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## Collision kills 2 on I-84



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Emergency personnel respond to a three-vehicle crash Friday night on Interstate 84 southeast of Jerome. Two women died in the crash.

## Schroeder weighs water plan for Clear Springs

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

The struggle over water owed by groundwater pumpers to Clear Springs Foods could conceivably end without the Buhl company actually receiving anything.

That possibility was contemplated by the hearing officer who heard debate on a proposed mitigation plan earlier this week. Former Idaho chief justice Gerald Schroeder will advise the Idaho Department of Water Resources director on what to do with the plan. He also told attorneys at the end of a two-day hearing Tuesday that he felt it would be "ridiculous" to force the Magic Valley and North Snake groundwater districts to build a pipeline over the edge of the Snake River Canyon if no water will run through it.

Schroeder has yet to issue his formal recommendation; he now awaits final post-hearing briefings from attorneys for both sides.

Declaring Clear Springs healed without any water flowing would be a strange situation. But it's one Clear Springs apparently doesn't think likely to happen. It's too hard to make judgments about the plan right now because it's only partially complete and has changed since first proposed, said Randy MacMillan, the company's vice president for research and environmental affairs.

Clear Springs' board would make the final decision on whether the company would accept any water. But MacMillan said again that Clear Springs would not accept the well water, in large part because it would affect the marketing image the company has cultivated. The weight Schroeder should give to that argument is expected to be debated in the post-hearing briefs.

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## Sideswipe sets off deadly chain of events near Jerome

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Two people were killed in a head-on collision Friday on Interstate 84 southeast of Jerome when their Ford Explorer crashed into a vehicle that crossed the highway median into oncoming traffic.

Police and emergency workers were called at about 5 p.m. Friday to the scene of the accident, which involved three vehicles. Emergency lights from fire trucks and police cars illuminated the highway as twilight turned to nightfall.

The accident began when two vehicles traveling westbound on the

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interstate — a red Oldsmobile and a Ford F-350 pickup — collided with each other, said Sgt. Kevin Haight of the Idaho State Police.

"For an unknown reason, those two vehicles came together in a sideswipe situation, causing both drivers to lose control," Haight said.

The Ford truck then went across the median of the interstate and struck an eastbound white Ford Explorer head-on, Haight said.

The two female occupants in the Ford Explorer were killed, Haight said.

Their identities were unavailable Friday night.

The driver of the Ford truck, its only occupant, was transported by ambulance to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, police said. The driver's condition was unavailable.

The red car had three people in it, two of whom had non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to the hospital, police said.

Their identities were unavailable. Haight said police appreciated the efforts of motorists who

stopped to help extinguish a fire in the Ford Explorer. That work, he said, kept the vehicle from becoming fully engulfed in flames.

Besides the Idaho State Police, other agencies that assisted were Jerome firefighters, the Jerome County Sheriff's Office and Jerome County Ambulance.

A helicopter was called to the accident, but there were no live victims to transport from the Explorer. Police said the accident remains under investigation.

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## T.F. sheriff searches river for stolen guns

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Twenty-one firearms are believed to remain in the Snake River after a search of the waterway, below Owsley Bridge north of Buhl, was called off Friday afternoon.

"The evidence was not recovered because the divers got really cold and they had to end the search for the day," said Det. Sgt. Dan Thom. "They plan on returning to the area to continue the search on Sunday or Monday."

Twin Falls County sheriff's officials were on the scene for nearly five hours before the search was delayed. The firearms are tied to an alleged burglary that took place over the weekend in the Buhl area, said Lt. Brent Hilliard.

"Some of the items tied to the burglary have been recovered and two arrests have been made," Hilliard said.

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## Murtaugh rejects cemetery ownership

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

The city of Murtaugh won't become the owner of a cemetery after all.

The Murtaugh City Council, in a 3-1 vote this week, turned down ownership of the nearby Artesian City Cemetery, which grabbed local attention after allegations arose that graves were disturbed by the removal of trees and weeds. An investigation by the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office found no criminal intent or desecration.

Mychel Matthews, who

lives in the Murtaugh area, had prodded city officials to take ownership of the cemetery so a permanent entity would own it.

The investigation also found that the one-acre tract is owned by the Coiners, a longtime farming family in the region.

Though the council rejected the proposal, Matthews said she is still moving forward with plans to organize volunteers and donations to plant native plants and grasses at the cemetery.

"We're disappointed but not deterred," she

said, adding that permission to pursue further cemetery work has been obtained from the Coiners.

Matthews' proposal did not seek city funding for the cemetery's care.

Councilman Marc Barry voted in favor of the city taking ownership of the cemetery. He said establishing permanent ownership of the cemetery is important, adding that it was an opportunity for the city to be part of a positive community project.

Barry said the other council members viewed

owning the cemetery as a liability for the city.

Sen. Charles Coiner, R-Twin Falls, whose family owns the cemetery, said he was sorry the city didn't take ownership and that the community members were welcome to improve the cemetery.

"From our perspective, they're free to do that," he said.

Mayor Dee Hunsaker didn't return a call for comment.

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## Gun laws are getting looser across America

By Erik Schelzig  
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It's been the year of the gun in Tennessee. In a flurry of legislative action, handgun owners won the right to take their weapons onto sports fields and playgrounds and, at least briefly, into bars.

A change in leadership at the state Capitol helped open the doors to the gun-related bills and put Tennessee at the forefront of

a largely unnoticed trend: In much of the country, it is getting easier to carry guns.

A nationwide review by The Associated Press found that over the last two years, 24 states, mostly in the South and West, have passed 47 new laws loosening gun restrictions.

Among other things, legislatures have allowed firearms to be carried in cars, made it illegal to ask job candidates whether they own a gun, and expanded

agreements that make permits to carry handguns in one state valid in another.

The trend is attributed in large part to a push by the National Rifle Association. The NRA, which for years has blocked attempts in Washington to tighten firearms laws, has ramped up its efforts at the state level to chip away at gun restrictions.

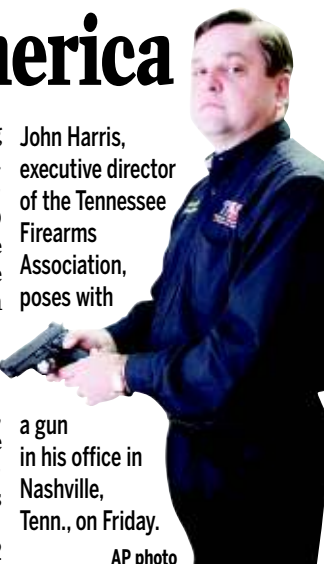
"This is all a coordinated approach to respect that human, God-given right of

self defense by law-abiding Americans," says Chris W. Cox, the NRA's chief lobbyist. "We'll rest when all 50 states allow and respect the right of law-abiding people to defend themselves from criminal attack."

Among the recent gun-friendly laws:

- Arizona, Florida, Louisiana and Utah have made it illegal for businesses to bar their employees

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John Harris, executive director of the Tennessee Firearms Association, poses with

a gun in his office in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday.

AP photo



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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



• There's a lot going on at the College of Southern Idaho. Eat breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Student Union. All kids under 10 will receive gifts, and it's free. Then bid on wonderful wood items made by students at the Woodworking Club show and auction at the Herrett Center. Check out the items from 1 p.m. until the 2:30 p.m. auction. The Magic Valley Chorale's Christmas concert is at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults.

• Shop for gifts at the Jerome Senior Center Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

at the new center at 520 N. Lincoln Street.

• There are a couple of cool holiday events in the Wood River Valley. Sing along with the Caritas Chorale at 6 p.m. at the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 201 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum. If you like gospel music, check out The Campbell Brothers at 7:30 p.m. at the Sun Valley Opera House. Tickets are \$20 for Sun Valley Center members, \$10 for kids, \$30 for others.

*Have your own pick to share? Something unique to the area that may surprise people? E-mail me at patm@gmagicvalley.com.*

## Prosecutor weighs new charges against teacher

By Laurie Welch  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — New evidence against a Burley High School teacher charged with sexual misconduct with a student could lead to additional charges.

"I think it's safe to say that we are considering additional evidence that could lead to filing additional charges," said Blaine Cannon, deputy prosecutor for Cassia County.

A preliminary hearing was continued Friday for Chad T. Burnett, 28, who was charged Dec. 1 with three felony counts of sexual battery of a minor 16 to 17 years old and one count of felony statutory rape stemming from alleged incidents with a female victim.

Cannon said Friday he was not at liberty to discuss the possible nature of any additional charges.

"If we file additional charges, we'll file an amended complaint and then the hearing will be rescheduled," Cannon said. Cannon said it's unlikely that it will be scheduled within the next two weeks due to the

upcoming holidays.

The charges levied against Burnett stem from an alleged sexual relationship he had for several months with a 17-year-old student.

According to court records, Burnett and the student allegedly sent as many as 250 text messages to each other a day, including texts containing explicit photos.

Burnett has not entered a plea on the charges and was released on a \$250,000 bond. A no-contact order protecting the alleged victim was granted by the court Dec. 1 for the term of one year.

In a court document filed in response to the criminal complaint, Burnett admitted to sending the text messages, which he categorized as "flirty" in nature and said he spoke with the victim about having sex but denied any sexual contact.

In an earlier interview Cassia County School District Superintendent Gaylen Smyer said Burnett was still employed as a teacher and assistant coach with the district. Smyer said Burnett was hired in 2007.



Burnett

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

**21st annual holiday production of "The Nutcracker,"** 2 p.m., King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley, tickets: \$10 general seating, \$8 senior citizens (65 and older), \$13 and \$15 reserved seating, 678-4117.

**College of Southern Idaho Music Department Student Honors Recital,** 2 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center recital hall, Twin Falls, suggested donation to the CSI Music Department Scholarship Fund, 732-6288.

**Holiday Sing-along with Caritas Chorale,** 6 p.m., St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 201 Sun Valley Road, Ketchum, no cost, 726-5349.

**Magic Valley Chorale Christmas Concert,** joined by Twin Falls High School choir; selections from Handel's "Messiah," traditional Christmas music, selections from contemporary composers, 7:30 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium, Twin Falls, \$5 adults, \$3 senior citizens and children over age 3, 208-732-6288.

**The Campbell Brothers in performance,** blend of African-American gospel music with electric steel guitar and vocals, 7:30 p.m., Sun Valley Opera House, Sun Valley, \$20 (\$30 nonmembers), \$10 children, 208-726-9491 or www.sunvalleycenter.org.

**Jack Sharkey's comedy "The Murder Room,"** spoof of British mysteries presented by CSI Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Center theater, 315 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csi.edu.

### BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

**Twin Falls High School Bruinettes holiday babysitting fundraiser,** parents may shop while Bruinettes and Santa provide games, crafts, snacks and supervision, two sessions: 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 5 p.m., Bawn gym, Twin Falls High School, \$10 for one child, \$15 for two, \$20 for three or \$25 family rate, 208-280-3420.

**Free movie with donations,** choose from "Night at the Museum II," "Ice Age III" or "Monsters vs. Aliens," 10 a.m., Century Cinemas 5, Burley, free admission with two canned food items, goods donated to Mini-Cassia Christmas Council; concession proceeds to Coats for Kids, 208-677-8737.

**Gooding County Hospital Foundation's Festival of Trees,** live entertainment and pictures with Santa Claus, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 4-H extension building, Gooding County Fairgrounds, 203 Lucy Lane, Gooding, \$2 admission, 934-8163.

**St. Luke's Winter Ball, "It's Time to Dance!"** three-course dinner, live auction, music by High Street Band, raffle for eight prizes with "Experience Outdoor Idaho" theme, 6 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. dancing, Lighthouse Room, Sun Valley Resort, tickets: \$150 (junior patron special: \$25 for 9 p.m. dancing, complimentary glass of champagne and desserts); raffle tickets: \$10 each or 12 for \$100; proceeds toward purchase of ultrasound equipment at new Women's Imaging Center in Ketchum, 727-8406.

**Minidoka County Kids R Us 4-H Club**

**Christmas concert fundraiser,** features Craig's Band, KraZee Strings and more, 7 p.m., McGregor Center, 85 E. Baseline Road, Rupert, \$2 per person or \$10 per family, benches available for seating or bring lawn chair, 436-7184.

### BOOKSIGNING

**Booksigning by author Bev Stone and illustrations by artist Gary Stone,** 1 to 3 p.m., Crowley's — The Quad, Magic Valley Mall, Twin Falls, 208-481-0312.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

**Christian Men's Fellowship and no-host breakfast,** 7 to 8:30 a.m., Depot Grill, Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5501.

**Twin Falls Bank & Trust employees no-host lunch,** all former Bank & Trust employees and friends invited, 1 p.m., Norm's Cafe, 803 Main Ave. W., Twin Falls, 423-5493.

**Buttons and Bows Christmas dance and potluck,** 7 p.m. dinner with dance to follow, American Legion Hall, 107 Seventh Ave. E., Jerome, club furnishes meat and rolls, bring dish to share, 536-2243.

### EXHIBITS

**Indoor Y-Art Sale and Open Studio,** oil paintings, picture frames, archival prints and more; new works by Maria J. Smith, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Artist's Atelier, 1300 Kimberly Road, Suite 17, Twin Falls, free admission, 734-3338 or 825-4119.

**Boulder Mountain Clayworks holiday show and sale,** works by studio artists, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the studio, 471 E. 10th St., Ketchum, 726-0773.

**"High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy,"** art show by Mike Youngman and Karl Brake, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery at Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

### FAMILY

**Holiday Pancake Breakfast,** menu: pancakes, fried potatoes, bacon, sausage, eggs, muffins and beverages, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., \$5 adults, \$3 children 12 and under, 208-734-5084 or meridth\_humphreys.tfsc-cc@yahoo.com.

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**SilverSneakers Fitness Program at Curves of Twin Falls,** complete cardio and circuit training with resistance, state-of-the-art equipment and "Curves Smart" personalized coaching, 7 to 11 a.m., Twin Falls Curves, 690 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., no cost for Humana Gold- insured or AARP provided by Secure Horizons, 734-7300.

### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

**Breakfast Painting Party with Santa,** paint an ornament, cocoa mug or cookie plate; visit with Santa and have photo taken; have juice and breakfast treats, 9 to 11 a.m.,

Hands On, \$6 for ornaments, \$8 for mugs, \$10 for plates, 736-4475 to preregister; and **Movie Night,** Christmas movies and snacks, 4 to 9 p.m., Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 736-4475.

**Make-n-Take Crafts,** walk-ins welcome, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Twin Falls Creative Arts Center, 249 Main Ave. W., \$5 per person, 737-9111 or tfcac@brucebunch.myrf.net.

**Bingo,** 1 to 3 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls, cards: four for \$3, 734-5084.

### SEASONAL EVENTS

**Breakfast with Santa,** pancake breakfast, photos and visits with Santa presented by CSI Program Board, 9 to 11 a.m., CSI Student Union, Taylor building, Twin Falls, no cost, gifts provided for children ages 9 and younger, 208-732-6262.

**Christmas on the Ranch,** self-guided tour of ranch in holiday decor, Christmas caroling, photos with Santa and refreshments, 6 to 9 p.m., Idaho Youth Ranch, 1275 N. 400 E., Rupert, free admission, open to the public, 532-4117 or www.youthranch.org

**Annual Buhl Night Light parade,** theme "Dreams of Christmas Past and Hopes of Christmas to Be," 7:15 p.m. (parade entries gather at 6:30 p.m.), Buhl Chamber of Commerce office, 716 Broadway Ave. N., downtown Buhl, 543-6682.

**Singing Christmas Tree and Star of Wonder drama "Remix,"** about a little girl, an angel and a family in need of a miracle, 7 p.m., First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 733-5349.

**Winter Wonderland in the Mall,** music by singer-songwriter Sheryll Mae Grace and Aaron Pugh, art by Starving Artists Guild, refreshments and a raffle, 7 to 9 p.m., Galleria shopping mall, 371 N. Leadville Ave., Ketchum, www.visitsunvalley.com.

### MARKETS

**Magic Valley Flea Market,** take-and-make Santa workshop, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Merchant Building No. 1, Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, free admission, breakfast and lunch available for purchase, 410-1738.

### MUSEUMS

**Faulkner Planetarium "Star Signs"** with live sky tour, 2 and 4 p.m. and **"Season of Light,"** 7 p.m., \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for senior citizens, \$2.50 for students, no cost for children under age 2 and a special price package for families with five children or less; includes entertainment show **"Steamrolling through the Holidays"** at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, Twin Falls, \$4.50, 732-6655.

**To have an event listed,** please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Mirela Sulejmanovic by e-mail at mirelas@gmagic-valley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days before the event.

## River

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Hilliard wouldn't identify the suspects or confirm where the burglary took place but said information obtained from the ongoing investigation led to Friday's search, which included two divers with Twin Falls County Search and Rescue.

Diver Kory Soderquist said he had never made a dive in such cold weather.

"Right now the temperature is the biggest concern," Soderquist said.

With water temperatures hovering around 40 degrees, diver safety was a top priority and paramedics remained on the scene with an ambulance ready.

"We've got the heaters in back on and ready if they need it. We'll just keep them

warm and support the team however we can," said paramedic Bret Turner. "Even with wet suits the risk of hypothermia is high at these temperatures."

A boat took the search team to an area under the bridge, where the guns are believed to have been dropped into the water. An extensive search with a submersible camera took place before divers entered the water. Each diver spent a total of 15 minutes in the water before the decision was made to suspend the day's search.

More details of the alleged crime will be released when the firearms are recovered.

"It's an ongoing investigation and the area is considered a crime scene," Thom said.

## Water

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"We could no longer claim that our ... Idaho farm-raised trout are grown in pure spring water," he said, even if only a little of the water came from elsewhere.

The company during the hearing proposed other means of mitigation, including conversions to surface water and voluntarily following of land. MacMillan said Clear Springs believes a combina-

tion of those actions could satisfy the shortage, and that the two-year stay on the mitigation that began last spring should give both sides the time they need to sort out a solution.

For the moment, however, the pumpers are sticking with what they've got.

Idaho Ground Water Appropriators Executive Director Lynn Tominaga acknowledged the over-the-rim plan does currently have some holes in it. But

the groundwater districts are still confident the pipeline can be built and will provide the water Clear Springs needs, he said. The other options proposed by the company, including conversions, just aren't practical on such a large scale.

"We've held up our part of the bargain," Tominaga said.

Meanwhile, a judge last week reaffirmed his conclusions in a court challenge of

the Thousand Springs water call.

Judge John Melanson, recently appointed to the Idaho Court of Appeals, considered a number of objections by both sides to his June decision regarding how IDWR handled the long-running call. He then again remanded the case back to the IDWR director to apply appropriate burdens of proof and evidence when considering seasonal variations in the spring flows.

## Guns

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from storing guns in cars parked on company lots.

• Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, South Carolina and Virginia have made some or all handgun permit information confidential.

• Montana, Arizona and Kansas have allowed handgun permits to be issued to people who have had their felony convictions expunged or their full civil rights restored.

• Tennessee and Montana have passed laws that exempt weapons made and owned in-state from federal restrictions. Tennessee is the home to Barrett Firearms Manufacturing, the maker of a .50-caliber shoulder-fired rifle that the company says can shoot bullets up to five miles and is banned in California.

The AP compiled the data on new laws from groups ranging from the Legal Community Against Violence, which advocates gun control, to the NRA.

Public attitudes toward gun control have shifted strongly over the past 50 years, according to Gallup polling. In 1959, 60 percent of respondents said they favored a ban on handguns except for "police and other authorized persons." Gallup's most recent annual crime survey in October found 71 percent opposed such a ban.

The NRA boasts that almost all states grant handgun permits to people with clean criminal and psychological records. In 1987, only 10 states did. Only Wisconsin, Illinois and the District of Columbia now prohibit the practice entirely.

"The NRA has a stranglehold on a lot of state legislatures," said Kristin Rand, legislative director of the Violence Policy Center, a gun control group in Washington. "They basically have convinced lawmakers they can cost them their seats, even though there's no real evidence to back that up."

Tennessee's new laws came after the Republican takeover of the General Assembly this year, but most other states that loosened restrictions didn't experience major partisan shifts. Most of the states where the new laws were enacted have large rural populations, where support for gun rights tends to cross party lines.

While some states have tightened gun laws during the same period, the list of new restrictive laws is much shorter. In 2009 alone, more than three times as many laws were passed to make it easier on gun owners.

New Jersey's 2009 law limiting people to one handgun purchase per month is the most notable of the more restrictive laws. Other examples this year include Maryland's ban on concealed weapons on public transit and Maine's vote to give public universities and colleges the power to regulate firearms on campus.

The most contentious of

Tennessee's new gun laws was one allowing handguns in bars and restaurants that serve alcohol. It took effect in July after lawmakers overrode a veto by the governor. Last month, a Nashville judge struck down the law as unconstitutional vague, but supporters have vowed to pass it again.

A similar Arizona law that took effect in September allows people with concealed-weapons permits to bring their guns into bars and restaurants that haven't posted signs banning them.

While Tennessee's law was in place, many bars chose not to let customers bring guns in. Likewise, more than 70 communities have opted out of allowing guns in parks.

"People go in there and start drinking and then they want to start a fight. What are they going to do if they got a gun in their hand?" said Larry Speck, 69, who works at an auto repair shop in Memphis.

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# St. Luke's opens family medical clinic in Hailey

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — It's not an easy time to be in the health-care industry, with winds of change stirring from Washington. But for doctors at the new St. Luke's Wood River Family Medicine Clinic in Hailey, the ability to give care has been made easier.

At a grand-opening for the new building on Thursday, held about a month after the facility began accepting patients, there were lots of jokes about a vacated decades-old downtown facility. "No more following the yellow tape on the ceiling," was overheard several times as guests and dignitaries partook in appetizers and tours

## LEARN MORE

Visit the new St. Luke's Hailey clinic at 1450 Aviation Drive

of the new clinic.

At a cost of about \$10.5 million, the new structure houses not only the hospital's Hailey doctors and nurses, but also the hospital's Community Health center, large classrooms, Idaho Elks rehabilitation physical therapy space and several unfinished spaces for expansion.

The building was largely designed by the physicians, said Chief of Staff Rich Paris. "It was just us and the architects, there was no adult supervision," he joked during the grand opening.



So far, everyone seems happy with the result. "In the first week (since the soft opening), they (patients) said 'This is so great, you really deserve this.' By the

second week, they said 'This is so great, we really deserve this!' And that's what we were hoping for," Paris said.

Also speaking was Preston Strazza, a St. Luke's board

St. Luke's Wood River Chief Executive Officer Bruce Jensen prepares to cut a ribbon at the entrance to the hospital system's new Hailey clinic building. Doctors in the building began seeing patients last month, but the grand opening ceremony was held Thursday.

ARIEL HANSEN/  
Times-News

between the health care we had 10 or 12 years ago and what we have today. It's quite amazing," he said. "Whatever challenges lie ahead, we will be successful in meeting those challenges."

What's next for St. Luke's Wood River? Though the hospital system is continually working to improve care and provide additional services, there aren't any more major initiatives coming in the near future, said Chief Executive Officer Bruce Jensen.

"We're going to take a real deep breath and see what comes out of Washington (D.C.)," he said.

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## Defendants removed from Lincoln Co. lawsuit

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — Fifth District Court Judge Robert Elgee granted a motion Friday to remove four Lincoln County employees as codefendants in a lawsuit against the county.

County Commissioner Marsha Hiatt, County Clerk Liz Kime, Prosecuting Attorney E. Scott Paul and Deputy County Clerk Ruth Petruzzelli were originally named in the suit filed Oct. 27 by former deputy clerk Cary Kay Hutchins alleging wrongful termination, a civil rights violation and emotional distress.

Attorney Michael Kane, representing the county, questioned the wording of the complaint and said it clouded whether Hutchins was suing the county or the four individuals. He also said

defendants were not properly served.

Hutchins agreed to the elimination of the four individuals from the action. The Shoshone resident is representing herself.

Hutchins is claiming wrongful termination from the job she held for about three years. County officials say she quit on May 1. Hutchins' departure from her county job more than seven months ago stems from a verbal altercation.

"Ms. Hutchins and Ms. Petruzzelli got into a disagreement one day," Kane told the court. "You don't file a civil rights claim when you have a wrongful termination complaint."

