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## STATE OF THE STATE

Local option taxing support surprises legislators during Monday’s State of the State speech.



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From left, Sen. Brent Hill, Rep. Scott Bedke and Lt. Gov. Brad Little applaud as Idaho Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter delivers his State of the State address to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature in the House Chambers at the Idaho Statehouse on Monday.

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**BOISE** • Limited government growth, property tax repeal, rejection of Medicaid expansion and a slow replenishment of the state’s depleted budget stabilization fund.

Those were the key themes of Gov. C.L. “Butch” Otter’s State of the State address Monday afternoon, in which he outlined his legislative priorities and proposed budget for fiscal year 2014. But Otter’s mention of his support for local option taxing authority had legislators on both sides of the issue buzzing after the speech.

In the address, Otter said he supported fully repealing personal property tax, and that he had set aside \$20 million in his proposed budget to help ease the transition for counties that depend on the revenue for their budgets. (In a press conference later that day, he clarified that the money would be available for any taxing district that depends on personal property tax revenue, including cities and urban renewal agencies.)

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Idaho Gov. C.L. ‘Butch’ Otter delivers his State of the State address to a joint session of the Idaho Legislature in the House Chambers at the Idaho Statehouse on Monday.

### Highlights from Otter’s State of the State:

- \$20 million set aside in the proposed budget for personal property tax relief. That money will go to ease the transition for Idaho counties, many of which depend on that revenue for their operating budgets. (Otter later clarified that other taxing districts that depend on personal property tax would benefit from that \$20 million.)
- Otter also said he supports local option taxing authority, which would allow voters to decide if they want to replace that revenue by raising their own taxes.
- A reiteration of Otter’s support for establishing a state-based insurance exchange. Otter asked for the Legislature’s support while acknowledging their hesitancy to do so. “So I urge you to look beyond the important work of changing a misguided federal law to the

essential task at hand for those of us in this chamber today — preserving for Idaho citizens the option of having a voice in how one element of that law is implemented,” he said.

- The Hire One More Employee Act, or HOME Act, which will provide an income tax credit for each new employee added to a business’s payroll, plus an extra \$1,000 for each new employee who is also a veteran.
- A \$50 million reduction in unemployment insurance rates for Idaho employers. “Our unemployment rate has fallen more than 20 percent in the past 17 months,” Otter said. “And while growth has been limited, our economy is recovering from the loss of more than 50,000 jobs during the Great Recession.” The reduction in unemployment insurance rates would allow businesses more flexibility in capital improvements, expansion and job creation, Otter said.

- A rejection of Medicaid expansion in Idaho. Otter asked Health and Welfare Director Richard Armstrong to develop a plan for changing Idaho’s Medicaid system, to be introduced during next year’s Legislature. The Catastrophic Health Care Fund, which covers emergency medical care, is intact for the 2014 fiscal year in the governor’s recommended budget.
- An additional \$35 million for the budget stabilization fund. That’s in addition to the \$25 million already set aside for the fund.
- A repeat of the governor’s request to address education reform with caution after the defeat of Propositions 1, 2 and 3 in the November election. The Legislature will take into account the governor’s budget and priorities when crafting its own budget and policies over the course of the session.

To read the complete text of Gov. Otter’s speech, visit [Magicvalley.com](http://Magicvalley.com).

## MAN SENTENCED FOR BUHL HOME INVASION

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**TWIN FALLS** • Judy Ray said the men who robbed her home in August took more than belongings. They took her freedom and her ability to feel safe in her own home, she said.

As punishment for the crime, John Valenciano will be well into his 30s by the time he’s released from prison. The 20-year-old was sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison Monday for charges of kidnapping and robbery.

Valenciano, Dylan Contreras, 20, Luis Sotelo, 20, and a 16-year-old boy were all arrested on charges relating to the robbery at the home of Leo and Judy Ray in Buhl in August. The Rays own Fish Processors of Idaho.

“I was praying to God at the time. He was the only one I could talk to,” Judy Ray said during the sentencing

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## Jerome Man Dies in Gooding County Crash

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**WENDELL** • A Jerome man died Saturday after his pickup crashed into a tree, said Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough.

Bobby Westlake, 30, was driving south on 2300 East where the road curves to become 3300 South in Gooding County — southeast of Wendell — when he drove off the road and crashed into the tree, Gough said.

The sheriff’s office got the call about the crash at 9:22 a.m., Gough said.

According to Gough, the Dodge pickup Westlake was driving caught on fire and Westlake was unable to get out of the vehicle. He died before emergency personnel could arrive, Gough said.

People from a nearby residence attempted to help but could not, he said. The pickup had service gear in it that could have contributed to the fire, but Gough said it is unknown why the fire started.

Gough said authorities don’t know what caused Westlake to drive off the road, but alcohol and drugs are not suspected to be factors.

Westlake was the only person in the truck.

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IF YOU DO ONE THING TODAY ...

**Telescope Tuesday:** *Observing session available from 6:15-9 p.m. in the Centennial Observatory at Herrett Center for Arts and Science, Twin Falls. \$1.50 or free with planetarium show admission. 732-6655.*

### THE FORECAST

High **37°**  
Low **23°**

Passing Rain and Snow Showers  
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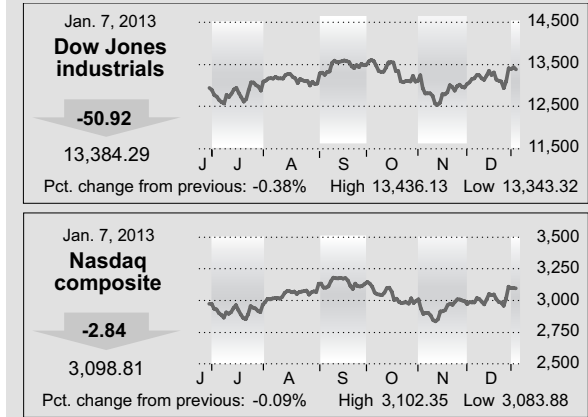




THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

Stocks Sink, Pulling S&P 500 Down from 5-year High

**NEW YORK (AP)** • Stocks closed lower on Wall Street, pulling the Standard & Poor's 500 index down from the five-year high it reached Friday. The S&P 500 dropped four points end at 1,461 Monday. Stocks surged last week after lawmakers reached a last-minute budget deal. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 50 points to close at 13,384, while the Nasdaq composite fell two points to 3,098.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

AlliantEgy	1.80	16	45.09	-.33	+27	Keycorp	.20	10	8.97	+02	+6.5
AlliantTch	1.04F	9	65.21	-.54	+52	Lee Ent	...	...	1.18	+01	+3.5
AmCasino	.50	11	26.55	+03	+12	MicronT	...	...	7.18	+22	+12.2
Aon plc	.63	18	56.80	-.33	+21	OfficeMax	.08	2	9.70	-.32	-.6
BallardP h	...	...	.62	+00	+1.8	RockTen	.90	21	72.97	+04	+4.4
BkofAm	.04	32	12.09	-.02	+4.1	Sensient	.88	14	36.44	-.17	+2.5
ConAgra	1.00	19	30.17	-.07	+2.3	SkyWest	.16	36	13.37	-.11	+7.3
Costco	1.10a	25	101.37	-.79	+27	Teradyn	...	14	17.15	-.15	+1.5
Diebold	1.14	12	30.69	-.39	+3	Terpwr	1.44	18	64.82	-.02	+1.1
DukeEnrS	3.06	18	64.75	-.31	+1.5	US Bancp	.78	12	32.92	-.30	+3.1
DukeEnRly	.68	...	14.35	+08	+3.5	Valhi s	.20	18	14.37	+5.1	+7.8
Fastenal	.84F	34	47.82	-.22	+2.5	WallMart	1.59	14	68.40	-.66	+2
Heinz	2.06	19	58.33	-.35	+1.1	WashFed	.32	13	17.02	-.03	+9
HewlettP	.53	...	15.17	+03	+6.5	WellsFargo	.88	11	34.77	-.17	+1.7
HomeDp	1.16	22	62.84	-.34	+1.6	ZionBcp	.04	22	22.54	-.11	+5.3
Idacorp	1.52	13	43.35	-.27	...						

MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

Mon	Commodity	High	Low	Close	Change
Feb	Live cattle	133.40	132.53	133.00	+ .05
Apr	Live cattle	137.05	138.25	136.70	- .08
Jan	Feeder cattle	153.30	152.80	153.25	+ .08
Mar	Feeder cattle	156.33	155.65	156.10	-.23
Feb	Lean hogs	86.75	85.85	86.30	+ .08
Apr	Lean hogs	89.90	89.15	89.55	-.30
Mar	Wheat	760.50	743.50	751.25	+4.00
May	Wheat	769.75	753.00	761.00	+4.25
Mar	KC Wheat	816.50	801.50	807.50	+3.00
May	KC Wheat	824.25	811.25	816.50	+3.25
Mar	MPS Wheat	851.50	837.50	846.50	+5.50
May	MPS Wheat	860.50	847.25	855.00	+4.75
Mar	Corn	690.00	678.00	685.50	+5.25
May	Corn	690.00	678.50	685.25	+4.50
Jan	Soybeans	1411.75	1381.00	1410.75	+24.75
Mar	Soybeans	1389.50	1357.00	1388.50	+24.25
Jan	BFP Milk	18.15	17.97	17.98	-.05
Feb	BFP Milk	18.55	18.01	18.06	-.34
Mar	BFP Milk	18.50	18.31	18.31	-.10
Apr	BFP Milk	18.49	18.29	18.29	-.16
Mar	Sugar	19.05	18.67	18.86	+ .01
May	Sugar	19.19	18.89	19.08	+ .08
Mar	B-Pound	1.6113	1.6017	1.6111	-.0052
Jun	B-Pound	x.xxxx	x.xxxx	1.6053	.xxxx

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 Jan. 2.

VALLEY GRAINS

Prices for wheat per bushel; mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight. Prices subject to change without notice. Barley, \$12.40; oats, \$12.00; corn, \$13.30 (15 percent moisture). Prices are given by Ranger's in Buhl. Prices current Jan. 2. Corn, \$13.75; barley, \$13.00 (cwt); wheat, \$6.80 (bushel) delivered to Gooding. Prices quoted by JD Heiskell. Prices current Jan. 2.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Barrels: \$1.6900, -.0300; Blocks: \$1.7600, nc

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAIN

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) – Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain and Livestock Report for Monday, January 7.  
POCATELLO – White wheat 780 (down 30); 11.5 percent winter 738 (down 4); 14 percent spring 771 (down 1); barley 11.56 (Steady); hard white 738 (down 4).  
BURLEY – White wheat 791 (up 6); 11.5 percent winter 744 (up 8); 14 percent spring 778 (up 5); barley 12.25 (Steady); hard white 764 (up 18).  
OGDEN – White wheat 840 (up 10); 11.5 percent winter 827 (up 6); 14 percent spring 875 (down 3); barley 11.10 (down 10); corn 13.21 (down 2).  
PORTLAND – White wheat 836 (up 5); 11 percent winter 882-897 (up 3); 14 percent spring 936 (up 4); corn 288.50 (up 2.00).  
NAMPA – White wheat 12.25 (Steady) cwt; 735 (down 15) bushel.

INTERMOUNTAIN LIVESTOCK

LIVESTOCK AUCTION – Blackfoot Livestock Auction on January 4. Utility and boner cows 65.00-77.50; cutters 58.00-70.00; heiferettes 70.00-108.00; slaughter bulls 77.00-88.00; heavy feeder steers 120.00-140.00; light feeder steers 130.00-152.00; stocker feeder steers 150.00-181.00; heavy holstein steers none; light holstein steers none; heavy feeder heifers 117.00-131.00; light feeder heifers 125.00-147.00; stocker heifers 140.00-164.00; bred cows n/a; cow/calf pairs n/a; Remarks: cows 2 better, feeder cattle 23 better.

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Monday. London morning fixing: \$1658.75 up \$5.75. London afternoon fixing: \$1645.25 off \$2.75. NY Handy & Harman: \$1645.25 off \$2.75. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1776.87 off \$2.97. NY Engelhard: \$1648.70 off \$2.75. NY Engelhard fabricated: \$1772.35 off \$2.96. NY Merc. gold Jan Mon \$1645.50 off \$2.60. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Mon. \$1647.50 off \$3.50.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) Handy & Harman silver Monday \$2994.00 up \$0.240. H&H fabricated \$35.928 up \$0.288. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$30.140 up \$0.820. Engelhard \$30.000 up \$0.160. Engelhard fabricated \$36.000 up \$0.192. NY Merc silver spot month Monday \$30.032 up \$0.136.

NONFERROUS

NEW YORK (AP) – Spot nonferrous metal prices. M. Aluminum: \$0.925 per lb. London Metal Exch. Copper: \$3.6404 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper: \$3.6360 N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Lead: \$2343.00 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc: \$0.978 per lb. London Metal Exch. Gold \$1645.25 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Gold \$1645.50 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Silver \$2994.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Silver \$30.032 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. Platinum: \$1552.00 troy oz., N.Y. (contract). Platinum: \$1553.80 troy oz., N.Y. Merc spot Mon. n.q., not quoted n.a., not available r-revised

Former CSI Baseball Player Sentenced for Steroids

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**TWIN FALLS •** A young man could spend nearly 10 years in prison if he doesn't successfully complete therapeutic programming with the Idaho Department of Correction.

William Robert "Billy Bob" Ward, a former College of Southern Idaho baseball player, was sentenced Monday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court to a retained jurisdiction program, often called a "rider" for selling anabolic steroids.

Ward, 21, pleaded guilty Nov. 19 to three counts of delivery of a controlled substance. Three other charges were dropped: two charges of delivery of a controlled substance and one count of conspiracy to manufacture, deliver or possess a controlled substance.

Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jill Sweesy recommended Ward be sentenced to one to three years in prison for each count, to be served one after the other, for a total of three to nine years. She said the court should retain jurisdiction for one year and then evaluate whether Ward should serve probation.

Twin Falls County 5th District Judge Randy Stoker agreed and said he wanted to send a message to Ward and the community that those who sell drugs for profit will not be tolerated.

"He had the world in the palm of his hand, and he choose to deal drugs to his fellow baseball team and others."

Jill Sweesy, Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

In addition, Stoker sentenced Ward to pay a \$5,000 fine on each count.

Ward's attorney Brent Nielson described him as the new kid in town who naively tried to fit in by getting baseball players what they wanted: performance enhancing drugs.

Stoker questioned why Ward didn't just show the other players the website from which he claims to have purchased the drugs.

During the hearing Sweesy played videos of two undercover buys conducted by Idaho State Police.

The videos, taken from a hidden camera inside a vehicle, show Ward and an undercover police officer engaging in a drug sale. In the second video the officer can be seen counting out several \$100 bills for the sale.

While Ward allegedly told presentence investigators he didn't believe the drugs had serious side effects, Sweesy listed numerous side effects including infertility and liver tumors.

"Essentially he came from out of state from Nevada to Idaho and started on this drug dealing in a matter of weeks," Sweesy said of Ward. Sweesy said Ward had a full

ride scholarship to CSI to play baseball and threw it away.

"He had the world in the palm of his hand, and he choose to deal drugs to his fellow baseball team and others," she said.

Near the end of the hearing, Ward spoke and asked to be sentenced to probation in order to have a second chance. The decisions he made don't represent his true character, he said.

Ward was taken into custody after the hearing, but first Stoker granted him time to say goodbye to his mother.

While there is no mandated steroid testing at the junior college level, CSI tests for steroids and recreational drugs.

In November, Joel Bate, CSI's athletic director, told the *Times-News* that CSI now tests for steroids due to this incident.

"We implemented this program over the summer and have the program in place now. It is important for us to not only test, but to educate our athletes on the hazards and health implications of steroid use and have invested in a testing mechanism to back up that educational component," Bate wrote.

Curious Mind  
Rumor: Snowplows Are Here to Stay

I heard the city of Twin Falls sold off all its snowplows years ago, but during this recent storm, they were plowing the streets. What's the situation?

"I too have heard that rumor," said Mark Thomson, the city's street department supervisor. "I don't really know how it got started."

Thomson said the city hasn't sold any snow removal equipment in the last 35 years without replacing it. "We have replaced older equipment with newer equipment. We have updated some of our plows and added new ones. We are actually still using a couple plows and a snowblower that were purchased in the late '70s and early '80s.

"We have an employee with us that started in April of 1978," Thomson said. "He



remembers shoveling gravel out of the back of trucks to sand intersections. He also remembers having a salt spreader that was towed behind a truck. Loading it required dumping bags of rock salt into the box. If there was plowing to be done they used motor graders. That was about all the snow equipment they had at the time.

"If anything was sold prior to 1978 I cannot say."

Since that year, Twin Falls has added five sand trucks — four with plows — two motor graders with plows, a loader-mounted plow and two anti-icing pickups.

The rumor, Thomson said, has persisted for years. "I have been here almost 11

years and have heard it every winter when we get the plows out. I have talked to a lot of people about it, but have never been able to find any specific information. At one time I heard we sold it all to Jerome."

More than 630 miles of Twin Falls city streets are plowed and sanded when a storm moves in. During periods of snowfall, roadways are plowed and sanded in order of priority. City employees don't generally plow subdivisions or the narrower residential streets. For a map of the city's snowplowing priorities, visit <http://bit.ly/tfsnow>.

Have a question? Just ask and we'll find an answer for you. Email your question to Kimberly Williams-Brackett at [timesnewscuriousmind@gmail.com](mailto:timesnewscuriousmind@gmail.com) with "Curious Mind" in the subject line.

Slight Warm-up on the Way



A slight warm-up will be taking place over the next few days.

Temperatures will actually get above freezing today and Wednesday, with a high in the upper 30s this afternoon and possibly near 40 on Wednesday.

Unfortunately, if you were looking for an extended January thaw you are going to be disappointed. Temperatures will turn colder by the end of the week and into the weekend. Highs will return to the 20s and teens with lows back into the single digits and near zero. There could be a few times where we could drop below zero again.

As for precipitation, there will be a chance of scattered snow and rain showers for today. It shouldn't amount to much. We get a slight break on Wednesday but a slight chance of a rain showers is still possible with rain and snow in the higher elevations.

A strong cold front will begin to push through the region Wednesday night into Thursday. This will bring strong gusty winds, snow showers with a couple of more inches of snow possible, and a return to bitter cold temperatures. It's still too early to have an official snowfall forecast, but right now we are looking for around 1 to 4 inches across many of the valley locations and maybe 3 to 6 inches in the mountains.

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T.F. Man Changes Plea in Sonic Robbery

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**TWIN FALLS •** A man who was arrested for robbing a Twin Falls Sonic restaurant has changed his plea to guilty.

Christopher Cole, 29, of Twin Falls, was charged in October with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, and unlawful possession of a weapon by a convicted felon in Twin Falls County 5th District Court.

On Monday morning, he agreed to plead guilty to the aggravated assault and robbery charges. In exchange, prosecutors will dismiss the weapon possession charge and a weapons enhancement in the case.

Cole is scheduled to be sentenced March 4.

At about 10:14 p.m. Oct. 15, Twin Falls police were dispatched to Sonic for a call about a robbery.

