 | +.50 |
| May | KC Wheat | 837.75 | 826.00 | 835.75 | -.25 |
| Mar | MPS Wheat | 867.00 | 855.00 | 862.25 | -.50 |
| May | MPS Wheat | 877.00 | 866.50 | 874.00 | -.50 |
| Mar | Corn | 699.50 | 689.25 | 697.75 | +.35 |
| May | Corn | 701.75 | 692.00 | 700.25 | +.30 |
| Jan | Soybeans | 1433.75 | 1409.50 | 1426.00 | +.20 |
| Mar | Soybeans | 1425.50 | 1400.75 | 1417.25 | -.75 |
| Dec | BFP Milk | 18.38 | 18.16 | 18.22 | -.12 |
| Jan | BFP Milk | 18.10 | 17.78 | 17.85 | -.25 |
| Feb | BFP Milk | 18.45 | 18.25 | 18.29 | -.25 |
| Mar | BFP Milk | 18.38 | 18.16 | 18.22 | -.12 |
| Mar | Sugar | 19.58 | 19.29 | 19.50 | +.08 |
| May | Sugar | 19.68 | 19.39 | 19.56 | +.03 |
| Mar | B-Pound | 1.6271 | 1.6131 | 1.6240 | -.0092 |
| Jun | B-Pound | 1.6233 | 1.6170 | 1.6233 | +.0090 |

GRAINS & METALS REPORT

VALLEY BEANS

Prices are net to growers, 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges. Prices subject to change without notice. Producers desiring more recent price information should contact dealers.

Other Idaho bean prices are collected weekly by Bean Market News, U.S. Department of Agriculture; pintos, \$35-\$36; pinks, \$40-\$42; small reds, \$40-\$42; garbanzos, \$40-\$42. Quotes current Dec. 26.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice.

Barley, \$12.80; oats, \$12.30; corn, \$13.70 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Rangen’s in Buhl. Prices current Dec. 26.

Corn, \$13.90; barley, \$13.25 (cwt); wheat, \$7.15 (bushel) delivered to Gooding. Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Dec. 26.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Barrels: \$1,7100, nc; Blocks: \$1,7400, nc

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Monday. London morning fixing: \$1664.00 up \$6.50. London afternoon fixing: holiday. NY Handy & Harman: \$1662.00 up \$4.50. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1794.96 up \$4.86. NY Engelhardt: \$1667.48 up \$6.51. NY Engelhardt fabricated: \$1792.54 up \$7.00. NY Merc. gold Jan Fri \$1654.30 off \$0.60. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Fri. \$1655.00 off \$9.00.

NONFERROUS

NEW YORK (AP) — Spot nonferrous metal prices M. Aluminum — \$0.9212 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper — \$3.5696 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper \$3.5775 NY. Merc spot Fri. Lead — \$2318.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc — \$0.9257 per lb., London Metal Exch. Gold — \$1662.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Gold — \$1654.30 troy oz., NY Merc spot Fri. Silver — \$29.995 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Silver — \$29.920 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. Platinum — \$1524.00 troy oz., NY. (contract). Platinum — \$1517.40 troy oz., NY. Merc spot Fri. n.q., not quoted n.a., not available r-revised

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|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------|-----|
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| Salmon | 115% 49% | Upper Snake Basin | 112% | 46% |
| Big Wood | 136% 58% | Goose Creek | 89% | 36% |
| Little Wood | 152% 64% | Salmon Falls | 84% | 34% |
| Big Lost | 167% 71% | As of Dec. 31 | | |

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POLICE RECOVER STOLEN PICKUP INVOLVED IN CHASE

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HEYBURN • Police have recovered a pickup truck in Heyburn stolen from Rupert on Thursday. The driver of the stolen truck led police on a chase wrecking Heyburn and Minidoka County police vehicles.

According to city of Rupert Police Sgt. Jeff McEwen the 1999 GM pickup was reported stolen from a Rupert residence Thursday and recovered in a Heyburn residential area on Friday.

“Police have been processing the truck over the

weekend,” McEwen said. “We have a person of interest at this point but no arrests have been made yet.”

City of Heyburn Police Chief Dan Bristol said at about 9:45 p.m. Thursday a Heyburn officer attempted to make a traffic stop on the stolen 1999 pickup on Idaho Highway 24 when the suspect fled. The officer pursued the vehicle, which turned around twice and then rammed the 2011 Ford police pickup almost head on.

The officer was taken to the hospital where he was treated and released.

Minidoka County Undersheriff Vic Watson said

a deputy was nearby when the crash occurred and when he heard the Heyburn officer on the radio stating he was OK, he joined the pursuit of the stolen vehicle on I-84. The suspect re- ended the sheriff’s 2009 Grand Cherokee.

Watson said the deputy was taken to the hospital where he was examined and released.

The sheriff’s office is still waiting for estimates on damages to the vehicle.

McEwen said the damage to the stolen pickup is extensive.

Police have not released the name of the person who owns the stolen vehicle.

Curious Mind
Ghosts of Schoolhouses Past

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS-BRACKETT
Curious Mind

Has anyone ever documented how many schoolhouse sites existed but are no longer in use? My first school was one-room, eight grades in School District No. 8 in the canyon near Clear Springs Trout Company.

More than 90 schools were documented in Twin Falls County between 1870 and 1970, excluding the schools in the city of Twin Falls, according to “The Knowledge Box: Country Schoolhouses to Current Schools of Twin Falls County, Idaho” by Mareda and Cecil Wright.

“Early legislation required a district be formed every six square miles. There were 61 townships; therefore, at least 61 schools were to be found. If there were six school age students living in a six mile square; the parents could petition for a new district. Usually if a district was formed, a school was built,” said Mareda Wright.

Many schools were built on the only road available at the time, usually on a hill by a stream surrounded by planted trees. Many have been moved to a different location and some have been relocated several times.

Oakley Meadows was the first school in southern Idaho, constructed in 1876.

In 1877, Idaho was still a territory and the boundaries of the counties changed periodically. Owyhee County was divided and Cassia County was created in 1879. Twin Falls County was not developed until 1907.

Wright said Oakley Meadows School was included in the research because of the significance it conveyed, the importance placed on education and how it was obtained. The teacher, John Hansen, and his family “were prominent people who developed the Magic Valley.”

One-room schools accounted for most of the school buildings in the years prior to 1946. The 1945 Legislature declared mandatory reorganization plans to improve Idaho’s education structure and school districts were urged to merge countywide to in-



crease state financial support for public schools. It was not until 1947 when most of Idaho’s country schools were closed and farm children were bused to town. School districts were reduced in 15 years.

In most cases, the school building served as centers of community social life, Wright said. School consolidation was perceived as the end of community life in their neighborhoods. Consolidation meant merging rural schools into districts located in the nearest towns.

“The demise of the country schoolhouse was the result,” Wright said.

Union School was the last country school operating in 1968; the building is now home to the Twin Falls County Historical Society Museum.

“The Hollister School holds the longevity record for an original building being administered as a school,” Wright said. Hollister School celebrated its centennial recently.

“These schoolhouses are now established as churches, granges, two community centers, one bar, two are apartments, 16 are homes, and two are abandoned. Six schools, which are still being utilized, were moved three times. Seven are on the National Register of Historical Places, and ten buildings were razed,” Wright said.

The authors found evidence of ten towns with a population ranging from 100 to 1,000 inhabitants that no longer exist, such as Artesian City, which is six miles south of Murtaugh.

“At one time, they flourished with stores, a post office and a school. All that is left are three utility poles standing alone in a field. The lands are now farmed or reclaimed back to sagebrush with only a previous generation knowing the name of the area. There is nothing to suggest a hot springs resort or a town ever existed,” Wright said.

The Wrights spent seven years on the research project before publishing their book in 2004.

“This is a memory book

of vintage country school buildings, which no longer exist or are not used as the original purpose,” Wright said.

Their research included the Clear Lakes School and Three Creek area schools, although in Gooding and Owyhee counties, when documentation was found to connect the counties.

She said, “It is assumed two schools were built in the Clear Lakes region. The original school was named Kanaka School. No opening or closing dates were found. No mention of the location or what became of the building after it was no longer used. It is doubtful that the Clear Lakes School District No. 8 used the same building. Probably, a more substantial structure was built and in a different location.”

When Bert Montgomery of Wendell was 7 years old, his one-room school experience at Clear Springs School was at the bottom of a 300-foot canyon with the Snake River running along it.

“The site had been donated by the Fred Brailsford Ranch,” Montgomery said.

He said the school had a main classroom, a lunch/cloak room, and a supply room. There was a wood and coal burning stove in the back, and no plumbing.

“One door in, same door out,” he said. Out buildings consisted of a coal shed, a place to tie up horses, and two outdoor toilets.

The classes generally went by rows. The eighth grade students were on the west side of the room, while first graders were on the east side.

“Even though you might be working on your own assignments, you could always hear the lessons being given to the other grades. When you evolved into that material it was familiar to you. You had heard it before,” Montgomery said.

“Our water was a spring about a quarter mile away. It came right out from under the canyon wall,” he remembered.

Have a question? Just ask and we’ll find an answer for you. Email your question to Kimberly Williams-Brackett at timesnewscuriousmind@gmail.com with “Curious Mind” in the subject line.

New Year’s Day Brings Closures

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities are closed today for New Year’s Day.

County, city, state and federal offices are closed. Post offices are closed.

Banks are closed. College of Southern Idaho is closed.

Herrett Center for Arts and Science is closed.

Twin Falls Public Library is closed.

YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool is closed.

Hagerman Fossil Beds Visitor Center is closed.

Magic Valley Mall is open 11 a.m. –6 p.m.

Trash will not be picked up today. Trash collection will be delayed by one day the rest of the week.

YMCA 5K Run Canceled

TIMES-NEWS

The YMCA has canceled its 5k run for New Year’s Day due to bad weather.

Registrants may receive a full refund or apply fees to St. Patrick’s Day run.

T-shirts for the New Year’s Day run will still be available and can be picked up at the E-Street Y beginning Thursday, Jan. 3.

For more information, call Donna at 308-0830.

Otter Waiting for Details on Fiscal Cliff Cuts

BOISE (AP) • Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter is taking a wait-and-see approach on the impact to the state of federal funding cuts in the wake of any fiscal cliff deal.

In June, Otter asked all state agencies to identify how much money they get from the federal government and to calculate at least a 20 percent reduction in those funds. Otter asked agency heads to report back to him by August.

The *Idaho Statesman* reported that Otter has yet to share publically the results of his assignment.

On Monday, Otter spokesman Mark Warbis said they are waiting for a report from President Obama’s staff spelling out federal funding cuts for states.

Warbis said the state will then assess impacts on an agency-by-agency basis.

Searchers Look for 2 Snowmobilers

REXBURG (AP) • Fremont County searchers are looking in the Island Park area for two snowmobilers who failed to return when expected.

Authorities were notified shortly before 7 p.m. Sunday that a married couple in their 30s from Pocatello had not returned from their snowmobile trip into the mountainous backcountry off the Yale-Kilgore Road.

Fremont County Search and Rescue reports that they have been in intermittent contact with the couple by cellphone text message, but as of 10 a.m. today the searchers have been unable to locate the couple.

Ring

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on Craigslist looking for the owner, but it went unanswered.

Several months later with no way to find the owner, Harris decided to sell the ring.

Her husband, Jody Harris, called an old jeweler friend to quote the ring's value.

As chance would have it, that jeweler was Richard Black of Ingram's Fine Jewelers in Idaho Falls — who had sold the Schroeders a replacement diamond ring and had heard the story of the lost original.

"Did you find it at the dog beach on Redfish Lake?" Black asked Jody Harris in a text message.

"Yes," Jody Harris responded. "How did you know that?"

Diamond rings sparkled on each of Alair Schroeder's ring fingers last week.

A smile adorned her face.

"People tell me there were so many happy coincidences that had to happen," she said. "I don't think it was coincidence. I think it was a miracle."

The Schroeders offered Amy and Jody a reward when the ring was returned in November.

They declined.

Amy Harris hoped her reward is karma that could help her wedding ring find its way home if it's ever lost.

"Really, it was a simple thing. I just found the ring," Amy Harris said. "It's a very humbling feeling knowing the world is so small you can be part of something that can make somebody so happy."

SCCAP

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Applications to participate in the low-income board representative election may be obtained at 550 Washington St. S in Twin Falls or 1120 Montana St. in Gooding or by calling 208-733-9351 for more information. Applications and letter of interest must be returned by Jan. 31.

Low-income participants will be encouraged to vote for their representative of choice on the board of directors from 8-11 a.m. and from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 21 at the above locations.

The SCCAP mission is "to provide a wide range of services in an effort to improve the quality of life for people with an economic disadvantage."

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Intern

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working in politics and spend a semester living in the nation's capital.

As a political science and Spanish major at the University of Wyoming, Goolsby had applied to a number of political internships in the East, including those for Idaho lawmakers. However, with each application facing a competitive selection process, Goolsby was thankful to be offered the Enzi internship.

During her time in D.C., Goolsby learned more about the pros and cons of the current political system.

Political tensions between Democrats and Republicans and a pending election led to long days and nights working in the office, she said.

"There were some nights I went home frustrated," Goolsby said. "But then there

were other days, I could look back and know we really achieved something."

She was there when President Barack Obama was re-elected and left just days after the Connecticut Newtown school shooting.

"You could tell by the energy that people were worried about their rights," she said.

Now the Hagerman native is back at school, preparing to graduate from college in the spring. She's not sure if she wants to return to D.C. but has an interest in remaining in politics.

"There are a lot of politicians who don't see what the average person is going through," she said. "I think it's really nice when you meet a politician who knows how a community works. Without, you're just going to be running over your own constituents. I kind of want to work with people and then maybe later down the road for people."

What to Look For:

- Any suspicious mark on the side of the neck, sometimes hidden by a turtle-neck, scarf or permanently turned-up collar.
- Changes in personality, such as overtly aggressive or agitated.
- Any kind of strap, rope or belt lying around near the child for no clear reason — and attempts to elude questions about such objects.
- Headaches (sometimes excruciatingly bad ones), loss of concentration, flushed face.
- Bloodshot eyes or any other noticeable signs of eye stress.
- Disorientation or grogginess after being alone.
- Internet history or searches for "choking game."
- Any questions about the effects, sensations or dangers of strangulation.

Information from *GASP Foundation and the Dangerous Behaviors Foundation*

Choking

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helping us with the restoration of it like the paint job," he said.

Before it can be shined up, the truck needs to be up and running, he said. He also wants the water pump to be usable.

"It would attract the kids' and adults' attention and start a conversation more or less," he said.

So far, Rasmussen said, he's attended a few seminars on the choking game in Shoshone but hasn't spoken at any. Recently, he's been working on getting paperwork completed and liability insurance so he can speak at schools.

The goal, he said, is to open more parents' eyes to the dangers that are out there.

"Being a firefighter, I thought my kids knew better," he said. "I thought I taught them better."



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Chick-fil-A
to Hand Out
Year’s Supply
of Free Meals

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Chick-fil-A will open with a crowd-pleaser on Jan. 10. The restaurant at 1631 Blue Lakes Blvd. is offering a year’s supply (52 coupons) for free meals to the first 100 customers — but you have to stay in line for a full day. The line officially opens at 6 a.m. Jan. 9, with free meal cards being awarded at 6 a.m. Jan. 10. The restaurant will open for business immediately thereafter. If more than 100 people

show up on the morning of Jan. 9, all 100 spots will be determined by a raffle. Those selected, however, still have to camp out 24 hours to secure their spot. It’s estimated the restaurant, who has two drive-thru lanes, will bring 70 new jobs to the area. The Twin Falls Chick-fil-A is the first of 102 new restaurants the chain will open across the country this year. For more information about the free meals, visit www.chick-fil-a.com/Locations/First-100 for complete rules.

Cactus Pete’s Set to
Change Ownership

TIMES-NEWS


JACKPOT, Nev. • Cactus Pete’s will have a new future once a merger takes place in 2013. For patrons and visitors, however, it will be business as usual. “Customers won’t even notice a change,” said Roxann Kinkade, spokeswoman for Ameristar, the current owner of Cactus Pete’s. “They should expect the same service.” Nevada-based Pinnacle Entertainment is set to acquire all common shares of Ameristar for \$26.50 per share in cash, according to a news release. The total enterprise value is more than \$2.8 billion. The acquisition also includes \$1.9 billion of Ameristar debt and on-hand cash of \$116 million. According to the release, Ameristar annually generates more than \$1.1 billion in net revenue, and has casino and hotel properties in Nevada, Idaho, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas,

Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Nebraska. The company has around 7,200 employees, Kinkade told the *Times-News*. Pinnacle will benefit from the merger by increased operational and geographical diversity, doubling in size to 17 operating properties. “As a result of the combination, we expect to achieve synergies and efficiencies of scale of at least \$40 million annually,” said Anthony Sanfilippo, president and chief executive officer of Pinnacle, “with potentially greater realization as we move forward through the integration process.” Gordon Kanosky, CEO of Ameristar, said the transaction “maximizes value for our shareholders and provides them with a significant and immediate premium.” The transaction is expected to close by the end of the third quarter 2013, Kinkade said.