Kane also said Kime was not involved in the verbal dispute between Hutchins and Petruzzelli. The attorney also moved to dismiss two counts contained in the

original complaint alleging a federal civil rights violation against Hutchins and emotional distress.

Kane told the court that there was no federal civil rights violation. He also said if there was a wrongful termination, it would not equate to emotional distress.

Hutchins filed an amended complaint on Wednesday.

Kane said he had not read it and therefore had not filed an answer.

"It certainly puts a wrinkle in this matter," Elgee said, and told Kane he wanted to address the merits of his motion.

There are two remaining counts in the original complaint related to an alleged wrongful termination.

Elgee declined to rule on other motions during the Friday hearing, saying he would turn to the amend-

ed complaint.

A court date to consider new documents was not set on Friday. When Hutchins addressed the court she referred to a county employee handbook, which was not discussed further on Friday.

Hutchins declined to discuss the case with the *Times-News*.

She stated in her lawsuit that she didn't intend to quit. Hutchins is seeking reinstatement of her job and benefits or a monetary settlement.

The county's insurer, Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, denied a claim for damages against the county by Hutchins in September, according to a letter Hutchins provided to the *Times-News*.

John Plestina may be reached at 208-358-7062.

## Wreaths Across America comes to Wendell

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Grasping an evergreen wreath adorned with a single velvet red ribbon, Salena Hardie ran through the Wendell Cemetery on Friday, her feet careful not to traipse directly over the deceased below.

The 10-year-old spied a headstone with a metal hook in front of it and made her way to the grave of Orville Lee Bishop, who served with the Navy in World War II, according to his headstone.

Bishop didn't die in the war, but as a veteran he is remembered for his service during this year's Wreaths Across America program, which organizes wreath placement at gravesites across the country.

The program began more than 18 years ago when the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, initiated a tradition of donating and placing wreaths on the headstones of fallen service members at Virginia's Arlington National Cemetery.

Hardie straightened the wreath so its bow was centered at the top. Her two friends took a moment to pause with Hardie to contemplate the fallen hero.

"I feel like we are doing a good thing, remembering the veterans here in our community's cemetery," Hardie said.

The trio trotted back to where more wreaths, sponsored by the Wendell American Legion and Veteran Brotherhood Association, lay in stacks for placement on a flatbed



BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

Wendell Elementary School fifth-graders, from left, Ashley Shirley, Salena Hardie and Alex Barkley take a moment to reflect on the service of Orville Lee Bishop, who served with the Navy in World War II, after Hardie placed a wreath near his headstone at the city's Veterans of Foreign Wars post's participation in the Wreaths Across America program.

## TAKE PART

A Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. today at the South Central Idaho Veterans Park, 350 E. Main St., Wendell. The ceremony takes place at the same time wreaths will be laid in Arlington National Cemetery. The program, hosted by the Veteran Brotherhood Association, features guest narrator Doug Maughan. Information: Jim Benson, 539-2800.

trailer. About 80 fifth-graders from Wendell Elementary School participated in laying more than 300 wreaths at the cemetery.

"It's good to see the veterans remembered," said cemetery superintendent Paul Isaacson. "Not only

did they serve the country but they were a part of the community. There seems to be a groundswell of interest in honoring our nation's veterans and that's good."

Wendell teacher Laura Bunn's fifth-grade class discussed the sacrifice veterans made for the country and cemetery etiquette to prepare for Friday's outing. She was impressed with the excitement and seriousness students displayed.

"I think they are really excited about making sure every veteran here gets their wreath," Bunn said. "Every year we do service, learning how important it is to get involved in the community, and this fits with that perfectly."

While students may not realize the significance of

their service, members of the VFW do, said Jim Crouson, an Army retiree with 23 years service.

"I hope this act inspires patriotism within the community," Crouson said. "It's good that veterans are remembered — and not just on Veterans Day."

Blair Koch may be reached at blairkoch@gmail.com or 208-316-2607.

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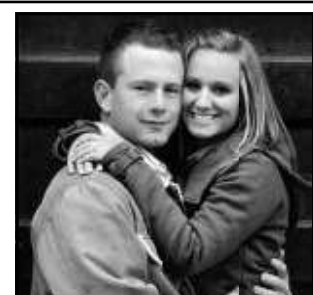
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## Detweiler-Nield

David and Lynda Detweiler of Twin Falls are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lyndsy Paige Detweiler to Kahler Douglas Nield, son of Myran and Devry Nield of Kimberly.

Lyndsy is a 2005 graduate of Twin Falls High School. She received her Cosmetology License at Idaho State University before serving an 18 month LDS mission in Cleveland, Ohio and the Kirtland Ohio Historic Sites.

Kahler is a 2006 graduate of Kimberly High School. He served a two year LDS mission in Tampa, Florida. In January he'll begin his second year of college at BYU Idaho. He will then



Lyndsy Detweiler and Kahler Nield

complete his studies at BYU Provo majoring in Civil Engineering.

The wedding is planned for December 18, 2009 in the Twin Falls LDS Temple. A reception will follow that evening from 6:00-9:00 pm at the Kimberly Idaho LDS Stake Center.

The couple will reside in Rexburg, Idaho.

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The Times-News is printing a special section of the newspaper on December 19th which will feature letters to Santa written by local children. These letters are true treasures and examples of faith and hope even in hard times. If you have a child who would like to have their letter to Santa printed in the newspaper please email it to

[santa@magicvalley.com](mailto:santa@magicvalley.com)

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Questions? Please call Lucinda at 735-3294. due to size limitations we may not be able to print all letters.

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# Twin Falls elementary principal kisses pig

By Damon Hunzeker  
Times-News writer

The pig, squealing and squirming, may have been worried about getting principal flu.

Friday afternoon, after a promise made nine weeks ago in an effort to inspire a passion for books, Kasey Teske, the Oregon Trail Elementary School principal, kissed a pig — on the lips and snout for an elongated three seconds that seemed like at least seven.

The idea came from Judi Baxter, the Twin Falls school's literacy specialist. Each time a student read a book, at his or her reading level or higher, a segment with the name of the book and the name of the student was added to a paper bookworm stretching from one end of the school to the other until its face met its tail.

In October, Teske said he expected the segments to touch sometime in the spring, but the kids really wanted him to kiss a pig and, after 547 students read 2,757 books, Teske kissed a small pig in the crowded gymnasium on his birthday.

He talked about "pig power" and the importance of reading.

"Me kissing the pig has really motivated you to read books," he told the kids.

Baxter and Teske initially acted as though a real pig wasn't available — suggesting, instead, a poster and a couple of stuffed animals. The children, offended by the idea, demanded, "Real pig!"

By the time Baxter brought the real pig out, the buildup of suspense was reminiscent of a presidential inauguration or a Simon and Garfunkel reunion concert.

It was difficult to determine if the lips or snout were closer to Teske's lips, because the pig was merely three weeks old and had a small, squealing face that had to be restrained in order to receive the kiss.

"It was sloppy," Teske said afterward. "I didn't think there would be that much slobber."

Regardless, he said the kiss was worth it, because it contributed to early literacy.

It wasn't as though the kids were reading Proust or Dante — most of the books have titles such as "Little Bear" — but they got the job done, and the project will continue.

Additional bookworm segments will be added throughout the school year in the other direction — culminating in Assistant Principal Shari Cowger getting a pie smashed in her face.

"We're going to make the segments smaller next time," Teske said.



Courtesy photo  
Oregon Trail Elementary School Principal Kasey Teske kisses a pig Friday during an assembly at the school. School literacy specialist Judy Baxter helps support the smooched swine.

# Shoshone begins search for school superintendent

By John Plestina  
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — The Shoshone School Board on Tuesday set April 1 as a target date to have the district's next superintendent committed to begin work before the start of the 2010-11 school year.

Superintendent Mel Wiseman, 60, announced this year that he plans to retire in July. He said he will reach the rule of 90 requirements for early retirement under the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho, as his age and years of service total 90.

Tuesday night, the board went online with Russell Joki, of Meridian, the district's superintendent search coach.

"The board got input from the administrators," Wiseman said, adding that the district will include recommendations in an announcement brochure from both principals.

"There wasn't anyone internally who applied for the position so we are going to open it up Jan. 15 for a search," Wiseman said.



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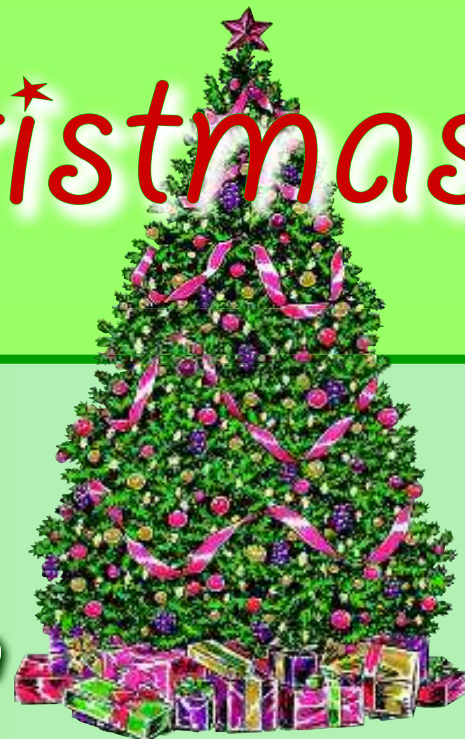


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 — Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman Sheila Bair to the committee examining Bank of America’s acquisition of Merrill Lynch

# Jerome man comes to the rescue, pays a price

**CHEERS:** To a genuine good Samaritan, who lent a hand to strangers last Saturday at his own peril.

Seventy-five-year-old Keenan Burnham of Jerome stopped to help after Guadalupe Rodriguez-Ayala lost control of her 1990 Buick Century on Interstate 84 and rolled down an embankment. The 32-year-old Rodriguez-Ayala and her three kids had minor injuries.

Burnham was headed back to his van to get them a blanket when he was hit by a pickup, suffering a broken vertebra in his neck, a broken leg, bruised ribs and other injuries.

His daughter, Sonja Falconburg, says he had surgery Monday and will have a slow recovery. Still, she says her dad maintains he’d do it all over again.

**JEERS:** To state Sen. Mike Jorgenson, R-Hayden, for introducing venom in the 1st Congressional District campaign that shouldn’t be there.

Jorgenson said state Rep. Raul Labrador, R-Eagle, should abandon his run for the GOP nomination for the seat now held by Democratic U.S. Rep. Walt Minnick because Labrador is an immigration lawyer.

“Raul Labrador ... admits to defending illegal immigrants



in his law practice,” Jorgenson told news outlets. “His pro-illegal immigrant stances are wrong for Idaho taxpayers and Idaho’s unemployed.”

Labrador, who was born in Puerto Rico, says his role as a lawyer is to help his clients, including businesses, navigate complicated rules governing legal citizenship, residency and working.

“I help people get through the legal immigration system,” he said. “That’s what I do for a living.”

Last we checked, that was legal.

**CHEERS:** To the city of Hailey and Mountain Rides public transportation for their efforts to establish a car-share program.

Under car-sharing, folks pay a monthly fee and an hourly rate when they drive the vehicle.

Hailey and Mountain Rides have applied for a \$2 million federal grant to set up such a program.

“We have some downtown areas on a scale that are very

walkable. A few cars in the right places are going to get you some good coverage,” said Jason Miller, executive director of Mountain Rides.

“Membership is going to be a challenge, and it’s going to take a much higher awareness, marketing, and a price structure to make the program successful.”

Prices have not been set for program membership and hourly rates, but Miller said they would likely be about \$40 a month, plus \$6 to \$10 per hour of use.

That would be a cost-effective way to save energy — and help the Wood River Valley’s environment.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Volleyball team appreciates support

Recently, the Shoshone Varsity Volleyball team took second at the district tournament, which bought them a trip to the Idaho State Volleyball tournament in Lewiston.

The Shoshone School District and the Shoshone High School Athletics Department, along with all the Lady Indians heading to Lewiston would like to thank all the individuals and businesses that provided financial and community support throughout the season and during the tournament.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and without it, our athletic teams would not be successful.

**KELLY CHAPMAN**  
Principal, middle and high school  
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President  
Twin Falls

### Thanks to Halloween event supporters

The YMCA held its third annual Halloween Fest this past October, which was a huge success!

Thank you to S&G for its generous gifts to the YMCA. Thank you to the staff who gave up their Friday night to spook and entertain guests. Finally, thank you to the community for showing your support in making our event such a success!

We look forward to giving you an even better a show next year!

**KELLY RUGGLES**  
YMCA  
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### Boy scouts serve Gooding veterans

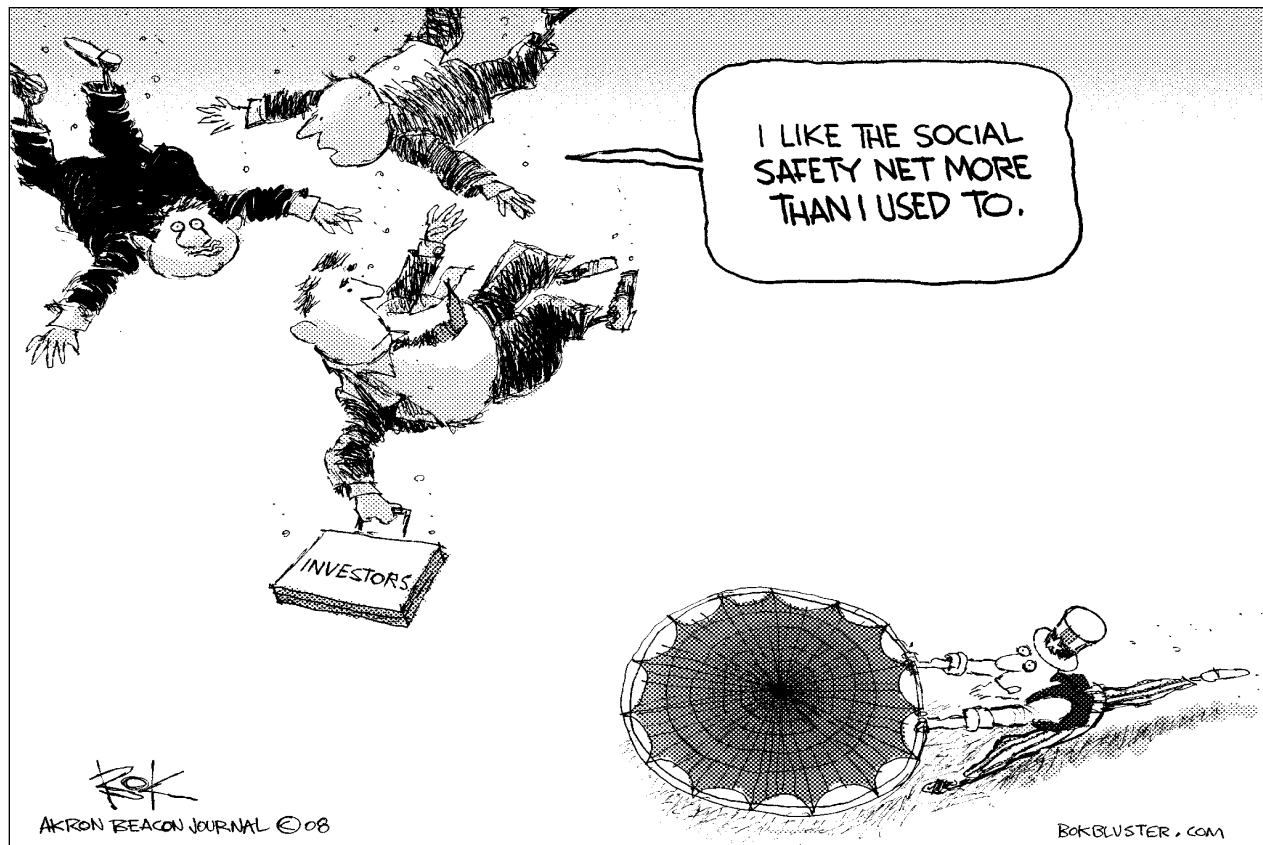
I want to say thank you to Gooding Boy Scout Troop 33 and Cub Scout Pack 97 for the Veterans Day dinner they put on for the veterans of Gooding.

Rob and Linda Ellis, Kristal and Jim Kelty and other leaders and volunteers put together an amazing dinner and flag presentation.

I must not leave out the Scouts that showed up to help serve dinner to the veterans and their families and the parents that made sure their boys were there to help honor each veteran.

Thank you to the businesses and individuals that helped provide the free dinner: Eaton Drilling and Pump Service of Wendell, Cook’s and Ridley’s Grocery Stores of Gooding, Dan and Marilyn Meal, Sabala Farms, Gooding Elks, S&G Produce, Gooding Basque Association, Eco-Lab, Sheri Kelso, Larry McCombs and A-Plus Ranch. This night would not have been possible without every one of them.

**KALLASATER**  
Membership chairman  
Northside District BSA  
Wendell



# It’s time to tax the speculators

Let’s put some sand in finance’s wheels. Should we use taxes to deter financial speculation? Yes, say top British officials, who oversee the City of London, one of the world’s two great banking centers. Other European governments agree — and they’re right.

Unfortunately, U.S. officials — especially Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner — are dead set against the proposal. Let’s hope they reconsider: a financial transactions tax is an idea whose time has come.

The dispute began back in August, when Adair Turner, Britain’s top financial regulator, called for a tax on financial transactions as a way to discourage “socially useless” activities. Gordon Brown, the British prime minister, picked up on his proposal, which he presented at the Group of 20 meeting of leading economies this month.

Why is this a good idea? The Turner-Brown proposal is a modern version of an idea originally floated in 1972 by the late James Tobin, the Nobel-winning Yale economist. Tobin argued that currency speculation — money moving internationally to bet on fluctuations in exchange rates — was having a disruptive effect on the world economy. To reduce these disruptions, he called for a small tax on every exchange of currencies.



**Paul Krugman**

Such a tax would be a trivial expense for people engaged in foreign trade or long-term investment; but it would be a major disincentive for people trying to make a fast buck (or euro, or yen) by outguessing the markets over the course of a few days or weeks. It would, as Tobin said, “throw some sand in the well-greased wheels” of speculation.

Tobin’s idea went nowhere at the time. Later, much to his dismay, it became a favorite hobbyhorse of the anti-globalization left. But the Turner-Brown proposal, which would apply a “Tobin tax” to all financial transactions — not just those involving foreign currency — is very much in Tobin’s spirit. It would be a trivial expense for long-term investors, but it would deter much of the churning that now takes place in our hyperactive financial markets.

This would be a bad thing if financial hyperactivity were productive. But after the debacle of the past two years, there’s broad agreement — I’m tempted to say, agreement on the part of almost everyone not on the financial industry’s payroll — with Turner’s assertion that a lot of what Wall

Street and the City do is “socially useless.” And a transactions tax could generate substantial revenue, helping alleviate fears about government deficits. What’s not to like?

The main argument made by opponents of a financial transactions tax is that it would be unworkable, because traders would find ways to avoid it. Some also argue that it wouldn’t do anything to deter the socially damaging behavior that caused our current crisis. But neither claim stands up to scrutiny.

On the claim that financial transactions can’t be taxed: modern trading is a highly centralized affair. Take, for example, Tobin’s original proposal to tax foreign exchange trades. How can you do this, when currency traders are located all over the world? The answer is, while traders are all over the place, a majority of their transactions are settled — i.e., payment is made — at a single London-based institution. This centralization keeps the cost of transactions low, which is what makes the huge volume of wheeling and dealing possible. It also, however, makes these transactions relatively easy to identify and tax.

What about the claim that a financial transactions tax doesn’t address the real problem? It’s true that a transactions tax wouldn’t have stopped lenders from making bad loans, or gullible investors from buy-

ing toxic waste backed by those loans.

But bad investments aren’t the whole story of the crisis. What turned those bad investments into catastrophe was the financial system’s excessive reliance on short-term money.

As Gary Gorton and Andrew Metrick of Yale have shown, by 2007 the U.S. banking system had become crucially dependent on “repo” transactions, in which financial institutions sell assets to investors while promising to buy them back after a short period — often a single day. Losses in subprime and other assets triggered a banking crisis because they undermined this system — there was a “run on repo.”

And a financial transactions tax, by discouraging reliance on ultra-short-run financing, would have made such a run much less likely. So contrary to what the skeptics say, such a tax would have helped prevent the current crisis — and could help us avoid a future replay.

Would a Tobin tax solve all our problems? Of course not. But it could be part of the process of shrinking our bloated financial sector. On this, as on other issues, the Obama administration needs to free its mind from Wall Street’s thrall.

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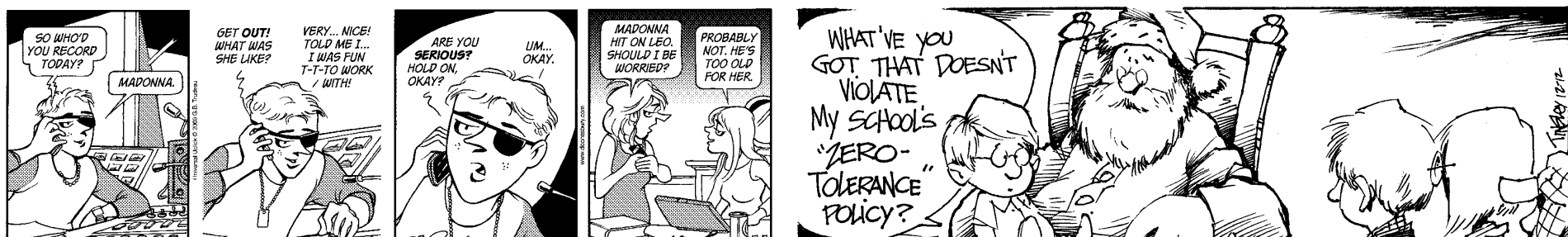
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## LETTERS OF THANKS

## Raffle winners named, helpers thanked

The Mule Deer Foundation would like to thank Sportsman's Warehouse manager John Howard and his staff for their help during the recent gun raffle; 250 raffle tickets were sold and two winners were drawn. Ryan Murphey of Winnemucca, Nev., chose the Weatherby Vanguard 270 2009 Banquet Rifle, and Joe Mabey of Burley won the Remington CDL 25.06.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets and donated to our mission to ensure the conservation of mule deer and black-tailed deer and their habitats.

**RON BISHOP**  
Magic Valley Chapter  
Mule Deer Foundation  
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## Kimberly runners grateful for support

The Kimberly Cross Country team recently held a very successful raffle and would like to thank the following business and individuals for their donations:

Wills Toyota, Pleasant Valley Golf, Danny and Shaunna Crane, Danny and Jennifer Crystal, First Federal Savings, Kimberly High School Booster Club.

A special thanks to Maxie's Pizza in Twin Falls for its continued support year after year! We sincerely appreciate all you do for us.

Thanks again to First Federal Savings for the delicious apple/snack basket for our long journey to state!

Thanks to all for your support; we couldn't have done it without you!

**CLAY STOUT**  
Cross country  
Kimberly

## Many helped make production a success

The West End Theatre Company would like to sincerely thank the Magic Valley for supporting and championing our production of "Emma's Child." The response to the show was overwhelming, and we are especially grateful to our sponsors for helping us bring the story of "Emma's Child" to life.

In particular, we would like to thank Real Deals in Home Décor, Zion's Bank and the Buhl Arts Council for each sponsoring one night of the production. Thank you to Payson Reese for sponsoring printing costs and to Snake River Sprinklers for donating rehearsal space.

We would also like to thank the following people and businesses for their various contributions to the show: All About Scrubs, Amber Olsen, Buhl Herald, Buhl School District, Cleverley Chiropractic, Irwin Realty, Judy Hoffman, Kim Smith, Larry and Sherrel Olsen, Mimi's Flowers, Penny Bowles, Sneaker World and Uniform Station, *Times-News*, West End Senior Center.

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## Rotary Club names breakfast donors

Thank you from the Blues Lakes Rotary Club to all the businesses and individuals who donated and helped make the Perrine Pancake Breakfast a big success. Thank you to:

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This community just keeps giving this is what makes Twin Falls a wonderful place to live and raise our families.

**BOBBI PYLE**  
**CAMILLE MURPHY**  
Pancake Breakfast co-Chairmen  
**Blue Lakes Rotary**  
Twin Falls

## Organization lauds Walmart's generosity

The Robert Stuart Middle School Parent Teacher Student Organization would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Twin Falls Walmart.

