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## Family pleads for Bergdahl's release after video

By Jim Heintz and Amir Shah  
Associated Press writers

KABUL — The Taliban released a video Friday of an American soldier captured in Afghanistan, showing him apparently healthy but spouting criticism about the U.S. military operation.

In Idaho, Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl's family pleaded on Christmas Day for his release and urged him to "stay strong."

Bergdahl disappeared June 30 while based in eastern Afghanistan and is the only known American serviceman in captivity. The

Taliban claimed his capture in a video released in mid-July that showed the young Hailey, Idaho, soldier appearing downcast and frightened. He hadn't been heard from until Friday's video, in which he looks well and speaks clearly.

Although the video was released Friday, it was unclear when it was made, and NATO spokesman Col. Wayne Shanks told The New York Times it was not evidence that Bergdahl is still alive.

He suggested the video may be a pastiche of clips from earlier this year.



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WATCH the Associated Press video of Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl, released by the Taliban on Friday.

"We are not using this as a proof-of-life video," Shanks told the newspaper. "It's still to be determined when it was made, but it could have been made even several months ago. It has a lot of editing pieces."

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force confirmed hours later that the man in the video was Bergdahl, but denounced both its timing

and content.

"This is a horrible act which exploits a young soldier, who was clearly compelled to read a prepared statement," said a statement from U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, ISAF's spokesman. "To release this video on Christmas Day is an affront to the deeply concerned family and friends of

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AP photo/via IntelCenter

This image, from a Taliban propaganda video released Friday, purportedly shows Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl, 23, of Hailey, who was captured more than five months ago in eastern Afghanistan.

## Christmas at the shelter

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

'Twas Christmas morning and all through their stalls, Dogs were already stirring, behind the shelter's walls.

Their tails were wagging with holiday joy,

In hopes of adoption by a girl or a boy.

But the children were home, shouting with glee,

Unwrapping gifts from under the tree.

Two cats in the shelter seldom rose,

Just settling in for a long Christmas doze.

Then there arose such a clatter,

The cats looked up to see what was the matter.

Along the floor, three puppies flew like a flash, Running through the room quick as a dash.

When, before their brown eyes there would appear,

Kathleen Olmstead, coming to spread Christmas cheer.

With her smile, green apron, and thick yellow gloves,

Each creature knew in a moment, they'd get the food each one loves.

Each dog wanted a friend more than a bone,

When they heard her say: "They're here and they're alone!"

Then she let the dogs outside for a quick little run.

Calling some by name, by the time they were done.



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Kathleen Olmstead throws a toy for dogs Friday at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter. Olmstead says she enjoys spending part of Christmas taking care of the animals and helping to make their day better.



Kathleen Olmstead holds a cat that the shelter has not named yet because it's new, while she makes the rounds to ensure the animals have food and water on Friday.

Now, Budda! Now, Carson! Now, Marley! They ran round the fenced yard, along the wall, Dashing around, dashing around, dashing around it all. Inside the shelter,

Kathleen worked with a bound, Tending each stall, and petting each hound. A bundle of red hose, she unraveled for cleaning, For a job that on Christmas, still has meaning.

For those wanting a pet that's not naughty but nice, the Twin Falls Animal Shelter is selling cats at half price. Felines are \$26.50 instead of \$53, and dogs are on sale for \$55 instead of \$78.90. For more information, call (208) 736-2299.

## Convicted by feds, King now faces state charges

By Nate Poppino  
Times-News writer

BURLEY — With a federal trial behind him, Burley-area feedlot manager Cory King will next confront state charges of environmental mismanagement at his operation.

King was sentenced this month to three years' probation and four months' home confinement for injecting fluids into an underground aquifer without a permit and lying to investigators about it in 2005.

The Idaho departments of Agriculture and Environmental Quality

allege he and other defendants did much more in a civil suit filed in 2006.

The defendants include King, his wife, Vicky King, and Double C Farms, in which both are partners. They also include business partner Chris Drakos and two companies he owns, Lambert Produce Inc. and Montana Brand Produce Co. Inc.

After 5th District Judge Michael Crabtree approved an amended complaint just this month, ISDA and DEQ have now filed 21 counts of violations against the Kings and Drakos.

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## White Christmas brings green for Wood River retailers

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — White, red and green may be the traditional colors of Christmas, but for retailers and restaurants in the Wood River Valley, the season is turning red into black on their ledger sheets.

The past few weeks have seen the slow business climate begin to turn around in Hailey and Ketchum, making shop owners and the cities breathe a sigh of relief after so many months of recession.

"We feel like things are on the way back and the

future looks pretty bright," said Tom Nichols, owner of The Roosevelt and The Sawtooth Club in Ketchum and the recently opened Brickhouse Restaurant in Bellevue. "The fall is always kind of quiet, but I'm hearing and seeing that we're a little bit busier than we were this time last year."

Nichols credited the difficulty of finding a parking place in downtown Ketchum and Hailey this week in part to increased marketing by Sun Valley Co., as well as the new gondola and terrain park the

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ARIEL HANSEN/Times-News

Rob Martin, left, of California, and Kristin Wright, of Texas, shop Wednesday for last-minute gifts at The Toy Shop in Hailey. Business has dramatically picked up over the last few weeks in the Wood River Valley, say shop owners, pulling many merchants out of the red.

## Nigerian arrested in failed plane attack

By Larry Margasak and Lara Jakes  
Associated Press writer

DETROIT — A Northwest Airlines passenger from Nigeria, who said he was acting on al-Qaida's instructions, set off an explosive device Friday in a

failed terrorist attack on the plane as it was landing in Detroit, federal officials said.

Flight 253 with 278 passengers aboard was 20 minutes from the airport when it sounded like a firecracker had exploded, witnesses said. One passenger jumped

over others and tried to subdue the man. Shortly afterward, the suspect was taken to a front row seat with his pants cut off and his legs burned.

The White House said it believed it was an attempted act of terrorism and stricter

security measures were quickly imposed on airline travel, but were not specified.

Law enforcement officials identified the suspect as Umar Farouk Abdul

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# MORNING BRIEFING

## Pat's Picks

Three things to do today

Pat Marcantonio



Work off the calories that you took in on Christmas Day by getting out.

• You can dance to the rock music of Milestone starting at 9 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. There's no cover charge.

• Copperhead plays at 8:30 p.m. at the Montana Steakhouse, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive, Twin Falls.

Again, there's no cover.

• Or snap your fingers to the music of The Fabulous Vuarnettes at 6 p.m. in the Boiler Room at Sun Valley Village. Doors open at 5 p.m. Cover is \$15.

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

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS



### ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"A Year with Frog and Toad," presented by Company of Fools, 7 p.m., Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey, tickets: \$25 for adults, \$18 for seniors (62 and older) and \$10 for children (18 and younger), at box office one hour before show, 578-9122.

### CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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

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

### EXHIBITS

"High Plains Hamlet: An Idaho Frontier Tragedy," art show by Mike Youngman and Karl Brake, 1 to 9 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for the Arts and Science, College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave., no cost, 732-6655.

### HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Fun for Youth, activities: arcade games, fast-track auto racing, crafts and more, 6 to 10 p.m., Sun Valley Inn continental room, One Sun Valley Rd., Sun Valley, \$25 per child at the door, 622-2135.

### 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; and entertainment show "Steamrolling through the Holidays" at 8:15 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, \$4.50, 732-6655.

### SPORTS

NBC Camps Basketball Clinic, for boys ages 9 to 13, 9 a.m. to noon; girls ages 9 to 13, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., learn basketball techniques; schedule available on website, Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls, \$35 per person, www.nbccamps.com or 800-406-3926.

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 msulejmanovic@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

## COMING UP IN THE TIMES-NEWS

# TREND 2010

Starting Sunday, the Times-News launches a seven-day series about developments and trends expected in the new year.