A Sonic employee said a male subject entered the restaurant through an unlocked door, held the employees at gunpoint and told them to lie on the ground before demanding money, Twin Falls city spokesman Joshua Palmer said.

SNOWPACK

Watershed	Seasonal percentage % of Avg. peak	Little Lost	123%	60%
Salmon	101%	Henry's Fork/Teton	103%	48%
Big Wood	118%	Upper Snake Basin	102%	47%
Little Wood	131%	Goose Creek	84%	36%
Big Lost	147%	Salmon Falls	78%	35%
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# Jerome Jail Discussions Resume

County commissioners say the jail still needs replaced, but paying for that remains a problem.

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**JEROME** • After four attempts at passing a bond to build a new jail, Jerome County officials are back to talking about what to do next.

Preliminary discussions during a Jerome County Commission meeting Monday centered around two main decisions: Whether the county should bring a bond measure back to voters, and what election date would be best. Previously, the commission had suggested holding a vote this May.

Commissioner Charlie Howell said he's not sure how the county should proceed, but there's still a need for a new jail.

"The need doesn't go away," he said.

Commissioners didn't take action Monday. The topic will come back during a meeting next week.

After four other attempts starting in 2009, county officials didn't take a bond measure to voters during the election last November.

Sheriff Doug McFall said he has heard from some community members that the decision to hold off gave the impression the county jail is "not in dire straits."

He said if he could go back a year, he would have leaned toward putting a measure on the November ballot.

Proponents of a new jail say the current facility must be replaced for the safety of inmates and staff, as well as to address issues such as plumbing and electrical wiring hazards.

"I still believe our days are numbered," McFall said about the current jail.

He told commissioners he'd like to see one of two options: a ballot measure or asking a judge to let the county take on the project's debt.

The latter, known as judicial confirmation, bypasses a public vote.

Jerome voters will already see a couple of ballot measures this year.

In March, the Jerome School District will go to voters with a two-year, \$650,000 annual ballot measure.

The city of Jerome is looking at a possible May vote for a bond to expand its wastewater treatment plant.

The City Council hasn't voted on the topic yet. Most members of a citizen advisory group voted last month to recommend a \$56.5 million bond.

County Commissioner Roger Morley said with the size of the city's potential wastewater bond, he doesn't see much hope for passing a jail bond during the same election.

Morley said the issue is that expanding the wastewater treatment plant and building a new jail are both "paramount concerns to us."

Reed Miller of Idaho Falls, vice president of Ormond Builders and a consultant for

the county, told commissioners via phone that May is generally a good month for a bond election.

Morley asked if pursuing a bond during the same election as the city would hurt the county's chances of getting a measure passed. Miller said he doesn't know.

Though the majority of voters have supported the past four jail bond measures, the numbers weren't quite high enough.

A 66.7 percent supermajority is needed to pass a bond measure.

Commissioner Cathy Roemer said she keeps going back to the question of whether trying for a bond again lessens the chances that voters will approve it.

Public support for the issue slid somewhat through the first three votes, with only 59 percent of voters supporting a jail bond in November 2010. But during the latest vote in May 2012, a \$10.7 million ballot measure for a new jail and sheriff's office received 63 percent support.

# How They Voted

**Twin Falls City Council**  
*City Council Chambers, 305 Third Avenue East Meets every Monday at 5 p.m.*

**New Crosswalk**  
The council voted to establish a painted sidewalk at the intersection at Second Avenue North and Dierkes Street. The project will cost about \$300.

☒ **Vote 6-0**

**Canyon Rim Development**  
The council voted to approve a new ordinance vacating the 2000 to 2190 blocks of Fillmore Street as part of the Canyon Park shopping development. Councilwoman Rebecca Mills-Sojka said she was not supporting the ordinance because she was leery of vacating the portion of the road before the new road was completely finished.

☒ **Vote 5-1**

## Sentenced

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hearing. "I realized we could be shot and was not ready for either one of us to die."

Leo Ray also spoke and recounted how a gun was held to his temple through the entire ordeal.

"If they're released it's only a matter of time before they kill somebody," he said.

Twin Falls County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rosemary Emory described how Valenciano failed to appear at a June hearing for a different case, then was not caught until he sought medical treatment after being shot. When he arrived at the hospital, he had methamphetamine on him, she said.

Emory emphasized that rehabilitation is not the sole objective of sentencing and protection of society and punishment for Valenciano's actions are also major factors to consider.

She recommended Valenciano spend 15 to 30

years in prison. Twin Falls County 5th District Judge Richard Bevan later agreed.

Defense attorney Tim Williams said that the sentence was far to excessive and asked that Valenciano be sentenced to four to 10 years instead.

Williams said that was a significant amount of punishment while also giving time for rehabilitation. He said Valenciano got involved in drugs and gangs when he was 13 and his life continued to get worse after that.

When it was Valenciano's turn to speak, he turned to the Rays, who were seated behind him and apologized. He also admitted to being addicted to methamphetamine.

"I know God will forgive me and I hope one day you guys can," he said.

Contreras and Sotelo pleaded guilty to their charges in December and are scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 4. The 16-year-old boy is scheduled to go to trial on Feb. 12.

## State

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Otter also said he favored other forms of revenue replacement, including opening up local option taxing authority for communities.

In a press conference after the speech, Otter said the local option tax doesn't have to be limited to sales tax, and that it would be up to the Legislature to set parameters on any proposal. He also said he would be open to other forms of revenue, like an Internet sales tax.

But none of that answered the big question: Which options will the Legislature favor?

After the speech, freshman representatives Lance Clow, R-Twin Falls, Clark Kauffman, R-Filer, and Steve Miller, R-Fairfield, discussed their views on local option taxing authority.

"It surprised me that he said that," Kauffman said. Clow, a supporter of local option tax, agreed.

"I found it interesting that it was breached," Clow said,

adding he thinks it's a message to the Legislature that the state can't starve local government budgets without additional revenue options.

But Miller said local option authority doesn't work for communities with small populations and tax bases, like the city of Fairfield or Camas County.

"If they have that, it works for them," he said, motioning to Clow and Kauffman, who both reside in Twin Falls County. But Miller's community would suffer, and the smaller tax base would bear a larger burden, he said.

"That's my problem with that," he said.

Sen. Michelle Stennett, D-Ketchum, agreed, saying while she supports communities having additional revenue sources, it's not a one-size-fits-all solution for places like Dietrich or Shoshone. She pointed out that many communities that rely on the personal property tax for their budgets are the ones that don't

## Otter's Budget: A Look at the Numbers

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter proposed a 3.1 percent proposed bump in the state's General Fund spending — from \$2.7 billion to almost \$2.8 billion — for fiscal year 2014. "That reflects slow but steady growth in our economy — an estimated 5.3 percent revenue increase for fiscal year 2014," Otter said.

The budget is structurally sound, Otter said, meaning it uses no one-time money for ongoing costs.

That's the first time in years that's been the case, said House Speaker Scott Bedke, R-Oakley. On Monday afternoon, he said he was happy with the governor's budget proposal.

"It's a great governmental practice, and intuitive to most people with a checkbook, that you don't use one-time money to pay your ongoing expenses," Bedke said.

Sen Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, and co-chair of the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, said he thought the governor's budget proposal was cautious and fiscally conservative.

"I'm anxious to get into the details of the budget," Cameron said. "I'm sure there will be lots of things we agree with, and there will be a few things we disagree with, but by in large, I'm pleased with what I know about right now."

have the tax bases to support a tax shift.

But, she added, she and her caucus are generally pleased with Otter's remarks.

"Many things he said are

things that we agree upon," she said. "Of course, the debate's going to be in the details of the dialogue that happens from here forward."

# Appeals Court Upholds Idaho Roadless Rule

BY NATE POPPINO  
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**TWIN FALLS** • A plan governing the development and preservation of 9.3 million acres of roadless federal public land in Idaho has survived another court challenge.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Idaho's "roadless rule" on Monday, declaring in a brief written decision that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Forest Service did not violate any environmental laws when forming the plan.

"The inclusive, thorough, and transparent process resulting in the challenged rule conformed to the demands of the law and is free of legal error," the panel wrote.

Idaho's rule is one of two in the nation created separately from the 2001 na-

tional roadless rule issued by the Clinton administration. Then-Gov. Jim Risch — serving a short stint in the post after his predecessor, Dirk Kempthorne, was named U.S. interior secretary — partnered in 2006 with environmental groups, recreationists, county officials and other interests to create a compromise roadless rule. Rather than follow the Clinton blueprint, which faced its own court challenge, Risch then submitted the rule under the federal Administrative Procedure Act, which governs how federal agencies can propose regulations.

The final version split environmentalists, with organizations like the Idaho Conservation League and Trout Unlimited defending the rule and others such as the Sierra Club and The Wilderness Society challenging it in court. Monday's

ruling was an appeal of a 2011 decision upholding the rule by U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winmill.

On Monday, Risch — now a U.S. senator — hailed the appellate court's decision.

"When I was Idaho's governor, I clearly saw the need for strong leadership to bring together the different groups to come up with a plan for

Idaho," Risch said in a press release. "The federally-mandated, one-size-fits-all approach had not worked. But in our collaborative effort, we were successful in crafting a plan written by Idahoans, for Idahoans."

The other state with its own roadless rule is Colorado. Its plan went into effect last July.

## COMING UP

### Sweet Sisters

Reporter Tetona Dunlap talks with Twin Falls siblings who started their own sweet treats business.

Wednesday in Food

### Spud Divers

Why dive in the Bahamas when you have a drysuit and an icy Idaho lake? Virginia Hutchins reports on cold-weather divers.

Thursday in Outdoors

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### Local Gas Prices

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<b>Jerome:</b>	.....\$2.91
<b>Rupert:</b>	.....\$2.99
<b>Shoshone:</b>	.....\$2.87

For more information:  
<http://aaa.opisnet.com/index.aspx>



# OSHA Training Scheduled

TIMES-NEWS

**TWIN FALLS** • General industry training is scheduled at the College of Southern Idaho on Fridays, Jan. 18-Feb 15.

The 10-hour non-credit OSHA training course, taught by Ben Hamlett and sponsored by CSI's Community Education and Small Business Development centers, has been created to provide education to general industry workers on the basics of occupational safety and health. It is of primary benefit to entry-level employees or any employee who has not recently taken the course.

Training provides safety instruction in OSHA compliance, including requirements for safety, health and hazard recognition, and prevention standards developed by OSHA and the U.S. Department of Labor. At the conclusion of the course, participants will receive an OSHA 10-Hour General Industry completion card.

The course will be held 8-10 a.m. Fridays, Jan. 18 and 25, Feb. 1, 8, and 15. Cost is \$100. Register at <http://communityed.csi.edu>.

Businesses interested in a specialized training course for their industry and employees should call the Community Education Center at 732-6442 or the Small Business Development Center at 732-6450.

# Deadline Approaching to Apply for Foreclosure Payments

TIMES-NEWS

**BOISE** • The deadline is approaching for Idahoans who lost their homes to foreclosure to apply for a payment under the National Mortgage Settlement. The deadline is Jan. 18.

Payments to eligible borrowers are a part of the \$25 billion nationwide settlement with five national banks, according to Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

To receive a payment, eligible borrowers must return their claim form to the settlement administrator. Borrowers who meet the following requirements may be eligible for a payment.

- The borrower must have had a home loan with Bank of America, Ally/GMAC, Citi, JPMorgan Chase or Wells Fargo.
- The bank must have foreclosed on the borrower's home between 2008 and 2011.
- The foreclosure must be the result of the bank's alleged errors or wrongdoing.

To receive payment, borrowers must return their claim form to the settlement administrator before Jan. 18.

To apply online, borrowers first need to obtain a claim packet from the settlement administrator.

The minimum amount borrowers

will receive from the foreclosure fund is \$840. The actual amount will be determined based on the number of borrowers who return their claim forms.

Wasden said all homeowners should be aware of settlement-related scams. Do not provide personal information or pay money to anyone who calls or emails you, claiming they can provide settlement-related assistance. Consumers should report suspicious settlement-related activities to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, 208-334-2424 or toll-free in Idaho at 800-432-3545. Complaint forms are available at [www.ag.idaho.gov](http://www.ag.idaho.gov).

# Twin Falls Building Permits Rose in 2012

**Permits for new home construction could be indicator of growing economy.**

BY ANDREW WEEKS

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**TWIN FALLS** • Building permits for new home construction here in 2012 almost doubled from 2011 numbers, which, according to Twin Falls city officials, means the local economy could be improving.

During fiscal year 2012 — from Oct. 1, 2011, to Sept. 30, 2012 — 151 single-family home permits were issued, said Mitch Humble, community development director for the city of Twin Falls. That's 55 more permits than 2011.

He expects 2013 to be even better — although, Humble said, “we’re not jumping out of the hole immediately. 2012 wasn’t a great year, historically speaking. But put it in perspective. Compared to 2011 it was a good year.”

The new year already is off to a good start,

said building official Dwaine Thomson. That's thanks to December, when 17 permits for new home construction were issued.

That's impressive for a month when construction usually slackens due to inclement weather, he said.

### The Slump

New home construction began to slacken even before the economy went south in 2008, Humble said.

Twin Falls saw banner years in 2005 and 2006, he said, when more than 600 permits were issued both years for single-family homes. By the next year, the number of permits started to decline.

“I think it was because 2005 and 2006 were just crazy on the high side,” Humble said. “I don't believe those two years were normal for us; they were artificially high. The building world might have gotten overzealous, but soon the reality of it settled in. There were more Realtors than there were homes to sell.”

And then the recession hit.

The next two years, 2009 and 2010, were record lows at the time, each having 159 single-home permits issued in the city. That record was broken when only 96 permits were issued in fiscal year 2011.

Humble said 2012 would have been a record low if not for 2011, but things indeed might be improving.

Commercial construction also saw a slight jump in 2012, Thomson said, with six permits issued between September and November compared to three during the same period in 2011.

### Slow Growing

The number of single-family homes constructed is an indicator of how well the economy is doing, Thomson said.

If that's true, December numbers could mean the economy is on an upswing. Thomson said several things might contribute to that, including the draw of a particular business.

*Please see PERMITS, A5*



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO

*Construction worker Pete Hall works on the roof of a Wolverton Home in March 2012 in south Twin Falls. After seven years of construction declines, the city is seeing an uptick in new homes being built.*

# Behind a Modern Co-op

**Customers, fuel and propane services help keep Valley Co-op viable.**

BY ANDREW WEEKS

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**BUHL** • A profitable business knows the source of its success.

For Valley Co-ops Inc., a Jerome-based public-driven company, that source is its customers — many of whom are members of the co-op.

More recognizable are the stores in Buhl, Gooding, Jerome, Shoshone and Wendell — mini-mart gas stations called Valley Country Stores that sell clothing, hardware, farm and pet products, toys, groceries and much more. For those wanting a quick meal, some stores, like the one in Buhl and a new \$5 million store in Gooding, even lease space to McDonald's.

The stores, which average more than 20 employees apiece, bring in a lot of happy customers, said Don Taber, a member of the co-op's seven-member board of directors. As a whole, the co-op has about 165 employees.

“Valley Country Stores compete every day with Walmart and other big-box stores,” he said. “Our suc-



*Cashier Carla Avelar helps a customer Friday at the Valley Country Store in Buhl.*

cess stems from our customers and customer service.”

The cooperative's roots date back more than 50 years with the Idaho Grange Co-op and Wendell Grange Supply companies, which merged in 1991 to form Valley Co-ops Inc., said general manager Donn Bordewyk.

Owned by its members, it works as a home, farm and ranch supply company, he said. It also features gas and propane delivery segments that serve farmers and other rural customers. The company, with a

partnership with Valley Wide Cooperative, caters to customers from Glens Ferry to Burley and from Jackpot, Nev., to Sun Valley, Bordewyk said.

“We try to listen to our customers and meet their needs,” he said. That applies even to basic steps, like managing customer lines at registers to avoid long waits.

The holidays were a busy time, he said Friday at the Buhl store, pointing out a child's electric toy automobile that was one of the draws at Christmastime.

For the roughly 5,000 members of the co-op, however, Christmas often comes early through dividends. Active members receive checks in the mail each year representing a percentage of money made through patronage and stock retirement.

Since 1991, when the company was formed, it's returned more than \$7.4 million divided among its members. Not bad, Bordewyk said, when it costs just \$5 to join.

That's not just good customer service, he said. It's a fundamental part of why the company has been successful these many years.

“Good customer service,” he said. “It's not just a cute saying.”



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*(ABOVE) Customers head inside the Valley Country Store Friday in Buhl. (BELOW) General Manager Donn Bordewyk talks Friday about the services that Valley Country Stores provide at the company's location in Buhl.*







COURTESY PHOTO

*The Wells Fargo Foundation recently made a contribution to the South Central Community Action Partnership for its Transitional Housing Program. Pictured left to right are Ken Robinette, SCCAP executive director; Leanne Trappen, SSCAP community services director; Jerry Olson, Wells Fargo vice president and manager; and Brett Belnap, Wells Fargo Twin Falls Downtown store manager.*

Wells Fargo Donates to SCCAP

**TWIN FALLS •** The Wells Fargo Foundation donated \$2,500 to South Central Community Action Partnership for its Transitional Housing Program, which provides transitional housing for homeless families with children for up to two years. The funds will help with operating expenses related to the housing units.

SCCAP owns six scattered site houses and a duplex, totaling eight units for homeless families. SCCAP works to help low-income families stabilize their housing situation, increase their income and provide opportunities to enhance job skills, thus helping increase family stability to gain permanent housing or even home ownership.

With the help of Wells Fargo Foundation, SCCAP is able to provide necessary funding for this program and help families achieve self-sufficiency.

Buhl Company Joins American Angus Association

**BUHL •** Finney Land and Livestock in Buhl is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Bryce Schumann, chief executive officer of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Mo.

The American Angus Association, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 17 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information, keeps production records on individual animals and develops industry leading selection tools for its members. These programs and services help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

Magic Valley Leads Group Seeks New Members

**TWIN FALLS •** The Magic Valley Leads Group is starting its ninth year and will meet at 7 a.m. Jan. 9.

The group takes one business from each category; dues are \$50 per year.

If interested in networking with other businesses, contact Jill Skeem at 320-2786.

Valley Wide Co-op to Meet

**BURLEY •** Valley Wide Cooperative Inc will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Best Western Inn in Burley.


On the agenda are: financial and managers' reports, an address by the board of directors, and the election of directors.

New Hires Join Riedesel Engineering

**MERIDIAN •** Tom Lemenager, PE, has joined Riedesel Engineering as senior aviation manager. Lemenager has more than 30 years of aviation engineering and planning experience. He has worked extensively with the FAA Denver, Burlingame and Seattle District offices and worked with a myriad of Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada and Oregon airports. He has concentrated the last 18 years on servicing Idaho and Oregon airports. He is the former Wyoming State Airport engineer. He will be working out the Meridian office and is responsible for overall management of all Riedesel Engineering aviation projects.