This school year began much differently for us as we now have the sixth-grade students in our halls. We observed these new students struggling from class to class carrying their new inventory of supplies. In order to ease their pain, the PTSO decided to provide these students with a uniform and convenient tote bag. Walmart graciously donated 200 blue bags to our cause, thus easing our sixth-graders burden. In a time when big businesses are getting a lot of negative press, Walmart found a way to give back.

Many thanks.  
**KANSAS GUTHRIE**  
Vice president  
**Robert Stuart Middle School**  
Parent Teacher Student Organization  
Twin Falls

## Raffle proceeds will help needy families

The Neighbors in Need Committee at Ascension Episcopal Church thanks everyone who helped to make the Neighbors in Need Raffle at the Artisans' Holiday Show such a huge success. More than \$1,400 was raised, which will provide help to many local families this winter.

Deepest thanks to all who donated to Neighbors in Need, to the artisans and parishioners of Ascension Church who donated items for the raffle and to all who set up, staffed and cleaned up the raffle booth.

All of us together make a huge difference to those in our community struggling to meet basic needs.

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## Association thanks show season sponsors

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**PAMBOLTON**  
President, ISHSA  
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## Thanksgiving feed was a big success

Alaska's Best Thanksgiving dinner was a huge success, thanks to everyone:

Rupert Elks for the use of their building and kitchen, Mike Zemke for cooking 65 turkeys, Mo for all her help and keeping us moving.

We would like to thank all that donated turkeys: Wild Turkey Federation, Declo Lion's Club and those that didn't leave a name — 80 turkeys were donated. We donated 15 to the Helping Hand in Burley to go in the Thanksgiving baskets. We received \$3,000 in donations. East Minico Eighth Grade held a hoop shoot and donated the proceeds. A thousand dollars will be given to MIA-POW, and \$2,000 will be given to Minidoka Senior Center Meals on Wheels.

It is great to live in a community like this; we are so proud to live here. Thanks to all.

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## Singing the praises of Cantata supporters

On behalf of the Gooding Community Chorale and Orchestra, thanks to all who made the Christmas Cantata successful.

First, director Rick Strickland gives his all to the Christmas Cantata. Second are the performers, who gave us their talent and time. Third, to the Walker Center, the biggest thanks of all because without it, the Christmas Cantata wouldn't have been the success it was. The Walker Center donated the use of its auditorium, decorated it beautifully and served refreshments after each performance. Fourth to

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the *Times-News* for its coverage, KMVT for its video and report, and to all other publications that helped promote the event.

And a special thank you to the Cantata Committee who made it happen: Sharon Strickland, Duke Morton, Gooding Middle School and North Valley Academy students for the narration. To the public who came from Twin Falls and surrounding areas and as far away as Boise to attend our performances, thank you.

Thank you all and Merry Christmas.  
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## Syringa residents enjoyed turkey dinner

The residents of Syringa Plaza Apartments would like to thank Charlie's Cafe, Dr. Z and all of the community members who worked so hard to prepare and deliver the wonderful turkey dinners on Thanksgiving.

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**LORI HURLEY**  
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## Twin Falls wrestlers thank Pandora's

The Twin Falls High School Wrestling Team would like to thank Pandora's and its staff for hosting our Pancake Breakfast on Dec. 5.

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"The real reason the state has asked for the death penalty is because they wish to get as biased a jury as they possibly can."

— **Andrea Lyon, one of Casey Anthony's attorneys. Anthony is a Florida woman charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter Caylee Anthony**

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**Disney's Princess and the Frog** (G) in 2 Theatres

Daily 7:00 7:30 9:15 9:45

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**2012** (13) Daily 6:30 9:45 Sat - Sun 12:00 3:15 6:30 9:45

**Twilight Saga: New Moon** (13) Dolby Digital Surround

in 3 Theatres Daily 6:45 7:15 9:00 9:30 10:00

Sat - Sun 12:00 12:45 1:30 3:00 3:45 4:30 6:00

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**Blindside** (13) Daily 6:45 9:30

Sat - Sun 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:30

**Planet 51** (PG) Daily 7:00 9:15

Sat - Sun 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**Disney's Old Dogs** (PG) Daily 7:30 9:45

Sat - Sun 12:45 3:00 5:15 7:30 9:45

**Everybody's Fine** (13) Daily 7:00 9:15

Sat - Sun 12:15 2:30 4:45 7:00 9:15

**Jerome Cinema 4** 955 West Main, Jerome  
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**Disney's Old Dogs** (PG) Daily 7:00 9:15

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**Fourth Kind** (13) Daily 7:15 9:30 Sat - Sun 12:30 2:45 5:00 7:15 9:30

**Ninja Assassin** (R) Daily 7:30 9:45

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**Transylmania** (R) Daily 9:45 Sat - Sun 3:00 9:45

**Couples Retreat** (13) Daily 7:15 9:45

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**Paranormal Activity** (R) Daily 7:30 Sat - Sun 12:45 5:15 7:30

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# FBI questions students, eyes conspiracy charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents have questioned some of the young Americans arrested in Pakistan as U.S. investigators gather evidence that could lead to a conspiracy charge against them, an American official and another person familiar with the case said Friday.

Agents are working to see if there is enough evidence to charge any of the five Muslim students with conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization, the two people said.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation.

Officials in both countries expect the five, who are from the Washington, D.C., area, to be deported back home. But Pakistan may hold them long enough for U.S. prosecutors to prepare charges, and there was no immediate indication how long

that might take.

While Pakistani officials have said the men admitted trying to connect with militant groups, an FBI note sent to American lawmakers Thursday evening said the bureau had "no information linking them to terrorist organizations." That FBI note did not address whether the students attempted to join some terrorist group.

The other possible charge — and one that could be more difficult to bring — would be conspiracy to maim or kill people overseas.

"If they had reached an agreement amongst themselves and were pursuing an opportunity to train or fight with what they knew to be a foreign terrorist organization, then that would be a crime," said Pat Rowan, the former head of the Justice Department's national security division.

# Dems plan nearly \$2T debt limit hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats plan to allow the government's debt to swell by nearly \$2 trillion as part of a bill next week to pay for wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. The amount pretty much equals the total of a year-end spending spree by lawmakers and is big enough to ensure that Congress doesn't have to vote again on going further into debt until after the 2010 elections.

The move has anxious moderate Democrats maneuvering to win new deficit-cutting tools as the price for their votes, igniting battles between the House and the Senate and with powerful interest groups on both the right and the left.

The record increase in the so-called debt limit — the legal cap on the amount of money the government can borrow — is likely to be in the neighborhood of \$1.8 trillion to \$1.9 trillion, House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., said Friday.

That eye-popping figure is making Democrats woozy but is what is needed to make sure they don't have to vote



Hoyer

again before next year's midterm elections. The government's total debt has nearly doubled in the past seven years and is expected to exceed the current ceiling of \$12.1 trillion before Jan. 1.

Democratic leaders say they will try to raise the ceiling to nearly \$14 trillion as part of a \$626 billion bill next week to pay for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and other military programs in 2010. The bill doesn't include the additional \$30 billion President Obama is expected to seek early next year to pay for his 30,000-troop buildup in Afghanistan but it might carry an added \$50 billion to pay for a six-month extension of unemployment benefits and health care insurance subsidies for the long-term jobless.

The entire strategy, however, is teetering because of brinkmanship involving moderate Senate Democrats who are demanding a bipartisan deficit reduction task force with special powers to recommend spending cuts or tax increases that would be guaranteed House and Senate votes. That idea is a total no-go with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Playing tit for tat, moderate House "Blue Dog" Democrats announced Friday that their votes for any debt limit increase depend on winning a "pay-as-you-go" budget law aimed at ensuring that new tax cuts or new spending programs don't increase deficits.

Under a pay-as-you-go regime, if offsetting cuts or revenue hikes are not found to pay for new policies, across-the-board spending cuts would hit selected programs such as farm subsidies and Medicare.

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Business

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## Intermountain Gas asks to interrupt snow-melt customers

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

The Intermountain Gas Company is asking the Idaho Public Utilities Commission for authority to cut off gas to customers who use natural gas-fired snow-melting equipment when gas use is peaking.

Natural-gas fired snow-melting equipment, installed under driveways and on rooftops, uses an inordinate amount of natural gas compared to more conventional uses, said officials with Intermountain Gas. During days when natural gas is at peak use, the snow-melt equip-

ment has the potential to impact service to other customers.

The company claims that because snow-melt customers use large amounts of natural gas for only a few days during the winter, it creates an inefficient use of the company's distribution system and

does not allow for cost recovery of the added capacity.

Intermountain Gas, which serves about 305,000 customers across southern Idaho, is proposing that new residential and small-commercial customers installing snow-melt equipment or

existing customers remodeling to install the equipment receive the interruptible service.

For customers who already have snow-melt equipment, Intermountain is negotiating voluntary agreements that allow for interruption after advance notice by the company.

Under the proposal, all new snow-melt applications would require individual meters installed at customer expense. These meters would be distinct from the meters provided for other natural gas service.

See **GAS**, Business 2

## MAJOR MAKEOVER of Wall Street regulations passes House



David O'Day, center, and fellow traders gather at the post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The house passed regulations Friday to protect against Wall Street failures.

## Minnick proposes amendment to eliminate consumer protection agency

By Jim Kuhnenn  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The House passed the most ambitious restructuring of federal financial regulations since the New Deal on Friday, aiming to head off any replay of last year's Wall Street failures that plunged the nation deep into recession.

Democrats fought an amendment Friday, which was offered by Rep. Walt Minnick, to eliminate the creation of an independent Consumer Finance Protection Agency.

The sprawling legislation would give the government new powers to break up companies that threaten the economy, create a new

agency to oversee consumer banking transactions and shine a light into shadow financial markets that have escaped the oversight of regulators.

The vote was a party-line 223-202. No Republicans voted for the bill; 27 Democrats voted against it.

While a victory for the administration, the legislation dilutes some of President Obama's recommendations, carving out exceptions to some of its toughest provision. The burden now shifts to the Senate, which is not expected to act on its version of a regulatory overhaul until early next year.

The president praised the House action Friday, and called on Congress to act

swiftly to get the bill to the White House for his signature.

"The crisis from which we are still recovering was born not only of failure on Wall Street, but also in Washington," Obama said. "We have a responsibility to learn from it and to put in place reforms that will promote sound investment, encourage real competition and innovation and prevent such a crisis from ever happening again."

The legislation would govern the simplest payday loan and the most complicated high-finance trades. In its breadth, the measure seeks to impose restrictions on every house of finance, from two-teller neighborhood thrifts to huge inter-



Walt Minnick

connected conglomerates.

Democratic leaders had to fend off a last-minute attempt to kill a proposed consumer agency, a central element of the legislation and one the features pushed by the White House. The agency would take over consumer protection powers from current banking regulators, and big banks and the

See **MAKEOVER**, Business 2

## Hollywood hopes an ensemble cast boosts Blu-ray

By Ryan Nakashima  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Although prices for some Blu-ray players dropped below \$100 this holiday season, customers are hesitant to jump into the next-generation video format. Even people who already own Blu-ray players are still buying movies on DVDs.

One big reason: Blu-ray discs won't play on standard DVD players found in cars, computers and bedrooms.

Now Hollywood — which is banking on the pricier Blu-ray discs to

help lift sagging home video sales — is stepping up its efforts to win customers. Studios are packaging Blu-ray discs with regular versions on DVDs, and throwing in so-called "digital copies," which can play on computers and iPods.

Over the past month or so, "Up," "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" and many other hit movies were released in such combo packs. Universal is releasing its "Bourne" movies on "flipper" discs with Blu-ray on one side and DVD on the other.

See **BLU-RAY**, Business 2



AP photo

Customers brows Blu-ray movies at Best Buy in West Hollywood, Calif. Although prices for some Blu-ray players dropped below \$100 this holiday season, customers are hesitant to jump into the next-generation video format.

## McDonald's to roll out breakfast dollar menu

By Ashley M Heher  
Associated Press writer

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. will begin selling a variety of breakfast items for \$1 early next month, including hashbrowns that the food chain buys from ConAgra/Lamb Weston in Twin Falls, a spokeswoman for the world's largest hamburger chain said Thursday.

The move to add to its already popular dollar menu comes as McDonald's tries to fight a decline in U.S. sales, which have slipped following the months of success when its cheap eats were a big draw for recession-strapped diners.

On tap to be added to the menu, which already includes eight items for lunch and dinner time, are the company's Sausage McMuffin, a sausage burrito, a sausage biscuit, a

small coffee and a hash brown.

Spokeswoman Danya Proud said some of the dishes are already sold for a dollar at some locations, although prices often vary.

Most fast-food restaurants, which spent recent years expand their early morning business, have seen a decline in breakfast diners as unemployment climbs and fewer workers stop in for coffee and a breakfast sandwich on their way to the office.

According to market research firm NPD group, breakfast traffic fell 2 percent this summer at the nation's fast food restaurants.

R.J. Hottovy, a restaurant analyst at Morningstar, said Thursday's move should help McDonald's begin to recover some that lost breakfast business, in See **MCDONALDS**, Business 2

## Mortgage rates see uptick but average below 5 percent

By E. Scott Reckard  
Los Angeles Times

Interest rates on home mortgages edged higher this week, bouncing off record lows, but fixed-rate loans are still averaging well below 5 percent for those who are coming out of the recession with solid credit and can muster 20 percent down.

Those borrowers were

getting 30-year fixed loans at an average of 4.81 percent for the week ending Thursday, according to Freddie Mac, the government-backed mortgage buyer and guarantor. On those loans, the borrowers also were paying 0.7 percent of the loan balance in upfront lender fees including so-called points.

Fixed rates on 15-year loans averaged 4.32 percent

with upfront fees averaging 0.6 percent.

In the preceding week, 30-year fixed rates averaged 4.71 percent, an all-time low for the Freddie Mac survey. A year earlier, the 30-year-fixed-rate mortgage averaged 5.47 percent.

Freddie Mac economist Frank Nothaft said an upbeat report on November unemployment

had pushed long-term Treasury yields higher and mortgage rates followed, as they generally do.

With 30-year fixed rates almost 0.7 percentage points lower than at the same time last year, Nothaft noted, someone signing up for a \$400,000 conventional mortgage would pay \$162 less per month now compared with then.

### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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Live cattle	214.0	▼ .8	Jan. Oil	69.87	▼ .67
Dec. Gold	1,119.40	▼ 6.30	Dec. Silver	17.08	▼ .08

For more see Business 2

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Table with 3 main sections: NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ. Each section lists Most Active, Gainers, Losers, and Diary. Includes stock names, volume, and price changes.

INDEXES table listing various market indices such as Dow Jones Industrials, S&P 500, and Russell 2000 with their respective values and changes.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST table listing local stocks like AlliantEch, AmCasino, and others with their prices and daily changes.

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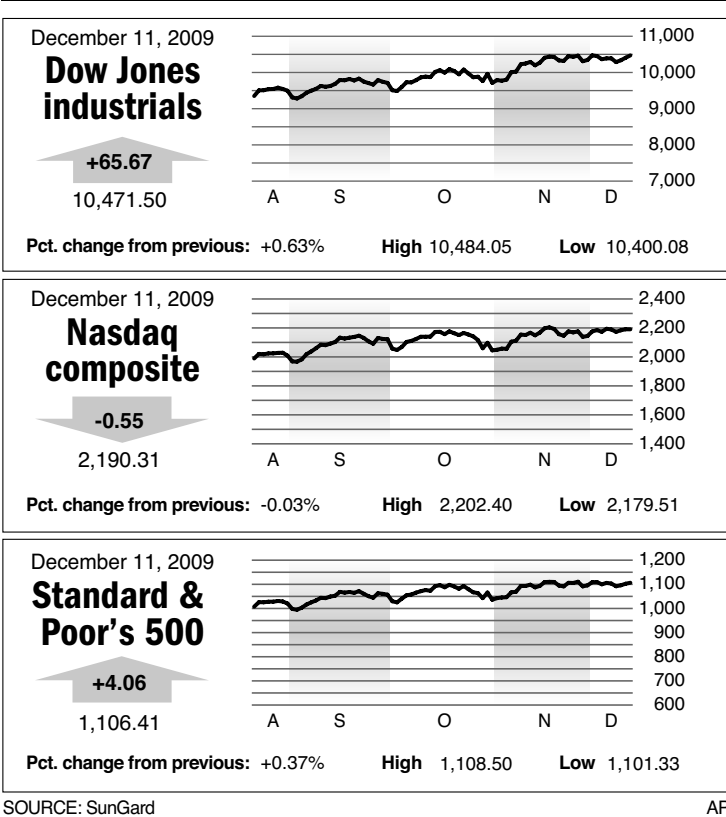
VALLEY BEANS section providing prices for various bean products like white beans and pinto beans.

GRAINS

VALLEY GRAINS section providing prices for grain products like wheat, corn, and soybeans.

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report on Friday. POCATELLO - White wheat 4.30 (steady); 11.5 percent winter 4.05 (up 1p); 14 percent spring 5.45 (steady); barley 5.73 (steady).

YESTERDAY ON WALL STREET



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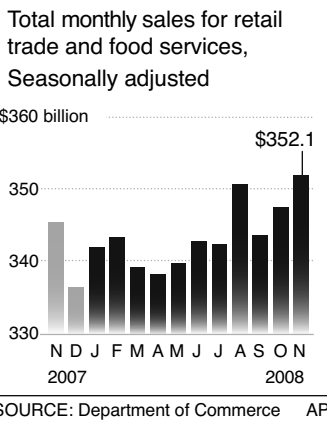
The Dow Jones industrial average rose 65.67, or 0.6 percent, to 10,471.50. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 4.06, or 0.4 percent, to 1,106.41, while the Nasdaq composite index slipped 0.55, or less than 0.1 percent, to 2,190.31.

NOVEMBER ECONOMIC REPORTS

Retail sales rise more than expected

WASHINGTON - Retail sales rose more than expected in November, boosting hopes that the all-important consumer sector will support the fragile recovery. Retail sales rose 1.3 percent last month, after a 1.1 percent October gain...

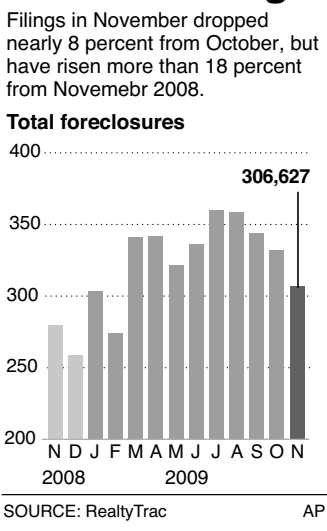
Retail sales rise



Foreclosure filings fall 8 percent

WASHINGTON - The number of homeowners on the brink of foreclosure fell in November, the fourth straight monthly decline, as mortgage companies evaluated whether borrowers were eligible for help. Nearly 307,000 households, or one in every 417 homes, received a foreclosure-related notice in November, down 8 percent from a month earlier...

Foreclosure filings



Makeover

Continued from Business 1. U.S. Chamber of Commerce vigorously opposed the idea. Democrats said the broad legislation would help address problems that led to last year's calamitous financial crisis.

Blu-Ray

Continued from Business 1. Such combos generally cost about \$20 - sometimes 50 percent to 70 percent less than what it would cost to buy a Blu-ray disc and DVD separately.

legislation fell short, especially in the regulation of complex investment instruments known as derivatives. The legislation aims to prevent manipulation and bring transparency to the \$600 trillion global derivatives market.

LIVESTOCK

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Livestock Report on Friday. LIVESTOCK AUCTION - Idaho Falls Livestock Market on Wednesday. Utility and commercial cows 40.00-48.00; canner and cutter 30.00-44.00; heavy feeder steers 70.00-92.00; light feeder steers 90.00-110.00; stocker steers 104.00-120.00; heavy holslein feeder steers 48.00-58.00; light holslein feeder steers 50.00-60.00; heavy feeder heifers 78.00-86.00; light feeder heifers 84.00-94.00; stocker heifers 89.00-102.00; bulls 48.00-58.00; feeder lambs 87.00-94.00; Remarks: All classes steady.

METALS/MONEY

CURRENCY EXCHANGE NEW YORK (AP) - Key currency exchange rates Friday, compared with late Thursday in New York. Dollar vs Yen: 88.20. Dollar vs Euro: 1.4617. Dollar vs Pound: 1.6241. Dollar vs Swiss franc: 1.0341. Dollar vs Canadian dollar: 1.0606. Dollar vs Mexican peso: 12.9340.

GOLD

Selected world gold prices, Friday. London morning fixing: \$1140.00 off \$11.50. London afternoon fixing: \$1124.00 off \$4.50. NY Handy & Harman: \$1124.00 off \$4.50. NY Handy & Harman fabricated: \$1213.92 off \$4.86. NY Engelhards: \$1225.56 off \$4.51. NY Engelhards: \$1211.05 off \$4.85. NY Merc. Gold Dec. \$1199.40 off \$6.30. NY HSBC Bank USA 4 p.m. Fri. \$116.00 off \$11.00.

SILVER

NEW YORK (AP) - Handy & Harman silver Friday \$17,000 off \$0.20. H&H fabricated \$20,400 off \$0.30. The morning bullion price for silver in London \$1215.00 off \$0.20. Engelhart \$17,280 off \$0.150. Engelhart fabricated \$20,736 off \$0.180. NY Merc silver spot month Friday \$17,084 off \$0.089.

NONFERROUS METALS

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Friday. Aluminum - \$981.11 per lb., London Metal Exch. Copper \$3.0866 Cathode full plate, LME. Copper \$3.1100 NY Merc spot Fri. Lead - \$225.90 metric ton, London Metal Exch. Zinc - \$1,027.11 per lb., London Metal Exch. Gold - \$1124.00 Handy & Harman (only daily quote). Gold - \$1199.40 troy oz., NY Merc spot Fri.

Gas

Continued from Business 1. At its discretion, Intermountain Gas would manually or remotely turn off all snow-melt meters in affected regions of its system when the ability of the system to make all as natural gas deliveries is at stake. The company believes the interruptions will not be lengthy, but will depend on weather and snowfall conditions.

Hollywood. U.S. home video revenue fell 3.2 percent to \$4 billion in the third quarter, even though the number of home movie transactions rose 6.6 percent, according to The Digital Entertainment Group, an industry organization. Because Blu-ray discs are generally priced \$10 or more than DVDs, without costing much more to produce, they could boost profit margins in Hollywood. Until now, the pace of adoption for Blu-ray has matched what DVD had when it pushed aside video cassettes more than a decade ago. But DVDs didn't face as many competitors as Blu-ray has. Other delivery methods have emerged, including videos and movies over the Internet, sometimes sent straight to your TV.

McDonald's

Continued from Business 1. rushing to slash menu prices to keep customers - and their wallets - happy. Dunkin Donuts is trying to add incremental revenue," he said. "I don't think that's changed, but you have to make that a little more affordable in the current environment." A dollar breakfast menu also puts pressure on McDonald's competitors, many of whom are also

Gas

Continued from Business 1. The commission plans to accept written comments rather than conducting a hearing, unless customer comments can demonstrate a need for a public hearing. Comments were accepted through Dec. 23 via e-mail by accessing the commission's homepage at www.puc.idaho.gov and clicking on "Comments & Questions."