## SNOWPACK LEVELS

	Seasonal watershed	pct of avg.
Salmon	71%	25%
Big Wood	67%	24%
Little Wood	48%	17%
Big Lost	58%	20%
Little Lost	75%	28%
Henrys Fork/Teton	60%	22%
Upper Snake Basin	57%	21%
Oakley	76%	25%
Salmon Falls	57%	19%

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## Wood River Valley has dark Christmas

By Ben Botkin  
Times-News writer

Idaho Power crews were working late Christmas Day to restore power to thousands of people that were part of a massive blackout that began Thursday night.

At deadline on Friday night, Idaho Power reported that 2,773 people were without power in Ketchum, Sun Valley and a small part of Bellevue. The remaining customers without

power were just part of 17,000 that experienced an outage that began at 9:50 p.m. Thursday and affected residents from Shoshone north to Ketchum served by the Midpoint-Wood River Line.

That was followed by a loss of power on the King-Moonstone line at 10:25 p.m. that hit the Wood River, Hailey, Ketchum and Moonstone substations, Idaho Power said.

At 10 a.m. on Christmas morning, about 15,000 were still without

power, and by that time, crews had begun making repairs to wire that they found was down.

Because of the time spent on the repair work, crews from Twin Falls were also called in to assist.

The utility company did not know the exact cause of the outage, but said low fog and freezing temperatures were possible culprits.

Customers can call Idaho Power's outage line at 208-388-2323 for updates.

## Law & Disorder... ...in Cassia County

From Nov. 28 police reports:

### Lost property:

A 26-year-old man reported that he lost his wallet at Smith's Food King in Burley. According to the report, it contained his Social

Security card, his Washington driver's license, some family photos, miscellaneous papers, three debit cards, and \$763 in cash. He was advised to cancel the debit cards.

### Disturbing the peace:

A Burley female, 20, was cited for disturbing the peace after her 25-year-old neighbor complained about the suspect's "loud music, noise, etc. during the past several months." Before filing the complaint, she "spoke to her Land Lord," (sic) the report reads.

### Abandoned vehicle:

A 1972 Ford truck was found abandoned south of Burley -

"driven off the roadway, but the bed of the vehicle was sticking out onto the road," the report reads. Deputy Kenny Emery asked dispatch to contact the registered owner and was informed that the owner - a 46-year-old man who, the report notes, does "odd jobs as a roofer" - was in jail. The vehicle was subsequently towed.

- Damon Hunzeker

## Bergdahl

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Bowe Bergdahl, demonstrating contempt for religious traditions and the teachings of Islam."

Lt. Col. Tim Marsano of the Idaho National Guard issued a statement Friday from the family of Bergdahl, who live outside Hailey. In their statement, the family urged the captors "to let our only son come home."

And to their son, the family said, "We love you and we believe in you. Stay strong."

Marsano met with the family Friday morning at their home. He told the AP that the family had not seen the video but had talked to other relatives who had seen it.

In the video, Bergdahl is shown seated, facing the camera, wearing sunglasses and what appears to be a U.S. military helmet and uniform. On one side of the image, it says: "An American soldier imprisoned by the Mujahideen of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan." It also shows him eating while wearing garb characteris-

tic of Afghanistan's Kandahar province, an area where the Taliban emerged in the 1990s.

He identifies himself as Bergdahl, born in Sun Valley, Idaho, and gives his rank, birth date, blood type, his unit and mother's maiden name before beginning a lengthy verbal attack on the U.S. conduct of the war in Afghanistan and its relations with Muslims.

In the video, Bergdahl says "It's our arrogance and, and our stupidity that has made us so blind that we simply refuse to see the blunders and mistakes that we continue to make over and over again."

"This is just going to be the next Vietnam unless the American people stand up and stop all this nonsense," he said.

Although it is unclear where Bergdahl was being held when the video was recorded, he said he had not been abused by his captors and drew a sharp contrast with his own country's treatment of war prisoners.

In light of "the brutality

and inhumane way my country has ravaged the lands and the people of my captures (sic), the Taliban, one would expect that they would justly treat me as my country's Army has treated their Muslim prisoners in Bagram, in Guantanamo Bay, Abu Ghraib and many other secret prisons hidden around the world," he said.

"But I bear witness. I was continuously treated as a human being with dignity," he said.

The video, which has an English-language narration in parts, also shows images of prisoners in U.S. custody being abused. The speaker says he did not suffer such ill treatment.

A statement read by a Taliban spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, appears at the end of the video and renews demands for a "limited number of prisoners" to be exchanged for Bergdahl. The statement says that more American troops could be captured.

The Geneva Conventions, which regulate the conduct of war between regular armies, bar the use

of detainees for propaganda purposes and prohibit signatories from putting captured military personnel on display. As an insurgent organization, the Taliban are not party to the treaty.

Statements from captives are typically viewed as being made under duress.

Bergdahl, who was serving with a unit based in Fort Richardson, Alaska, was 23 when he vanished just five months after arriving in Afghanistan. He was serving at a base in Paktika province near the border with Pakistan in an area known to be a Taliban stronghold.

On Friday, NATO said a joint Afghan-international force killed several militants in Paktika while searching for a commander of the Jalaluddin Haqqani militant network that is linked to al-Qaida.

U.S. military officials have searched for Bergdahl, but it is not publicly known whether he is even being held in Afghanistan or neighboring Pakistan.



J.P. KARAS/AP photo

Northwest Airlines Flight 253 is seen on the runway after arriving at Detroit Metropolitan Airport from Amsterdam on Friday. A passenger aboard the plane tried to set off an explosive device, causing a commotion and some minor injuries, an airline official said.

## Attack

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Mutallab. Others had slightly different spellings.

One law enforcement source said the man claimed to have been instructed by al-Qaida to detonate the plane over U.S. soil.

"It sounded like a firecracker in a pillowcase," said Peter Smith, a passenger from the Netherlands. "First there was a pop, and then (there) was smoke."

At least one passenger acted heroically.

Smith said the passenger, sitting opposite the man, climbed over passengers, went across the aisle and tried to restrain the man. The heroic passenger appeared to have been burned.

The incident was reminiscent of convicted shoe bomber Richard Reid, who tried to destroy a trans-Atlantic flight in 2001 with explosives hidden in his shoes, but was subdued by other passengers. Reid is serving a life sentence.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., ranking GOP member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said the flight

began in Nigeria and went through Amsterdam en route to Detroit.

A statement Delta, which acquired Northwest, said, "Upon approach to Detroit, a passenger caused a disturbance onboard Northwest Airlines Flight 253. The passenger was subdued immediately and the crew requested that law enforcement meet the flight upon arrival."

"The flight, operated by Northwest using an Airbus 330-300 aircraft with 278 passengers onboard, landed safely. The passenger was taken into custody and questioned by law enforcement authorities."

The FBI and the Homeland Security Department issued an intelligence note on Nov. 20 about the threat picture for the 2009 holiday season from Thanksgiving through Jan. 1. At the time, intelligence officials said they had no specific information about attack plans by al-Qaida or other terrorist groups. The intelligence note was obtained by The Associated Press.

President Barack Obama was notified of the incident and discussed it with security officials, the White House said. It said he is monitoring the situation and receiving regular updates from his vacation spot in Hawaii.

There was nothing out of the ordinary about Flight 253 on Friday until it was on final approach to Detroit, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Elizabeth Isham Cory. That is when the pilot declared an emergency and landed without incident shortly thereafter, Cory said. The plane landed at 12:51 p.m. EST.

One U.S. intelligence official said the explosive device was a mix of powder and liquid. It failed when the passenger tried to detonate it.

The passenger was being questioned Friday evening. An Nigerian source said the Nigerian passenger was being held and treated in an Ann Arbor, Mich., hospital.

All the sources spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation

was continuing.

The official said an official determination of a terrorist act would have to come from the attorney general. The official added that additional security measures were being taken without raising the airline threat level, but declined to describe them.

The White House was coordinating briefings for the president through the Homeland Security Department, the Transportation Security Administration and the FBI.