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Mark Sears works on recycling scraps Friday at Hilex Poly, a plastic bag manufacturer and recycling facility in Jerome.

Economic Development
Gets a *Boost* in Jerome

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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JEROME • Business just got a push from city and county officials. The three entities — city, county and area businesses — recently formed a partnership called Jerome 20/20, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation aimed at bringing private and public groups together to further economic development in the community. “Well-managed growth through economic development is key to a community’s health in terms of tax base, infrastructure and quality of life,” said Mike Schutz, plant manager of plastic bag manufacturer Hilex Poly. Schutz, who’s been with the company for 18 years, said he’s excited about the symbiotic relationship because it will help grow his employer’s business. “We’re just trying to add to the effectiveness of bringing more companies to the city and county,” said Bob Richards, 20/20’s executive director. “I’ve been involved with this process for a number of years, because I’ve done it before.” Richards worked as Jerome’s economic development director from 1998 to 2004. “We had the same model in place when I was here before,” he said. “I was hired now to represent both the city and county, and together we’ll work to bring jobs to town.” A thrust of the partnership, he said, is local, local, local. “Jerome 20/20 was created to help spearhead cooperative local development efforts in Jerome with the direct involvement of local business representatives,” said Mayor John Shine. It’s anticipated the group will, he said, “coordinate mutual efforts of each community and provide a competitive edge in future economic development.” County Commissioner Charlie Howell said he’s excited about Jerome 20/20 because, he believes, the effort will “streamline Jerome’s business recruitment and retention efforts.” Richards said while the group will seek new businesses, a major effort will be to help businesses already in Jerome. “That’s kind of what we’ll be focusing on, helping them get what they need to be successful,” he said, noting that successful businesses are the ones that give opportunities for their em-

“We’re just trying to add to the effectiveness of bringing more companies to the city and county.”

Bob Richards, 20/20 executive director



Jim King, an employee of Hilex Poly, works at the plant.

ployees to grow. If employees have those types of opportunities, they likely will want to stay longer. “There are many national companies operating inside Jerome, including Hilex Poly, and we would like to see future growth within our business,” Schutz said. Jerome 20/20 “can help ensure that Jerome has a competitive environment, which in turn will maintain job security for our employees here at Hilex Poly.” During a recent chamber of commerce event, Hilex Poly showed visitors its manufacturing and bag-making operation, where 110 employees work in production. Another 10 are staffers. The company has experienced a little more turnover this year than usual, Schutz said. “There’s a couple of reasons for that,” he said. “People going back to

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YOUR BUSINESS

Reams Completes 12-week Course

TWIN FALLS • Jensen Jewelers announced the graduation of Aaron Reams of the Jensen Jewelers Ringmakers Store from its Master Jewelry Salesman program.

Reams completed the required 12-week course and received certification.

The course involves extensive training in all aspects of fulfilling customer needs in the areas of diamonds, genuine stones, watches and all facets of jewelry making and repair.

Fitness Center Opens in Kimberly

KIMBERLY • Jazzercise, the world's leading dance fitness program, announced the opening of its newest fitness center at 234 Elm St. N. in Kimberly.

The Kimberly Jazzercise Fitness Center will offer four classes weekly, including a class for children, ages 5 to 12, beginning Jan. 7, 2013.

An open house will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Jan. 5. Admission is free to the public, and participants should dress to exercise.

Open house festivities will include information on the Jazzercise program, door prizes and a free workout. Refreshments will be served.

"I'm excited about the growth of Jazzercise locally," instructor Amy Jaques explained. "Jazzercise offers a unique blend of fitness and jazz dance that area residents have discovered is a lot of fun. The new location will just make it easier for participants to enjoy a workout where it's convenient for them."

Classes formerly held in Twin Falls will now take place at the Kimberly Jazzercise Fitness Center.

A 60-minute Jazzercise class offers a fusion of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing and Latin-style movements set to a variety of popular music. Each class includes a warm-up, high energy aerobic routines, muscle toning and cool down stretch segment for people of all ages and fitness levels.

For information on Jazzercise, contact Amy Jaques at 308-6033 or kimberlyjazzercise@yahoo.com. For worldwide class information, go to jazzercise.com or call 800-FIT-IS-IT.

It's Not Just About Cars



Mr. Gas and Mr. Wash in Burley, Rupert and Twin Falls helped area charities and school teams/groups raise monies throughout the year to help sustain various programs. Mr. Gas and Mr. Wash are proud to call Magic Valley home and pleased to be able to strengthen communities by supporting various groups like the United Way of South Central Idaho, West Minico Cheer, Burley High School Cheer, Twin Falls High School Cheer and Burley High School Dance team, to name a few. Pictured left to right are Bill Knopp, executive director for United Way of South Central Idaho; West Minico cheerleaders and Burley High School cheerleaders. Not pictured are the Burley High School Dance Team and Twin Falls High School cheerleaders.

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Mike Schutz, plant manager of Hilex Poly, shows how the extruder works at the plastic bag manufacturing facility in Jerome.

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school or making career changes and Chobani."

But if 20/20 can expand the business by helping it secure more customers, Schutz said, that in turn means it will need more employees.

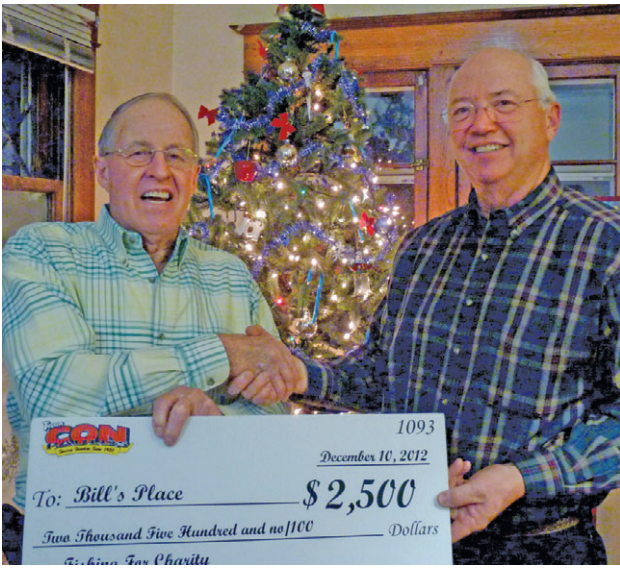
"That's tied to the health of our business," he said.

Jerome 20/20 has a board of directors, composed of both city and county representatives as well as business leaders. Five persons currently sit on the board of directors, but Richards said that number likely will increase as the organization grows.

One job of the board, he said, is to make sure there is accountability and that its members receive timely progress reports.

"Right now we're making sure the proper infrastructure is in place, that people know their roles," Richards said. "But we're functioning. We'll be hard at it from now onward."

Bill's Place Honored with Check



On behalf of the 2012 Charity Challenge Fishing Derby, United Dairywomen of Idaho, Paulos Charitable Foundation and 27 sponsors, including Glanbia Inc., Bill Baker, right, representing Con Paulos, presented a check for \$2,500 to Bill Brockman, president of BILLS Place. BILLS Place is honored to once again be a recipient of this event. BILLS Place (Building Independent Lifelong Skills) is a transition home that will house up to eight young women who need temporary assistance to transition into responsible, independent living. A community board of volunteers operates the house. Residents are required to be gainfully employed and participate in community service activities. Individual independent living plans include items such as organizational skills, time and money management, social development, goal setting and problem solving. Donations are welcome and will be helpful in providing this service for women.

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OBITUARIES

Arlyane Blanche Andrus

Sept. 24, 1922-Dec. 26, 2012

HAGERMAN • Arlyane Blanche Andrus, of Hagerman, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012, at her home, which was the desire of her heart. She lived 90 years.

Arlyane was born Sept. 24, 1922, a beautiful fall day, in Sterling, Colo. She was the second daughter of Leamon and Hattie Belle Gabel Bartholomew. The Bartholomew family came to Idaho when Arlyane was a young girl, and Arlyane lived in Idaho ever since. She attended school in Jerome and graduated from Jerome High School in 1941. Arlyane married Ted G. Andrus on Nov. 15, 1940. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Idaho Falls Temple. They celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in 2010. Ted passed away on Aug. 14, 2011.

Arlyane and Ted made their first home in Jerome. She joined the LDS Church in Jerome and enjoyed serving in the ward and stake Primary. In 1962, they moved to Hagerman and purchased a farm of their own. Again, she made wonderful friends while attending the LDS Church in Hagerman, and she especially enjoyed serving in the Relief Society and in the library. Arlyane's passion was working in her yard and planting trees, a lawn, flowers and a garden. She loved roses and took great joy in keeping her vegetable garden beautiful and bountiful. Later in life, Arlyane became a talented artist with oil paints and enjoyed painting flowers



and landscapes.

Arlyane is survived by two sons, Dennis (Susan) Andrus and Clinton (Penny) Andrus, both of Hagerman; a daughter, Beverly (Karl) Nelson and a daughter-in-law, Marilyn Andrus, both of Twin Falls. Arlyane has 29 grandchildren, 86 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her three sisters, Dorothy (Mac) Ambrose, Bernie Miller and Jeannie Altman; and two brothers, M.L. Bartholomew and Bill (Norma) Bartholomew. She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Gary Andrus; and a grandson, David Andrus.

The funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at the Hagerman LDS Church. Friends may call one hour prior to the service Friday at the church. Interment will follow at the Jerome Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting the obituary link at www.demarayfuneralservice.com.

Bertha B. Pacheco Gonzalez

Jan. 14, 1956-Dec. 29, 2012

JEROME • Bertha B. Pacheco Gonzalez, 56, of Jerome, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012.

She was born Jan. 14, 1956, in Grand Junction, Colo., the daughter of Joe F. Pacheco and Julia J. Martinez Pacheco. Bertha was raised in Grand Junction and attended schools there. She married Elpidio Gonzalez, and they settled in Jerome where they raised three children. Bertha spent most of her working life as a teacher at Head Start. She enjoyed swimming, shopping and gambling. She mostly loved spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren.

Bertha is survived by her husband, Elpidio Gonzalez; their children, Carlos (Natalie Orosco) Gonzalez, Luis (Sofia Esquivel) Gonzalez and Moniquea (Eduardo) Garcia. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, seven sisters, three brothers and many extended family



members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

A vigil service with visitation will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E. in Jerome. Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, also at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with Father Mauricio Medina presiding. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

South Carolina AP Reporter Jim Davenport Dies at Age 54

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) • Jim Davenport, an Associated Press reporter who worked doggedly to inform people in South Carolina about what their governors, lawmakers and other powerful officials were doing with their tax money and their influence, died Monday, according to his wife, Debra. He was 54.

Davenport died after battling cancer for two years.

Davenport was a tenacious reporter. He not only was the first reporter to tell the world in 2009 that Gov. Mark Sanford had been missing for a couple of days, but he followed the story for years. Davenport revealed that Sanford used taxpayer money to upgrade himself to business or first-class on flights and use the state plane for personal trips. That led to Sanford paying a \$74,000 fine,

the biggest ethics penalty in state history.

During his 13 years with the AP, Davenport also revealed that the state Commerce Department used a private marketing account to pay for \$1,000 chairs, a maid for the director's Columbia apartment and alcohol for its Christmas parties. He was a tireless advocate for the state's Freedom of Information Act, coordinating the first audit that showed how little public bodies and law enforcement agencies understood about the public's right to know.

"Jim's reporting was always clear-eyed, his main question 'What are these folks doing on behalf of the people who put them in office?' And that is what earned him respect. And affection," said Kathleen Carroll, the AP's executive editor.

SERVICES

Clarice Mattie Frostenson of Fairfield, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel; visitation from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Charlotte Lee Wilson of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the mortuary.

Duane L. McDonald of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Thursday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Bette C. Cook of Buhl, funeral at 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Leona (Nonie) Estelle Johnson of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Friday at the First Church of the Nazarene in Twin Falls (Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Clara Coley of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Buhl LDS 3rd Ward building on Fair Street; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl and 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church.

William Douglas "Willy" Falconburg Sr. of Jerome, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome; potluck luncheon follows at the Calvary Episcopal Church parish hall, 201 S. Adams St. in Jerome.

Pauline Marie Hoag, formerly of Filer, grave-

side service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Filer Odd Fellows Cemetery.

Nicholas "Nick" Dixon of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

W. Jay Toevs of Norco, Calif., and formerly of Paul, memorial service at 1 p.m. Sunday at the VFW Hall in Norco, Calif.

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The family of Raymond George Kowitz wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives for the cards, flowers, food, visits and all other acts of kindness and fun memories that were so graciously extended to us during our recent loss.

They were deeply appreciated. We would also like to express our gratitude to Pastor Travis Turner, the Mini-Cassia Veterans, Morrison Funeral Home and a special hug for Eddie Pfeiffer.

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DEATH NOTICES

Betty Williams

AMERICAN FALLS • Betty Lou Kidd Williams, 88, of American Falls and formerly of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at a care facility in American Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Davis-Rose Mortuary in American Falls).

George Keosky

BURLEY • George Keosky, 89, of Burley, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2012.

No formal funeral will be held; a private burial will be in Montana (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Bret D. Adams

ALBION • Bret Darrell Adams, 50, of Albion, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2012.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Stanley Peters

HEYBURN • Stanley Calvin Peters, 88, of Heyburn, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, at Country Side Care and Rehabilitation in Rupert.

Arrangements will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Ronald Stokesberry

FILER • Ronald Stokesberry, 64, of Filer, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2012, at his home.

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

Kevin Barth

RUPERT • Kevin Howard Barth, 50, of Rupert, died at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

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North African Nations Take Different Reform Routes into Future

RABAT, Morocco (AP) • Two years after an itinerant Tunisian fruit-seller set himself on fire to protest government injustice and ignited uprisings across the Middle East, the three nations of the Maghreb — the former French colonies of North Africa — have taken vastly different paths. Tunisia has seen wholesale political change.

In oil-rich Algeria, it's business as usual. Somewhere in the middle is Morocco, which has trumpeted what it describes as a third way of controlled change as a model for the region. Morocco and Algeria seem remarkably stable, despite the social tensions boiling beneath their calm facade. Resource-strapped Tunisia seems to have fared poorly, with a struggling economy and dire predictions of chaos. Yet it's also the country that has made the most progress toward a more open society.

MOROCCO:

On the surface, Morocco seems to be the Maghreb nation that has fared the best in the Arab Spring, with massive protests by the pro-democracy February 20th youth movement bringing a swift promise by the king to reform the constitution, devolving more powers to elected officials. A referendum on the amended constitution was approved by 98 percent of the people and in early elections, a moderate Islamist party long in the opposition won the right to head the new governing coalition.

“Our government is working in cooperation with the other institutions under the leadership of his majesty,” Communication Minister Mustapha Khalfi told The Associated Press. “It's what we call a gradual reform with stability, a third path between revolution and the old way of governing.”

ALGERIA:

The energy giant has been referred to as the exception to the Arab Spring. Early protests calling for reform fizzled and were quickly repressed by highly vigilant security forces. While President Abdelaziz Bouteflika went on to promise a host of reforms, including in the laws governing the media and political parties, little has been achieved over the past two years.

Dozens of new parties were legalized but it made little difference in parliamentary elections in May 2012 or November's municipal elections, which were poorly attended and just strengthened the ruling party. For the most part life has returned to the way it was before the Arab Spring. With its enormous oil and gas reserves, Algeria also has vast financial resources lacking to most Arab Spring countries, allowing it to douse potential unrest with large amounts of cash.

TUNISIA:

Of the three Maghreb countries, the birthplace of the Arab Spring has appeared to be closest to the brink of violence and even a new uprising. Over the past few weeks, there has been a rising confrontation between the main labor union and the moderate Islamist party that won elections after the overthrow of the dictator. Tunisia, a largely middle class republic of 10 million, was once one of the most repressive police states in the region under the 23-year rule of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, until his overthrow in January 2011.

After a relatively rocky transition, Tunisians surged to the polls in record numbers on Oct. 23 and gave the most votes to Ennahda, a moderate Islamist party that had been an implacable foe of the old regime. The Islamists went on to form a coalition with two other secular parties and promised democracy and jobs.