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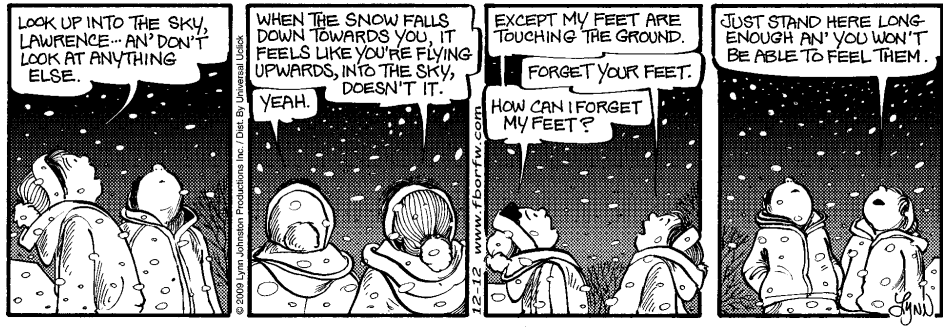
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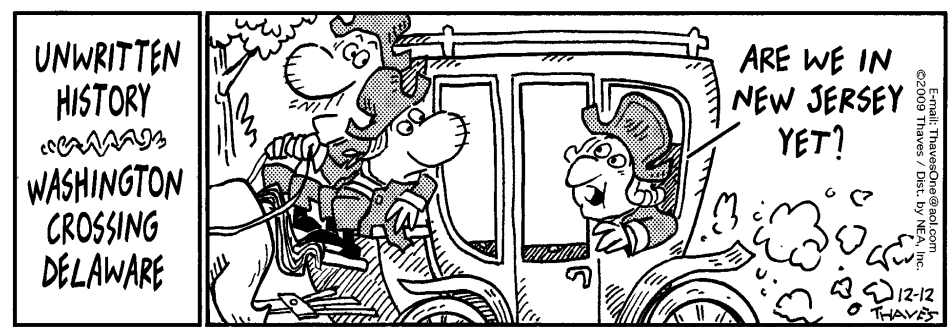
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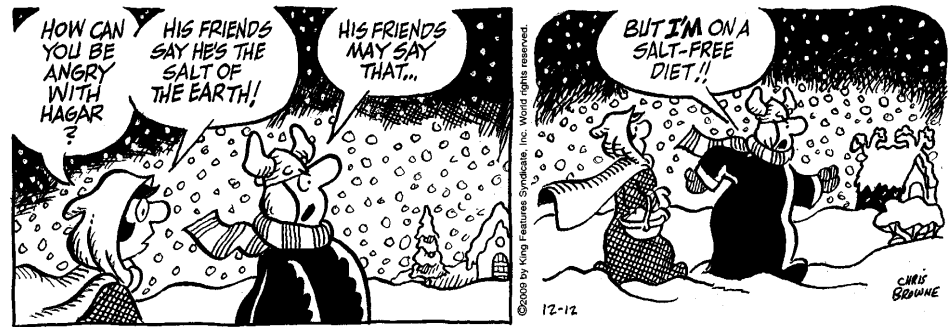
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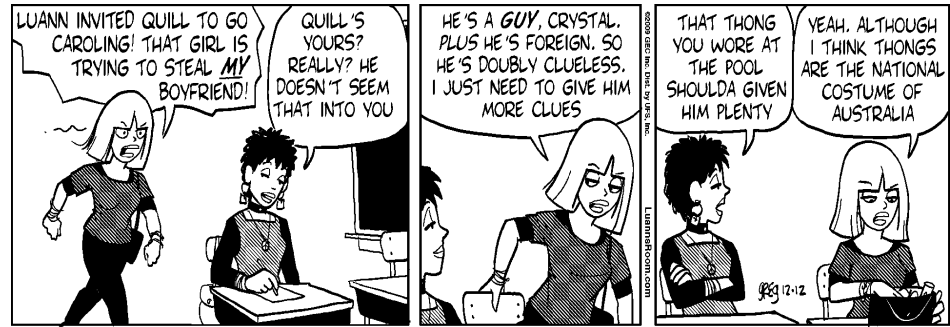
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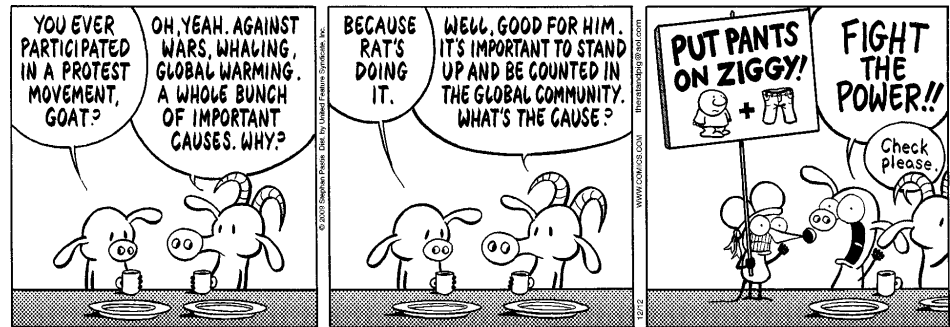
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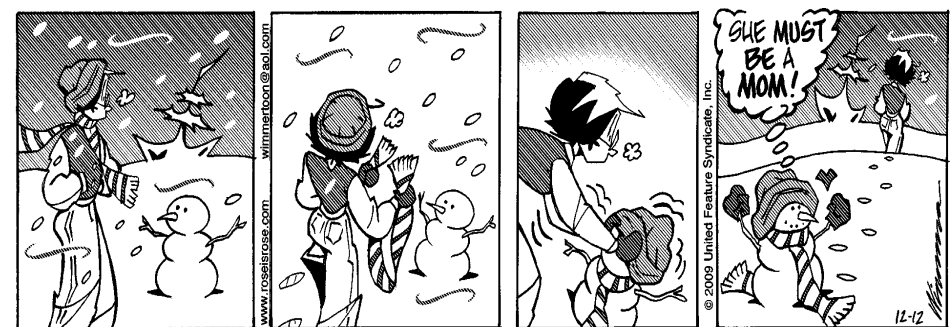
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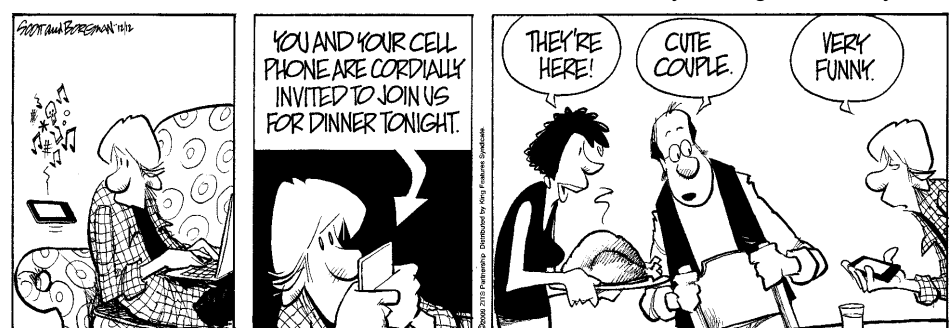
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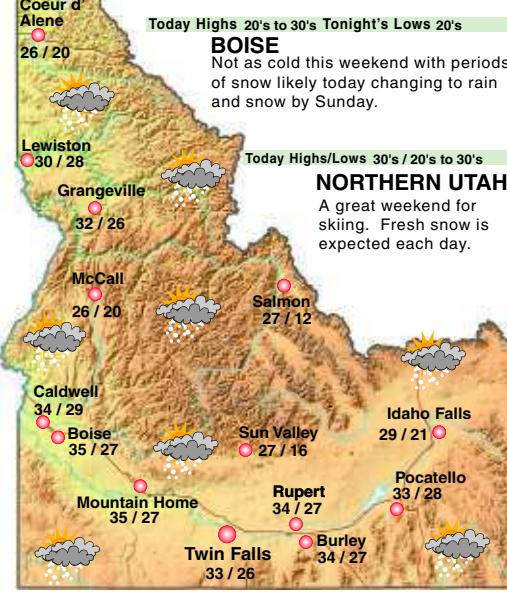
Tomorrow: Chance of snow mixing with rain. Highs low to middle 30s.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Yesterday's High/Low, Month to Date, Normal High/Low, Avg. Month to Date, Record High/Low, Water Year to Date, Avg. Water Year to Date.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Cold with snow showers expected both days this weekend. Motorists should be prepared for times of slow travel.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 39 at Lowell Low: -23 at Dixie weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers, r-rain, sn-snow, fl-furries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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Yesterday's Weather

Table with 4 columns: City, Hi, Lo, Precip. Lists weather for Boise, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, Jerome, Lewiston, Lowell, Malad City, Malta, Pocatello, Rexburg, Salmon, Stanley, Sun Valley.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Bonners Ferry, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Hailey, Idaho Falls, Kalspell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Matta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, UT, Spokane, WA, Stanley, Sun Valley, Yellowstone, MT.

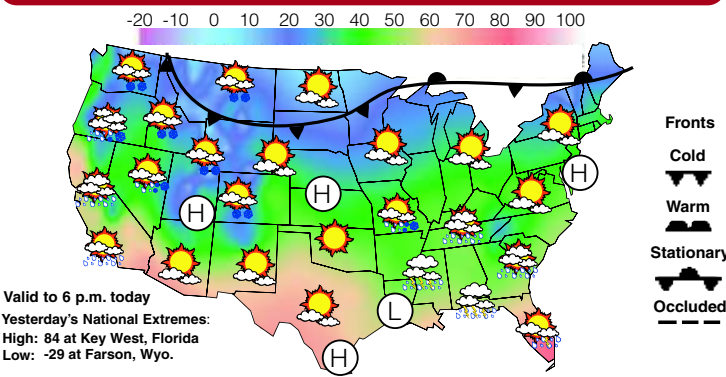
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Table with 7 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Atlanta, Atlantic City, Baltimore, Billings, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, SC, Charleston, WV, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Des Moines, Detroit, El Paso, Fairbanks, Fargo, Honolulu, Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Las Vegas, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Memphis, Miami, Milwaukee, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma City, Omaha, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland, ME, St. Louis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Tucson, Washington, DC.

WORLD FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Moscow, Nairobi, Rio de Janeiro, Rome, Santiago, Seoul, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tokyo, Vienna, Warsaw, Winnipeg, Zurich.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 84 at Key West, Florida Low: -29 at Farson, Wyo.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, Winnipeg.

Gregg Middlekauff's Quote of the Day: 'Your ability to discipline yourself to set clear goals, and then to work toward them every day, will do more to guarantee your success than any other single factor.'

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AROUND THE WORLD

DENMARK Tough bargaining still ahead at U.N. climate talks

COPENHAGEN - After a week of U.N. climate talks, some money is finally on the table and a draft agreement has been circulated. Now the really hard bargaining begins. The draft proposal was sent around Friday to the 192-nation conference, although it set no firm figures on financing or cutting greenhouse gas emissions. And the negotiations on sharing the burden are likely to still go down to the wire and await the arrival of the world's leaders next week. To top it off, the United States and China - the world's top two carbon polluters - even got into a battle of words. 'It's time to begin to focus on the big picture,' said Yvo de Boer, the top U.N. climate official. 'The serious discussion on finance and targets has begun.' A much-disputed 188-page text was whittled down to a mere seven pages of stark options on how much global warming is acceptable and how deeply nations must individually and collectively cut carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. Options ranged from nearly eliminating global emissions to cutting them in half by 2050. The document forced countries to abandon long-held posturing on secondary topics and focus on crunch issues. Starting Saturday, environment ministers will be able to go through the 46 points of text one by one, checking off some and leav-

ing the toughest for the 110 heads of state and government arriving at the end of next week. Many countries voiced reservations about the structure of the document or some of its clauses. 'But that's all right. That's what negotiations are all about,' de Boer said. Todd Stern, the special U.S. climate envoy, called the text 'constructive' but singled out the section on helping poor countries lower their growth of carbon emissions as 'unbalanced.' He said the requirements on industrial countries were tougher than on developing nations and the section was not 'a basis for negotiation.'

WASHINGTON U.S. health care tab to keep growing under overhaul

Democrats trying to push President Obama's health care overhaul plan through the Senate got a sober warning Friday that costs will keep going up and proposed Medicare savings may harm the program. A new report from government economic analysts at the Health and Human Services Department found that the nation's \$2.5 trillion annual health care tab won't shrink under the Democratic blueprint that senators are debating. Instead, it would grow somewhat more rapidly than if Congress does nothing. More troubling was the report's assessment that the Democrats' plan to squeeze Medicare for \$493 billion over 10 years in savings relies on specific policy changes

that 'may be unrealistic' and could lead to cuts in services. The Medicare savings are expected to cover about half the nearly \$1 trillion, 10-year cost of expanding coverage to the uninsured. In still more bad news, the report starkly warned that a new long-term care insurance plan included in the legislation could 'face a significant risk of failure' because it would attract people in poor health, leading to higher and higher premiums, and eventually triggering an 'insurance death spiral.' Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., brushed that aside, pointing to an analysis by the Congressional Budget Office that found the program would be solvent for 75 years.

AP source: Al-Qaida operative killed by missile strike

A senior al-Qaida operations planner was killed in an American missile strike this week in western Pakistan, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Friday. Saleh al-Somali was responsible for the terror group's operations outside the Afghanistan-Pakistan region, reaching into activities in Africa. The official said al-Somali was believed to have been involved in plotting attacks against the United States and Europe. He was killed by an unmanned drone missile Tuesday. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to

discuss covert operations, said al-Somali was part of al-Qaida's senior leadership circle and had connections to other Pakistan-based extremists. His role was to take guidance from senior leaders and develop plans for prospective terrorist attacks, the official said.

MASSACHUSETTS Woman, 98, accused of killing roommate

NEW BEDFORD - A 98-year-old woman was indicted Friday on a second-degree murder charge that alleges she strangled her 100-year-old nursing home roommate after making the victim's life 'a living hell' because she thought the woman was 'taking over the room.' Laura Lundquist was sent to a state mental hospital for a competency evaluation before her arraignment. Her defense attorney, Carl Levin, said she has a 'long-standing diagnosis of dementia, as well as issues of cognitive impairment.' She is believed to be the oldest murder defendant in state history, but might never go to trial because of her mental health issues. Her roommate at the Brandon Woods nursing home in Dartmouth, Elizabeth Barrow, was found dead in her bed Sept. 24 with a plastic bag tied around her head. Police initially speculated it was a suicide, but a medical examiner ruled it a homicide after an autopsy indicated strangulation.

CALIFORNIA Immigration sweep nets 280 suspects

LOS ANGELES - Immigration agents arrested 280 people in California in their biggest push yet to round up suspected illegal immigrants with criminal records in local communities, authorities said Friday. More than 400 agents and local law enforcement officers fanned out across the state in the three-day search led by Immigration and Customs Enforcement. 'These are not people who we want walking our streets,' ICE director John Morton said. 'We're going to focus on those people who choose to pursue a life of crime in the United States rather than pursue the American dream of education, hard work and success.' The operation came four months after Morton said the agency's fugitive opera-

tions teams would increasingly focus on finding people with criminal records and would no longer use arrest quotas.

TEXAS Novel drug combo improves breast cancer survival

SAN ANTONIO - Some women with very advanced breast cancer may have a new treatment option. A combination of two drugs that more precisely target tumors significantly extended the lives of women who had stopped responding to other medicines, doctors reported Friday. It was the first big test of combining Herceptin and Tykerb. In a study of 300 patients, women receiving both drugs lived nearly five months longer than those given Tykerb alone.

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# A CRAZY ENDING

## Minico girls squeak past Bruins in controversial finish

By David Bashore  
Times-News writer

With the clock ticking past six seconds and her team trailing Minico by three points, Twin Falls guard Mallory Jund stepped back and knocked down a long jumper.

Her bench exploded with excitement, and the crowd followed suit as Minico rushed down to the other end to try and get a shot off. The time-keeper clicked the scoreboard to read 44-41.

Nobody seemed to notice the referees ruled it a 2-point basket and not a 3, and as a result time expired and Minico escaped with a controversial 44-43 victory at Baun Gymnasium on Friday.

It was the second consecutive last-gasp loss for the Bruins (5-4, 1-2 Great Basin Conference), who lost by two at Wood River earlier in the week when a Jund buzzer-beater attempt was no good.

"That was just about the same play as at Wood River,

See **BRUINS**, Sports 4



Minico's Kelli Kindig (4) and Twin Falls defender Breanna Bishop (20) battle for the ball during the third quarter Friday night in Twin Falls.

ASHLEY SMITH/  
Times-News



AP photo

Boise State football coach Chris Petersen is preparing his team to face TCU in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 4.

## Broncos aim to take practices to 'next level'

By Dustin Lapray  
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — Dead week just finished up at Boise State University and most students will spend the weekend preparing for final exams. The football team will practice over the weekend, but had this week off and will get more time off next week to focus on the all-important tests.

Although practices are scattered across December, the No. 6 Broncos' head coach is confident his team will retain its regular-season intensity.

"We are going to practice and we're going to really hopefully enjoy and take these bowl practices to the next level," Petersen said. "We're not going to go out there just to go through the motions. We're not going to have these long, drawn-out practices."

By keeping the practices shorter, Petersen hopes to keep the attention of his team, which has no reason to lose focus. Kellen Moore said upcoming practices could have more of a fall camp feel, with a focus on fundamentals rather than game plans.

Petersen prefaced his press conference Friday by saying he had yet to begin looking at film on No. 4 Texas Christian University, the Broncos opponent in the Jan. 4 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl (6 p.m., FOX). Instead, Petersen and his staff, many of whom will return to Boise today, have been on the recruiting trail, trying to fill the few spots open for scholarships this offseason.

Petersen said he's really focusing on the players for the 2011 class. The staff cannot talk to high school juniors, so they talk to coaches instead and watch a bunch of film. The Broncos will play in their second Fiesta Bowl in four years. That type of exposure is priceless for recruiting.

"They're aware," Petersen said. "Hopefully the game is a memorable, a good game for the Broncos. We'll be out and about pretty intensively."

See **BSU**, Sports 5

## Defense lifts Burley girls over Canyon Ridge

By Ryan Howe  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — For the past several years, Burley girls basketball teams have been known for their tough defense. That was never more apparent than the Bobcats' 43-13 Great Basin Conference victory over Canyon Ridge on Friday night.

Burley took advantage of 30 Riverhawk turnovers and held the first-year school to zero points in the first and fourth quarters to bookend an overall solid defensive performance.

"Half of our practices are always defense," said Burley post Shawna Pace, who led Burley with 15 points. "We're a really good defensive team and our perimeter players are

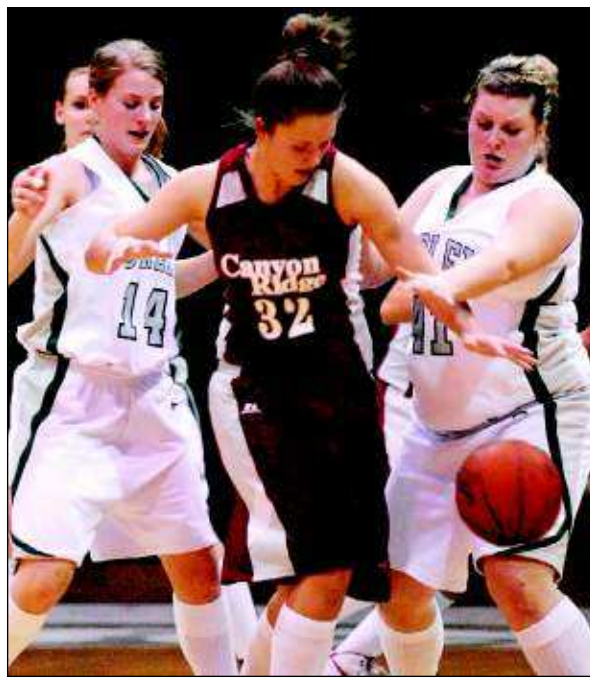
picking it up and playing really good right now."

The last time Burley stepped on its home floor, it got blown out by Preston by 20 points. Friday's intensity and effort was far greater, and Bobcat coach Gordon Kerbs said it's nice to get back to winning, as Burley has now won back-to-back and is 6-3 overall (1-1 GBC).

"To start the game I felt we were really lethargic offensively in our movement," Kerbs said. "But overall, I thought Shawna had a nice game and Cheri (Preston) shot the ball better against the zone."

Preston hit four 3-pointers for 12 points. Burley scored

See **BURLEY**, Sports 4



Canyon Ridge center Breyana Burk (32) gets the ball knocked away by Burley defenders Shawna Pace, right, and Cheri Preston during their girls basketball game Friday night at Burley High School.

RYAN HOWE/  
Times-News

## Thomas, Felix lead CSI to road win over Badgers in SWAC game

Times-News

There's a three-way tie for second place in the Scenic West Athletic Conference. It won't last long.

A short-handed College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team gutted out an 84-79 win over Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, on Friday night. That score, combined with Salt Lake Community College's 89-84 win over No. 3 North Idaho College, puts CSI, SLCC and NIC all at 3-2 in SWAC play, two games behind 5-0 Eastern Utah.

The Golden Eagles (9-3, 3-2 SWAC) visit the Bruins (10-3, 3-2) at 5 p.m. today to break that tie.

Playing without post players Kenny Buckner and Brandon



Thomas

Givens, CSI went small against the Badgers (4-7, 1-4). While the Eagles lost the rebounding battle, they got the job done.

"They are a scrappy bunch and really can cover some ground," CSI head coach Steve Gosar said of his small-ball lineup.

Carrick Felix scored a game-high 22 points and Josten Thomas added 21, coming of big down the stretch.

CSI never led by more than 10, but weathered each run by Snow. Thomas went 10 of 13 at the foul line and was the go-to guy in the final minutes.

"When they were making their run, he was a really solid force for us in the middle," said Gosar.

See **CSI**, Sports 4

## Plunkett's tip-in lifts CSI women to road win over Snow College

Times-News

Maddy Plunkett's tip-in at the buzzer lifted the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team to a 79-77 win at Snow College Friday night in Ephraim, Utah.

The Golden Eagles (9-3, 4-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) got the win despite losing head coach Randy Rogers, who was ejected with 9:51 remaining after receiving consecutive technical fouls. Down 57-56 at the time, CSI soon trailed 66-56 and appeared destined for defeat.

Rogers' outburst come after a no-call on a rebound, a build up from Snow shooting 24 second-half free throws to CSI's five.

"These girls saw that he had fire and intensity, which they weren't carrying," said assistant



Plunkett

coach Tessa Balsick.

Saddled by foul trouble, Shauneice Samms scored 10 of her 12 points in the final 7:30 to help CSI rally. Kiki Lockett hit a 3-pointer to cap a 9-1 Eagles run and cut Snow's lead to 67-65.

CSI took a 77-75 lead on a layup by Plunkett with 1:02 left, but Snow's Sammie Jensen knotted the score with two free throws with 33.6 left.

With the clock winding down, Daidra Brown missed a long 3-pointer for CSI, but Felicity Jones snagged the board. Her putback missed, but Plunkett tapped the ball home to beat the horn.

"They just took care of business," Balsick said of the final minutes. "That was the most focused they played the entire game."

Plunkett scored a team-high 17 for CSI, while Brown added 16

and Lockett 13.

Amy Wetzeil scored 21 to lead Snow (8-4, 2-3), while Linsey Hodgkiss went 11 of 14 at the foul line to score 15.

CSI will be without Rogers for today's 3 p.m. game at No. 2 Salt Lake Community College due to his ejection. That leaves Balsick and volunteer assistant Jason Nichols on the bench.

"That's gonna be interesting, but we'll step up the challenge and take care of business," said Balsick.

The Bruins (12-1, 5-0) beat North Idaho College 78-68 on Friday as Haley Holmstead scored 31 points.

### CSI 79, Snow 77

CSI (79): Kiki Lockett 13, Felicity Jones 2, Kalika Tullock 5, Shauneice Samms 12, Daidra Brown 16, Laurel Kearsley 9, Devan Matkin 5, Maddy Plunkett 17. Totals 32-30 7-14 7-9.  
SNOW (77): Sammy Jensen 11, Karin Cottle 2, Amanda Farish 4, Linsey Hodgkiss 15, Tara Gehring 2, Alle Finch 12, Abbie Beutler 10, Amy Wetzeil 21. Totals 22-55 30-38 7-7.  
Halftime: Snow 35, CSI 34. 3-point goals: CSI 8-30; Snow 3-7. Rebounds: CSI 35; Snow 42. Assists: CSI 18; Snow 6. Turnovers: CSI 12; Snow 24. Technical fouls: CSI, Randy Rogers 2.





# LeBron's 33 lead Cavs past Blazers

CLEVELAND — LeBron James scored 33 points, Anderson Varejao had a season-high 22 and the Cleveland Cavaliers rebounded from consecutive sloppy road losses with a 104-99 win over the hobbled Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

James added seven assists, seven rebounds and a soaring block on a shot by Brandon Roy in the closing seconds for the Cavs, who were back home after losing in Memphis and Houston. In those games, Cleveland had 20 and 21 turnovers, respectively. The Cavs were better with the ball, committing 16 miscues.