A law enforcement source said the explosives may have been strapped to the man's body but investigators weren't immediately certain, partly because of the struggle with other passengers.

One passenger from the flight was taken to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, hospital spokeswoman Tracy Justice said. She didn't know the person's condition, or whether the person was a man or woman. She referred all inquiries to the FBI.

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# Blaine man has theft charge dismissed in exchange for guilty plea in drug case

By Ariel Hansen  
Times-News writer

HAILEY — In exchange for pleading guilty to selling ecstasy, a Blaine County man has gotten a walk for possessing more than three ounces of marijuana and for stealing a police tactical bag full of bullet-proof vests, handcuffs and binoculars.

On Dec. 16, Mathew R. Fleming, 20, pleaded guilty to delivering MDMA (ecstasy) on Nov. 2, when the Blaine County Sheriff's Office arrested him for selling the drug to a confidential informant in the Hailey Park and Ride parking lot.

Also this year, Fleming was arrested for possessing more than three ounces of marijuana in May, and, for stealing the police bag in October, grand theft and burglary.

He had been hired by the Hailey Library to move books for the library's benefit sale in October. According to court documents, while seeking a restroom, he discovered that a locker room in the basement of the building that houses both the library and the Hailey Police Department was unlocked. In that room, he found the tactical bag, which con-

tained a ballistic vest, binoculars, handcuffs, helmet, police patches, a gas mask, medical kits, and other items, and an additional ballistic vest that was nearby.

Fleming reportedly placed the bag and the second vest outside the room, and returned for them at the end of his work shift, then took the items later to a mining cave in Colorado Gulch to hide them.

After reportedly admitting to the theft to police, he took them to the cave, where more than half the items were found; some, including the handcuffs and

binoculars, were not recovered.

Initially, the marijuana and grand theft charges were added to the ecstasy delivery case, although Fleming's attorney argued that they were unrelated and should not be treated as the same case.

Eventually, the grand theft and marijuana charges were dropped from that case. As part of the plea agreement, the prosecutor has agreed not to refile them if Fleming isn't arrested for any other crime before his sentencing, which has not been scheduled.

The prosecutor is recom-

mending a six-year sentence, with three years fixed, and a fine of \$4,000, with \$3,000 suspended, plus court costs and restitution for the police bag items that weren't found. The plea agreement also recommends that Fleming be sent to the New Directions retained jurisdiction treatment program at the North Idaho Correctional Institute and get a substance abuse evaluation.

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## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Timothy James Miner

Age: 19  
Description: 6 foot, 3 inches;



170 pounds; brown hair; brown eyes  
**Wanted for:**  
Two counts of lewd conduct with a minor

under 16; \$50,000 bond  
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information pertaining to Miner to call 208-735-1911, or Crime Stoppers, at 208-732-5387, where tipsters can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward.

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## King

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The list includes multiple violations of the state's Beef Cattle Environmental Control Act, which lays out how cattle operations are regulated to protect natural resources. Other laws invoked include those governing hazardous and solid wastes, groundwater quality, air pollution and disposal of old tires.

Assuming the defendants are found guilty, the fines could be massive. Most of the counts call for fines of \$10,000 each or \$1,000 for each day of a violation, as well as to recoup investigation and enforcement costs incurred by DEQ.

The issues are much broader than just the well injections that landed King in federal court. The defendants allegedly maintained a livestock pen that allowed direct access to Willow Creek, possibly leading to contamination, and also allegedly tossed old tires and other garbage into a gravel pit.

But the debate over whether the Kings and Drakos injected wastewater into the ground is sure to resurface. Federal prosecutors working with limited evidence were unable to prove anything, and a defense expert during that trial shot holes in various water samples taken from the property. But the state argued a berm holding a waste pond allegedly collapsed and allowed waste to run through a ditch into water that was being injected into the aquifer.

The civil case is set for a jury trial in March. But before then, defense attorneys are doing their best to get almost all of the state's

evidence thrown out.

In a motion first filed in June 2008, attorney David Lombardi argued that investigators from the two state agencies did not have consent or a warrant for their activities in May and June 2005. Since the Beef Cattle Act doesn't allow non-consensual, warrantless searches, the evidence gathered then and afterward from the site visits should be excluded, Lombardi wrote.

State attorneys responded that other evidence shows investigators did have consent, in part because the initial problems were found during a routine ISDA waste inspection. Crabtree has yet to rule on the request. The defense already argued unsuccessfully that the Beef Cattle Act is no longer in effect.

It's unclear how Cory King's federal trial could affect the state proceedings. A cursory review of state court documents showed that defense attorneys attached Winmill's conclusion on the pollution issue to a Dec. 12 brief for tossing the state evidence. King plans to appeal his federal conviction.

At least three more state cases are connected to the 2005 investigation.

The Kings, Drakos and their former employee, Shawn Carson, have filed actions against each other; Carson alerted investigators to the illegal injections.

And the Kings and Drakos are also pursuing a case against ISDA, specifically John Klimes and John Chatburn, two people the agency employed at the time who participated in the investigation.

seeing many local faces. "The last week or so we've been doing well," said Michal O'Callaghan-Abbott, a saleswoman at The Toy Shop in Hailey. "People are trying to shop locally, which is nice."

It won't be until January that official numbers become available on the municipal collection of local option taxes this month, but hopes are high that as snow continues to fall, wallets continue to open.

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## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

### MINIDOKA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Luis Israel Luna, 21, burglary, \$100.50 costs, three years probation, two years prison determinate, five indeterminate, 13 days credited, retained jurisdiction; petit theft, dismissed by court; probation violation, retained jurisdiction.

Luis Israel Luna, 21, attempting to elude a police officer, \$100.50 costs, driver's license suspended 18 months, three years probation, three years prison determinate, two indeterminate, 13 days credited, retained jurisdiction; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$90.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 60 days jail suspended; driving without privileges (third offense), dismissed by court; probation violation, retained jurisdiction.

Adam Macaalay White, 21, two counts burglary, \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$850.50 costs, \$4,208.73 restitution, three years probation, three years prison determinate, seven indeterminate, 10 days credited, penitentiary suspended; three counts burglary, dismissed by court.

### DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Jose Luis Perez-Sanchez, 23, driving under the influence (excessive), \$1,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$132.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 24 months probation, 365 days jail, 354 suspended, one credited; driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs, 180 days jail suspended.

### MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS

David Henri Rodriguez, 45, alcohol open container violation, \$50 fine, \$63.50 costs; failure to appear for misdemeanor citation, dismissed by court; fraud-insufficient funds check, \$200 fine, \$63.50 costs, \$230 restitution, 30 days jail suspended; fraud-insufficient funds check, dismissed by prosecutor.

Charles Thomas Pritt III, 23, battery, \$200 fine suspended, \$322.50 costs, \$1,986.39 restitution, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, 30 days community service suspended, modified sentence; probation violation, dismissed by prosecutor.

Shannon Christine Dopf, 33, driving without privileges amended to driver's license violation, \$68.50 fine, \$530.50 costs; contempt of court, dismissed by court; probation violation, dismissed by court.

Isrial James Martinez, 38, leaving the scene of an accident

amended to failure to give immediate notice of accident, \$200 fine, \$110.50 costs, \$5,701.36, 30 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited; probation violation, 30 days jail, eight credited.

Jaime Ceja, 30, driving without privileges, driver's license violation, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs. Juan De Dios Orosco-Aguilar, 23, driving without privileges (second offense) amended to driving without privileges, 24 months probation, 180 days jail, 147 suspended, 33 credited; failure to provide proof of insurance, dismissed by court.

Alberto Angel Ortiz, 22, driving without privileges, \$300 fine, \$102.50 costs, four months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two credited.

Salvador Perez, 18, battery, 24 months probation, 90 days jail, 77 suspended, 13 credited, 30 days community service suspended; malicious injury to property amended to battery, dismissed by prosecutor; alcohol violation amended to battery, dismissed by prosecutor; malicious injury to property, 90 days jail suspended; alcohol violation, \$300 fine, \$152.50 costs, 30 days jail suspended.