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In this April photo, Algerians walk by posters for election lists displayed in front of the main post office in downtown Algiers.

Father of Conn. School Gunman Claims Son's Body

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) • The father of the gunman who killed 26 people in a Connecticut elementary school, including 20 first-graders, has claimed his son's body, a spokesman for the family said Monday.

The remains of Adam Lanza were claimed by Peter Lanza, the spokesman said. He said there were private arrangements over the weekend, but would not elaborate on what those arrangements were. The office of Connecticut's medical

examiner released the body on Thursday to a person who asked to be anonymous, according to Linda Sylvia, an office spokeswoman.

Adam Lanza, 20, slaughtered the children and six adults at the Sandy Hook Elementary School on Dec. 14. He also killed his mother in their Newtown home before going on the rampage and then committing suicide.

A private funeral was held earlier this month in New Hampshire for his mother,

Nancy Lanza, who was divorced from Peter Lanza.

Peter Lanza lives in Stamford, Conn., and is a tax director at General Electric.

Authorities have not offered a motive for the killings. State police say they have been exploring all aspects of Adam Lanza's life including his education, family history and medical treatment for clues. Police have said it could take months to produce a final report on their investigation.



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Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., walks to a closed-door meeting with fellow Democrats as he and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., work to negotiate a legislative path to avoid the so-called 'fiscal cliff,' at the Capitol in Washington on Sunday.

Details of Cliff Deal Emerging

WASHINGTON (AP) •

Working with Congress against a midnight deadline, President Barack Obama said Monday that a deal to avert the “fiscal cliff” was in sight but not yet finalized. The emerging deal would raise tax rates on family income over \$450,000 and individual income over \$400,000 a year, increase the estate tax rate and extend unemployment benefits for one year.

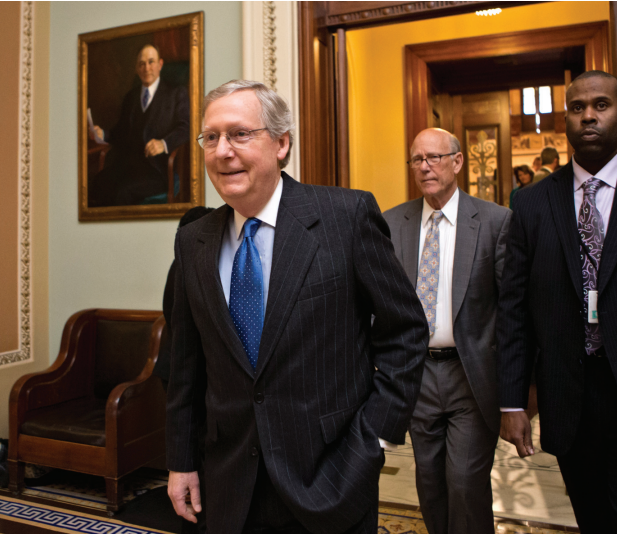
“There are still issues left to resolve but we're hopeful Congress can get it done,” Obama said at a campaign-style event at the White House. “But it's not done.”

In the building New Year's Eve drama, the parties still were at an impasse over whether to put off the automatic, across-the-board spending cuts set to take effect at the beginning of the year and if so, how to pay for that.

One official said talks were focused on a two-month delay in the across-the-board cuts but negotiators had yet to agree on about \$24 billion in savings from elsewhere in the budget. Democrats had asked for the cuts to be put off for one year and be offset by unspecified revenue.

The president said that whatever last-minute fixes are necessary, they must come from a blend of tax revenue and constrained spending, not just budget cuts.

Officials emphasized that negotiations were continuing and the emerging deal was not yet final. And a confident Obama, flanked by cheering



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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., followed by Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., second from right, leaves the Senate chamber to meet with fellow Republicans in a closed-door session as the 'fiscal cliff' negotiations continue at the Capitol on Sunday.

middle class Americans in a White House auditorium, jabbed Congress, saying lawmakers were prone to last-minute delays.

“One thing we can count on with respect to this Congress is that if there's even one second left before you have to do what you're supposed to do, they will use that last second,” he said.

Speaking shortly afterward on the Senate floor, Sen. John McCain said that “at a time of crisis, on New Year's Eve ... you had the president of the United States go over and have a cheerleading, ridiculing-of-Republicans exercise.” The Arizona Republican lost the 2008 presidential race to Obama.

Unless an agreement is

reached and approved by Congress at the start of the New Year, more than \$500 billion in 2013 tax increases will take effect immediately and \$109 billion in cuts will be carved from defense and domestic programs

Though the tax hikes and budget cuts would be felt gradually, economists warn that if allowed to fully take hold, their combined impact — the so-called fiscal cliff — would rekindle a recession.

The current proposal in the works would raise the tax rates on family income over \$450,000 and individual income over \$400,000 from 35 percent to 39.6 percent, the same level as under former President Bill Clinton. Also, estates would be taxed at 40

percent after the first \$5 million for an individual and \$10 million for a couple, up from 35 percent to 40 percent.

Unemployment benefits would be extended for one year. Without the extension, 2 million people would lose benefits beginning in early January.

A Republican official familiar with the plans confirmed the details described to The Associated Press.

The officials requested anonymity in order to discuss the internal negotiations.

The president said his hopes for a larger, more sweeping deal have been dashed and said that such an accommodation was not possible “with this Congress at this time.”

But even with this fight not finished, Obama warned Republicans, specifically, about the battles still ahead. He said he would not accept any debt-reduction deals in the new year that rely on slashing spending without raising taxes, too. Cuts alone won't happen anymore “at least as long as I'm president, and I'm going to be president for the next four years.”

Urgent talks were continuing Monday afternoon between the White House and congressional Republicans, with longtime negotiating partners Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell at the helm. Underscoring the flurry of activity, another GOP aide said the two men had conversations at 12:45 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Monday.

Hillary Clinton Remains in Hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) • Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton is under observation at a New York hospital after being treated for a blood clot stemming from the concussion she sustained earlier this month.

Clinton's doctors discovered the clot Sunday while performing a follow-up exam, her spokesman, Philippe Reines, said. He would not elaborate on the location of the clot but said Clinton was being treated with anti-coagulants and would remain at New York-Presbyterian Hospital for at least the next 48 hours so doctors can monitor the medication.

“Her doctors will continue to assess her condition, including other issues associated with her concussion,” Reines said in a statement. “They will determine if any further action is required.”

Clinton, 65, fell and suffered a concussion while at home alone in mid-December as she recovered from a stomach virus that left her severely dehydrated. The concussion was diagnosed Dec. 13 and Clinton was forced to cancel a trip to North Africa and the Middle East that had been planned for the next week.

The seriousness of a blood clot “depends on where it is,” said Dr.

Gholam Motamedi, a neurologist at Georgetown University Medical Center who was not involved in Clinton's care.

Clots in the legs are a common risk after someone has been bedridden, as Clinton may have been for a time after her concussion. Those are “no big deal” and are treated with six months of blood thinners to allow them to dissolve on their own and to prevent further clots from forming, he said.

A clot in a lung or the brain is more serious. Lung clots, called pulmonary embolisms, can be deadly, and a clot in the brain can cause a stroke, Motamedi said.



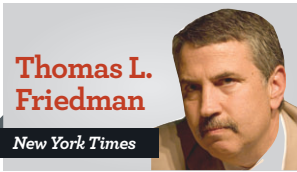
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Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton listens to a question during a joint news conference with Irish Taoiseach Enda Kenny at the government building in Dublin, Ireland, in this Dec. 6 photo.

Give Chuck a Chance

In case you haven't heard, President Barack Obama is considering appointing Chuck Hagel, a former U.S. senator from Nebraska and a Purple Heart winner, as the next secretary of defense — and this has triggered a minifirefight among Hagel critics and supporters. I am a Hagel supporter. I think he would make a fine secretary of defense — precisely because some of his views are not “mainstream.” I find the opposition to him falling into two baskets: the disgusting and the philosophical. It is vital to look at both to appreciate why Hagel would be a good fit for Defense at this time.

The disgusting is the fact that because Hagel once described the Israel lobby as the “Jewish lobby” (it also contains some Christians). And because he has rather bluntly stated that his job as a U.S. senator was not to take orders from the Israel lobby but to advance U.S. interests, he is smeared as an Israel-hater at best and an anti-Semite at worst. If ever Israel needed a U.S. defense secretary who was committed to Israel's survival, as Hagel has repeatedly stated — but who was convinced that ensuring that survival didn't mean having America go along with Israel's lunatic, self-destructive drift into settling the West Bank and obviating a two-state solution — it is now.



I am certain that the vast majority of U.S. senators and policymakers quietly believe exactly what Hagel believes on Israel — that it is surrounded by more implacable enemies than ever and needs and deserves America's backing. But, at the same time, this Israeli government is so spoiled and has shifted so far to the right that it makes no effort to take U.S. interests into account by slowing its self-isolating settlement adventure. And it's going to get worse. Israel's friends need to understand that the center-left in Israel is dying. The Israeli election in January will bring to power Israeli rightists who never spoke at your local Israel Bonds dinner. These are people who want to annex the West Bank. Bibi Netanyahu is a dove in this crowd. The only thing standing between Israel and national suicide any more is America and its willingness to tell Israel the truth. But most U.S. senators, policymakers and Jews prefer to stick their heads in the sand, because confronting Israel is so unpleasant and politically dangerous. Hagel at least cares enough about Israel to be an exception.

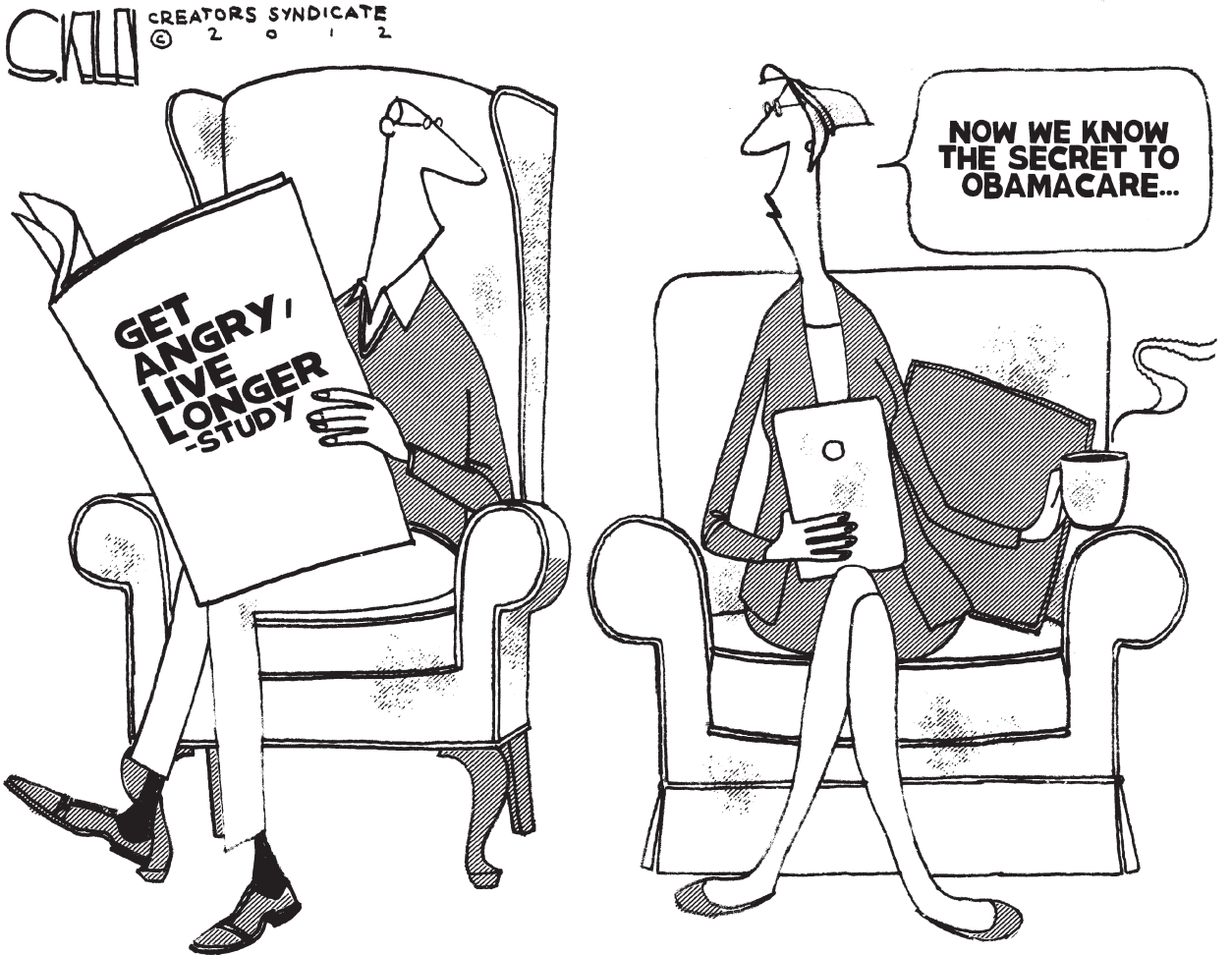
No one captured the despair in Israel better than Bradley Burston, a columnist for the Israeli newspaper Haaretz, who wrote the other day: “This year, for Hanukkah, I want one person running this country, this Israel, to show me one scrap of light. One move — any move — for freedom, for all the peoples who live here. One step — no matter how slight — in the direction of a better future. What makes this Hanukkah different from all others? It's the dark. It's the sense that this country — beset by enemies, beset by itself — has locked down every single door against the future, and sealed shut every last window against hope. ... This country has begun to feel like a lamp whose body is cracked and whose light seems all but spent. On these long nights, we can make out little but an occupation growing ever more permanent, and a democracy growing ever more temporary.”

So, yes, put me in the camp of those who think that a few more bluntly outspoken friends of Israel in the U.S. Cabinet would be a good thing.

The legitimate philosophical criticism of Hagel concerns his stated preferences for finding a negotiated solution to Iran's nuclear program, his willingness to engage Hamas to see if it can be moved from its extremism, his belief that the Pentagon budget must be cut, and his aversion to going to war again in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, because he has been to war and knows how much can go wrong. Whether you agree with these views or not, it would be nothing but healthy to have them included in the president's national security debates.

For instance, it's impossible for me to see how America can secure its interests in Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Bahrain and Lebanon without ending the U.S.-Iran Cold War in the Middle East. I'm skeptical that it's possible. I think the Iranian regime needs hostility with America to justify its hold on power. But with sanctions really biting Iran, I'd like to test and test again whether a diplomatic deal is possible before any military strike. I think Hamas is dedicated to Israel's destruction and has been a disaster for the Palestinians. But it is a deeply rooted organization. It controls Gaza. It is not going away. I don't think America or Israel have anything to lose by engaging Hamas to see if a different future is possible. I think the world needs a strong America to maintain global stability. But the “fiscal cliff” tells you that our defense budget is coming down and we need to cut with a smart strategic plan. I think it would be useful to have a defense secretary who starts with that view and does not have to be bludgeoned into it.

So, yes, Hagel is out of the mainstream. That is exactly why his voice would be valuable right now. Obama will still make all the final calls, but let him do so after having heard all the alternatives.



Too Many Secrets

The following editorial appeared recently in the Washington Post:

The federal government keeps petabytes (that's a million gigabytes each) of information secret every year — some of it highly sensitive, some of it hardly. A 1972 diplomatic telegram that discusses the exchange of gifts between the United States and China — musk oxen from the Nixon administration in return for two Chinese pandas — was labeled confidential, and it wasn't declassified until 1997.

Americans have a right to know what the government is doing on their behalf or in their name, except in exceptional circumstances. A functioning democracy requires the people to hold their government to account. Accountability, in turn, requires knowledge about government activities. It

also requires access to information about what the government has done in the past, and how that worked or didn't. A complex and cautious system can even harm national security, keeping information from people within and outside government who could help make sense of it.

But America's classification system “keeps too many secrets, and keeps them too long.” That's the conclusion of the Public Interest Declassification Board, a presidential task force, in a new report. Most of that classification, it notes, “occurs by rote.”

How big is the problem? Former national security officials have said that half or even most of the country's classified documents need not be. Records that are 25 years old are supposed to be reviewed and declassified.

There are enough 25-year-old records in storage to produce a backlog of 400 million pages. But with the proliferation of electronic communication over the past couple of decades, government classifiers are now condoning off much more. The backlog, the board reckons, is set to grow exponentially.