Roy scored 23, LaMarcus Aldridge 22 and Andre Miller 20 for the Blazers, who dressed just nine players because of injuries.

Varejao also had 10 rebounds and Shaquille O'Neal finished with 14 points and 11 boards.

## SPURS 104, BOBCATS 85

SAN ANTONIO — Manu Ginobili scored 22 points and Tim Duncan and Richard Jefferson added 17 apiece.

The Bobcats fell to 1-9 on the road. Charlotte won't get any breaks Saturday night against the Mavericks, a team the Bobcats have never beaten.

Stephen Jackson had 23 points for the Bobcats.

## KNICKS 113, HORNETS 96

NEW ORLEANS — Al Harrington scored 28 points and New York scored the game's last 18 points.

The Knicks won their fourth straight for the first time since winning six in a row from Jan. 2-13 in 2006. The Hornets lost for the first time in seven home games.

New York trailed 96-95 with less than five minutes left, but Harrington and



Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James (23) shoots over Portland Trailblazers center Joel Przybilla in the first quarter Friday in Cleveland.

Duhon hit a barrage of baskets. Duhon sank back-to-back 3-pointers, and Harrington followed with two more as the Knicks put the game away.

## PACERS 107, NETS 91

INDIANAPOLIS — Rookie Tyler Hansbrough scored a season-high 21 points, and Roy Hibbert added a career-best 20 points on his birthday to help Indiana snap a six-game losing streak.

The 23-year-old Hibbert also had nine rebounds and three blocks. Troy Murphy added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers in

their second game without Danny Granger. The team's scoring leader will miss at least four weeks with torn tissue on his right heel.

Brook Lopez had 25 points and 14 rebounds for the Nets, but shot 8 for 23.

## THUNDER 102, GRIZZLIES 94

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kevin Durant had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City.

Russell Westbrook scored 10 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter, Nenad Krstic finished with 15 points and Jeff Green added 11 to help the Thunder snap the Grizzlies' three-game win-

ning streak. Oklahoma City has won three of four.

Zach Randolph had 19 points and 20 rebounds for Memphis, Mike Conley scored 20 points and O.J. Mayo added 18.

## BULLS 96, WARRIORS 91, OT

CHICAGO — Luol Deng scored 21 points, Joakim Noah finished with 18 points and 14 rebounds, and Chicago snapped a four-game losing streak.

Deng and Derrick Rose had back-to-back baskets to put the Bulls, who never trailed in overtime, up 93-89 with 2:54 left. Deng made another jumper to

make it 95-89 with 1:35 left.

## MAVERICKS 106, HEAT 93

MIAMI — Dirk Nowitzki scored 25 points, Erick Dampier finished with 20 points and 17 rebounds, and Dallas added to Miami's home woes.

Jason Terry scored 16 points, J.J. Barea added 12 points and 10 assists, and former Heat forward Shawn Marion scored 12 for Southwest Division-leading Dallas. The Mavs never trailed and are 9-4 on the road, more wins away from home than anyone so far in the Western Conference.

Dwyane Wade scored 28 points and matched a career high with 11 rebounds for the Heat, 2-5 at home since Nov. 10.

## HAWKS 111, RAPTORS 89

TORONTO — Joe Johnson scored 20 points, Jamal Crawford and Maurice Evans each had 15 for Atlanta.

Zaza Pachulia scored 14 points, Jeff Teague had 11 and Al Horford scored 10 for Atlanta, which has won three straight and five of seven.

Josh Smith had nine points and eight rebounds for the Hawks, who led by as many as 23. Atlanta has won four straight against Toronto and five of the past seven.

## ROCKETS 96, 76ERS 91

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Brooks scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half and the Houston Rockets held off a late surge before handing Philadelphia its 12th straight loss.

The 76ers are on their longest skid since also dropping 12 in a row from Nov. 25-Dec. 20, 2006. They traded Allen Iverson near the end of that losing streak.

— The Associated Press

# Woods to take 'indefinite' leave from golf

The Associated Press

Tiger Woods said Friday he is taking an indefinite leave from golf to work on saving his marriage, using the word "infidelity" for the first time in a statement posted on his Web site.

"After much soul searching, I have decided to take an indefinite break from professional golf," Woods said. "I need to focus my attention on being a better husband, father, and person."

Woods and his wife, Elin, have been married five years and have a 2-year-old daughter and 10-month-old son.

The announcement came two weeks after a car accident set in motion a shocking downfall for the world's No. 1 player, and included sordid allegations of numerous extramarital affairs. One woman even shared a voice mail she said Woods left her two nights before his Nov. 27 accident.

Woods hasn't been seen in public since the accident.

"I am deeply aware of the disappointment and hurt that my infidelity has caused to so many people, most of all my wife and children," Woods said. "I want to say again to everyone that I am profoundly sorry and that I ask forgiveness. It may not be possible to repair the damage I've done, but I want to do my best to try."

The PGA Tour said it supported the decision by its biggest star.

"His priorities are where they need to be, and we will continue to respect and honor his family's request for privacy," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement, the tour's first public comment since Woods mentioned his "personal failings" on Dec. 2. "We look forward to Tiger's return to the PGA Tour when he determines the time is right for him."

The announcement by Woods raised the possibility, depending on how long he stays away from the game, that he could miss the Masters for the first time since he played as an amateur in 1995. The tournament is April 8-11.

One of Woods' favorite playing partners also said it was the right thing to do.

"I think it's great that he's going to put his family first and work things out," Steve Stricker said from Naples, Fla. "Golf will always be there. He wants to make sure his marriage is right and everything is good on the homefront. We'll sure miss him on tour until he gets things taken care of."

# ISU men fall short at USC

LOS ANGELES — Idaho State rallied from a big early deficit to make things interesting, but fell 59-53 at Southern Cal on Friday night.

Amarrow Morgan scored 13 for the Bengals, while Broderick Gilchrest added 12.

Dwight Lewis led USC with 19 points, while Alex Stephenson chipped in 16.

ISU fell to 2-8 with the loss, while USC is 4-4.

## NO. 9 TENNESSEE 75, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 54

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — J.P. Prince scored a season-high 17 points, and No. 9 Tennessee showed off its depth in beating Middle Tennessee 75-54 on Friday night in the first game of the



S. California forward Alex Stephenson, middle, battles ISU forward Demetrius Monroe, left, and ISU forward Chron Tatum for a rebound in Los Angeles, Friday.

Sun Belt Classic double-header.

The Vols (7-1) hadn't played since downing East Tennessee State on Dec. 2, and the nine-day layoff led to some sloppy play. The ugliest came when Wayne Chism clanked his one-handed dunk attempt off the right rim in the second half.

Vanderbilt played Western Kentucky in the

second game pitting two Sun Belt teams against Tennessee's two Southeastern Conference members.

Middle Tennessee (3-6) lost its third straight overall and eighth consecutive in the series. Desmond Yates led the Blue Raiders with a game-high 26 points, and James Washington had 11.

— The Associated Press

# Villanova rallies past William & Mary in FCS semifinals

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Villanova rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit, getting some help from a call that was overturned by instant replay to beat William & Mary 14-13 on Friday night in the Football Championship Subdivision semifinals.

The second-ranked Wildcats advanced to play the winner of Saturday's semifinal between Appalachian State and No. 1 Montana next weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The game was slowed by five instant replay reviews, but the only one that was overturned made perhaps the biggest difference.

Trailing 13-7 late in the third quarter, Villanova

embarked on a time-consuming drive that appeared to end when a third-and-7 pass play fell incomplete. The play was overturned by replay, giving Villanova first-and-goal at the 6, and quarterback Chris Whitney scored from a yard out on fourth down with 10:57 left to take the lead.

Villanova didn't score until there was about 9 minutes left in the third quarter, when wide receiver Matt Szczer scored on a 62-yard run out of the Wildcat formation. The touchdown made it 10 consecutive games that the junior has scored, and was his eighth touchdown run of the year.

# Bruins

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except on the other side of the floor," said Twin Falls coach Nancy Jones. "Those are the kind of (bad breaks) that usually happen to the road team and they leave with a one-point loss. It's frustrating."

Twin Falls got back into the game after trailing by 11 at halftime, scoring the first 15 points of the third quarter. But Minico (7-2, 3-0) got two key buckets in its

nine points in that period. Kendra Bailey hit her only basket of the game, a 3-pointer on which she was fouled, and Taylor O'Connell hit a short jumper at the horn to give the Spartans a 33-32 lead heading into the final quarter.

"Those were big baskets for us, because it got some of the momentum going back in our favor," said Minico senior TiAnna Stimpson,

who had a game-high 16 points. "This is a big win for us, to know we can go play not in our gym and still come out with a win."

Jazlyn Nielsen led the Bruins with 15 points and eight rebounds, all of it coming in the second half. Jones said the junior post was so focused defensively that her offensive contributions suffered in the first half.

Jones said Twin Falls,

while disappointed with the loss, will take the positives from the second half going forward in preparation for Tuesday's showdown with Jerome.

"The girls are disappointed, but we're trying to help them keep some perspective," she said, noting that there's still plenty of time left to go in the season. "We showed folks tonight that we're a force to be reckoned with in this conference."

Minico hosts Jerome Thursday.

## Minico 44, Twin Falls 43

MINICO (44)  
TWIN FALLS (43)

TiAnna Stimpson 16, Marlee Chandler 10, Taylor O'Connell 4, Brecka Fetzner 4, Kendra Bailey 4, Kelli Kindig 4, Breonna Phillips 2. Totals 44-43.

Jazlyn Nielsen 15, Erin Grubbs-Imhoff 8, Allie Kelsey 5, Mallory Jund 5, Taylor Williams 4, Brylee Bartlett 3, Josie Jordan 3. Totals 44-43.

3-point goals: Minico 3 (Stimpson 2, Bailey), Twin Falls 5 (Grubbs-Imhoff 2, Nielsen 2, Kelsey). Total fouls: Minico 13, Twin Falls 20. Fouled out: none. Technical fouls: none.

# CSI

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Antonio Owens added 14 for the Eagles. Mitch Frei led Snow with 19 points, while Reggie Shaw added 17 and Renato Portugal 12. Mevlin Haynes chipped in with 11.

Snow rallied to tie the game at 59-59, but CSI responded with a 10-2 run, capped by a Chuck Odum layup. When the Badgers pulled within 69-66, Thomas converted a 3-pointer play to keep CSI in relative control.

"I was proud of our guys," said Gosar.

"This is a tough place to

win a ball game."

Notes: Collin Chiverton scored 23 points and Wil Carter added 19 in Salt Lake's win over NIC.

The Bruins led 51-31 at intermission before holding on down the stretch. Idell Bell and Renado Parker each scored 15 for NIC.

## CSI 84, Snow 79

CSI (84)  
SNOW (79)

DJ Stennis 3, Antonio Owens 14, Pierre Jackson 5, Chuck Odum 8, Byago Diouf 9, Carrick Felix 22, Josten Thomas 21, Romario Souza 2. Totals 84-79.

3-point goals: CSI 5-14; Snow 4-17. Rebounds: CSI 21; Snow 31. Assists: CSI 13, Snow 11. Turnovers: CSI 13; Snow 14.

# Burley

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the game's first 16 points and led 23-3 at halftime.

It was a timely win for Burley as it heads into a crucial stretch of conference games next week. The Bobcats travel to Wood River on Tuesday, to Twin Falls on Thursday, and then return home to take on last year's district champ Jerome next Saturday.

"We're going to have to be sharp," Kerbs said. "It's going to be a tough week, but it's a huge challenge. One way or another we're going to get something out of it. We play three very

good teams. It's a huge test."

A bright spot for Canyon Ridge (0-10, 0-4 GBC) was the 'Hawks rebounding. They matched Burley with 25 boards despite being outsized on the inside. Staci Baird had four points.

Canyon Ridge is at Wood River on Thursday.

## Burley 43, Canyon Ridge 13

BURLEY (43)  
CANYON RIDGE (13)

Karly Hudelson 3, Bonnie Detweiler 2, Staci Baird 4, Kylie Tamme 1, Courtney Cunningham 3. Totals 52-51.

3-point goals: Canyon Ridge 1 (Cunningham), Burley 4 (Preston 4). Total fouls: Canyon Ridge 8, Burley 12. Fouled out: none.

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# New Irish coach Kelly says job a 'dream'

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Brian Kelly has his dream job. Now he has to figure out how to turn a Notre Dame program mired in mediocrity back into a national championship contender.

Fast. Just as did when he was introduced as the new Cincinnati coach three years ago, Kelly talked at his introductory news conference Friday about having a five-minute plan, not a five-year plan that reflects the length of his contract.

"When I refer to the challenge, it's strictly getting to that high bar that's been set at Notre Dame," he told a standing-room crowd of 200 people, including his family. "We've got challenges, but we'll go to work

on those right away." Kelly left an undefeated Cincinnati team that is ranked No. 4, bound for the Sugar Bowl and may have been 1 second away from playing for the national title. The Irish are nowhere near that close and haven't won it all in 21 years.

Kelly wouldn't say how far away he thinks his new team is from that level, saying where the team now isn't important.

"These young men want to win, and that's why I'm here at Notre Dame," he said. "I want to be around men that are committed, and we can't trade anybody. There's no waiver wire. We're going to develop our players, and they're going to play their very best for us. That to me

has always been the most important principle. Let's go. Don't tell me what you don't have. I don't want to know about it. Tell me what you can do to help us win."

Athletic director Jack Swarbrick said the 48-year-old Kelly was the first candidate he spoke to and the only one he offered the job to. Kelly wisecracked that he didn't "doodle the ND diagram" while at his other jobs, but hoped he could one day run the Irish and called the job the "culmination" of 19 years of coaching.

Kelly said he was ready to get to work restoring Notre Dame's traditions.

"Those aren't 8-4 years. Those are national championship years," he said. "So any time you're talking

about restoring a program and the challenges, it's not about winning the conference championship, it's about winning championships and being in the BCS and being nationally prominent. That's a challenge. We've got to get to work on that."

The question is whether he can succeed where his predecessors failed, returning Notre Dame to BCS prominence and keeping the fans on his side.

Notre Dame has gone 16-21 over the past three seasons and is losing two of its best offensive players. Quarterback Jimmy Clausen and his favorite receiver, Golden Tate, announced Monday they will enter the NFL draft.



AP photo  
New Notre Dame football coach Brian Kelly addresses the media during his introductory press conference Thursday in South Bend, Ind. Kelly was hired on Wednesday from Cincinnati.

## 12-0 Bearcats get ready for bowl without coach Kelly

CINCINNATI (AP) — The unbeaten Cincinnati Bearcats are heading into the biggest bowl game in school history with anger, uncertainty and an interim head coach who may not be around much longer.

It's time to move on. In many ways, the Bearcats have to move on from coach Brian Kelly before they can move on to the Sugar Bowl, their reward for finishing third in the BCS rankings. The game took on a whole different mood when Kelly left for Notre Dame on Friday, leaving the Big East champions shocked and unsure what comes next.

"It's hard, man, but we can't let it get us down," junior receiver Armon Binns said after Kelly told his team he'd accepted the Notre Dame job on Thursday night. "We've got a really, really big game ahead of us. When it comes down to it, we were the guys on the field out there. They were the ones calling the shots."

Athletic director Mike Thomas began looking for Kelly's replacement, though it's unclear whether a new coach will be around for the Sugar Bowl on New Year's night against Florida. Thomas decided that Kelly wouldn't coach the Bearcats in their bowl game. Offensive coordinator Jeff Quinn — who has been with Kelly for the past 22 years — was named interim coach.

"I think at this point moving forward, the focus should be on our (players) and the coaches," Thomas said. "Certainly I feel confident that coach Quinn and our staff, we'll be in pretty good shape when we move to New Orleans after Christmas."

A lot is yet to be determined.

Thomas hired Kelly after Mark Dantonio accepted the Michigan State job following the last regular-season game in 2006. Kelly was hired from Central Michigan eight days later and coached the Bearcats in the International Bowl.

It's unclear whether Quinn would be considered for the full-time job because he has never been a head coach. Quinn was Kelly's top assistant and offensive coordinator at Grand Valley State, Central Michigan and Cincinnati, helping him refine the no-huddle, spread offense that was one of the nation's best.

If Quinn isn't a candidate in Cincinnati, Kelly would likely want to bring him to Notre Dame to transplant their offense.

The uncertainty left the players rattled.

"If I was a senior, I probably wouldn't care as much," junior tight end Ben Guidugli said. "But coming back next year and all that's involved in that, and then the bowl game — we really don't know what's going on. They said coach Quinn was the interim. I don't know. Hopefully we can get on the field and everybody can just concentrate on football."

# Suh blew up the Heisman race

NEW YORK (AP) — With one brilliant display of brute force, Ndamukong Suh altered the Heisman Trophy race like no other player this season.

In fact, it's doubtful that any one performance by one player has ever done more to determine who wins college football's most prestigious award.

The Nebraska defensive tackle in one night went from Heisman dark horse to fast-finishing finalist and might have shaken the big bronze statue loose from Colt McCoy's grasp as he was tossing the Texas quarterback around Cowboys Stadium.

"I didn't have any idea what my (Heisman) chances were (going into the game)," Suh said Friday, not long after checking into a midtown Manhattan hotel with his parents and sister. "My focus was to go out there and play as hard as I can to win that Big 12 championship and go to the Fiesta Bowl."

Suh might not win the Heisman when it is handed out Saturday night, but the guy who does should probably thank him.

McCoy, despite the pounding he took from Suh and the Cornhuskers in a 13-12 victory in the Big 12 title game, is also a Heisman finalist, along with running backs Toby Gerhart from Stanford and Mark Ingram from Alabama, and Florida quarterback Tim Tebow.

Ingram seems to be the



AP file photo  
Texas running back Tre' Newton (23) is caught by Nebraska defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (93) during the second half of the Big 12 Conference championship game in Arlington, Texas, Dec. 5. The man who started the season with the hard-to-pronounce first name has turned into a household name in college football.

front-runner in what is expected to be a close vote. McCoy, the runner-up last year, was the favorite before he followed up a spectacular game on Thanksgiving night against Texas A&M with a clunker against Nebraska. Now there's no guarantee he'll finish in the top three.

Suh, meanwhile, probably has a better chance at becoming the first defensive lineman, and just the second defensive player, to win the Heisman than Tebow has to become the second player to win No. 2.

"I'm a competitor so I'd

like to win, but I don't think I will," said Tebow, who was the first sophomore to win the award in 2007 and finished third in 2008.

Along with the Notre Dame coaching search and the usual BCS bashing, Suh's thoroughly dominant performance vs. the Longhorns — 4½ sacks, 12 tackles and more time in the Texas backfield than just about anybody but McCoy — has been the talk of college football.

Tebow called him a "dominant player."

"Four and a half sacks is

pretty ridiculous for a nose guard in the two-gap defense," Tebow said.

Ingram called Suh "a man," "a game-changer" and "a force to be reckoned with."

Gerhart said, "I can't pronounce his name so I just call him the beast from Nebraska."

Even with all the attention Suh has gotten, being named a finalist on Monday caught him off guard.

"I was definitely surprised," the 300-pound senior said. "I would have assumed a lot of the votes

# Kendall goes to Royals, Putz to White Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Kendall got a \$6 million, two-year contract from the Kansas City Royals and J.J. Putz agreed to a \$3 million, one-year deal with the Chicago White Sox on Friday as players and teams kept making moves following the winter meetings.

Tampa Bay finalized its trade with Atlanta, acquiring right-hander Rafael Soriano and agreeing to a \$7.25 million, one-year contract with the reliever. And Washington completed its \$6 million, two-year contract with 14-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez.

Kendall is a .290 hitter over his 14-year career. The 35-year-old made three All-Star teams from 1996-00 but hit just .241 with two homers and 43 RBIs last season with Milwaukee.

Soriano became a free agent after the season, then surprised the Braves this week when he accepted salary arbitration. Atlanta

already had agreed to deals with free-agent relievers Billy Wagner and Takashi Saito, so the Braves traded Soriano to the Rays for right-hander Jesse Chavez. Soriano had to approve the deal, and he can't be traded by the Rays without his consent before June 15.

"We had our eyes on different guys, but I don't think any that make us feel as confident about our bullpen heading into the season as we do now," said Andrew Friedman, the Rays' executive vice president of baseball operations.

Soriano had a career-best 27 saves in 31 opportunities for the Braves. In 75 2-3 innings, he struck out 102 while walking 27.

Tampa Bay had 22 blown saves this year — eighth most in the major leagues. Still, owner Stu Sternberg hadn't wanted to spend that much on relief.

"Last week, at this time, Stu said there wouldn't be a \$7 million closer. Today,

there's a \$7 million closer. Markets change," Rays president Matt Silverman said. "This isn't about a modest improvement in a place where we had depth. It's a real need. It's a luxury that other teams can afford. It's something, while we can't necessarily afford it all the time, we're going to enjoy having someone like him."

Putz is 23-19 with a 3.24 ERA and 103 saves in 337 relief appearances over seven major league seasons with Seattle and the New York Mets. An All-Star in 2007, Putz was 1-4 with a 5.22 ERA in 29 games for the Mets last season before undergoing season-ending arthroscopic surgery June 9 to remove a bone spur in his right elbow.

"He passed the physical with flying colors and we couldn't be happier with what was communicated to us," White Sox general manager Ken Williams said. "Needless to say, we feel



AP file photo  
Rafael Soriano throws to a Houston Astros batter during a spring training baseball game in Kissimmee, Fla., March 15. Soriano's trade from the Atlanta Braves to the Tampa Bay Rays was finalized on Thursday.

from the top of our rotation down through the end of the bullpen, we feel as strong as we've ever been."

In Washington, the 38-year-old Rodriguez said he wanted to be a regular with the Nationals, who have touted catching prospect Jesus Flores.

"I'm a player that I still

can play every day and I will play every day and, basically, the thing is just, you know, to do my best for the club," Pudge said. "I know that it's hard for me to play 162 games. That's impossible for a catcher. But as long as I'm healthy, and I'm feeling great physically, I'll be in the field playing."

## BSU

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It's not just television exposure. By playing in Arizona, the Broncos have a chance to show off their program in front of athletes from the Phoenix area.

"Arizona is a great state for football," Petersen said, "as the population continues to grow there. High school coaching is very, very good. This is a natural fit. You can take direct flights from Phoenix to

Boise. Those kids are looking for a change-up."

In an environment of college football, in which money, facilities and exposure helps lure in top recruits, Boise State is new, but fast-growing. The last go-round at the Fiesta Bowl generated incredible amounts of revenue and support from alumni, ticket sales and merchandising. The BSU athletic department turned the upturn into

facilities upgrades, replacing the old pressbox (Tommy Gallarda called it the "shoe box" on Friday) with the Stueckle Sky Center and building the Caven-Williams Sports Complex (actually built before the 2007 Fiesta Bowl).

Petersen said the upgrades and progression of the program have helped him retain his staff and bring in better recruits. He said the university looks different since he

first came here following the 2000 season.

"I think we're growing," Petersen said. "Boise is such an awesome place to live. Boise State is an awesome university. We feel like we're moving forward."

Petersen specifically noted the Center for Environmental Science and Economic Development, a 90,000 square foot facility directly across from Bronco Stadium, and

the new College of Business and Economics Building on University Drive and Capitol Blvd, to which Petersen and his wife Barbara donated \$150,000.

"Those are good things, for this whole community," Petersen said. "As well as things have gone, no one is saying, 'We need to stop,' just like our team, either we're getting better or we're not. We're not staying the same."

## Malcolm Jay Henley

JEROME — Malcolm Jay Henley of Jerome died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at his residence in Jerome.

He was born Feb. 17, 1946, to Malcolm and Louise Henley in Ogden, Utah. Jay served a tour in the Navy. He was a mechanic for many years and then worked at Dell for many years until his health forced him to stop working.

Jay is survived by his

mother, Louise Henley; sons, Ryan (Jeri) and Marc (Angela); and four granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his father, Malcolm N. Henley; and brother, Kevin Henley.

A graveside memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at the Wendell Cemetery in Wendell. Services are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel.

## SERVICES

**Kerry Lee Crumbliss** of Leander, Texas, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church, 2101 Bagdad Road in Cedar Park, Texas (Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home in Leander, Texas).