Juan M. Gurrola, 18, driver's license violation, \$125 fine, \$87.50 costs. Maria Lionica Paz-Vega, 36, vicious and mischievous dogs, \$50 fine, \$87.50 costs; vicious and mischievous dogs, \$100 fine, \$87.50 costs. Marisela De Leon, 21, petit theft, \$212.50 fine, \$87.50 costs. Maribel Villeda, 23, petit theft, \$222.50 fine.

Michelle L. Hill, 48, petit theft, \$200 fine.

Leanne M. Wolfe-Lindauer, 55, speeding (infraction) amended to driving offense, \$200 bond forfeiture, case dismissed.

Danny Beltran-Roque, 27, failure to carry driver's license on person, dismissed by court.

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## Retail

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company installed for this ski season. It hasn't hurt that six inches of snow fell this weekend, creating just the kind of picturesque winter wonderland that tourists — and locals — like to see.

"Between the new snow and the way the company's been improving the amenities and marketing them, things are looking pretty good," he said.

Although there are still businesses shuttering their doors throughout the valley, many empty storefronts have new tenants, everything from photography studios to restaurants.

Even Bellevue, which isn't usually the biggest beneficiary of the tourist economy, has been busy the last few days, said planning and zoning director Craig Eckles.

"I was at Mahoney's (Bar & Grill) last night and it was packed, and I was at the grocery store this morning, and they seem to be fairly busy," he said. "People are trying to make a stronger effort to buy as much as they can locally here."

That was a sentiment heard across the valley, that in addition to visitor dollars, retailers have been

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“This is a horrible act which exploits a young soldier, who was clearly compelled to read a prepared statement.”  
 — U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Gregory Smith, spokesman for the International Security Assistance Force, of a video released by the Taliban of Pfc. Bowe Bergdahl

## Twin Falls church prays for those who vandalized it

**CHEERS:** To the pastors and the congregation of Twin Falls’ Church of the Brethren, and to the community, for exhibiting Christian values during the Christmas season.

After the church was vandalized and its organ destroyed earlier this month, co-Pastor Kathryn Bausman asked for prayers to the perpetrator.

“No one would do this if they weren’t in pain, if they weren’t confused or angry,” she said. “Jesus died for these people.”

The organ was worth \$9,000. Other damage included ransacked rooms, defaced children’s books and broken walls. A fire extinguisher was sprayed in the church’s kitchen and on dish-ware.

Since then, offers have been

pouring in to replace the organ, and perfect strangers have offered money to repair the damage.

“It’s nice to know the community cares,” said co-Pastor Mark Bausman.

**JEERS:** To the company that wants to build a nuclear power plant near Hammett, for once again pushing back the date it expects to be able to apply for a federal operating license.

In an Oct. 12 letter to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Alternate Energy Holdings Inc. CEO Don Gillispie wrote that he anticipates applying for a combined license for the Elmore County plant in the fourth quarter of 2011. The NRC regulates the licenses, which grant permission to build and operate a nuclear



power plant.

Gillispie also wrote that he plans to seek licenses for two other plants: one in Payette County in the second quarter of 2011 and one for a site near Pueblo, Colo., in the second quarter of 2012.

The NRC letter is another sign of the delays Gillispie and AEHI have faced in getting their projects approved. Both the Elmore and Payette county projects

require comprehensive-plan changes that county officials have approached cautiously.

Gillispie announced last August that he may move the proposed site outside of Elmore County and two months later applied for a comprehensive-plan change in Payette County. The company is now pursuing both sites.

Since residents of both counties have questioned AEHI’s financial ability to complete the plant, another delay in applying for an NRC license doesn’t engender confidence.

**CHEERS:** To Jeremiah Yates of Kimberly, for an extraordinary act of courage and compassion along Interstate 84 on Dec. 11.

Yates crawled into a burning

Ford Explorer in an attempt to rescue its occupants following a crash. He entered the burning SUV through a rear side window after hearing a call for help from Dixilyn Noh. Noh, 52, and her sister, Kristen Noh, 45, both died at the scene.

Yates was driving home when he witnessed the three-vehicle crash. Upon approaching the SUV, Yates heard Dixilyn Noh call for help. He didn’t know exactly where she was located in the demolished vehicle.

“All I could do was hold her shoulder, hold her hand for a little while,” Yates said. “All the while we were telling her to keep calm. Help was on the way.”

Yates spent more than an hour inside the vehicle. By any definition, he’s a hero.



## The nanny state: defining dependency

The greatest gifts you can give your children can’t be boxed and bowed. Consider the timeless gift of self-sufficiency — a stubborn thirst to leave the nest, make it on your own and live as a free-willed adult. It’s a concept that Big Nanny Democrats are sabotaging at every legislative turn.

Several times during the sneaky debate on the government health care takeover bill this past Sunday, Democrats hailed a provision requiring insurance plans that cover dependents to provide benefits to children up to age 26. Democratic Sens. Ben Cardin and Tom Harkin both specifically championed the unfunded mandate in their floor statements.

This manifestation of the Nanny State is especially galling given the massive levels of generational theft that the Democratic majority has presided over this past year. If they truly cared about the physical and financial well-being of young Americans, they’d stop piling on expensive regulations that simply put affordable health insurance out of their reach.

I propose a new symbol for the Democrats. Out: donkey. In: a giant adult pacifier.

I can tell you what most fiscally responsible parents are thinking when they hear the feds “taking care” of everyone else’s adult “children” by confiscating their tax dollars and forcing private companies to comply: You’ve got to be kidding me. Yes, Virginia, there are still some of us left who believe our children shouldn’t depend on a government-manufactured umbilical cord as they



Michelle Malkin

approach their third decade on earth.

Nonetheless, there are now an estimated 20 states that have already passed legislation requiring insurers to cover adult children. The slacker mandates cover “kids” ranging in age from 24 to 31. And it’s these government health care mandates that are driving up the cost of insurance.

Health policy researcher Nathan Benefield of the Commonwealth Foundation reported that in New Jersey, Nanny State peddlers claimed the adult kiddie protection law would help 100,000 uninsured young adults. “Yet in two years, only 6 percent of that estimate has been realized. The primary reason — health insurance is still too expensive.”

Wisconsin has experienced similar results. “Whenever you insure somebody whom you didn’t insure before there’s some additional risk,” insurance expert James Mueller told the Milwaukee Sentinel Journal. Mueller points to the premium increases that have followed coverage mandates on employer-sponsored plans. “The problem with all these good ideas is there’s funding necessary,” Mueller said. In Wisconsin, not only are adult children covered, but also the children of those “children” if they live in single-parent homes.

As he rammed through this mandate and the mountain of other government regulations buried in

Demcare, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid promised on Sunday: “We are reshaping the nation. That’s what we want to do.”

Indeed, this defining dependency up phenomenon is part of the larger push for single-payer-by-proxy.

The other universal health care Trojan horse signed into law this year — the expansion of SCHIP (the State Children’s Health Insurance Program) — welcomed more non-“children” into the government insurance fold.

Both political parties have advocated federal waivers to use SCHIP funds for adults, including parents of Medicaid/SCHIP children, caretaker relatives, legal guardians and childless adults. According to the General Accounting Office, SCHIP-funded expenditures on adults nationwide “totaled about \$674 million in 2006.” J.P. Wieske of the Council for Affordable Health Insurance notes that the bennies provide an incentive for parents to drop their private coverage in order to take advantage of free or discounted health insurance for their children. “It has become a program for the middle class at the expense of the poor.”

This is the engine that will power the Demcare architects’ most naked, radical ambitions: “Health care as an inalienable right,” as Sen. Harkin put it. How? By breeding a massive permanent culture of dependency and bottomless debt in the name of the “children” from birth through quarter-life — and beyond.

Michelle Malkin is a nationally syndicated columnist.