George Mustard, MBA, has joined Riedesel Engineering as director of Business Development. Mustard has more than 35 years of experience as a business owner, chief financial officer, project manager and consultant. He has focused on marketing, sales and finance in the last 15 years of his career. He is responsible for the general business functions of the company. He will be working out of the Meridian office.

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Google Executive Chairman Arrives in N. Korea

BY JEAN H. LEE  
Associated Press

**PYONGYANG, North Korea •** Google's chairman wants a firsthand look at North Korea's economy and social media landscape during his private visit Monday to the communist nation, his delegation said, despite misgivings in Washington over the timing of the trip.

Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of one of the world's biggest Internet companies, is the highest-profile U.S. executive to visit North Korea — a country with notoriously restrictive online policies — since young leader Kim Jong Un took power a year ago. His visit has drawn criticism

from the U.S. State Department because it comes only weeks after a controversial North Korean rocket launch; it has also prompted speculation about what the businessman hopes to accomplish.

Schmidt arrived on a commercial Air China flight with former New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, who has traveled more than a half-dozen times to North Korea over the past 20 years.

Richardson, speaking ahead of the flight from Beijing, called the trip a private, humanitarian mission.

"This is not a Google trip, but I'm sure he's interested in some of the economic issues there, the social media aspect. So this is why we are teamed up on this," Richardson said without elaborating on what he meant by the "social media aspect."

"We'll meet with North Korean political leaders. We'll meet with North Korean economic leaders, military. We'll visit some universities. We don't control the visit. They will let us know what the schedule is when we get there," he said.

U.S. officials have criticized the four-day trip. North Korea on Dec. 12 fired a satellite into space using a long-range rocket. Washington condemned the launch, which it considers a test of ballistic missile technology, as a violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions barring Pyongyang from developing its nuclear and

missile programs. The Security Council is deliberating whether to take further action.

"We continue to think the trip is ill-advised," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland told reporters Monday, reiterating the U.S. position that the visit is badly timed. However, she added that the government would be open to hearing from the delegation after they return from North Korea.

The trip was planned well before North Korea announced its plans to send a satellite into space, two people with knowledge of the delegation's plans told The Associated Press. AP first reported the group's plans last Thursday.

Permits

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"I just think we've had a really good year," he said. "We have a lot to be thankful for — a good area, a lot of activity, a lot of growth, a lot of positive things going on. And Chobani contributed more

to our growth than we realized it would."

Humble, however, said it might take a while to again achieve a healthy, sustainable number of yearly permits. About 300 or 400 permits is doable, he said, but we might never again see a time when more than 600 home permits are is-

sued in a single year.

Most of the permits issued are for homes selling for less than \$200,000, he said.

"We're still new into this year and coming off a fiscal cliff," Humble said. "I don't know how that's going to impact anything. But I'm optimistic we'll climb out of it. We're starting to climb

out of it, but it won't be a 'rise from the ashes' type of thing. It'll happen slowly."

Thomson said he's excited by the prospects.

"You never know what a day will bring in the building department," he said. "You never know what's going to happen when you pick up the phone."

OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Jacqueline Wilkin

**MERIDIAN •** Jacqueline Ann "Jackie" "Nana" Wilkin died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at The Cottages in Meridian.

A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 811 S. Latah in Boise; visitation at 6 p.m. with rosary at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the church (Bowman Funeral Chapel in Meridian).

Gary W. Freeman

**BURLEY •** Gary Wardell Freeman, 71, of Burley, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Jeannie Miller

**TWIN FALLS •** Jeannie Miller, 79, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

A funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Filer First Baptist Church; visitation from 3 to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Tom Hoshaw

**TWIN FALLS •** Tom E. Hoshaw, 69, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at Bridgeview Estates.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Donna Tanner

**GRAHAM, Wash. •** Donna Lee Tanner, 59, formerly of Bliss, died Friday, Dec. 28, 2012, at her home in Graham, Wash.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Tanwax Country Chapel, 36417 Mountain Highway in Eatonville, Wash. (Edwards Memorial Funeral Home in University Place, Wash.)

Harold Mulder

**TWIN FALLS •** Harold Mulder, 89, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Wynwood Assisted Living.

No service will be held (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Sharyn Olsen

**TWIN FALLS •** Sharyn Lee Olsen of Twin Falls, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at her home.

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

Frances Steinmetz

**KIMBERLY •** Frances Elaine Steinmetz, 76, of Kimberly, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at her home.

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

Wylene Whitfield-Spencer

**GOODING •** Wylene Whitfield-Spencer, 77, of Gooding, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at her daughter's home in Twin Falls.

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

Juanita Shaternick

**TWIN FALLS •** Juanita A. Shaternick, 89, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

Arrangements will be an-

nounced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Pablo Ortiz

**TWIN FALLS •** Pablo Felix Ortiz, 64, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, at his home.

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

Bobby Westlake

**JEROME •** Bobby Westlake, 30, of Jerome, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2013, in Gooding County.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Lavon Koyle

**HEYBURN •** Lavon J Koyle, 82, of Heyburn, died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

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



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OBITUARIES

Blaine Hulme

Aug. 23, 1941-Jan. 4, 2013

**HAGERMAN** • Blaine LaMont Hulme, age 71, a resident of Hagerman, passed away peacefully Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family.

The son of Ralph and Thelma (Blaylock) Hulme, he was born Aug. 23, 1941, at his Aunt Muriel's home in Buhl. Blaine was raised in Hagerman, where he attended school and later attended BYU. He married Sandra Roberts on Jan. 20, 1961, at his grandmother's home near Buhl. Blaine and Sandie were later sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple on June 15, 1968. Blaine was a member of the LDS Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sandie; brothers, Ron (Ann) Hulme of North Salt Lake, Utah, and Larry (Shirley) Hulme of Buhl; and sister, Thelma (Darwain) Brown of Jerome. Blaine and Sandie have eight children: Jana Hess of Hagerman, Janine (Kevin) Taylor of Wendell, Darin (Lisa) Hulme of Twin Falls, Devin (Jennifer) Hulme of Fairfield, Tamara (Curt) Swarner of Buhl, Trina (Dan) Strickler of Buhl, Justin (Ciara) of



Hagerman and Mark (Mickinly) of Hagerman; 22 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Thelma Hulme; his brother, Robert; and grandchildren, Ryan Michael Hess, Benelli Kay Hulme and Emma June Hulme.

Blaine was an extraordinary man who touched the lives of everyone he met. He was loved by all. He will be greatly missed, especially his hugs. We love you dad, grandpa, great-grandpa.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Hagerman LDS Church with burial to follow at the Hagerman Cemetery in Hagerman. A visitation for family and friends will take place from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at the Hagerman LDS Church.

Funeral arrangements are under the care and direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting the obituary link at [www.demarayfuneralservice.com](http://www.demarayfuneralservice.com).

Barbara Lee Prock

Feb. 29, 1926-Jan. 4, 2013

**GOODING** • Barbara Lee Prock, age 86 of Gooding, died Friday, Jan. 4, 2013, at home surrounded by her family.

Barbara was born Feb. 29, 1926, to Worth Elijah and Cleatis Iowa Fletcher in Gooding, Idaho. She was one of four children. She graduated from Shoshone High School in Shoshone, Idaho. She married Louis Alma Peck on Sept. 12 1944. They had one son, Larry Allen Peck. Prior to the birth of their son, Larry Allen, Louis and Barbara moved to Seattle, Wash. She worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" to contribute to the war effort. They were later divorced. Barbara married Nolan Odes Prock on Aug. 16, 1950. They had four children and lived in Fairfield, Idaho.

They moved to Jerome, Idaho, in 1972, where she was employed at Tupperware. After the death of her husband, she took care of her aunt and two uncles in Jerome until their deaths. Barbara moved back to Fairfield and was the primary caregiver to her mother, Cleatis Fletcher, until her death. Barbara attended the Community Church while living in Fairfield, where she had many friends and associates. She had a variety of occupations while living in Fairfield; she worked in the Camas School Lunch Program, Head Start and drove school bus for the Camas School District. She raised sheep for many years and operated a 20-acre farm that produced hay, which she sold to supplement her income.

Barbara was an avid gardener, which provided most of the vegetables for her meals. Flowers were her passion, filling her yard and home. She was a gifted seamstress. Quilting was the greatest joy to her life. She made quilts for family and friends. Sharing her quilts brought joy to her life; she provided more than 30 quilts in the year prior to her passing.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Nolan; and her daughter, Diane Denise. She is survived by her children, Larry (Pam) Peck of Florida, Linda (Coy) Jones of Gooding; David (Jana) Prock of Oregon and Samuel (Debbie)



Prock of Oregon; siblings, Eula Labor of Seattle, Wash.; LeRoy Fletcher of Walla Walla, Wash.; and Melvin Fletcher of Fairfield, Idaho; 18 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

A funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel, with visitation for family and friends beginning at noon. A private committal service will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Encompass Home and Hospice, 147 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Dr. John Gies and Dr. Richard Anderson for the loving care shown to Barbara during her illness, with a special thank you to Cherie and David from Encompass for their support and service.

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](http://www.demarayfuneralservice.com).



Joe Willis Ivie

Nov. 10, 1942-Dec. 29, 2012

**TWIN FALLS** • Joe Willis Ivie of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away at the Twin Falls Care Center on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012. He was 70 years old.

Joe was born Nov. 10, 1942, in Bellevue, Idaho, to Joseph Ivie and Delphine Mathews. He was raised by Joseph Ivie and Nadine (Seal) Ivie. Joe is the second oldest of seven children: four brothers and two sisters.

Joe grew went to school in Bellevue and Patterson, Idaho, and in Lake Town, Utah. He married his first wife, Carolyn Early, and had one son, Roger Early. They were later divorced. He married his second wife, Bonnie Hawks, and they had a son, Marvin Ivie.

Joe is survived by his children, Roger Early of Lake Town, Utah, and Marvin Ivie of Ontario, Calif.; his moth-

er, Nadine Ivie of Ashton, Idaho; his sisters, Joy (Mel) Worthington of Twin Falls, Idaho, and Sue (Nick Bigney) of Wallsburg, Utah; his sister-in-law, Connie Ivie of Stites, Idaho; his brothers, Bill (Connie) Ivie of Wasilla, Alaska, Mike (Taryn) Ivie of Ashton, Idaho, and Gary (Deb) Ivie of Malad, Idaho; and several nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Hyrum Ivie; his birth mother, Delphine Mathews; and his brother, Ed Ivie.

Joe dabbled in drawing, some poetry and a few other handicrafts. Joe was a drifter, but he did some work in lumbering around Idaho and Montana and other odd jobs.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey, Idaho.



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**J. Wayne Balderson** of Escondido, Calif., funeral at noon today at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in Jerome.

**Arthur Rathbun** of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the funeral home.

**Marilyn Shockey** of Burley, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 7:30 p.m. today at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

**Peggy Sue Perkins** of Filer and formerly of Challis, celebration of life service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Donna Lee Johnson Otte** of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star LDS Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; graveside service at noon Friday at Larkin Sunset Gardens, 1950 E. 10600 S. in

Sandy, Utah; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the church.

**Gary Allen Sederlund** of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Clam Falls Lutheran Church in Frederic, Wis. (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

**Loren DeVon Baker** of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Pella LDS Church, 160 W. 400 S. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

**David "Jonas" Johnson** of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Ryan Wyatt Bowen** of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 1 to 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

**Walter M. Harris** of Boise and formerly of the Magic Valley area, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ten Mile Christian Church, 3500 W. Franklin Road in Meridian (Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

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**A.** The holidays are now officially over. Although we are enjoying mild weather (so far) spring seems far away. Do you have ideas about how to fight the post-holiday blahs?



**A.** The excitement of the holidays often creates a "let down" feeling, even for people who are somewhat relieved that the holidays are behind them. You aren't alone in feeling out-of-sorts. Use winter days for activities that keep your mind sharp: reading, doing crossword puzzles, or playing cards with a friend. Exercise can keep both your mind and your body engaged. If getting outside isn't possible, exercise indoors (walking tapes are fun and inexpensive). Your doctor can suggest other options. Let family and friends know they are still welcome to stop by. If you love to decorate for the holidays, why not change it up a bit and decorate for Valentine's Day! Make plans for fun things to do in the future, like a special dinner or a trip. The anticipation will give you a lift!



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## Police Present Evidence in Colorado Shooting Case

**CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP)**

• Police officers who arrested James Holmes after the Colorado movie theater massacre described the suspected gunman, clad in body armor, as unusually relaxed but fidgety at times.

Holmes didn't resist arrest behind the theater and volunteered that his apartment had been booby trapped, the officers testified during the opening of a hearing in which prosecutors began laying out their case against the former neuroscience graduate student.

Officer Jason Oviatt said Holmes seemed "very, very relaxed" and didn't seem to have "normal emotional reactions" to things.

"He seemed very detached from it all," he said.

When Oviatt first saw Holmes in his gear standing next to his car behind the theater, he thought he was a fellow officer but then realized Holmes was standing still, and not rushing toward the theater.

Oviatt pointed his gun at him, handcuffed him and searched him. He said he found two knives and a semi-automatic handgun on top of Holmes' car. Oviatt said an ammunition magazine also fell out of Holmes' pocket and he found another one on the ground. He said Holmes was dripping in sweat and his pupils were wide open.

Officer Aaron Blue said Holmes was fidgeting around after he and Oviatt put him in a patrol car, prompting them to stop and search Holmes again. They were worried

they might have missed something because of Holmes' bulky outfit.

Investigators say Holmes tossed two gas canisters and then opened fire during the midnight showing of the Batman movie "The Dark Knight Rises" on July 20, killing 12 people and wounding dozens.

The preliminary hearing is expected to last all week. It will allow the judge to determine whether the prosecution's case is strong enough to warrant a trial but it's rare for a judge not to order a trial if a case gets this far.

With some families of shooting victims listening, police officers fought to keep their composure as they testified about their efforts to try to save the wounded without enough ambulances.

The movie was still playing as they entered the theater. An alarm was going off and moviegoers' cellphones rang unanswered. There was so much blood on the floor, officer Justin Grizzle said he slipped and almost fell down.

As Sgt. Gerald Jonsgaard recalled not finding a pulse on the youngest victim, 6-year-old Veronica Moser-Sullivan, a woman in the courtroom sat with her head buried in her hands.

Grizzle recalled ferrying the wounded to the hospital and said he had to stop one man worried about his 7-year-old daughter from jumping out of the moving patrol car. He said there was so much blood in his car that he could hear it sloshing around.



## Banks Try to Clean Up Remaining Mortgage Mess

U.S. banks have taken another step to clear away the wreckage of the 2008 financial crisis by agreeing to pay \$8.5 billion to settle charges that they wrongfully foreclosed on millions of homeowners.

The deal announced Monday could compensate hundreds of thousands of Americans whose homes were seized because of abuses such as "robo-signing," when banks automatically signed off on foreclosures without properly reviewing documents. The agreement will also help eliminate huge potential liabilities for the banks.

But consumer advocates complained that regulators settled for too low a price by letting banks avoid full responsibility for foreclosures that victimized families.

— Associated Press



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Handguns are displayed in the sales area of Sandy Springs Gun Club and Range on Friday in Sandy Springs, Ga.

## FEWER GUN BUYERS SEEN IN MASS SHOOTING STATES

**WASHINGTON (AP)** •

People who lived in the two states that saw the most deadly U.S. mass shootings in 2012 were less enthusiastic about buying new guns at the end of the year than those in most other states, according to an Associated Press analysis of new FBI data.

The latest government figures reflect huge increases across the U.S. in the number of background checks for gun sales and permits to carry guns at the end of the year.

After President Barack Obama's re-election in November, the school shooting in Connecticut last month and Obama's promise to support new laws aimed at curbing gun violence, the number of background checks spiked, especially in the South and West. In Georgia, the FBI processed 37,586 requests during October and 78,998 requests in December; Alabama went from 32,850 to 80,576 during the same period.

Nationally, there were nearly twice as many more background checks for firearms between November and December than during the same time period one year ago.

Background checks typically spike during the holiday shopping season, and some of the increases in the most recent FBI numbers can be attributed to that. But the number of background checks also tends to increase after mass shootings, when

gun enthusiasts fear restrictive measures are imminent.

"It's a fear there will be a crackdown," said Thomas Wright, who runs Hoover Tactical Firearms near Birmingham, Ala. Wright said he took on more employees to handle the sales crush after 20 young students were shot to death in Newtown, Conn. "We used to have what was called our wall of guns. It's pretty much empty now." Every high-capacity magazine in his store was sold out.



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Aurora police officer Justin Grizzle leaves court after testifying at a preliminary hearing for James Holmes on Monday at the courthouse in Centennial, Colo.

## Clinton Gets Ovation, Helmet on Her Return

BLOOMBERG NEWS

**WASHINGTON** • Secretary of State Hillary Clinton returned to work Monday after a month-long absence, welcomed back by dozens of staff members with a standing ovation and gag gifts including a football helmet, a wry reference to the concussion and blood clot that delayed her recovery after a stomach virus.

Wearing a hot pink jacket, Clinton laughed as she held aloft a white helmet printed with the State Department seal and a blue football jersey emblazoned with her last name and "112," the record number of countries she has visited as the top U.S. diplomat over

the last four years, according to photos released by the department.

Clinton, 65, was released from New York-Presbyterian Hospital on Jan. 2 after treatment for a blood clot discovered between her skull and brain during a check-up before her planned return to work a week ago.

She had last appeared in public on Dec. 7 at the end of a European trip, before falling sick with a stomach virus and canceling a visit to the Middle East and North Africa. Dehydrated, she fainted and sustained a concussion while ill at home last month, and had been recuperating and working from home before the clot was discovered.

## Indian Women Hope Rape Will Spark Change

**NEW DELHI (AP)** • Preeti

Singh worries each time her 20-year-old daughter has a late night at the hospital where she's a medical student. If her daughter has to stay late, Singh tells her to wait for daylight to come home.

"I was brought up with the fear that once it's dark you should be at home," says Singh, a 43-year-old kindergarten teacher in Bangalore, India's technology hub. "I can't shake that fear."

Across India, women tell similar stories. Now there is hope for change.

For decades, women have had little choice but to walk away when groped in a crowded bus or train, or to simply cringe as someone tosses an obscene comment their way. Even if they haven't experienced explicit sexual abuse themselves, they live with the fear that it could happen to them or a loved one.

The gang rape and beating of a 23-year-old university student on a moving bus in India's capital has taken sexual violence and thrust it into the light.

Following the Dec. 16 attack in New Delhi, which resulted in the woman's death, hundreds of thousands of Indians — both men and women — poured onto the streets of cities across the country, holding candlelight vigils and ral-



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Indian students hold placards as they participate in a candlelight vigil Dec. 21 in Allahabad, India.

lies demanding that authorities take tougher action to create a safe environment for women.

"At least now people are talking," says Rashmi Gogia, a 35-year-old receptionist in a New Delhi law office.

The outrage sparked by the heinous attack has given women at least a measure of

hope that the country of 1.2 billion people will see meaningful improvement in how women are treated, though most realize any change is likely to come slowly.

Women who were willing to talk about an unwelcome touch or a crude remark they'd experienced said they had learned to ignore it. Most said

they convinced themselves to shrug off these routine assaults and humiliations to avoid angering their attackers, or for fear of bringing shame upon themselves and their families.