Unfortunately, the board reports, those doing the classifying have little interest in shaking things up. They face few incentives to release information and many incentives to be overly cautious. No one is ever punished for classifying too many records, and no one wants to get in trouble for releasing sensitive material.

At the very least, government employees should not be scared of retribution. The board recommends offering “safe harbor” to those

who, in good faith, decide to classify material at a lower level or not at all. Classification training should emphasize the importance of releasing information whenever possible. Records that still must be classified should be assessed for their value to the public and prioritized for eventual declassification review. Others that need to be classified for only a very short time might be scheduled for quick, automatic declassification. The process of declassifying what is already in the queue, meanwhile, must be streamlined by changing rules and technology.

Since the executive branch has control over most of the procedure, the White House should take the problem of overclassification seriously and convene a steering committee immediately to implement some of the board's sensible suggestions. Even if that means some of America's critical musk-oxen secrets slip out a little earlier.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Gun Laws Would Be Useless

The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting was a sad thing, as were the many others. Will they stop? Probably not, and so many leaders look to “Big Brother” to pass another useless 60,000 anti-firearms laws which of course will be just as useless.

The cause is twofold: We live in an armed culture where many watch program after program telling

us continually to solve our problems with a gun. In fact, our reputation for murder is so dreadful that foreign persons joke: If someone wants it destroyed by sundown, call the Americans. It seems destruction is all we're really good at. So for solutions to our problems: the tom-toms beat, American eyes roll back into their heads, logic disappears and the carnage begins.

One truism of self-defense must be understood: Any terrorist, or mad person, can pick, quite easily,

their time and place to strike; and they will pick a time and place where they can most likely achieve success and these successes are based almost entirely upon the lack of perceived resistance.

Also, let's remember what the Israelis did back in the '50s and '60s when their schools were being attacked by Islamic fanatics. Israeli school teachers and administrators were quickly pressed into the militia, given appropriate training and armed; and, I'll be damned, they

haven't had a school shooting since.

Years ago, one magazine photo impressed me greatly: It was of a young Fundamental Jewish man, black clad with funny little hat and curls, praying at the Wall of Tears — with a sub-machinegun slung over his shoulder. Self-defense is a personal issue, not an organizational one. Government, using fraud and force, will only disarm and set its own people up for slaughter.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

QUOTE

“For a lot of soldiers, it's the family back home that drives them. Support from family and friends is very important. Support is also important from the American public. Often times a simple thank you is enough.”

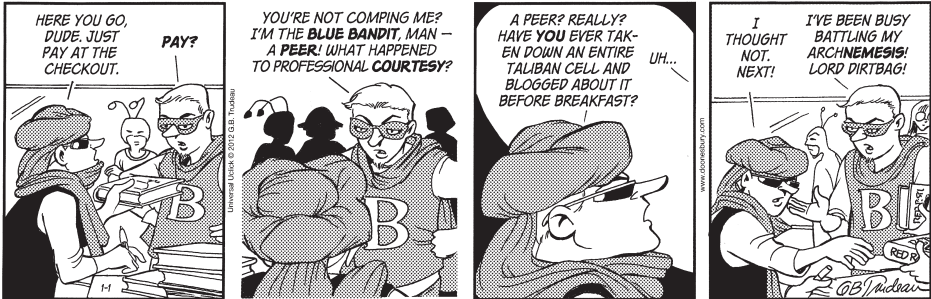
First Lt. Aaron Dunn discussing what it is like to return home after being deployed in Afghanistan.

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Emergency personnel respond Sunday to the scene of a multiple fatality accident where a tour bus careened through a guardrail along an icy Oregon highway about 15 miles east of Pendleton, Ore.

Bus Crashed on Notorious Stretch of Road

PENDLETON, Ore. (AP) • The stretch of rural Oregon interstate where a tour bus crashed through a guardrail and plummeted 100 feet down a steep embankment is so notorious that state transportation officials have published a specific advisory warning of its dangers.

Nine people were killed and more than two dozen injured when the charter bus veered out of control around 10:30 a.m. Sunday on snow- and ice-covered lanes of Interstate 84 in eastern Oregon, according to Oregon State Police.

The bus crashed near the start of a 7-mile section of road winding down a hill. It came to rest at the bottom of a snowy slope, landing beaten and battered but upright with little or no debris visible around the crash site.

The *East Oregonian* said it spoke with two South Korean passengers, ages 16 and 17. Both said through a translator that they were seated near the rear of the bus when it swerved a few times, hit the guardrail and flipped.

They described breaking glass and seeing passengers pinned by their seats as the bus slid down the hill. Both said that they feared for their lives.

The paper said that the teens, one of whom injured a knee and the other suffered a broken collarbone, were staying at a hotel arranged by the Red Cross.

More than a dozen rescue workers descended the hill and used ropes to help retrieve people from the wreckage in freezing weather. The bus driver was among the survivors, but had not yet spoken to police because of the severity of the injuries the driver had suffered.

Lt. Gregg Hastings said the bus crashed along the west end of the Blue Mountains, and west of an area called Deadman Pass. The area is well known locally for its hazards, and the state transportation department advises truck drivers that "some of the most changeable and severe weather conditions in the Northwest"

can lead to slick conditions and poor visibility. Drivers are urged to use "extreme caution and defensive driving techniques," and warned that snow and black ice are common in the fall through the spring.

The bus had been carrying about 40 people. St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton treated 26 of them, said hospital spokesman Larry Blanc.

Five of those treated at St. Anthony were transported to other facilities.

Blanc did not elaborate on the nature of the injuries but told the *Oregonian* that the hospital brought in additional staff to handle the rush of patients and did a lot of X-ray imaging.

I-84 is a major east-west highway through Oregon that follows the Columbia River Gorge.

Law Enforcement Searches for Missing Mont. Woman

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) • Law enforcement officers in southwestern Montana searched Monday for a missing Anaconda woman after her boyfriend, who was being sought for questioning in her disappearance, was found dead at a Missoula-area truck stop.

The body of John Goldberg, 38, was found in his pickup on Saturday afternoon in the back lot of a truck stop west of Missoula, said Missoula County sheriff's spokesman Jason Johnson. Officials said it appeared Goldberg shot himself in the head and that he had been dead for at least a day. Officers found a four-page suicide note dated Dec. 27 but did not release its contents other

than to say it included a request that he not be resuscitated if he were found alive.

Goldberg's girlfriend, Tammy Salle, 41, was last seen on Dec. 23. Goldberg told authorities last week that he and Salle had argued on Dec. 23 and she left in his car. Her adult daughter reported her missing three days later.

Anaconda police asked Goldberg to come in to the police station later Wednesday for questioning, but he didn't show up. Police Chief Tim Barkell said Goldberg then quit answering his cellphone.

The car Salle was reportedly driving was found Friday morning near Deer Lodge.

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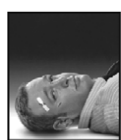
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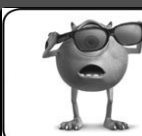
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Mont. Minimum Wage Workers Get a Raise

HELENA, Mont. (AP) • Montana's minimum wage workers get a small pay raise on New Year's Day when an automatic cost-of-living increase takes effect.

Kaylee Feight, who works at a Helena Quiznos, said she has big plans for the extra 15 cents an hour. The 21-year-old recently moved from Hawaii and looks forward to owning her 10-year-old Pontiac in the free and clear.

"I'm going to pay off my car faster," said Feight.

She said the increase, although small, is better than nothing.

"It doesn't hurt to make more money," she said during a break from making sandwiches for the state's Capitol-area crowd.

Montana is among nine states with a scheduled increase in the minimum wage taking place on Tuesday. In

Montana, it will go up from \$7.65 to \$7.80, meaning a full-time worker will make about \$300 more in a year. More than 20,000 workers will be affected, the Department of Labor estimates.

Montana's minimum wage goes up due to a ballot initiative approved by nearly three-fourths of voters in 2006. That law established annual cost-of-living increases.

Gov.-elect Steve Bullock helped lead the initiative effort prior to being elected attorney general in 2008. Bullock noted that it had failed in several previous legislative sessions amid concerns that the increase would kill the economy — an argument that Bullock said has been proven wrong since implementation.

"This law has served the state well," Bullock said.

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Uranium Shipments to Nevada Could Start Soon

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. (AP) • A U.S. Department of Energy official says stocks of radioactive uranium could start shipping from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory to Nevada in 2013.

However, *The Knoxville News Sentinel* reported agency officials will not discuss exact dates of the shipments because of safety and security reasons because of the fissionable material's potential use in nuclear weapons.

DOE's Environmental Manager Mark Whitney said in an interview with the newspaper this fall that the DOE wanted to start the shipments to the Nevada National Security site in early 2013 pending approvals to ship.

The agency released another statement saying all approvals for shipment were not yet in place, but they expected approval soon.

The shipments are part of a program to dispose of a stockpile of old reactor fuel called the Consolidated Edison Uranium Solidification Project that has been housed at Oak Ridge for decades.

The 1980s project processed the radioactive materials for storage, and there are 403 canisters contained about 2.6 kilograms of uranium in each. The radiation at the exterior of the canisters is about 300 rads per hour, which categorizes it as a high-hazard level.

The energy department said a container sleeve acts as a shield and has reduced the radiation field by about half.

Whitney did not agree with an analysis by the Institute for Policy Studies released earlier this year criticizing the plans to disposal of the materials, which suggested the agency would have to waive its own rules in order to bury the materials in the Nevada desert landfill.

Whitney said the DOE and the National Nuclear Security Administration are not seeking a waiver or any exemptions in order to dispose of the uranium.

"The CEUSP material meets the waste acceptance criteria," Whitney said.

The containers would be buried at a depth greater than 40 feet, under another layer of radioactive waste. Whitney said because of the material's form and location, it would be very difficult for anyone to gain access or do anything with it.

"I think it is a safe and secure operation for disposing of this material," he said.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Frozen Stones Event

The Scottish American Athletic Association is hosting the sixth annual “Frozen Stones” Highland Games at Shoshone Falls Park on Jan. 1. The event is free to the public and begins at 10 a.m.

GHS Volleyball Tournament

The Gooding girls basketball team is hosting a co-ed volleyball tournament on Jan. 19, starting at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$120 per team. Information: Brittanie Toone at 358-1332.

Staff reports



Five NFL Coaches Fired.
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SPORTS + CLASSIFIEDS

ONES TO WATCH IN 2013

2012 is in the rear-view mirror. Here’s your primer on some things to watch in 2013.

BY TIMES-NEWS SPORTS EDITOR DAVID BASHORE



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Declo’s Jason Gillette (front) wrestles McCall-Donnelly’s Zach Lowen in the 2A 170-pound weight class during the 2012 State Wrestling Championships on Feb. 25 at the Holt Arena in Pocatello.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Declo football coach Kelly Kidd raises the Class 2A state championship trophy after the Hornets defeated Firth 22-12 at Holt Arena in Pocatello.



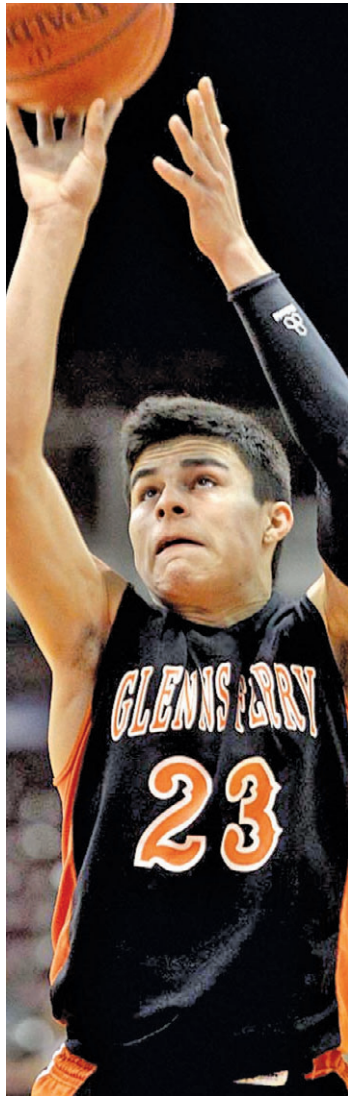
TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Twin Falls’ Kaiya Moffitt prepares to shoot the ball in a game earlier this season. The Lady Bruins, along with many other Magic Valley schools, are poised to be contenders in the state tournament race.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Castleford’s Sierra Harr hits an approach shot during the Lighthouse Christian Invite on April 10 at the Canyon Springs Country Club.



TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

Glenns Ferry senior Chris Popoca (23) makes a free throw shot on Saturday at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Three-peat Watch

The Dietrich girls basketball team, Declo wrestling team and Twin Falls and Castleford boys golf teams have all won back-to-back state championships in 2011 and 2012. Can any (or all) of them make it three in a row in 2013?

The Next 11-man Champion

It was eight years between 11-man champs from District IV before Declo won it all in 2012 (Twin Falls in 2004 was the previous one). Will we have another lengthy drought or can a team step up and make it two years in a row with 11-man football titles?

Basketball Sweeps?

Five schools — Burley, Carey, Dietrich, Filer and Twin Falls — have both their boys and girls basketball teams among the perceived contenders in the state tournament race. Will any of them be able to pull off the double, which hasn’t been done by a District IV school since Burley did it in 2007 (Priest River did it in 2010), this year?

Where Will Sierra Harr Play?

After earning the right to play with the boys if Castleford didn’t have enough girls to field a full golf team, talk was there could be enough this season to put Harr back with the girls. The story may not be done just yet.

Something Unexpected

There’s always something strange that happens in a season. Glenns Ferry’s boys basketball championship certainly qualifies for 2012. Whatever surprises are in store in 2013, we’re confident it’s going to be another good year for sports in the Magic Valley.

Magic Valley’s Athletes of the Past Week

Boys basketball: Will Hope, Jerome. Hope averaged 13 points in the Tigers’ two games last week, a loss to Middleton and a win over Mountain Home.



Girls basketball: Hanna Glaze, Twin Falls Christian. Glaze averaged 15.3 points in four tournament games in Boise, as the Warriors went 4-0.



Former Bruins Wrestler Excels at Minn. College

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TWIN FALLS • Twin Falls wrestling coach Said Dabestani has seen a few hundred wrestlers come and go in his time at the helm. He knows what separates average from good, and good from great.

“A lot of people think it’s strength or something physical,” Dabestani said. “No, 90 percent of wrestling is upstairs, it’s the brain.”

There’s been one wrestler, Dabestani said, who was head and shoulders — particularly the head — above the rest since Dabestani took over in 2004.

Now Augsburg College junior Will Keeter.

“He was the smartest,” Dabestani said. “Zak Sloten (Colorado Mesa) was right there, but Will had great strategy. He understood how to trick his opponent, start in a defensive mode and wait for just the perfect time to attack.”

Dabestani still keeps in touch with the two-time Idaho state champion, watching some of his matches on the Internet.

“He is now the smartest one on that team,” Dabestani said with a chuckle.

Keeter, who is currently 8-3 with the Auggies, was recently in town on holiday break, even dropping by the high school to run an in-practice clinic for current Bruins wrestlers.

“I get updates from the parents on how guys are doing,” Keeter said. “Sometimes I sit back and reminisce. It’s nice to come back every now and then.”

Keeter finished his sophomore season 26-16, taking on more dual matches after the wrestler in front of him got injured.

“I don’t know if I was dominating, but I was kind of thrown to the wolves, and coach was pretty happy with how I responded,” Keeter said. “I feel like I stepped up last season.”

Keeter is now a starter at Augsburg, one of the most prolific wrestling programs in the country, with 23 straight seasons finishing in the top four of NCAA Division III.

“I’s been a lot different than high school,” Keeter said. “I had never heard of any of the guys I wrestled over here. It was a new experience. They wrestle with a completely different style. Guys in college are more mature. They are much stronger and athletic. You have to climb the latter. When you start out in college you are on the bottom rung.”

After a rigorous off-season workout regiment, Keeter jumped up eight pounds to 149.

“It wasn’t as much about getting bigger as it was getting stronger,” Keeter said.

Winning eight of his first 11 matches in the new

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Sportsweek for Jan. 1

Wednesday, Jan. 2

BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Kimberly at Canyon Ridge

Thursday, Jan. 3

GIRLS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Twin Falls at Burley

Friday, Jan. 4

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL
7:30 p.m.
Butte County at Carey

Saturday, Jan. 5

WRESTLING
10 a.m.
Buhl Invitational

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Reid Among 5 NFL Coaches Sacked in Firing Frenzy

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By lunchtime Monday, five NFL coaches were looking for work.