## LETTERS OF THANKS

### Big thank you to managers who helped

I am 60 years old and blind. I am independent and, since I have been blind only the latter part of my life, I remember how things look and try to do things around my home myself.

This has caused me to fall off the roof and the porch.

A retired neighbor volunteered to help me. Through his help and help from Lowe’s store manager, Rob, and operations manager, Brian, who provided the materials needed to build a 4-foot railing with lattice around both porches, I now feel safe.

My caregivers recognized part of my problem could be mold in my kitchen rug.

My volunteer asked for help from Home Depot store manager, Walt, who provided new flooring and tile for my kitchen and laundry room.

I could not ask for a better Christmas present than was given me by these managers. A big thank you to each for your generosity.

**SHERRY WATSON**  
Twin Falls

### Turkey dinners appreciated by all

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.

We appreciate your generous hearts and giving spirits.

**LORI HURLEY**  
Manager  
Syringa Plaza Resident Committee  
Twin Falls

### Starbucks made a difference for troops

We want to thank *Times-News* to know what Starbucks on Blue Lakes Boulevard for what they did to buy coffees for our son in the Army.

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**FRED AND ANN PRINS**  
Twin Falls

### Children’s theater a great success

On behalf of the Magic Valley Arts Council, I would like to thank the following for the success of our Missoula Children’s Theater residency week and production of “The Princess and the Pea.”

Major support was provided by Glanbia Foods Inc., Farmer’s National Bank of Buhl, the Walter and Leona Dufresne Fund in the Idaho Community Foundation, Mike and Jan McBride Family, O’Leary Junior High Parent Teacher Student Organization, Mix 103, Valley Christian Church and Ron and Barb Hardey.

And special thanks to this year’s planning committee: Rebecca Smith, Larisa Alexander, Jennifer Brizee and Julie Whitehead.

Without everyone’s support, we would not be able to provide such a worthwhile performing arts experience and student workshops to more than 300 youth in our community.

**CAROLYN WHITE**  
Program Director  
Magic Valley Arts Council  
Twin Falls

### Thanks for helping senior center survive

On behalf of the senior members and the Board of Directors of the Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center, I wish to thank all of our volunteers for cash donations, food from their gardens and the many businesses in the Magic Valley who have donated to our fundraisers through 2009.

Without all your kindness, we could not have survived as a senior and community center.

We bless all of you this holiday season for your support and hope that you continue to remember us throughout 2010.

**ROSE IRWIN**  
Senior and Community Center  
Hagerman

### Many made quilting event a success

We express our appreciation for the many hands that participated in our annual Pennies by the Inch and Tie Quilts at the Mall events. We express special thanks to Gwen Jones, representative of Pennies by the Inch for Twin Falls for her hard work.

Magic Valley Mall staff was extremely accommodating to our group in allowing us to use the center court of the mall to tie quilts. The members of the Desert Sage Quilters of Magic Valley who prepared the quilt tops are appreciated. Thanks to the more than 300 volunteers who helped tie the quilts and worked to complete the binding process.

We have had exceptional support from Modern Woodmen, East End Providers, Kimberly Middle School, CSI Refugee Program, Primary Children’s Medical Center and Idaho Quilt Works.

We appreciate the help we have received in making it possible to donate quilts to local agencies in the Magic Valley.

**SUSAN STALLINGS**  
SUE PACK  
PEGGY JARDINE  
Community Quilt Volunteers  
Twin Falls

### Many thanks for support of veterans

American Legion Post 7 of Twin Falls recently participated in the annual Veterans Food Convoy along with other legion posts in Idaho. This is in support of Idaho Disabled Veterans homes in Boise, Lewiston and Pocatello.

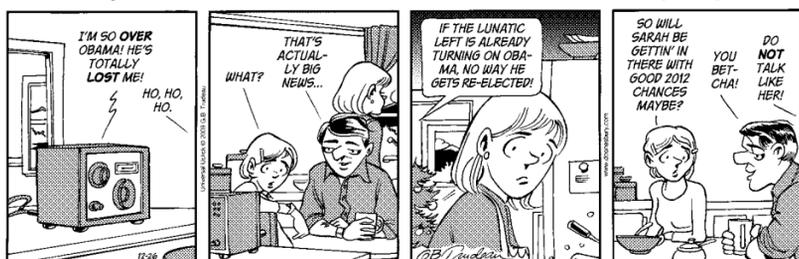
The convoy was a success, thanks to Coca-Cola, Pepsi, Rangen’s, Soranco, Glanbia, Cactus Petes, Cummins Family Produce, Kimberly Nurseries and Walmart.

Many thanks to those businesses for their support of Idaho Disabled Veterans.

**DAVE MARRON**  
American Legion Post 7  
Twin Falls

## THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTER OF THANKS

**Thanks to all who gave at Herrmann benefit**

Grateful thanks are extended to the many people who gave of their time, talents and treasures to the Brenda Herrmann Benefit. We would especially like to thank Thrivent Financial for its sponsorship and matching funds, Valley School in Hazelton for use of its facilities; the Twin Falls Times-News (the Community Calendar

and Pat Marcantonio), TV stations KTFT and KMVT, radio stations KTFY, KLIX and KCIR and Zeb Bell's radio program for their generous publicity of Brenda's benefit. Special thanks also to the congregations of Trinity Lutheran Church of Eden, the Canyon Ridge Mennonite Community members and the LDS Relief Society of Hazelton for their valuable assistance.

The Magic Valley's community and the local business owners' support was overwhelming, and their willingness to donate much needed auction items, food items and services made this benefit a wonderful success. The Herrmann family was truly blessed by the outpouring of support and love; thanks to all who attended and all who gave; it would take the entire newspaper to thank you

all individually!  
**BARB LISSOW**  
 Coordinator  
**Brenda's Friends**  
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 Hazelton

**Horsemen appreciate participation, support**

Our local chapter of the Back Country Horsemen would like to thank all the people who made our state convention at the Red Lion in Twin Falls in November

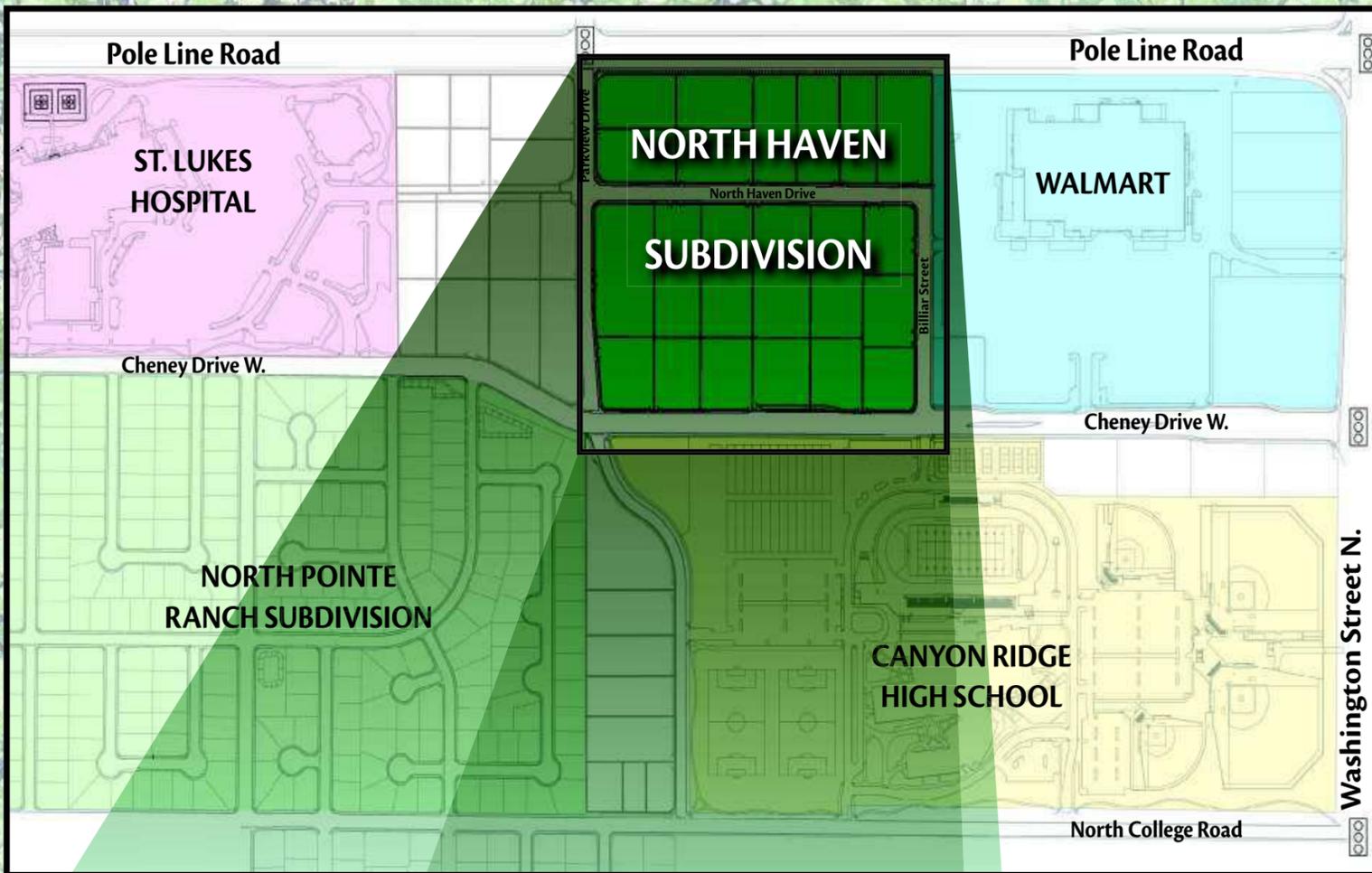
a success. We would like to thank the vendors for setting up and participating, the merchants and individuals who donated items, the presenters who donated their time and, last but not least, our members who pulled together and worked so hard on this project. Thanks to everyone who participated; the community support is greatly appreciated.