"What can you do? You have to work, you have to commute," says Yasmin Talat, a 20-year-old student.



# More Risk-taking, Less Poll-taking

The U.S. military trains its fighter pilots on a principle called the “OODA Loop.” It stands for observe, orient, decide, act. The idea is that if your OODA Loop is faster and more accurate than the other pilot’s, you’ll shoot his plane out of the sky. If the other pilot’s OODA Loop is better, he’ll shoot you down. Right now, our national OODA Loop is broken. We are doing something crazy — taking the country back and forth to the financial brink to produce sub-optimal, midnight compromises without any overall plan for how this will lead to growth in the world in which we’re living. We’re doing the worst thing a country can do — cutting taxes and spending without a plan.

Maybe you can grow without a plan. But if you want to ensure that every scarce dollar gets the biggest bang, you can’t cut without a plan. It’s deciding and acting without observing and orienting. It’s how fighter pilots get shot down. President Barack Obama, by his own admission, focused his campaign almost exclusively on the need to raise taxes on the wealthy, and the Republicans focused theirs on lowering them. But neither one offered the country what we need most: a description of what world we’re living in, what is new, and how we maximize our ability to compete and grow in this world — and then offering up a comprehensive, detailed plan of appropriate phased-in spending cuts, tax reforms and investments in research, infrastructure and early childhood education to create more good jobs and the workers to fill them. What world are we living in?

It’s a world in which we face three major challenges: responding to the merger of globalization and the information technology revolution, which is changing every job and workplace; dealing with our mounting debt and entitlement burdens, driven by steadily rising health care costs and unsustainable defined benefits; and, finally, developing energy sources that can grow the world economy without tipping it into disruptive climate change. (At one point last week, the Senate approved a \$60.4 billion aid package to help New York and New Jersey recover from Hurricane Sandy. If fully implemented, that would mean we’d spend on one storm all the new tax revenue for next year that the House and Senate just agreed to in the fiscal-cliff negotiations.)

What each party should be saying is, “Given this world, here are the specific tax reforms, spending cuts, investments and policy innovations we need to grow our middle class, sustain our retirees and shrink inequality.” Instead, we have no leaders ready to trust the public with the truth, so both parties are shooting themselves in the foot and our future in the head. As Matt Miller, author of “The Tyranny of Dead Ideas” noted in *The Washington Post*, “Republicans haven’t identified anything remotely equal to the savings we need.

And because many liberals haven’t thought through the long-term budget implications, or wrongly assume that taxes can rise indefinitely or that the Pentagon can be shrunk to something less than a triangle, they resist sensible steps to slow the growth of Social Security and Medicare, not realizing that this course will assure before long that there isn’t any new money to spend on, say, poor children.”

I expect nothing from the GOP. It’s lost and leaderless. I expect a lot from Obama, who knows what needs to be done and has said so in the past. I expect him to stop acting as a party leader and start acting like the president of the whole country. When I heard Obama say, after the election, that this time he was going to take his plan to the country, and not make the mistake again of just negotiating with Congress, I thought, “Great, I can’t wait to hear what he says.” But all he took to the country was a plan for increasing taxes on “millionaires and billionaires.” There was nothing comprehensive, nothing bold, no great journey for America and no risks for him. Really disappointing.

Maybe Obama has a strategy: first raise taxes on the wealthy, which gives him the credibility with his base to then make big spending cuts in the next round of negotiations. Could be. But raising taxes on the wealthy is easy. Now we’re at the hard part: comprehensive tax reform, entitlement cuts, radical cost-saving approaches to health care and new investments in our growth engines. This will require taking things away from people — to both save and invest. A lot of lobbies will fight it. The president will need to rally the center of the country and the business community to overcome them.

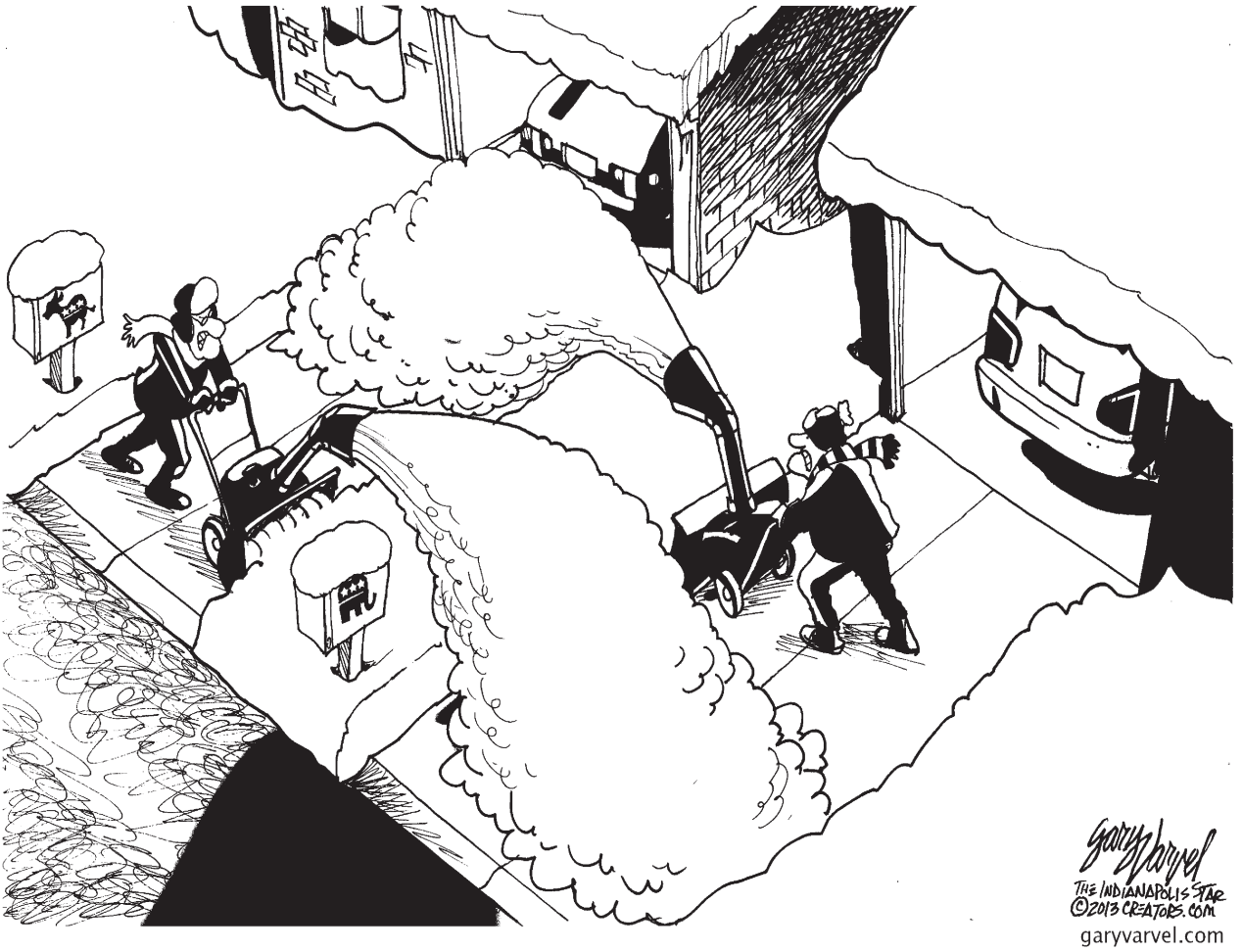
He’ll have to change the polls, not just read the polls. He will have to take on his own base and the GOP’s.

Obama has spent a lot of time lately bashing the rich to pay their “fair share.” You know what? There are definitely some Wall Street bankers and CEOs who deserve that bashing. But there are many successful Americans who got their wealth the old-fashioned way — by risk-taking, going into debt to start a business or pursue a dream. It’s time for the president to do some risk-taking — to stop just hammering the wealthy, which is so easy, and to start selling the country on a strategy to multiply them.

We need to tax more millionaires, but we also need more millionaires and middle classes to tax. The president was elected to grow our national pie, not just re-divide it.

Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times



# Obama Should Share Secrets of Shadow War

BLOOMBERG NEWS

A federal judge issued an important but puzzling decision last week regarding the Obama administration’s deadly drone campaign against Islamic terrorists.

First, Judge Colleen McMahon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York declared that the White House need not respond to Freedom of Information Act requests that it turn over its legal doctrine for the drone program. Then, after handing Obama that victory, she raised the possibility that he is a murderer.

The judge was technically correct, perhaps, on the first matter — and very wrong on the second. Yet the White House should take heed: The tangled nature of McMahon’s criticisms reflects deep public confusion over the drone war.

McMahon was ruling on two requests — one from the American Civil Liberties Union and another from the

New York Times — that the administration turn over a 2010 Justice Department memo that provided the legal justification for the 2011 targeted killing of U.S. citizen Anwar al-Awlaki.

McMahon sided with the government on the grounds that the public comments were “cryptic and imprecise” and that “it lies beyond the power of this court to conclude that a document has been improperly classified.”

Then the judge climbed on her soapbox. “I can find no way around the thicket of laws and precedents that effectively allow the executive branch of our government to proclaim as perfectly lawful certain actions that seem on their face incompatible with our Constitution and laws while keeping the reasons for their conclusion a secret,” she wrote.

The problem here is that the treason-clause argument was already deemed irrelevant by the Supreme Court in 2004’s Hamdi v. Rumsfeld. Besides, as terrorism

expert Robert Chesney of the University of Texas Law School puts it, “It simply is not clear why the possibility that a person could be tried for treason must foreclose resort to otherwise-lawful alternative measures.” As for the point about the criminal code, it refers not to killings in general but specifically to “murder.”

McMahon’s reasoning aside, we are not convinced by the government’s argument that the drone memo needs to stay in a locked drawer. Between Holder’s speech and a front-page account in the *New York Times* after Awlaki’s death, we have a pretty good idea of the rules the administration has set for itself. At the same time, the administration has legitimate concerns about succumbing to FOIA requests for information on covert action. It could be a dangerous precedent.

The way out of the puzzle is clear: The administration should voluntarily release

the memo. If there are national-security secrets involved, they can be redacted. Alternatively, the White House can issue a document to Congress that clearly delineates its legal thinking, just as the George W. Bush administration did with its warrantless wiretapping operation in 2005.

Questions about the drone campaign are piling up. What is the legality of killing people far from any battlefield? How do we decide to use a strike rather than a ground operation? What weight is given to the likelihood of civilian casualties? Does the authorization extend only to al-Qaida members, to its loose network of affiliates, or to any Islamic militant?

These questions need to be answered.

Problem is, the discussion that could lead to those answers can’t begin until Congress and the public hear from an administration that has been far too quiet on its drone war for far too long.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Members of Congress Should Base Their Raises on Merit System

The Congress, years ago, voted to give themselves an automatic yearly raise based on a percentage of their base pay rather than a dollar amount. This raise comes no matter what their performance warrants; also, regardless of the country’s financial condition.

They continually rail against giving any cost of living increases to Social Security recipients and raises for teachers. They say teachers’ raises should only be paid on a merit scale. How many raises would congressmen get if they were based on performance or merit?

It’s probably time for the taxpayers to petition for a ballot vote for congressmen’s raises to only be on a

merit system. If this were the case, maybe they would learn to negotiate and compromise. They wouldn’t be holding the country hostage on a fiscal crisis.

Members of Congress receive free or very low-cost health care or insurance at the taxpayers’ expense but fought tooth and nail to block so-called “Obamacare,” saying the country can’t afford it. They threatened to have it repealed.

They voted to remove teacher’s unions and unions saying they protected underserving and inept workers. Just who is inept if not Congress?

LEONARD SMITH  
Wendell

### More Idahoans Should Offer President Obama More Respect

As I filled my pickup with gas this morning, this oc-

curred to me: When was the last time a sitting president did not try lowering the price of gas just before an election to try to fool we the people into voting for him? This president left it high, yet won the election and went about his business getting it lowered for us on a more permanent basis. When have I ever seen gas prices fall a full dollar in the two months after an election? Never — until now.

The people of Idaho do not give this young man the respect he deserves just because we live in a “R” state of mind and, personally, I am tired of “your” president. He is “our” president. He is not “my” president or “your” president, even if we disagree with some of the things in Washington. The people have spoken as a whole nation and that is what democracy is all about. So get over yourself! Just lately, a woman

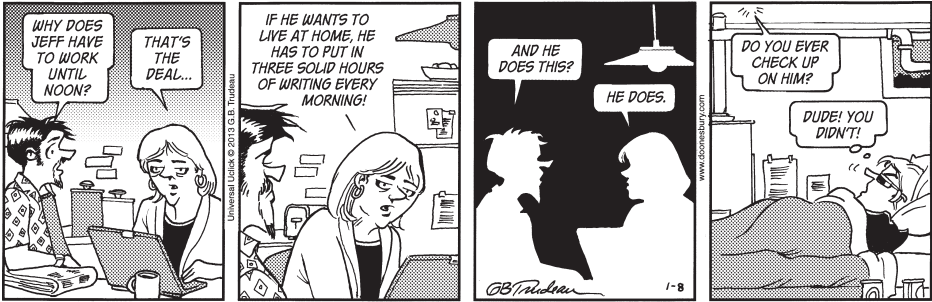
wrote “Obama is gallivanting in a foreign country right after Sandy instead of doing his job.” Holy cow, lady, the man went to the coast and got everything started to help the victims there and then went to that foreign country for you.

Our president is a father of two young, beautiful girls and has a gorgeous wife, whom I am certain he would love to spend more time with rather than gallivanting all over the world working for you!

Let’s all stop for a minute and think logically. We are all in this together, and together we will stand, divided we will fall. So whether you are Democrat or Republican, start thinking American and support our president in the elect. We as a nation choose to elect him or her. D or R does not matter!

SUE HARR  
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Doonesbury by Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley





# Utah under Air Pollution Alert

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** • Northern Utah had the country's dirtiest air Monday, as tailpipe and other emissions choked a five-county region and doctors warned people — especially pregnant women and children — to stay indoors.

The pollution exceeded federal air-quality standards along an urban corridor known as the Wasatch Front that is home to 2 million Utah residents.

Utah County led the region's pollution charts with 88 micrograms of damaging soot particles for every cubic meter of air, more than twice the federal limit of 35 micrograms. Salt Lake County was approaching 60 micrograms per cubic meter of fine particles — the kind that lodge deep in the lungs.

The pollution hotspot was easy to see at <http://airnow.gov>, a website

maintained by federal agencies.

State authorities couldn't do much to ease conditions except to ban wood burning in fireplaces. They urged people to limit driving as northern Utah entered the second week of its pollution alert.

"There is no better time for all of us to be considering alternatives to driving than in the midst of a winter inversion," Salt Lake Mayor Ralph Becker said in a statement Monday. "Each of our individual efforts can, and does, make a positive impact on our air quality."

Vehicle emissions account for half of Utah's urban pollution. State regulators are working on a set of plans to limit everyday emissions, including a measure to ban the sale of aerosol deodorants and hair spray that contain hydrocarbon propellants. Those plans, however, will take years to show results.

# Judge Halts Horse Roundup amid Allegations of Abuse

**RENO, Nev. (AP)** • A federal judge has temporarily blocked the Bureau of Land Management from rounding up wild mustangs in Nevada after horse protection advocates presented video footage that they say shows wranglers repeatedly abusing mustangs with electric prods in violation of agency policy.

The group that won the emergency restraining order, Wild Horse Education, is the same one that persuaded a different judge in August 2011 to shut down the Triple B roundup in Nevada. In that case, the group presented footage that it said depicted an inhumane gather, including a helicopter skid bumping an uncooperative horse.

Now, the group is accusing the BLM and its contractors of treating dozens of horses inhumanely since the Owyhee roundup began in November near the Idaho line about 70 miles northwest of Elko.

U.S. District Judge Miranda Du issued the temporary restraining order late Friday. She scheduled a hearing in Las Vegas on Thursday for both sides to present their arguments. She said halting the roundup in the meantime was warranted given the evidence she's seen so far, including video shot by Laura Leigh, president of Wild Horse Education.

"The public interest is served when actions are taken to prohibit inhumane treatment of wild horses," Du wrote.

Gordon Cowan, a Reno

lawyer for the advocacy group, said Du's order makes it clear that protecting America's wild horses from inhumane conduct "represents significant public interest."

According to the group, the three-plus minute video that it presented to Du depicts BLM contractors using electric prods, or "hot shots" to jolt mustangs into moving through loading chutes.

"It's a hot-shot fest," said Leigh, who posted the footage on YouTube. "Over and over and over again, the horses are hot shot."

BLM spokeswoman Heather Emmons said Monday the agency would have no comment because the matter involves active litigation.

However, the agency said in an earlier statement on its website that electric prods were used in the roundup Nov. 30 as a last resort, and that their use was "within pre-established guidelines of the gather."

"The contractor had made many attempts to load the wild horses that day using voice commands, body position, sounds and flags, to no avail," the statement said. "Per procedures and to avoid human injury, electric prods were used as a last resort once other handling aids did not work."

Similar footage at a different Nevada roundup near the Utah line in summer 2011 prompted BLM Director Bob Abbey late that year to order additional training for roundup workers.



Television host Huell Howser poses for a photo at the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve in Lancaster, Calif.

# Howser, 'California Gold' Host, Dies

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** • Huell Howser, the homespun host of public television's popular "California's Gold" travelogues, has died at age 67.

Howser died at his home Sunday night from natural causes, said Ayn Allen, corporate communications manager for KCET. No other details were available.

For years, "California's Gold" took viewers to many parts of the Golden State, with Howser doing folksy, highly enthusiastic interviews and narration in a distinctive twang he brought with him from his native Tennessee.

Howser's friendly interview format was characterized by a gentle inquisitiveness and a love for little stories punctuated by his hallmark exclamations of "That's amazing!" or "Look at this!"

Howser wrote on his production company's website that his show was operated on the premise "that TV isn't brain surgery."

"People's stories are what it's all about," he wrote.

With little more than a cameraman trailing him to little-known corners of the state, Howser's programs didn't have slick production values but drew viewers in with his intimate, conversational interviews.

"I want our stories to reveal the wonders of the human spirit and the richness of life in California, including its history, people, culture and natural wonders," he wrote.

His charm and enthusiasm tickled viewers wherever

he went. When Howser visited the U.S.-Mexico border, he playfully taunted a federal guard by tiptoeing back and forth over the international boundary. In Southern California, he wandered through a grove of avocado trees, exclaiming over a dog's ability to lick the green flesh clean from the fruit's shell — and noting the animal's thick, lustrous fur.

Howser also appeared in such other series about California as "Visiting with Huell Howser" and "Road Trip with Huell Howser."

"Huell elevated the simple joys and undiscovered nuggets of living in our great state," a KCET statement said. "He made the magnificence and power of nature seem accessible by bringing it into our living rooms. Most importantly, he reminded us to find the magic and wonderment in our lives every day. Huell was able to brilliantly capture the wonder in obscurity. From pastrami sandwiches and artwork woven from lint to the exoticism of cactus gardens and the splendor of Yosemite — he brought us the magic, the humor and poignancy of our region."