**Halyna Tupy** of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert First Baptist Church, 807 Fifth St.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Archie Lee Wells Sr.** of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church, 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Linda Beth Burgoyne** of Homer, Alaska, memorial service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS Church, 50 E. 100 S. (Peninsula Memorial Chapel in Kenai, Alaska).

**Brenda Martin Williams** of Boise and formerly of Rupert, memorial service at noon today at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Rupert (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Loy George Smith** of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at the Pleasant View Cemetery, 1645 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

**Dorothy Oreen Nelson** and **Hugh Nelson**, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Whitney United Methodist Church, 3315 Overland Road

in Boise (Aclesa Chapel in Boise).

**Howard J. Mills** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 1 p.m. today at the Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Cleve Max Allen "Max"** of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Burley LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. today at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

**Jacqueline Mae "Jackie" Beaver** of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Justin Royal Hammond** of Filer, service at 2 p.m. today at the Filer LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 841 W. Midway; visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Robert Raymond Martin Sr.** of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**Pat Czebator** of Colorado and formerly of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church in Twin Falls.

**Irene Seachrist** of Yuma, Ariz., and formerly of Rupert, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert Cemetery; visitation from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Lori K. Hall

RUPERT — Lori Kay Penrod Hall, 45, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.

### Barbara Smith

Barbara Smith, 88, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Bridgeview Estates.

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

### George M. Hildreth

KIMBERLY — George M. Hildreth, 80, of Kimberly, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at his home.

Arrangements will be announced by White

Mortuary in Twin Falls.

### Roger J. Anderson

Roger J. Anderson, 73, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at his home.

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

### Richard Noh

Richard "Dick" Noh, 79, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center.

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

### Barbara R. Wilson

BUHL — Barbara Rae Wilson, 92, of Buhl, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Woodland Assisted Living in Buhl. Arrangements will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.

## Mountain Home in line for upgrades as part of spending bill in Congress

BOISE (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson says the Mountain Home Air Force Base is in line to get \$20 million to replace an outdated supply building beyond an affordable repair job.

The Idaho Republican, says the spending request is contained in a year-end appropriations bill that is expected to win approval by Congress later this month.

If approved, the money would be used to help build the base a new logistical

supply building that would replace the existing facility — a 53-year-old wooden structure that is condemned.

The bill also contains nearly \$700,000 for planning and design of a new civil engineering maintenance complex. Those operations are now spread among 10 wooden buildings from the World War II-era and Korean War.

Simpson says it's unacceptable to have unsafe structures that pose a risk so soldiers and staff.

# Police still looking for missing Utah mom

By Doug Alden  
Associated Press writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Police in Utah say about 30 detectives are looking for leads in the search for a 28-year-old mother who went missing last weekend.

West Valley City Police Capt. Tom McLachlan said Friday afternoon that friends and family still had not heard from Susan Powell as detectives tried to figure out where she could be.

"It's still a missing person case. It's highly suspicious," McLachlan said Friday. "We are putting practically every detective we have on this case."

Powell was reported missing on Monday. Detectives in the Salt Lake City suburb interviewed Powell's husband, Josh, who said he had taken the couple's two young children, ages 2 and 4, camping in Utah's west desert despite temperatures that dipped into the teens over the weekend.

Josh Powell returned Monday night, after police had already received a call from relatives who had not heard from the Powell family.

McLachlan said detectives tried to verify Josh Powell's story, but couldn't because snow had covered the spot along The

Pony Express Trail where Powell said he took the children.

Josh Powell did not return a call from The Associated Press on Friday.

Susan Powell's family in Puyallup, Wash., south of Seattle, was getting daily updates from police and hoped something would turn up to lead detectives to the missing mother of two.

"This is a really difficult time for the family," said Shelby Gifford, a friend who the family asked to act as a spokeswoman. "They've been really comforted by all of the support. That's something to hang on to right now, and they're very grateful for that."

Gifford said the family has also been in frequent contact with Mrs. Powell's friends, who held a candlelight vigil Thursday night at a park near the Powells' home.

"That's one of the only things that keeps you going," Gifford said. "That and the belief we need to find Susan and we need to find her now."

Gifford said police told the family that Mrs. Powell's purse and cell phone were in the home when it was searched.

The family called police Monday, when she didn't



AP photo

Scott Hardman comforts his wife, Amber, who is a co-worker of Susan Powell as friends gathered for a candlelight vigil for Powell, Thursday in West Valley City, Utah. Police in Utah say about 30 detectives are looking for leads in the search for Powell, a 28-year-old mother who hasn't been heard from since last weekend.

show up for her stockbroker's job at Wells Fargo Financial.

McLachlan said she hasn't contacted anyone since

her disappearance. Her parents say she wouldn't have left her two young sons and husband on her own accord.

## Idaho economy could be climbing out of recession

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's chief economist says the state's economy appears to have bottomed out and could be poised to start climbing out of the recession.

Mike Ferguson, speaking Thursday in an address to the Boise City Club, said new information that has yet to be published shows the fall in the state's nonfarm employment stopped in October and then showed a slight increase in November.

"If this holds, this is the bottom," Ferguson said, The Spokesman-Review reported.

Ferguson said Idaho has been hit hard in the recession because computers, electronics, wood products and construction form a large portion of Idaho's employment picture.

"It's not time to pop the corks on the champagne bottles yet," he said, "but if we continue to see this decline

arrested, I think we'll be shifting from, 'When are we going to hit the bottom?' to 'What is the path out of this?'"

With the recession, Idaho lost jobs with layoffs at Micron Technology Inc., an end to expansions by grocery store chain Albertson's, and the loss of construction jobs with the collapse of Tamarack Resort in central Idaho.

Before the downturn, Ferguson said Idaho had "a couple of decades of exceptional economic performance."

Ferguson was basing his statements on nonfarm employment numbers. Idaho's overall unemployment rate in November edged up one-tenth of a percentage point to 9.1 percent, with a record 68,800 people in the state out of work.

Over the past 12 months, there were 33,400 job losses in the state.

## AROUND THE STATE

### Police say couple died from carbon monoxide

GRANGEVILLE — Investigators say an elderly couple from northern Idaho whose bodies were found near their home earlier this week died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Idaho County Undersheriff Jim Gorges identified the victims as 71-year-old John Chandler and Marie Chandler, age unknown. Gorges says the couple were sleeping in a converted charter bus while they were remodeling their house near Grangeville. The bodies were found Monday by a neighbor who had been making periodic checks.

Gorges tells the Lewiston Tribune the carbon monoxide poisoning was due to inadequate heating ventilation in the bus.

### Judge decries rise in jury scofflaws

LEWISTON — A judge in northern Idaho says residents who ignore jury summons are causing problems with felony and misdemeanor trials due to a lack of jurors.

Second District Court Judge Jeff M. Brudie says about 25 percent of summoned jurors in Nez Perce County don't show up.

He says that means a greater pool of possible jurors must be summoned to make sure enough show up to pick a jury.

Brudie notes that people who don't show up for jury duty can be held in contempt, and could be fined \$100 and sent to jail for three days.

Brudie says most people take jury duty seriously.

### Judge sentences woman in stabbing case

IDAHO FALLS — A judge has ordered an Idaho Falls woman to spend between two and five years in prison for her role in the fatal stabbing in June.

Seventh District Judge Jon S.

Shindurling handed down the sentence Thursday for 18-year-old Samantha Neyman.

She was convicted in October of aggravated battery for harboring co-defendants and lying to police in the slaying of 20-year-old Ryan Dyer.

The *Post Register* reports the judge retained jurisdiction in the case, and put Neyman in a rider program. That gives the judge six months to decide if Neyman should serve the remainder of her sentence in prison or on probation.

Earlier this month, 20-year-old Steven R. Mitchell pleaded guilty to stabbing Dyer in the chest and legs during a fight. A second defendant, Shane Beausoleil, is charged with being a principal to second-degree murder.

### Lawmaker hurt by car in early-morning accident

BOISE — A southwestern Idaho lawmaker is on the mend after being struck by a car while crossing a street outside the Capitol.

Rep. Darrell Bolz, a Republican from Caldwell, says his foot is swollen but not broken after the accident at 7 a.m. Thursday morning on State Street, which is narrower than usual due to construction barriers.

Bolz has resorted to crutches after seeking medical attention at an urgent care facility.

Bolz was crossing in a crosswalk near the lone Capitol entrance now open to the public as work crews put the finishing touches on \$120 million in renovations.

He says, "I stepped out one step and 'Wham!' I'm not blaming anybody at this point in time."

The car's driver stopped to inquire if he was OK.

Bolz didn't call Boise Police, though an Idaho State Police officer who helps supervise Capitol security has asked him to issue a statement.

— Wire reports

## Wild horses shot to death on range in Nevada

By Martin Griffith  
Associated Press writer

RENO, Nev. — Investigators are looking into the suspected shooting deaths of a group of wild horses in Nevada and the possibility the case could be linked to heated debate over the future of mustangs in the West.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management spokesman John Dearing said Friday that five horses died of apparent gunshot wounds, while the cause of death of a sixth horse nearby was unknown.

The bodies were found Saturday on public land along the Nevada-California border in Washoe County, about 120 miles north of Reno. Authorities believe the animals had been dead for about two weeks.

Dearing said investigators haven't determined a motive so far but would consider the possibility the case stems from controversy following the government's announcement earlier this year of a plan to round up and relocate thousands of wild horses.

While horse advocates brand the plan as inhumane and unnecessary, some Westerners view mustangs as a menace and think they should be euthanized instead.

"I'm sure that will be a consideration in the investigation," Dearing said. "Did it have something to do with what's going on? It's a very emotional issue."

"I wouldn't want to speculate on the motive," Dearing said. "It could have been a few good ol' boys whooping it up. We don't know."

Last year, the Interior Department warned that slaughtering some of the 69,000 wild horses and burros under federal control might be necessary to halt the rising costs of maintaining them. But Interior Secretary Ken Salazar has said his plan to relocate as many as 25,000 wild horses from Western rangelands to pastures in the Midwest and East would avoid that.

The horses' bodies were spotted by a helicopter pilot involved in a mustang roundup in the BLM's Buckhorn Herd Management Area. The BLM routinely removes what it considers excess horses from the range and takes them to government-funded holding facilities.

The discovery was made two days before a federal advisory board gathered near Reno to discuss implementation of Salazar's plan.

BLM spokesman Jeff Fontana said an agency special agent collected evidence at the scene Thursday, and an investigation continues.

Wild horses are protected under the 1971 Wild and Free-Roaming Horses and Burro Act, which prohibits harassing, capturing or killing the animals.

Violations are punishable by a fine of up to \$2,000, a year in prison, or both.

# COMMUNITY

## Pearl Harbor HEROES



Photo courtesy JOY SAMSEL/Naval Education and Training Command

Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny, commander Naval Education and Training Command, talks with Pearl Harbor survivor Jay Carraway, 87, following the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony at the National Museum of Naval Aviation. On Dec. 7, 1941, Carraway was a crewman on the USS Hulbert, an aviation destroyer used to refuel flying boat aircraft.

### Former Jackson resident among lauded survivors

By Joy Samsel  
Naval Education and Training Command

PENSACOLA, Fla. — More than 200 guests listened as a group of Pearl Harbor survivors were cited for their bravery during the annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, at Naval Air Station Pensacola on Dec. 7.

Among those in the audience was Jay Carraway, 87, a former Jackson resident. Carraway joined the Navy at age 19, and was a seaman

aboard the USS Hulbert, an aviation destroyer.

“We were the ships that provided fuel to the old PBYS (patrol bomber aircraft),” Carraway said following the ceremony. The PBY was a flying boat, able to land and take off from the water. During the attack on Pearl Harbor, the USS Hulbert was moored at a pier at the submarine base in the harbor.

Rear Adm. Joseph Kilkenny, commander Naval Education and Training Command, addressed the audience, saying the survivors were heroes and much more.

“The Pearl Harbor survivors are part of the fabric of our great nation,” Kilkenny said. “I remember seeing a poster once, designed by artist Allen Sandburg for the Office of War Information in 1942. On the poster there is a corner of blue sky, which is almost blotted out by a great billow of black smoke and the glow of scorching flames.

“But there is also a flag pole, bearing an American flag at half-mast. The flag is battle-scarred and torn but it was still waving as if blown by a stiff trade wind. The poster recalls the words of Abraham Lincoln as he gave his address at Gettysburg, Penn., ‘we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain.’”

According to Kilkenny, while the poster was made in 1942 to stir national pride and

support for the military and the war effort, he is sure the sentiment behind the words were already ringing in the hearts of people throughout America when they heard the news of the attack in 1941.

During his comments, Kilkenny described several events occurring on ships and at shore facilities during the attack, including a Japanese airplane which launched a torpedo at the battleship USS Arizona and then strafed the fantail of the battleship USS Nevada as the crew was preparing for morning colors.

“The rear gunner sprayed the men standing at attention but he must have been a poor shot. He missed the entire band and Marine guard, lined up in two neat rows,” Kilkenny said.

See HEROES, Sports 8

## How slow is slow? The situation determines the answer

**Q:** This happened to me this week as I was coming out of Twin Falls and there was utility work on the side of the road.

I was driving the speed limit of 45 mph. I saw the flagman holding a sign that said “SLOW!” I slowed down to 35 mph. The flagman started violently motioning for me to slow down more.

What speed is slow? Can I receive a ticket for speeding through a utility work site when I’m driving the posted speed limit? Why don’t they just hold up a sign that has the speed limit for the work site on it instead of one that just tells you to go slow?

**A:** Slow speed is that which makes the person flagging happy but makes the person behind the wheel very unhappy. That would be my definition of slow.

The other definition of slow would describe the person who had to think about my answer before they finally get that it’s a joke.

I’ve been in the same circumstance you’re talking about several times. The issue here is that people who flag are not usually trained in determining the speed of approaching vehicles. What might seem fast to a flagger may actually not be as fast as it appears.

If the speed limit is not posted properly as a work zone speed then you must reduce your speed below the posted speed. You going 35 mph would have been legally the right thing to do. If the flagger still waves at you to slow down, I’d decrease speed to about 25 mph.

If the flagger persists waving his or her arms, I’d would stay at 25 mph and wave back — with all fingers of course — as I drive by. You could get a ticket if you were going at or above the posted speed — but not below it.

If the road you are traveling has two lanes going in the same direction on your side of the yellow line, you must also drive in the farthest left lane. If it is only a two-lane road with traffic going both ways, I’d say slow down and even be prepared to stop if safety demands it.

It’s always better to be safe than right, because safe is sometimes much cheaper.

### Christmas safety

I’ll share some ideas for Christmas safety over the next couple of columns.

The first idea is not to buy gift cards that appear to have been tampered with. I’d even go so far as to report them to store personnel so they might be able to check the card for tampering. Many thieves like to get the codes off the cards and then try to use them before the person receiving them as a gift gets a chance to.

Another safety tip this week is that if you buy big-ticket items — a TV, etc. — you need to take the box or boxes they were in to either a larger trash container or recycle bin, or wait until the garbage truck is near so thieves don’t get any early Christmas theft ideas from the houses where they know they’ll get the good stuff. I usually put my boxes in front of my neighbor’s house on trash day — another bad joke.

Stay tuned for more Christmas safety ideas next week.

### Officer down

Please put these officers, killed in the line of duty, and their families in your prayers. God bless them.

- Deputy Adam M. Mehagan, Osage County Sheriff, Oklahoma
- Officer Philip Davis, Pelham Police, Alabama
- Officer Michael Crawshaw, Penn Hills Police, Pennsylvania
- Deputy Charles “Charlie” D. Brown Jr., Martin County Sheriff, North Carolina

Be safe, I’ll be back next week. E-mail questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn chief of police.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Oakley library receives book grant

The Oakley Free Library has received a grant of 84 new children’s books with a retail value of \$1,413.39 through the Libri Foundation of Eugene, Ore.

The library raised \$350 locally for the project which provides a wide array of books. Hal Berenson, Laura Ackerman and Suzanne Drnec donated to the cause, which included the donation of 18 math and science books.

#### Santa comes to Paul

Firemen at West End Fire and Rescue in Paul will take Santa around town on a fire truck on Dec. 19, handing out Christmas candy in the process.

The truck will leave the fire station at 1 p.m. and travel through Paul afterward.

#### Hymas completes Air Force basic training

Air Force Airman Veronica



Courtesy photo

The Burley Area Merchants Association and Kurt Geary purchased chickens and rabbits from area 4-H participants to donate to Golden Heritage Senior Center in Burley and the Meals on Wheels Program. Pictured are BAMA president Marianne Welch, cook Deb Harris, senior center director Sharon Hardy-Mills and Wally Studer. Also, the Organization of Rupert Business and Joel and Geri Rogers purchased chickens to donate to the Minidoka County Senior Citizens Center and Meals on Wheels Program. ORB also donated chickens and rabbits to Oasis Outreach.

Hymas graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits

toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Hymas is the daughter of

Mark Hymas of Rupert, and Lynette Clifton of Pocatello. She graduated in 2005 from Minico High School and received an associate degree in 2008 from Boise State University.

#### BJ bridge winners announced

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for Dec. 8.

North-South: 1. Lorretta Klingenberg and Steve Sams (Klingenberg and Sams won \$20 for making and bidding seven spades) 2. Nancy Gibson and Trudy Carver, 3. Warren and Faun McEntire.

East-West: 1. Sheila Hubsmitth and Mildred Wolf, 2. Gary and Barbara Carney, 3. Dot Creason and Jackie Brown.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks Lodge, 850 S., 200 W. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-3997, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

— Staff reports

## Cause of son’s frequent nosebleeds still undiscovered

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I am writing due to my concern over my son’s frequent nosebleeds. He has had them nearly all of his life. Otherwise, he is a healthy 14-year-old.

We recently saw his pediatrician and an ear-nose-and-throat specialist to have some tests done to make sure that there are no blood problems or tumors

ASK  
DR. GOTT  
Dr. Peter Gott

in his nose and sinus cavity. Everything was found to be normal, so we went ahead and had his nose cauterized, which I was told might fix the problem, but

there was no guarantee. Unfortunately, the procedure didn’t work and appears to have made the bleeds worse.

My son now has nosebleeds in the middle of the night and more than once during the day. They have become a nuisance to both of us, especially since he will be graduating from junior high soon and is

scheduled to deliver a keynote speech.

We were told to rub petroleum jelly in his nasal passages, spray saline in his nose, and place a humidifier in his room in order to keep his sinuses moist. We have done this, but with no success.

**DEAR READER:** There are two types of nosebleeds. The first is anterior,

which makes up more than 90 percent of cases. This variety is usually caused when blood vessels on the nasal septum rupture. They are normally easy to control. The second is posterior, which tend to occur more often in older people. They are typically caused when an artery in the back of the nose ruptures. They are often complicated and

may require hospitalization in order to bring the bleeding under control.

Nosebleeds are most common in children aged 2 to 10 and adults 50 to 80, but can occur at any age. They usually occur during the winter or in dry, cold climates. They also most commonly occur during

See DR. GOTT, Sports 8

## ANNUAL OPTIMIST EVENT



Courtesy photo

Many members of the Twin Falls Optimist Club put on a dinner and helped Santa give out presents at the East End Head Start in Hansen on Dec. 4. The annual event has been held for 17 years.

## Heroes

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"A massive explosion rocked USS Arizona and hundreds of our shipmates were lost in an instant. A bomb blasting through the roof of the mess hall at Hickam Field, immediately killed 35 people," Kilkenny continued.

According to Kilkenny, hours later a sailor waded ashore and heard a bugle sound evening colors.

"Ensign Ed Jacoby would later say the sound reminded him that the country lived on ... that it had survived blows in the past and would clearly do it this time," Kilkenny said.

The admiral told the Pearl Harbor survivors that those

servicing in uniform today and those who are training to serve America look to their courage, determination and commitment.

"You each paved the way for those of us who serve today. Our brave young men and women are performing as you did, in heroic fashion," he said. "We see it in Iraq, we see it in Afghanistan, and we see it in other places around the world. I see it in the eyes of the sailors, soldiers, Marines, airmen and Coastguardsmen who train right here in Pensacola. And I can tell you that this generation of fighting men and women are up to the challenge."

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit [www.netc.navy.mil/](http://www.netc.navy.mil/).

## Burley library has new items

New items at the Burley Public Library include:

**DVDs:** "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian," "Terminator Salvation"

**Fiction:** "Code of Honor" by Betsy Brannon Green, "Dead of Night" by J.D. Robb, "Liberating Atlantis" by Harry Turtledove, "U is for Undertow" by Sue Grafton, "Murder by the Book" by Betsy Brannon Green, "Christmas Love at Lake

Tahoe" by Debby Mayne

**Large-print fiction:** "The Wrecker" by Clive Cussler

**Nonfiction:** "Baking" by James Peterson, "Dream Big: O's Guide to Discovering Your Best Life" by Susan Hernandez Ray, "Simple Steps to Organizing Everything" by Donna Smallin

**Audio books:** "Pirate Latitudes" by Michael Crichton, "Trial by Fire" by J.A. Jance

## DEMARY LIBRARY BOOK NOTES

Here are the most recent book notes from DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert.

**Fiction**  
**"The Dark Horse" by Craig Johnson**

Walt Longmire's Absaroka County jail finds itself sheltering Mary Barsad, a woman accused of shooting her husband and burning the house down.

Observing her while she awaits trial, Longmire begins to suspect that something's not right and decides to do some investigating of his own. As it turns out, his suspicions

are confirmed and he discovers Barsad wasn't the only person who had reason for wanting her husband dead.

Now it's up to Longmire to see justice served.

**"The Heretic Queen" by Michelle Moran**

Princess Nefertiti loses her family in a palace fire and becomes an outcast at court. Raised in a dynasty that forbids the people from speaking the name of her relatives, Nefertiti comes of age uncertain about her future.

The pharaoh's sister trains her to woo the ruler's

son. The people of Egypt are strongly against a marriage between the two. Tumultuous times follow filled with war, conquest, and the appearance of an unlikely ally named Moses.

**"Rules of Vengeance" by Christopher Reich**

Doctors Without Borders' Dr. Jonathan Ransom is working in an aid hospital in the remote jungles of Laos. His wife, Emma, has disappeared back into the netherworlds of international espionage.

When she surfaces only long enough to have a stolen weekend together in

London, the outcome is disastrous and deadly.

**Youth fiction:** "Ash" by Malinda Lo, "Land" and "Keep" by J. Scott Savage  
**DVD:** "28 Days"

## Dr. Gott

Continued from Sports 7  
the morning hours, but it is not known why.

Often, a nosebleed does not have a clearly identifiable cause. Sometimes external trauma such as a blow to the face, internal trauma such as nose picking or sinus infections can initiate the bleed. Rarely, an underlying condition such as liver disease, high blood pressure, clotting abnormalities, nasal cancers or abnormal blood vessels in the nose may be to blame.

Typically, a nosebleed will cause bleeding from only one nostril, but if it is heavy, it may overflow into the other. Blood may also drip into the back of the throat and into the stomach, causing vomiting if too much is swallowed. Excessive blood loss does not usually occur from a nosebleed, but symptoms can include fainting, confusion, dizziness and weakness.

Most nosebleeds do not require hospitalization or physician treatment. Home treatment involves remaining calm, sitting up straight, leaning forward slightly to prevent swallowing blood, and pinching the nostrils together for 10 minutes. If blood gets into the mouth, try to spit it out. Ice packs don't help, and cold or dry air may worsen symptoms.

If bleeding has not stopped after 10 minutes, it is time to see a doctor. This is best achieved by visiting the local emergency room. There, the nose may be cauterized if the source of the bleeding can be seen easily. Nasal packing may also be done.

For anterior nosebleeds, this may be accomplished using petroleum gauze, synthetic sponge packs or balloon nasal packs that put pressure on the nose from the inside. They are often uncomfortable and must be left in place for 48 to 72 hours, meaning the patient goes home with the pack in place and must return to have it removed. Antibiotics may be prescribed to prevent infection, because the pack also blocks the flow of mucus.

Posterior nosebleeds are often treated with nasal packs as well, but because the bleeding originates in the back of the nose, they are slightly different. Most commonly, a balloon pack is

used. Because of the location, these packs are uncomfortable and require painkillers or sedatives and hospitalization to monitor the patient closely because the risk of infection or breathing problems is high. If packing does not stop the bleeding after 48 to 72 hours, arterial embolization (causing a clot to form to stop the bleeding) or other surgical procedures may be needed.

