

Carolyn Auger, right, and G.B. Riser, members of the Jug Band, sing Christmas tunes during the Christmas party at Ocean Ridge Assisted Living on Thursday afternoon.

The North Bend neighborhood on 12th Court is lit up for the Christmas holidays, with several of the homes decorated with lights. The red lines are from a moving car checking out the lights in the neighborhood behind Clyde Allen Field.

Inside one of the pods at the Coos County jail. For most inmates, Christmas will pass just like any other day.

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Leroy and Kelly Davidson, a homeless couple, honor deceased homeless people at Friday night's vigil on the Coos Bay Boardwalk.

Basil Booman, 25, and Heather Aday, 22, huddle together at the second annual vigil for deceased homeless people. They've been homeless for a little more than a year.

Remembering those in need

BY JESSIE HIGGINS
The World

COOS BAY — A few dozen shivering people gathered on the Coos Bay Boardwalk on Friday night to light candles in honor of deceased homeless people.

The event, organized by Neighbors in Need, drew a handful of homeless people from various local shelters.

"We've been homeless for a year or so," said 25-year-old Basil Booman. He

sat huddled next to his girlfriend, 22-year-old Heather Aday. They held lit candles, cupped in both hands. "I feel passionate about it."

In the background, Coos Bay Mayor Crystal Shoji spoke about society's role in helping the homeless.

"Tonight, I'm lucky," she said. "I have a warm place to go tonight, where I can laugh with people. But I know I would not last long if I were on the streets, out in the elements."

She asked the crowd what homeless people needed most. A homeless man chimed it that the area needed a daytime shelter.

After Shoji spoke, several homeless people volunteered to read stories, then the event's organizer, Anna Marie Slate, read an obituary of a homeless man.

In a few parting words,

Slate told the crowd that the community needs to work to remove the stigma of homelessness. After all, even she is only a few weeks from homelessness, if she were to lose her income. And so are many others, she said.

After the vigil, the homeless people in the crowd were invited to the Green Space for a dinner of stone soup. Neighbors in Need had laid out donated coats, clothes and other supplies.

Slate intends to make the vigil and dinner a yearly tradition. It was held for the first time last year after a local homeless man froze to death.

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Several dozen people gathered to remember deceased homeless people at a candlelight vigil at the Coos Bay Boardwalk on Friday night. Coos Bay Mayor Crystal Shoji gave a short speech, then volunteers read stories written by homeless people. Several local homeless people attended.

Online poll results

Should gun laws be strengthened in the wake of the Connecticut school shooting?

22% Yes. We have to do something to stop the carnage.

10% Maybe. It depends on the specific proposal.

10% It wouldn't hurt, but I don't think it will solve anything.

57% No. Gun ownership is a basic right.

Poll results from 1,362 online respondents. May not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Not a scientific poll.

By Jeff Trionfante, The World

New poll question: Should every school have an armed police officer on duty, as the NRA has suggested? Answer online at www.theworldlink.com

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what's UP

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Christmas Dinner 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monkeybusiness Food To Go, Pelican and Albacore Lanes, Charleston Boat Basin. Call 541-260-4145

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5.

Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service 6 p.m. Unity of Bandon, 50211 U.S. Highway 101, Bandon. 541-347-4705

Pacific Community Church Candlelight Service 6 p.m., 48967 U.S. Highway 101, Bandon. 541-347-2256

Shield Family's Annual Christmas Train Display 6-10 p.m., Charleston Rural Fire Protection, 92342 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Admission is by donation and refreshments are provided.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, N. Second Street, Gardiner.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Dinner 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until food is gone, Monkeybusiness Food To Go, Pelican and Albacore Lanes, Charleston Boat Basin. Call 541-260-4145

Bandon Community Christmas Holiday Meal 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., The Barn, 1200 11th St. SW, Bandon. Donations. Volunteer or donation opportunities, call Ginny at 541-347-5703.

Christmas Dinner noon to 2 p.m., South Coast Gospel Mission, 1999 N. Seventh, Coos Bay. Donations accepted. 541-269-5017

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5.

WEDNESDAY

Historic Hughes House Victorian Christmas 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Cape Blanco State Park, 91100 Cape Blanco Road, Port Orford. Cape Blanco Lighthouse tours, ages 16 and older, \$2 weather permitting.

Blood Drive 1-6 p.m., Curry Showcase. 29392 Ellensburg Ave., Gold Beach. Schedule at 800-733-2267.

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5.

THURSDAY

Cosmic Bowling FIRST Reading Fundraiser 1-3 p.m., North Bend Lanes, 1225 Virginia Ave., North Bend. Cost is \$10. Proceeds benefit Friends Inspiring Reading Success Together. first-program@yahoo.com

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5.

Foreclosure Prevention Information Session 5:30-7:30 p.m., NeighborWorks Umpqua Coastal Housing Center, 1984 Sherman Ave., North Bend. info.coos@nwumpqua.org or 541-756-1000

FRIDAY

Oregon Dunes Raceway Sand Jam, 9 a.m., Box Car, 92799 Trans Pacific Highway, North Bend. Canned food donations for passes. 541-480-9338 or www.oregondunesraceway.com

Holiday Lights 4-9:30 p.m., Shore Acres State Park, 89039 Cape Arago Highway, Charleston. Refreshments and displays in the Garden House. Parking is \$5.

SATURDAY

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Thefts & Mischief

COOS BAY

Dec. 21, 7:34 a.m., family dispute, 800 block of South Fourth Street.

Dec. 21, 9:53 a.m., woman arrested on harassment charge, 800 block of South Fourth Street.

Dec. 21, 10:03 a.m., fraud, 1600 block of Lund Avenue.

Dec. 21, 10:27 a.m., harassment, 600 block of Harris Avenue.

Dec. 21, 11:02 a.m., phone harassment, 200 block of North Empire Boulevard.

Dec. 21, 11:16 a.m., man arrested on shoplifting charge, 100 block of South Seventh Street.

Dec. 21, 12:06 p.m., burglary, 500 block of Hall Avenue.

Dec. 21, 2:32 p.m., criminal trespassing, 1900 block of Woodland Drive.

Dec. 21, 3:39 p.m., criminal trespassing, 1800 block of Thomas Street.

Dec. 21, 3:44 p.m., disorderly conduct, 200 block of West Anderson Avenue.

Dec. 21, 4:02 p.m., disorderly conduct, 200 block of North Broadway Street.

Dec. 21, 4:22 p.m., criminal trespassing, 100 block of Market Avenue.

Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m., shoplifting, 100 block of North Cammann Street.

Dec. 21, 7:58 p.m., child abuse, 700 block of 17th Avenue.

Dec. 21, 11:01 p.m., assault, 600 block of West Central Avenue.

Dec. 22, 1:24 a.m., DUII, 2000 block of Newmark Avenue.

Dec. 22, 12:56 p.m., disorderly conduct, 200 block of North Broadway Street.

Dec. 22, 3:03 p.m., phone harassment, 1000 block of South Fourth Street.

Dec. 22, 3:39 p.m., fight, 1800 block of Southwestern Boulevard.

Dec. 22, 3:58 p.m., family dispute, 100 block of South Seventh Street.

Dec. 22, 4:04 p.m., theft of phone, 1800 block of North Seventh Street.

Dec. 22, 5:32 p.m., counterfeit money, 600 block of Bayshore Drive.

Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m., phone harassment, 100 block of Norman Avenue.

Dec. 22, 7:49 p.m., counterfeit money, 500 block of South Fourth Street.

Dec. 22, 8:21 p.m., man arrested on charge of disorderly conduct, 800 block of South Broadway Street.

Dec. 22, 11:44 p.m., man arrested on warrant charging he failed to pay fines on driving uninsured, 2800 block of Alderwood Road.

Dec. 23, 2:24 a.m., man arrested on criminal mischief charge, 3200 block of Ocean Boulevard.

Dec. 23, 4:08 a.m., woman arrested on theft of services charge after refusing to pay cab fare, 1900 block of North Seventh Street.

Dec. 23, 5:14 a.m., disorderly conduct, woman screaming, 800 block of South Fourth Street.

NORTH BEND

Dec. 21, 1:24 a.m., criminal trespassing, 2700 block of Sheridan Avenue.

Dec. 21, 9:08 a.m., man arrested on warrant, 1800 block of Garfield Street.

Dec. 21, 9:23 a.m., threats, 1800 block of Waite Street.

Dec. 21, 4:55 p.m., man arrested on criminal trespassing charge, 1500 block of Virginia Avenue.

Dec. 21, 6:11 p.m., assault, 700 block of Virginia Avenue.

Dec. 21, 7:51 p.m., criminal trespassing, 1900 block of Sherman Avenue.

Dec. 21, 9:51 p.m., criminal trespassing, 2700 block of Sheridan Avenue.

Dec. 22, 2:32 a.m., criminal trespassing, 3200 block of Tremont Avenue.

Dec. 22, 2:46 a.m., theft, 2200 block of Newmark Street.

Dec. 22, 7:55 a.m., unlawful entry to a vehicle, 2100 block of Broadway Avenue.

Dec. 22, 1:19 p.m., man arrested on charge of disorderly conduct, 1700 block of Virginia Avenue.

Fire dept. disposes of Christmas trees safely

COOS BAY — On Saturday, Jan. 5, the Coos Bay Fire Department will be picking up Christmas trees throughout the city.

The Fire Department will begin at 9 a.m. and ask that trees be by the street at that time for department members to pick up.

In exchange for this service, the department requests that a canned food donation be left with the tree. All donations will be given to a local food bank.

For additional information contact the Coos Bay Fire Department at 541-269-1191.

Line flushing Dec. 26

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MONDAY, JAN. 7

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Reedsport City Council — 7 p.m., city hall, 451 Winchester Ave.; regular meeting.

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Opinion

The Christmas story

Merry Christmas

In honor of the holiday, The World’s editorial board happily turns over our customary space to a guest writer, St. Luke. We wish everyone a joyous season.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirin’i-us was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

And while they were there, the time came for her

to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;

for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this

thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Ready for the chaos of Obamacare?

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was widely mocked when she said of Obamacare, “We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what is in it.” At the time, March 2010, Pelosi’s words accurately described the Democrats’ just-get-it-done approach to passing a national health care bill. But now it turns out Pelosi was wrong. In fact, we have to implement Obamacare so that you can find out what is in it.

Amid the other momentous events coming in 2013 the biggest story of the year, and of 2014 as well, will be the arrival of Obamacare in the lives of every American.

For millions of people, Obamacare will mean, alone or in some combination: higher insurance bills, unwanted changes in status at work, higher taxes, loss of employer-based health insurance and a bewildering bureaucracy that will make today’s already complex insurance maze seem downright simple.

Whether Obamacare’s benefits will outweigh the chaos it produces could decide the future of the program.

Start with higher insurance bills. “The big unwritten story is that for people who already have insurance through the individual market, or small companies that are buying products in the state-regulated small group market — those current policies are going to see premium increases on the order of 25 percent to 30 percent come Jan. 1, 2014,” says James Capretta, a health care expert and close student of Obamacare at the conservative Ethics and Public Policy Center.

The reason is that those people are generally younger and healthier and are able to get lower rates. Under Obamacare, they will be combined with older and less healthy people who cost more to insure. Capretta says about 30 million people will see a steep increase — a population big enough to make a lot of political noise.

Then there is the change in work status. Under Obamacare, companies don’t have to insure, or pay fines for not insuring, employees who work less than 30 hours a week. So it’s no surprise that many companies are going to make sure their part-time workers, and some current full-time workers, stay below the 30-hour limit.

Then there are the unexpected costs. This week, the Department of Health and Human Services revealed it will charge employer and individual plans a \$63 “fee” for every person they cover. The Obama administration says the fee will be temporary, but it could touch about 190 million Americans at least for the next few years.

Then there are higher taxes. Apart from the “fiscal cliff” debate over whether to raise taxes on higher earners is the fact that Obamacare will, in fact, raise taxes on those same higher earners. On Jan. 1, the top brackets will face higher Medicare taxes plus a substantial tax increase on their investment income.

But it’s not just the higher earners. An estimated 10 million tax filers take a deduction for unusually high medical expenses. Under Obamacare, that deduction will be limited, meaning they will pay more. Most of them fall far below the administration’s definition of “wealthy.”

There are also new taxes on business. Recently, several Democratic senators — all of whom voted for Obamacare — asked that one of its funding mechanisms, a 2.3 percent tax on medical devices, be postponed.

Finally, there is Medicaid. Much of Obamacare is based on adding millions of Americans to that program for the poor. But the Supreme Court decision upholding the health care law also ruled that states, which pay for part of Medicaid, don’t have to go along.

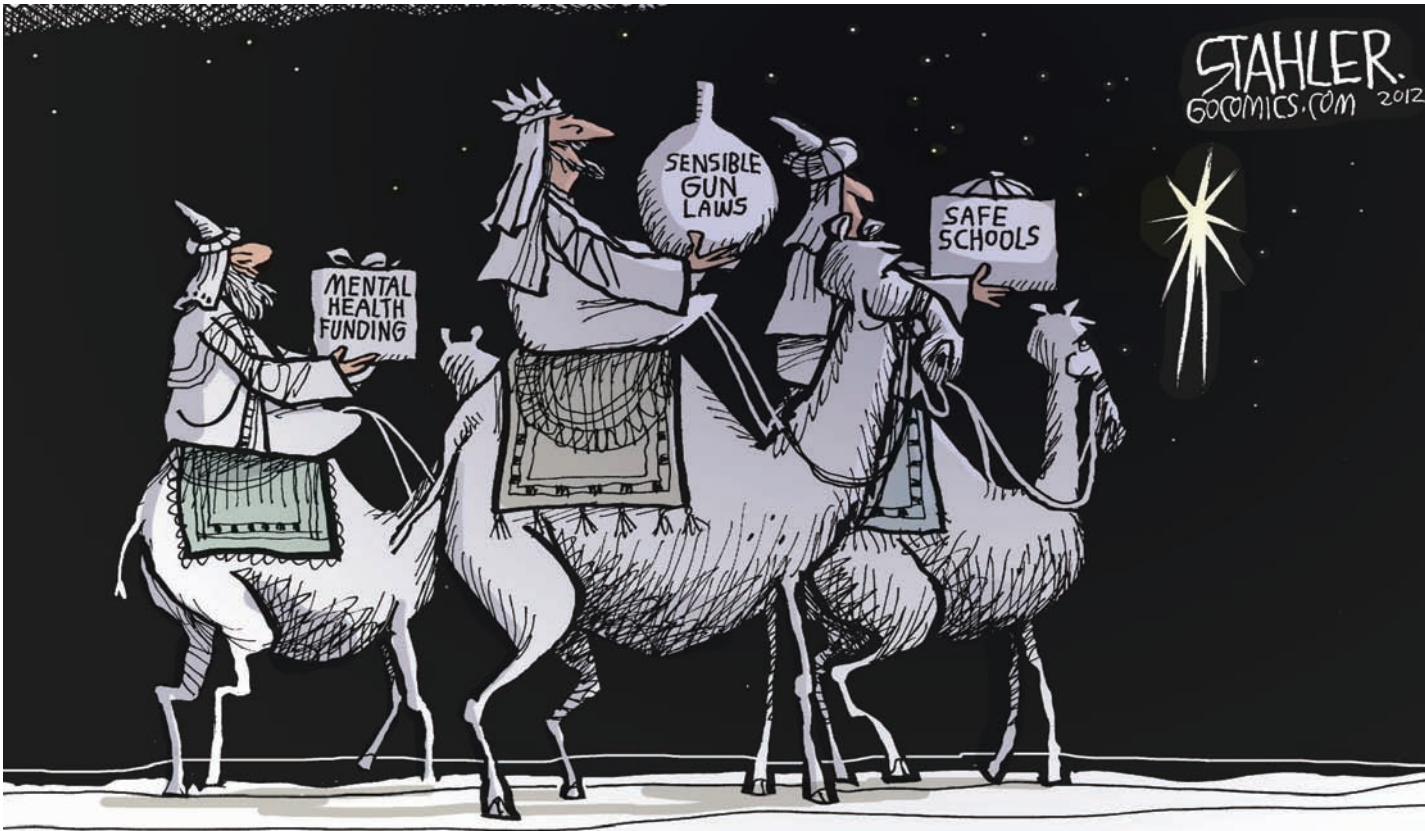
Together, all of this could equal one big mess. And if it is a big enough mess, it could have a significant, and decidedly negative, political effect on the Democrats who passed Obamacare and who will now put it into practice.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.



BYRON YORK

Columnist



Public Forum

Check mental health of buyers

If the liberal/anti-gun crowd wants to do something to stop or at least cut down on these horrific shootings, maybe they should try to change the stupid laws that make it all but impossible when doing a background check on gun buys to find out if a person has ever been seen for mental illness or other issues which would otherwise keep these people from getting their hands on these guns.

In almost every case of these gun shootings, the people after the fact were known to have had some kind of mental problems. It’s the liberal system which gives these people undue confidentiality rights. As far as I’m concerned, if a person is on anti-psychotics for mental illness issues, then the pre-check system should have that information so that someone can make a judgment as to if they should have the right to get a firearm or not. But I’m pretty sure the ACLU would fight such a change in laws, and there is the problem.

Most of the anti-gun people I know use emotions when dealing with this issue and not logic. There are millions upon millions of guns in this country right now, and if anyone thinks that trying to get everyone to turn in their guns is simply unrealistic and stupid. The young man who just killed over 20 people back east got his hands on his mother’s legally bought guns.

And another issue that the liberals refuse to address is the connection between violent video games and young mentally unstable kids, who pretty much live in front of their computers trying to see how many people they can shoot in one sitting. Why not ban these violent video games? Wouldn’t that go a long way to keep these mentally ill kids from feeding on a culture of death through fantasy?

Let’s not forget, that if someone wants to kill people, there are many ways to do so. Guns are simply one.

Roger Wilson
Coos Bay

Editorial cartoon was disgusting

The editorial page of Sat., Dec. 15, displayed a cartoon mocking Pope Benedict VI using Facebook to present Catholic Church beliefs in a manner that I thought was disgustingly offensive.

Holy Redeemer Church in North Bend has 300-plus families registered. Other churches in Coos Bay, Coquille, Bandon and Reedsport have hundreds of families attending. We Catholic people refer to the pope as our Holy Father.

Donald Freeman
North Bend

Opportunity to help is all around

As I went to school to teach eager, excited third-graders who, thankfully, were mostly oblivious of the horrors inflicted on Dec. 14, I thought about the loss the community felt on the week before Christmas; about the emotion expressed in my school by staff members and how I avoided reading too much about the events because of the disgust, anger, sadness and abundance of emotion elicited by the events.

I realized we fail to mourn the loss of life surrounding us daily. We often fail to recognize the loss of life we exist with every single day. Every day, students arrive at school carrying unseen or ignored problems that will lead to their demise. Every day, students suffer through one more day of abuse, neglect and abject poverty. For many students, their reality eventually becomes fatal, if not physically, spiritually.

My intent to inspire hope may not be obvious. During times of tragedy, people look for ways to help. People ask what they can do. People donate blood, money and other resources, attempting to help those directly impacted by tragedy. Often, opportunity presents itself closer than we realize. Opportunity to help others surrounds us. We just need to grasp the opportunities afforded us.

I believe Christianity provides us tools to reach those most in

need. Through faithfulness, we can resurrect lives in our midst and provide opportunities for children to truly live. I know not all share this belief in Christianity, but the Christian value system, the moral compass inherent in all people reading this, can be used to reach out to those suffering among us.

Be vigilant, be aware. Recognize the opportunities placed in your lives to impact a child positively and act. Don’t wait, because as we clearly see through national tragedy all too often, our existence is fleeting and uncertain.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Let us be Christ-like. Let us help those needing us most in our community.

Gabe Shorb
North Bend

Take a positive view of boxcars

In response to the letter from Renee Blom about the boxcars along the boardwalk:

Does this person not know that the people and the ship product in those boxcars provide jobs for Coos County? So that some little kid can go to school with a full belly and new shoes? That the father can put tires on the car? Maybe not lose the house through foreclosure?

This worker also pays taxes that helps keep up our roads and fund police and fire services. If the companies that use the boxcars can ship their product cheaper by rail, it helps everyone in Coos County.

Everyone should write a thank you letter to the people who got the boxcars back. I for one will be happy to look at them, every day.

Darold Britton
Coos Bay

Calling all faiths to pray for peace

I call on all faiths, every religion, leaders of private and public schools, all politicians, young and old, all people of color, rich and poor, to come together for song and prayer. Prayers that will soften the hardest of hearts and reach the intellectuals of all societies, that we all will find a way to confront and put an end to the evil doers that persist in our so-called “world of civilization” and peaceful populations.

A peaceful world is needed now.

Ron Gallagher
Reedsport

Kudos

Thanks to power company heroes

I would like to thank the Pacific Power teams that were out restoring our power after the storm that came through Sunday evening. I had been out of power for 30 hours. The teams had been out working since early Monday morning, and it was after midnight when they finished putting the lines back up on the pole, suspended in the dark and cold in a little bucket.

A tree had downed the lines. They had another job to do still before they would get to go home. They are definitely my heroes. Be sure to give them a big smile and a thank you the next time it’s your turn to be helped out. They sure deserve it.

Lynda Cole
Coos Bay

Bandon has the Christmas spirit

The Marlo Dance Studio’s 2012 production of The Nutcracker was the creme de la creme of holiday offerings in Bandon this year. The abbreviated rendition of this much-loved ballet was a joy to behold. The staging, scenery, costumes, music, and choreography were superb. The dancers were so bright and adept at their various roles as to make the performance flawless.

Ocean Crest Elementary School’s Winter Concert, “Music Makes the World Go Round,” was another treat to savor. Christmas music in songs from various countries plus some familiar favorites of years’ past brought smiles to the faces of proud parents, teachers, and charming students. It was especially poignant to see the healthy, happy faces of all these children and contemplate their future successes. What a treasure trove of possibilities. The students and teachers both deserve a hearty round of applause.

There’s no lack of Christmas spirit in Bandon.

Sally Abeyta
Bandon

State

Parents of high school stars miss being in the limelight

DEAR ABBY: For the last eight years I have been the mother of a star in our local high school. When one of my boys would graduate, the next would take over and be even more athletic or musically talented — and in my youngest son's case, both.

Now that they are gone I can't stand hearing other parents talk about their children's accomplishments. I also can't stop myself from making some comment about how my sons were better.

I know it's wrong, but I still do it.

Sporting events make me sad and my husband depressed. Is this empty nest? We can't seem to figure out how to move on. Have you any suggestions? More children are out of the question. — *SPOTLIGHTS DIMMED IN OHIO*

DEAR S.D.: When people peer too long into a spotlight — whether directly or the reflected glare of someone nearby — it diminishes their vision for a period of time after the light is extinguished. What you may fail to see is that all parents are proud of their kids, and if you continue to compare other people's children unfavorably with your own, you will soon be as welcome as a polecat at a garden party.

This is why I urge you and your husband to take a little time, refocus your attention to children less fortunate than your own, and invest some of your energy in other youths who need the encouragement and support you can give. If you do, you will be rewarded many times over.

DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband — who had an affair — and I have been divorced for three years, but have been forced into a roommate situation due to health issues on my part and financial issues on his. We have two kids together that I have needed his help with. However, there is a potential “new guy” in my life who is uncomfortable that my ex still lives here.

My friends tell me I'm too nice to have let him stay here for so long. I feel it's the charitable thing to do because he has nowhere to go. I'm also afraid my kids will think I'm being hateful if I kick their father out. Oh my God, Abby, what do I do? — *IN TRANSITION IN TENNESSEE*

DEAR IN TRANSITION: If you want to stay “stuck” in your predicament, allow your former husband to continue living there. If you would like to go on with your life, then recognize that very few men would want to date a woman who has another man living with her.