With the regular season ending the day before, the firings came at a furious clip and within a span of 90 minutes the following were sacked: Andy Reid in Philadelphia, Lovie Smith in Chicago, Pat Shurmur in Cleveland, Romeo Crennel in Kansas City and Chan Gailey in Buffalo.

Though he also had a losing record, New York Jets coach Rex Ryan held onto his job while general manager Mike Tannenbaum was let go. Jacksonville fired its GM, Gene Smith. And the Browns made it a clean sweep, dismissing GM Tom Heckert along with Shurmur.

Reid was the longest tenured of the coaches, removed after 14 seasons and a Super Bowl appearance in 2005 — a loss to New England.

Smith spent nine seasons with the Bears, leading them to the Super Bowl in 2006 — a loss to the Indianapolis Colts. Gailey was dumped after three seasons with the Bills; Shurmur after two; and Crennel had one full season with the Chiefs.

Reid took over a 3-13 team in 1999, drafted Donovan McNabb with the No. 2 overall pick and quickly turned the franchise into a title contender.

He is the winningest coach in club history and led them to a run of four straight NFC championship games, a streak that ended with a trip to the NFL title game. But the team hasn't won a playoff game since 2008 and after last season's 8-8 finish, owner Jeffrey Lurie said he was looking for improvement this year. The Eagles finished 4-12.

Shurmur went 9-23 in his two seasons with the Browns, who will embark on yet another offseason of change — the only constant in more than a decade of futility.

Crennel took over with three games left in the 2011 season after GM Scott Pioli fired Todd Haley. Kansas City will have the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft as a result of having one of the worst seasons in its 53-year history. The only other time the Chiefs finished 2-14 was 2008.

Gailey compiled a 16-32 record in his three seasons in Buffalo, never doing better than 6-10.

Smith and the Bears went 10-6 this season and just missed a playoff spot. But Chicago started 7-1 this year and has struggled to put together a productive offense throughout Smith's tenure. His record was 81-63 with the Bears.

Keeter

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weight class, Keeter is off to his best start collegiately, though it's still early.

"This is definitely where I should be," Keeter said.

One of the things Keeter's enjoyed most about college is the chance to visit new places. While Keeter spends most of his time around campus at the Minnesota school, the Auggies take plenty of road trips.

"Florida has been my favorite," Keeter said. "Ft. Lauderdale was great. You get a day to hang out and relax after a tournament. It's not just going on a bus, we go across the country. I love Twin Falls, but this has been a great experience."

West Regionals, for Augsburg, will start the first week of March. The Auggies next travel to Pennsylvania for the William Penn University open.

Redskins Win NFC East, Broncos Get Top Seed in AFC

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RG3 and the Washington Redskins are heading to the playoffs as NFC East champions.

By winning their seventh straight game, the Redskins rolled to their first division title in 13 years with a 28-18 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night. Next up for Robert Griffin III & Co.: a home playoff matchup next Sunday with the Seahawks — the third straight postseason game for Washington against Seattle.

"It's just a mindset change," the rookie quarterback said. "When you have all these guys coming to work every day, putting it on the line, we knew we couldn't afford to lose one game, we made sure we didn't."

Thanks to Houston's late-season slump, Denver and New England will have byes when the AFC playoffs begin next week.

The Texans fell from first to third in the conference Sunday when they lost 28-16 at Indianapolis, which welcomed back coach Chuck Pagano after nearly three months of treatments for leukemia.

AFC West champion Denver won its 11th straight game, 38-3 over Kansas City to secure the top seed. New England blanked Miami 28-0 for the second spot.

Minnesota edged Green Bay 37-34 to grab the final NFC wild card, sinking the Packers to the third seed. Those teams will meet again next Saturday night at Lambeau Field.

The other NFC matchup will have Seattle (11-5), which beat St. Louis 20-13, at Washington on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. ET.

Cincinnati (10-6) will be at Houston on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. ET, and Indianapolis (11-5) goes to at Baltimore (10-6) on Sunday at 1 p.m. in the AFC wild-card rounds.

The divisional round games will be hosted by Denver on Saturday, Jan. 12, followed by San Francisco (11-4-1) at night. On Sunday,



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Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III (10) celebrates his touchdown with tight end Logan Paulsen (82) during the second half of an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys Sunday in Landover, Md.

Jan. 13, Atlanta (13-3) will host the early game, followed by New England (12-4).

Peyton Manning threw for three touchdowns as Denver (13-3) routed the Chiefs. New England got the second seed despite having the same record as Houston because it beat the Texans, who lost three of their final four games.

Adrian Peterson had 199 yards against the Packers, finishing with 2,097 — Dickerson's single-season rushing mark in 2,105. But it was rookie kicker Blair Walsh who won it with a 29-yard field goal as time expired.

"Ultimately we got the 'W,'" Peterson said. "I told myself to come into this game focused on one thing, and that's winning."

Green Bay would have been seeded second in the NFC by beating Minnesota.

"The road got a little tougher having to play on opening weekend, but we've got a home game and that's why you win the division," Aaron Rodgers said. "We get to go back home, and the game will be different. They won't have home-crowd advantage, and hopefully that will make a difference."

Baltimore Pro Bowl safety

Ed Reed is looking forward to a reunion with Pagano. He wishes it would come a little later in the postseason.

"Chuck's like a dad to me," Reed said "He means a lot to me. I would have much rather seen them in the AFC championship game than the first game."

But Reed will see him next week at Baltimore.

The Ravens had a chance to move up to the AFC's third seed with a win and a New England loss. But Baltimore lost at Cincinnati as both teams played backups for much of the game.

Pagano coached the

Ravens' secondary for three seasons and was promoted to coordinator last year. Players and coaches in Baltimore have kept in touch, offering encouragement as he fought through the cancer treatments.

"Going back to Baltimore, obviously there's some familiarity there," Pagano said. "We had four great years there as a family. It's a top-notch organization, you know, really good football club. It's a great challenge and they have a great team and they have great players all over the place."

The Colts were 2-14 last season and chose quarterback Andrew Luck with the top selection in the draft. Luck and offensive coordinator Bruce Arians, who stepped in as interim coach with Pagano sidelined, led the turnaround.

Next week, Pagano goes up against former boss John Harbaugh.

"I love his family, and he's one of my closest personal friends in coaching," Harbaugh said. "What he's been through is phenomenal, but we're all competitors so that gets set aside."

Houston beat Cincinnati in the opening round of last year's playoffs.

"I think it will be good," said Bengals QB Andy Dalton, who grew up in suburban Houston. "We played there last year and know the atmosphere and what it's going to be like. The experience last year will definitely help us."

The defending Super Bowl champion Giants are out of contention. When Chicago beat Detroit 26-24, the Giants (9-7) were eliminated, even though they routed Philadelphia 42-7.

"It hurts," said Eli Manning. "Each year you want to make the playoffs to give yourself an opportunity to win a championship; 9-7 last year was good enough. It wasn't good enough this year and we knew it wouldn't be."

Minnesota's win eliminated Chicago.

SCOREBOARD

Odds

NCAA FOOTBALL

| Today | FAVORITE | OPEN | TODAY | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|---------------------------|----------|------|-------|-----|-----------------|
| Heart of Dallas Bowl | | | | | |
| Oklahoma St. | 18 | 17 | (70) | | Purdue |
| Gator Bowl | | | | | |
| At Jacksonville, Fla. | | | | | |
| Northwestern | +2 | 1 | (53) | | Mississippi St. |
| Outback Bowl | | | | | |
| At Tampa, Fla. | | | | | |
| South Carolina | 4 | 5½ | (48) | | Michigan |
| Capital One Bowl | | | | | |
| At Orlando, Fla. | | | | | |
| Georgia | 8 | 9 | (61) | | Nebraska |
| Rose Bowl | | | | | |
| At Pasadena, Calif. | | | | | |
| Stanford | 6 | 6 | (47½) | | Wisconsin |
| Orange Bowl | | | | | |
| At Miami | | | | | |
| Florida St. | 15 | 13½ | (58½) | | N. Illinois |
| Wednesday | | | | | |
| Sugar Bowl | | | | | |
| At New Orleans | | | | | |
| Florida | 13½ | 14 | (45½) | | Louisville |
| Thurs | | | | | |
| Florida St. | | | | | |
| At Glendale, Ariz. | | | | | |
| Oregon | 9½ | 9 | (75½) | | Kansas St. |
| Friday | | | | | |
| Cotton Bowl | | | | | |
| At Arlington, Texas | | | | | |
| Texas A&M | 3 | 3 | (72½) | | Oklahoma |
| Saturday | | | | | |
| Compass Bowl | | | | | |
| At Birmingham, Ala. | | | | | |
| Mississippi | 1½ | 3½ | (52½) | | Pittsburgh |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| Godaddy.Com Bowl | | | | | |
| At Mobile, Ala. | | | | | |
| Arkansas St. | +1 | 4 | (61½) | | Kent St. |
| Jan. 7 | | | | | |
| Bcs National Championship | | | | | |
| At Miami | | | | | |
| Alabama | 7½ | 9½ | (41½) | | Notre Dame |

NFL PLAYOFFS

| Saturday | FAVORITE | OPEN | TODAY | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|--------------|----------|------|-------|-----|--------------|
| at Houston | 5 | 4½ | (43½) | | Cincinnati |
| at Green Bay | 8 | 8 | (46) | | Minnesota |
| Sunday | | | | | |
| at Baltimore | 7 | 6½ | (46½) | | Indianapolis |
| Seattle | 1½ | 2 | (45) | | at |
| Washington | | | | | |

NCAA BASKETBALL

| FAVORITE | LINE | UNDERDOG |
|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|
| at Pittsburgh | 6½ | Cincinnati |
| at Minnesota | 6 | Michigan St. |
| at Boston College | 12 | Dartmouth |
| at Temple | 14½ | Bowling Green |
| at Texas-Arlington | 4½ | Denver |
| at UTSA | 2 | San Jose St. |
| at Iowa | 7 | at Iowa |
| Saint Joseph's | 1½ | at Drexel |
| Utah St. | 5½ | Gonzaga |
| at Oklahoma St. | Pk | Nevada |
| at Oregon | 12½ | New Mexico |
| at Saint Louis | 4 | North Texas |
| at Middle Tenn. | 14 | New Mexico St. |
| at Louisiana Tech | 5½ | at Saint Mary's (Cal) |
| at Saint Mary's (Cal) | 13 | Harvard |
| at NC State | 25 | UNC Greensboro |
| at St. Bonaventure | 4½ | Iona |
| at Delaware | 7 | Rider |
| Coll. of Charleston | 5 | at Marist |
| Mo.-Kansas City | 5 | at Nebraska-Omaha |
| at Kansas St. | 22 | South Dakota |
| Jacksonville St. | 6 | at U-P-Martin |
| at Syracuse | 28 | CCSU |

| NBA | | |
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| FAVORITE | LINE | UNDERDOG |
| Memphis | 1½ | at Indiana |
| at Chicago | 11½ | Charlotte |
| Miami | 9½ | at Orlando |
| at Houston | 4 | Atlanta |
| at San Antonio | 9½ | Brooklyn |
| at Oklahoma City | 12 | Phoenix |

Basketball

NBA STANDINGS

| EASTERN | | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| ATLANTIC | W | L | Pct | GB |
| New York | 21 | 9 | .700 | — |
| Brooklyn | 16 | 14 | .533 | 5 |
| Boston | 14 | 16 | .467 | 7 |
| Philadelphia | 14 | 17 | .452 | 7½ |
| Toronto | 11 | 20 | .355 | 10½ |
| SOUTHEAST | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Miami | 20 | 8 | .714 | — |

| CENTRAL | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Chicago | 16 | 12 | .571 | - |
| Indiana | 17 | 13 | .567 | - |
| Milwaukee | 16 | 13 | .552 | ½ |
| Detroit | 11 | 22 | .333 | 7½ |
| Cleveland | 7 | 25 | .219 | 11 |
| WESTERN | W | L | Pct | GB |
| San Antonio | 24 | 8 | .750 | - |
| Memphis | 19 | 8 | .704 | 2½ |
| Houston | 16 | 14 | .533 | 7 |
| Dallas | 12 | 19 | .387 | 11½ |
| New Orleans | 7 | 23 | .233 | 16 |
| NORTHWEST | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Oklahoma City | 23 | 6 | .793 | - |
| Denver | 17 | 15 | .531 | 7½ |
| Minnesota | 14 | 13 | .519 | 8 |
| Portland | 15 | 14 | .517 | 8 |
| Utah | 15 | 17 | .469 | 9½ |
| PACIFIC | W | L | Pct | GB |
| L.A. Clippers | 25 | 6 | .806 | - |
| Golden State | 21 | 10 | .677 | 4 |
| L.A. Lakers | 15 | 15 | .500 | 9½ |
| Sacramento | 11 | 19 | .367 | 13½ |
| Phoenix | 11 | 20 | .355 | 14 |

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| Sunday's Games |
| San Antonio 111, Dallas 86 |
| Detroit 96, Milwaukee 94 |
| Sacramento 118, Boston 96 |
| L.A. Clippers 107, Utah 96 |
| Monday's Games |
| Charlotte 88, L.A. Clippers 82 |
| Memphis at Indiana, late |
| Miami at Orlando, late |
| Atlanta at Houston, late |
| Brooklyn at San Antonio, late |
| Phoenix at Oklahoma City, late |
| Tuesday's Games |
| Dallas at Washington, 4 p.m. |
| Portland at New York, 5:30 p.m. |
| Sacramento at Detroit, 5:30 p.m. |
| Atlanta at New Orleans, 6 p.m. |
| Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday's Games |
| Sacramento at Cleveland, 5 p.m. |
| Portland at Toronto, 5 p.m. |
| Washington at Indiana, 5 p.m. |
| Chicago at Orlando, 5 p.m. |
| Memphis at Boston, 5:30 p.m. |
| Dallas at Miami, 5:30 p.m. |
| New Orleans at Houston, 6 p.m. |
| San Antonio at Milwaukee, 6 p.m. |
| Philadelphia at Phoenix, 7 p.m. |
| Minnesota at Utah, 7 p.m. |
| L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 8:30 p.m. |

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| CLIPPERS 107, JAZZ 96 |
| UTAH (96) |
| Carroll 2-5 12-6, Millsap 27-5 9-9, Jefferson 13-22 4-5 30, Tinsley 3-7 12-8, Foye 3-8 23 10, Hayward 5-15 5-5 16, Watson 0-3 0-0 0, Favors 3-6 5-6 11, Burks 1-4 0-0 2, Kanter 13-22 4, Totals 33-80 25-34 96. |
| L.A. CLIPPERS (107) |
| Butler 10-14 5-5 19, Griffin 3-5 1-5 7, Jordan 4-7 6-8 14, Paul 7-14 5-5 19, Green 2-4 1-1 5, Crawford 7-16 4-4 19, Odom 0-5 0-0 0, Barnes 1-2, Crawford 1-5, Odom 0-1, Turrill 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 39-78 21-29 107. |

| CUNDY'S LATE NBA BOX |
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| UTAH (96) |
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Football

NFL STANDINGS

| AMERICAN | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|----------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-New England | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 557 | 331 |
| Miami | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 288 | 317 |
| N.Y. Jets | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 281 | 375 |
| Buffalo | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 344 | 435 |
| SOUTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| y-Houston | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 | 416 | 331 |
| x-Indianapolis | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 | 357 | 387 |
| Tennessee | 6 | 10 | 0 | .375 | 330 | 471 |
| Jacksonville | 2 | 14 | 0 | .125 | 255 | 444 |
| NORTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
| y-Baltimore | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 398 | 344 |

TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

ON TV COLLEGE FOOTBALL 10 a.m.

ESPN2 — Gator Bowl, Mississippi St. vs. Northwestern, at Jacksonvill, Fla.

ABC — Capital One Bowl, Georgia vs. Nebraska, at Orlando, Fla.

ESPN — Outback Bowl, South Carolina vs. Michigan, at Tampa Bay, Fla.

3:07 p.m. ESPN — Rose Bowl, Wisconsin vs. Stanford, at Pasadena, Calif.