Because your son has such frequent nosebleeds, I urge you to return to his pediatrician and request testing for underlying problems. Perhaps something as simple as a vitamin deficiency is to blame. His quality of life is being affected, and he may be suffering unwanted consequences from his frequent blood loss, such as anemia.

To provide related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Blood - Donations and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and \$2 check or money order to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

*Peter Gott is a retired physician and the author of the book "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet," available at most chain and*

*independent bookstores, and the recently published "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook."*

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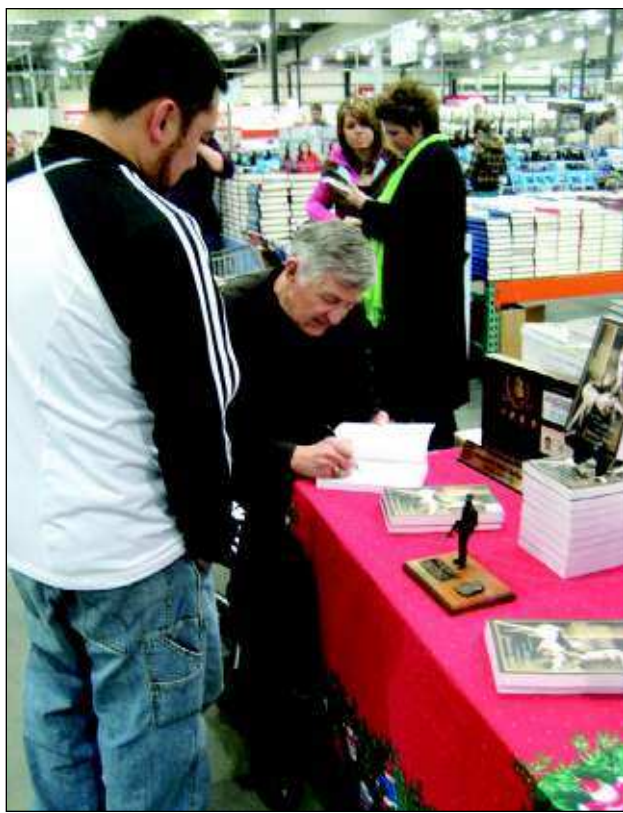
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Mike McPheters signs copies of his book 'Agent Bishop' Dec. 5. at Costco in Twin Falls. The book, subtitled 'True Stories of an FBI Agent Moonlighting as a Mormon Bishop,' has sold more than 12,000 copies since its publication in August.

## Scripture and gun

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

As an FBI agent, he used a gun; as a Mormon bishop, a Bible.

Now Mike McPheters shares the dichotomy that was his career in a book recently published called "Agent Bishop."

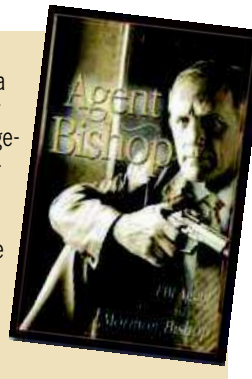
McPheters — formerly of Ketchum, now of Moses Lake, Wash. — signed copies of his book Dec. 5 at Costco in Twin Falls.

"It's been very enjoyable. I've met so many people," he said of the signings he's participated in since the book was released in August by Utah-based publisher Cedar Fort.

The 273-page book tells about McPheters' real-life experiences as a former FBI agent while serving four times during his 30-year career as a bishop in The Church of Jesus Christ of

## Former Ketchum man writes book about being FBI agent, Mormon bishop

To contact McPheters for a book signing or speaking engagement: 509-361-9026. For more information, including where to buy the book: <http://www.mikemcpheters.com/>



the neighborhood who was stealing tools out of a pickup. He also shared the experience of one day performing a marriage and the next day crashing a wedding as an FBI agent to arrest the groom.

The book — descriptive and fast-paced — often reads more like a novel than a memoir.

McPheters, who attended the College of Idaho on a football scholarship prior to serving a 2 1/2-year church mission in Uruguay, joined the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1968 after being hired by then FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Not many agents were hired by the top man himself, McPheters said.

After training for three and a half months in Quantico, Va., McPheters was assigned to San Diego to track soldiers who went AWOL during the

Latter-day Saints.

Members of the wards where he served as bishop — in Florida, Oregon, Washington and Utah — were often perplexed by his professional career, he said.

And with good reason.

One time during a church service he was interrupted to chase a man through

See **SCRIPTURE**, Religion 2

## Study finds many embrace complex mix of spiritual beliefs

By William Wan  
The Washington Post

Can you believe in Jesus and in astrology? The answer is a resounding yes, according to a study that shows Americans' beliefs to be more complex than might be expected.

The survey — one of the first by a major religion polling group to tackle Americans' belief in such things as "the evil eye" and "spiritual energy in trees" — was conducted in August by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life. The goal was to explore the complexity of faith in the modern world and the overlap between religions and other supernatural beliefs.

According to the results, the overlap is considerable. Researchers found that 24 percent of U.S. adults sometimes attend services of a faith different from their own. (That figure doesn't include people who go for special events such as weddings and funerals or attend services while traveling.)

The study also found Americans' personal beliefs often combine aspects of major religions such as Christianity with Eastern or New Age beliefs such as reincarnation and astrology.

For example, 25 percent of about 4,000 U.S. adults surveyed believe in reincarnation, the rebirth of the soul in another body. Among Christians, the number drops only slightly, to 22 percent.

"We know that religion in U.S. society is quite complex and diverse. What's interesting is this data shows that even at the individual level, a single person holds that same diversity and range of beliefs," said senior researcher Gregory Smith.

Researchers asked specifically whether people believed in or had experience with the following: reincarnation, spiritual energy located in physical things, yoga as a spiritual practice, the evil eye, astrology, being in touch with the dead, consulting a psychic, or encountering a ghost. About 65 percent expressed belief in at least one of them.

For most of the questions, See **BELIEFS**, Religion 2

# In PEACE and LOVE

**The Buddha Nature**  
Do good and be good; to do no evil, to cultivate good, to purify one's mind.

— Buddha teaching



Arjahn Chaiya, a Buddhist monk from the Chaiya Meditation Monastery in Las Vegas, arrives at the Twin Falls airport last week. Chaiya came to spend the weekend with local Buddhist followers.

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Times-News

## Buddhist monk visits local followers, explains the Buddha way

By Andrew Weeks  
Times-News writer

Dressed in the same red robes that he's owned for several years, Arjahn Chaiya stepped off the airplane into a frosty night in Twin Falls.

Doors were held open for him as he walked into the warmer temperatures of the airport terminal, where a group had gathered to welcome his arrival.

But instead of verbal greetings, the group remained quiet

as the man walked to a chair and sat down for an interview with the *Times-News*.

People gathered round, then clasped their hands together as if in prayer. One man knelt before the visitor as if paying homage to a god. When he rose, he wiped tears from his cheeks.

It was a special occasion for the group, most from Twin Falls, who'd come out Dec. 4 to greet the Buddhist monk who'd arrived for the weekend to address local followers of

the 2,500-year-old religion.

A soft-spoken man, it was often difficult to hear him speak. But he was quick with smiles as he explained about his Buddhist traditions.

"It's an easy life. We are not attached to anything," the 62-year-old monk said, hands in his lap.

The man formerly known as U Zeyathuta now goes by the single name of Chaiya; Arjahn is a title that means "teacher."

See **MONK**, Religion 2

## Episcopal lesbian bishop calls election liberating

By Rachel Zoll  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The lesbian priest who was elected assistant bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles said Tuesday that she was upset by claims that her role in the church is divisive.

The Rev. Mary Glasspool said that she was aware her win troubles some people, but that she believes her election last weekend was mostly "liberating" for the denomination.

"I've had hundreds, probably a thousand, e-mails

from people all over the world who don't know me but who are expressing through the fact of my election a pride in the Episcopal Church," Glasspool said in a phone interview with The Associated Press.

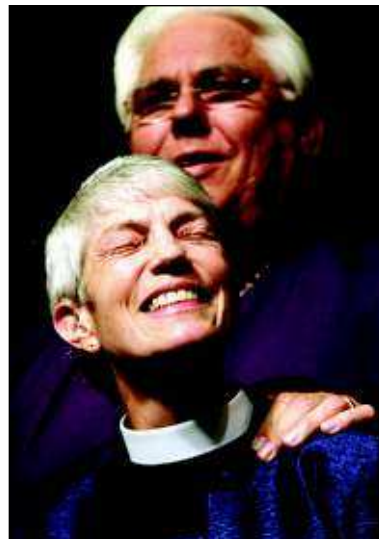
"I've committed my life as a life of service to the people of Jesus Christ, and what hurts is the sense that anybody might have that my name or my servanthood could be perceived as divisive."

Glasspool is the second openly gay bishop in the Episcopal Church and the

world Anglican fellowship. The first was New Hampshire Bishop V. Gene Robinson, whose 2003 consecration caused an uproar and widened long-developing rifts over what Anglicans should believe.

Just hours after Glasspool's election, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, the Anglican spiritual leader, said in a statement that the vote raised "very serious questions" for the divided church, and he urged

See **EPISCOPAL**, Religion 3



Rev. Mary Glasspool, of Baltimore, reacts during her election, Dec. 5 in Los Angeles. Los Angeles diocesan Bishop Jon Bruno stands behind her. The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles has elected Glasspool, a lesbian, as assistant bishop, the second openly gay bishop in the global Anglican fellowship. AP photo

# As churches struggle, more go up for sale

By Craig Smith  
Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

PITTSBURGH — Johanna Yoho knew the North Side church she attended since childhood couldn't hang on much longer.

With membership and collections dwindling, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church merged with another congregation in 2006. Afterward, a consultant recommended conducting services in the newer and larger Brighton Heights Lutheran Church and putting Mt. Zion up for sale.

"When we hand the keys over to the (buyer), that will be bittersweet," said Yoho, 48, of Observatory Hill, who was treasurer of Mt. Zion.

About 70 churches have changed hands in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer, Washington and Westmoreland counties since 2007, according to RealSTATs, a South Side-based real estate information company. Dozens more across Western Pennsylvania have posted "for sale" signs.

"Selling churches is not an easy thing," said Tom Conroy, a sales representative with Howard Hanna Commercial, who is handling the sale of the Mt. Zion church building to another congregation and expects the sale to close soon.

But it's a sign of the times. The former St. Nicholas Church on Route 28 may be sold to Lamar Advertising,



AP photo

This photo from Dec. 2, shows the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church that is up for sale on Perrysville Avenue, in Pittsburgh.

parish officials said last week. The parish said it reached an "agreement in principle" to sell the 108-year-old church, which closed in 2004.

Restoring buildings that were constructed 100 or 200 years ago can be costly. A roof could cost \$50,000; one stained-glass window could cost \$20,000, according to preservationists.

"Smaller churches have a difficult time surviving the aging process," said Danny

Muzyka, president and founder of Service Realty, which handled the sale of hundreds of churches in Texas, Colorado, California, Washington, and Arizona.

Many church buildings are sold to other churches, but sometimes they're converted to schools, day care centers, art galleries, private residences. One notable example is the former St. John the Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, which reopened in 1996 as a pub

and restaurant called the Church Brew Works. That deal touched off a controversy and resulted in new policies at the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"We were assured that all religious items were removed before the sale. They weren't," said the Rev. Ron Lengwin, diocesan spokesman.

In addition to increased inspections and inventorying of the contents of church buildings, sales agreements now give the diocese a right of first refusal if a parish sells a property to a nonfaith group, he said. Twelve churches in the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh have sold since 2007.

Most churches prefer to sell buildings to other churches or for compatible uses, but at some point, it becomes a matter of dollars and cents.

"There's often a sentimental attraction. A lot of people have been baptized there, married there," said Ned Doran, executive vice president of GVA Oxford, a Pittsburgh-based commercial real estate company. "But the upkeep on older properties is phenomenal."

Maintaining Mt. Zion doubled the Brighton Heights budget, said the Rev. Brian Shirey, its pastor.

The church, built in 1900, once served as headquarters for the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the Lutheran Church, Shirey said.

## RELIGION LETTER

### Secularism is nothing new

I must say that I was certainly disappointed but not surprised that a member of this community would be so utterly misled about secularism and its goals. Secularism is the idea that the church and the state should remain separate. It is a plea for pluralism, diversity and tolerance and is a call for religious freedom, not just for one belief system but for all religions.

To claim that secularism "has been around for at least 35 years" is misinformed at best. The roots of secularism can be traced at least as far back as the Greek philosophers and is reflected in the writings and philosophies of the founding fathers of this country. And, if the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes is correct in claiming that "nothing is new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9), it can be argued that secularism is as old as humanity itself.

Secularism has not "stripped the moral high ground away from this country." One could make the argument that any morality based on a desire for reward or a fear of punishment is not morality at all. If the only reason you aren't lying, stealing, killing, etc., is because of a police officer in the sky, you have much bigger problems than hell.

Secularism is not anti-morality or anti-religion; it is pro-human. According to the prophet Jeremiah, morality is not something you read in books or learn from the "Judeo-Christian ethic," it is a "law within" that is "written on our hearts" (Jeremiah 31:33).

Secularism is not a "denial of the creator of mankind." It is an attempt to find a clearer understanding of ourselves and each other.

We invite anyone interested in learning about Secularism to attend an event Sunday in the CSI Fine Arts Building, Room 87, at 7 p.m. featuring Krispen Hartung.

**JOSH MARR**  
**HAVILAH LYON**  
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Josh Marr and Havilah Lyon are the president and vice president, respectively, of the Secular Students Alliance at the College of Southern Idaho. Advisors Steve Cox and Brent Jensen also signed the letter.)

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 300 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and the Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

## MISSIONARIES

### Brad Darrington called



Brad Leroy Darrington, the son of Val and Teresa Darrington, of Declo, will leave Dec. 16 on his Argentina, Buenos Aires West mission. He will speak at Declo 2nd Ward Sunday, Dec. 13.

Brad graduated from Declo High School in 2008 and went to B.S.U. for a semester. He worked for the BLM this summer. He has received the Eagle Scout award.

### Gavin Wrigley returned



Elder Gavin Wrigley of Burley, has recently returned from the New York, New York Spanish speaking mission.

His report will be at 12:50 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, at Burley West Stake Center.

### Landon Schofield returned



Landon Robert Schofield, son of Lani and Kathy Schofield, is returning home from Peru Lima North Mission.

Landon graduated from Buhl High School in 2007. He was involved in Key Club, National Honor Society and has earned his Eagle Scout Award.

He plans to continue his education at CSI.

He will be speaking in church on Sunday December 13 at 11:00 am at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl.

## Monk

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He was born in 1947 in Si-Paw township, Myanmar, formerly Burma. After studying Buddhism in Sri Lanka and Thailand, he was invited in 1990 to participate in Buddhist missionary work in the United States. Five years later, with help from other Buddhists, he opened the Chaiya Meditation Monastery in Las Vegas.

Chaiya is a voracious reader and his monastery has its own Web site, but mostly he and the six other monks who live there do without modern distractions like radio and television — and fancy clothes. Avoiding self-indulgence and living a life of modera-

tion is what Buddhists call the "Middle Way."

Chaiya relies heavily on meditation, which he claims can heal mental, spiritual and even physical ailments. Besides his daily rituals, he participates at least once every year in extensive meditation that often last for weeks.

Buddhism — which stems from the word "budhi," meaning "awaken" — began about 2,500 years ago when 35-year-old Siddhartha Gautama (or Gotama), later known as The Buddha, claimed he became "awakened" or "enlightened." It's estimated that more than 300 million people worldwide practice Buddhism today.

Often termed a philosophy more than a religion, a

## MORE BUDDHA

Chaiya has produced seven books in Thai and more than 900 cassette and CD recordings of Dharma teachings in Thai, Burmese and English. The Las Vegas monastery distributes the items for free around the world. For more information about Chaiya and Buddhism: [www.chaiya-acmm.org](http://www.chaiya-acmm.org).

person can be a Christian and still follow Buddhist principles.

"Muslim, Catholic, Mormon," Chaiya said, everyone can learn something from Buddhism. It agrees with the moral teachings of churches and does not argue belief.

Twin Falls residents Ken

and Kyi Kyi Whiting, who came to the airport to greet Chaiya, said they are not Christian but their sons are. One son converted to Mormonism, another to the Baptists. There's no family quarrels about members' differing beliefs.

Buddhism adheres to the peaceful existence with self and others; it teaches to do good and cultivate virtue.

"We appreciate other religions," Chaiya said. While in Twin Falls he planned to address followers Dec. 6 at Ascension Episcopal Church.

Everyone is welcome to visit the monastery in Las Vegas or the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Twin Falls, where local Buddhist members like the Whitings gather.

When Chaiya visits a city, as is Buddhist tradition he becomes the temporary proprietor of a new home. The Whitings planned to donate their home to Chaiya during his stay, they becoming his guests instead of he being theirs.

When he was done speaking with the newspaper, Chaiya rose from the chair and went to members of the group who'd patiently been waiting.

In tradition, the men could shake his hands but the women could not.

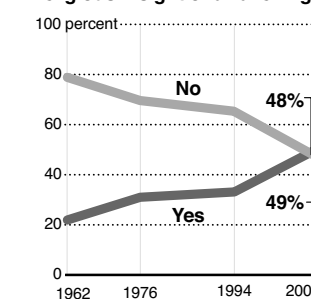
The group led him back into the cold night air, then to a warm car that took him to his temporary home.

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## Mixing religion and mysticism

Many Americans are attending religious services of traditions other than their own and blending Christianity with New Age and Eastern beliefs, a new survey shows.

Ever had a moment of sudden religious insight or awakening?



SOURCE: The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life

### Supernatural experiences and beliefs

PERCENTAGE WHO HAVE:

Been in touch with the dead 29%

Had ghostly experience 18%

Consulted psychic 15%

PERCENTAGE WHO BELIEVE IN:

Spiritual energy in trees, etc. 26%

Astrology 25%

Reincarnation 24%

Yoga as spiritual practice 23%

Evil eye (i.e., casting of curses) 16%

## Beliefs

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little previous data exists for purposes of comparison. But two questions — "have you ever had a religious or mystical experience" and "have you seen or been in the presence of a ghost" — have been asked before, and in both cases, there was a significant increase in the number of people saying yes.

Nearly half of those surveyed in August said they have had a mystical/religious experience, compared with 22 percent in a 1962 survey. The percentage who said

they have interacted with a ghost doubled from 9 percent in 1996 to 18 percent this year.

"We don't have hard data to explain what's behind this," Smith said. "But you look at popular culture — the TV shows and things that are popping up nowadays — and it could be that expressing this kind of belief is just somehow more socially acceptable today."

Clement Akoto, 52, a District of Columbia resident who participated in the study, said he does not see a conflict in his wide-ranging beliefs. Akoto, a Catholic who attends Mass every week,

said he believes in astrology and communication with the dead and ghosts.

People have complex backgrounds, which translates into complex beliefs, Akoto said. Born in Ghana, he was taught to believe in spirits but became Catholic while attending a missionary school.

"I can swing with both sides. I believe in God and in what my parents taught me," he said. "And why not? Even in the Bible, you have ghosts, you know the Holy Ghost. And with astrology, didn't Daniel mention astrologists? Didn't the Three Kings follow a star to Jesus?"

## Scripture

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Vietnam War.

"We liked those cases because ... they ran and we got to chase them. They hid, and we got to look for them," he said.

Later, he fought car theft and other crimes in the Cuban and Puerto Rican communities of Miami, Fla., and participated in the arrest of mobster Anthony Provenzano — at the time the bureau's prime suspect in the death of Jimmy Hoffa, infamous president of the Teamsters Union.

McPeters' career, which spanned three decades and ended in 1998, gave him fodder for the book that since Sept. 1 has sold more than

12,000 copies, mostly in the West.

His religion and career were never at odds for him, though it might appear that way to some.

"Let me tell you why," the former G-man explained. "I've always felt that the Constitution was an inspired document, almost sacred. When I took the oath to defend it, that was in line with my religious beliefs."

His aim in writing the book was twofold. "First, it shows people that if they're committed to their beliefs, no matter what religion they might be, they'll have very joyful and productive work experiences.

"Second, the book tells the

real story of the FBI — an organization that I love."

Hollywood often portrays the agency as being bad, he said, but in reality its agents are the kind of guys most people would like to have as neighbors.

McPeters has written a second book about defending the U.S. border against illegal immigrants, noting it's a topic that every American should be concerned about.

The book has not yet been accepted for publication, but with "Agent Bishop" setting a good track record he's hopeful it will find a home.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Church celebrates pastor's stay in T.F.

The Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, will host a special Christmas open house from 6 to 7 p.m. today to celebrate the Christmas season and 20 years of ministry of Pastor Dale Metzger.

Pastor Metzger recently announced he was leaving Twin Falls, but plans have changed for him and his wife, Helen, so the church congregation is celebrating the Metzgers staying in town for another year.

Tours of the church will be given and the evening will conclude with singing of Christmas carols led by Cliff Johnson, retiring Filer Police chief.

Information: 734-5768.

### Ascension lights wreath for third Sunday in Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent will be recognized with readings and the lighting of the Advent Wreath at Ascension Episcopal Church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls.

Services with Holy Communion are at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday, with Father Cliff Moore presiding.

Penny Glenn and Dave Stubbs will celebrate their marriage during the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday school starts at 9 a.m.; child care is available at 9:30 a.m. Services, Bible study and other activities are available on Wednesdays.

Information: 733-1248 or www.ascension.episcopal-idaho.org.

### Methodists continue Advent celebration

The celebration of Advent continues Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls, with the children presenting a Christmas program during services at 9:15 and 11 a.m.

The children will present a choral program at the early service and "The Christmas Story" at the late service. They also will light the

Advent candle of joy. Breakfast and activities for children will be provided in the Fellowship Room between the services.

Pastor Philip Airhart continues his Advent sermon series based on the songs of Christmas with "This Little Light of Mine."

Special music at the 11 a.m. worship will be "Candlelight Carol" sung by Laurie Airhart, Jane Munroe, Teala Percin and Rhonda Wong. The chancel choir will sing "Come, See the Baby."

The United Methodist Women's Christmas Tea will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fireside Room. New officers will be installed and a special member pin will be presented to one outstanding UMW member. All women of the church and guests are invited.

Information: 733-5872 or www.tffumc.com.

### T. F. Lutheran Church to dedicate flower stands

A set of flower stands will be dedicated during worship at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls.

Interim Pastor Stan Hoobing will speak on "Bear Fruit Worthy of Repentance," based on Luke 3:7-18.

Hoobing will present the last of three monologues, "Joseph: The Carpenter from Nazareth" at noon (bring a sack lunch) and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Information: 733-3774 or www.oslftf.org.

### Pastor delivers third Advent sermon

"What Should We Do?" will be the topic for the third Advent sermon by the Rev. Carol Thompson at 9:30 a.m. Sunday at the Filer United Methodist Church, 318 Union Ave.

The Pflum family will light the Advent candle and provide inspirational reading. Snacks will be provided after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

The youth will practice for the Christmas program that

will be presented Dec. 20. More youth participation is encouraged.

A Christmas Caroling event will begin at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church. A light supper will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger foods to share.

The Friendship Circle, hosted by Amy Fender, will meet for its annual potluck meal at 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the Reesor Room.

Information: Sue, 733-2629.

### Methodist worship features Sunday school program

Worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert United Methodist Church will feature the Sunday School program, "Fumbly, Bumbly Angel."

The congregation will hold a "birthday party for Jesus" after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Worship can be heard at 11 a.m. Sunday and again at 5 p.m. Thursday over the church-owned radio station KUMClp 101.7 FM.

Information: 436-3354.

### Presbyterian children present Christmas program

The Logos Program and Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church will present "Shepherds, Sheep and a Savior" during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.