By allowing your ex to stay with you, you have allowed your children to think your marriage could be repaired. If that is not the case — and search your heart before answering that question — then set a time limit for him to leave.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went to a restaurant last night. We were enjoying our meal when a couple came in and sat at a table close to ours. Soon, a bad body odor wafted over to where we were sitting. It was so strong I couldn't finish my dinner.

When we got up to pay our bill, we told the manager about it and asked what could be done. He said that was a tough question and he didn't know the answer. I told him I was going to write to Dear Abby and ask. He said if I got an answer to be sure to let him know. What would you suggest? — *CHOKING IN IOWA*

DEAR CHOKING: It was not the responsibility of the restaurant staff to “do” anything about your problem. The thing to do was change to a table in another section. If you were questioned about it — which I doubt you would be — the polite response would be that you preferred a table in a different location.

Foreclosure standstill to be OR topic in new year

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Legislature and Supreme Court have at least one definite topic on their agendas in the new year: finding a solution to the state's foreclosure standstill.

Oregon's new foreclosure mediation program was supposed to give homeowners one last chance at keeping their homes. Instead, it brought out-of-court foreclosures to a halt. Faced with new requirements and costs, lenders simply stopped filing new foreclosures, the Oregonian reported in Sunday's newspaper.

The logjam was compounded a week later by an appellate court ruling that lenders' recording practices didn't meet state law. Five months later, foreclosures are taking the court route, which is slower and costlier for all involved.

Both the Oregon Legislature and the state Supreme Court will need to make some key decisions concerning the foreclosure process early in the new year.

By November of this year, preliminary reports showed

the number of court foreclosure filings had more than tripled to 882 in a month. By comparison, more than 22,000 Oregon homes had a foreclosure notice in the out-of-court system in all of 2011, according to foreclosure listings site RealtyTrac.

“We still think this is just a fraction of what will be pending out there,” said Doug Bray, trial court administrator in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

That court has appointed a four-judge panel to deal with foreclosure issues. It's an effort to get ahead of a possible surge of foreclosure cases in the courts if judicial foreclosure becomes the norm in Oregon.

“I think we're in a good place to deal with a sudden increase,” Bray said. “We'd rather not have to, but we will if that's what occurs.”

Lenders are also preparing to ask the Legislature to make changes to the state foreclosure mediation program created in the last legislative session.

“We're not looking to overturn” the mediation law,

said Kevin Christiansen, government affairs director for the Oregon Bankers Association.

“The Legislature has spoken. But in terms of legislation, we need one that works, not one that's broken and does not.”

Some of the changes likely won't be controversial.

For example, the banking industry will ask lawmakers to ease notification requirements, which require lenders to alert not only homeowners, but also any other party with an interest in the house. It will also seek to clarify how homeowners must be notified -- by mail, for example, or personally served.

The mortgage industry says notification can be difficult in situations where homeowners have already abandoned the house in foreclosure without providing new contact information.

Other proposals, however, have earned the ire of consumer advocates.

For one, the lending industry and advocates disagree on who's considered an

“at-risk” homeowner.

Under the mediation law, homeowners at risk of foreclosure but not yet in foreclosure are permitted to ask for mediation and their loan servicer is required to respond.

“‘At-risk’ is an undefined term. Anyone who's a homeowner could be ‘at risk,’” said Christiansen. “I can't believe that was the intent of the Legislature, to cast the net that wide.”

Of more than 240 requests for mediation from homeowners not in foreclosure, only a handful are headed to mediation. And the majority of those requesting mediation received no response at all from their lender.

Homeowner advocates want to see a penalty added into the law for lenders who don't respond to mediation requests.

Consumer advocates are expected to propose an expansion of the mediation program to include foreclosures proceeding in court.

“If we want the mediation program to work, we need to

extend the program to homeowners facing foreclosure in court or out of court,” said Martin. “It was never up for debate whether one set of foreclosures needed mediation and one didn't.”

Multnomah Court Administrator Doug Bray said he hopes the Legislature will extend the mediation program to the courts. He said increasing numbers of judicial foreclosure cases are ending in negotiated settlements without mandatory mediation.

“It's amazing how many times when the parties sit down and discuss what are the issues and what could be done, that results in a disposition that has something for both sides,” Bray said.

Lenders, however, say that would only add to the cost and complexity of judicial foreclosure cases.

“We've got a broken program as it is,” Christiansen said. “To simply take that and place that broken program on judicial foreclosure not only adds costs, but you're delaying our property value recovery in the state.”

Revolving jail door frustrates justice system

EUGENE (AP) — At jails in western Oregon timber counties, budget cuts and declining federal timber revenues have been forcing tough choices on who should be kept in jail and who should be let go.

Last month, the issue came to a head in Eugene, when one of the two dozen inmates released was arrested on bank robbery charges the same day he was let go.

The problem is becoming all too common in other struggling timber counties, as well.

Gov. says death penalty reprieve unconditional

SALEM (AP) — Gov. John Kitzhaber has told the Oregon Supreme Court that he has the power to grant an unconditional reprieve to Death Row inmate Gary Haugen, which is effective even if Haugen rejects it.

In his brief, the governor is responding to a Marion County Circuit Court judge's ruling that Haugen could reject the reprieve and move forward in his efforts to die by lethal injection.

The Oregonian says Kitzhaber asserts that “Kings, presidents and gov-

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ernors have long possessed the power to grant individuals clemency” and an inmate can't force his government to execute him. Oral arguments are set for March 14.

Haugen has voluntarily waived his appeals and sought execution.

Bend locksmith returns \$50,000

BEND (AP) — A thank-you note to a Central Oregon locksmith was addressed to “the most honest man in Bend” after he returned \$50,000 he found in a safe's secret compartment.

Bryan Donnell retrieved a customer's 1,000-pound safe last week.

The safe's former owner, 57-year-old Dale Parkinson, tells The Bulletin of Bend, that he and his wife pulled the money from their life savings in 2007, fearing a potential financial collapse.

They also bought a safe, and snuck \$50,000 into a secret compartment.

Then, apparently, they forgot about it.

Death Notices

Marian K. Dick — 94, of Coos Bay, died Dec. 21, 2012, in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the care of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.

Leonard W. Popinski — 60, of Lakeside, passed away Dec. 23, 2012, in Lakeside. Arrangements are

under the direction North Bend Chapel, 541-756-0440.

Lamoine T. Reiland — 76, of Bandon, passed away Dec. 23, 2012, in Coos Bay. Arrangements are under the direction of Coos Bay Chapel, 541-267-3131.



The Associated Press

Kristina Shevchenko, Clackamas Town Center shooting victim, talks to reporters for first time at her house as her father Veniamin looks on, Saturday, in Portland. Kristina Shevchenko, a 15-year-old girl was seriously wounded when a gunman killed two people and then himself at an Oregon shopping mall.

Oregon mall shooting survivor tells her story

PORTLAND (AP) — A teen who survived the Dec. 11 shooting at an Oregon shopping mall says she didn't realize the gun that shot her was real until bullets started whizzing past.

KPTV shared on Saturday 15-year-old Kristina Shevchenko's perspective on what happened that day, when two other people died.

The teen was walking home from school and took a shortcut through the Clackamas Town Center.

When she heard the first shots, she hid behind a pillar with her best friend, but when she looked down, she realized she had been shot in the chest.

“I did feel a huge

amount of pressure and pain but honestly it feels like — you can't describe what it feels like,” she said.

She says she initially thought Jacob Roberts, who was dressed in black and wearing a mask, was pulling a prank.

The teen struggles with why she survived and two others died.

“It is hard to think that, why should they have to be the ones that weren't able to run away. They were just passing by like all other people, why should it be that they have to be the ones that didn't get away,” Shevchenko said.

When asked about the man who shot her, she harbors no hate. Instead she's

hoping to remind others just how precious life is.

“He might have had a hard life, I don't know what his life was like or his reasons for doing what he did. I can't exactly blame him. It only shows how prepared we have to be, and how we have to cherish every moment because you never know when it could be the last,” Shevchenko said.

The Shevchenkos expressed their condolences to the families of Steve Forsyth and Cindy Yuille and thanked the community for its continued support.

Her father says it's a miracle that she survived. He says Kristina is the family's Christmas gift.

Appellate court ruling affects possessions of homeless people

EUGENE (AP) — The city of Eugene has stopped destroying possessions of homeless people living in camps in response to a ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The appellate court ruled in September that seizing and destroying possessions left in public places violates the U.S. Constitution.

For now, Eugene is taking a hands-off approach to homeless encampments, according to The Register-Guard.

Mark Schoening, acting parks and open space director, said the city has halted all cleanups of homeless camps until the city attorney drafts a legal and practical procedure for dealing with them.

Local procedures are expected to include advance notification to camp residents and ways for collecting items removed by the city.

Meanwhile, the city's halt on camps has had different effects on people.

University of Oregon instructor Whitey Lueck

was lecturing his class about the California black oak in the Bertelsen Nature Park in the West Eugene Wetlands in November when he noticed a sickly scent.

“I wasn't the only one who smelled human waste,” Lueck said. “I could see people moving away from where I was talking, and I knew why.”

Earlier this month in those same wetlands, 40-year-old Jason Bild and a

friend watched “The Incredible Hulk” on a battery-powered player in a propane-heated, tarp-and-scrap-wood shelter.

Bild said it had been months since city workers tore out his previous camp and tossed his belongings into a trash bin.

“It's hard,” Bild said, “when they take your clothes, your tent, your shoes. You have to start all over.”

Thousands without power in Josephine County

MEDFORD (AP) — Rural areas of Southern Oregon remained without power on Saturday as melting snow caused tree branches to fall on power lines.

The Medford Mail Tribune reports some Pacific Power crews have had to return to areas previously repaired.

Monte Mendenhall of Pacific Power says nearly 9,000 in Josephine County and 500 in Rogue River are still without power. About 32

lack electricity in Jackson County.

Redding, Calif., city crews are assisting Pacific Power in working to restore outages to the nearly 1,800 people without power in Siskiyou County.

Snow levels are predicted to hover at 2,000 to 2,500 on Saturday night. The area is expected to see between 1-3 inches of snow Wednesday night, with accumulations up to 6 inches in higher elevations.

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Don't be fooled by January pay — higher taxes loom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Workers probably won't feel the full brunt of next year's tax increases in their January paychecks, but don't be fooled by the temporary reprieve.

No matter what Congress does to address the year-end fiscal cliff, it's already too late for employers to accu-

rately withhold income taxes from January paychecks, unless all the current tax rates remain unchanged, which is an unlikely scenario.

Social Security payroll taxes are set to increase on Jan. 1, so workers should immediately feel the squeeze of a 2 percent cut in their

take-home pay. But as talks drag on over how to address other year-end tax increases, the Internal Revenue Service has delayed releasing income tax withholding tables for 2013.

As a result, employers are planning to withhold income taxes at the 2012 rates, at least for the first one or two

paychecks of the year, said Michael O'Toole of the American Payroll Association.

If employers don't withhold enough taxes in January, they will have to withhold even more taxes later in the year to make up the difference. Otherwise, taxpayers could get hit with big tax bills, and possibly penalties, when they file their 2013 returns.

The tax increases could be steep. If Congress fails to act, workers at every income level face significant tax increases next year as part of the year-end "fiscal cliff."

A taxpayer making between \$50,000 and \$75,000 would get an average tax increase of \$2,400, according to the Tax Policy Center, a Washington research group. If the worker is paid every two weeks, that's about \$92 a paycheck, on average.

Someone making between \$75,000 and \$100,000 would get a tax increase averaging nearly \$3,700. If the worker is paid

every two weeks, that's about \$142 a paycheck.

O'Toole said it would take most employers two weeks to four weeks to update their payroll systems, once new tax withholding tables are released. For some small businesses, it could take longer.

"Employers can't really just come up with withholding tables on their own, depending on what the rates are," O'Toole said. "The smaller companies that do not use a payroll processing service probably would have more problems than anyone else."

On Friday, the IRS said it plans to issue guidance by the end of the year, though it won't be early enough to affect paychecks in early January.

"We are aware that employers have questions with respect to 2013 withholding," the agency said in a written statement. "Since Congress is still considering changes to the tax law, we continue to closely monitor the situation. We intend to issue guidance by the end of

the year on appropriate withholding for 2013."

About three-quarters of taxpayers got tax refunds this year, averaging \$2,707, according to the IRS. That gives most taxpayers some leeway to manage their income tax withholding. However, many people rely on tax refunds to pay bills or make major purchases.

"The reality is, the vast majority of Americans do live paycheck to paycheck and that tax refund is their most significant payday of the year," said Bob Meighan, vice president of TurboTax, an online tax preparation service.

Most of the expiring tax breaks were first enacted under President George W. Bush and extended under President Barack Obama. Obama campaigned for re-election on extending the tax cuts on incomes below \$200,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for married couples. Obama would let the tax cuts expire on incomes above those amounts.

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DUI charge: Jan. 4 court date for Idaho Sen. Crapo

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — A conservative U.S. senator from Idaho who has said he doesn't drink because of his Mormon faith has been charged with drunken driving.

Sen. Michael Crapo, a three-term Republican with a reputation as a social and fiscal conservative, registered a blood alcohol content of .11 percent after police pulled his car over in this suburb south of Washington, D.C., authorities said.

The 61-year-old lawmaker, who faces a court date Jan. 4, apologized in a statement issued hours after his arrest early Sunday.

"I am deeply sorry for the actions that resulted in this circumstance," Crapo said in the statement Sunday night. "I made a mistake for which I apologize to my family, my Idaho constituents and any others who have put their trust in me. I accept total responsibility and will deal with whatever penalty comes my way in this matter."

He also said he would take measures to ensure "this circumstance is never repeated."

Crapo, who was elected in 1998 and is in his third Senate term, is expected to take over the top Republican

spot next year on the Senate Banking Committee. He also serves on the Senate's budget and finance panels and has been active on environmental and health issues.



Sen. Michael Crapo

Crapo was a member of the so-called "Gang of Six" senators that worked in 2011 toward a deficit-reduction deal that was never adopted by Congress. He also served for six years in the U.S.

House of Representatives.

Police in the suburb of Alexandria said Crapo was stopped early Sunday after his vehicle ran a red light. Police spokesman Jody Donaldson said Crapo failed field sobriety tests and was arrested at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday. He was taken to the Alexandria jail and released on an unsecured \$1,000 bond at about 5 a.m. Sunday. "There was no refusal (to take blood alcohol tests), no accident, no injuries," Donaldson said. "Just a traffic stop that resulted in a DUI."

Police said Crapo, who was alone in his vehicle, reg-

istered a blood alcohol level of .11 percent. The legal limit in Virginia, which has strict drunken driving laws, is .08 percent.

In Virginia, the driver's license of anyone who registers a blood alcohol level of .08 percent or higher is automatically suspended for seven days. A first-time conviction for DUI carries a mandatory, minimum \$250 fine and license revocation for one year, according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

A Crapo spokesman declined to comment on the circumstances surrounding the arrest.

Crapo had told The Associated Press in past interviews that he abstains from drinking alcohol.

A Mormon who grew up in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Crapo was named a bishop in the church at age 31. He is an attorney who graduated from Brigham Young University and Harvard Law School.

He has five children with his wife, Susan, and three grandchildren.

The Mormon church prohibits the use of alcohol, as well as coffee, tea and other substances. About one-quarter of Idaho residents are Mormon.

Heroic actions bring change in tone on teachers

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO
The Associated Press

Hung on a building in the Connecticut town where 20 children and six adults were killed at an elementary school is a spray-painted sign with four words: "Hug a teacher today."

It's a testament to the teachers who sprang into action when a gunman broke into Sandy Hook Elementary School and opened fire. They hid students in closets and bathrooms, and even threw themselves in the line of fire. Some paid with their lives.

Their sacrifice was selfless and heroic, and most teachers say they would do exactly the same if they ever came face to face with a gunman in the classroom. At schools last week, many teachers got extra thanks from parents and students who were reminded in the aftermath of the Newtown, Conn., massacre of just how much they give.

"I really hope a lot of parents see teachers in a little bit of a different light about all that we do," said Hal Krantz, a teacher at Coral Springs Middle School, about 20 miles north of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

That gratitude for teachers is a respite from recent



The Associated Press

In this Saturday, Dec. 15, photo, Gary Seri, general manager at the Stone River Grille, hangs a sign reading "HUG A TEACHER TODAY" written on a table cloth in honor of the teachers who died along with students a day earlier when a gunman opened fire at the Sandy Hook elementary school in the Sandy Hook village of Newtown, Conn. Seri said the teachers were scheduled to have their holiday party at his restaurant. He put up red balloons that were not used when a sweet 16 party was canceled the night before, in lieu of the massacre.

years in which politicians and the public have viewed them as anything but heroes. Instead, teachers have been the focus of increased scrutiny, criticized for what is perceived as having generous and unwarranted benefits and job security.

"I think a moment like this makes us appreciate and understand the degree to which we are dependent on our children in all kinds of ways, not just in what they learn in the classroom," said Paula Fass, a history professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Over the last four years, a wave of reforms, prompted largely by the U.S. Department of Education

and its \$4.35 billion Race to the Top competition, has led states to strip teachers of tenure and institute tougher evaluations based in considerable part on student scores on standardized tests. The heavier emphasis on testing has led to a narrowing of what is perceived as the teacher's role in the classroom.

"Most of the talk about teachers lately has been, 'Should we judge teachers simply by children's performance on standardized tests?'" said Patricia Albjerg Graham, a professor of the history of education at Harvard University. "And while it's very important that teachers assist children in learning, it's also true that

they help them get in the mood for learning and protect them and care for them while they're in school."

Graham began teaching at a rural school in southern Virginia in 1955 and said even then teachers viewed protecting students as part of their job. During the Cold War, teachers led students through drills in the event of a nuclear bomb attack. Today, they lead them through the halls on fire drills and even have to take threats like shootings into account.

"I'm certainly proud of those teachers that lost their lives or got injured," Krantz said. "It always makes you feel proud to be part of that whole society."

Lawmakers look to restrict gun magazine capacity

BY KEVIN FREKING
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers from both parties voiced their willingness Sunday to pursue some changes to the nation's gun laws, but adamant opposition from the National Rifle Association has made clear than any such effort will face significant obstacles.

NRA CEO Wayne LaPierre dismissed efforts to revive a ban on assault weapons as a "phony piece of legislation" that's built on lies.

Democratic lawmakers in Congress have become more adamant about the need for stricter gun laws since the shooting of 20 children and

six teachers at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California is promising to push for a renewal of expired legislation that banned certain weapons and limited the number of bullets a gun magazine could hold to 10.

"I think we ought to be looking at where the real danger is, like those large clips," said Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

"I think we need a comprehensive approach," said Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., a longtime gun rights supporter. "I'll look at all the proposals. I think it looks at mental health, I think it looks at protecting our schools but I also think it

looks at these high-volume magazines, you know, that can fire off so many rounds."

Both lawmakers appeared on CBS' "Face the Nation," where NRA President David Keene said lawmakers were asking the wrong question when discussing how many rounds a gun magazine should have.

The right question, he said: "Can we keep guns out of the hands of people who are potential killers?"

LaPierre made clear it was highly unlikely that the NRA could support any new gun regulations.

"You want one more law on top of 20,000 laws, when most of the federal gun laws we don't even enforce?" he said.

Instead, LaPierre reiterated the group's support for putting police officers in every school.

"If it's crazy to call for putting police and armed security in our schools to protect our children, then call me crazy," LaPierre said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "I think the American people think it's crazy not to do it. It's the one thing that would keep people safe."

Sen. Joe Lieberman, a Connecticut independent, said he found the NRA's statements in recent days to be "really disheartening." Still, he said he agrees with some of the points the group has made about the causes behind violence in America.



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Anti-tax activists say no to deal

BY STEVE PEOPLES
The Associated Press

BOSTON — In the city where a protest over tax policy sparked a revolution, modern day tea party activists are cheering the recent Republican revolt in Washington that embarrassed House Speaker John Boehner and pushed the country closer to a “fiscal cliff” that forces tax increases and massive spending cuts on virtually every American.

“I want conservatives to stay strong,” says Christine Morabito, president of the Greater Boston Tea Party. “Sometimes things have to get a lot worse before they get better.”

Anti-tax conservatives from every corner of the nation echo her sentiment.

In more than a dozen interviews

with The Associated Press, activists said they would rather the nation fall off the cliff than agree to a compromise that includes tax increases for any Americans, no matter how high their income. They dismiss economists’ warnings that the automatic tax increases and deep spending cuts set to take effect Jan. 1 could trigger a fresh recession, and they overlook the fact that most people would see their taxes increase if President Barack Obama and Boehner, R-Ohio, fail to reach a year-end agreement.

The strong opposition among tea party activists and Republican leaders from New Hampshire to Wyoming and South Carolina highlights divisions within the GOP as well as the challenge that Obama and Boehner face in trying to get a deal done.

On Capitol Hill, some Republicans

worry about the practical and political implications should the GOP block a compromise designed to avoid tax increases for most Americans and cut the nation’s deficit.

“It weakens the entire Republican Party, the Republican majority,” Rep. Steven LaTourette, R-Ohio, said Thursday night shortly after rank-and-file Republicans rejected Boehner’s “Plan B” — a measure that would have prevented tax increases on all Americans but million-dollar earners.

“I mean it’s the continuing dumbing down of the Republican Party and we are going to be seen more and more as a bunch of extremists that can’t even get a majority of our own people to support policies that we’re putting forward,” LaTourette said. “If you’re not a governing majority,

you’re not going to be a majority very long.”

It’s a concern that does not seem to resonate with conservatives such as tea party activist Frank Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo. He cheered Boehner’s failure as a victory for anti-tax conservatives and a setback for Obama, just six weeks after the president won re-election on a promise to cut the deficit in part by raising taxes on incomes exceeding \$250,000.

Smith said his “hat’s off” to those Republicans in Congress who rejected their own leader’s plan.

“Let’s go over the cliff and see what’s on the other side,” the blacksmith said. “On the other side” are tax increases for most Americans, not just the top earners, though that point seemed lost on Smith, who added: “We have a day of reckoning coming.”

NATIONAL DIGEST

Newtown turns to clergy, counselors

NEWTOWN, Conn. — The grief will not end. Yet the healing must begin. So as the shock of Newtown’s horrific school shooting starts to wear off, as the headlines fade and the therapists leave, residents are seeking a way forward through faith, community and a determination to seize their future.

At religious services Sunday, church leaders received standing ovations from parishioners they have been helping to cope with the shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The gunman also killed his mother and himself.

“This has been the worst week of my life,” said Monsignor Robert Weiss of the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church, which lost eight children and two adults in the massacre. He thanked the community for giving him strength to get through the week filled with funerals.

Lieberman fears U.S. may go over ‘cliff’

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators bickered Sunday over who’s to blame for lurching the country toward a year-end “fiscal cliff,” bemoaning the lack of a deal days before the deadline but bridging no differences in the debate.

With the collapse Thursday of House Speaker John Boehner’s plan to allow tax rates to rise on million-dollar-plus incomes, Sen. Joe Lieberman said “it’s the first time that I feel it’s more likely we’ll go over the cliff than not,” meaning that higher taxes for most Americans and painful federal agency budget cuts would be in line to go ahead.

Official: SEAL Cdr. commits suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. military officials are investigating the apparent suicide of a Navy SEAL commander in Afghanistan.

Navy SEAL Cdr. Job W. Price, 42, of Pottstown, Pa., died Saturday of a non-combat-related injury while supporting stability operations in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan.

A U.S. military official said the death “appears to be the result of suicide.” The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the death is still being investigated.