6:37 p.m. ESPN — Orange Bowl, N. Illinois vs. Florida St., at Miami

| WEST | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Denver | 13 | 3 | 0 | .813 | 481 | 289 |
| San Diego | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 350 | 350 |
| Oakland | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 290 | 443 |
| Kansas City | 2 | 14 | 0 | .125 | 211 | 425 |

| NATIONAL | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Washington | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 436 | 388 |
| N.Y. Giants | 9 | 7 | 0 | .563 | 429 | 344 |
| Dallas | 8 | 8 | 0 | .500 | 376 | 400 |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 280 | 444 |

| SOUTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Atlanta | 13 | 3 | 0 | .813 | 419 | 299 |
| Carolina | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 357 | 363 |
| New Orleans | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 461 | 454 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 9 | 0 | .438 | 389 | 394 |

| NORTH | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-Green Bay | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 | 433 | 336 |
| x-Minnesota | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 379 | 348 |
| Chicago | 10 | 6 | 0 | .625 | 375 | 277 |
| Detroit | 4 | 12 | 0 | .250 | 372 | 437 |

| WEST | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|-----------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| y-San Francisco | 11 | 4 | 1 | .719 | 397 | 273 |
| x-Seattle | 11 | 5 | 0 | .688 | 412 | 245 |
| St. Louis | 7 | 8 | 1 | .469 | 299 | 348 |
| Arizona | 5 | 11 | 0 | .313 | 250 | 357 |

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|--------------------------------|
| Sunday's Games |
| Tennessee 38, Jacksonville 20 |
| Carolina 44, New Orleans 38 |
| Buffalo 28, N.Y. Jets 9 |
| Cincinnati 23, Baltimore 17 |
| Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 10 |
| Indianapolis 28, Houston 16 |
| N.Y. Giants 42, Philadelphia 7 |
| Chicago 26, Detroit 24 |
| Tampa Bay 22, Atlanta 17 |
| San Diego 24, Oakland 21 |
| San Francisco 27, Arizona 13 |
| Seattle 20, St. Louis 13 |
| Denver 38, Kansas City 3 |
| Minnesota 37, Green Bay 34 |
| New England 28, Miami 0 |
| Washington 28, Dallas 18 |
| of Regular Season |

Asia and Australia Display Enthusiasm for the New Year

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) • Sydney’s skyline erupted with tons of exploding fireworks as revelers cheered in the new year from the city’s crammed harbor in the world’s first major celebration for 2013.

The enthusiastic welcome to 2013 was continuing on a grand scale across Asia, with extravagant firework displays lighting up the skies in Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai. Increasingly democratic Myanmar, ruled for almost five decades by military regimes that discouraged or banned big public gatherings, was preparing for a public countdown for the first time. Jakarta planned a huge street party befitting Indonesia’s powering economy.

The buoyant economies of the Asia-Pacific were partying with renewed optimism despite the so-called fiscal cliff threatening to reverberate globally from the United States and the tattered economies of Europe.

Celebrations were planned around the world, with hundreds of thousands expected to fill Times Square in New York City to watch the drop of a Waterford crystal-studded ball.

In austerity-hit Europe, many cities will be burning off part of their battered budgets in spectacular fireworks displays, although the Cypriot capital, Nicosia — canceled their celebrations in light of the economic crisis. Nicosia said \$21,000 saved from the canceled event will be given to some 320 needy schoolchildren.

Scotland’s Edinburgh traditionally hosts one of the biggest New Year’s Eve parties in Europe, and belt-tightening hasn’t blighted the mood there. Organizers say that some 75,000 people are expected for the Scottish capital’s Hogmanay — or year-end — celebrations.

Sydney’s balmy summer night was split by 7 tons of fireworks fired from roof tops and barges, many cascading from the Sydney Harbor Bridge, in a 6.6 million

Australian dollar (\$6.9 million) pyrotechnic extravaganza billed by organizers as the world’s largest.

In Hong Kong, tens of thousands of people lined the Victoria Harbor to view this year’s \$1.6 million fireworks display, said to be the biggest ever in the southern Chinese city.

One day after dancing in the snow to celebrate the first anniversary of leader Kim Jong Un’s ascension to supreme commander, North Koreans marked the arrival of the new year, marked as “Juche 102” on North Korean calendars. Juche means self-reliance, the North Korean ideology of independence promoted by national founder Kim Il Sung, who was born 102 years ago. His grandson now rules North Korea.

In a field in Myanmar’s largest city, Yangon, about 72,000 people gathered two hours ahead of midnight for the first public New Year countdown in the country.

Hundreds of people danced and swayed to musical performances on a huge colorfully lit stage, while other revelers — both young and old — sat on mats they brought with them or perused food stalls as fireworks burst above.

“This is very exciting and also our first experience in celebrating the New Year at a big countdown gathering. We feel like we are in a different world,” said Yu Thawda, a university student who came with three of her friends.

In New Delhi, the festive mood was marred by the death Saturday of a young rape victim.

Hotels, clubs and residents’ associations in the Indian capital decided to cancel planned festivities and asked people to light candles to express their solidarity with the victim whose plight sparked public rallies for women’s safety.

“Let there be no New Year celebrations across the country. It will be a major tribute to the departed soul,” said Praveen Khandelwal, secretary-general of the Confederation of All India Traders, an umbrella group of operators of



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(ABOVE) Fireworks explode in the sky above Sydney Harbour during the New Year celebrations in Australia on Tuesday. (LEFT) Indian schoolgirls form numbers representing the year 2013 during a prayer ceremony in Ahmadabad on Monday. The country remained in mourning Monday, two days after the 23-year-old physiotherapy student died from her internal wounds in a Singapore hospital. Floral writing at the center reads “Condolence to Damini,” a symbolic name given to the victim.



shops and businesses across the country.

Jakarta’s street party centers on a 4-mile thoroughfare closed to all traffic from nightfall until after midnight. Workers erected 16 large stages along the normally car-clogged, eight-lane highway through the heart of the city. Indonesia’s booming economy is a rare bright spot amid global gloom and is bringing prosperity — or the hope of it — to Indonesians.

Spirits in the capital have been further raised by the election of a new, populist governor who is pledging to tackle the city’s massive infrastructure problems.

The Sydney crowds were undiminished by Australian government warnings that the Washing-

ton deadlock on the U.S. debt crisis was partly to blame for a slowing Australian economy.

Florida tourist Melissa Sjostedt was among the thousands gathered near a southern pylon of the bridge for the countdown, hosted by pop star Kylie Minogue. Sjostedt said that seeing the fireworks would fulfill an ambition that began a decade ago when she read about them in National Geographic magazine.

“Ever since that, I’ve always wanted to see this for real, live, in person,” she said.

Despite a somber mood in the Philippines due to devastation from a recent typhoon, a key problem for authorities remained how to prevent revelers from setting off

huge illegal firecrackers — including some nicknamed “Goodbye Philippines” and “Bin Laden” — that maim and injure hundreds of Filipinos each year, including many children.

A government scare tactic involving doctors displaying brutal-looking scalpels used for amputations for firecracker victims has not fully worked in the past so health officials came up with a novel idea: Go Gangnam style.

A government health official, Eric Tayag, donned the splashy outfit of South Korean star PSY and danced to his Youtube hit “Gangnam Style” video while preaching against the use of illegal firecrackers on TV, in schools and in public arenas.

In Concession, Israel Eases Restrictions on Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) • In a major concession to Gaza’s Hamas leaders Monday, Israel dropped its five-year ban on construction materials crossing into the territory and raised hopes there that rebuilding could begin following a damaging eight-day Israeli air campaign.

The easing of restrictions is an outgrowth of the cease-fire that ended the airstrikes and months of daily rocket fire from Gaza at Israel. Contacts mediated by Egypt to follow up the truce produced the concession, and Israel promised to keep easing the lives of Gaza’s 1.6 million residents, as long as Israelis were no longer targeted by rocket fire by Gaza militants.

How long the new arrangement holds could serve as a test case for the brittle truce between the bitter enemies. It also reflects a new power equation, with neighboring Egypt under the control of the Muslim Brotherhood, the parent group of Hamas.

Israel, together with Egypt, imposed a land and naval embargo on Gaza after Hamas violently overtook the territory in 2007. Although Israel eased the restrictions in 2010, building materials such as cement, gravel and metal rods were still largely banned because Israel claimed militants could use them to make fortifications and weapons. Hundreds of smuggling tunnels under the Gaza-Egypt border gave Gaza a conduit for all manner of goods as well as weapons, though the blockade remained intact.

During eight days of violence in November, the Israeli military said 1,500 rockets were fired at Israel, including the first from Gaza to strike the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem areas. The rocket attacks killed six Israelis and wounded dozens. Israeli airstrikes killed 169 Palestinians, many of them militants, and caused considerable damage. Israel said it targeted Hamas installations and government buildings.

As part of a cease-fire agreement brokered by Egypt’s new Islamist leaders, Israel agreed to consider new border arrangements in return for a complete cessation of rocket fire.

“Now we’re talking about a permanent easing,” said Maj. Guy Inbar, a military spokesman. “The longer the calm persists, the more we’ll weigh additional easing of restrictions that will benefit the private sector.”

Hamas downplayed the move, calling it inadequate. Gaza economists said it would take years of shipments to make a



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Palestinians hold torches and posters of late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and late Hamas founder and spiritual leader Sheik Ahmed Yassin, during a rally marking the 48th anniversary of the Fatah movement in Gaza City on Monday.

dent in the gap left by the five years of blockade.

Inbar said 20 truckloads a day could enter Gaza, and other concessions may follow “depending on the continuation of the calm.”

Last week, Israel authorized the entry of 60 trucks and buses for the first time since the Hamas takeover.

Gaza crossing official Raed Fattouh confirmed that Israeli agreed to send in 20 trucks of gravel daily, five days a week.

“The Israelis promised to undertake further measures to alleviate the difficult economic situation in Gaza as a result of the calm,” he said. “This move had been expected as part of the deal.”

Gaza’s leaders demand much more. Hamas wants Israel to lift the remainder of the blockade and the lifting of a near-total ban on exports from the impover-

ished territory. Exports, especially to the West Bank, the Palestinian territory on the opposite side of Israel, once formed the backbone of Gaza’s economy. The West Bank is run by the more moderate Fatah, ousted from Gaza by Hamas.

Critics contend the export ban punishes ordinary Gazans instead of pressuring Hamas, contributing heavily to an unemployment rate of about one-third of the workforce. Eighty percent of Gaza’s 1.6 million people rely on U.N. support.

Egypt eased its own restrictions on Saturday, allowing in 1,400 tons of gravel paid for by Qatar. The oil-rich emirate pledged \$425 million to build housing, schools, a hospital and roads in Gaza as part of its attempt to build its influence in Palestinian politics and its power in the region, at the expense of regional rival Iran, Hamas’ longtime patron.

No Love for ‘Fiscal Cliff,’ ‘Spoiler Alert’

DETROIT (AP) • Spoiler alert: This story contains words and phrases that some people want to ban from the English language. “Spoiler alert” is among them. So are “kick the can down the road,” “trending” and “bucket list.”

A dirty dozen have landed on the 38th annual List of Words to be Banished from the Queen’s English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness. The nonbinding, tongue-in-cheek decree released Monday by northern Michigan’s Lake Superior State University is based on nominations submitted from the United States, Canada and beyond.

“Spoiler alert,” the seemingly thoughtful way to warn readers or viewers about looming references to a key plot point in a film or TV show, nevertheless passed its use-by date for many, including Joseph Foly, of Fremont, Calif. He argued in his submission the phrase is “used as an obnoxious way to show one has trivial information and is about to use it, no matter what.”

At the risk of further offense, here’s another spoiler alert: The phrase receiving the most nominations this year is “fiscal cliff,” banished because of its overuse by media outlets when describing across-the-board federal tax increases and spending cuts that economists say could harm the economy in the new year without congressional action.

“You can’t turn on the news without hearing this,” said Christopher Loiselle, of Midland, Mich., in his sub-

mission. “I’m equally worried about the River of Debt and Mountain of Despair!”

Other terms coming in for a literary lashing are “superfood,” “guru,” “job creators” and “double down.”

University spokesman Tom Pink said that in nearly four decades, the Sault Ste. Marie school has “banished” around 900 words or phrases, and somehow the whole idea has survived rapidly advancing technology and diminishing attention spans.

Nominations used to come by mail, then fax and via the school’s website, he said. Now most come through the university’s Facebook page. That’s fitting, since social media has helped accelerate the life cycle of certain words and phrases, such as this year’s entry “YOLO” — “you only live once.”

“The list surprises me in one way or another every year, and the same way every year: I’m always surprised how people still like it, love it,” he said.

Rounding out the list are “job creators/creation,” “boneless wings” and “passion/passionate.” Those who nominated the last one say they are tired of hearing about a company’s “passion” as a substitute for providing a service or product for money.

Andrew Foyle, of Bristol, England, said it’s reached the point where “passion” is the only ingredient that keeps a chef from preparing “seared tuna” that tastes “like dust swept from a station platform.”

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Some fog possible. High 23.

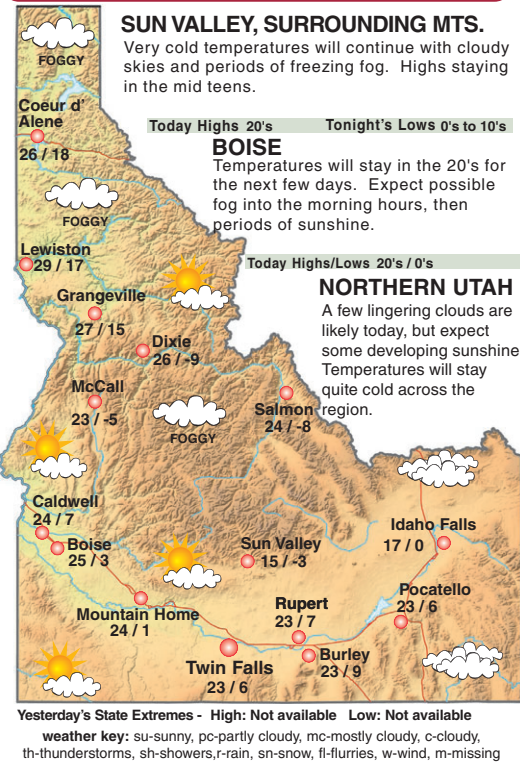
Tonight: Mainly cloudy, cold. Low 9.

Tomorrow: AM clouds, developing sunshine. High 25.

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| Temperature | | Precipitation | |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Yesterday's High | n/a | Yesterday's | n/a |
| Yesterday's Low | n/a | Month to Date | 2.12" |
| Normal High / Low | 34° / 17° | Avg. Month to Date | 1.05" |
| Record High | 53° in 1996 | Water Year to Date | 3.59" |
| Record Low | -12° in 1978 | Avg. Water Year to Date | 2.77" |

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tonight | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | |
| Early fog possible | Partly to mostly cloudy | AM clouds, afternoon sunshine | Variable cloud-cover | Near normal temperatures | Partly cloudy |
| High 23° | Low 6° | 28° / 10° | 32° / 14° | 33° / 16° | 34° / 18° |

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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REGIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow | Thursday |
|--------------------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Boise | 25 / 3 | 27 / 12 | 32 / 12 |
| Bonnors Ferry | 31 / 24 | fg | 29 / 13 |
| Burley | 23 / 9 | c 25 / 11 | pc 32 / 11 |
| Challis | 18 / -4 | pc 20 / -2 | pc 27 / -2 |
| Coeur d'Alene | 26 / 18 | fg 23 / 14 | pc 29 / 14 |
| Elko, NV | 22 / -2 | su 25 / -3 | su 33 / -3 |
| Eugene, OR | 41 / 25 | pc 38 / 26 | pc 43 / 26 |
| Gooding | 21 / 5 | pc 23 / 9 | pc 27 / 9 |
| Grace | 19 / 1 | mc 21 / 3 | pc 29 / 3 |
| Hagerman | 26 / 5 | pc 28 / 11 | pc 32 / 11 |
| Hailey | 20 / 3 | pc 22 / 5 | pc 29 / 5 |
| Idaho Falls | 17 / 0 | c 19 / 2 | pc 27 / 2 |
| Kalispell, MT | 25 / 12 | fg 21 / 9 | pc 22 / 9 |
| Jerome | 20 / 5 | mc 24 / 10 | pc 28 / 10 |
| Lewiston | 29 / 17 | fg 26 / 20 | fg 34 / 20 |
| Malad City | 21 / 2 | mc 23 / 4 | pc 25 / 4 |
| Malta | 22 / 6 | c 24 / 8 | pc 31 / 8 |
| McCall | 23 / -5 | pc 24 / 3 | su 28 / 3 |
| Missoula, MT | 28 / 8 | pc 24 / 3 | su 22 / 7 |
| Pocatello | 23 / 6 | c 25 / 8 | pc 30 / 6 |
| Portland, OR | 41 / 27 | su 39 / 27 | pc 41 / 27 |
| Rupert | 23 / 7 | c 25 / 9 | pc 31 / 9 |
| Rexburg | 16 / 1 | c 18 / 3 | pc 27 / 3 |
| Richland, WA | 26 / 16 | fg 22 / 17 | fg 24 / 17 |
| Rigerson | 24 / 11 | pc 29 / 15 | su 34 / 15 |
| Salt Lake City, UT | 26 / 11 | h2 28 / 13 | h2 31 / 13 |
| Spokane, WA | 25 / 15 | fg 22 / 11 | fg 27 / 11 |
| Stanley | 17 / -14 | pc 19 / -12 | su 26 / -12 |
| Sun Valley | 15 / -3 | pc 17 / -1 | su 28 / -1 |
| Yellowstone, MT | 16 / -8 | pc 16 / -5 | pc 25 / -5 |