**KATHY KERLEY**  
 Secretary  
**High Desert Back Country Horsemen**  
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# RIGHT TIME, RIGHT PLACE

## Akey's journey aided by adoptive parents, former coach

By Josh Wright  
Times-News correspondent

MOSCOW — His first chance came in the afterglow of one of the defining moments of his career, and Robb Akey said no. It wasn't time.

Washington State had just outlasted Texas in the 2003 Holiday Bowl, capping a third straight 10-win season and thrusting the Cougars' defensive coordinator into the spotlight. University of Idaho officials latched

onto Akey's lively persona, and a head-hunter service contacted him about the Vandals' coaching vacancy.

After nearly two decades of grinding as an assistant, Akey's long-awaited door had opened.

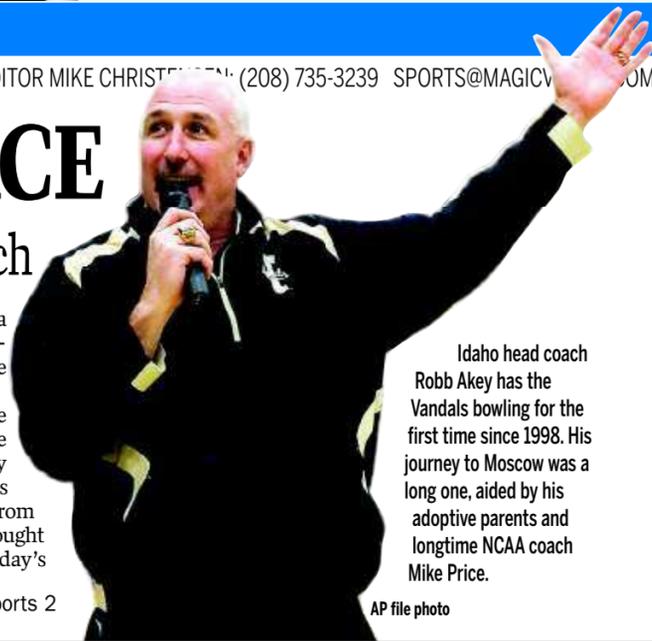
"At that point in time, I wanted to be a head coach," Akey said in retrospect. "Believe me. In the worst way?"

Yet he turned down the offer to speak with Idaho, citing shortcomings in facilities and leadership in the administration. It was a gutsy move,

but one that made sense for a man who has a keen understanding of when to pick the right spots and pounce.

Three years later, the Vandal job would again come open. This time, Akey accepted the offer and has since transformed Idaho from little more than an afterthought to a spot in Wednesday's

See **AKEY**, Sports 2



Idaho head coach Robb Akey has the Vandals bowling for the first time since 1998. His journey to Moscow was a long one, aided by his adoptive parents and longtime NCAA coach Mike Price.

AP file photo

# Chargers secure bye with rout of Titans

By Teresa M. Walker  
Associated Press writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The San Diego Chargers earned the first-round bye they wanted and Philip Rivers remained perfect in December.

Tennessee's bid for NFL history? The Titans lost that right along with their post-season dream, looking like a throwback to the team that started the season 0-6.

Rivers threw two touchdowns passes, LaDainian Tomlinson ran for two scores and the Chargers beat the Titans 42-17 on Friday night to grab the AFC's No. 2 seed and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The AFC West champs streaked to their 10th straight win and tied the 1970-74 Miami Dolphins for most consecutive wins in a month with their 18th in December dating to 2006. The Dolphins won 18 in a row in November.

Darren Sproles caught a TD pass and ran for two more scores to help San Diego (12-3) squash the Titans' dreams of becoming the NFL's first team to start 0-6 and rebound to make the playoffs. Tennessee (7-8) had hoped to top what the 1994 Chargers did in reaching the postseason after an 0-4 start.

Chris Johnson's quest to become only the sixth NFL player to run for 2,000 yards in a season remains alive as the only goal left for Tennessee. He ran for a TD and 142 yards to put him at 1,872 with the season finale at Seattle left. He also notched his 10th straight 100-yard rushing game, putting him behind only Barry Sanders (14) and Marcus Allen (11).

Titans coach Jeff Fisher has yet to beat San Diego, losing his sixth of seven straight losses to the Chargers in the series.

The Titans, who had two starters in linebackers Keith Bulluck and David Thornton

See **CHARGERS**, Sports 2



AP photo

San Diego Chargers tight end Antonio Gates (85) runs to the end zone to score a touchdown on a 36-yard-pass play against the Tennessee Titans Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

# STILL SOARING



AP photo

Former College of Southern Idaho player Jay Watkins (1) has made big plays for the University of Utah.

## Watkins among former Eagles making their mark for NCAA Division I hoops programs

By Mike Christensen  
Times-News writer

### INSIDE

See how more former CSI players are faring at NCAA schools.

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It wasn't the way Jay Watkins intended to start his career at the University of Utah. On the bench. In pain.

But thanks to a stress fracture in his pelvis, that's exactly where he spent the first four games of Utah's season. And it's right where he found himself the past two outings thanks to an abdominal strain.

In the six games he's been on the court, though, Watkins has done the same things that made him a crowd favorite at the College of Southern Idaho last season.

"My role hasn't really changed that much," said Watkins. "I'm not starting, but I do the same things: Defend, rebound, run, bring that energy to the game, to the team, to the crowd."

He wasted no time in doing all of the above in his first game with the Utes. Watkins grabbed a late rebound, raced up the floor and assisted on the game-winning basket as Utah stunned then-No. 20 Illinois 60-58. Watkins scored 12 points in his debut and is averaging 10.0 points and 5.2 rebounds on the season.

"He is a different kind of player than what we've had before," Utah coach Jim Boylen told the *Salt Lake Tribune*. "He has athleticism and the ability to play with his back to the basket and get to the free throw line."

He can guard five positions, too, which is important. He is very versatile on both ends of the floor."