“The Naval Special Warfare family is deeply saddened by the loss of our teammate,” said Capt. Robert Smith, Commander of Naval Special Warfare Group Two, which manages all Virginia-based Navy SEAL teams. “We extend our condolences, thoughts and prayers to the family, friends, and NSW community during this time of grieving.”

“As we mourn the loss and honor the memory of our fallen teammate, those he served with will continue to carry out the mission,” Smith added Sunday.

A final good-bye to late Sen. Inouye

HONOLULU (AP) — The late Sen. Daniel Inouye was remembered Sunday as an American hero whose legacy as a war veteran and longtime senator would be felt across Hawaii for years to come.

The memorial service at Honolulu’s National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific was attended by about 1,000 people, including President Barack Obama, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Hawaii’s congressional delegation and a number of other senators, cabinet secretaries and other dignitaries.

“Daniel was the best senator among us all,” Reid told those assembled, adding later: “Whenever we needed a noble man to lean on, we turned to Sen. Dan Inouye. He was fearless.”

The cemetery, a strikingly beautiful site located in an extinct volcano, is the final resting place to thousands of World War II veterans. More than 400 members of the storied Japanese-American 442nd Regimental Combat Team — of which Inouye was a part — are buried at the site.

Adm. Samuel Locklear, commander of the Navy’s U.S. Pacific Command, said this also will be Inouye’s final resting place.

Subdued mood on shopping weekend

ATLANTA (AP) — Christmas shoppers thronged malls and pounced on discounts but apparently spent less this year, their spirits dampened by concerns about the economy and the aftermath of shootings and storms.

Talk about more than just the usual job worries to cloud the mood: Confidence among U.S. consumers dipped to its lowest point in December since July amid rising economic worries, according to a monthly index released Friday.

Marshal Cohen, chief research analyst at NPD Inc., a market research firm with a network of analysts at shopping centers nationwide, estimates customer traffic over the weekend was in line with the same time a year ago, but that shoppers seem to be spending less.

“There was this absence of joy for the holiday,” Cohen said. “There was no Christmas spirit. There have been just too many distractions.”

Shoppers are increasingly worried about the “fiscal cliff” deadline — the possibility that a stalemate between Congress and the White House over the U.S. budget could trigger a series of tax increases and spending cuts starting Jan. 1.

The recent Newtown, Conn., school shooting also dampened shoppers’ spirits atop the fall’s retail woes after Superstorm Sandy’s passage up the East Coast.

The Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, which account for 24 percent of retail sales nationwide, were tripped up by Sandy when the enormous storm clobbered the region in late October, disrupting businesses and households for weeks.

All that spelled glum news for retailers, which can make up to 40 percent of annual sales during November and December. They were counting on the last weekend before Christmas to make up for lost dollars earlier in the season.

The Saturday before Christmas was expected to be the second biggest sales day behind the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Firefighter shot at scene of blaze N.Y.

WEBSTER, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say a firefighter has been shot while responding to a house fire in western New York.

Officials in the town of Webster tell local media outlets that someone shot at firefighters around 6 a.m. Monday when they arrived at the scene of the blaze just east of Rochester.

A fire official with the West Webster Fire District tells the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester that the firefighter is listed in satisfactory condition at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Officials say the fire spread to a second home. A man answering the phone at the fire station said firefighters are unable to battle the blazes as long as the area hasn’t been secured by police.



The Associated Press

This 2010 photo shows the Gowanus Canal, which was added to the Superfund National Priorities List in 2010 for being heavily contaminated with PCBs, heavy metals, volatile organics and coal tar wastes. New York, New Jersey and EPA officials say toxic sites are OK after Superstorm Sandy, but The Associated Press has found that few actual tests have been done.

Toxic tests lag after Sandy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OLD BRIDGE, N.J. — For more than a month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has said that the recent superstorm didn’t cause significant problems at any of the 247 Superfund toxic waste sites it’s monitoring in New York and New Jersey.

But in many cases, no actual tests of soil or water are being conducted, just visual inspections.

The EPA conducted a handful of tests right after the storm, but couldn’t provide details or locations of any recent testing when asked last week. New Jersey officials point out that federally designated Superfund sites are EPA’s responsibility.

The 1980 Superfund law gave EPA the power to order cleanups of abandoned, spilled and illegally dumped hazardous wastes that threaten human health or the environment. The sites can involve long-term or short-term cleanups.

Jeff Tittel, executive director of the Sierra Club in New Jersey, says officials haven’t done

enough to ensure there is no contamination from Superfund sites. He’s worried toxins could leach into groundwater and the ocean.

“It’s really serious and I think the EPA and the state of New Jersey have not done due diligence to make sure these sites have not created problems,” Tittel said.

The EPA said last month that none of the Superfund sites it monitors in New York or New Jersey sustained significant damage, but that it has done follow-up sampling at the Gowanus Canal site in Brooklyn, the Newtown Creek site on the border of Queens and Brooklyn, and the Raritan Bay Slag site, all of which flooded during the storm.

But last week, EPA spokeswoman Stacy Kika didn’t respond to questions about whether any soil or water tests have been done at the other 243 Superfund sites. The agency hasn’t said exactly how many of the sites flooded.

“Currently, we do not believe that any sites were impacted in ways that would pose a threat to nearby communities,” EPA said in a statement.

Ga. counties sue HSBC claiming loss of tax base

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Three Atlanta-area counties have filed a lawsuit claiming that British bank HSBC engaged in predatory lending that ended up costing them hundreds of millions of

dollars.

Fulton, DeKalb and Cobb counties say the bank aggressively signed minorities to housing loans that were likely to fail. The counties say that caused tremendous damage, including extra expenses

and lost tax revenue.

The lawsuit says the banks violated the Fair Housing Act. That law provides protections against housing or renting policies or practices that discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, reli-

gion, sex, family status or handicap.

A lawyer for HSBC said he couldn’t comment on the lawsuit, which was filed in October. A federal judge has given the bank until Jan. 25 to file a response.

Ranchers split over border security plan

BY ELLIOTT SPAGAT
The Associated Press

NOGALES, Ariz. — When Dan Bell drives through his 35,000-acre cattle ranch, he speaks of the hurdles that the Border Patrol faces in his rolling green hills of oak and mesquite trees — the hours it takes to drive to some places, the wilderness areas that are generally off-limits to motorized vehicles, the environmental reviews required to extend a dirt road.

John Ladd offers a different take from his 14,000-acre spread: The Border Patrol already has more than enough roads and its beefed-up presence has flooded his land and eroded the soil.

Their differences explain why ranchers are on opposite sides of the fence over a sweeping proposal to waive environmental reviews on federal lands within 100 miles of Mexico and Canada for the sake of border security. The Border Patrol would have a free hand to build roads, camera towers, helicopter pads and living quarters without any of the outside scrutiny

that can modify or even derail plans to extend its footprint.

The U.S. House approved the bill authored by Utah Republican Rob Bishop in June. But prospects in the Democratic-controlled U.S. Senate are extremely slim and chances of President Barack Obama’s signature even slimmer. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano testified in Congress this year that the bill was unnecessary and “bad policy.”

Still, an idea that House Republicans kicked around for years has advanced farther in the legislative process than ever before and rekindled discussion over how to balance border security with wildlife protection.

The debate raises some of the same questions that will play out on a larger scale when Congress and the president tackle immigration reform: Is the U.S. border with Mexico secure, considered by some lawmakers to be a litmus test for granting legal residency and citizenship to millions? Has the U.S. reached a point of border security overkill?



The Associated Press

Rancher Dan Bell checks out part of the property he leases at the border fence between the United States and Mexico, in Nogales, Ariz.

Heightened enforcement — along with a fewer available jobs in the U.S. and an aging population in Mexico — has brought Border Patrol arrests to 40-year lows.

Lots more needs to be done, according to backers of Bishop’s bill to rewrite rules on millions of acres of federal land managed by the Interior and Agriculture departments, including more than 800 miles bordering Mexico and 1,000 miles bordering Canada. The bill would waive

reviews required under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act and 14 other laws in dozens of wilderness areas, national forests and national parks.

“It’s a paralyzing process now,” Bell, 44, said as his GMC truck barreled down a dirt road on a 10-mile stretch of his ranch that borders Mexico. “They wanted to put this road in for a decade, probably even longer. They broke ground on it last year.”

World

Afghan policewoman kills U.S. adviser

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan policewoman shot and killed an American adviser outside the police headquarters in Kabul today, the latest in a rising tide of insider attacks by Afghans against their foreign allies, senior Afghan officials said.

The killing of the American, who worked as a contractor with the NATO command, was the first known insider attack by a woman in Afghanistan.

The woman, identified as Afghan police Sgt. Nargas, had entered a strategic compound in the heart of the capital and shot the civilian adviser with a pistol as he came out of a small shop with articles he had just bought, Kabul Governor Abdul Jabar Taqwa told The Associated Press.

Earlier, she had asked bystanders where the governor's office was located, the governor said. As many Afghans, the policewoman uses only one name.

The policewoman was taken into Afghan custody shortly after the attack but Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi said that she refused to answer questions after hours of interrogation aimed at determining her motives for the killing.



The Associated Press

In this Nov. 17 photo, smoke rises during an explosion from an Israeli forces strike in Gaza City. Israel bombarded the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip with nearly 200 airstrikes widening a blistering assault on Gaza rocket operations by militants to include the prime minister's headquarters, a police compound and a vast network of smuggling tunnels.

Group says Gaza Palestinians attacks violated laws of war

JERUSALEM (AP) — Gaza militants violated laws of war by launching hundreds of rockets at Israeli civilians during last month's fighting, Human Rights Watch said in a release today.

The Israeli military said 1,500 rockets were fired at Israel during the eight-day offensive against Gaza militants, including the first rockets from the Gaza Strip to strike the Tel Aviv and Jerusalem areas.

The rocket attacks

killed three Israeli civilians and wounded dozens. Israeli assaults killed 169 Palestinians.

"Palestinian armed groups made clear in their statements that harming civilians was their aim," said Sarah Leah Whitson, Middle East director at the New York-based rights group. "There is simply no legal justification for launching rockets at populated areas."

Hamas, the Islamist group that controls Gaza,

said it would comment on the report after its legal experts review it. The Israeli military did not address the substance of the report.

Last week, the New York-based group in a similar report said Israel violated laws of war in the same offensive by attacking journalists and media facilities in Gaza. Two Palestinian cameramen were killed and at least 10 media personnel were wounded in the Israeli operation.

UN envoy worried after talks with Assad

BEIRUT (AP) — The international envoy to Syria said after talks with President Bashar Assad today that the situation in the country was still "worrying" and gave no indication of progress toward a negotiated solution for the civil war.

Lakhdar Brahimi said he and Assad exchanged views on the crisis and discussed possible steps forward, which he did not disclose. He spoke briefly to reporters after meeting the Syrian leader at the presidential palace in Damascus.

"The situation in Syria is still worrying and we hope that all the parties will go toward the solution that the Syrian people are hoping for and look forward to," Brahimi said.

Syria's state news agency

quoted Assad as saying his government supports "any effort in the interest of the Syrian people which preserves the homeland's sovereignty and independence."

Brahimi has made little apparent progress toward brokering an end to the conflict since starting his job in September, primarily because both sides adamantly refuse to talk to each other.

The government describes the rebels as foreign-backed terrorists set on destroying the country. The opposition says that forces under Assad's command have killed too many people for him to be part of any solution.

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Bay City Duals Coquille wrestlers top local squads

BY JOHN GUNTHER
The World

COOS BAY — Coquille's wrestling team more than held its own against larger schools in Marshfield's annual Bay City Duals tournament on Saturday.

The Red Devils finished third in the Gold Bracket, which included the top seven teams from the tournament's first day Friday.

Coquille lost to eventual champion North Medford, but came back to beat Brookings-Harbor in the consolation round and easily top Crescent Valley 62-18 in the third-place match.

"I'm pretty proud of our team," said Coquille's Michael Romine, who went unbeaten in six matches over the two days of the tournament. "I was expecting to place, but I didn't expect third."

The result was a good indication of Coquille's strength, said Sye Yates, who lost just one match, when he got caught in a bad spot and was pinned in the third round of a tight match against North Medford's Jordan Shipley, who was named the outstanding wrestler for the upper weights.

"A couple of us could have wrestled better against North Medford," Yates said. "They're a big school. They're powerful."

Coquille, which also beat rival Myrtle Point at the start of the day Saturday, bounced back well against Crescent Valley, another larger school.

Seth Lambson rallied in the final seconds for a 12-11 win over Daniel Hale in the 106-pound match, Marcus Allen won his match at 113 by technical fall, Wyatt Yates had a pin after trailing in the 126-pound match, Tristan Dixon did the same at 145 pounds and Chris Elmer (152 pounds) and Austin Flood (160) also had pins. Sye Yates (170) and Romine (182) both had pins in the first minute and the Red Devils won three other matches by forfeit.

Sye Yates said the third-place trophy was a good accomplishment.

"I think it's pretty cool," he said, also pointing out that Coquille had two high placers (Yates and Romine) at the 33-school Coast Classic and placed 10th at the 44-team Grants Pass Kickoff Classic.

Coquille easily had the best showing for the South Coast schools at the Bay City Duals.

Brookings-Harbor beat Myrtle Point in the fifth-place match and Reedsport finished seventh in the Gold Bracket.

Host Marshfield, meanwhile, managed to reach the title match in the Silver Bracket despite giving up six forfeits each match.

The Pirates couldn't top Newport in the title match, falling 51-30, but did get pins in that match by Skyler Harvey (132 pounds), Brandon Campbell (138) and Tyler Gregory (145).

Thaddeus Nelson didn't get a match against Newport, instead winning by forfeit, but wrestled well enough at 120 pounds during the two days to be voted outstanding wrestler for the lower weights.

Marshfield coach Travis Wittlake said his squad was a little tired for the final match after two full days of wrestling.

The Pirates earlier had beaten a short-handed North Bend squad and also Gold Beach, a match that worked out favorably for Marshfield because the Panthers had to forfeit at several of the same weight classes.

The Pirates leave Wednesday for the two-day Sierra Nevada Classic at Reno, Nev.

"This was a good warmup," Wittlake said.

Gold Beach finished fifth and North Bend seventh in the Silver Bracket.

North Medford, meanwhile, easily won all its matches Saturday, beating Reedsport 67-6 and Coquille 49-24 (the Red Devils got pins by Dixon, Flood and Brady Jarrett and decisions by Kody Courtright and Romine).

In the championship, the Black Tornado topped North Salem, 51-24.

"We've never been in this tournament before," said Shipley. "We just wanted to wrestle tough and come home with a trophy."

"Overall, as a team we've done pretty well."



By Lou Sennick, The World

Tournament most valuable player Brady Strowbridge shoots for two points for Reedsport against Dalton Brown of Waldport on Saturday night during the championship game of the Dune Country Classic.

Reedsport boys win tourney title

THE WORLD

Reedsport's boys basketball team won its home tournament for the first time since 2004 when the Braves crushed Waldport 49-24 in the championship game of the 41st Dune Country Classic on Saturday.

Montana Frame hit five 3-pointers and scored a team-best 15 points for Reedsport, which limited the Irish to just nine points in the first half. Mike Mitchell and tournament most valuable player Brady Strowbridge had 13 points each for Reedsport.

"We got her done today," said Reedsport coach Kent Kristensen. "I thought we could beat them. I didn't think we could beat them so handily."

A few weeks ago, Waldport won its home tournament and the Braves didn't win a game.

"We came out and got with it on defense and fought for the rebounds," Kristensen said. "It was just overall an outstanding team effort."

Dalton Brown led Waldport with six points.

Marshfield freshmen 45, North Douglas 36: The Pirates captured the consolation title Saturday night, as Rylee Trendell scored 17 points and Kasey Banks added eight. Marshfield outscored the Warriors 28-17 in the second half.

Garrett Burris and Ben Cain had seven points each for North Douglas.

The all-tournament team included Reedsport's Frame and Strowbridge, Dalton Brown and Tyler Johnson from Waldport, Marshfield's Trendell and Jason Huckins from North Douglas.

Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational

Del Norte 45, Bandon 30: The Warriors outscored Bandon 25-12 in the first half on the way to taking the title in the tournament at Bandon.

Aaron Fitch had 19 points for Del Norte. Logan Shea scored nine points and Evan Henson eight for the Tigers.

"Poor shooting was the culprit," said Bandon coach Ken Nice. "We only had four turnovers the first half. I thought we played well. We just didn't shoot well."

Jefferson edged St. Mary's 59-55 in overtime in the consolation game. Wyatt Prunk had two 3-pointers in the extra session and scored a team-best 16 points for the Lions, while Connor Vinyard had a game-high 18 for St. Mary's.

Prunk shared the 3-point title with Bandon's Shea and Kade Benton of St. Mary's after all three made 10 treys during the contest.

Bandon, which got its first win Friday, plays in Oakland's holiday invitational this weekend.

Hometown Hardware Holiday Tournament

South Umpqua 67, Myrtle Point 54: A slow start doomed the Bobcats in the consolation game of the team's home tournament.

"We didn't start out well at all," said Myrtle Point coach Dave Larsen.

The Bobcats trailed 18-6 after the first quarter and by 20 points in the second before eventually pulling within six.

"With a couple minutes left, we were only down eight and we had to foul and they made the free throws," Larsen said. "I was proud of the kids to come back. They could have easily quit."

Cooper Stateler had 21 points to lead Myrtle Point, while Matt Newton had 12 and Brad Larsen 10.

Austin Page had 20 points and Erik Johnson 17 for the Lancers.

In the championship game, Eagle Point overcame a slow start by outscoring Glide 28-7 in the second half for a 45-31 win as Jorge Quintero scored a game-high 18 points. Jacob Fricke had 14 for Glide.

The all-tournament team included Myrtle Point's Stateler, South Umpqua's Page, Glide's Brandon Halter and Quintero and Cesar Chavez from Eagle Point.

Three more teams punch postseason tickets

■ Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Seattle secure spots in the postseason with Sunday wins

BY BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

All set in the AFC, except for the matchups. As for the NFC playoff race, there's still plenty of intrigue.

Indianapolis finished off its remarkable one-year turnaround by beating Kansas City 20-13 Sunday to grab an AFC wild card. The Colts went 2-14 in 2011, drafted Andrew Luck first overall and now are 10-5.

"We were a confident locker room from Day 1," Luck said. "I remember going in trying to gauge the feel of what it would be like, and guys were confident. There are guys on this team who have never missed a playoff, those guys know how to win, and I think they imparted that on the younger guys in the locker room, and I think it worked out."

Cincinnati made the playoffs for the second straight year, the first time the Bengals managed that since 1982. They beat archrival Pittsburgh 13-10 on Josh Brown's 43-yard field goal with 4 seconds remaining.

The Bengals have been around since 1968. This is the first time they'll make the postseason in two straight non-strike years.

"I know they just think that there's some complex; there's no complex, you've just got to come play and win," coach Marvin Lewis said. "This group in there has very little history of anything."

Baltimore clinched the AFC North by routing the New York Giants 33-14. Houston owns the South even though it lost to Minnesota 23-6. Denver has the West and won its 10th in a row by romping over Cleveland 34-12. New England is the East champion and beat Jacksonville 23-16.



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Seattle's Richard Sherman celebrates after intercepting a pass in the end zone against the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. Seattle's win over the 49ers put the Seahawks in the playoffs.

As for the NFC, Seattle's 42-13 victory over San Francisco muddled the West, but earned the Seahawks at least a wild card. The 49ers lead the division by a half-game and have clinched a postseason berth.

North winner Green Bay's 55-7 rout of Tennessee moved it up to the second seed behind South champion Atlanta. The Falcons have home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs after defeating Detroit 31-18 on Saturday night.

The East lead belongs to Washington thanks to a 27-20 win at Philadelphia, while the Giants fell to the Ravens and Dallas was beaten 34-31 in overtime by New Orleans. The Redskins and Cowboys meet next Sunday, with the winner taking the division.

Washington also can get a wild card, as can New York, but the defending Super Bowl

champion Giants need lots of help.

Chicago's 28-13 victory at Arizona kept it in the wild-card chase.

Also Sunday, it was St. Louis 28, Tampa Bay 13; Miami 24, Buffalo 10; San Diego 27, the New York Jets 17; and Carolina 17, Oakland 6.

Colts 20, Chiefs 13: At Kansas City, Mo., Luck threw for 205 yards to break the single-season rookie record, and his touchdown pass to Reggie Wayne late in the fourth quarter put Indianapolis in the playoffs.

Luck surpassed Cam Newton's year-old record of 4,051 yards passing by a rookie in the second quarter, and then came through in the closing minutes. He marched Indy to the Chiefs 7, then found Wayne in the back of the end zone on third-and-goal for the go-ahead score.

Sports

Marshfield girls top Springfield

THE WORLD

Marshfield's girls swim team dominated host Springfield in a Midwestern League dual Friday, winning nine of the 11 events and sweeping the top three spots in four of the individual events.

Bridget McCarthy won both the 200-yard freestyle and 50-yard freestyle for the Pirates, and Shaylyn Brownell won the 500-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke.

Marshfield also got individual wins by Alyssa Hedgpeth (100 butterfly) and Elyse Trendell (100 butterfly).

The Pirates won all three relays, as well, with combinations including McCarthy, Brownell, Hedgpeth, Trendell, Asha Huffman, Dominique Randle and Kayla Sparkman.

Marshfield's boys got wins by Elias Mendez (100 freestyle) and Brogan Bracelin (500 freestyle), and also won the 200 freestyle relay with the squad of Mendez, Bracelin, Spencer Fromm and Wesley Bauer.



By Lou Sennick, The World

Reedsport's Madi Richardson looks for someone to pass to against tight pressure from Savannah Mast in the second half of the championship game against North Douglas on Saturday at the Dune Country Classic.

North Douglas beat Braves for tourney title

THE WORLD

Reedsport only got points from two players and couldn't keep up with North

Douglas as the Warriors captured the girls team title in the Dune Country Classic with a 38-22 win Saturday.

Kayla Doane had 12 points and Gabby White added 10 for the Braves, who never scored more than seven points in any quarter.

"We ran into a real good point guard crew in the Mast girls," Reedsport coach Stu Richardson said of North Douglas sisters Savannah and Bella Mast.

Savannah Mast had 14 points and Bella Mast added five.

"They were just more active than we were," Richardson said.

Marshfield freshmen 27, Waldport 26: The Pirates overcame a slow start when they scored just three points in the first quarter to

beat the Irish for the consolation title.

Hailey Woolsey had nine points and Francesca Cincollo added eight for Marshfield. Camilla Alvarado had eight points for the Irish.

The all-tournament team included most valuable player Doane and her Reedsport teammate White, along with the Mast sisters from North Douglas, Marshfield's Woolsey and Alvarado from Waldport.

Bandon Dunes Holiday Invitational

St. Mary's 47, Bandon 42: Emily Alvarez rallied the Crusaders to the title in Bandon's tournament, scor-

ing 16 of her 20 points in the fourth quarter, including nailing three 3-pointers.

Bandon led 36-29 heading into the final quarter.

Hailey Iverson had 15 points and Riley Wahl added 13 for the Tigers. Raelyn Freitag had two 3-pointers among her eight points.

In the consolation game, Del Norte failed to score in the first quarter, but rallied to beat Jefferson 49-28.

Brittany Maready had 16 points and Emma Card 13 for Del Norte. Mallory Schmitt and Lacey Weddle had eight points each for Jefferson.

In the 3-point contest, Freitag won the title by nailing 15 shots.

Hometown Hardware Holiday Tournament

Eagle Point 39, Myrtle

Point 32: The Bobcats managed just four points in the fourth quarter as the Eagles rallied for the title in Myrtle Point's tournament.

Casie Johnson had 19 points for Eagle Point a night after Adrienne Wood scored 30 against South Umpqua.