Howser received a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and began his TV career at WSM-TV in Nashville. He hosted a magazine-style series at WCBSTV in New York City and then went to Los Angeles in 1981 to work as a reporter for KCBS-TV.

In 1987, he moved to KCET to produce a program called "Videolog," the predecessor to "California's Gold,"

which is aired by PBS stations all over California, as well as Oregon, Nevada and his home state of Tennessee.

The beloved series about California was produced for more than 19 years, and helped launch six other series' about the state.

KCET planned to air special on Howser Monday night.

In 2011, Howser donated his entire catalog of episodes to Chapman University so that they could be digitized, posted to the Internet and made available free-of-charge.

"He loved California so very much, and above all he loved people: their life stories, their interests, their passions. And, of course, people adored him with equal intensity," Chapman University President James L. Doti said Monday.

In mourning the loss, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called Howser a

"Los Angeles treasure and California icon."

City Councilmember Tom LaBonge, who was sworn in to office by Howser, his friend of 30 years said no one will ever be able to replicate his enthusiasm.

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Workmen move the bus which plummeted 200 feet down an embankment in rural eastern Oregon, killing nine and sending multiple people to hospitals.

# SURVIVORS OF ORE. BUS CRASH FILE LAWSUIT

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) •** Two survivors of an Eastern Oregon tour bus crash that killed nine passengers allege in a lawsuit that the driver was tired, didn't heed warnings and was going too fast on a road with patches of snow and ice.

Attorney Charles Herrmann filed the suit against Mi Joo Tour & Travel late Sunday in Pierce County, Wash., on behalf of two South Korean exchange students who were among the 38 people injured in the Dec. 30 crash.

The complaint says the bus driver doubled as a tour guide and worked at least 90 hours without relief over the first eight days of the nine-day tour package, a violation of U.S. regulations that limit drivers to 70 hours in an eight-day span.

"I've got it from the witnesses, I've got it from the schedule and I've got it from the mileage," Herrmann said Monday. "Put it all together and it's quite clear."

The trip started in Vancouver, British Columbia, and went through Southern California, Las Vegas and Grand Canyon National Park before heading north to Boise, Idaho. On the ninth and final day of the tour, the bus departed a Boise hotel at 7:30 a.m. and traveled 203 miles in a little more than three hours before plunging through a guardrail and 200 feet down an embankment.

The Oregon State Police and National Transportation Safety Board have yet to say what caused the crash of Interstate 84 east of Pendleton. The crash happened during a cold, overcast morning on a flat and straight stretch of the highway, just before an infamous downgrade known as Cabbage Hill.

A truck had applied sand to the icy road a few hours before the crash and was behind the bus making another run when tragedy struck.

The posted speed limit is 65 mph for cars and 55 mph for trucks and buses. Police

have not said how fast the bus was traveling or if driver fatigue was an issue.

Herrmann said the driver was going "just too fast for the ice and the snow and the fog," and not necessarily exceeding the speed limit. The lawsuit states that signs in eastern Oregon warned of dangerous conditions. But a state Department of Transportation spokesman said the last reader board the driver would have seen before the crash warned motorists to stay sober. There was a warning about icy conditions about a mile after the crash site, said the spokesman, Tom Strandberg.

An employee at the Vancouver-based travel company referred questions to an attorney who didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. The driver, Haeng-Kyu Hwang of Vancouver, is not named as a defendant in the lawsuit.

Herrmann filed the suit on behalf of 16-year-old Jong-Hyun Chae and 15-year-old Seong-Jun An, foreign exchange students from South Korea who are studying in Tacoma, Wash. An fainted and Chae was knocked unconscious during the crash, according to the suit, and both were hospitalized for about eight hours.

The lawsuit does not request a specific dollar amount, and Herrmann said the extent of the injuries, including psychological, remains unknown.

Herrmann said he is attempting to represent additional crash victims, many of whom are Korean.

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# CSI Women Showing Great Improvement

BY NICK RULAND  
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**TWIN FALLS •** By all accounts, the ball rolled all the way around the inside of the rim before bouncing out. Fortunes have turned. College of Southern Idaho womens head coach Randy Rogers has a theory as to why his team escaped at the buzzer with a 40-39 win over Snow College last Thursday. “The Snow game could have gone either way,” Rogers said. “The better you are the luckier you get; hopefully we got that bounce because we are getting better.”

There is little doubt CSI has made significant strides in the last two weeks. One could make a case they’re a completely different team. With two wins in Utah for the first time since 2010-11, as CSI also defeated Salt Lake Community college 54-39 on Saturday, the Golden Eagles have allowed 44 points in their last three games. Opponents have shot just 29.5 percent from the field and given up an average of 18 turnovers. In the three games prior to the three-game winning streak — all losses — CSI gave up almost 76 points a game. “You know, in Salt Lake we shot the



ball better than we did against Snow, but our defense is pretty good right now,” Rogers said. “We are taking opponents out of what they want to run.” They were even calling out the Badgers’ plays Thursday against Snow. “Snow was a good team, very smart and run a lot of plays, but we knew all of them,” said guard Adriana Dent, the key to CSI’s perimeter defense. “When they would say Tulsa everyone would yell out, ‘Tulsa!’ We had practiced for them for that whole week. We were ready!”  
*Please see CSI WOMEN, S2*

## HALFWAY THERE

### 1A-DII



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO  
*Richfield’s Kailee Scott grabs a rebound against Dietrich in January 2012 in Richfield.*

### 1A-DI



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO  
*Hagerman’s Hernan Sandoval takes the ball to the hoop against Challis on Dec. 20 at Hagerman High School in Hagerman.*

### 2A



RYAN HOWE • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO  
*Valley’s Marlee Mussmann dribbles the ball during a nonconference girls basketball game on Nov. 20 at Raft River High School in Malta.*

### 3A



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO  
*Filer’s Jed Oyler drives the ball as Burley’s Scott Pilling comes from behind on Nov. 28 at Burley High School in Burley.*

### 4A



DREW NASH • TIMES-NEWS FILE PHOTO  
*Twin Falls’ Jasmine Robertson shoots a layup on Dec. 18 at Jerome High School in Jerome.*

# MIDSEASON PROSPECTS

We take a look at high school basketball teams around the valley to see how their seasons are shaping up midway through the season.

**Contenders:** Dietrich boys and girls, Carey boys and girls. The Dietrich squads are on a special kind of run. Both are unbeaten, with the girls on a 40-game win streak and the boys with a more modest 11-game run. They’re the ones to beat, but others could be in the mix. **Dark horses:** Lighthouse Christian boys, Richfield girls. Lighthouse Christian is on a tear this season so far and looks to be the class of the southern schools. Richfield is always in the mix on the girls side. **Stories to watch:** Can the Dietrich girls three-peat? How long will either Dietrich team’s win streak last? Can the Carey boys get to the title game for the fourth year running? Will any boys team be able to slow down Nezperce?

**Contenders:** Butte County boys and girls, Challis girls. They’re not in the area but they’re the class of the Snake River Conference, and it really isn’t all that close. **Dark horses:** Glenns Ferry girls and boys, Shoshone boys, Grace boys and girls. The Glenns Ferry girls look to be the best of the rest in the conference, while the boys have surprised after losing virtually everyone from last season’s title-winning squad. Shoshone can be a factor as long as Garrett Sant keeps scoring. **Stories to watch:** Who will rise up to challenge Butte County? Can Hansen’s boys figure it out and recapture their level of play from late last season? How long will this Raft River boys mojo last? Did the Hagerman girls peak too soon or is there still time to get back to early-season form?

**Contenders:** Valley boys and girls, Declo boys and girls. Like last year, it’s likely to come down to those two schools to figure everything out. **Dark horses:** Maybe if Wendell gets hot on the girls’ side, they could surprise someone and sneak into the mix. Getting that first win and being on the fringes of being competitive with Declo and Valley after that has confidence high. **Stories to watch:** Will this be the year the Valley girls unseat three-time district champ Declo? How much will Marlee Mussmann’s knee injury harm Valley? Can the Valley boys run the regular-season table? Can Oakley and Wendell turn it around and make this a four-team race on both sides?

**Contenders:** Filer boys and girls. Both programs loaded up with 4A opposition and proved they could compete at the highest level of basketball in the area. **Dark horses:** It’s up to the rest of the league to figure this one out, as right now Filer is an overwhelming favorite to sweep the conference and district titles. **Stories to watch:** Can the Filer boys make a match for Shelley if their paths cross at state? Can anyone throw a wrench into the system and break up the Wildcat bandwagon? Which teams will step up to snag the half-seed to the state tournaments?

**Contenders:** Twin Falls boys and girls, Burley boys and girls. Both schools saw their programs separate themselves from the other four in the Great Basin Conference standings. **Dark horses:** Jerome boys, Minico girls. Jerome has one of the best coaches in the area in Joe Messick, who usually has his team in the mix at the end of the season. Minico was beset by injuries in the early part of the season but could find some chemistry at the right time. **Stories to watch:** Can any of the favorites unseat Skyview (boys) or Middleton (girls) as the clear teams to beat in the classification? How long will Canyon Ridge’s search for its first win last? Could devolving team chemistry undo one of the on-paper favorites?

## ACL in Question as Redskins’ RGIII Undergoes More Tests

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## Seattle Finally Solves Playoff Futility on Road

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## EARLY DEADLINES, LATE GAMES

Because of an early deadline, some game coverage will be reported exclusively at Magicvalley.com

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Little Dribblers Camp

The Twin Falls Basketball Little Dribblers Camp will begin at 8 a.m. Jan. 12. The camp, for boys and girls in grades K-5, will run 8-10 a.m. on Jan. 12 and 19, and 6-7 p.m. on Jan. 21. Cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt and basketball. Little Dribblers will perform at halftime of the Burley at Twin Falls girls basketball game on Jan. 22. Information: Matt Harr, 737-5208 ext. 3050.

#### USSF Referee Clinic

United States Soccer Federation referee certification clinics will be held in January. The Grade 9 (recreational) clinic is from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14, 16 and 21. All three sessions must be attended. The Grade 8 (entry level) clinic is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 19 and 26. Both sessions must be attended. Information: John Jacobson, 731-3178.

#### Gooding Red-Out

Gooding High School girls basketball team is hosting a “Red Out” on Jan.11th its our

game against Wendell. The Red Out is to raise awareness on heart-related incidents and help raise money for the American Heart Association. The team is selling shirts for \$10 and trying to pack the place red. Shirts can be purchased from any Gooding girls basketball player or at the door.

#### Tennis Lessons Upcoming

The E Street YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Street, will hold tennis lessons for youth ages 5-18 of all skill levels for five weeks, Jan. 7 to Feb. 7. Beginners will meet on Wednesdays, intermediates on Mondays and Thursdays, and advanced players on Tuesdays and Fridays. All lessons are from 4:30 to 6 p.m. More information is available at the E Street YMCA.

#### CSI Boxing Smoker

The 36th Annual CSI Cowboy & Cowgirl Boxing Smoker will be held on Jan. 26 at the CSI Eldon Evans Expo Center. Door open at 6 p.m. and the fights start at 8. Advance tickets can be purchased at Vickers Western Store, Cal’s Log Tavern, Shot in the Dark Coffee

House, and Moxie Java Coffee House in Twin Falls, Shoe and Tack Shop in Jerome, and EZ Money Auto in Burley. General admission tickets cost \$10, reserved bleachers \$13, reserved floor and mezzanine \$15, ringside \$30. Tickets purchased at the door will cost \$2 more.

#### 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.

#### IYR Basketball Tournaments

The Idaho Youth Ranch’s 33rd Annual Basketball Tournaments will take place in March. Tournaments for girls in grades 5-8 will take place March 14-16 with boys grades 5-6 on March 21-23 and grades 7-8 on March 28-30. Information: Tony Bell at 532-4117 or 312-7099.

— Staff reports



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at New England	9	9½	(48½)	Houston	
Ncaa Basketball					
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG			
at UConn	9½	DePaul			
at Drexel	5½	Northeastern			
at Duke	20	Clemson			
at Missouri	10½	at Texas Tech			
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Brooklyn	19	15	.559	4	
Boston	17	17	.500	6	
Philadelphia	15	20	.429	8½	
Toronto	12	22	.353	11	
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	23	9	.719	–	
Atlanta	20	12	.625	3	
Orlando	12	21	.364	11½	
Charlotte	9	24	.273	14½	
Washington	5	28	.152	18½	
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	19	13	.594	–	
Indiana	14	14	.500	–	
Milwaukee	16	16	.500	3	
Detroit	13	23	.361	8	
Cleveland	8	28	.222	13	
WESTERN					
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	27	10	.730	–	
Memphis	21	10	.677	3	
Houston	20	14	.588	5½	
Dallas	13	21	.382	12½	
New Orleans	9	25	.265	16½	
NORTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	26	8	.765	–	
Denver	20	16	.556	7	
Portland	18	15	.545	7½	
Minnesota	15	15	.500	9	
Utah	17	18	.486	9½	
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	27	8	.771	–	
Golden State	22	11	.667	4	
L.A. Lakers	15	18	.455	11	
Sacramento	13	21	.382	13½	
Phoenix	12	23	.343	15	

Sunday's Games	
Oklahoma City 104, Toronto 92	
Miami 99, Washington 71	
Charlotte 108, Detroit 101, OT	
Memphis 92, Phoenix 81	
Denver 112, L.A. Lakers 105	
Monday's Games	
Washington 101, Oklahoma City 99	
Boston 102, New York 96	
Chicago 118, Cleveland 92	
New Orleans 95, San Antonio 88	
Dallas at Utah, late	
Orlando at Portland, late	
Memphis at Sacramento, late	
Tuesday's Games	
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.	
Miami at Indiana, 5 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 6 p.m.	
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
Atlanta at Cleveland, 5 p.m.	
Utah at Charlotte, 5 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Toronto, 5 p.m.	
Phoenix at Boston, 5:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Chicago, 6 p.m.	
Houston at New Orleans, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.	
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 6 p.m.	
Orlando at Denver, 7 p.m.	
Memphis at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.	
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.	

BULLS 118, CAVALIERS 92	
CLEVELAND (92)	
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CHICAGO (118)	
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3-Point Goals–Cleveland 7-14 (Miles 4-7, Irving 2-2, Gee 1-2, Casspi 0-1, Walters 0-1, Leuer 0-1), Chicago 10-14 (Bellinelli 3-4, Robinson 3-4, Deng 2-2, Hinrich 2-3, Cook 0-1). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–Cleveland 26 (Thompson 8), Chicago 35 (Boozer, Noah 11).	
Assists–Cleveland 19 (Irving 6), Chicago 34 (Robinson, Deng 7, Total Fouls–Cleveland 24, Chicago 21, Technicals–Hamilton, A–21,355 (20,917).	

CELTICS 102, KNICKS 96	
BOSTON (102)	
Bass 3-3 0-0 6, Pierce 10-18 0-0 23, Garnett 6-11 7-19, Terry 17 0-0 2, Bradley 6-11 0-0 13, Green 5-10 5-6 16, Sullinger 3-5 4-4 10, Lee 2-6 0-0 5, Barbosa 3-3 2-3 8, Totals 39-74 18-20 102	
NEW YORK (96)	
Anthony 6-26 4-7 20, Camby 2-4 0-0 4, Chandler 4-6 5-6 13, Kidd 3-5 0-0 8, Brewer 1-0 0-0 3, Smith 7-18 1-6 7-24, Stoudemire 4-6 5-5 13, Prigioni 1-3 0-0 2, Novak 3-4 0-0 9, Copeland 0-0 0-0 0, White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-76 20-26 96	
Boston 22 31 23 26 – 102	
New York 21 35 16 24 – 96	
3-Point Goals–Boston 6-18 (Pierce 3-9, Green 1-1, Lee 1-2, Bradley 1-3, Terry 0-3), New York 14-32 (Smith 4-9, Anthony 4-12, Novak 3-3, Kidd 2-3, Brewer 1-3, Prigioni 0-2). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–Boston 38 (Garnett 10), New York 50 (Chandler 17). Assists–Boston 26 (Pierce 6), New York 19 (Kidd 6). Total Fouls–Boston 21, New York 21. Technicals–Garnett, Pierce, Anthony, Prigioni, A–19,033 (19,763).	

WIZARDS 101, THUNDER 99	
OKLAHOMA CITY (99)	
Durant 9-19 9-10 29, Ibaka 12-17 1-2 26, Perkins 0-2 0-0 2, Seofeloshia 5-7 2-14, Westbrook 4-17 8-10 17, K.Martin 3-12 2-2 8, Collison 0-0 1-2 1, Thabeet 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 1-5 0-0 2, Liggins 0-1 2-2 1, Totals 34-80 25-30 99	
WASHINGTON (101)	
Webster 7-14 4-5 22, Seraphin 8-20 3-4 19, Okafor 5-10 2-2 12, Deje 7-17 3-3 22, Temple 3-8 2-2 9, Ariza 1-6 1-2 3, Thomas 2-6 0-0 4, Vesely 5-6 0-0 10, Singleton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-87 15-18 101	
Oklahoma City 30 23 20 26 – 99	
Washington 30 23 25 25 – 101	
3-Point Goals–Oklahoma City 6-25 (Seofeloshia 2-3, Durant 2-6, Ibaka 1-2, Westbrook 1-6, Jackson 0-2, K.Martin 0-6), Washington 10-18 (Beal 5-7, Webster 4-6, Temple 1-3, Ariza 0-2). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–Oklahoma City 50 (Ibaka, Perkins 11), Washington 53 (Okafor 12, Assists–Oklahoma City 21 (Durant, Westbrook 8), Washington 20 (Price 5). Total Fouls–Oklahoma City 14, Washington 20. A–16,917 (20,308).	

HORNETS 95, SPURS 88	
SAN ANTONIO (88)	
Leonard 4-6 0-0 10, Duncan 5-14 3-3 13, Splitter 2-4 4-4 8, Parker 7-11 2-14, Green 0-5 0-0 0, Ginobili 7-13 5-5 21, Diaw 2-5 1-2 5, Jackson 2-6 1-2 6, Neal 4-0 0-9, Bonner 0-0 0-0 0, De Colo 0-0 0-0 0, Mills 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-73 16-20 88	
NEW ORLEANS (95)	
Aminu 2-5 0-0 4, Davis 8-13 1-2 17, Lopez 4-6 0-0 8, Vasquez 2-10 1-2 14, Gordon 9-22 6-2 24, Anderson 4-13 2-13, Smith 4-4 0-0 8, Rivers 0-2 0-0 0, Roberts 2-6 0-0 5, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Sloan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-83 10-12 95	
San Antonio 19 22 24 23 – 88	
New Orleans 24 25 21 25 – 95	
3-Point Goals–San Antonio 6-21 (Leonard 2-4, Ginobili 2-5, Neal 1-2, Jackson 1-4, Diaw 0-1, Parker 0-1, Green 0-4), New Orleans 5-13 (Anderson 3-6, Roberts 1-1, Vasquez 1-2, Aminu 0-1, Gordon 0-3). Fouled Out–None. Rebounds–San Antonio 44 (Duncan 8), New Orleans 45 (Aminu 10). Assists–San Antonio 20 (Ginobili 4), New Orleans 23 (Vasquez 11). Total Fouls–San Antonio 15, New Orleans 15. A–11,599 (17,188).	