NATIONAL FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| Atlanta | 53 / 42 | 55 / 40 |
| Atlantic City | 45 / 29 | sh 41 / 29 |
| Baltimore | 42 / 26 | r 35 / 23 |
| Billings | 32 / 11 | su 29 / 7 |
| Birmingham | 55 / 40 | sh 46 / 37 |
| Boston | 36 / 17 | pc 29 / 13 |
| Charleston, SC | 65 / 53 | mc 61 / 47 |
| Charleston, WV | 37 / 23 | mc 35 / 20 |
| Chicago | 22 / 14 | pc 26 / 22 |
| Cleveland | 29 / 18 | ls 25 / 14 |
| Denver | 26 / 3 | pc 29 / 8 |
| Des Moines | 13 / 6 | pc 25 / 10 |
| Detroit | 24 / 16 | pc 23 / 15 |
| El Paso | 47 / 30 | pc 48 / 31 |
| Fairbanks | 27 / -2 | pc 19 / 0 |
| Fargo | 12 / 8 | pc 20 / -1 |
| Honolulu | 78 / 70 | sh 79 / 70 |
| Houston | 60 / 42 | sh 49 / 38 |
| Indianapolis | 28 / 9 | ls 26 / 13 |
| Jacksonville | 71 / 57 | pc 69 / 56 |
| Kansas City | 20 / 13 | pc 31 / 14 |
| Las Vegas | 48 / 32 | pc 53 / 33 |
| Little Rock | 44 / 28 | mc 40 / 28 |
| Los Angeles | 66 / 41 | su 69 / 44 |
| Los Angeles | 46 / 27 | r 40 / 29 |
| Miami | 77 / 66 | pc 80 / 70 |
| Milwaukee | 16 / 10 | pc 23 / 19 |
| Nashville | 44 / 27 | r 40 / 26 |
| New Orleans | 70 / 49 | sh 54 / 41 |
| New York | 42 / 27 | pc 33 / 23 |
| Oklahoma City | 32 / 24 | pc 40 / 23 |
| Omaha | 21 / 9 | pc 29 / 10 |

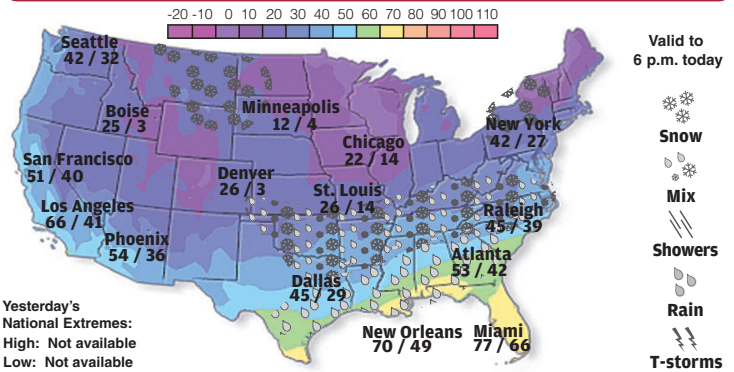
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| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|------------|---------|------------|
| Calgary | 24 / 12 | pc 30 / 15 |
| Crabbrook | 18 / -9 | pc 20 / -3 |
| Edmonton | 28 / 13 | pc 26 / 18 |
| Kelowna | 20 / 6 | pc 19 / 7 |
| Lethbridge | 27 / 16 | pc 28 / 21 |
| Regina | 29 / 3 | pc 21 / 4 |
| Saskatoon | 29 / 6 | pc 18 / 10 |
| Toronto | 30 / 12 | ls 23 / 13 |
| Vancouver | 38 / 33 | pc 40 / 31 |
| Victoria | 40 / 39 | pc 42 / 39 |
| Winnipeg | 15 / -1 | pc 19 / -5 |

WORLD FORECAST

| City | Today | Tomorrow |
|----------------|---------|------------|
| Acapulco | 87 / 75 | th 82 / 74 |
| Athens | 56 / 51 | sh 57 / 53 |
| Auckland | 69 / 56 | sh 72 / 56 |
| Bangkok | 88 / 74 | pc 90 / 76 |
| Beijing | 17 / -5 | pc 8 / -3 |
| Berlin | 44 / 33 | r 42 / 33 |
| Buenos Aires | 73 / 53 | pc 74 / 58 |
| Cairo | 67 / 48 | pc 68 / 47 |
| Dhahran | 73 / 67 | pc 73 / 68 |
| Geneva | 36 / 26 | ls 34 / 23 |
| Hong Kong | 62 / 61 | pc 64 / 59 |
| Jerusalem | 65 / 47 | pc 63 / 48 |
| Johannesburg | 83 / 63 | th 77 / 62 |
| Kuwait City | 66 / 55 | pc 67 / 55 |
| London | 48 / 36 | pc 46 / 44 |
| Mexico City | 69 / 47 | pc 57 / 42 |
| Moscow | 29 / 18 | pc 32 / 18 |
| Nairobi | 76 / 55 | sh 77 / 54 |
| Oslo | 38 / 25 | pc 29 / 24 |
| Paris | 47 / 37 | sh 45 / 35 |
| Prague | 39 / 31 | pc 38 / 31 |
| Rio de Janeiro | 89 / 72 | th 86 / 71 |
| Rome | 54 / 48 | sh 52 / 48 |
| Santiago | 87 / 55 | pc 85 / 55 |
| Seoul | 26 / 0 | ls 14 / -2 |
| Sydney | 98 / 62 | sh 74 / 62 |
| Taipei | 67 / 83 | pc 65 / 82 |
| Tokyo | 45 / 37 | pc 56 / 31 |
| Vienna | 38 / 27 | pc 39 / 30 |
| Warsaw | 37 / 31 | pc 36 / 32 |
| Winnipeg | 15 / -1 | pc 19 / -5 |
| Zurich | 36 / 20 | ls 31 / 14 |

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Joseph O'Grady, left, with Rockaway Reach, talks with Kevin Murphy on Dec. 20 as they discuss the renovation of Murphy's home in the Belle Harbor neighborhood of New York.

Money from Sandy Relief Concert Being Put to Work

BY DAVID B. CARUSO
Associated Press

NEW YORK • Some of the biggest names in rock 'n' roll were on the bill for the nationally televised "12-12-12" concert benefiting victims of Superstorm Sandy, but the charity in charge of distributing donations has been thinking small when it comes to doling out the \$50 million-plus raised by Bruce Springsteen, Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones and other stars.

More than 160 organizations and counting have gotten shares of the Sandy relief funds collected so far by the Robin Hood Foundation, and many have been the type of small, grass-roots groups that seemed to be everywhere on the devastated New York and New Jersey coastlines in the initial weeks after the storm.

Some of the grants have been small, too, but the foundation's staff said each has been designed to make a difference on a human scale.

The list of grant recipients includes places like the Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, of Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., which got \$25,000 so it could install showers and beds for the stream of volunteers it has been deploying to help rebuild damaged homes.

Numerous food pantries got grants to help serve thousands of hot meals. Another group got \$25,000 for making storage space available to families

that need a temporary place to put salvaged possessions.

Robin Hood gave a \$100,000 grant to an operation called Rockaway Relief, hastily put together after the storm by James Brennan, a San Diego nightclub and restaurant owner who grew up on New York City's flood-ravaged Rockaway peninsula.

In the days after the catastrophe, Brennan hired tractor-trailers to send space heaters, water pumps and generators into the disaster zone. Then, he rallied volunteers to help rip out soggy walls and furniture. Since then, the group has repaired plumbing, electrical and heating systems in close to 100 homes, he said.

"This was really way over my head," Brennan said. "But there is so much more that these people need. I could probably rattle off 500 families right now that don't have washer and dryers and have no way of paying for them."

The foundation gave another \$150,000 to the Menonite Disaster Service, which has been dispatching home builders almost daily to New York City's Staten Island and the Rockaways all the way from Pennsylvania.

Volunteers, mostly rural

farmers, leave Lancaster County, Pa., at 4 a.m., put in a full day mucking out homes and hanging drywall in the city, and then make the 170-mile drive back to Pennsylvania at night, said MDS Executive Director Kevin King. So far, they have worked on 117 houses.

"We are looking to set up a long-term camp," King said.

Founded in 1988 by a hedge fund manager, Paul Tudor Jones, the Robin Hood Foundation is one of New York City's premier anti-poverty charities. It spends about \$125 million per year funding a wide array of food banks, schools, medical clinics, and other programs.

Still overseen and financed by big names on Wall Street, the charity is considered a pioneer in "venture philanthropy." The programs it funds are put through rigorous performance evaluations, with a goal of rewarding nonprofit groups that achieve the strongest result per dollar spent.

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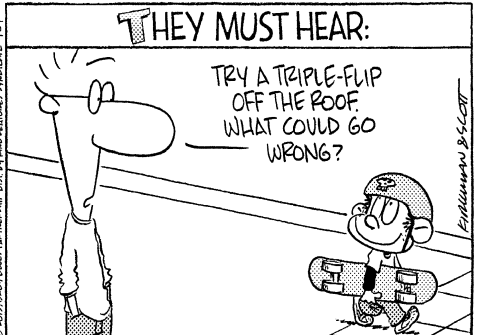
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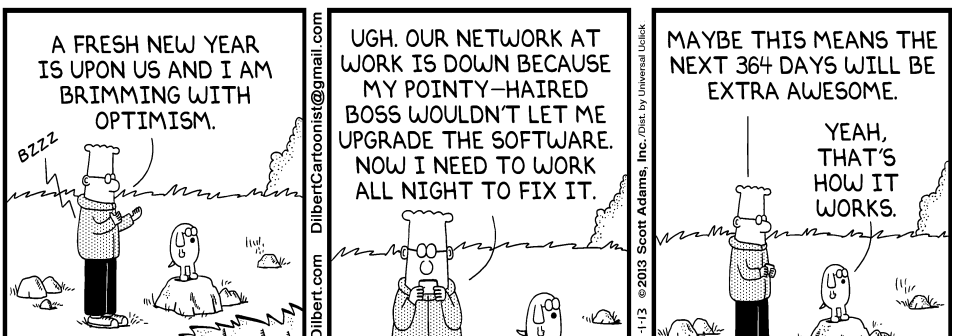
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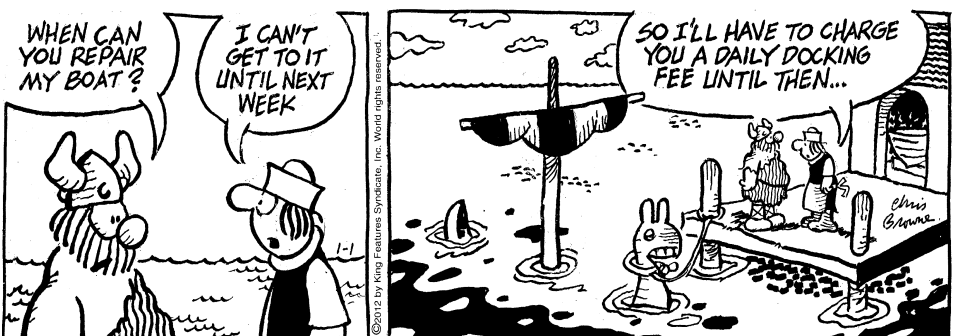
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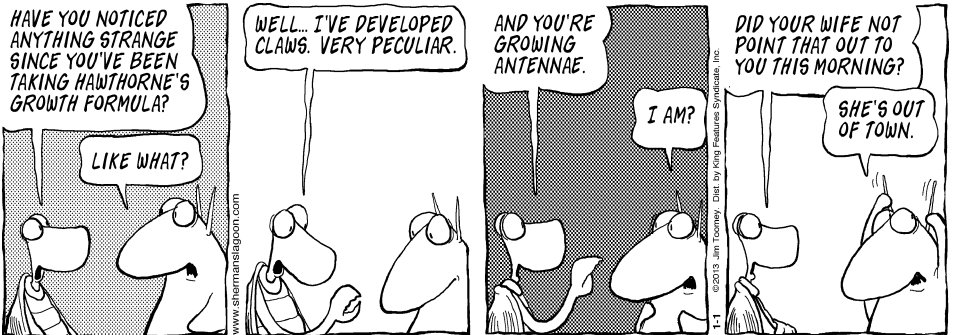
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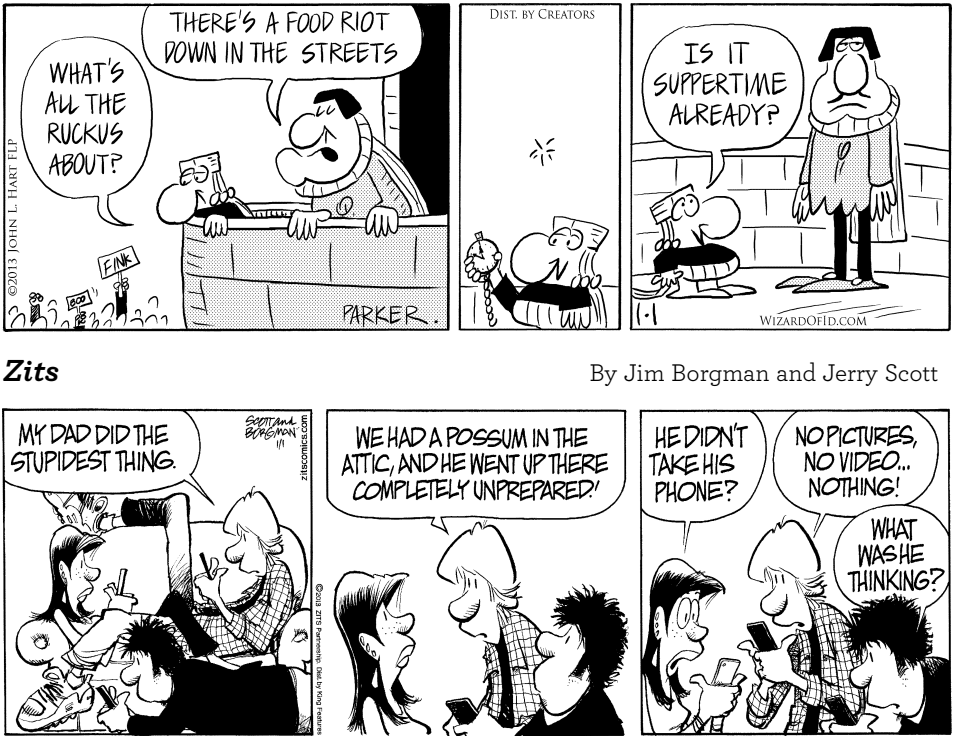
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On Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 2013, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day at the front entrance of the Cassia County Courthouse, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, County of Cassia, State of Idaho, TITLEFACT, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Cassia, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:

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DATED: November 13, 2012.
TITLEFACT, INC., Trustee
By LILA ORTON, Assistant Vice President
PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2012, January 1 and 8, 2013

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PUBLISH: December 18, 25, 2012, January 1 and 8, 2013

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Lost and Found

FOUND Female adult Calico Cat on 12/24 near Subaru/CSI on Falls Ave. Call to identify **208-358-2102**

FOUND Shih tzu, young female. Tan and white in Jerome area. **208-404-6878**

FOUND Small older female dog between Harrison School and CSI. If not claimed will be given away. Sweet disposition. **208-749-1080**

FOUND Weimaraner. Red with amber eyes. Young female. Found near Vader Grade. **208-837-6363**

LOST (1) small loop earring on Dec. 20th in Twin Falls. Reward. **208-733-4999**

LOST female Brown Lab on Nov. 18th near Wendell at 2100 E on Bob Barton Rd. 5 yrs old. Reward! **208-539-2132**

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206
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207
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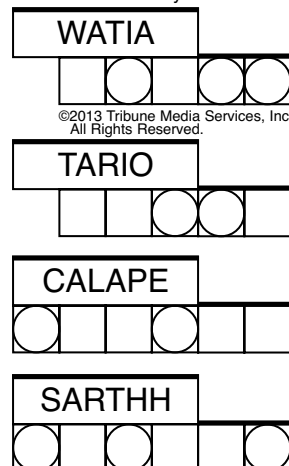
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By Bil Keane



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DEAR READERS: Welcome to 2013! While the last year has been a stressful one for many, a new year has begun, bringing with it our chance for a fresh start.