"We defended (Wood) well," Myrtle Point coach Marty Stallard said, adding that his team struggled to get a hand in the face of Johnson on a lot of her shots.

Caitlyn Robison had 12 points and Grace Hermann added eight for the Bobcats.

The all-tournament team included Johnson and Wood from Eagle Point, Robison and Hermann from Myrtle Point, and Kali Vickery of Glide, which beat South Umpqua in the consolation game.

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Boise State kicker Michael Frisina (84) is carried off the field after kicking the go-ahead field goal in the Broncos' win over Washington in the MAACO Bowl on Saturday.

Broncos (11-2), who had to overcome a 205-yard rushing game by Bishop Sankey against their normally stingy defense. Sankey also had 74 yards receiving, giving him 279 of Washington's 447 yards from scrimmage.

But it was Frisina who came up with the biggest game of his career in his final game. He kicked three field goals, including the first game winner he could ever recall booting.

"It's every kicker's dream to win a big game with a field goal," Frisina said. "For this

one to come on the last game of my career, you couldn't ask for anything more."

Washington (7-6) had taken the lead for the first time on a 38-yard field goal by Travis Coons with 4:09 left when No. 20 Boise State got a big kickoff return by freshman Shane Williams-Rhodes to the Washington 42. Joe Southwick guided the team to the 12 before Frisina hit the winning kick.

"I was just focused on what I had to do," Frisina said. "I'm there as the insurance guy, I guess you'd say."

Boise State sealed the win when Jeremy Ioane intercepted Keith Price's pass as the Huskies neared midfield.

"To their credit they found a way to win the game in the end," said Washington coach Steve Sarkisian. "Our inability to finish is pretty blaring"

Sankey, who was third on the depth list when fall practice began, rushed 30 times and caught six passes in the biggest game of his career. He scored one touchdown and was the MVP of the game, despite being on the losing side.

"There's a lot of mixed emotions going on," Sankey said. "The MVP doesn't mean so much when you come out a loser."

Frisina was only 12 for 17 on field goals coming into the game, but kicked three of them, including a 34-yarder to open the scoring that was his first field goal over 30 yards for the year.

Southwick, meanwhile, had another efficient game, completing 26 of 38 passes for 264 yards and two touchdowns for a Boise State team that struggled offensively through much of the season before improving over its last three games.

NEW ORLEANS BOWL

Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34: Terrance Broadway passed for 316 yards and ran for 108, helping Louisiana-Lafayette beat East Carolina for its second straight New Orleans Bowl victory.

Alonzo Harris rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns for the Ragin' Cajuns (9-4), who briefly squandered a three-touchdown lead before moving back in front for good on Broadway's 14-yard scoring pass to Javone Lawson late in the third quarter. Brett Baer added his second and third field goals in the fourth quarter.

Broadway also ran for a 12-yard score.

Shane Carden passed for 278 yards and two touchdowns for East Carolina (8-5), but had a pass intercepted by Jemarlous Moten in the fourth quarter as the Pirates were driving for a potential go-ahead score.

The Pirates' Reggie Bullock ran for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

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Sports

Oregon State tops San Diego in first game at MGM Grand

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Eric Moreland and Roberto Nelson scored 20 points apiece as Oregon State beat San Diego 86-79 in the Las Vegas Holiday Hoops Classic on Saturday night.

Moreland, who was 7 of 8 from the field, led with 11 rebounds. Nelson was 5 of 10 from the field.

Devon Collier scored 18 points, and Joe Burton had 13 for Oregon State (9-2).

The Beavers shot 59 percent from the field for the game and led 44-29 at halftime.

The game was the first-ever contest in the MGM Grand Garden Arena, which will host the Pac-12 tournament in March.

Oregon State won its fifth straight, the team's best streak in coach Craig Robinson's time at the school.

Oregon 91, Houston Baptist 50: Tony Woods scored 14 points and E.J. Singler had 13 as Oregon

defeated Houston Baptist 91-50 Saturday.

Damyeen Dotson and Carlos Emory added 10 points each for the Ducks (10-2), who hit 9 of 16 3-point attempts and shot 48 percent overall from the field. Dotson also had eight rebounds.

Art Bernardi scored 14 points and Tyler Russell had 12 for the Huskies (4-7), who made just one of their first 21 attempts from the field in the second half.

Portland 57, Bradley 55: Ryan

Nicholas and Derrick Rodgers scored 12 points apiece to lead Portland (7-7) over Bradley (8-4) in the consolation game of the Las Vegas Classic on Sunday night.

Dyricus Simms-Edwards led Bradley with 15 points.

Portland lost to Colorado State 70-53 on Saturday after having to play without leading scorer Kevin Bailey, who broke his nose during the opening minute and left the game.

Weber State 73, Portland State 69 OT: Kyle Tresnak scored

only 12 points and had five rebounds, but his dunk with 1:07 remaining in overtime gave the Wildcats the lift they were looking for against Portland State on Saturday.

Tresnak's dunk gave Weber State (6-3, 2-0 Big Sky) a 72-69 lead and Davion Berry added a free throw with 17 seconds left.

Renado Parker finished the game with 18 points for Portland State (3-6, 1-1) and teammate Aaron Moore scored 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Scoreboard

On The Air

Today
College Football — Hawaii Bowl, Fresno State vs. Southern Methodist, 5 p.m., ESPN.

Tuesday, Dec. 25
NBA Basketball — Boston at Brooklyn, 9 a.m., ESPN; New York at Los Angeles Lakers, noon, ABC; Oklahoma City at Miami, 2:30 p.m., ABC; Houston at Chicago Bulls, 5 p.m., ESPN; Denver at Los Angeles Clippers, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

Men's College Basketball — Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic championship, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2.

Wednesday, Dec. 26
College Football — Little Caesar's Bowl, Central Michigan vs. Western Kentucky, 4:30 p.m., ESPN.

Thursday, Dec. 27
High School Boys Basketball — Marshfield vs. Siuslaw, 8:45 p.m., KMHS (91.3 FM).

High School Girls Basketball — Marshfield vs. North Salem, 7 p.m., KMHS (1420 AM).

College Football — Military Bowl, Bowling Green vs. San Jose State, noon, ESPN; Belk Bowl, Cincinnati vs. Duke, 3:30 p.m., ESPN; Holiday Bowl, Baylor vs. UCLA, 6:45 p.m., ESPN.

NBA Basketball — Dallas at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m., TNT; Boston at Los Angeles Clippers, 7:30 p.m., TNT.

Men's College Basketball — New Mexico at Cincinnati, 6 p.m., ESPN2.

Local Schedule

Today
No local events scheduled.

Tuesday, Dec. 25
No local events scheduled.

Wednesday, Dec. 26
No local events scheduled.

Thursday, Dec. 27
High School Boys Basketball — North Bend vs. McNary, 10:15 a.m.; Molalla vs. North Eugene, 1:45 p.m.; McKay vs. Coquille, 5:15 p.m.; Marshfield vs. Siuslaw, 8:45 p.m. Regis Holiday Tournament: Myrtle Point vs. Regis, 7:30 p.m.

High School Girls Basketball — Les Schwab South Coast Holiday Basketball Tournament at Marshfield: Coquille vs. Siuslaw, 8:30 a.m.; Ashland vs. Myrtle Point, noon; North Eugene vs. North Bend, 3:15 p.m.; Marshfield vs. North Salem, 7 p.m.

High School Wrestling — Marshfield at Sierra Nevada Classic, Reno, all day.

High School Results

BASKETBALL

BOYS

Bandon Dunes Invitational Championship

Del Norte 45, Bandon 30
Del Norte 14 11 15 5 — 45
Bandon 6 6 10 8 — 30

DEL NORTE (45): Aaron Fitch 19, Josh Gruden 9, Steven Maready 8, Shawn DeArmann 6, Doug Owick 3, Jordan Carpenter, Dylan Pease, Blair Westbrook.

BANDON (30): Logan Shea 9, Evan Henson 8, Tristan Davidson 4, Shawn Peters 4, Derik Cox 3, J. Witte 2, Mason Berry, Quentin Coomer, Robert Martino, Tyler Wiprud.

Consolation

Jefferson 59, St. Mary's 55, OT
Jefferson 14 13 13 10 9 — 59
St. Mary's 17 5 13 15 5 — 55

JEFFERSON (59): Wyatt Prunk 16, Gage Wheeler 13, Dusty Epps 11, Miguel Strait 9, Nic Petzold 8, Dakota McCoy 2, Sam Eddieham.

ST. MARY'S (55): Connor Vinyard 18, Dace Benton 11, Renzo Manni 10, Michael Crennen 7, Glenn Alvarez 6, Eli Conway 3, Kele Eaton, Zach Lewis, Ross Robino.

Dune Country Classic Championship

Reedsport 49, Waldport 24
Waldport 2 7 10 5 — 24
Reedsport 11 6 14 18 — 49

WALDPOR (24): Dalton Brown 6, Caleb Bullock 5, Elliot Webb 4, Chris Johnson 3, Tyler Johnson 3, T.J. Fisher 2, Seth Wayman 1, Blake Bittick, Patrick Chapman, Trenton Marquart, Shane McNees, Kraig Pruett, Kyle Rooney, Casey Sell.

REEDSPORT (49): Montana Frame 15, Mike Mitchell 13, Brady Strowbridge 13, Bobby Allen 2, James Hixenbaugh 2, Jordan Ragan 2, Jordan Smith 2, Brandon Gannon, J.R. Kylio.

Consolation

Marshfield freshmen 45, North Douglas 36
North Douglas 8 11 6 11 — 36
Marshfield 6 11 13 15 — 45

NORTH DOUGLAS (36): Garrett Burris 7, Ben Cain 7, Kyle Gilmore 5, Jason Hukkins 5, Jake LaCosse 4, Ryan Rundell 4, Trenton Black 2, Alex Derrick 2, Cordell Wadley.

MARSHFIELD (45): Rylee Trendell 17, Kasey Banks 8, Jake Miles 5, Jacob Dub 4, Corey Shaffer 4, Mason Blohm 2, Malio Favalora 2, Vincent Tine 2, Brett Wyatt 1, Carter Carr, DJ Herrington, Isaac Smith, Kyle Tardie, Bojay Weatherston.

Hometown Hardware Holiday Tournament Championship

Eagle Point 45, Glide 31
Glide 10 14 2 5 — 31
Eagle Point 3 14 13 15 — 45

GLIDE (31): Jacob Fricke 14, Cory Finlay 9, Brendan Fricke 5, Brandon Hatler 3, Cody Cunningham, Joe Hanson, Zach Huckaby, Jake Livingston.

MYRTLE POINT (54): Cooper Stalter 21, Matt Newton 12, Brad Larsen 10, Thomas Nathan 4, Kyle Seals 4, Taylor Fischer 3.

GIRLS

Bandon Dunes Invitational Championship

St. Mary's 47, Bandon 48
St. Mary's 12 8 9 18 — 47
Bandon 13 13 10 6 — 42

ST. MARY'S (47): Emily Alvarez 20, Sarah Ramsay 10, Lilian Martin 9, Viv Juncal 4, MaryBeth Barnum 2, Elise Vasey 2, Dakotah Rothfus, Samantha Weiland.

BANDON (42): Hailey Iverson 15, Riley Wahl 13, Raelyn Freitag 8, Hannah Smith 3, Amy Schoonmaker 2, Kady Valentine 1, Toni Hall.

Consolation

Del Norte 49, Jefferson 28
Del Norte 0 13 17 9 — 49
Jefferson 11 6 2 9 — 28

DEL NORTE (49): Brittany Maready 16, Emma Card 13, Taylor Cleland 6, Regis Loftin 5, Kaitlyn Clemann 4, Jordan Babich 2, Grace Bruschi 2,

Kayla Costello 1, Ericka Alcalá, Sam Lundin, Joely Tynes, Pania Yang.

JEFFERSON (28): Mallory Schmitt 8, Lacey Weddle 8, Emma Kramer 6, Josie Guzman 3, Meghan Schmitt 2, Chey Robbins 1, Darian Epps, Mandy Mendiola, Kaci Rainwater, Kelsey Walker.

Dune Country Classic Championship

North Douglas 38, Reedsport 22
North Douglas 14 10 3 11 — 38
Reedsport 5 7 5 5 — 22

NORTH DOUGLAS (38): Savannah Mast 14, Abby Dooley 7, Kim Davis 6, Bella Mast 5, Dani Baker 3, Taylor Woolley 3, Kelcee Frieze, Megan Lymath.

REEDSPORT (22): Kayla Doane 12, Gabby White 10, Destany Anderson, Ruby Cardoso, Alex Glover, Brittney Manicke, Miranda Mitchell, Alicia Osorio, Madi Richardson, Bailey Tymchuk, Lara Zetzschke.

Consolation

Marshfield freshmen 27, Waldport 26
Waldport 11 4 6 5 — 26
Marshfield 3 12 4 8 — 27

WALDPOR (26): Camilla Alvarado 8, Hannah Houck 6, Lexi Larsen 6, Maria Alvarado 5, Ashley Peterson 1, Angel Butchacs, Abby Cauthon, Jesse Martin, Jazmyne Peake, Ryann Wylie.

MARSHFIELD (27): Hailey Woolsey 9, Francesca Cincillo 8, Hope Lott 5, Ashpen Standlee 2, Katie Whitty 2, Shantaya Cotton 1, Daisy Caballero, Cameron Trujillo.

Hometown Hardware Holiday Tournament Championship

Eagle Point 39, Myrtle Point 32
Eagle Point 9 7 15 8 — 39
Myrtle Point 10 8 10 4 — 32

EAGLE POINT (39): Casie Johnson 19, Sydney May 6, Adrienne Wood 6, Vanessa Pena 4, Bailey Cooper 2, Kourtney Heffett 2, Kinsey Bradshaw, Megan Cowden, Kayla Neilson.

MYRTLE POINT (32): Caitlyn Robison 12, Grace Hermann 8, Chelsie Fandel 4, Kenzie Hittner 2, Bethany Meyer 2, Morgan Newton 2, Nicole Seals 2, Karissa Henshaw, Daysha Stidham, McKenzie Findley.

WRESTLING

Bay City Duals Gold Bracket

Final Order
1. North Medford
2. North Salem
3. Coquille
4. Crescent Valley
5. Brookings-Harbor
6. Myrtle Point
7. Reedsport

Quarterfinals

Coquille 69, Myrtle Point 15
1:11. **113** — Seth Lambson, Coq. p. Levi Randall, 11:11. **113** — Marcus Allen, Coq. won by forfeit. **120** — Kody Courtwright, Coq. d. T.J. Lilly, 10-4. **126** — Trevor Fullerton, MP, d. Wyatt Yates, 7-2. **132** — Eli Officer, MP, p. Brady Jarrett, :19. **138** — Gavin Clawson, Coq. p. Riley Train, 3:29. **152** — Bobby Catlett, MP, p. Chris Elmer, 4:45. **160** — Austin Flood, Coq. p. Dakota Moore, 1:50. **170** — Sye Yates, Coq. p. Johnny Rhodes, :44. **182** — Michael Romine, Coq. p. Chad Thomas (Sut), 1:40. **195** — Andy Clemons, Coq. p. Jared Chamley, 2:00. **220** — Austin Ross, Coq. won by forfeit. **285** — Zach Latti, Coq. won by forfeit.

North Medford 67, Reedsport 6
1:13. **113** — Henry Cox, NM, p. Cole Smith (Mar), 1:13. **113** — Austin Mitchell, NM, won by forfeit. **120** — Caleb Dix, NM, d. Kaylyn Hixenbaugh, 9-0. **126** — Tyler Pearson, NM, p. Logan Entgelmeier (Mar), 1:28. **132** — Bryce Barnhart, Ree, d. Nico Baldovino, 10-8. **138** — Jeremy Sparks, NM, d. Jacob Mast, 8-4. **145** — Jacob Cassaro, Ree, d. Dylan Wedman, 7-2. **152** — Colby Deskins, NM, p. Cameron Winfield, 1:37. **160** — Wyatt Westfall, NM, p. Heath Shanklynn, 1:47. **170** — Reid Shipley, NM, p. Haden Sans, :20. **182** — Trenton Wilson, NM, p. Egypt Glover, :41. **195** — Kaden Johnson, NM, p. Wade Hutchinson, 1:48. **220** — Jacob Kasper, NM, p. Tyler Christie, 3:07. **285** — Avion Maloney, NM, p. Daniel Genry, 2:25.

Crescent Valley 48, Brookings-Harbor 25
Match details not available

Semifinals

North Medford 49, Coquille 24
1:06 — Henry Cox, NM, p. Seth Lambson, :54. **113** — Austin Mitchell, NM, p. Marus Allen, 3:03. **120** — Kody Courtwright, Coq. d. Caleb Dix, 6-0. **126** — Tyler Pearson, NM, p. Wyatt Yates, 3:13. **132** — Brady Jarrett, Coq. p. Nico Baldovino, 2:41. **138** — Jeremy Sparks, NM, p. Gavin Clawson, 1:11. **145** — Tristan Dixon, Coq. p. Dylan Wedman, 2:18. **152** — Colby Deskins, NM, d. Chris Elmer, 9-2. **160** — Austin Flood, Coq. p. Wyatt Westfall, 3:39. **170** — Reid Shipley, NM, p. Sye Yates, 5:43. **182** — Michael Romine, Coq. d. Trenton Wilson, 3-1. **195** — Kaden Johnson, NM, p. Andy Clemons, 1:57. **220** — Jacob Kasper, NM, d. Austin Ross, 11-2. **285** — Avion Maloney, NM, p. Zach Latti, 1:07.

North Salem 39, Crescent Valley 35
1:06 — Daniel Hale, CV, won by forfeit. **113** — Diego Trujillo, NS, p. Ben Hale. **120** — Raymond Smith, NS, d. John Stang, 7-3. **126** — Stanfur Lassen, CV, p. Kiera Galdon, 5:24. **132** — Alex Rich, CV, d. Gustavo Ramirez, 4-1. **138** — Alfredo Guevara, NS, p. Brock Wilson, 2:45. **145** — Kyle Stein, CV, d. Kyle Ball, 10-0. **152** — C. Armatas, CV, p. Mason Rylander, :42. **160** — Justin Waldrop, NS, won by injury default over Jadison Lassen. **170** — Jacob Siefarth, CV, p. Aleks Khmelev, 1:82. — Gerardo Garibay, NM, p. Trevor Rowney, 195 — Sam Hiron, NS, won by forfeit. **220** — Caleb Ball, NS, won by forfeit. **285** — Austin Powell, CV, d. Austin Shoopman, 14-6.

Consolation

North Medford 51, North Salem 24
1:06 — Henry Cox, NM, won by forfeit. **113** — Austin Mitchell, NM, d. Diego Trujillo, 1:01. **120** — Raymond Smith, NS, p. Caleb Dix, 1:27. **126** — Tyler Pearson, NM, won by forfeit. **132** — Nico Baldovino, NM, won by forfeit. **138** — Andrew Carroll, NS, p. Jeremy Sparks, 3:21. **145** — Alfredo Guevara, NS, d. Dylan Wedman, 5-2. **152** — Justin Waldrop, NS, d. Colby Deskins, 12-8. **160** — Wyatt Westfall, NM, won by forfeit. **170** — Reid Shipley, NM, p. Aleks Khmelev, :35. **182** — Trenton Wilson, NM, p. Gerardo Garibay, 1:15. **195** — Kaden Johnson, NM, p. Caleb Ball, :32. **220** — Sam Hiron, NS, p. Jacob Kasper, 1:40. **285** — Avion Maloney, NM, d. Austin Shoopman, 3-2.

Consolation Quarterfinals

Myrtle Point 42, Reedsport 30
1:06 — Levi Randall, MP, won by forfeit (Cole Smith, Mar, p. Randall, 1:15). **113** — Double forfeit. **120** — T.J. Lilly, MP, d. Kaylyn Hixenbaugh, 10-4. **126** — Trevor Fullerton, MP, d. Logan Entgelmeier (Mar), 12-0. **132** — Eli Officer, MP, p. Brady Jarrett, 1:01. **138** — Gavin Clawson, Coq. p. Riley Train, MP, p. Brady Jarrett, 3:13. **152** — Bobby Catlett, MP, d. Cameron Winfield, 12-8. **160** — Dakota Moore, MP, p. Heath Shanklin. **170** — Haden Sans, Ree, p. Johnny Rhodes. **182** — Egypt Glover, Ree, p. Chad Thomas. **195** — Jared Chamley, MP, p. Wade Hutchinson. **220** — Tyler Christie, Ree, won by forfeit. **285** — Daniel Gentry, Ree, won by forfeit.

Consolation Semifinals

Coquille 54, Brookings-Harbor 18
1:06 — Seth Lambson, Coq. d. Ryder McKee (Mar), 11-7. **113** — Marcus Allen, Coq. won by forfeit. **120** — Kody Courtwright, Coq. p. Phillip Spencer, 3:34. **126** — Wyatt Yates, Coq. p. Brycen Cessum, 3:17. **132** — Matt Sanders, BH, p. Brady Jarrett, 3:36. **138** — Jess Fitzhugh, BH, p. Gavin Clawson, :20. **145** — Chris Hannan, BH, d. Tristan Dixon, 7-1. **152** — Cole Elmer, Coq. p. Eddie Yegor, 3:07. **160** — Austin Flood, Coq. p. Tyler Marrington, :49. **170** — Sye Yates, Coq. won by tech fall over Ethan Williams, 16-1. **182** — Mike Romine, Coq. d. Christian Hooper, 4-0. **195** — CJ Paxton, BH, d. Andy Clemons, 5-0. **220** — Austin Ross, Coq. won by forfeit. **285** — Zach Latti, Coq. p. Tristan Lawson, 1:18.

Crescent Valley 53, Myrtle Point 15
1:06 — Levi Randall, MP, p. Daniel Hale, 5:36. **113** — Ben Hale, CV, won by forfeit. **120** — T.J. Lilly, MP, d. John Stang, 10-6. **126** — Stanfur Lassen, CV, p. Trevor Fullerton, 1:06. **132** — Alex Rich, CV, d. Eli Officer, 10-8. **138** — Brock Wilson, CV, won by forfeit. **145** — Kyle Stein, CV, d. Riley Train, 3-2. **152** — C. Armatas, CV, p. Bobby Catlett, :58. **160** — Aron Wilson, CV, p. Dakota Moore, 1:38. **170** — Johnny Rhodes, MP, p. Jacob Siefarth, 1:12. **182** — Trevor Rowney, CV, won by forfeit (Chad Thomas, Sut, d. Rowney, 9-4). **195** — Samuel Kane, CV, p. Jared Chamley, 2:20. — Double Forfeit. **285** — Austin Powell, CV, won by forfeit.

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Sports

Another American rises to stardom on slopes

17-year-old Mikaela Shiffrin wins her first World Cup event as she follows in the footsteps of Lindsey Vonn

BY PAT GRAHAM
The Associated Press

Teenager Mikaela Shiffrin has nearly flawless form when she cruises through a slalom course.

Her secret? She pictures the gates as trees and keeps her elbows close because, “arms flying out will get taken off by a tree.”

And the 17-year-old almost always seems to be in perfect rhythm.

Her method? She hears drum beats as she swooshes along because, “going around the gates is like a song.”

Well, Shiffrin has certainly found her cadence on the course, racing to her first World Cup victory Thursday in Are, Sweden. She’s rapidly becoming skiing’s next big thing.

Just in time, too, for the United States, with Lindsey Vonn taking a break from the circuit to recover from a nagging virus that has zapped her strength.

Ever since Shiffrin burst on the scene, she’s drawn the inevitable comparisons to Vonn.

Not that Shiffrin minds, because she definitely has a lot in common with her idol.