TOP 25 FARED	
Monday	
1. Duke (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Tuesday.	
2. Michigan (15-0) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Wednesday.	
3. Louisville (13-1) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Wednesday.	
4. Arizona (14-0) did not play. Next: at Oregon, Thursday.	
5. Indiana (14-1) beat Penn State 74-51. Next: vs. No. 8 Minnesota, Saturday.	
6. Kansas (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.	
7. Syracuse (14-1) did not play. Next: at Providence, Wednesday.	
8. Minnesota (14-1) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Illinois, Wednesday.	
9. Gonzaga (15-1) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's (Cal.), Thursday.	
10. Missouri (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Tuesday.	
11. Florida (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.	
12. Illinois (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Minnesota, Wednesday.	
13. Creighton (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Drake, Tuesday.	
14. Butler (12-2) did not play. Next: at Saint Joseph's, Wednesday.	
15. Ohio State (11-3) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Tuesday.	

16. San Diego State (12-2) did not play. Next: at Fresno State, Wednesday.	
17. Notre Dame (14-1) beat No. 21 Cincinnati 66-60. Next: vs. UConn, Saturday.	
18. Kansas State (12-2) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.	
19. Georgetown (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Tuesday.	
20. N.C. State (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Wednesday.	
21. Cincinnati (13-3) lost to No. 17 Notre Dame 66-60. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.	
22. Michigan State (12-3) did not play. Next: at Iowa, Thursday.	
23. Wichita State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Illinois, Wednesday.	
24. UNLV (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 25 New Mexico, Wednesday.	
25. New Mexico (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 UNLV, Wednesday.	

Poll	W-L	Pts	Ptv
1. Duke (62)	14-0	1,622	1
2. Michigan (3)	15-0	1,553	2
3. Louisville	13-1	1,447	4
4. Arizona	14-0	1,442	3
5. Indiana	13-1	1,381	5
6. Kansas	12-1	1,322	6
7. Syracuse	14-1	1,211	7
8. Minnesota	14-1	1,121	9
9. Gonzaga	15-1	1,064	10
10. Missouri	11-2	1,006	12
11. Florida	10-2	922	13
12. Illinois	14-2	881	11
13. Creighton	14-1	789	16
14. Butler	12-2	761	17
15. Ohio St.	11-3	710	8
16. San Diego St.	12-2	591	19
17. Notre Dame	13-1	547	21
18. Kansas St.	12-2	472	25
19. Georgetown	10-2	441	15
20. NC St.	12-2	438	23
21. Cincinnati	13-2	375	14
22. Michigan St.	12-3	267	18
23. Wichita St.	14-1	135	—
24. UNLV	13-2	113	—
25. New Mexico	13-2	102	20

Others receiving votes: VCU 94, Wyoming 87, Oklahoma St. 64, Marquette 41, UCLA 41, Maryland 29, Kentucky 27, Temple 13, Oregon 11, North Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 1.

Ballots Online: <http://tinyurl.com/43u6j96>

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MEN'S TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 6, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Poll	W-L	Pts	Pts
1. Duke (30)	14-0	774	1
2. Michigan (1)	15-0	744	2
3. Arizona	14-0	691	3
4. Louisville	13-1	677	4
5. Indiana	13-1	649	5
6. Kansas	12-1	640	6
7. Syracuse	14-1	585	7
8. Gonzaga	15-1	511	10
9. Florida	10-2	496	9
10. Minnesota	14-1	488	13
11. Creighton	14-1	469	11
12. Missouri	11-2	447	12
13. Illinois	14-2	366	14
14. Ohio St.	11-3	355	8
15. San Diego St.	12-2	314	17
16. Notre Dame	13-1	285	19
17. Butler	12-2	274	20
18. Michigan St.	12-3	190	18
19. UNLV	13-2	170	24
20. Cincinnati	13-2	165	15
21. N.C. St.	12-2	153	25
22. Georgetown	10-2	138	16
23. Kansas St.	12-2	131	—
24. VCU	12-3	85	—
25. Wyoming	13-0	70	—

Others receiving votes: New Mexico 48, Wichita State 47, Kentucky 43, Oklahoma State 34, Maryland 10, Pittsburgh 7, North Carolina 5, Marquette 3, UCLA 3, Colorado State 2, Saint Mary's 2, Arizona State 1, Temple 1, Utah State 1, Virginia 1.

WOMEN'S TOP TWENTY FIVE

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Poll	W-L	Pts	Ptv
1. Baylor (32)	12-1	984	2
2. Notre Dame (2)	12-1	945	5
3. UConn (2)	12-1	907	1
4. Duke (4)	13-0	903	3
5. Stanford	13-1	860	4
6. Kentucky	13-1	791	6
7. California	12-1	747	7
8. Penn St.	12-2	706	9
9. Tennessee	11-3	667	12
10. Maryland	11-3	596	8
11. North Carolina	15-1	581	15
12. Purdue	13-2	537	14
13. Georgia	13-2	506	10
14. UCLA	11-2	451	16
15. Louisville	12-3	441	11
16. Oklahoma	12-2	388	17
17. Kansas	11-2	396	8
18. Florida St.	12-2	255	19
19. South Carolina	13-2	255	18
20. Texas A&M	12-4	241	24
21. Oklahoma St.	10-2	229	13
22. Dayton	12-1	225	22
23. Colorado	11-2	121	20
24. Miami	12-2	115	21
25. Iowa St.	11-1	91	—

Others receiving votes: Nebraska 74, Vanderbilt 59, Michigan 25, Syracuse 22, Arkansas 14, DePaul 7, Michigan St. 7, UTEP 6, Illinois 4, Villanova 3, Texas Tech 2, Wyoming 1.

Ballots Online: <http://tinyurl.com/43t329t>

## Football NFL PLAYOFFS

Wild-card Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 5	
Houston 19, Cincinnati 13	
Green Bay 24, Minnesota 10	
Sunday, Jan. 6	
Baltimore 24, Indianapolis 9	
Seattle 24, Washington 14	
Divisional Playoffs	
Saturday, Jan. 12	
Baltimore at Denver, 2:30 p.m.(CBS)	
Green Bay at San Francisco, 6 p.m.(FOX)	
Sunday, Jan. 13	
Seattle at Atlanta, 11 a.m.(FOX)	
Houston at New England, 2:30 p.m.(CBS)	
Conference Championships	
Sunday, Jan. 20	
AFC, 1BA (CBS)	
NFC, 1BA (FOX)	

PRO BOWL	
Sunday, Jan. 27	
At Honolulu	
AFC vs. NFC, 5 p.m.(NBC)	
Super Bowl	
Sunday, Feb. 3	
At New Orleans	
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 4 p.m.(CBS)	
COLLEGE BOWL GLANCE	
All Times MST	
Saturday, Dec. 15	
New Mexico Bowl	
At Albuquerque	
Arizona 49, Nevada 48	
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	
At Boise, Idaho	
Utah State 41, Toledo 15	
Thursday, Dec. 20	
Poinsettia Bowl	
At San Diego	
BUV 23, San Diego State 6	
Friday, Dec. 21	
Brady's Bowl	
At St. Petersburg, Fla.	
UCF 38, Ball State 17	
Saturday, Dec. 22	
New Orleans Bowl	
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34	
MALIBU Bowl	
At Las Vegas	
Boise State 28, Washington 26	
Monday, Dec. 24	
Hawaii Bowl	
At Honolulu	
SMU 43, Fresno State 10	
Wednesday, Dec. 26	
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl	
At Detroit	
Central Michigan 24, Western Kentucky 21	
Thursday, Dec. 27	
Military Bowl	
At Washington	
San Jose State 29, Bowling Green 20	
Belk Bowl	
At Charlotte, N.C.	
Cincinnati 48, Duke 34	
Holiday Bowl	
At San Diego	
Bayler 43, UCLA 26	
Friday, Dec. 28	



# Seattle Finally Solves Playoff Futility on Road

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**RENTON, Wash.** • Instead of reveling in shaking 29 years of postseason road futility and completely looking ahead to another cross-country trip, Pete Carroll was left waiting Monday for the results of an MRI that only confirmed what the Seattle Seahawks originally feared.

Seattle will go forward in the postseason without pass-rushing defensive end Chris Clemons, who suffered a torn ACL and torn meniscus in his left knee in Sunday's 24-14 win at Washington.

Clemons was hurt when it appeared his cleat got stuck in the messy, dirty turf at FedEx Field early in the third quarter. Seattle was immediately concerned the injury could be serious and Monday's scan confirmed it.

"It's a big loss for us in a lot of ways," Carroll said. "Chris has been a great football player and just a symbol of consistency in the years that we've had him, but he's been a great leader for us too and a tough dude and a guy we've become very comfortable playing with and we'll miss the heck out of him."

The loss of Clemons and uncertainty about the availability of kicker Steven Hauschka, who suffered a calf strain, overshadowed what should have been a day of celebration after Seattle won its first road playoff game since beating Miami on Dec. 31, 1983.

Clemons was the most consistent pass rusher for the Seahawks since arriving in a trade from Philadelphia before the 2010 season. Clemons had 11 sacks in both 2010 and '11



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Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll talks to reporters on Monday in Renton, Wash.

and followed up a new contract over the summer with 11½ sacks this season.

Rookie first-round pick Bruce Irvin, drafted to be a pass-rushing complement to Clemons, will get the first shot to start. Irvin set a franchise rookie record with eight sacks, but the real challenge will be whether he can hold up in the run game, an area where Clemons did well.

"This is Bruce's opportunity. This is what we drafted him to play and we'll see how he does," Carroll said. "We expect him to do really well as he steps up."

Players were not available at

the Seahawks facility after arriving back in Seattle in the early hours of Monday morning. Clemons tweeted, "I want to thank everyone for ... prayers. I will be ready for next season. We still got a Super Bowl to win!"

Even with Clemons going down, the Seahawks continued to display a level of resolve that has now carried them to six straight wins and eight of their last nine. Despite falling behind 14-0, Seattle solved the defensive problems that allowed Washington to roll down the field on its first two possessions. In turn, Russell Wilson, Marshawn Lynch and

the Seahawks offense was given time to chip away at the two-touchdown deficit.

The 14-point hole was the largest deficit overcome in Seahawks playoff history and the largest of any game this season. Wilson directed Seattle back from a 23-10 fourth-quarter deficit to beat New England 24-23 in Week 6. Being down 14 in the first quarter seemed easy compared to that.

"I think people take notice we've put together a lot of games together," Carroll said. "When you look at our schedule you can misread the schedule a little bit if you just

look at the W's and the L's. We've played really good solid football for a long time. It hasn't just sprung up at the end of the season."

Seattle's sudden defensive change was helped by hobbling Washington quarterback Robert Griffin III, but also by the Seahawks not overthinking. Carroll said he was concerned that with all the intricate details of learning how Washington runs its unique offense that his defenders could be thinking too much early in the game.

But instead of sticking with the zone-read plays Seattle was ready for, the Redskins

simply used Alfred Morris to run right at the Seahawks. Washington had 129 total yards in the first quarter and just 74 the rest of the way.

The sticky defense allowed Wilson and Lynch time to get Seattle's offense clicking. After falling behind 14-0, the Seahawks had five drives of 60 or more yards, including a 68-yard drive to start the second half that ended without points after Lynch fumbled at the Washington 1. Lynch atoned for the mistake with his go-ahead 27-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.

Lynch carried 12 times for 99 yards after halftime. Seattle rushed for 224 yards as a team, the highest total in franchise history for a playoff game, and third time during its six-game win streak they have topped 200 yards on the ground.

"We haven't been as solid as we are now," Carroll said. "We're much more solid in our thinking and mentality and just the resolve about everything we're doing."

**Notes:** Carroll said both offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell and defensive coordinator Gus Bradley are focused on the game at Atlanta even as both are courted by other teams for possible head coaching jobs. Seattle has granted permission for Bradley to speak with Philadelphia and Bevell with Chicago. ... Carroll said the team would have kickers in on Tuesday to try out because of the uncertainty about Hauschka's calf. ... The Seahawks may also look at linebackers Mike Morgan and K.J. Wright as pass-rush options with Clemons out and Irvin filling his role.

## Alabama Is Clobberin' Notre Dame



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Alabama's Eddie Lacy (42) reacts after rushing for a touchdown during the first half of the BCS championship football game against Notre Dame on Monday in Miami. At press deadline, Alabama was leading the Fighting Irish, 42-7. A full recap of the game is available on [Magicvalley.com/sports](http://Magicvalley.com/sports), and Wednesday's edition will feature a follow-up of the BCS Championship game.

## CSI Women

Continued from *Sports 1*

Rogers, who's gone up against Snow coach Natalie Visger the last three years and Bruins head coach Betsy Specketer the last 17 years, also saw both teams play earlier in the year at different tournaments, supplementing the film work he and Jason Nichols did in the days leading up to the games.

"They have been running similar offenses at Salt Lake for a while and we have been able to give coaches better information," Rogers said. "Early in the year you are playing teams with unfamiliar coaches and you don't have film on them. That has an effect. We had more formation and our players started to recognize their formations. Snow runs a lot more sets, and it gets into

your head when a team knows all of your plays. It can be discouraging."

But the Golden Eagles anticipation of opponent's plays still comes short of explaining the night-and-day difference in defensive efficiency.

"We have been focused since Colorado. We just want to get out there and play. Our confidence is getting higher and higher. We have fire and we are leaving our hearts lying on the floor," Dent said. "On rebounds we are getting in there, defense is aggressive and everybody is holding the rope. We trust each other."

For leading scorer Patrice Toston, it's been the team's assertiveness on offense that's carried over to the defensive end.

"Our intensity is the difference," Toston said. "Teams would press us and press us and now we aren't

letting them. We learned what we could do and how we can play defense."

Coach Rogers believes the offense — the part where CSI scores the ball, not just gets it up the court — could be on its way soon. Struggling all year to shoot, the Golden Eagles have yet to break out.

"We have not played our best ball and we have a chance to be really good," Rogers said. "We still haven't had anybody play their best on any night."

Candice Prestwich, who hit four of seven shots including two threes in the win against the Bruins, thinks that the confidence created by the team's defensive energy will ultimately result in shot-making.

"It's our attitude that has changed and will lead to good things," Prestwich said. "When we are excited, everything is much easier."

# ACL in Question as Redskins' RG3 Undergoes More Tests

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**ASHBURN, Va.** • It doesn't sound good for Robert Griffin III.

An injury that sidelines RG3 well into next season is a very real possibility — or at least it seemed that way Monday after coach Mike Shanahan described the results of tests on the rookie's right knee.

Shanahan said the results are prompting the team to send Griffin to Florida on Tuesday to see renowned orthopedist James Andrews for more examinations, essentially a second opinion that will decide the team's fate for the 2013 season.

"There is a concern," Shanahan said. "That's why he's going to see him."

Griffin tore his ACL while playing for Baylor in 2009, and Shanahan said that old injury caused Griffin's latest MRI to prove inconclusive and produce "differences of opinion" in those who have looked at it.

"They want to take another look and have a physical exam with him," Shanahan said, "to make sure they're not looking at old injuries."

A torn ACL typically requires a rehabilitation period of nine to 12 months, although some players don't

return to full health until their second season after the injury. On the other hand, one of this season's most remarkable stories was Adrian Peterson, who returned about eight months after tearing an ACL and nearly broke the NFL's single-season rushing record.

Notably, Shanahan referenced Peterson on Monday, pointing out that the Minnesota Vikings back had the big season without the benefit of an offseason practice program. It could be a possible scenario for Griffin.

Shanahan was grilled about his handling of Griffin's injury. Already playing with a heavy black brace in his third game since spraining a lateral collateral ligament, Griffin hurt the knee again when he fell awkwardly while throwing a pass in the first quarter of Sunday's 24-14 playoff loss to the Seattle Seahawks.

Griffin stayed in the game, but he was far from his usual self, clearly favoring the knee and unable to run with the world-class speed that helped define his play early in the season.

Then, in the fourth quarter with the Redskins trailing by seven, the knee buckled the wrong way when Griffin tried to field a bad shotgun snap. The Seahawks recov-

ered the fumble deep in Washington territory, setting up a short field goal that helped put the game out of reach. Griffin was done for the evening.

Shanahan said he thought he made the "right decisions" to keep Griffin in the game and that it would be "crazy" to think he would purposely sacrifice Griffin's career to win a game. He said he did not talk to team doctors initially after Griffin was hurt in the first quarter, instead relying on Griffin's word.

"I went up to Robert. I said, 'You OK?'" Shanahan said. "And he said, 'I'm fine.'"

Griffin was also feeling the criticism for not taking himself out. He did not appear in the locker room during the two hours it was open to reporters Monday morning and instead made his public statements via Twitter.

"Many may question, criticize & think they have all the right answers. But few have been in the line of fire in battle. ... I thank God for perspective and because of that I appreciate the support from everyone. I also appreciate the criticism. ... When adversity strikes you respond in one of two ways. ... You step aside and give in. Or you step up and fight." Griffin tweeted.



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Washington Redskins quarterback Robert Griffin III lies on the ground after fumbling the ball against the Seattle Seahawks during the fourth quarter of an NFL football wild card playoff game Sunday in Landover, Md.



BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 38.

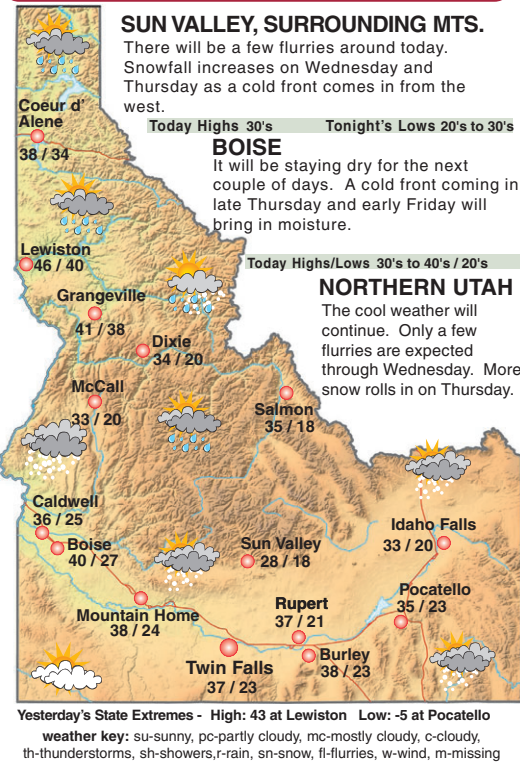
Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 23.

