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407 Mulberry

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City Commission of the City of Yankton, South Dakota, at 416 Walnut Street, Yankton, South Dakota, at the Office of the City Finance Officer of said City until 3:00 P.M. or may be hand delivered to the place of opening at 3:00 P.M. on the 29th day of December, 2011, at which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Second Floor Meeting Room of City Hall, Yankton, South Dakota. Disposition of said bid will be held on the 9th day of January, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. in the City of Yankton Community Meeting Room located in the Technical Education Center at 1200 W. 21st Street, Yankton,

Bids will be received on the following:

South Dakota.

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Kevin Kuhl, PE Director of Public Works City of Yankton, South Dakota

Dated: December 15, 2011

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DECEMBER 10, 2011

As per call and notice thereof, a Special Meeting of the School Board of Yankton School District 63-3 of Yankton County, South Dakota, was held at the Yankton Middle School, Yankton, South Dakota, on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Greeneway with the following members present: Verlin Ailts, Jim Fitzgerald, Kathy Greeneway, Chris Specht and Jay Williams and the following members absent: none.

Action No. 2012-148

A public input forum to discuss the projected 2012-2013 school district budget shortfall was held.

Action No. 2012-149

Moved by Specht and seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m., with the following voting Aye: All. Motion car-

Kathy Greeneway, President

School Board Attest: Jason L. Bietz Business Manager

Family Hopes \$150B Civil Award **Prompts Charges**

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney who persuaded a Texas jury to award a \$150 billion judgment says he hopes the civil verdict will persuade prosecutors to seek charges against a man he says set a boy on fire.

Robbie Middleton survived for 12 years before dying last year of a rare skin cancer that attorneys argue was related to burns he suffered on his eighth birthday.

Lawyer Craig Sico and Middleton's family say they likely won't see any money from the verdict reached this week in La Grange. However, they hope it prompts a renewed investigation into Don Wilburn Collins, who Middleton accused of setting him on

Economy Ends Tough 2011 On A Surprising Upswing

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The economy is ending 2011 on a roll.

The job market is healthier. Americans are spending lustily on holiday gifts. A long-awaited turnaround for the depressed housing industry may be under way. Gas is cheaper. Factories are busier. Stocks are higher.

Not bad for an economy faced with a debt crisis in Europe and, as recently as last summer, scattered predictions of a second recession at home. Instead, the economy has grown faster each quarter this year, and the last three months should be the best.

"Things are looking up," says Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ.

When The Associated Press surveved 43 economists in August, they pegged the likelihood of another recession at roughly one in four. The Dow Jones industrial average was lurching up or down by 400 points or more some

There was plenty of reason for gloom. A political standoff over the federal borrowing limit brought the United States to the brink of default and cost the nation its top-drawer credit rating.

Most analysts now rule out another recession. They think the economy will grow at an annual rate of more than 3 percent from October through December, the fastest pace since a 3.8 percent performance in the spring of last year.

Many economists still worry that the year-end surge isn't sustainable, in part because the average worker's pay is barely rising. And Europe may already be sliding into a recession that will infect the United States.

The outlook could darken further if Congress can't break the impasse blocking an extension of a Social Security tax cut for 160 million Americans and emergency unemployment benefits. Yet for now, the economy is on an

upswing that few had predicted: JOBS: The number of people applying for unemployment benefits came

in at 366,000 last week, down from a peak of 659,000 in March 2009. Even in good economic times, the figure would be between 280,000 and 350,000. Employers have added at least

100,000 jobs five months in a row, the longest streak since 2006. And the unemployment rate fell from 9 percent in October to 8.6 percent last month, the lowest since March 2009.

Small businesses are hiring again, too, according to the National Federation of Independent Business. Business is up at AG Salesworks in

Norwood, Mass., which helps technology companies like Motorola find new

ers to restore its staff to 56, erasing the job cuts from the recession. CEO Paul Alves plans to add an employee or two

a month as long as growth continues. "I do see more confidence than I saw 12 months ago," Alves says. "But it's good, not great. Robust isn't the word

— SPENDING: The holiday shopping season has turned out better than anyone expected. Sales from November through Saturday were up 2.5 percent from last year. Americans have spent \$32 billion online, 15 percent more than a year ago. Retails sales were up in November for the sixth month in a row. People are spending, in particular, on clothes, cars, electronics and furniture.

— CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: Americans felt better about the economy in November than they had since July, according to the Conference Board, a business group that tracks the mood of

The board's consumer confidence index climbed 15 points to 56 in November, the biggest one-month jump since April 2003. During the Great Recession, the index fell as low as 25.

"It seems like the confidence of the traditional American consumer is higher right now," says Jim Newman, executive vice president of operations at the digital marketing company Acquity Group, which has added 100 jobs since

— GAS: Falling prices at the pump have freed more money for consumers to spend on appliances, furniture, vacations and other things that help drive the economy. The national average for regular unleaded has sunk to \$3.21 a gallon since peaking at \$3.98 in May, according to the AAA Daily Fuel Gauge.

- INVENTORIES: Businesses are restocking shelves and warehouses, more confident that customers will buy their products. In October, their inventories were up 8.7 percent from a year earlier. An increase in inventories is expected to account for perhaps a third of growth this quarter.