And now, above all else, this – winning.

At 17 years, 9 months, Shiffrin became the third youngest American to win a World Cup race behind Kiki Cutter (16 years, 7 months) and Judy Nagel (17 years, 5

months). Vonn didn’t win her first big-league event until 20.

The thrill felt precisely the way Shiffrin thought it would, too. After holding nothing back in her second run of a night slalom, Shiffrin quickly glanced at the clock.

First place, by a slim margin.

She held her breath as Frida Hansdotter of Sweden careened down the course, unable to match her time.

Stunned, Shiffrin glanced around the crowd for the one person she wanted to see more than any other – her mom.

They’ve become a team within a team on the tour. Her mom follows along to the races, just to keep her from getting too homesick. Eileen Shiffrin also provides home-cooked meals from their base of operations – a rented apartment in Austria – and helps her daughter with homework.

“I kept seeing her across the fence and couldn’t get to her,” Mikaela Shiffrin said. “I finally saw her and I could release some of my emotions. Hearing her say, ‘Great job,’ and ‘I love you’ and ‘I’m so proud of you’ was just the best thing. That’s when I started to realize I had worked so hard for this, and she’s been here the whole time.”

“This is wonderful.” That new approach appears to be working out just fine for Shiffrin.

See, she no longer worries about being fast enough to earn a second run or frets about being able to keep up with the skiers she grew up idolizing.

All those thoughts used to cross her mind before she pushed out of the starting gate.

It was a heavy burden to carry down the slopes.

Now, there’s only this floating through her mind: She’s ready for success. Go for it. Stop over-analyzing everything.

“I’ve been in this position a couple of times now and gave it away because I was thinking too much about today being my day,” said Shiffrin, who’s finishing up high school by taking online classes through Burke Mountain Academy in Vermont. “I kept telling everybody I won’t win until I’m ready. I couldn’t tell you when that’s going to be, but I hoped it was soon.”

“All of a sudden, I just felt ready. I guess that’s how I knew. There wasn’t one specific thing that happened. For some reason, I decided to put everything away and race like I’m never going to race again. It worked.”

Did it ever.

She’s come so close to winning before, taking third in a slalom race in Lienz, Austria, last December for her first podium finish.

A month ago in Levi, Finland, she broke through again, capturing third in



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Mikaela Shiffrin speeds past a pole during the first run of a World Cup slalom in Are, Sweden, last week. Shiffrin won the event for her first World Cup victory.

another slalom event.

About then, something dawned on her. She was holding herself back. By letting go of expectations, she was able to ski faster – and freer.

“I know how to deal with nerves better,” said Shiffrin, who currently leads the World Cup slalom standings over Maria Hoefl-Riesch of Germany. “Any doubts I have, I just push them away and deal with the task at hand. I’m trying to keep it really simple.”

Simple may be the best way to describe her skiing as well. There’s no wasted movement as she navigates through a course.

She said that’s from skiing in the powder and over bumps back home in Vail, Colo., slipping through tight trails lined with trees.

“I would think of the trees as slalom gates, except you really don’t want to hit them,” she said. “You have to keep everything in and stable.”

And when she’s really on her game, it’s almost like she can hear a beat in her head.

“The gates hitting the ground – it’s like a song, when the drums go berserk,” she said. “That really helps me. It’s like, ‘OK, let’s try to pick up the pace here. The drum tempo is picking up!’ I can feel myself hitting the gates faster. I hear the tempo in my mind and all of a sudden I’m in the zone and can’t be distracted.”

Although Shiffrin primarily concentrates on the technical events, someday down the road she’d like to try the downhill and super-G. But

that’s a conversation for a different time, once she gets her technique mastered.

“My main goal right now is to really dial in my slalom and giant slalom,” she said. “Under the pressure of racing, I need to bring out my best skiing. But I’m itching to go fast. I love speed.”

She’s not alone. The U.S. squad is experiencing quite a renaissance this season, with Leanne Smith, Stacey Cook and Marco Sullivan all earning podium spots, while veteran Steven Nyman won his first downhill race since 2006.

That certainly inspired Shiffrin.

“The U.S. Ski Team is on fire right now,” Shiffrin said. “They kind of stoked the fire, really started the fire, and I’m trying to keep it lit right now.”

NFL Two kickers break records

From Page B1

It was the seventh time Luck has rallied his team to victory in the fourth quarter.

Darius Butler returned an interception 32 yards for a TD in helping the Colts (10-5) join the 2008 Miami Dolphins as the only NFL teams to win at least 10 games after losing 14 or more the previous season. The Chiefs are 2-13.

Bengals 13, Steelers 10: At Pittsburgh, Brown missed a 56-yarder earlier in the fourth quarter, but earned a second chance when Reggie Nelson picked off Ben Roethlisberger and returned it to the Pittsburgh 46 with 14 seconds remaining. Andy Dalton hit A.J. Green for 21 yards on the next play, setting up Brown’s winner.

Dalton completed 24 of 41 for 278 yards and two interceptions for the Bengals (9-6), who snapped a five-game losing streak to Pittsburgh (7-8).

Seahawks 42, 49ers 13: At Seattle, Russell Wilson threw four touchdown passes to move into second place for TD passes by a rookie. Marshawn Lynch scored twice in front of Seattle’s rocking crowd.

Wilson threw TDs to Lynch, Anthony McCoy and two in the second half to Doug Baldwin to give him 25 for the season, one shy of Peyton Manning’s record of 26. Lynch added 111 yards rushing and a 24-yard TD run on Seattle’s opening drive that set the tone.

Richard Sherman returned a blocked field goal 90 yards for a touchdown and added an interception for the Seahawks (10-5).

Colin Kaepernick and the 49ers (10-4-1) struggled with the deafening noise echoing around CenturyLink Field, making for a miserable 49th birthday for 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh.

Redskins 27, Eagles 20: At Philadelphia, the Redskins are on the brink of their first division title in 13 years.

Rookie Robert Griffin III threw two touchdown passes in his first game back from a knee injury and Kai Forbath set the NFL record for consecutive field goals to begin a career.

Nick Foles drove the Eagles to the Washington 5 before his intentional grounding penalty ended the game.

The Redskins (9-6) have won six in a row. Washington has not reached

the playoffs since 2007.

Trying to play spoiler, the Eagles (4-11) fell short in what could’ve been Andy Reid’s last game coaching the team at home. Reid is unlikely to return to Philadelphia for his 15th season next year.

Forbath kicked field goals of 45 and 42 yards in the first half, giving him 17 straight. Garrett Hartley had kicked 16 straight for New Orleans.

Saints 34, Cowboys 31, OT: At Arlington, Texas, Garrett Hartley kicked a 20-yard field goal in overtime. Drew Brees threw for 446 yards and three touchdowns and led a drive to the winning kick. The Saints lucked out before the winning kick when a fumble by Marques Colston rolled forward about 20 yards to the Dallas 2. Jimmy Graham recovered.

The Cowboys (8-7) lost despite rallying for two touchdowns in the final 3:35 of regulation. Tony Romo, who threw for 416 yards and four scores, hit Miles Austin for the tying touchdown with 15 seconds left in regulation.

The playoff hopes for the Saints (7-8) ended with Minnesota’s win against Houston.

Ravens 33, Giants 14: At Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw for 309 yards and two touchdowns as Baltimore won the AFC North.

The Ravens (10-5) led 24-7 at halftime and cruised to the finish behind a short-handed defense that harassed quarterback Eli Manning and limited New York (8-7) to 186 yards.

Baltimore amassed a season-high 533 yards, 289 in the first half. The victory ended a three-game skid for the Ravens.

Vikings 23, Texans 6: At Houston, Adrian Peterson rushed for 86 yards, falling far short of the 2,000-yard mark.

Christian Ponder threw a touchdown pass, Toby Gerhart added a score and Blair Walsh kicked three field goals for Minnesota (9-6).

The loss kept the Texans (12-3) from clinching home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. They failed to score a TD for the first time in six years.

Peterson had his lowest rushing total since getting 79 yards on Oct. 14 in a loss at Washington. He has 1,898 this season and needs 208 yards to break the NFL single-season rushing record held by Eric Dickerson.

Walsh, meanwhile, set an NFL record with nine field goals of 50 yards or longer with a 56-yarder.

The record was held by two players who had eight in a season. Jason Hanson of



The Associated Press

Cincinnati kicker Josh Brown celebrates hitting a 43-yard field goal with 4 seconds left to beat the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday and clinch a playoff spot for the Bengals.

Detroit did it in 2008 and Morten Andersen had eight in 1995 with Atlanta.

Broncos 34, Browns 12: At Denver, Peyton Manning threw three touchdown passes for the 72nd time of his career. Manning finished with 339 yards on 30-for-43 passing.

Von Miller was in on two sacks for the Broncos (12-3), the second of which knocked Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden out of the game with a right shoulder injury.

If Denver defeats Kansas City at home next week and Houston loses at Indianapolis, the Broncos would be the AFC’s top seed.

Packers 55, Titans 7: At Green Bay, Wis., Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and ran for another, Ryan Grant scored twice and Randall Cobb set a single-season franchise record for net yardage.

The victory ensured the Packers (11-4) will at least be the NFC’s No. 3 seed, but currently are No. 2. It was the first time the Packers have scored more than 50 points since 2005.

Jake Locker was sacked seven times and picked off twice, and Tennessee (5-10) scored with 1:39 left to avoid the shutout.

Bears 28, Cardinals 13: At Glendale, Ariz., Chicago’s defense scored two touchdowns.

Charles Tillman returned an interception 10 yards for a score, the third pick he’s brought back for a touchdown this season and the eighth overall by Chicago, one shy of the NFL record. Zack Bowman returned a fumble 1 yard for another Bears score.

Brandon Marshall caught six passes for 68 yards and a TD, breaking the franchise record for yards receiving in a season.

Chicago (9-6) snapped a three-game slide and won for

just the second time in seven tries. The Cardinals (5-10) lost for the 10th time in 11 games.

Patriots 23, Jaguars 16: At Jacksonville, Fla., Tom Brady overcame a rough start by throwing two touchdown passes. Brady threw two interceptions in the first quarter, the second helping the Jaguars (2-13) build a 10-0 lead.

But the Jaguars faded in the third quarter for the fourth consecutive week, lost for the 11th time in the last 12 games and set a franchise record for defeats in a season.

Brady hooked up with Wes Welker for a 2-yard score on the second play of the fourth quarter, putting the Patriots (11-4) ahead 23-13.

Falcons 31, Lions 18: At Detroit on Saturday night, Matt Ryan matched a career high with four touchdown passes, two to Roddy White.

The Falcons (13-2) pulled away with Ryan’s fourth TD pass to Michael Palmer in the fourth quarter.

Detroit (4-11) dropped its seventh straight game.

Lions receiver Calvin Johnson broke Jerry Rice’s NFL single-season yards receiving mark of 1,848. He also became the first player with 100 yards receiving in eight straight games and the first with 10 receptions in four games in a row.

Rams 28, Buccaneers 13: At Tampa, Sam Bradford tossed a pair of touchdown passes and rookie cornerback Janoris Jenkins scored his fourth TD of the season.

Bradford connected with Lance Kendricks on an 80-yard scoring play and the Rams (7-7-1) intercepted Josh Freeman four times, turning three of the turnovers into TDs. Jenkins’ pick and 41-yard return came in the second quarter.

Steven Jackson rushed for 81 yards and one TD, moving

within 10 yards of reaching 1,000 for the eighth consecutive season for the Rams. Tampa Bay fell to 6-9 after its fifth straight loss.

Dolphins 24, Bills 10: At Miami, Reggie Bush caught two touchdown passes and scored on a short run.

Six minutes after they won, the Dolphins (7-8) were eliminated from playoff contention when Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh.

The Bills (5-10) came into the game assured of missing the playoffs for the 13th consecutive year.

Bush’s first TD catches of the season covered 17 and 12 yards.

Chargers 27, Jets 17: At East Rutherford, N.J., San Diego sacked Greg McElroy 11 times, ruining the quarterback’s first NFL start, and Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes.

McElroy, the third-stringer starting for the benched Mark Sanchez, moved the offense for the Jets (6-9) early but faced pressure all game.

With a chance to get New York back into it with less than 5 minutes remaining, McElroy was sacked by Shaun Phillips and lost the ball. Phillips recovered and San Diego (6-9) sealed the win.

Rivers had touchdown tosses of 37 yards to Danario Alexander and 34 yards to Antonio Gates.

Panthers 17, Raiders 6: At Charlotte, N.C., Cam Newton threw for 171 yards and a touchdown and ran for 60 yards and another score as Carolina won for the fourth time in its last five games.

The Panthers (6-9) held the Raiders (4-11) to 189 total yards and 12 first downs in a game featuring several shoving matches, plenty of heated exchanges and six unnecessary roughness penalties – including one that sidelined Oakland quarterback Carson Palmer for the day.

Pagano returns to work for Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) – Chuck Pagano was back at work this morning.

Three months after taking an indefinite leave to battle leukemia, the Colts’ coach was scheduled to meet with players, coaches and reporters as he retook the reins from interim coach Bruce Arians.

When Pagano arrived at the team headquarters, he drove past an inflatable Colts player to the side of the driveway with a simple message across the chest “Welcome Back Chuck.” The sign usually reads “Beat,” plus whichever team the Colts play next.

Indianapolis (10-5) has been waiting months for this day, and last week Arians called Pagano’s impending return the best Christmas gift the team could get.

Pagano began the first of three rounds of chemotherapy Sept. 26, after the team completed its final practice during a bye week.

When the Colts returned to their practice facility Oct. 1, they were told Pagano had cancer and was taking an indefinite leave.

Arians, a prostate cancer survivor, immediately established the goal: Play long enough so Pagano could return to the sideline this season.

If all goes well at practice this week, Pagano will likely be on the sideline calling the shots Sunday against AFC South champion Houston in the regular-season finale. It would be the first time Pagano has been making game-day decisions since Jacksonville scored a last-minute touchdown on an 80-yard TD pass in Week 3, handing Indy it’s only home loss this season.

Under Arians, the Colts did better than anyone expected.

When players arrived at training camp in August, they handed out T-shirts that showed where the so-called experts figured they would finish this season: The NFL’s worst team again.

But with Sunday’s 20-13 victory at Kansas City, Indy clinched its first playoff spot of the post-Peyton Manning era and Arians tied the league record for most wins after a midseason coaching change (nine).

Sports



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Phoenix forward Markieff Morris gets a face-full of net as he puts down a reverse dunk against the Los Angeles Clippers during the second half Sunday. The Clippers won the game to extend their win streak to a franchise-best 13 games.

Streaking clippers win again

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX — Blake Griffin scored 23 points, Chris Paul had 17 points and 13 assists and the Los Angeles Clippers extended a franchise record with their 13th consecutive victory, 103-77 over the Phoenix Suns on Sunday night.

Reserve Jamal Crawford added 22 points for the Clippers, who won in Phoenix for the first time since April 17, 2007. Los Angeles' overall win streak is an NBA season best and its six straight road victories are also a franchise best.

Jared Dudley scored 19 points, Luis Scola had 11 and Markieff Morris added 10 for the Suns, who have dropped two straight after winning four in a row.

Phoenix kept it close for the first quarter and half of the second. Shannon Brown sank an 11-foot pull-up jumper on a fast break as the

Suns trimmed an eight-point deficit to 43-40 with 5:36 left in the first half.

That was the Suns' next-to-last field goal of the half.

Knicks 94, Minnesota 91: Carmelo Anthony scored 19 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter, rallying New York to a victory over Minnesota.

New York trailed from the opening minutes until Anthony scored eight straight points down the stretch. He had scored just nine points on 3-of-11 shooting in the first half, but had the final 12 for the Knicks to give them a 4-2 finish on their six-game homestand.

J.R. Smith added 19 points and Tyson Chandler had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Knicks, who flew to Los Angeles later Sunday for their Christmas Day game against the Lakers.

Nikola Pekovic had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Timberwolves.

Spurs 129, Mavericks 91: Danny Green scored a career-high 25 points and San Antonio spoiled Dirk

Nowitzki's season debut with a rout of Dallas.

Tony Parker had 18 points, Kawhi Leonard added 17, Tim Duncan 15 and Stephen Jackson 14 for the Spurs (21-8), who were 20 of 30 from 3-point range and led by as many as 46.

After missing the Mavericks' first 27 regular-season games, Nowitzki entered with 6:28 left in the first quarter. Nowitzki, who underwent surgery on his right knee Oct. 19, finished with eight points — going 3 for 4 from the field — and six rebounds in 20 minutes.

Darren Collison scored 15 points to lead Dallas (12-16), which lost its third straight.

Nets 95, 76ers 92: Joe Johnson scored 22 points, and Gerald Wallace had 14 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead Brooklyn to a win over Philadelphia.

Deron Williams added 16 points to help the Nets end a six-game skid at home against the 76ers.

Jrue Holiday led Philadelphia with 21 points, nine assists and six rebounds,

Thaddeus Young added 18 points and 10 rebounds, and Evan Turner had 15 points and seven rebounds. The 76ers, opening an eight-game trip, have lost six of their last seven games.

Jazz 97, Magic 93: Paul Millsap scored 18 points, Gordon Hayward added 17 and Utah survived a fourth-quarter rally to slip past Orlando.

Orlando cut the lead to one in the waning seconds, but came up empty at the foul line.

Utah snapped a two-game losing streak with its fifth consecutive regular-season victory over Orlando. The Jazz played without point guard Mo Williams, out indefinitely with a thumb injury.

Arron Afflalo had 20 points, and Nik Vucevic added 16 points and 16 rebounds to lead Orlando, which has dropped back-to-back games since losing starting forward Glen Davis to a shoulder injury.

The loss also ended the Magic's three-game home winning streak.

Vaz will start for Beavers in bowl

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CORVALLIS — Junior Cody Vaz will start at quarterback for No. 15 Oregon State in the Alamo Bowl against Texas.

Beavers coach Mike Riley held off making a decision between Vaz and sophomore Sean Mannion until Saturday. Oregon State (9-3) traveled to San Antonio on Sunday to prepare for next week's game with the Longhorns (8-4).

Mannion has thrown for 2,446 yards, 15 touchdowns and 13 interceptions in nine games this season.

Vaz has thrown for 1,286 yards, 11 touchdowns and one interception in six games.

Mannion started the first four games of the season, throwing seven touchdown passes and averaging 339 yards, but sustained an injury to his left knee that required surgery. Vaz, who hadn't started since high school, took over and helped the Beavers win their next two games. He later became the team's starter.

But Vaz sprained his left ankle in the final moments of a loss to Stanford, and Mannion started the final three games.

"I have to stress we are choosing between good, not good and bad," Riley said after practice Saturday.

The two quarterbacks took similar reps in practice until Saturday when Vaz played primarily with the first-team offense. The Beavers will resume practice today in San Antonio.

BASEBALL

Indians woo free agent Swisher to Cleveland

CLEVELAND — The Indians' pitch to bring Nick Swisher "home" worked.

Two people familiar with the negotiations said Swisher has agreed to a \$56 million, four-year contract with the Indians, who used the free agent outfielder's deep Ohio connections to persuade him to join the club. The people spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because Swisher must take a physical before the deal can be finalized. The Indians are expected to announce Swisher's signing after Christmas, one of the people said.

The 32-year-old spent the last four seasons with the New York Yankees, taking advantage of the short right-field porch at Yankee Stadium. A switch-hitter, Swisher hit .272 this season with 24 homers and 93 RBIs.

Swisher will fill an outfield hole for the Indians, who traded Shin-Soo Choo to Cincinnati.

Ibanez, Mariners agree to one-year contract

NEW YORK — A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that Raul Ibanez and the Seattle Mariners have agreed to a \$2.75 million, one-year contract.

The deal allows Ibanez to earn an additional \$1.25 million in performance bonuses, the person said Saturday night, speaking on condition of anonymity because the agreement had not been announced.

Ibanez returns to the team he began his big league career with from 1996-00, then rejoined from 2004-08.

Now 40, Ibanez spent the past season with the New York Yankees and became popular with fans for his late-game home runs. Ibanez hit .240 with 19 homers and 62 RBIs in 384 at-bats.

Former infielder Freel dead of apparent suicide

MIAMI — Ryan Freel, a former Major League Baseball player known for his fearless play but whose career was cut short after eight seasons by a series of head and other injuries, was found dead Saturday in Jacksonville, Fla., according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Freel, who was 36, died of what appeared to be a self-inflicted shotgun wound,

sheriff's office spokesman Shannon Hartley wrote in an email Sunday. The medical examiner will make the final determination of the cause of death.

The speedy Freel spent six of his eight big league seasons with Cincinnati and finished his career in 2009 with a .268 average and 143 steals.

The Jacksonville native thrilled fans with his all-out style, yet it took a toll on his career. During his playing days, he once estimated he had sustained up to 10 concussions. Freel missed 30 games in 2007 after a collision with a teammate caused a concussion.

Freel showed no fear as he ran into walls, hurtled into the seats and crashed into other players trying to make catches. His jarring, diving grabs often made the highlight reels, and he was praised by those he played with and against for always having a dirt-stained uniform.

BASKETBALL

Mavericks grant Fisher's request for release

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks waived Derek Fisher, a move made at the request of the veteran guard.

The Mavericks announced the move Saturday, four days after the 38-year-old Fisher strained a tendon in his right knee in a game against Philadelphia.

Fisher, a 16-year veteran who won five championships with the Los Angeles Lakers, was a free agent when he signed with Dallas three weeks ago because of injuries and lack of depth at the point.

In nine games for Dallas, Fisher averaged 8.6 points and 3.6 assists.

Fisher released a statement Saturday saying his recovery time will be about two weeks, and that it was difficult for him to be away from his family. He said he asked to be waived so he could return home.

CYCLING

Newspaper files lawsuit against Armstrong

LONDON — A British newspaper is suing Lance Armstrong for more than \$1.5 million over the cyclist's successful libel action regarding doping allegations.

The Sunday Times paid Armstrong 300,000 pounds (now about \$485,000) to settle a case after it printed allegations in 2004 that he took performance-enhancing drugs.

The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency concluded this year that Armstrong led a massive doping program on his teams. Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned from cycling for life.

The Sunday Times said in its latest edition that it has issued legal papers against Armstrong "demanding a return of the settlement payment plus interest, as well as its costs in defending the case."

HOCKEY

Sides still aren't talking in NHL labor dispute

NEW YORK — All is quiet between the NHL and the players' association, and there is no sign the sides will talk even by phone before Christmas.

"Nothing today," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press in an email Sunday night. "Don't know whether we will speak before the holiday."

Daly and players' association special counsel Steve Fehr spoke to each other Saturday, but nothing of note came out of those discussions. The union declined to comment Sunday, the 99th day of the NHL lockout.

The sides haven't met face to face since Dec. 13.

All games through Jan. 14 have already been called off, and if a new collective bargaining agreement isn't reached by then, the remainder of the schedule could be canceled, too. So far, 625 games — more than 50 percent of the schedule — have been wiped out, along with the Winter Classic and the All-Star game.

Sacramento ends Portland's run

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — It appears the Sacramento Kings can play well without their controversial leading scorer and rebounder, DeMarcus Cousins.

With Cousins not in the arena due for disciplinary reasons, the Kings were an effective, unselfish team.

Now the question is whether they can keep it up.

Marcus Thornton scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half to help the slumping Kings snap Portland's five-game winning streak with a 108-96 victory over the Trail Blazers on Sunday night.

Cousins, who is the starting center, was suspended indefinitely Saturday for unprofessional behavior and conduct detrimental to the team. The third-year player and Kings head coach Keith Smart had a confrontation during halftime of Friday's 97-85 loss to the Los Angeles Clippers. Smart told Cousins to stay in the locker room and not join the team for the second half.