Tomorrow: Scattered clouds. High 37.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	20°	Yesterday's	Trace
Yesterday's Low	-2°	Month to Date	0.00"
Normal High / Low	35° / 17°	Avg. Month to Date	0.24"
Record High	55° in 1956	Water Year to Date	3.60"
Record Low	-22° in 1982	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.01"

IDAHO'S FORECAST



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
High 37°	Low 23°	42° / 25°	29° / 16°	24° / 17°	22° / 15°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity		Barometric Pressure		Sunrise and Sunset	
Yesterday's High	29°	Yesterday's	0.01"	Yesterday's High	86%	5 pm Yesterday	30.11 in.	Today	Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:22 PM
Yesterday's Low	5°	Month to Date	0.01"	Yesterday's Low	62%			Wednesday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:24 PM
Normal High / Low	33° / 17°	Avg. Month to Date	0.28"	Today's Forecast Avg.	85%			Thursday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM Sunset: 5:25 PM
Record High	52° in 1969	Water Year to Date	3.19"					Friday	Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:26 PM
Record Low	-14° in 1982	Avg. Water Year to Date	3.59"					Saturday	Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 5:27 PM

Moon Phases			
New Jan. 11	First Jan. 19	Full Jan. 27	Last Feb. 3

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Thursday
Boise	40 / 27 mc	42 / 24 r	29 / 24 ls
Bonnors Ferry	38 / 35 ls	40 / 26 mx	28 / 26 ls
Burley	38 / 23 pc	37 / 24 mx	28 / 24 ls
Challis	30 / 16 mc	33 / 15 mx	27 / 15 ls
Coeur d'Alene	38 / 34 r	38 / 27 ls	28 / 27 ls
Elko, NV	29 / 19 pc	33 / 20 ls	26 / 20 ls
Eugene, OR	55 / 41 r	43 / 36 sh	41 / 36 ls
Gooding	34 / 25 pc	36 / 23 mx	28 / 23 ls
Grace	29 / 15 ls	34 / 17 pc	28 / 17 ls
Hagerman	38 / 25 mc	41 / 25 r	32 / 25 ls
Hailey	33 / 21 mc	33 / 15 sn	26 / 15 ls
Idaho Falls	33 / 20 ls	35 / 22 ls	29 / 22 ls
Kalispell, MT	33 / 23 mx	39 / 24 mx	32 / 24 ls
Jerome	33 / 23 mx	38 / 23 mx	26 / 23 ls
Lewiston	46 / 40 r	45 / 34 r	37 / 34 ls
Malad City	29 / 16 mc	32 / 16 pc	30 / 16 ls
McCall	36 / 23 pc	33 / 21 r	28 / 21 ls
Missoula, MT	33 / 20 ls	31 / 12 ls	20 / 12 ls
Pocatello	39 / 29 r	38 / 25 mx	29 / 25 ls
Portland, OR	35 / 23 ls	37 / 24 pc	29 / 24 ls
Rupert	37 / 21 pc	37 / 24 mx	27 / 24 ls
Rexburg	31 / 19 ls	31 / 21 ls	27 / 21 ls
Richland, WA	45 / 39 r	43 / 27 r	35 / 27 pc
Rigerson	37 / 25 ls	38 / 18 pc	23 / 18 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	25 / 12 hz	27 / 16 hz	38 / 16 ls
Spokane, WA	39 / 35 r	39 / 26 mx	30 / 26 ls
Stanley	30 / 16 ls	33 / 8 sn	23 / 8 ls
Sun Valley	28 / 18 ls	29 / 10 ls	22 / 10 ls
Yellowstone, MT	23 / 15 ls	26 / 14 ls	23 / 14 ls

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	25 / 11 pc	27 / -9 ls
Cranbrook	24 / 17 ls	30 / -1 ls
Edmonton	28 / 11 pc	21 / -17 ls
Kelowna	25 / -4 ls	32 / -1 ls
Lethbridge	33 / 28 pc	40 / 10 pc
Regina	25 / 6 ls	37 / 3 pc

Moonrise and Moonset		
Today	Moonrise: 4:45 AM	Moonset: 2:29 PM
Wednesday	Moonrise: 5:51 AM	Moonset: 3:29 PM
Thursday	Moonrise: 6:50 AM	Moonset: 4:38 PM

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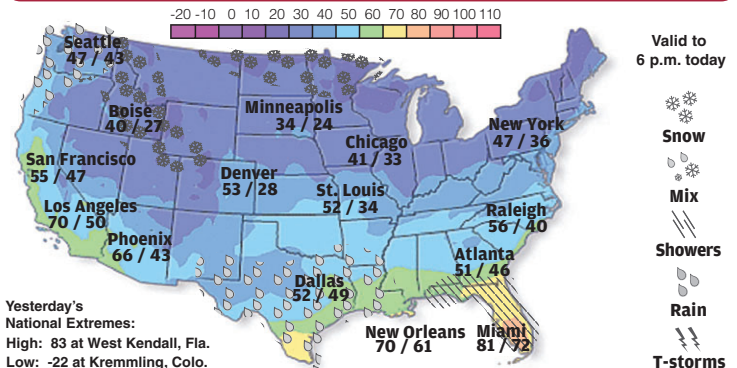
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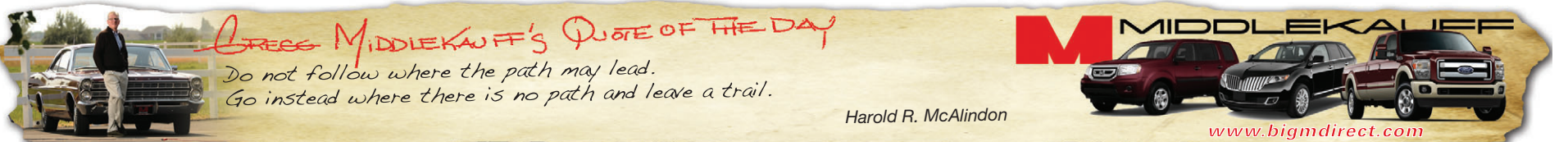
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Cairo	66 / 44 pc	55 / 42 sh
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Geneva	47 / 30 pc	44 / 29 pc
Hong Kong	66 / 58 pc	67 / 56 pc
Jerusalem	56 / 42 sh	49 / 37 sh
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Kuwait City	65 / 56 pc	71 / 53 pc
London	50 / 33 pc	45 / 31 pc
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Oregon coach Chip Kelly looks to the scoreboard during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Fresno State on Sept. 8, in Eugene, Ore.

After Crazy Weekend, Business as Usual for the Oregon Ducks

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After a weekend rife with rumors and speculation, Chip Kelly and the Oregon Ducks are right back where they started.

Oregon's enigmatic head coach flirted with a trio of NFL teams over three days before deciding late Sunday to stay with the No. 5 Ducks.

On Monday it was back to business. Kelly was at a coaches' convention in Tennessee. Oregon did not formally announce Kelly's decision — for the school his status hadn't changed, he's still the head coach — but athletic director Rob Mullens was expected to talk with reporters informally in the afternoon.

It was an anticlimactic end to the whirlwind that started soon after Oregon's 35-17 Fiesta Bowl victory over Kansas State on Thursday night.

Kelly was peppered with questions about whether he would entertain NFL offers in the days leading up to the bowl game and immediately after it. He told reporters: "I'll listen and we'll see."

On Friday, he met with the Cleveland Browns. The interview went on for some seven hours, and by the end of the night, sources close to the team were telling the media that Kelly was "close" to signing a deal.

But the next day, Kelly went ahead and met for a reported nine hours with the Philadelphia Eagles about their open coaching position. Somewhere in the midst of all that, he also spoke to the Buffalo Bills.

The roller coaster even took a comical turn when musician Mat Kearney released a song entitled "Chip Don't Go," on YouTube. Kearney, a Eugene native, joked in the song: "They don't have half the heart or the jerseys."

By midday Sunday, The Associated Press learned that the Browns had started looking elsewhere because they weren't sure Kelly's heart was in the NFL.

That night, sources connected to Oregon and the Philadelphia Eagles confirmed an ESPN report that Kelly would remain in Eugene.

Kelly is 46-7 in four years as head coach at Oregon. The Ducks have been to four

straight BCS bowl games — including a bid for the national championship against Auburn two seasons ago — and have won three Pac-12 championships.

He originally came to the Ducks in 2007 as offensive coordinator under Mike Bellotti. Before that, he was offensive coordinator at New Hampshire, where he started devising the innovative hurry-up offense the Ducks are known for today.

Oregon finished last season 12-1. The team was ranked No. 1 and appeared headed for another shot at the national championship until a 17-14 overtime loss to Stanford on Nov. 17.

The team will return two of its most dynamic players next season: redshirt freshman quarterback Marcus Mariota, and speedy sophomore running back De'Anthony Thomas, who ran for a 94-yard touchdown on the opening kickoff of the Fiesta Bowl.

But there may also be some challenges: Oregon still faces possible NCAA sanctions based on its use of recruiting services.

Reports surfaced in 2011 concerning payments Oregon made to two such services, including a \$25,000 check sent to Willie Lyles and Houston-based Complete Scouting Services in 2010. Lyles had a relationship with a player who committed to Oregon.

Earlier this year, Oregon requested a summary disposition in the case. The school presented a report to the infractions committee outlining violations the school believed occurred and appropriate sanctions. But Yahoo Sports reported that the two sides could not reach an agreement and now the matter is headed for a hearing, as early as this spring.

And there's certainly no evidence Kelly has ruled out a future in the NFL.

It's hard to argue that his stock has fallen in any way because of the failed courtship by four teams, including his talks with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers early last year. Kelly obviously has a proven offensive mind-set.

That said, there was already speculation that he might be waiting for his "dream" job with the New England Patriots, a seat currently held by Bill Belichick.

Messi Wins Record 4th World's Best Player Award

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**ZURICH** • Lionel Messi became the first four-time winner of the FIFA Player of the Year award after shattering the world record with 91 goals last year for Barcelona and Argentina.

The 25-year-old won for the fourth straight time, beating Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo and Barcelona teammate Andres Iniesta in voting announced Monday. His 91 goals topped Gerd Mueller's mark of 85 for Bayern Munich and Germany in 1972.

Abby Wambach became the first American to win FIFA Women's Player of the Year since Mia Hamm in 2001 and 2002. Pia Sundhage was voted top women's coach after leading Wambach and the U.S. team to the gold medal at last summer's London Olympics.

Messi received 41.60 percent of the points in votes by national team coaches and captains plus selected media. Ronaldo got 23.68 percent and Iniesta 10.91 percent.

"To tell the truth, this is really unbelievable to get the fourth award. I am so nervous," Messi said in Spanish, wearing a black tuxedo jacket and bow tie, both with a white polka-dot pattern in an unexpectedly flamboyant touch.

U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann and captain Carlos Bocanegra both voted Messi first, as did Soccer America's Paul Kennedy.

"Whether I win or not it doesn't matter, it's a privilege to be here," Ronaldo, the 2008 winner, said at a pre-gala news conference he attended while wearing a New York Yankees cap.

Zinedine Zidane of France and Ronaldo of Brazil were voted FIFA Player of the Year three times before the award merged in 2010 with France Football's Golden Ball, given to the European player of the year. The Golden Ball, or Ballon d'Or, was won three times by Michel Platini of France and Johan Cruyff and Marco van Basten of the Netherlands.

The 32-year-old Wambach received 20.67 percent to edge teammate Alex Morgan (13.5) and five-time winner Marta of Brazil



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**Argentina's Lionel Messi, left, and U.S.'s Abby Wambach, right, pose with their trophies after winning the World Player of the Year Awards during the FIFA Ballon d'Or Gala 2013 held at the Kongresshaus in Zurich, Switzerland, Monday.**

(10.87). Jill Ellis, who was interim U.S. coach last fall, voted Wambach first, as did Sports Illustrated's Grant Wahl, while American captain Christie Rampone voted Morgan first.

"I'm very, very surprised," Wambach said. "Not only do I think Marta and Alex could have won, but many other players could have been here as well."

Wambach, who received the award from American goalkeeper Hope Solo, scored five goals in London as the U.S. won its third straight Olympic title. She has 152 international goals, six shy of Hamm's record.

"She's so completely deserving of this award," Morgan said. "She's made such a huge mark on women's soccer over the past decade. She's an inspiration to not only the thousands of young girls around the country and world, but also to me."

The U.S. players were serenaded from the stage by Sundhage, who sang a verse of the Bob Dylan song "If Not For You" when she received her award.

Sundhage, who left the U.S. job after the Olympics to coach her native Sweden, got 28.59 percent of the vote to defeat Nono Sasaki of Japan (23.83) and Bruno Bini of France (9.02).

Vicente del Bosque was voted top men's coach after leading Spain to its third straight title in a major tournament, the 2012 European Championship. Del Bosque got 34.51 percent to win over Real Madrid's Jose Mourinho (20.49), who

won last year, and Pep Guardiola (12.91) who won in 2011 and retired from Barcelona last spring.

The three men's Player of the Year were on the World XI All-Star team chosen by the FIFPro group of players' unions, comprising 50,000 members worldwide.

They selected a team composed entirely of players from Spanish clubs, with nine repeating their selection from one year ago.

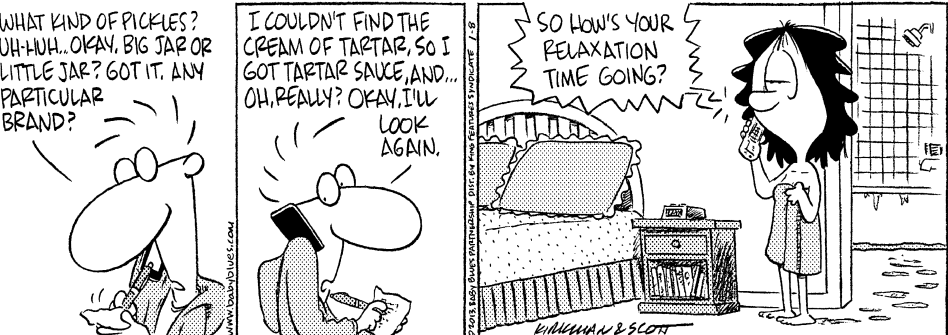
Real Madrid captain Iker Casillas was selected as goalkeeper, joined on defense by teammates Sergio Ramos and Marcelo and by Barcelona's Dani Alves and Gerard Pique. Iniesta was joined in midfield by Barcelona teammate Xavi Hernandez and Real Madrid's Xabi Alonso. Messi led the attack with Ronaldo and Atletico Madrid's Radamel Falcao. Marcelo and Falcao replaced Manchester United's Nemanja Vidic and Wayne Rooney from the 2011 team.

The Puskas Award for the best goal in 2012, voted on by fans, was won by Miroslav Stoch of Fenerbahce, who had a long-range volley last March in a Turkish league game against Genclerbirligi.

Uzbekistan won the fair play award for its good disciplinary record. Sepp Blatter made the FIFA presidential award to Franz Beckenbauer, who captained and coached West Germany to World Cup victories, and then led the local organizing committee of the 2006 World Cup in Germany.



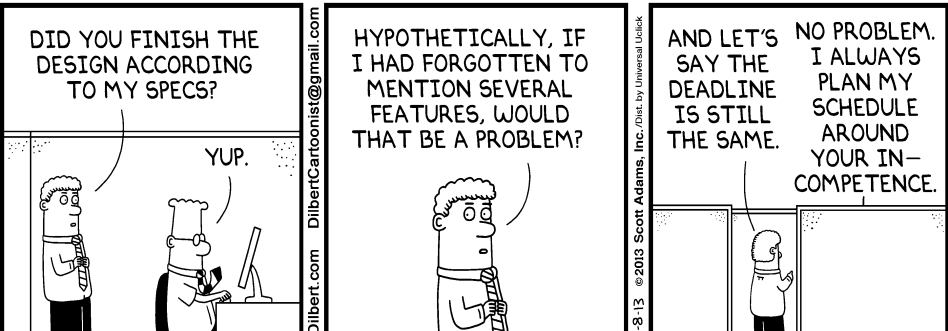
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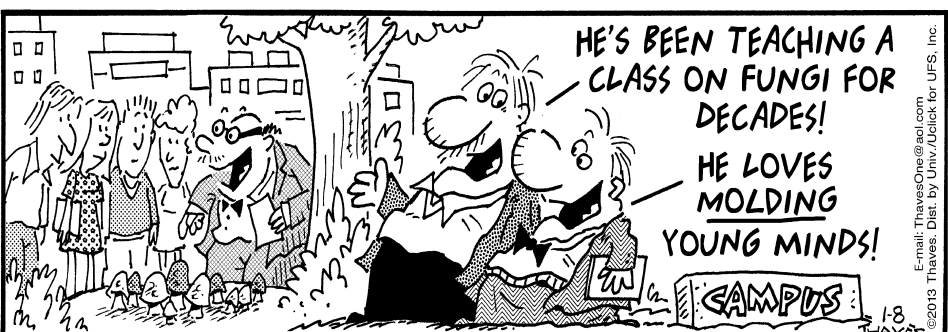
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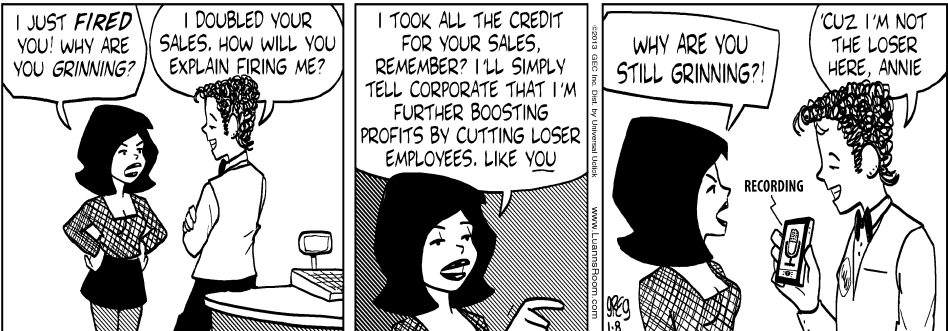
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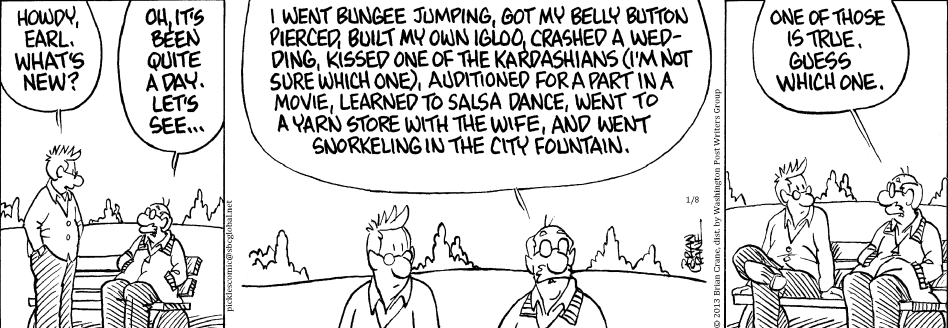
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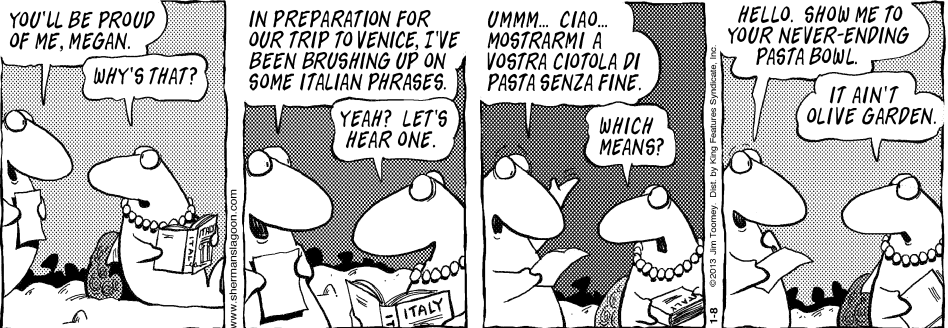
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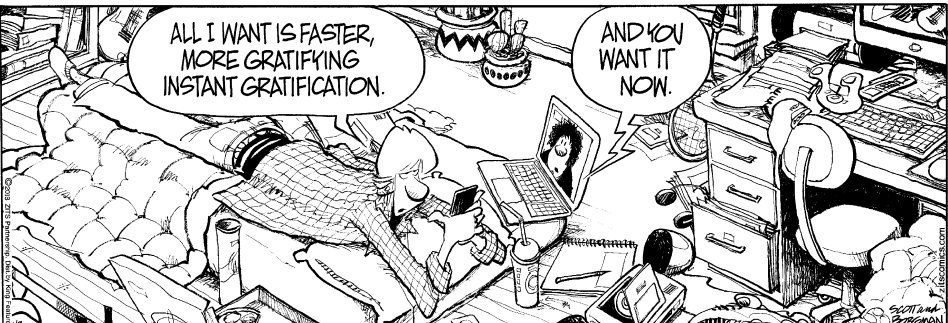
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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, “Arthur,” and I are planning a trip. One stop will be to see some friends of his, “Mac” and “Annie,” from years back. I am dreading the visit.