The program is a Christmas story told by the shepherds who were chosen to be the first to receive the news of Baby Jesus' birth. Program directors are Fran Frost and Barb Hardy. Children in the program include Layla and Rosanna Blackston, Samuel, Micah and Abraham Mes, Will Preucil, Dorothy and Audrey Lou Daisher, Eric Price, Marty Harris, Megan Hainer, Zakk Sharp, Sydney and Delaney Bergen, Caitlyn Probasco, Bailey and Ben Nielsen, Jesse Ruggles, BreAnn Stephens, Chris Flournoy, Vladimir Nahatet, Simon and Elias Halsell, Ed

Klott, Arian Schnur, Stephen, Michael, Anthony, Camilla and Andrew Ippolito.

Fellowship will follow the service. Families and youth who participated in the pageant and their supporters will meet at Pizza Hut for lunch, then go to the YMCA on Elizabeth Street from 1 to 3 p.m. for time in the game room, gym and swimming.

The 10 Great Dates couples group will meet for a Christmas social at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Howar's home.

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Monday; cost is \$6 each.

Information: 733-7023 or www.twinfallsfpc.org.

### Families participate in candle lighting

The Scott McClure family will light the Advent candle during worship Sunday at the Jerome United Methodist Church. Other families participating in Advent celebrations will be the Beem family on Dec. 20 and Lula Mae Coates on Christmas Eve and Dec. 27.

The church will hold its annual candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at the church.

A traditional caroling party will be held at 4 p.m. Dec. 20. Chili and soup will be served at 5:30 p.m.

### Burley church announces activities for holiday season

The Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave., has announced its Christmas season activities.

"Christmas? Bah, Humbug" will be presented by the children's Sunday school classes at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. The Dan Wittman family will lead the third Sunday of Advent celebration.

An open house to honor the new pastor, the Rev. David and Carol Bierschwale, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the manse.

This week is Blanket Sunday; everyone is asked to bring blankets, sleepers, sleeping bags, etc., to be donated to the South

Central Community Action Partnership.

Dan and Terrie Shockey will be the Advent family on Dec. 20. Bierschwale will speak on "Learn the Language of the Lord or Mistake the Miracle."

A group will go Christmas caroling from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 20. A light supper will be served after caroling.

A candlelight Christmas Eve service begins at 7 p.m. The Chancel Choir directed by Paul Pugh will provide special music, the congregation will sing favorite Christmas carols and Bierschwale will deliver the meditations.

Information: 678-5131.

### LDS singles host fireside on Sunday

The Regional LDS Singles (31 and over) will hold a fireside at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls South Stake Center on Maurice Street.

Child care and refreshments are provided.

Information on singles events: Hotline, 326-8837.

### Student group hosts secularism lecture

Krispen Hartung will be the guest speaker and performer at 7 p.m. Sunday in Room 87 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.

Hartung, founder and artistic director of the Boise Creative and Improvised Music Festival, will lecture on "The Intersection of Modern Free Masonry, Humanism and Secularism." A concert of freely improvised music featuring Hartung on guitar and electronics, CSI faculty members Brent Jensen on saxophone and Steve Cox on percussion will begin at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

The event is sponsored by the college's Secular Student Alliance, a group that establishes a home for secular students. The group welcomes atheists, agnostics, humanists, skeptics and anyone interested in learning more about these world views. It meets at 7 p.m. Sundays in Room 87 of the CSI Fine Arts Center.

Information on the group: www.secularstudents.org/csi, scox@csi.edu or deadfor-sophia@live.com.

### Baptist Church plans Christmas events

"Wonderful Christmas" will be presented by the children's program at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Bible Baptist Church, 132 Second Ave. E.

A Christmas cantata, "Love, Light and Life," will be performed at 11 a.m. Dec. 20.

The Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Information: 324-2804.

### Jerome church hosts fellowship events

The Father's Heart Ministry will hold an evening of fun and fellowship Dec. 19 at the church, 131 E. Ave. F in Jerome

A silent auction and chili feed begins at 5 p.m. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. The "12 Days of Christmas" play will be presented at 6 p.m.

Information: Pam or Myrel Wheeler, 324-7523.

### God Squad presents puppet/drama show

The God Squad puppet/drama team will present "Christmas with a Capital C" at 6 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Gooding First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W.

The program features several new Christmas songs and combines the fun and music of puppetry highlighted by black-light, some human drama and a few surprises designed to encourage everyone to remember the wonder of and the real reason for Christmas, Jesus!

Refreshments will be served. Information: 934-4542.

*The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.*

# Heroes without pedestals

"So Joe — are you OK?"

Trever, a young work associate, was worried about me. A group of us were talking between meetings about — well, what everyone seems to be talking about these days. Because of previous conversations (what — you think we actually talk about work at work?), he was aware of how much I admire the athletic skills of the man who was now being accused of — well — a lot of stuff. Absorbed and a little troubled by what I was hearing, I had fallen silent for a few moments, which is probably what prompted his concern.

"I'm fine," I responded. "Why do you ask?"

"Well," he said, "I guess it's hard for you to watch this stuff happen to your hero."

His comment caught me a little off-guard.

"Hero?" I asked. I turned the word over in my mind a few times, mentally examining it for fit and feeling. "I

#### VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



love watching him play, and he always seemed to be a pretty good guy. But I'm not sure he was ever my hero."

"Oh," Trever said. He paused, then asked: "Then who is your hero?"

It was a good question, one for which I didn't have a quick answer. I have admired many people during my life, and in some cases their influence upon me has been significant. But heroes? I wasn't sure. To tell the truth, in this day of underachieving, smaller-than-life protagonists, it's sometimes difficult to know exactly what a hero is.

Or isn't. Look at life as it is portrayed in the entertainment media. How often are we given someone to look up to, a hero who inspires us to be

better than we are? Not often. Instead we are inundated with anti-heroes. Television gives us family disharmony and calls it "realistic." Films give us characters who, according to one critic, have "all the warmth and charm of poisonous lizards." The music industry celebrates the cheap, the tawdry and the profane.

Some sociologists trace the demolition of the American ideal to Watergate, the ultimate example of a toppled hero. Ever since then, the theory goes, we have been reluctant to put anyone on a pedestal for fear of being burned by another hero-gone-wrong. And so we assume that everyone is hiding skeletons in their closets and do everything we can to prove that even the best of us is pretty darn rotten.

Which is supposed to make us feel better, I guess — as if we can take pride in watching a TV family and saying, "Well, at least we're

not THAT bad." But where are the positive role models who inspire us to be better, rather than simply making us grateful we're not any worse?

As I've thought about it since my conversation with Trever, I've decided that those larger-than-life heroes are still out there. You just have to look beyond prime time and into your neighborhoods, where ordinary folks are making a difference in meaningful ways. Maybe you'll find your hero at a rec center working with underprivileged youth. Or maybe she's a hospital volunteer, a Scout leader, a PTA officer or a particularly caring and sensitive police officer.

There are heroes in the schoolyard, at the church pulpit, in the office and yes, even at home. Some are flashy and well-known — most are not. But they all seem to have two things in common: the vision to see what needs to be done, and the courage to do it — no matter what. For me it was my family, then later, an incredible high school teacher. More recently, a wonderful spiritual leader

has inspired and motivated me. I never saw any of them score a touchdown, and none has ever been in a sitcom, a box office hit or a music video. But their vision and courage shaped me and made me want to be better. And as far as I'm concerned,

that's pretty heroic.

Not larger-than-life or smaller-than-life. Just REAL life.

Pedestal not included.

*Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.*

## Episcopal

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restraint in moving forward with her consecration. Glasspool needs the consent of a majority of Episcopal dioceses before she can take the job of bishop suffragan. The 55-year-old clergywoman, who has been with her female partner since 1988, said she read the archbishop's comments on her laptop in her California hotel Sunday and found the statement "a tiny bit absurd" because he doesn't know her.

"Our Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori does have a personal relationship with the archbishop

of Canterbury, and I need to let them work that out," Glasspool said.

On Tuesday, the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Unity, Faith and Order, issued a statement from England echoing Williams' request for restraint. Jefferts Schori is expected to travel to London next week for a previously scheduled Anglican meeting.

Los Angeles Bishop Jon Bruno, who leads the diocese, has been defiant in the face of the criticism of Glasspool's win. Bruno on Tuesday said Williams was

"the titular head of our church, and I don't think we should capitulate to a titular head."

The Episcopal Church is the Anglican body in the United States. In 2004, Anglican leaders asked Episcopalians for a moratorium on electing another gay bishop while they tried to prevent a permanent break in the fellowship.

Since the request was made, some Episcopal gay priests were nominated for bishop, but none was elected before Glasspool. In July, the Episcopal General Convention, the U.S.

church's top policy making body, effectively overturned any moratorium, affirming that gay and lesbian priests were eligible to become bishops.

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# Pope will write letter to Irish Catholics on abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Benedict XVI is deeply disturbed by a child sex-abuse scandal in Ireland and will write a letter to Catholics there on the church's response to a report that found the church shielded more than 100 child-abusing priests from the law, the Vatican said Friday.

Benedict met at the Vatican with senior Irish clergy to discuss a possible response to the devastating report issued last month.

A Vatican statement released after the 90-minute talks said the pope studied the report carefully and expressed his "profound regret."

"He was deeply disturbed and distressed by its contents," the statement said. "The Holy Father shares the outrage, betrayal and shame felt by so many of the faithful in Ireland."

Attending the talks at the Vatican were Irish Cardinal Sean Brady, Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin and the

Vatican's representative to Ireland, Archbishop Giuseppe Leanza.

The report found that church leaders in the Dublin Archdiocese failed to inform authorities about sexual abuse by priests, while police failed to pursue allegations under the belief that church figures were above the law.

The damning revelations led to private debates among Catholic bishops over whether any of their number

should resign.

The Vatican statement made no mention of any possible resignation.

It said the church would "continue to follow this grave matter with the closest attention" and examine how to "develop effective and secure strategies to prevent any recurrence." Benedict's letter to the faithful of Ireland "will clearly indicate the initiatives that are to be taken in response to the situation."



AP photo  
Journalists interview Irish Cardinal Sean Brady, second from left, as Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, left, looks on, in front of St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Friday.

# Christmas in Church

**Christmas at  
First United Methodist Church**  
360 Shoshone Street East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301  
Pastor ~ Rev. Philip J. Airhart

**Sunday, December 20, 2009**  
Family Style Service 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Christian Education 9:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Traditional Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Christian Education for all ages 11:00 a.m.

**Thursday, December 24, 2009  
CHRISTMAS EVE**  
9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service  
Special Music, Carols, and The Spoken Word  
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## Voices of Christmas

*What do you need to hear from God this Christmas?*

**Nov. 29** – "The Voice of HOPE"  
**Dec. 6** – "The Voice of PEACE"  
*Children Leading Worship*  
**Dec. 13** – "The Voice of LOVE"  
*Christmas Musical*  
**Dec. 20** – "The Voice of JOY"  
**Dec. 24** – "Not a SILENT NIGHT"  
*Candlelight Services 5:00 & 6:30 pm*

*Join us as we pause to listen and respond to His voice!*

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**Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship**  
Dec. 24 at 7pm

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### CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICE SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Celebration Services at 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

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We invite you to celebrate the Advent Season with us...making the holidays a meaningful time for you and your family!

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

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10:00am Service  
Sermon "An Uninvited Guest" Hallelujah Handbells

**December 13 - Third Sunday in Advent**  
10:00am Service  
Children's Pageant "Shepherds, Sheep and a Star?"

**December 20 - Fourth Sunday in Advent**  
10:00am Service  
Sermon "Feast of Fools" Hallelujah Handbells

**December 24 - Christmas Eve Services**  
5:00pm and 11:00pm  
5pm: "Family Service with Candlelight."  
"Lessons and Carols"  
Baptism of Eli Daisher

11pm: "Communion and Candlelight" Sermon  
"Come to the Manger: A Dialogue of Angels."  
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**December 20 at 10:30am**  
Children's Play

**December 24 at 6:00pm**  
Christmas Eve Worship Services at Murtaugh City Hall

**December 24 at 8:00pm**  
Christmas Eve Worship Services at Crossroads UMC at  
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Sunday, Dec 13, 6pm  
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**Christmas Worship Services**  
Sunday, Dec 20 8:00am, 9:30am & 11:00am  
EPIC 6:00pm  
Celebrate our Savior's birth and fill Christmas with meaning for your family

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Thursday, Dec 24, 10pm  
Celebrate the meaning of the Christmas Season with family and friends as we take the opportunity to reflect on the birth of Jesus and share in communion

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# Days 'til Christmas



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This sale will be located at 104 S 450 E, Burley, Idaho at 10:00 AM on January 9, 2010.

PUBLISH: December 12 and 19, 2009

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE**  
Case No. CV-09-5383

A Petition to change the name of Vera Kapualani Morrison, born 1/11/53 in Frankfurt, Main, Germany, residing at 1905 Maple Ave., Twin Falls, ID, has been filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Davey Kapualani Morrison, because used for 40 years. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 414 A Koa St. Wahiawa, HI 96786. The petitioner's mother is living and her address is 414 A Koa St., Wahiawa, HI 96786. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on December 28, 2009, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.  
Date: November 19, 2009.  
By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: November 21, 28, December 5 and 12, 2009

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Owner: Unincorporated Town of Jackpot and Elko County, Nevada  
155 South 9th Street  
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Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the Unincorporated Town of Jackpot and Elko County, Jackpot Wastewater Treatment Facility Modifications will be received by The County of Elko, State of Nevada at the office of the Elko County Community Development at 155 South 9th Street, Elko, Nevada 89801, until 2:00 p.m. (PST) on January 4, 2010, and then publicly opened and read aloud. **A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held in Jackpot, Nevada on December 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. (PST).**  
The project includes the construction of a 1,060,000 Gallon Per Day Wastewater Treatment Facility and land application of sludge from the existing primary treatment lagoons. The State Labor Commissioner has assigned Public Works Project Number PWP No. EL-2010-91 to this project. All work shall be in conformance with State of Nevada Administrative Codes and Elko County Standards.  
THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:  
The Office of the Engineer:  
Stantec Consulting Inc.  
3995 South 700 East, Suite 300  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107  
or  
The County Offices:  
Elko County Public Works Department  
155 South 9th Street  
Elko, Nevada 89801  
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of **Stantec Consulting Inc** located at **3995 South 700 East Salt Lake City, Utah 84107**, 801-261-0090 upon payment of **\$75.00** for each individual package set (NON-REFUNDABLE) after **Tuesday, December 8, 2009**.  
Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained off The Engineer's ftp site beginning December 8, 2009 after 5:00 pm with no charge.

PUBLISH: December 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2009

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS**

CASE NO. CV 99-1469  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
**EDWARD BRENNEN, and EMILY BRENNEN,**  
Plaintiffs,  
vs.  
**JUANITA BRENNEN, and PHYLLIS A. HERR.**  
Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a Writ of Execution issued on the 29th day of October 2009, out of and under the seal of the above entitled Court on a Judgment styled as Order Renewing Judgment in the above-entitled action, which judgment was entered on the first day of June 2009 in favor of the above-named Plaintiffs, Edward Brennen and Emily Brennen, against the above-named Defendants, Juanita Brennen and Phyllis A. Herr, and which judgment when taken together with accruing interest to date of issuance of Writ of Execution is in the amount of \$96,893.42, I am commanded and required to proceed to notice for sale and to sell at public auction the property described in said Writ of Execution and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the satisfaction of said Judgment with accruing interest thereon and my fees and costs.

The property directed to be sold is situate in Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, and is described as follows, to-wit:

**PARCEL NO. 1**  
That portion of Lot 18 of Orchalara Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to Plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 81, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the West line of Lot 18 which point is 256.6 feet N of SW corner of said Lot 18;  
THENCE North 128.3 feet along the West line of Lot 18;  
THENCE East 339.55 feet;  
THENCE South 128.3 feet;  
THENCE West 339.55 feet parallel to the South boundary of that portion of Lot 18, Orchalara Subdivision, to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

**PARCEL NO. 2**  
That part of Lot 18, Orchalara Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to Plat thereof recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 81, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point 384.9 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Lot;  
THENCE North 64.14 feet along the West line of said Lot;  
THENCE East 339.55 feet;  
THENCE South 64.14 feet;  
THENCE West 339.55 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.  
Together with any tenements, hereditaments, improvements, structures, buildings, or appurtenances appertaining thereto.  
The common address of this property is **662 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 21st day of December 2009, at the hour of ten o'clock a.m. in the ground-level hallway of the Twin Falls County Courthouse located at 425 Shoshone Street North in Twin Falls, Idaho, just outside the Sheriff's office, I will attend, offer and sell at public auction all or so much of the above-described property thus directed to be sold as may be necessary to raise sufficient funds to pay and satisfy the Judgment as set out in said Writ of Execution to the highest bidder therefor in lawful money.

DATED this 23rd day of November 2009.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY SHERIFF  
By TOM CARTER  
Twin Falls County Sheriff

PUBLISH: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, 2009

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**101 Lost and Found**

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**101 Lost and Found**

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Have you forgotten to pickup your birthday photos? We have some photos we are sure you don't want us to toss. These can be picked up at The Times-News Classified Dept.

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Friday, 6pm Dinner, 7pm group.  
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Saturday-9pm

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Carolyn 208-643-9380

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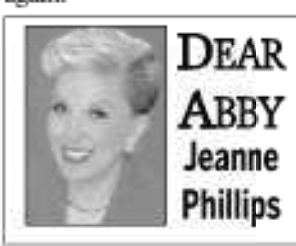
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Since then, I have located my birth family, although my birth mother died long ago. I asked my adoptive mother (who was and still is "Mom" to me) to please send me all the documents she had relating to the adoption, as well as some letters she mentioned that my birth mother had sent in later years saying she was thinking about me and hoping I was well. Mom told me she had thrown them all out! I was devastated all over again.



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Mom says I'm overly sensitive, that the papers were worthless trash and were hers to dispose of. Over the years she had promised several times to show them to me but never did. Now she claims I knew all along that I was adopted and just wanted to find a better mom.

Abby, am I being ridiculous? I still have a hole in my heart because I'll never speak to my birth mom, although my siblings have filled in a lot for me. I was able to get my birth certificate and some other papers, but would have loved to have read the letters my birth mom wrote asking about me. I haven't spoken to Mom since, and I'm waiting on your verdict now.

DEAR JANET: Your feelings are not "ridiculous." It was cruel of your adoptive mother to promise to share your birth mother's letters with you and then to destroy them. She may have done it because she was deeply insecure about whether she would measure up in your eyes if you saw them. Her comment at the time of your engagement was also cruel in light of the fact that you had no clue that you were adopted when she said it.

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DEAR ABBY: Please settle a disagreement I'm having with my boyfriend. In the song "Jingle Bells," he insists the horse's name is "Bob Tail." However, I'm pretty sure it's a description of the horse, as their tails used to be "bobbed," or cut short. Please understand my boyfriend is one of those guys who is "never wrong!"

DEAR JINGLE BELLE: Never wrong? Well, there's always a first time. You happen to be 100 percent right. The lyric in the carol isn't "Bob Tail," it's "bobtail." The definition of the word is in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. (What may need some "bobbing" may be your boyfriend's ego, and I hope you had some money "riding" on this.)

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Against six diamonds West led his singleton spade and declarer paused to take stock. Although a heart and a club could be discarded on declarer's spades, it still looked as if there would be two club losers.

While it was possible that West held both club honors, it was more likely that the honors were split, in which case the best chance was to find one opponent with honor-doubleton of clubs. In order to make it as hard as possible for a defender to unblock his doubleton honor, declarer won the spade lead and immediately played a club, and when West followed low smoothly, declarer put up dummy's ace. He then drew trumps, cashed his spades while discarding a club and a heart from dummy, ruffed a heart, and led a low club. East had to win and give declarer a ruff and discard for his contract.

Vulnerable: North-South  
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	1 ♥	2 ♥	4 ♥
4 ♦	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♦	All pass		

Opening lead: Spade seven

**BID WITH THE ACES**

South holds:

♠ A K Q 10  
♥ A 2  
♦ K J 7 5  
♣ 9 3 2

South West North East

Dbl. 2 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass

ANSWER: It looks tempting to jump to four spades, and indeed you might well make four spades. But since partner might have competed to two spades with little more than jack-fourth of spades and an ace, you should cut him some slack. A simple raise to three spades shows a good hand and lets partner decide how much he had for his first call.



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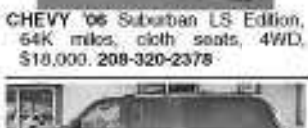
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- 1 Water barrier
- 4 Neck scarf
- 9 President James Knox \_\_\_
- 13 Concept
- 15 Entire range
- 16 Woodwind instrument
- 17 Becomes firm
- 18 Subdues
- 19 Longest river
- 20 Pick-me-up
- 22 Prison room
- 23 Brief letter
- 24 \_\_\_ Wednesday
- 26 Have goals
- 29 Sane
- 34 Time spent in an occupation
- 35 Smoke or fog
- 36 Grow old
- 37 Story
- 38 One who puts his listeners to sleep
- 39 Having difficulty deciding
- 40 Self-esteem
- 41 Strong winds
- 42 Titled
- 43 Wholesaler's client
- 45 World \_\_\_; baseball season finale
- 46 Greek letter
- 47 Male deer
- 48 Entrance
- 51 Chocolate candy topped with white dots
- 56 Operatic solo
- 57 Wedge on a shoe bottom
- 58 Honk
- 60 Thick drink
- 61 Thrill
- 62 Winter flakes
- 63 Otherwise
- 64 Desert fruits
- 65 Music from Jamaica

**DOWN**

- 1 Use a shovel
- 2 Lemony drinks
- 3 Liquefy

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**Friday's Puzzle Solved**

- 4 Shrewd
- 5 Weight revealer
- 6 Near-death state
- 7 Frank
- 8 One with a will
- 9 Blanket worn as a cape
- 10 Off-Broadway award
- 11 Lounge around
- 12 \_\_\_ over; faint
- 14 Ridiculous
- 21 Comedian \_\_\_ Sahl
- 25 Gentleman
- 26 Showy flower
- 27 Theater part
- 28 Cockpit figure
- 29 Less common
- 30 Hairy animals
- 31 One of the Judds
- 32 See eye to eye
- 33 Gives, but will want back later
- 35 Small rodent
- 38 Well-\_\_\_; like a healthy diet

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- 41 "\_\_\_ Along, Little Dogies"
- 42 At hand
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- 45 Iowa and Idaho
- 47 Large amount
- 48 British title
- 49 Spoken
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- 52 Earthenware jar
- 53 Orderly
- 54 Charged atoms
- 55 Behold
- 59 Defunct airline

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 Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans:     TO

Yesterday's Jumbles: COMET PAPER BLITHE BUSILY  
 Answer: What the dentist did for the charity event - PUT THE 'BITE' ON HIM

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Today is Saturday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 2009. There are 19 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight:**  
 On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

**On this date:**  
 In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.  
 In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.  
 In 1897, "The Katzenjammer Kids," the pioneering comic strip created by Rudolph Dirks, made its debut in the New York Journal.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt nominated Oscar Straus to be Secretary of Commerce and Labor; Straus became the first Jewish Cabinet member.  
 In 1925, the first motel - the Motel Inn - opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.  
 In 1937, Japanese aircraft sank the U.S. gunboat Panay on China's Yangtze River. (Japan apologized, and paid \$2.2 million in reparations.)  
 In 1939, swashbuckling actor Douglas Fairbanks died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 56.

In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.  
 In 1985, 248 American soldiers and eight crew members were killed when an Arrow Air charter crashed after takeoff from Gander, Newfoundland.  
 In 1989, in New York, hotel queen Leona Helmsley, 69, was sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$7.1 million for tax evasion. (Helmsley served 18 months behind bars, plus a month at a halfway house and two months of house arrest.)

Ten years ago: Author Joseph Heller, whose darkly comic first novel "Catch-22" defined the paradox of the no-win dilemma and added a phrase to the American language, died in East Hampton, N.Y., at age 76.

Five years ago: A bomb exploded in a market in southern Philippines, killing at least 14 people. Militants blew up an Israeli base at the Gaza-Egypt crossing, killing five soldiers. Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas apologized to Kuwaitis for Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

One year ago: A bomb exploded inside the West Coast Bank in Woodburn, Ore., killing Woodburn Police Capt. Thomas Tennant and Oregon State Police Senior Trooper William Hakim. (Two suspects, Bruce Aldon Turnidge, 58, and his son, Joshua Abraham Turnidge, 32, face murder charges.) Actor Van Johnson died in Nyack, N.Y. at 92.

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