Sacramento had six players in double figures and recorded a season-high 31 assists against Portland. The Kings pulled away in the second half, shooting nearly 71 percent after the break. Using its eighth different starting lineup this season, Sacramento had a season-best 45 field goals.

"We were missing DeMarcus, so we had a different lineup out there and it worked out tonight," said James Johnson, who made a rare start at power forward while Jason Thompson moved to center. "We were a small team tonight so we ran fast and played very unselfish."

Both Thornton and Salmons helped spark the second-half surge after both were relative non-factors in the opening half. The pair combined for 31 second-half points, helping the Kings pull away.

Thornton made 8 of 11 shots in the second half and finished with four rebounds and four assists. Salmons had 13 of his 15 points in the second half and also added seven rebounds and seven assists.

"John is a very unselfish player and can get his own shots," Thornton said. "He got going in the second half. Me and the first half didn't do so well. But I came on at the right time and got hot in the second half."

Already ahead by nine points, the Kings opened the fourth quarter with a 7-



The Associated Press

Sacramento forward John Salmons drives to the basket against Portland defender Luke Babbitt during the second half Sunday.

0 run, including a 3-pointer by Thornton, to build their lead to 87-71. The Blazers trailed by at least 12 the rest of the way.

"I just think it was one of those games where the other team played better than us," Portland rookie guard Damian Lillard said. "There probably were some defensive mistakes we made that we shouldn't have and they took advantage of it."

Former Blazer Travis Outlaw had a season-high 15 points and Isaiah Thomas added 11 for the Kings, who had lost six of their previous seven games. Both Thompson and Johnson chipped in 10 points.

"It's definitely fun playing against some former teammates," Outlaw said. "I wish I could go out and do it against other teams that well. Everybody got great looks at the rim tonight. We played very unselfish."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points

and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have lost two of three meetings with the Kings this season. Lillard had 15 points and seven assists, Nicolas Batum scored 17, and JJ Hickson had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Kings haven't said when Cousins will be allowed to rejoin the team again. He was told not to attend the game. Cousins is averaging team bests of 16.6 points and 9.5 rebounds.

SATURDAY

Trail Blazers 96, Suns 93: J.J. Hickson had 19 points and 15 rebounds for his seventh straight double-double. Rookie Damian Lillard had 25 points, including 18 in the second half.

Sasha Pavolic and Lillard made consecutive 3-pointers as Portland pulled in front 92-85 with 4:02 left and the Blazers held on to win five straight for the first time since February 2011.

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				North		12-24-12	
				♠ A Q J 10 6 5			
				♥ K 8 6			
				♦ 10 4			
				♣ 10 2			
West				East			
♠ K 9 8 4 3				♠ 7			
♥ Q J 3 2				♥ 9 7			
♦ J 7				♦ A K 8 5 3 2			
♣ Q 9				♣ J 8 5 3			
				South			
				♠ 2			
				♥ A 10 5 4			
				♦ Q 9 6			
				♣ A K 7 6 4			
Dealer: East							
Vulnerable: Neither							
South	West	North	East				
			2 ♦				
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♠	Pass				
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass				
Opening lead: ♦ J							

BRIDGE

First of all, I wish all of my readers a very happy holiday season. And here is this year's Christmas Competition. Ignore the given East-West hands; they will change when the answers to questions one and two are given in the column of Jan. 25, 2013. (The other answers will be on Jan. 26, and the winners announced on March 23.)

1. How should South play in four hearts after West leads the club king?

2. If South is the dealer and East-West pass throughout, how would the

				North		12-24-12	
				♠	A Q J 10 6 5		
				♥	K 8 6		
				♦	10 4		
				♣	10 2		
West				East			
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♥	Q J 3 2			♥	9 7		
♦	J 7			♦	A K 8 5 3 2		
♣	Q 9			♣	J 8 5 3		
				South			
				♠	2		
				♥	A 10 5 4		
				♦	Q 9 6		
				♣	A K 7 6 4		
Dealer: East							
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South	West	North	East				
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Opening lead: ♦ J							

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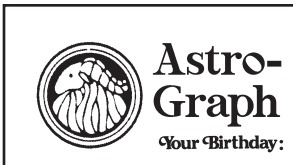
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.

19) — If you're down in the dumps for some reason, you could easily allow negative thinking to dominate your thoughts. Don't predict gloomy results without justification.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

— Make it a point not to mix business with pleasure, especially when it comes to your friends. Even a project with someone whom you totally trust, things could still go wrong.

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— It'll be up to you to take measures to renegotiate a matter that isn't all that you were told it would be. Unless you act, you'll have to live with the dismal original terms.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don't give what you would like to do priority over any tasks given to you by your superiors. You'll need to take your responsibilities seriously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If you are lax and wasteful in the management of your resources over the next few days, you could end up in a serious financial bind. Try to be more careful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — You can bank on others being peeved if you give them reason to believe that your personal interests are far more important than anything in which they're involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It's important that you don't believe everything you hear, because there's likely to be someone who wants to set you up to be a purveyor of misinformation.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COOS

Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff v. Evelyn Ocampo and Marciano Ocampo; Bayview Loan Servicing LL; Janet A. Gonzalez, t/n/a Janet A. Favalora; Unknown Parties in Possession; and Unknown Occupants, Defendants. Case No.: 12CV0608 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION **NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!** You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer." The "motion" or "answer" must be given to the court clerk or administrator within 30 days of the date of first publication, 12/19/2012, along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, proof of service on the Plaintiff. The subject of this a judicial foreclosure of real property commonly known as 871 S Broadway, Coos Bay, OR 97420 for non-payment of mortgage debt. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may call the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. DATED: December 11, 2012. Glogowski Law Firm, PLLC, Katrina E. Glogowski, OSB #035386, 506 2nd Ave Ste 2600, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 903-9966 Fax (206) 405-2701.

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

Reference is made to a certain trust deed ("Trust Deed") made, executed and delivered by **Gwendolyn Cam-**

eron and John Cameron, Tenancy by the Entirety, as grantor, to Fidelity National Title, as trustee, in favor of **Oregon First Community Credit Union**, as beneficiary, dated June 29, 2005, and recorded on July 6, 2005, as Recording No. 2005-9947, in the mortgage records of Coos County, Oregon. Oregon First Community Credit Union is now known as **First Community Credit Union**.

The Trust Deed covers the following described real property ("Property") situated in said county and state, to-wit:

See attached Exhibit A. EXHIBIT A

Real property in the County of Coos, State of Oregon, described as follows:

ALL THAT AREA LOCATED NORTH OF THE BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COOS COUNTY, OREGON;

EXCEPTING & RESERVING THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PORTION: BEGINNING AT THE PIPE LOCATED AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, GO SOUTH 89° 25' EAST, 660.00 FEET, ALONG THE EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE THROUGH SECTION 32; THENCE SOUTH 00° 16' WEST, PARALLEL WITH THE NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER SECTION LINE THROUGH SECTION 32, TO THE NORTH EDGE OF THE SAID BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH EDGE OF THE SAID BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD, WESTERLY AND NORTHWESTERLY, TO A POINT WHERE THE SAID NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER SECTION LINE INTERSECTS THE SAID BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 00° 16' EAST ALONG SAID NORTH-SOUTH QUARTER SECTION LINE, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO SAVE & EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: BEGINNING AT A POINT SOUTH 89° 25' 25" EAST 660 FEET, MORE OR LESS, FROM THE CENTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, SAID POINT BEING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO BRUCE GOLGROVE BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED JANUARY 2, 1975, AS MICROFILM NO. 75-1-108425, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE CONTINUE SOUTH 89° 25' 25" EAST 212.57 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SOL BUCKSBAUM BY INSTRUMENT RECORDED MARCH 20, 1974, AS MICROFILM NO. 74-5-99910, RECORDS OF COOS COUNTY, OREGON; THENCE SOUTH 00° 06' 40" WEST 610.18 FEET TO A 5/8" ROD LOCATED ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY BOUNDARY OF BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD, SAID ROD ALSO BEING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID BUCKSBAUM PROPERTY; THENCE SOUTH 63° 11' 12" WEST 247.0 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE AFOREMENTIONED GOLGROVE PROPERTY; THENCE NORTH 00° 06' 40" EAST 737.70 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ALSO SAVE & EXCEPT THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PARCEL: A PARCEL OF LAND LYING NORTH OF THE 60 FOOT WIDE BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 28 SOUTH, RANGE 14 WEST OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, COOS COUNTY, OREGON, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A 5/8" ROD LOCATED ON THE EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE THROUGH THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 32 WHICH ROD IS LOCATED 8.77 FEET SOUTH AND 872.53 FEET EAST OF THE 2" PIPE MARKING THE EXISTING CENTER OF SAID SECTION 32, GO SOUTH 00° 06' 40" WEST, 610.18 FEET TO A 5/8" ROD LOCATED ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY EDGE OF THE SAID BILL'S CREEK COUNTY ROAD; THENCE NORTH 63° 11' 12" EAST, 238.40 FEET, ALONG THE SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY EDGE TO A 1" ROD; THENCE NORTH 00° 06' 40" EAST, 500.50 FEET TO A 5/8" ROD LOCATED ON THE SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE; THENCE NORTH 89° 25' 25" WEST, 212.57 FEET, ALONG THE SAID EAST-WEST QUARTER SECTION LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

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There are defaults by the grantor or other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by the Trust Deed, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision; the defaults for which foreclosure is made is grantor's failure to pay when

due the following sums:

Arrearage in the sum of \$16,643.37 as of October 1, 2012, plus additional payments, property expenditures, taxes, liens, assessments, insurance, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs, and interest due at the time of reinstatement or sale.

By reason of said defaults, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligations secured by said Trust Deed immediately due and payable, said sums being the following, to-wit:

Payoff in the sum of \$166,924.70 as of October 1, 2012, plus taxes, liens, assessments, property expenditures, insurance, accruing interest, late fees, attorney's and trustee's fees and costs incurred by beneficiary or its assigns.

WHEREFORE, notice hereby is given that the undersigned trustee will on **February 28, 2013**, at the hour of **11:00 a.m.**, in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.110, at the following place: **West Front Entrance of the Coos County Courthouse, 250 N Baxter Street, Coquille, Oregon**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the above-described Property, which the grantor had or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the said Trust Deed, together with any interest which the grantor or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the Trust Deed, to satisfy the obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee.

Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the beneficiary of the entire amount then due (other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred) and by curing any other default complained of herein that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed, and in addition to paying said sum or tendering the performance necessary to cure the default, by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amounts provided by said ORS 86.753.

In construing this notice, the singular includes the plural, the word "grantor" includes any successor in interest to the grantor as well as any other person owing an obligation, the performance of which is secured by said Trust Deed, and the words "trustee" and "beneficiary" include their respective successors in interest, if any.

THE NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS, attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, is incorporated herein by reference. **Exhibit B, NOTICE TO RESIDENTIAL TENANTS**, is not published pursuant to **86.750(2)(b)**.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING THIS NOTICE THAT YOU DISPUTE THE VALIDITY OF THE DEBT, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, WE WILL ASSUME THE DEBT IS VALID. IF YOU NOTIFY US, IN WRITING, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE THAT YOU DO DISPUTE THE DEBT OR ANY PORTION OF IT, WE WILL PROVIDE VERIFICATION BY MAILING YOU A COPY OF THE RECORDS. IF YOU SO REQUEST, IN WRITING, WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR IF DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRENT CREDITOR.

DATED: October 3, 2012.

Valerie A. Tomasi, Successor Trustee
Tomasi Salyer Baroway
121 SW Morrison, Suite 450
Portland, OR 97204
Phone: 503-894-9900;
fax: 971-544-7236

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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

The Trustee under the terms of the Trust Deed described herein, at the direction of the Beneficiary, hereby elects to sell the property described in the Trust Deed to satisfy the obligations secured thereby. Pursuant to ORS 86.745, the following information is provided:

1. PARTIES:

Grantor: SAM D. SHELLHAMER AND CHRISSY M. SHELLHAMER
Trustee: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
Successor Trustee: NANCY K. CARY
Beneficiary: WASHINGTON FEDERAL fka WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The real property is described as follows:
As described in the attached Exhibit A

3. RECORDING.

The Trust Deed was recorded as follows:
Date Recorded: August 15, 2005
Recording No.: 2005-12225
Official Records of Coos County, Oregon

4. DEFAULT.

The Grantor or any other person obligated on the Trust Deed and Promissory Note secured thereby is in default and the Beneficiary seeks to foreclose the Trust Deed for failure to pay: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1,192.00 each, due the first of each month, for the months of April 2012 through August 2012; plus late charges and advances; plus any unpaid real property taxes or liens, plus interest.

5. AMOUNT DUE.

The amount due on the Note which is secured by the Trust Deed referred to herein is: Principal balance in the amount of \$154,028.60; plus interest at the rate of 5.750% per annum from March 1, 2012; plus late charges of \$864.27; plus advances and foreclosure attorney fees and costs.

6. SALE OF PROPERTY.

The Trustee hereby states that the property will be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by the Trust Deed. A Trustee's Notice of Default and Election to Sell Under Terms of Trust Deed has been recorded in the Official Records of Coos County, Oregon.

7. TIME OF SALE.

Date: January 10, 2013
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Coos Bay City Hall, 500 Central Avenue, Coos Bay, Oregon

8. RIGHT TO REINSTATE. Any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time that is not later than five days before the Trustee conducts the sale, to have this foreclosure dismissed and the Trust Deed reinstated by payment to the Beneficiary of the entire amount then due, other than such portion of the principal as would not then be due had no default occurred, by curing any other default that is capable of being cured by tendering the performance required under the obligation or Trust Deed and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and Trust Deed, together with the trustee's and attorney's fees not exceeding the amount provided in ORS 86.753.

You may reach the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service at 503-684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at 800-452-7636 or you may visit its website at: www.osbar.org. Legal assistance may be available if you have a low income and meet federal poverty guidelines. For more information and a directory of legal aid programs, go to <http://www.oregonlawhelp.org>.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Lisa Summers, Paralegal, (541) 686-0344 (TS #15148.30783).

DATED: August 28, 2012.

/s/ Nancy K. Cary
Nancy K. Cary, Successor Trustee
Hershner Hunter, LLP
P.O. Box 1475
Eugene, OR 97440

EXHIBIT A

PARCEL I:

Parcel 2 of Final Partition Plat No. 2002 #2 CAB-C 346, recorded March 6, 2002, in Coos County, Oregon.

PARCEL II:

An appurtenant easements for ingress and egress as set forth in instruments recorded as follows: Book 270, Page 130, recorded February 24, 1959 and Microfilm No. 66-6-10416, recorded June 28, 1966 and Microfilm No. 95-04-0676, recorded April 24, 1995 and Microfilm No. 95-04-0677, recorded April 24, 1995 and Microfilm No. 95-04-0678, recorded April 24, 1995, Records of Coos County, Oregon.

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DEAR DOCTOR K: I saw my doctor for pain and inflammation in my knee. He said I have arthritis caused by a bacterial infection. Could this be true?

DEAR READER: I'll bet that, like many of my patients, you think of arthritis as something caused by wear and tear on a joint. That is the main cause of the most common type of arthritis, osteoarthritis. However, there are other kinds of arthritis, too.

In rheumatoid arthritis and juvenile idiopathic arthritis, an overactive immune system causes joint inflammation. The causes of rheumatoid arthritis are unknown.

But joints also can become infected with bacteria and fungi. These microbes may directly infect the joint, for example, through a puncture wound or major injury. But more often, the infection spreads to a joint by traveling through the bloodstream from somewhere else in the body. Once the microbe reaches the joint, it can multiply. The immune system recognizes the invading foreigner and tries to wipe it out. The infection and the immune response cause warmth, pain, stiffness and swelling.

Several types of bacteria can cause arthritis. Borrelia burgdorferi, for example, is the bacterium that causes Lyme disease. If Lyme disease goes untreated and advances, arthritis may develop, usually in one or both knees.

Arthritic joint pain also affects some people with gonorrhea, a sexually transmitted bacterial infection. Staphylococcus bacteria is another culprit. If a staph infection is not treated promptly, it can cause serious joint damage within days. Tuberculosis, a bacterial infection that usually affects the lungs, can cause arthritis in the spine and other large joints.

The diagnosis of infectious arthritis is made by removing fluid from the joint through a needle. The microbe causing the infection can usually be identified in that fluid.

Once diagnosed, you'll immediately begin antibiotic treatment. This should eliminate the infection and help prevent permanent joint damage if begun early enough. If your infection is advanced, or if joint damage has already occurred, you may need to be hospitalized.

At the hospital, your affected joint can be drained. Sometimes fluid is repeatedly removed with a needle and syringe. In other cases, a surgeon needs to open the joint and place a drain in it to let the joint fluid constantly leak out of the body. You can also receive antibiotics intravenously if necessary. If your joint is seriously damaged, you may need surgery to remove damaged tissue and reconstruct the joint.

Often you need to briefly immobilize your affected joint while recovering from the infection.

But it's best to become active again as soon as you are able. Exercise and physical therapy can help you regain your strength and mobility.

It's much better if you can prevent infectious arthritis from developing in the first place. That means taking steps to avoid infections that can cause infectious arthritis:

- Practice safe sex.
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long pants into socks.

In most healthy adults, gastroenteritis is mild and brief

DEAR DOCTOR K: I was pretty sick recently, and my doctor said I had gastroenteritis. I've never had it before.

How did I get it? A n d w h a t c a n I d o a b o u t i t?

DEAR READER: I'll bet you've had gastroenteritis before, but your doctor didn't use that term. Nearly everyone gets gastroenteritis at some time in their lives, often more than once. Gastroenteritis is an inflammation of the intestines. It causes diarrhea, abdominal cramps, nausea, loss of appetite and vomiting.

You most likely got gastroenteritis through a viral or bacterial infection. These are the two most common causes in adults.

Viral infections that cause gastroenteritis include the Norwalk virus, rotaviruses, adenoviruses and others. These viruses are very contagious; they can spread from one person to another on unwashed hands, or by sharing food or eating utensils with an infected person.

Salmonella, shigella, E. coli and many other bacteria can also cause gastroenteritis.

They can spread through close contact with an infected person, or by drinking or eating infected food or water.

In otherwise healthy adults, gastroenteritis tends to be mild and brief. When it comes again, try the following until your symptoms subside:

■ To prevent dehydration, drink plenty of fluids. Drink water, soft drinks, sports drinks, broth or oral rehydration fluids. If you are unable to drink a lot at once, take many smaller sips over a longer period.

■ Once your nausea starts to subside, gradually resume a normal diet. Begin with clear soups, broth or sweetened gelatin desserts. Build up to rice, rice cereal and more substantial foods.

■ Use over-the-counter anti-diarrhea medicines cautiously.

■ Rest in bed. In the elderly and people with weakened immune systems, gastroenteritis can produce dangerous complications. Even healthy adults may experience severe symptoms.

If you have severe symptoms, your doctor may prescribe medications to ease your nausea, vomiting and diarrhea; intravenous fluids for dehydration; and antibiotics to treat bacterial infection.

To help prevent gastroenteritis in the future:

- Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
- Wash your hands before and after preparing food, especially raw meat.
- Don't transfer cooked foods onto unwashed plates that held raw meat.
- Wash kitchen counter-tops and utensils thoroughly after they have been used to prepare meat.
- Never drink unpasteurized milk or untreated water.
- Drink only bottled water or soft drinks if you travel to an area where sanitation is poor.

The good news about gastroenteritis is that your immune system usually fixes it — admittedly after several uncomfortable days.

The bad news is that, on occasion, it can produce enough diarrhea that a person can get severely dehydrated.

That, in turn, can lead to fainting and to heart problems. To avoid that, you've got to pour as much fluid into your body as you are losing.

If you don't think you can keep up, contact your doctor: You may need a trip to the hospital for intravenous fluids.



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If they did that, **you'd have to know in advance where, when, and how to look, and what to look for**, in order to be informed about government actions that could affect you directly. And people without internet access could no longer be so informed.

Less than 10% of the U.S. population currently visits a government web site daily;* but 80% of all Oregon adults read a newspaper at least once during an average week, and 54% read public notices printed there.**

If public notices were moved from newspapers to government web sites, less than 10% of Oregonians would have any chance of seeing a given public notice. And of those that did see it, about 40% wouldn't trust the content.*

Keep public notices in the newspaper!

* U.S. Census Bureau, May 2009. ** American Opinion Research, Princeton NJ, September 2010.

Hot off the grill at Coach House

I hope everyone is having a wonderful holiday season.

Friends Pat and Jeff recently bought a house, so a celebration was in order.

It had been far too long since Autumn and I had been to the Coach House, so at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday it was for four on the patio.

Unbeknownst to me, I had chosen the coldest, rainiest, windiest day possible to go out for dinner.

The great news is, if any of you were wondering if you could eat out on the heated patio at the Coach House in 38 degree weather with 40 to 50 mph winds — you can. And with all the propane heaters on, it stayed pretty nice.

TABLE FOR TWO



RON JACKIMOWICZ

They really lived up to their Facebook post of Dec. 8 which read:

"We're not scared of a little rain at the Coach House! We'll keep our fires rolling no matter what! Now who's tough enough to dine outside in our heated tent? =)"

Well, we were, and we did. And so did several other groups that night.

Owner Jim Lorenz and the crew did a great job on the barbecues, as usual. We all ordered something different. Autumn had the half-rack of ribs; I had one of the specials, chipotle chicken breasts; Jeff got the flat-iron steak; and Pat had the pork tenderloins. Pat got the French fries, but the rest of us got the twice-baked potato (I'm not sure if the barbecuing or the twice-baked potatoes make this place famous).

I always leave Coach House marveling at what they can do on the grill. And the barbecue sauce on the ribs was great (Autumn did share a rib with me ... I'll consider it a Christmas gift). The sauce starts sweet and then you get that wonderful smoky flavor.

The chipotle sauce on the chicken had just enough kick to it so as not to be too hot. Pat and Jeff left the restaurant with big smiles on their faces and reported back later that their meals were great.

Now I'm wondering how dinner would be there in the snow. With the weather the way it's been lately, I might not have to wait long to find out.

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Where in The World? — Atlantic City



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Mark and Angie Matthecheck, owners of North Bend Lanes recently visited Atlantic City, N.J. to attend a convention. Unfortunately, this area no longer looks like this. "This picture was taken one week before the storm," Mark wrote. "We were at the New Revel Resort for a bowling convention. The boardwalk was a lot of fun. We rode the hand carts for 3 miles one way."

Where in The World? — Hawaii



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Burk and Sonnia Rowe of Winchester Bay celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov.23 on the island of Kauai with the son Darin and wife Susie, son Devin and wife Lisa, and granddaughter Maddie and her friend Jayden Cook, all of Albany.

Where in The World?

If you are going on vacation, take an edition of The World with you. When you find yourself in a picturesque spot like the Lawson's did in France, snap your family/group with the paper. Then, when you visit a local restaurant, get a picture of your meal. Send the vital information: your name and hometown, the city you visited, the restaurant, who was in your group, what you ordered and what you liked about the meal. Photos can be emailed to twphoto@theworldlink.com as jpg-format attachments.



The family spent 10 days exploring the island and one highlight was eating pizza at Bobby V's outdoor Italian restaurant, voted the best pizza on the island. They especially loved the Mediterranean-style pizza with pesto sauce, mozzarella, kalamata olives, capers, sun dried tomatoes and feta cheese.

Holiday dinner comfort classic

BY ALISON LADMAN
The Associated Press

Chicken potpie is a fine, comforting dinner for most of the winter. But at Christmas, you want comfort with a little more. You want a dinner that's as special as it is comforting.