**DEAR ABBY**  
**Jeanne Phillips**

Last year, Arthur had a heart attack. I called some of our closest friends to let them know he was in the hospital. One couple knew Mac and Annie, and told them about his illness.

Mac and Annie then called me and yelled at me for “allowing” my husband to get ill. I hung up, but they called back when I was at the hospital and left another hate-filled message on our answering machine. Not wanting Arthur to get upset, I erased it and never told him.

Abby, I don’t want to see these people. I know I’ll be suppressing the urge to slap them both, but I intend to try to be gracious. Should I tell my husband about my last encounter with them, or trust that they have enough sense not to bring up the matter?

— DREADING THE VISIT IN TEXAS

**DEAR DREADING:** What exactly is it that you should have done to prevent your husband from having the heart attack — thrown your body over his fork so he couldn’t eat the “wrong” foods, nagged him into quitting smoking, or “forced” him to exercise and adopt a different lifestyle? You’re his wife, not his mother.

You should ABSOLUTELY tell your husband about those outrageous phone calls. Do not assume that folks with such an absence of common sense that they would attack you during a family crisis wouldn’t do something equally inappropriate during the visit.

Frankly, I don’t blame you for wanting to avoid them. Your husband should clear the air before either of you see them — if you decide to see them at all.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are on an extremely tight budget since I lost my job and he was forced to retire early because of health issues. We have a nice home (paid for) and older vehicles, and we have no complaints about our lifestyle other than being more penny-conscious to cover our basic expenses.

We receive numerous wedding invitations from our grown children’s friends, whom we have known and loved since they were all in high school together. Our problem is what to do about a gift for them when we don’t have the money for one. We love to attend the weddings and receptions, but I feel bad about not taking a gift.

What’s the right thing to do? Do we go and not take anything, offer an explanation or decline the invitation? I always send a card and I don’t want anyone to think we are cheap. My son was married last year, and people were very generous with their gifts, which I really appreciated.

We also received six graduation announcements last spring — same issue. I’d really appreciate some advice.

— TIGHTENING OUR BELTS IN MISSOURI

**DEAR TIGHTENING:** When you receive a wedding invitation from one of your children’s former high school friends, pick up the phone and explain your current circumstances and the fact that they, regrettably, prevent you from attending. That will leave the door open for them to invite you to come anyway. If the invitation is a sincere wish to share their special day with you and not a gift grab, they’ll tell you your presence is all the “gift” they need. However, if they don’t, send a card extending your good wishes.

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Against your contract of three no-trump, West leads the spade seven. You duck East’s queen and win the second spade (since if spades are 4-3, they pose no imminent danger to you).

You have five top tricks and must aim to score four tricks from the diamond suit. Additionally, though, when West holds five spades, you must set up the diamonds without allowing West to lead diamonds twice toward your hand.

Therefore, after taking the spade ace, cross to the heart ace and lead a low diamond. East plays low and you win with the diamond ace. You return to dummy with a club and lead another diamond. If East rises with the queen, you will let it hold. He will probably play low instead, and you win with the king. When you surrender a third round of the suit, it is East (the safe hand) who has to win the trick. As a result of good fortune combined with sound technique, you make your game.

Do you see why it was right to win the second round of spades? Suppose you had held up the spade ace a second time. West might then have played a middle (suit-preference) spade for want of anything better to do, and a bright East could then ditch the diamond queen! This would promote West’s diamond jack to an entry.

NORTH		01-8-A
♠	10 4 2	
♥	K 10 6 3	
♦	8 5	
♣	A K 4 3	
WEST		
♠	K J 9 7 5	
♥	J 7 5	
♦	J 10 6	
♣	Q 8	
EAST		
♠	Q 3	
♥	Q 9 8	
♦	Q 7 2	
♣	J 9 6 5 2	
SOUTH		
♠	A 8 6	
♥	A 4 2	
♦	A K 9 4 3	
♣	10 7	

Vulnerable: East-West  
Dealer: South

The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: Spade seven

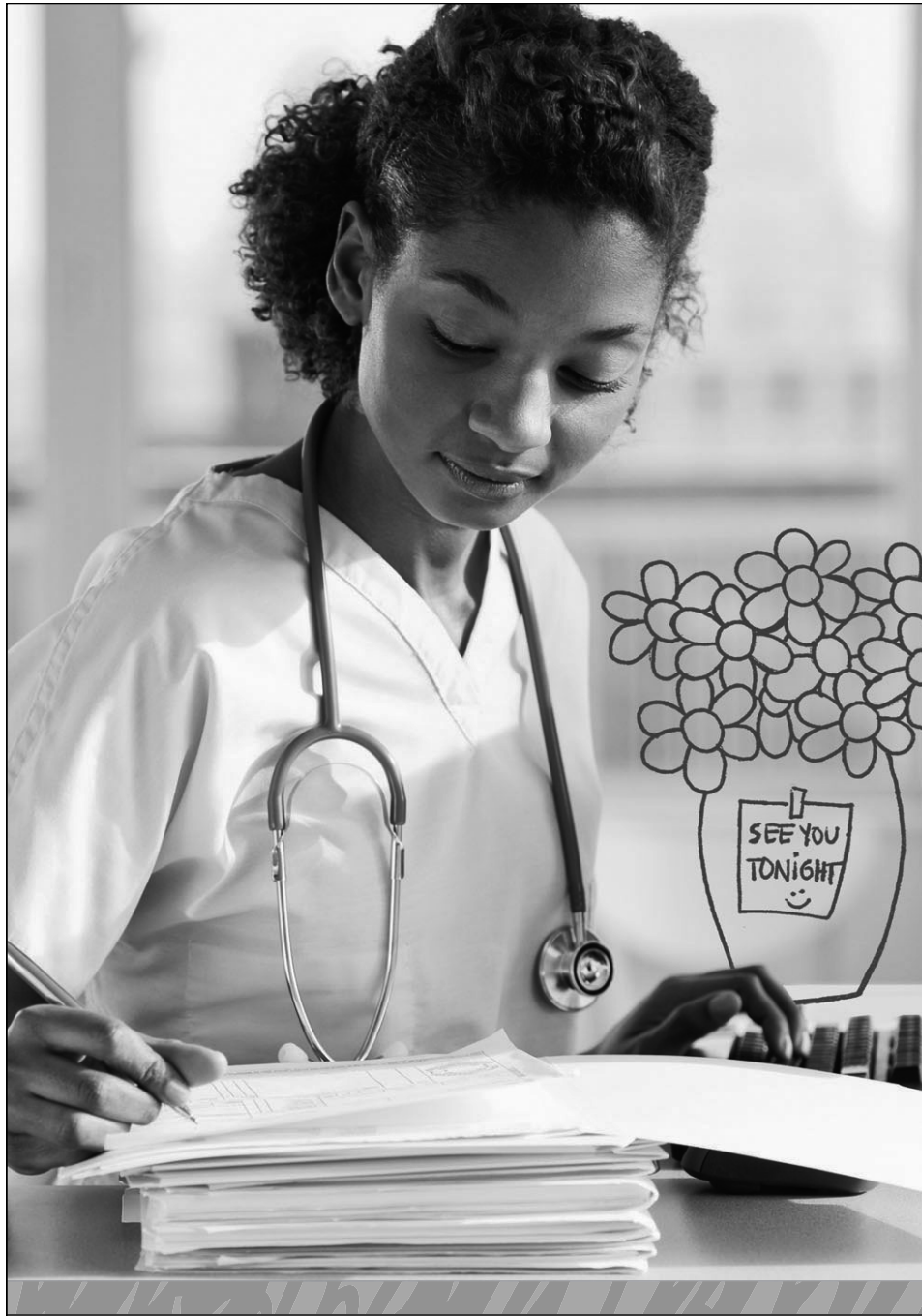
**BID WITH THE ACES** 01-8-B

South holds:  
♠ A 8 6  
♥ A 4 2  
♦ A K 9 4 3  
♣ 10 7

South	West	North	East
?			1 ♣

**ANSWER:** You have a three-way choice. You could overcall one no-trump without a club stopper (on the basis that East hasn’t really bid clubs yet); you could double for takeout without four cards in either major; or you could overcall one diamond and hope partner will introduce a major suit if that is your best strain for game or partscore. My vote goes to the double, with the overcall close behind.

For details of Bobby Wolff’s autobiography, “The Lone Wolff,” contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, email him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.  
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**IF JANUARY 8 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** Endless day-dreams and wishful thinking might take up all your time during the next four weeks, but your head will come down out of the clouds by mid-February when you begin to find practical ways to apply your ideas to reality. March is an excellent time to make business, career or financial decisions. You could find that people are more respectful of your opinions in April and more willing to offer support and assistance. Put key plans and ideas into motion during April and early May, as your judgment is sound and you will find that anything that does not pan out is probably for the best.



**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The simplest solutions often work best. Don't make a problem more complicated by trying complicated methods when the obvious answer is right in front of you. Devote a little time to romantic escapes.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Don't pile it on too thick. Using too much flattery could land you in a position where you promise more than you can deliver. Employ moderation in all activities; too much or too little can be unsatisfying.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Roll with the punches. Adversity can be avoided if you keep your wits about you and remain sincere. Avoid making promises or commitments, especially those that you may have second thoughts about keeping.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Anticipate outcomes. If you've planned carefully, you will know how your current project will turn out before the fact. Don't be too proud to accept help from a knowledgeable colleague when offered.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Actions speak louder than words. Others will come around to your side if you can show concrete evidence that your methods work. Don't let personal responsibilities prevent you from coming to the rescue of a friend.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Dress for success. The better you look, the more confidence you gain — and that will allow you to conquer obstacles standing in your way. Surrounding yourself with supportive people inspires you to action.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Work your charms. Your smooth manner will allow you to have your way whether negotiating a big deal or plucking the strings of romance. Don't promise the world when the world isn't yours to give.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Business and pleasure make a lucrative mix. Put social graces to good use by breaking the ice with a tough customer and creating a casual atmosphere. Sensitivity may serve you better than cold, hard facts.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Your bluff may be called. Don't gamble that the other party will back down unless you are holding a winning hand. Look no further than your own backyard to meet interesting new people.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There's no substitute for experience. All the training in the world can't measure up to someone who has actually done the job well for years. Let a battle-tested mentor lead by example.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Play along. You know someone is embellishing the truth, but there may be a benefit to turning a deaf ear. Promote a congenial atmosphere by accepting other people's opinions, not challenging them.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Enjoy the simple pleasures. Step away from the grind and take some time to revisit childhood pleasures. Go treat yourself to an ice cream cone or play in the park. Hold off on making key decisions.

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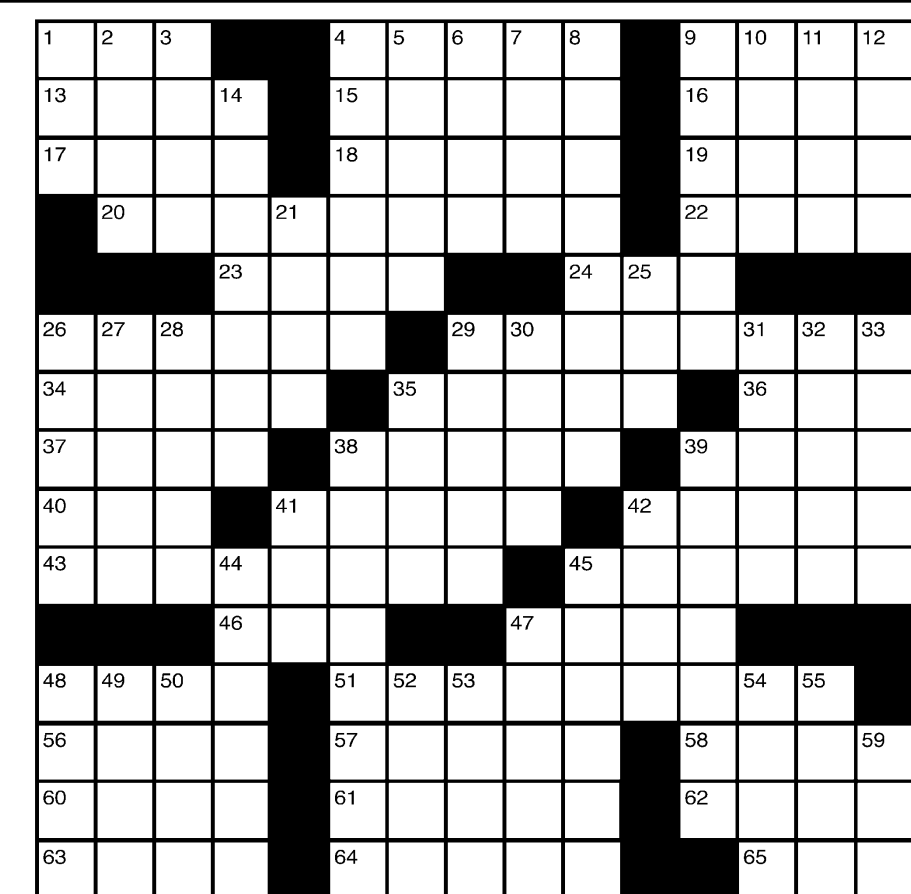
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## ACROSS

- 1 Door opener
- 4 Longest river in Europe
- 9 \_\_\_ tea
- 13 Element whose symbol is Fe
- 15 As big \_\_\_ outdoors
- 16 \_\_\_ Scotia
- 17 Deep mud
- 18 Belly button
- 19 Get an "F"
- 20 Ladies' nighties
- 22 Friendly nation
- 23 Misplace
- 24 Cheap metal
- 26 Oration
- 29 Rehearse
- 34 Instruct
- 35 Suspicious
- 36 Bacardi product
- 37 Siesta
- 38 Prepares to be photographed
- 39 Theater box
- 40 "\_\_\_ Gotta Be Me"; Sammy Davis Jr., song
- 41 Standoffish
- 42 Of the moon
- 43 Large-billed fish-eating birds
- 45 Messy home
- 46 1/60 of a min.
- 47 Stab of hunger
- 48 Slightly open
- 51 Artificial sweetener
- 56 Actress Mia \_\_\_
- 57 Huge thick-skinned animal
- 58 Donated
- 60 Leg joint
- 61 Went out with
- 62 Wide-\_\_\_; naive
- 63 Barking marine mammal
- 64 Bashfully
- 65 Donkey

## DOWN

- 1 Actress Novak
- 2 Name for an Irish girl
- 3 Days of \_\_\_; olden times



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- 4 Disappear
- 5 \_\_\_ orange; ornamental fruit
- 6 Wash
- 7 Delight
- 8 Finest athletes
- 9 Baby
- 10 Fuel, for some
- 11 Wickedness
- 12 Tyne or Tim
- 14 Ignore
- 21 Scotland's \_\_\_ Ness monster
- 25 Like dangerous winter roads
- 26 \_\_\_ mall; row of shops
- 27 Annoy
- 28 Artist's stand
- 29 Mexican dollars
- 30 Coral ridge
- 31 Actor Jeremy
- 32 Bandleader Xavier \_\_\_
- 33 \_\_\_ board; nail file
- 35 Crazy as a \_\_\_
- 38 Posters
- 39 Suitcases

## Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 41 Highest card
- 42 Fuzzy residue
- 44 Tel Aviv's nation
- 45 Spoof
- 47 Row of speakers at a seminar
- 48 Invites

- 49 "\_\_\_ Eyre"
- 50 Region
- 52 Old Iranian leader's title
- 53 Compassion
- 54 Poet Angelou
- 55 Arden and others
- 59 Koch & Bradley

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By Dave Green

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		2			5		4	
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2	6	8	4	7	1	9	5	3
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5	2	7	8	3	6	1	4	9
4	8	6	1	9	5	7	3	2
1	3	9	7	4	2	5	6	8
8	7	3	5	1	4	2	9	6
9	1	5	2	6	3	4	8	7
6	4	2	9	8	7	3	1	5

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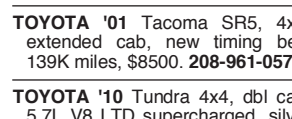


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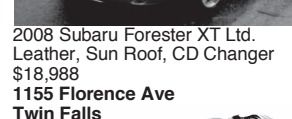
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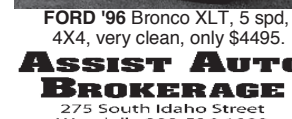
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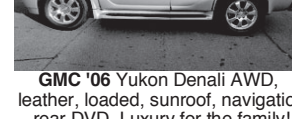
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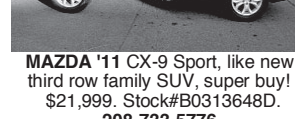
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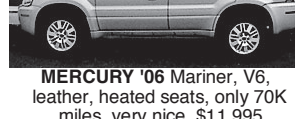
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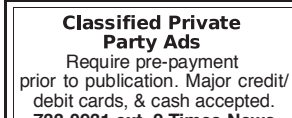
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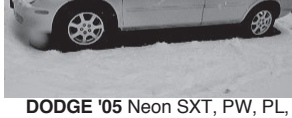
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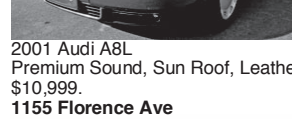


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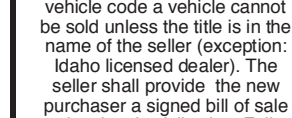
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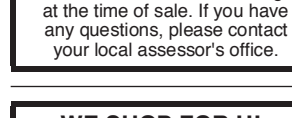
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