The battered housing market might be showing signs of recovery. Home construction rose more than 9 percent in November from October, driven by apartment building. And the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday that sales of previously occupied homes rose 4 percent in November.

But housing is climbing out of a deep hole: The existing homes sold at an annual rate of 4.4 million — well below the 6 million that would signal a healthy housing market. And the realestate agents' trade group revealed Wednesday that it overstated sales by 3.5 million during and after the Great Recession.

mists turn cautious. Bernard Baumohl, chief economist with the Economic Outlook Group, says that stronger consumer spending "is absolutely unsustainable. Wages have not kept pace with inflation all year."

The government says that once you adjust for inflation, weekly earnings dropped 1.8 percent from November 2010 to last month. Consumers have used savings or credit cards to finance their purchases. Once bills come due in early 2012, Baumohl foresees a cutback in spending.

Baumohl is so pessimistic that he expects the economy to shrink at a 0.2 percent annual rate in the first three months of 2012 and to end the year with no more than 1.8 percent growth.

Europe is almost sure to slide into recession, even if its policymakers find a solution to the continent's debt crisis. In the worst case, a chaotic breakup of the euro currency could ignite a worldwide financial panic.

Joe Echevarria, CEO of the accounting and consulting firm Deloitte LLP, says his company's clients are delaying hiring or expansion decisions to see if Europe's crisis will be resolved.

Another worry — again — is Washington. President Barack Obama and Republicans in Congress still had not broken their impasse Wednesday on how to extend a Social Security tax cut. Without an extension, taxes will go up \$1,000 in 2012 for someone making \$50,000. A couple making \$100,000 each would pay \$4,000 more.

Failing to extend the tax cut, combined with the end of long-term unemployment benefits and other federal budget cuts, could shave 1.7 percentage points from growth in 2012, warns Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Forecasters are also chastened by the past two years. Since the Great Recession officially ended in June 2009, the economy has stalled twice just when it appeared to be gaining momentum.

In mid-2010, businesses slowed spending sharply. This year, the damage came from protests in the Middle East that drove oil prices higher at the start of the year, the earthquake in Japan in March, budget cuts by state and local governments and the stalemate in

But Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors says he thinks the fears about next year are overblown and the economy will grow 3 percent in 2012. Next year will be all about jobs. If job growth keeps accelerating, the economy is much more likely to meet Naroff's predictions than the pessimists'.

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New York Firm Tapped To Audit Oil Spill Claims

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department has tapped New York-based BDO Consulting to audit the handling of billions of dollars in damage claims that arose from the massive BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

U.S. Associate Attorney General Thomas Perrelli told BDO officials in a letter Wednesday that the goal of the independent evaluation due by March is to ensure that any possible errors have been corrected.

The administrator of the Gulf Coast Claims Facility that controls the \$20 billion BP compensation fund for victims said he has always welcomed an independent audit. Kenneth Feinberg says the facility will pay for it and will work with the DOJ and consulting firm.

"I long ago endorsed the idea of an

Associated Press Wednesday night. "I am confident that it will confirm the overall success of the Gulf Coast claims fund." He said more than 1 million claims have been processed and more than \$6

independent audit," Feinberg told The

billion paid out for harm done by the 2010 spill. More than 200,000 people and businesses have gotten some money from the fund. Hundreds of thousands of oth-

ers have been turned down. The Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico off Louisiana on April 20, 2010, killing 11 men and leading to the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history. The rig was owned by Transocean and was being leased by BP to drill the

oil giant's well a mile beneath the sea.

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that one is due 2012 as long as it is funded. That is a 50-50 grant. So, we are hoping we get that grant and then with in-kind donations — such as donated labor which we can include — and the money we raise, we will have enough to take care of our portion. Then for the lake park we will try to do grants as well and fundraising."

The Reader's Digest "We Hear You America" contest prize would just be an added benefit for the group.

The contest, which started Nov. 16., has a grand prize of \$50,000, second and third place win \$25,000, fourth through eighth win \$10,000 and ninth through eighteenth win \$5,000. Currently, Lake Andes is in third place, which is the lowest the town has been since the program began.

'As far as us promoting the contest, we

are competing against towns nationwide,"

ties (that are in much larger population

Ronfeldt said. "There are a lot of communi-

The emergency sirens are operated via

radio signals, so they had to be upgraded

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as part of the transition to narrowband.

town. We would really appreciate help from other communities in the area, however."

Other steps to promote the vote drive have included contacting school alumni, friends and family who don't live in Lake Andes to ask for their help.

"As much as we can, we have been promoting it," she said. "It is a 3 1/2-month project, but it has really brought our community together doing the contest. We have gotten the school involved and the school children. They really want to participate and vote, which is a good thing because they feel like they are contributing to their park by voting. We have been planning days where we are trying to get people to vote. We are planning vote nights and other events to get more votes, as well."

To assist the community by voting, Ronfeldt said all you have to do is go to the website, register for free, and then you can vote as often as you like. Votes are being accepted until March 1, 2012. The website to vote is http://wehearyouamerica.readersdigest.com.

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worked on at this time of year because of the unlikelihood they will be urgently needed. All of them are being done at the same time because it is more cost effective to do them as a group than individually. "We could have narrowbanded these

ders chose to have the emergency sirens

sirens at any time, but because we don't really have a need for storm sirens this time of year, we decided this would be the best time to do it," he said.