So we used the model of a basic puff pastry-topped chicken potpie, but substituted tender sirloin tips for the poultry. Add a creamy beef gravy and you end up with a savory potpie that is the perfect casual, comforting, yet special way to cap a wonderful Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BEEF POTPIE

Start to finish: 1 hour
Servings: 6
1 1/4 pounds yellow potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
Kosher salt
2 tablespoons butter
1 medium yellow onion, sliced
2 medium shallots, sliced
1 clove garlic, minced
2 large carrots, diced
2 stalks celery, diced
2 tablespoons tomato paste
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons minced fresh thyme
1 1/4 pounds sirloin tips, cut into 1-inch pieces
Ground black pepper
1 tablespoon vegetable or canola oil
1/4 cup red wine
3/4 cup unsalted or low-sodium beef stock
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 sheet puff pastry, thawed according to package directions
Heat the oven to 400 degrees.

Place the potatoes in a medium saucepan. Add enough water to cover by 1 inch. Bring to a boil, then cook until tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Drain and set aside.

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This beef potpie has a flaky puff pastry crust.

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Of droughts and Twinkies – the year in food

New lunch place rules in schools drew high praise from everyone but the kids

By J.M. HIRSCH
The Associated Press

Most Americans never will sip the watermelon margarita at Guy Fieri's behemoth Times Square restaurant, nor savor the chicken Alfredo at the Olive Garden in Grand Forks, N.D.

Yet both eateries somehow shot to the top of the nation's culinary zeitgeist in 2012, for this was the year of the viral restaurant review, when the rants and raves of seasoned pros and naive octogenarians alike got superstar treatment on the world wide smorgasbord.

It was a year when drought crippled farmers while Californians clamored for foie gras. Twinkies died and Paula Deen endorsed a diabetes drug. Which is to say, it was a year when the unlikely was the norm.

While restaurateurs bemoaned the influence of Yelp and other social media review sites, 85-year-old Grand Forks Herald restaurant columnist Marilyn Hagerty cut through the noise, heaping near rhapsodic praise on the fine dining at her community's latest chain restaurant. All she wanted to do was get to her bridge game, but her review became a must-read sensation.

And lest they be considered elite for dissing her devotion to this fine fare, the nation's culinary upper crust rushed to praise her. It was an amusing – and embarrassing – display of the food world's split personality, an ever growing chasm between how real Americans eat, and how real foodies want real Americans to eat. Either

way, Hagerty did OK for herself, landing a book deal with Anthony Bourdain.

Meanwhile, New York Times reviewer Pete Wells scored a celeb smackdown when he slammed Fieri's New York restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar, in a scathing 1,000-word review written almost entirely in questions. Wells took heat for beating on Food Network's bad boy, but the review – which tore across Twitter the instant it was posted – certainly drove hordes to Fieri's tables, even if only to rubber-neck the culinary accident.

Speaking of restaurants taking a beating, the Chick-fil-A chain earned plenty of scorn – and some support – this summer when company president Dan Cathy came out about

his opposition to same sex marriage. The dustup spawned online "Chick-fil-Gay" mockery, but ended with the company saying it would stop funding anti-gay marriage groups.

Another revelation – Twinkies may not last forever. Blaming a labor dispute for ongoing financial woes, Hostess Brands decided to close shop this year, taking with it lunch box staples such as Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder bread. The company said it would try to sell off its many storied brands, so maybe there is hope for the mysteriously enduring snack cakes.

California's foie gras fans may not get a similar second chance. Despite opposition by the state's restaurant industry, as of July it became illegal to sell foie gras –



Clara Zonis, front, and Kelsey Hiscock select food items from the lunch line of the cafeteria at Draper Middle School in Rotterdam, N.Y. The leaner, greener school lunches served under new federal standards are getting mixed grades from students. However, the effort to get more whole grains and produce, but fewer calories and less sodium, into school lunches, the biggest overhaul of federal lunch standards in 15 years, was praised by health advocates.

which is made from goose or duck livers enlarged by force-feeding through funnel-like tubes.

Back in New York, the too-cool-for-you folks spent the summer angsting over whether Brooklyn really did have a hip dining scene. Not that anyone outside New York gives a flying (artisanal bacon-wrapped) fig. But silly one-upmanship gave way to legit worry – and unity – when Superstorm Sandy dealt a devastating blow to the city's restaurant scene.

For this year's truly hot food scene, you needed to head south. Because THE South is where it's happening. Hugh Acheson, Tim Love, John Besh and a gaggle of others are putting a fresh face on what it means to eat well when you're below the Mason-Dixon Line, and the rest of the country started to wake up to this.

And then there's Paula Deen, the doyenne of butter, deep-frying and – at least this year – public relations travesties. Though diagnosed with diabetes several years ago, she waited until January – coincidentally when she also had lined up a lucrative drug endorsement deal – to go public with it. She came off looking money-grubbing, and an opportunity to educate Americans about a devastating disease was mostly lost.

But Americans did learn plenty about their hamburgers. In March, the Internet exploded with worry over so-called pink slime, or what the meat industry prefers to call lean finely textured beef. Though it had been part of the food chain for years, by the end of the kerfuffle the product had all but disappeared.

Filling your grocery cart was – and will continue to be – costly.

This summer's massive



A cashier rings up boxes of Hostess Twinkies and Cup Cakes at the Hostess Brands' bakery in Denver. Blaming a labor dispute for ongoing financial woes, Hostess Brands decided to close shop this year, taking with it lunch box staples such as Twinkies, Ding Dongs and Wonder bread.

drought in the U.S. devastated famers and drove up global food prices. And the hardship isn't over. Analysts say we can expect food prices here to go up by as much as 4 percent in 2013.

Food safety also was a headline grabber. For the first time ever, the Food and Drug Administration used newly granted authority to shutter a company without a court hearing. In November, the government shut down Sunland Inc., the country's largest organic peanut butter processor, after repeated food safety violations.

Meanwhile, the nation's kids seem to be sick of being told to eat healthier. Nutritionists praised the most significant overhaul of federal school lunch standards in

years, but the kids in the lunch lines were less impressed; schools reported more food landing uneaten in the trash.

But the kids won't get much sympathy in New York City, where a first-in-the-nation ban on eateries selling sodas larger than 16 ounces means slurping a monster gulper is going to require double fisting.

At times this year it felt like the food world belonged to the geeks, and the rest of us just eat in it. Nathan Myhrvold's science chic approach to cooking continued to woo foodies, and even the more populist folks at Cook's Illustrated magazine got in on the act with a new cookbook, "The Science of Good Cooking."

Now let's talk trends. Kale was the unlikely darling of 2011, but it started to lose its luster this year. Beets are making a bid for top slot, and would actually stand a chance if they didn't stain your fingers so much. Americans fell in love with dark meat, finally realizing what chefs have

known all along – chicken breasts are the tofu of the meat world. Dark meat actually has flavor.

Craft beer remains a growing market, but hipster drinkers know it's the hard stuff that's happening. Barrel aged cocktails and micro distilleries are raging hot.

Chia seeds also are trying to be hip, and though they've wormed their way into numerous bottled drinks, they will forever suffer from the Ch-ch-ch-chia! effect. If you want to seem impossibly hip, saute or bake something with coconut oil.

But don't be caught dead sipping coconut water. That's so 2011.

By the way, we get it! Any food served out of a truck or from a restaurant that "pops up" is outrageously better than any other food. And eating it makes you impossibly cool.

Now can we please move on to another food world flavor of the week?

And would somebody please, for the love of all that is good, please kill off the cake pop phenomenon?

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Chef John Besh holds the "French Crawfish Boil," which includes Spanish tarragon and Tennessee truffles in his restaurant, "August," in New Orleans. For the truly hot food scene in 2012, the South is where it's happening. Besh, Hugh Acheson, Tim Love, and a gaggle of others are putting a fresh face on what it means to eat well when you're below the Mason-Dixon Line, and the rest of the country started to wake up to this.

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Cocktails from left are a Blueberry 'Tini, a Cantaloupe Rush and a Basil Martini at the Bistro Boudin in San Francisco. All were made with vodka. Booze with multiple personalities, like the best kind of party guests, can adapt to the situation and provide a festive little home bar that adds panache to your holiday party.

Raise the cocktail bar

Versatile alcohols can help make the party

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
The Associated Press

What you want: A festive bar that will add panache to your next holiday party. What you don't want: Having to spend oodles of cash on a confusing array of bottles you're not sure how to use.

The solution? Pick booze that — like the best kind of guest — is flexible, able to take on different roles as party dynamics dictate.

So we asked three bartenders to come up with one liquor and three ways to serve it and got the following suggestions.

Versatile vodka

At Bistro Boudin in San Francisco's historic Fisherman's Wharf, bartender Nicholas Reynders goes for the classic clear spirit, vodka.

He'd first serve it as a blueberry-tini, mixing a shot of vodka with 1/2 ounce of simple syrup (equal parts sugar and water heated until the sugar is melted, then cooled) and 12 fresh blueberries. Combine all with ice in a shaker, then shake, strain and serve in a martini glass.

For a second treatment he starts by muddling a bit of cantaloupe in a shaker. (Muddling is a bartenders' term for mashing fruit, veggies or herbs in the bottom of a glass or shaker. You can do this with a special tool called, logically, a muddler, or just use a wooden spoon.)

Add 1 1/2 ounces vodka plus an equal amount of simple syrup, shake with ice, strain and serve over ice with a splash of soda water.

For the simplest treatment, he recommends a shot of vodka, an equal amount simple syrup, and a squeeze of lime and lemon juice all shaken over ice and strained into a martini glass.

A cocktail party doesn't have to be elaborate, says Reynders. Shaker, jigger, mixing glass and you're halfway there. "A little extra shake doesn't hurt for the perfect chilled martini."

Mezcal mixology

Sombra Mezcal founder Richard Betts recommends this smoky spirit for holiday get-togethers because "it mixes well in drinks from margaritas to Manhattans. It can be great neat and, if it's that kind of party, it's a great shot, too."

Plus it fits into his party philosophy. "Have a point of view. You cannot be everything to everyone, so pick something and geek out on it. Mezcal is a great example because you're exploring the REAL agave spirit of Mexico and this is cool."

A quick primer on mezcal, a distilled spirit made from the maguey plant, a type of agave. When the spirit is made from the blue agave and comes from certain designated areas, it's tequila. So while all tequila is mezcal, not all mezcal is tequila. In the past, mezcal outside

Mexico has often been of poor quality and contained a worm in the bottle, a marketing gimmick dreamed up in the 1940s. These days, there's quality mezcal to be found.

For his triple-play approach, Betts suggests making a batch of a modified version of the saint's eye cocktail on the Sombra website devised by Jim Meehan, author of "The PDT Cocktail Book: The Complete Bartender's Guide from the Celebrated Speakeasy" — 2 ounces mezcal, 3/4 ounce lime juice, 3/4 ounce pineapple juice, 1 bar spoon of agave nectar and a sprig of tarragon to garnish.

As a counterpunch to that citrusy concoction he'd mix up a mezcal Manhattan with 2 1/2 ounces mezcal, 3/4 ounce sweet vermouth, a dash of Angostura bitters, 1 maraschino cherry and an orange peel garnish.

And, finally, he'd serve mezcal neat. "It is the best way for people to really appreciate how special it is."

Blendable bourbon

Growing up in Kentucky, bourbon was a holiday staple on the bar and the kitchen, playing an integral role in seasonal dishes, says Trey Zoeller, founder of Jefferson's Bourbon.

His grandma's bourbon pecan pie capped off the night and when people visited she "didn't ask what you wanted to drink; rather, she asked, 'how do you take your

bourbon?'"

A uniquely American spirit, bourbon is versatile and complex. Zoeller doesn't recommend masking the flavor in a cocktail, but instead finding ingredients that complement the vanilla and caramel flavors of the whiskey.

He'd make an old fashioned, which "screams holiday season with its warmth and balance." Mix 1 3/4 ounces bourbon with a dash of water and a dash or two of Angostura bitters, mixing all in an old fashioned glass and adding ice cubes.

He's also come up with something he calls seasons greetings from Kentucky — 2 ounces Jefferson's Very Small Batch Bourbon, 1 ounce Carpano Antica sweet vermouth, 1 ounce applejack, stirred over ice and strained into a coupe glass.

His third approach is bourbon spice cider, made of 2 quarts of spiced cider, 2 cinnamon sticks, 1 teaspoon whole cloves, a pinch each of nutmeg and allspice and 1 tablespoon orange peel. The cider makes enough for about eight cocktails. Simmer the cider with spices for 15 to 20 minutes. Pour 2 ounces of bourbon in each mug, pour 8 ounces of strained spiced hot cider over the bourbon and garnish with a cinnamon stick.

It is, says Zoeller, "a festive, batch-able classic."

If that doesn't say holiday cheer, what does?

Simple recipes for entertaining

BY ELIZABETH KARMEL
The Associated Press

When it comes to entertaining, I often find that the casual gatherings and impromptu parties outshine more elaborate affairs. I think it's the combination of a relaxed atmosphere and last minute inspiration.

This summer, for example, I was visiting friends when one of the hosts spontaneously began making homemade crackers from corn and flour tortillas. It wasn't planned, but it was delicious. They were positively addictive and I've since started making them myself.

The best thing about these crackers is that they require almost zero prep, and can be seasoned however you like — a simple sprinkle of coarse sea salt, or a more complex blend of seeds and spices. My favorite is pink Himalayan sea salt and dehydrated minced garlic. It's like the best part of an everything bagel.

These crackers also cook so quickly, you even could make them fresh just before — or even during — the party.

And if you really want to put people over the edge, consider pairing the crackers with homemade ricotta cheese dip. I recently took a cheese making class in California and fell in love with the process. It was an artisanal cheese class and we used "just milked" raw cow's milk and various starters.

You'll need no special ingredients or equipment to make this treat, which relies on slightly acidic buttermilk to form cheese out of a blend of heavy cream and whole milk. Add a touch of salt and that's all you need.

Once the cheese is strained and cooled, I put it in a pretty bowl, add a sprinkle of good salt, best quality extra-virgin olive oil, fresh herbs and citrus zest. You can customize it and add your favorite herbs, or take a sweet approach and add a little jam and country ham or prosciutto. Delicious.

BUTTERMILK RICOTTA CHEESE DIP

Start to finish: 2 hours
Servings: 12
3 cups whole milk
1 1/2 cups buttermilk
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
To serve:
Fleur de sel or pink sea

salt, about 1/8 teaspoon
1 to 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
Fresh herbs, such as thyme, oregano or basil
Zest of 1/2 lemon or orange

In a large, stainless steel saucepan over medium heat, combine the milk, buttermilk, cream and salt. Slowly bring the mixture to a gentle simmer. As the milk solids begin to separate from the whey, give it a stir, then return it to a gentle simmer. When you see steam rising and solid chunks (curds) forming, turn off the heat and let the mixture cool for about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, line a mesh strainer with several layers of cheesecloth. Using a ladle, spoon the cooled curds and whey into the strainer. Place one layer of the cloth over the cheese. It will strain quickly at first. The longer you let it sit, the drier and more concentrated the cheese will become. Strain the cheese at room temperature for 1 to 2 hours.

Once strained, discard the liquid. The cheese can be used immediately, or covered and refrigerated for up to 2 days.

When ready to serve, place the ricotta in a decorative bowl. Use a spoon to form a well in the center. Sprinkle the cheese with the fleur de sel, then fill the well with olive oil. Sprinkle with fresh herbs and citrus zest.

HOMEMADE CRACKERS

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 12
12 round fresh flour or corn tortillas, at room temperature
2 tablespoons olive oil
Seasonings (such as fleur de sel, truffle salt, dehydrated minced garlic, minced dried onion, sesame seeds, etc.)

Heat the oven to 350 degrees.

Brush the tortillas on both sides with a thin layer of olive oil. Sprinkle with salt or the seasonings of your choice. Arrange the tortillas on 2 baking sheets (or bake them in batches). The tortillas can be close together, but not touching. Bake on the oven's center rack for 20 to 25 minutes, rotating the pans after 12 minutes, until slightly puffy and golden brown.

Let cool and break into irregular shapes.



Buttermilk ricotta cheese dip with homemade crackers is shown in a serving dish.

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A real cookie dough dip

BY J.M. HIRSCH
The Associated Press

This summer I had the misfortune to encounter the internet culinary sensation known as cookie dough dip.

It was at a potluck party and folks were raving about this creation, which until then I'd been ignorant of. Being fans of all things cookie dough — not to mention feeling a fair degree of affection for all manner of dips — my son and I were eager to try this seemingly miraculous blend of two of nature's most wonderful food products.

The look of betrayal on my son's face as he put a heaping bite of it into his mouth was hilariously heartbreaking. So I tried it. He was right. This wildly popular dip is made by blending canned white beans and chocolate chips, among other unlikely ingredients. The idea is to create a healthy dip that supposedly tastes like cookie dough.

It doesn't. It's not cute. It's not tasty. It's not coy. And it's certainly not good.

Much as I love hummus, I do not love hummus that pretends to be cookie dough. Nor do I want my cookie dough spiked with pureed beans. Call me crazy.

So I decided to create my



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This chocolate chip cookie dough dip is good enough to try.

own version of this monstrosity. Except that my chocolate chip cookie dough dip would actually taste like chocolate chip cookie dough miraculously transformed into a dip. It would be sweet, but not too sweet. It would be studded with deliciously chewy chunks of cookie dough. Real cookie dough, not masticated beans.

The result was a delicious sugar rush that begs for something crunchy and salty to dip in it.

For the cookie dough nuggets, I used a modified version of an eggless chocolate chip cookie dough recipe from Lindsay Landis' book, "The Cookie Dough Lover's Cookbook" (a fun book for anyone who loves raw cookie dough). You could use purchased cookie dough instead, but be certain to use

one that contains only pasteurized eggs.

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DOUGH DIP

Start to finish: 30 minutes
Servings: 24
For the cookie dough:
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon milk or cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup mini chocolate chips
For the dip:
Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened

The true meaning of frugality

Frugal, thrifty. Those words repulsed me. Being thought of as cheap was to me the ultimate insult. I equated frugality with digging through dumpsters in search of food and what else.

To me, cheap people skipped out without leaving a tip. They were slovenly in appearance, lacking dignity and self respect. Cheap people were just plain tacky. I couldn't bear the thought of living that way, and to make sure I would never be mistaken for someone who did, I charged my way through life bent on proving to the world (and more likely to myself) that I was not cheap.

I accepted the offers of freedom that credit card companies gave to me. It was so simple. I could have a \$200 outfit and pay only \$10 a month. I could fix up the house, treat the kids, have new clothes, drive nice cars — just about anything I could think of. And it worked for a while.

I know, you're way ahead of me. You know what happened. By the time I came to my senses, I wasn't experiencing freedom at all. It was all a lie. I sold myself into bondage one dollar at a time.

If you're feeling a little squeamish about this word frugality, I — more than anyone — understand your fears. I think I can help you to get over it.

Frugality doesn't mean you have to become someone you aren't. Frugality means doing whatever it takes to spend less than you earn. Frugality is about restraint, discipline, finding the best value and not being wasteful. It's about making choices and understanding that if you say yes to one thing, you may need to say no to something else. Frugality is about deciding what really matters and not living to impress others.

Because we live frugally doesn't mean we don't spend money. It means we spend money thoughtfully and with a sense of discipline and purpose. Frugality is about striking a balance between saving and investing for the future, and having a fulfilling life now.

Why should you live frugally? Because you need to save money to cover what's coming in the future; because you need to finance your retirement; because you don't want to work until you're 90.

There are other reasons besides retirement for living below your means. Maybe you have kids heading for college soon. Perhaps you're paying off credit-card debt and want to cut back in other places so that you have more money each month to put toward becoming debt-free. Any number of reasons can lead you to the conclusion that living frugally and saving and investing money is an intelligent way to live.

Take the time now to look at your life and your expenses. Come up with a plan, and learn to live below your means.

If you don't start telling your money where to go, you'll always wonder where it went.

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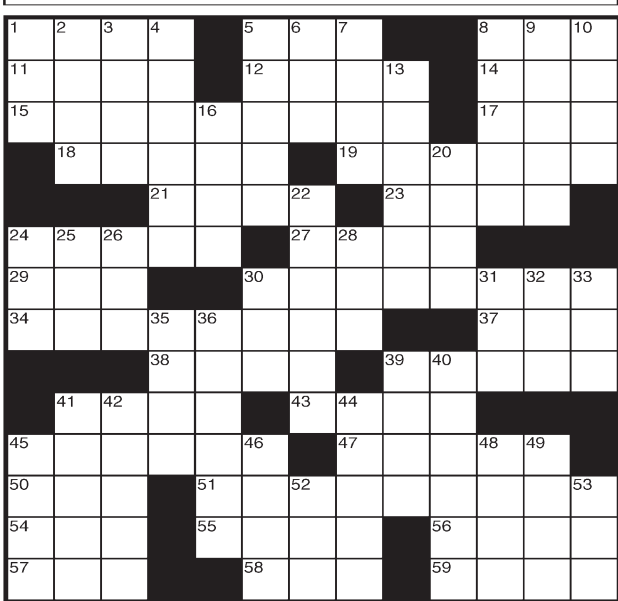
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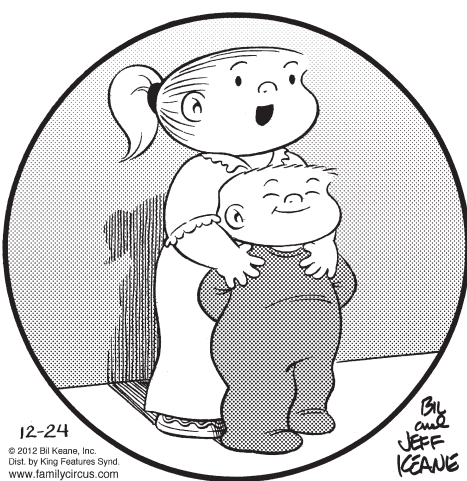


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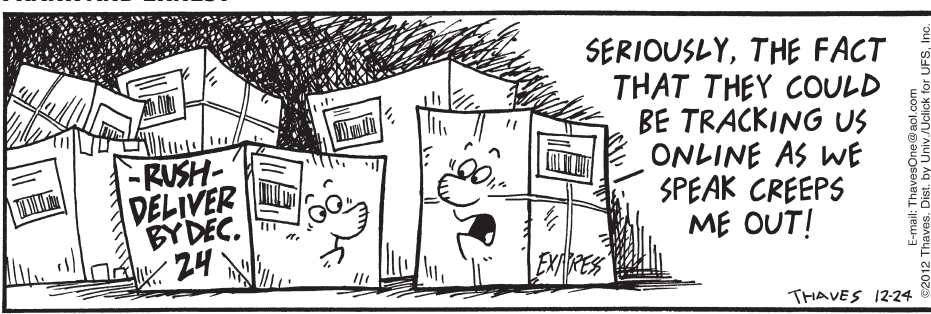


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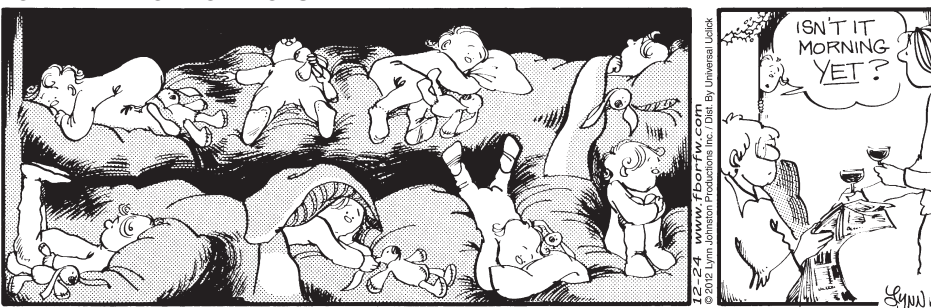
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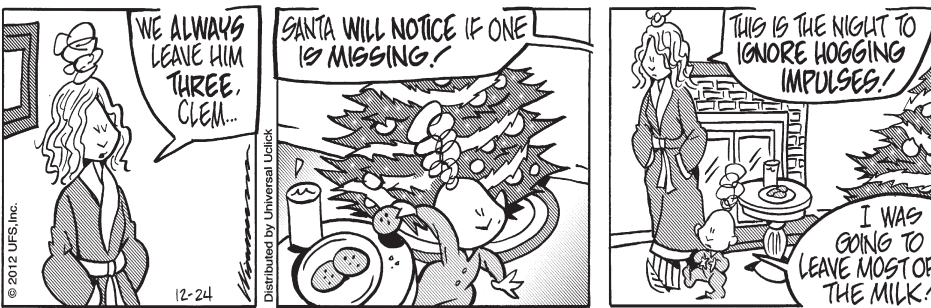
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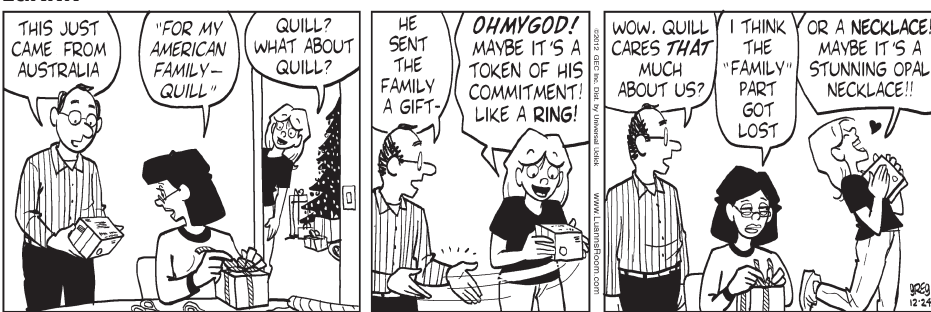
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Customer service halls of fame and shame

If there isn't a Customer Service Hall of Fame, there needs to be. And a Hall of Shame to go with it. As such, I would like to present my nominations.