Today is the day we have an opportunity to discard destructive old habits for healthy new ones, and with that in mind, I will share Dear Abby's often-requested list of New Year's resolutions that were adapted by my mother, Pauline Phillips, from the original credo of Al-Anon:



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

JUST FOR TODAY, I will live through this day only. I will not brood about yesterday or obsess about tomorrow. I will not set far-reaching goals or try to overcome all of my problems at once.

I know that I can do something for 24 hours that would overwhelm me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. If my mind fills with clouds, I will chase them away and fill it with sunshine.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will accept what is. I will face reality. I will correct those things that I can correct and accept those I cannot.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will improve my mind. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration. I will not be a mental loafer.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will be kind and courteous to those who cross my path, and I'll not speak ill of others. I will improve my appearance, speak softly, and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today, I will refrain from improving anybody but myself.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll quit. If I'm overweight, I will eat healthfully — if only for today. And not only that, I will get off the couch and take a brisk walk, even if it's only around the block.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own actions.

And now, Dear Readers, I would like to share an item that was sent to me by I.J. Bhatia, a reader from New Delhi, India:

DEAR ABBY: This year, no resolutions, only some guidelines. The Holy Vedas say: "Man has subjected himself to thousands of self-inflicted bondages. Wisdom comes to a man who lives according to the true eternal laws of nature."

The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope.

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

And so, Dear Readers, may this new year bring with it good health, peace and joy to all of you.

— LOVE, ABBY

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West leads a fourth-highest heart seven against three no-trump, and East plays the queen. What is your plan to make nine tricks? After taking the heart queen with the king, you note that six diamond tricks will be enough for the game. Is that too much to ask? Maybe! Suppose the full deal is similar to the layout shown here.

If your next move is to play the diamond ace and king, then when West shows out on the second round, you will have nowhere to turn. Even if the club queen were doubleton, you would not be able to play the suit to score five club tricks. Even if the ace and king drop the queen, you will find that dummy’s club jack blocks the suit.

The solution is to test diamonds in a way that allows you to recover from a bad break there, so long as the club suit lies favorably for you. You should cash the diamond king at trick two and return to hand with a diamond to your ace. Whenever the diamond suit breaks 3-2, you will take your nine top tricks as before. However, when the cards lie as shown here, you will tackle clubs by leading a low one to the jack next. When that holds, you cash the diamond queen, throwing a heart, followed by the ace and king of clubs.

That allows you to make a heart, three diamonds and five clubs, because your communications have been left sufficiently fluid.

NORTH

♠ 7 2

♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 7 6 4 2

♣ A J 5

01-1-A

WEST

♠ A J 9 4

♥ A J 9 7 3

♦ 3

♣ Q 10 7

EAST

♠ Q 6 5 3

♥ Q 5 4

♦ J 10 8 5

♣ 9 3

SOUTH

♠ K 10 8

♥ K 10 8

♦ A 9

♣ K 8 6 4 2

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: West

The bidding:

| | | | |
|-------|----------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| | 1 ♥ | 2 ♦ | 2 ♥ |
| 3 NT | All pass | | |

Opening lead: Heart seven

BID WITH THE ACES

01-1-B

South holds:

♠ 7 2

♥ 6 2

♦ K Q 7 6 4 2

♣ A J 5

| | | | |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| South | West | North | East |
| 2 ♦ | Pass | 2 ♠ | Pass |
| ? | | | |

ANSWER: Since the two-spade response should be played as natural and forcing, if not to game, you have way too much to sign off with in three diamonds but no convenient call. The best way to suggest your extras is to bid three clubs, describing your values accurately and helping partner to work out what you have. You can support spades at your next turn if convenient.

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IF DECEMBER 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Throughout this holiday season, family and home are of key importance. Your generosity could bring rewards in the future, but what grows in magnitude over the coming weeks is a crucial shift in your ambitions and a fresh charisma that envelops you between now and June. Your business sense and animal magnetism are at a peak between mid-January and mid-March, so this is a great time for extra effort if you want to interview for a new job or meet the person of your dreams. Commitments made in May can bring you happiness.

HOROSCOPE

Jeraldine Saunders

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Choose a New Year's resolution that encourages you to give back to the community. You might be happiest if you stay close to home tonight and ring in the new year with neighbors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): New Year's resolutions that revolve around fiscal responsibility can be empowering. Eat, drink, and be merry is all well and good, but eventually someone will be required to pay the bill.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Let your TV's remote control help you visit remote locations. You can watch the ball fall in Times Square at midnight or see the fireworks in London. Traveling in mind or spirit may be required.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The prospect of staying home tonight might seem dull and boring, but you will be content to cuddle with a special someone. A peaceful night as a couch potato may be the perfect way to end the year.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Toot your own party horn. Let a special someone know you are ready, willing and able. You might have some time for romantic frolics in the evening ahead. Steal a kiss when the clock strikes midnight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can tell tales with the best of them. Your stories usually reflect your compassionate understanding of the human condition. Choose a New Year's resolution that gives you the edge in career.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Old acquaintances might cross your path on this New Year's Eve. You might have delectable fantasies and something new in mind, but the past could creep up to surprise you. Accept whatever is offered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you're feeling like you're not doing what you're supposed to be doing, maybe it is time to give your ambitions structure. This is a good day to develop some motivation and make some resolutions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With Venus in your sign, your social instincts are accentuated. Being surrounded by smiles and beaming faces may make holiday events entirely worthwhile. Touch base with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a resolution to enjoy every day in every way. Nobody can take away your pains, so don't let anyone take away your happiness. You should bury the hatchet and let bygones be bygones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): On New Year's Eve, you can be truthful about what you hope the future will bring. Your thoughts become ideas and ideas become actions. Once you take action, dreams are on their way to becoming real.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Some pleasant surprises may disrupt your day and keep holiday merriment glowing brightly. A new hobby, a new gadget or a new game can light the fire of enthusiasms that you can share with others.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Have a double helping of the good things life offers. Your special someone is not content to sit still and count snowflakes, so don't be a couch potato. Make sure you take time for a walk or other exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The holiday atmosphere gives you time for personal reflection. Major decisions can be reached; stray pieces of information fall in place. You may decide that you need two resolutions rather than one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Walking off a large New Year's Day meal may be in order since jolly Jupiter in your sign may tempt you to overindulge. An exercise plan that helps you get in shape is a worthy goal for the year ahead.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When you are convinced you are right, you are dynamic and determined. Because you have the cosmic gift of gab today, you may be able to convince someone of the error of his or her ways.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You are bound to be in the midst of surround sound. You are at your best in noisy group situations or when paired up with a chatty buddy. You are more adventurous than usual; try out something new.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Recession-proof your finances. This is the time when resolutions are made — and one of yours should be to find ways to remain solvent in the face of uncertainty. Consider building contingency reserves.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Celebrate the New Year surrounded by friends and loved ones who are willing to listen to your ideas and are fascinated by your chatter. Keep the challenges and competitions limited to table games.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Dig deep to discover what others think. People will be flattered by your interest. It is a good time to explore hidden feelings and bring them into the open. Don't be afraid to discuss points of disagreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put a feather in your cap. When a holiday bonus burns a hole in your pocket, remember that a wise old owl puts money aside for the unexpected. Cozy hours with loved ones are in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put others first. Make a resolution for the coming year that will benefit you while helping someone else. Rather than concentrating on material needs, think about ways to foster spiritual values.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People in close connection could get all fired up over their favorite team or latest passion. Keep a calm cool head when others are losing theirs and you are guaranteed to have a wonderful day.

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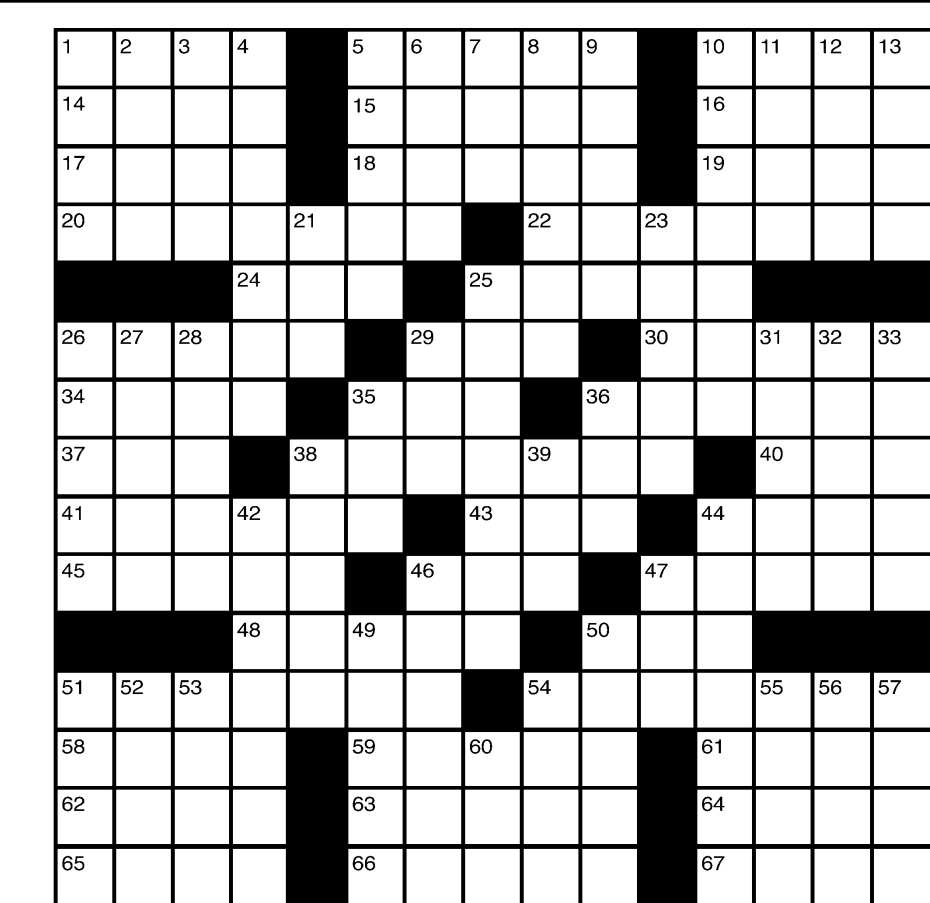
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5 Rub enough to make sore
10 Donations for the poor
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16 Sore as a ___
17 ___-friendly;
easy to learn
18 Fluttering tree
19 British noble
20 Cake or pie
22 Prejudiced
24 Antlered animal
25 Sparkle
26 Happy, Bashful or Sleepy, e.g.
29 Enemy
30 Sandy shore
34 Put in order of importance
35 Not up to ___;
below standard
36 Head ___; boss
37 Tally up
38 Cancún native
40 Furniture wood
41 José or Mel
43 Boy
44 Soft cheese
45 Cornered
46 Know-it-___;
smart aleck
47 Baby rabbit
48 Brazilian dance
50 Passing craze
51 Studious pupil
54 Adhesive strip covering wound
58 Ring out
59 ___ Peace Prize
61 ___ of Capri
62 Shaping tool
63 Manicurist's concerns
64 Longest river
65 Trevino's pegs
66 Confuse
67 Hyperventilate

DOWN

- 1 Potato
2 Schnoz
3 Bullring cries



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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5 Actor Gable
6 Emcee
7 Biting viper
8 Weak
9 Bert's buddy
10 Stomach area
11 Oaf
12 Voice tool
13 Snow toy
21 Leprechaun
23 African nation
25 Very large ape
26 Uncomfortable breeze
27 One who gets his feet wet
28 Tennis' Agassi
29 Send electronically
31 ___ squash;
winter veggie
32 Series of links
33 Corny
35 ___ person;
apiece
36 Owned
38 Hero's award

- 39 Coolidge, to friends
42 Installs new shoe bottoms
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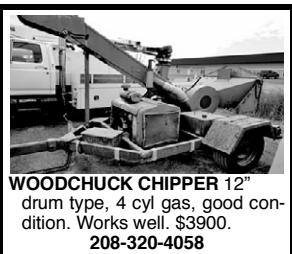
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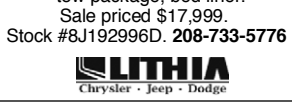
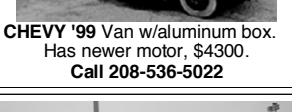
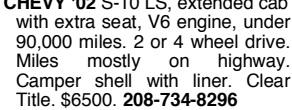


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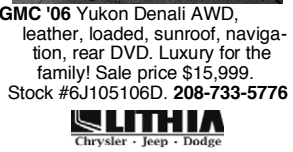
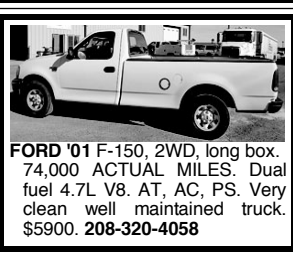
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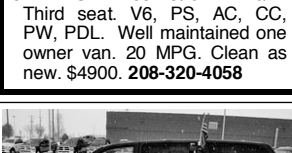
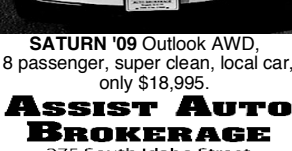
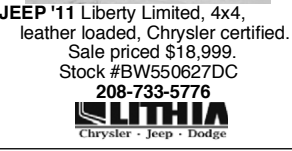
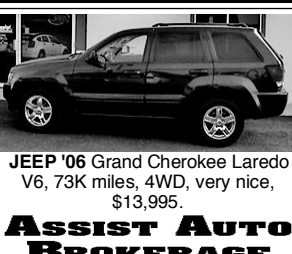
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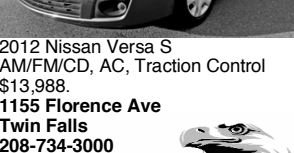
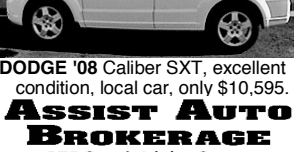
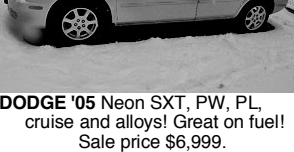
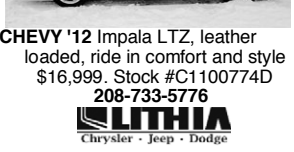
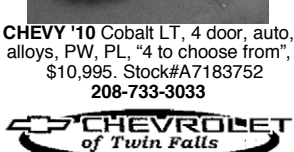
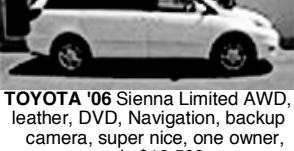
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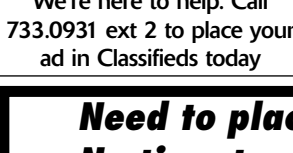
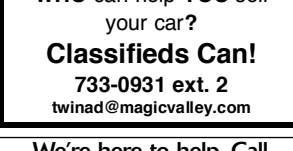
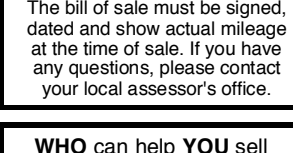
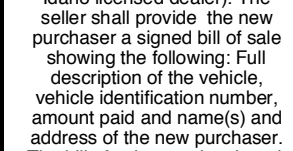
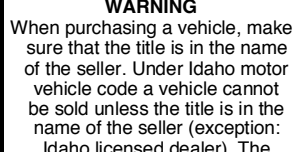
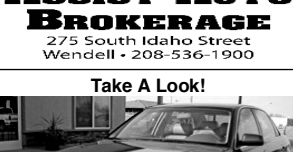
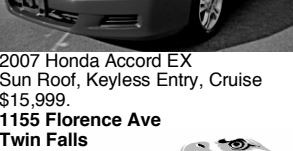
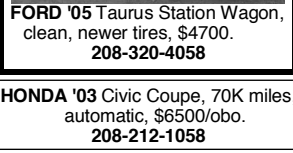
1008 SUVs



1009 Vans and Buses



1010 Autos



Today is Tuesday, Jan. 1, the first day of 2013. There are 364 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight:

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed and issued the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring that slaves in rebel states shall be "forever free."

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date:

In 1785, The Daily Universal Register — which later became the Times of London — published its first issue.

In 1890, the first Tournament of Roses was held in Pasadena, Calif.

In 1892, the Ellis Island Immigrant Station in New York formally opened.

In 1913, the U.S. Parcel Post system went into operation.