With a nonconference schedule featuring teams like Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Michigan, Watkins' talents have been invaluable — and sorely missed when he's been sidelined. The Utes are only 2-4 without him in the lineup.

A Memphis native, the 6-foot-7, 210-pound Watkins started his career at the University of San Francisco before transferring to CSI. He averaged 16.1 points and 7.6 boards for the Eagles last season.

He wowed the fans in Salt Lake City during Utah's pre-season intra-squad scrimmage, but woke up one morning with pain in his pelvis. An MRI revealed the fracture, shelving the junior's high-flying talents for a few weeks. He was feeling pain free until the abdominal strain sidelined him once more. But he says the experience at Utah has still been great.

"I'm having a lot of fun playing with Coach Boylen," said Watkins, who added that the former NBA assistant runs his Utah program

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## IMPACT PLAYERS: FOUR FORMER CSI STARS SHINING AT THE NEXT LEVEL

**ART PARAKHOUSKI, RADFORD**

The 6-11, 260-pound Parakhouski has been dominant for the 5-4 Highlanders, leading Radford with 22.7 points, 14.0 rebounds and 2 blocks per game. He is playing 34 minutes a night and appears headed for repeat honors as Big South player of the year.



**JOEY SHAW, NEVADA**

Shaw is averaging 11.0 points and 5.3 boards for the 7-5 Wolf Pack. He has started all 12 games and is shooting an impressive 51 percent from the field while seeing nearly 30 minutes a night of court time. He played a reserve role for the Pack as a junior last season.



**KEVIN FORD, ORAL ROBERTS**

The 6-9 senior is putting a nice ending on a college career that includes stops at New Mexico State, CSI and Ball State. He is averaging 11.0 points and 7.8 rebounds, starting all 12 games for the 6-6 Golden Eagles, who upset No. 13 New Mexico earlier this week.



**SOANA LUCET, ARIZONA**

Lucet is the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the 5-4 Wildcats after being a two-time NJCAA All-American at CSI. The 6-1 junior from New Caledonia is averaging 12.1 points and 6.7 rebounds in just more than 30 minutes a game. She led CSI in scoring and rebounding last year.



## Cavs dominate Lakers in physical affair

Fans throw foam on court

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — The yellow foam hands came flying in from every corner of the lower bowl, sailing onto the court in dozens of frisbee-style arches late in the Cleveland Cavaliers' dominant victory.

LeBron James was more worried than amused by this unusual display of frustration from the Los Angeles Lakers' fans — and he got a bit more concerned when at least one

water bottle followed the foam. Despite that bit of surreality in response to the officiating of a physical game, the Cavaliers were hands-down better than the defending NBA champions in a 102-87 victory on Friday night.

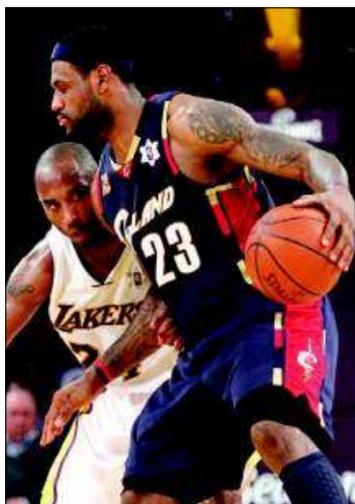
"The only thing that you hope doesn't happen is one of the players getting hit or a referee getting hit, especially by a full water bottle," James said. "When that came on the court, it was coming pretty fast. You don't want that to happen because it could definitely hurt somebody. Luckily no one got

hurt, and that's a good thing."

The fans were driven to throw up their hands — not the usual foam No. 1 fingers, but a representation of two puppet hands making the "LA" symbol in a tie-in to Nike's LeBron-and-Kobe Bryant marketing campaign — by Lamar Odom's ejection with 4:04 to play. After Bryant received the Lakers' fifth T with 3:45 left, more hands took flight — along with that water bottle.

"I've never seen an L.A. crowd react like this before,"

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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) keeps the ball away from Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant, left, during the second half Friday in Los Angeles. The Cavaliers won 102-87.

AP photo

# Sharpshooting Suns rout Clippers 124-93

PHOENIX — Amare Stoudemire led seven Phoenix players in double figures with 26 points and the Suns beat the Los Angeles Clippers for the sixth straight time in a 124-93 rout on Friday night.

Jared Dudley and J.R. Richardson each added 18 for the Suns in their most lopsided victory this season. Dudley, scoreless in Phoenix's home loss to Oklahoma City on Wednesday night, made 4 of 5 3-pointers.

The Suns shot 54 percent, including 12 of 24 3s.

Rasual Butler scored 22 and Chris Kaman had 19 for the Clippers.



AP photo

Los Angeles Clippers center Chris Kaman, left, battles for the ball with Phoenix Suns forward Amare Stoudemire during the second quarter Friday in Phoenix.

ing Toronto in 2001.

## HEAT 93, KNICKS 87

NEW YORK — Dwyane Wade had 30 points and nine rebounds, and Miami spoiled New York's return to Christmas competition, snapping the Knicks' three-game winning streak.

Michael Beasley scored 13 of his 19 points after half-time for the Heat, who opened a comfortable lead by limiting New York to 31 points across the middle two quarters.

Danilo Gallinari scored 26 points, and David Lee had 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Knicks, who had a six-game home winning streak snapped and lost for just the third time in 10 games overall. They were playing in their NBA-high 45th Christmas game, but first since beat-

## CELTICS 86, MAGIC 77

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rajon Rondo had 17 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists, and Boston bullied Orlando with strong defense.

Ray Allen added 18 points, and Tony Allen had 16 in place of the injured Paul Pierce for the Celtics, who rolled to their 14th win in the last 15 games.

The only big blow for the Celtics came in the final minutes, when Kevin Garnett jumped to block a shot by Vince Carter only to land awkwardly and go tumbling to the ground. Garnett hobbled back to the bench holding his back and didn't return.

Carter finished with 27 points for Orlando.

— The Associated Press

# Soaring

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just like a professional team. That's a good thing, as Watkins hopes to play pro basketball "in the NBA or overseas, whatever the Lord blesses me with."

On Wednesday night, the Utes visited Pepperdine. While Watkins wasn't able to play, he had a special fan in the stands: his son Jaybrien, who happened to be celebrating his 2nd birthday.

After visiting with Jaybrien, who lives in Memphis with his mother, Watkins traveled to Phoenix to spend a short holiday break with his mother and stepfather. But soon he'll be back in

Salt Lake City, ready to help the Utes (5-7) take the next step.

"We're right there," said Watkins. "We're a good team right now, but we can be a great team."

## FORMER GOLDEN EAGLES PLAYING AT NCAA DIVISION I LEVEL

### Men's team players

#### DAEQUON MONTREAL, BOISE STATE

The 6-foot-9 Montreal has played a reserve role in all 12 games for the 8-4 Broncos. He is averaging 6.4 points and 5.5 rebounds in about 19 minutes a game. He has 11 blocks on the season.



#### KELVIN DAVIS, SDSU

The 6-3 senior received a sixth year of eligibility from the NCAA after a bout with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and is contributing 7.2 points a game for the 9-3 Aztecs. He's made four starts on the season, while playing 18 minutes per game.



#### KEVIN GALLOWAY, TEXAS SOUTHERN

At his fourth school in four seasons, Galloway is redshirting for the Tigers in hopes of competing as a senior in 2010-11. He spent one season apiece at USC, CSI and Kentucky, leaving the latter after new head coach John Calipari took over and didn't renew his scholarship.



#### NICK HANSEN, WEBER STATE

Hansen has started all 13 games for the 7-6 Wildcats, averaging 9.2 points and 3.2 rebounds a game in nearly 30 minutes a game. The 6-foot-4 shooting guard has hit 31 of 88 treys on the season.



#### HARVEY PERRY, CSU

After starting the first four games of the season, Perry was suspended indefinitely by head coach Tim Miles, pending improvement in his academic performance. Perry averaged 6.3 points and 3.3 boards in his four outings.