For the Hall of Fame, I nominate the online shoe store Zappos.com. Oh, my goodness, is there anything this company does not do impeccably?

Zappos, I love you for your 2 million pairs of shoes in stock, for always having a sale; for your 1,300 employees, your detailed views of every angle of every shoe, your user reviews, your free shipping both ways, your 365-day-no-questions-asked return policy and your 24/7 call center.

For the Hall of Shame, I nominate Home Depot. I'm still fuming over a recent carpet purchase. The carpet sale was spectacular, but it took nearly four weeks to receive my carpet – from the day I walked into the store searching for someone, anyone, to take my order. But that person couldn't take my order until a completely different third-party company could come to my house to measure the rooms, two weeks hence. After a total of three trips to the store to get all of the paperwork in order, installation day arrived. I waited and waited. Paced and called. Would you believe the crew was 9.5 hours late? Smoke was pouring from my ears as I was fed one excuse after another for the where, why and how an entire crew – along with my carpet – could go missing.

Home Depot, you know that I have choices when it comes to home improvements, and for that I am grateful. I am good with your products and prices. But your customer service stinks. And please, drop the third-party vendors. They are not representing you well. For now, I believe I will stick with local independent companies that respect their customers' time and patience, and place customer satisfaction at the top of their priorities.

I nominate Levolor Blinds for the Hall of Fame. Like a ninny, I lost the brackets to a pair of window blinds during a painting spree. Of course, the blinds are no longer manufactured, and I couldn't get the replacement parts from the store where I purchased them – so I went straight to Levolor. Those wonderful people jumped through hoops to find not one but three sets of hanging brackets. They searched, they shipped, they followed up – and would not accept any payment at all.

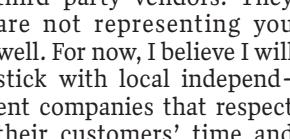
Levolor, I am still smiling about the brackets. I cannot thank you enough, and I will not soon forget. You can count me in as a Levolor customer for life.

I'm reading a fascinating book, "Good to Great" by Jim Collins. What I have learned so far is that one thing that makes a company great is its customer service. Isn't that the truth! Maybe I should send a copy to the folks at Home Depot. They could certainly benefit.

So, do you have any nominations for the Customer Service Halls of Fame ... or Shame? Make your nominations on my blog at EverydayCheapskate.com.

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ACROSS
1 Rudder
5 Emeril's exclamation
8 Coffee
12 Diva's tune
13 Mother lode
14 Single entity
15 Turkey go-with
17 Gravy dish
18 Email provider
19 Greedily
21 Indecisive
24 Corrida shouts
25 Mouths
26 Type of skiing
30 Tulsa's st.
32 Vase
33 Columnist — Bombeck
37 Romanov title
38 Cut timber
39 Bed of coal
40 Humidity problem
43 Bikini half
44 Toy on a string (hyph.)
46 Get through to
48 King's digs
50 Lubricate

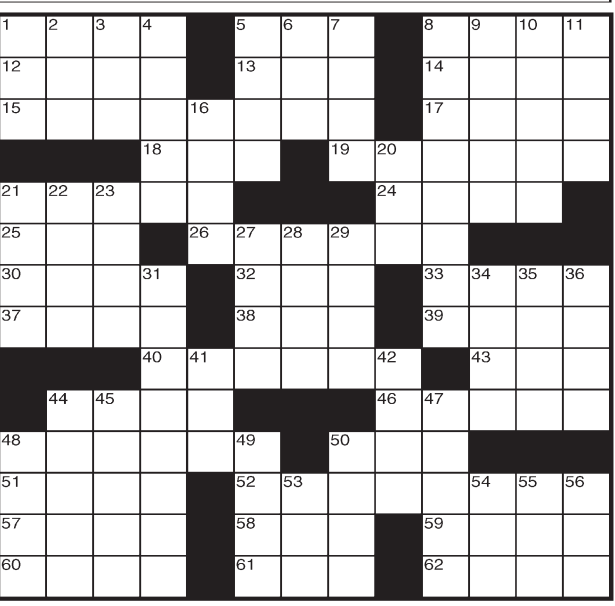
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1 Used to own
2 Make a wrong move
3 Twist the truth
4 Kenyan tribe
5 More than simmer
6 Son of Prince Valiant
7 MHz part
8 Special galas
9 Battery terminal
10 Perfume bottles
11 Courtroom fig.
16 Fizzy beverage
20 German name part

Answer to Previous Puzzle



21 Horn sound
22 Vexes
23 Actress — Powers
27 Breather
28 Cattle mover
29 "Bus Stop" author
31 Six-legged soldiers (2 wds.)
34 "Fancy" singer
35 Designer Jacobs
36 Calcutta nanny
41 Summer Games org.
42 Subpoena
44 Google competitor
45 Stews
47 Longtime Denver QB
48 Classroom sound
49 1950s actor
Richard —
50 Not the half —
53 Ames inst.
54 Bemoan
55 Rainbow shape
56 Balderdash!

Want more puzzles? Check out the "Just Right Crossword Puzzles" books at QuillDriverBooks.com



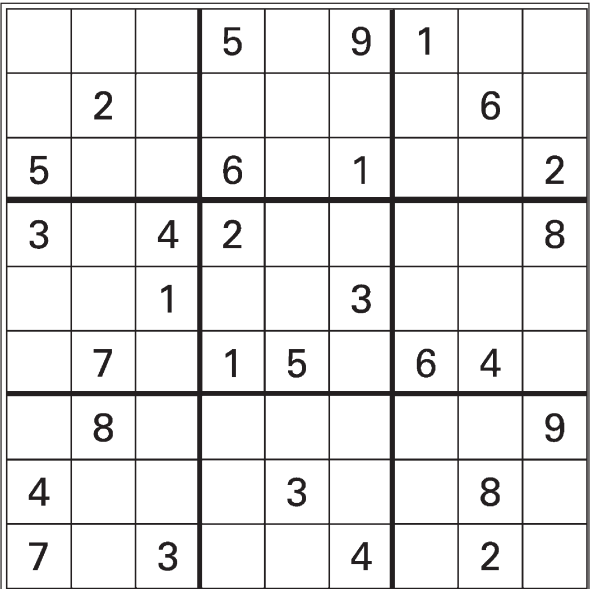
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



SUDOKU

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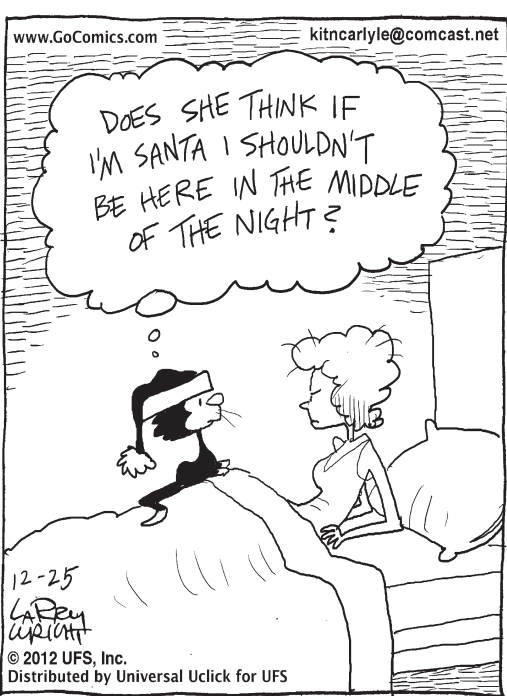
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MODERATELY CONFUSED



KIT 'N' CARLYLE



HERMAN



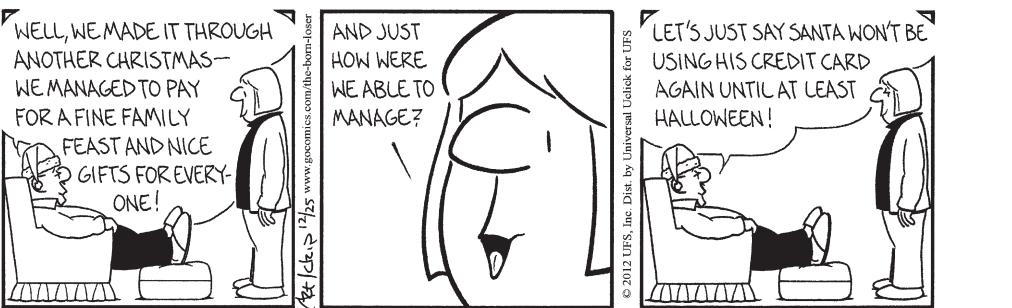
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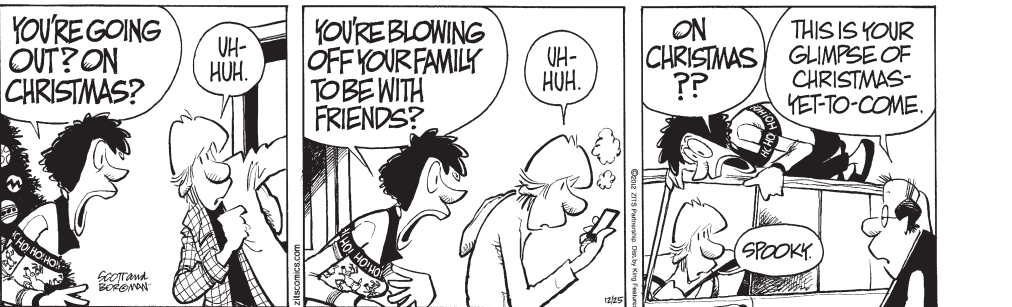
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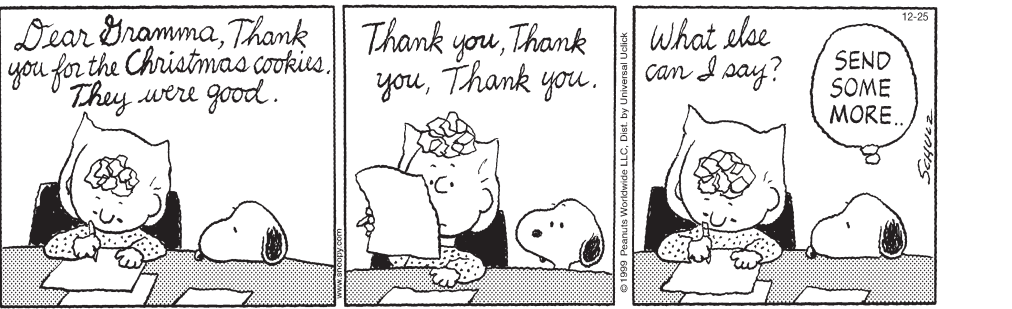
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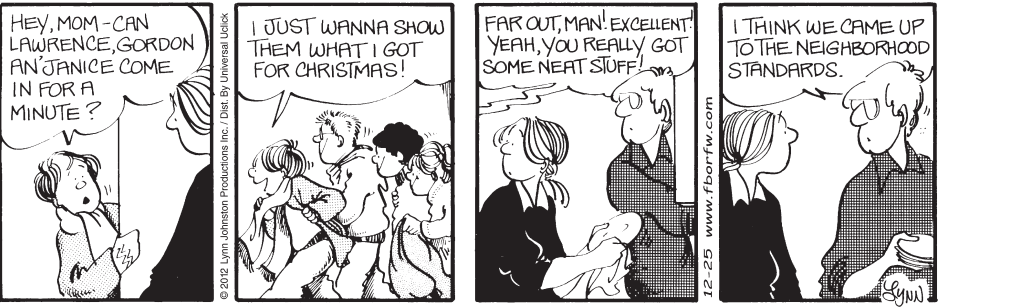
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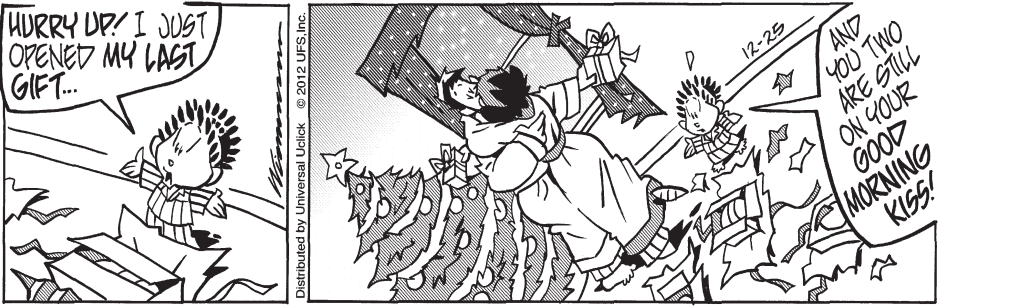
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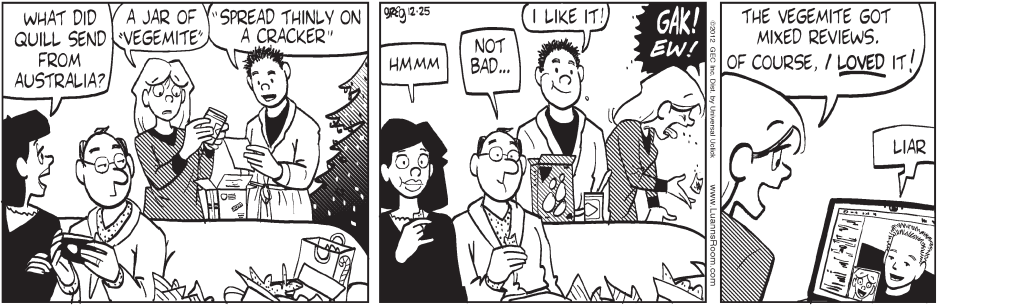
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Kid Scoop Together

What is sometimes bigger than Santa, sometimes smaller than Santa, but doesn't weigh anything at all?

To reveal the answer, use the hints to fill in the empty boxes and create 3-letter words. The answer will appear by reading shaded boxes vertically.

1.	H		
2.	S		
3.			D
4.	A		
5.		Y	
6.		A	
7.		I	
8.		W	
9.			N

HINTS:

- Frosty wears one on his head.
- Taking a tiny drink of hot cocoa.
- The opposite of the happy.
- What's left after a fire.
- Timid
- Movie stars do this.
- A weak light, not bright.
- To pull a vehicle with another.
- The opposite of lose.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Find the two identical snowmen.



Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FROSTY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

F	R	S	T	O	Y
R	T				
O		F			T
S			Y		
T				S	
Y			O		R

Snowman Puzzles

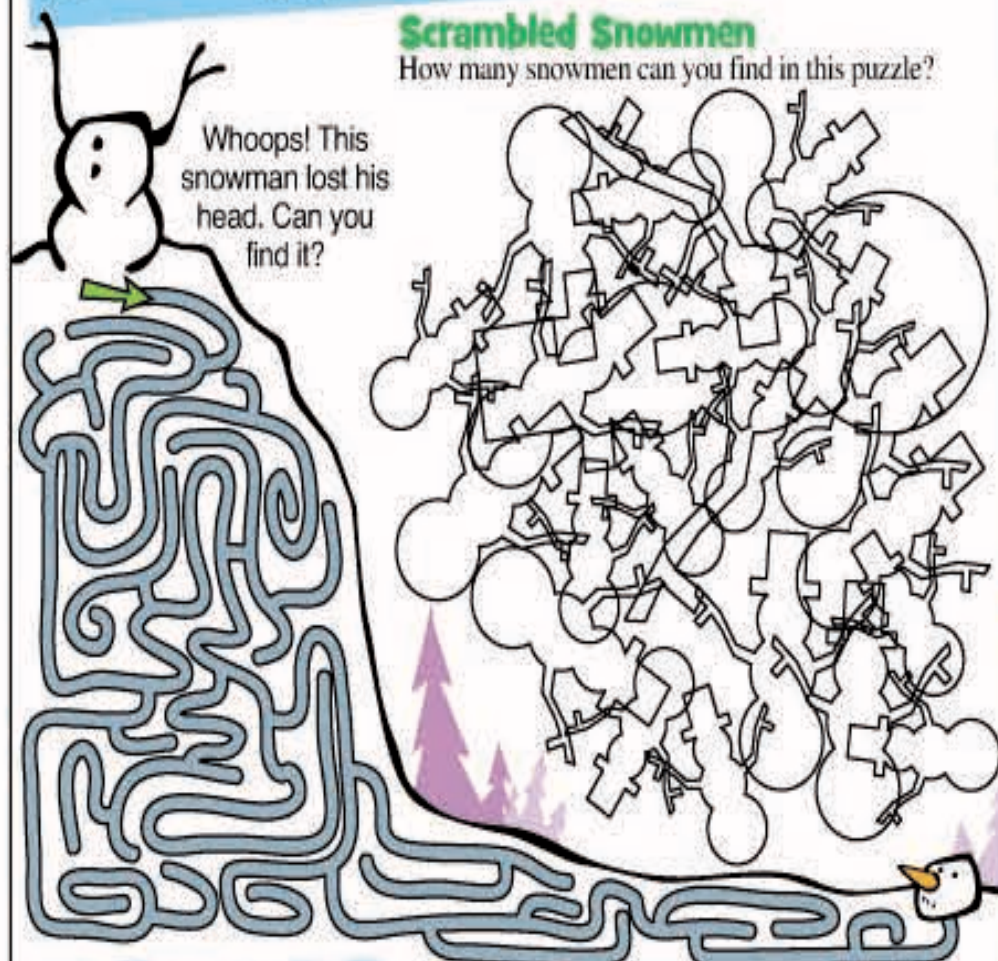
Chill out with this cool collection of brrrr-ain teasers.

What did the scarf say to the hat?

Cross out the words that rhyme with **FREEZE**.
"TREES YOU SQUEEZE GO ON KNEES AHEAD KEYS PLEASE AND I'LL BEES JUST HANG SKIS AROUND BREEZE."

Scrambled Snowmen

How many snowmen can you find in this puzzle?



Circle every other letter to reveal the punchline for each riddle.

What is a snowman's favorite food?

R I D C J E R B L E
K R H G M E P R F S

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What does a snowman put on a taco?

W C S H A I Y L B L
T Y N P B E Q P J
P W E D R K S

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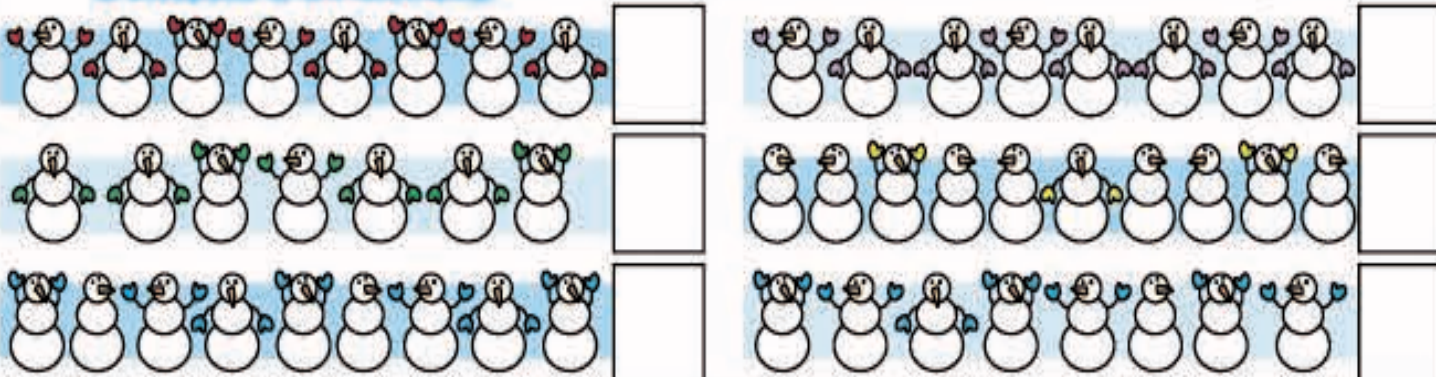
What do you call a family of snowmen around a cozy fireplace?

T P G U Y D T D
W L H E U S

P

Frozen Followers

Draw the snowman that should come next in each row to continue the pattern.



Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Complete patterns.

Snowman Stumper

The kids on Holly Lane built these four snowmen. Can you figure out who made each of these snowmen?

Kayla's snowman is between Jordan's snowman and Greg's snowman. Sophie's snowman is next to Jordan's snowman. Greg's snowman is not the largest.



Standards Link: Problem Solving: Use a variety of strategies, including logic, to solve problems.

Extra! Extra!

Winter Words

Look through the newspaper for words that could be used to describe a cold winter. Use them in a sentence to describe the weather today.

Standards Link: Writing: Write sentences using descriptive details.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Aunt Artica likes lots of ornaments on her Christmas tree. But she doesn't have room for all of them. By adding the numbers on the ornaments, can you circle the ones she can use? The total can't be higher than 50 or less than 35. Then have a friend try. Who was able to use the most ornaments?



Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.

Double Double Word Search

CHRISTMAS
HOLLY
SNOWMAN
FREEZE
FOOD
WINTER
COOL
RIDDLE
CHILL
HOT
COLD
LOST
SKIS
COZY
FIND

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

L	D	N	I	F	K	T	H	S	Y
O	K	S	I	K	S	W	A	O	L
S	F	S	N	O	W	M	A	N	R
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Hot and Cold

A player selects a picture from the newspaper. Another player tries to identify the picture by asking questions that can be answered "yes" or "no." Give clues like you are "hot" when getting close and "cold" when getting farther away.

Standards Link: Reading: Ask and answer questions; follow directions.



What do you call an old snowman?

ANSWER: Water!

Write On!

Snow Day

Imagine that you are a snowman or snowwoman. Write a journal entry about a typical day in your life from morning until evening.