#### JUAN PATTILLO, WESTERN KENTUCKY

The 6-6 forward is redshirting at Western Kentucky and will be a senior for the 2010-11 season. After starring at CSI, Pattillo had his redshirt year pulled halfway through last season at Oklahoma and found success for the Sooners. But he was dismissed from the program in May after an off-the-court incident.



#### TERRY FIELDS, UTAH

The 6-7 senior forward has started all 10 games for the 8-2 Roadrunners, averaging 10.2 points and 6.3 rebounds per game. He is playing nearly 30 minutes a contest, while shooting 58 percent from the field.



#### MAME BOCAR BA, CSU

Bocar Ba is seeing limited action for the 8-3 Rams. The 6-11 senior center averaging 2.0 points and 2.6 rebounds in less than 10 minutes per game.



Note: Statistical information compiled from school's official Web sites.

### Women's team players

#### ANITA BURDICK, OREGON STATE

The 6-3 senior forward is seeing limited time for the 7-2 Badgers. Burdick has played in eight games, contributing 1.6 points and 1.6 boards in about 6 minutes per contest.



#### MARTINA HOLLOWAY, LOUISIANA TECH

Holloway has seen time off the bench in all nine games for the 6-3 Bulldogs. She is averaging 1.7 points, 1.3 rebounds and nearly two assists per game while playing 15 minutes a game.



#### LACALE PRINGLE-BUCHANAN, UTAH STATE

Pringle-Buchanan has been a spark off the bench for the 6-5 Aggies, adding 5.8 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.8 steals and 1.6 assists. The 5-10 junior is playing nearly 13 minutes per game.



# Cavs

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said coach Phil Jackson, whose bench drew a second T after Odom's ejection for failing to produce a substitute quickly. "I like their enthusiasm. I don't like their demonstrative manner. ... It wasn't a well-refereed game, it wasn't a very well-played game, so I think it was a reaction to that."

Mo Williams scored 28 points and James added 26, while Shaquille O'Neal had five dunks among his 11 points in his latest Los Angeles return. The Cavaliers dominated the

Lakers with sharp shooting and physical defense, prompting several technical fouls and retaliation hits — and that was before the crowd lost its holiday spirit by returning their pregame presents.

"If you want to throw something, at least throw something that isn't going to hurt," Bryant said. "So I guess that (foam) was the best situation."

Nineteen seconds after the first incident, a water bottle skittered between players without hitting anyone.

# Akey

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Humanitarian Bowl versus Bowling Green.

Nothing short of miraculous? Some might say so, but those closest to the coach were sure success would come. It would simply take perseverance and scads of work — two things Akey knows all about.

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In John and Doreen Akey's home, there were a few givens. Discipline and structure were always enforced, but humor also was a mainstay.

The Akeys settled in Colorado Springs, Colo., after they taught in the tiny farming community of Wray, Colo. John was a high school instructor and coached all the major varsity sports before giving up the side job once he and Doreen moved to the city.

Thinking they were unable to have children, the Akeys adopted Robb when he was 13 months old. Shortly thereafter, Doreen made a surprise announcement: she was pregnant. About a year after the adoption of Robb, another son, Todd, came along.

Athletics were always in the picture for the two boys. Todd thrived as a quarterback and eventually turned down several collegiate offers while Robb was a three-sport standout.

"He did baseball, football, basketball in high school," said Todd, a railroad engineer in Highlands Ranch, Colo. "And he became the leader of the team and the cheerleader, getting everybody motivated. You always saw that from him."

Robb eventually migrated to Weber State, where he

was a productive defensive end for Mike Price. It didn't take long for the coach and player to form a bond.

A month after Akey's playing career ended in 1987, he accepted a graduate assistantship with Price at his alma mater. But their coaching relationship — at least for the time being — was short-lived.

A year later, Price took the Washington State job and asked Akey to accept a GA position at the Pac-10 school. His other option was to stay with new Weber coach Dave Arslanian as assistant defensive line coach — a rare full-time offer for a 22-year-old.

During a Sunday meeting with his coaches, Price asked Akey which way he was leaning. "I think I am going to stay," Akey said.

"Well, you're right," Price responded. "I would kick your tail if you told me anything different."

Then Akey threw out this zinger to his mentor: "Besides, you're going to hire me in a couple years anyway."

The protegee had no idea it would actually take a decade.

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Akey hopped from Weber State to Northern Arizona, holding just about every possible position along the way: defensive line coach, recruiting coordinator, special teams coach and defensive coordinator.

Even in those early years, his loyalty to the schools that hired him ran deep. He spent 10 years in the topsy-turvy Division I-AA coaching world, yet managed to stay in just two spots. Akey's allegiance to Price

# Chargers

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watching from the sideline due to injuries, simply disintegrated. Vince Young ran for a TD, but San Diego turned his three turnovers into 21 points. Tennessee also matched a season high with nine penalties.

Rivers, an Alabama native, had his own cheering section with approximately 70 tickets for family and friends. He

gave them plenty to celebrate.

He threw for 264 yards and topped 4,000 yards passing for a second straight season. He directed the Chargers to TDs on six out of seven drives. The exception? His kneel-down to end the first half as the NFL's third-rated passer picked apart a Tennessee defense ranked next to last in the NFL in

yards allowed.

Tomlinson scored on a pair of 1-yard runs, the first giving San Diego a 7-3 lead it never lost. That also was his 137th rushing TD of the decade, topping the 136 TDs Emmitt Smith had in the 1990s for most in a decade in the NFL. Tomlinson's second put him at 138.

Three Titans were flagged for neutral-zone infractions

on San Diego's first TD drive of the game, and Tennessee drew two 15-yarders at the end of the same play for another Chargers' TD drive. Defensive end William Hayes pushed Rivers too late, then officials flagged the Titans' sideline for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Young turned it over on successive drives in the second quarter.

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On the sidelines and practice field at Washington State, there was hardly a soul who could match Mkristro Bruce's wit and vigor. The defensive end always had something to say — usually for everyone within earshot to hear — and right along side him was Akey.

"I probably have the (biggest case of) ADHD in the world and Akey gave me a run for my money," Bruce said with a laugh during a phone interview from Seattle.

Four years after Akey last coached Bruce, the former All-Pac-10 performer is still amazed at Akey's propensity to wear shorts to practice no matter the temperature — a trend that continues at Idaho.

His attention to the tiniest details never wavered either. Akey "stressed technique to the umpteenth degree," Bruce said.

But the coach's off-the-field traits stood out more.

"Me and the rest of the D-line, we called him Pops," Bruce said. "No matter what we needed, no matter what it was, he was there for us. I don't know, I couldn't explain it any other way. But whenever you were down, he wouldn't let you be down."

Akey brought that exuberance to Moscow, where

## Twin Falls Club Volleyball

Girls in 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade who are interested in playing for Twin Falls Club Volleyball need to complete the registration form by Friday, Jan. 22. You can get a registration form by contacting Rebecca Wills

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# A LOOK AT TODAY'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES

## Trojans missing L.A. as they face BC

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — This was the year Southern California actually wanted to stay home for a bowl game.

Instead the Trojans spent the holidays a few hundred miles north, where they will take on Boston College in the Emerald Bowl tonight



USC vs. Boston College  
6 p.m., ESPN

while the BCS championship will be held in their backyard at the Rose Bowl. For a school that has known nothing but Bowl Championship Series games the past seven seasons and always has its sights on playing for a national championship, this could be seen as a letdown.

USC (8-4) has played in four straight Rose Bowls, including the last three years when the national championship was decided at the other BCS sites and the trip to Pasadena was seen by some as a consolation prize.

The Trojans could be without star running back Joe McKnight, who didn't arrive in San Francisco until Wednesday night because of an investigation into whether he violated rules by using an SUV that doesn't belong to him.

The opportunity to play in the Emerald Bowl against a heralded opponent like USC is a major accomplishment for Boston College (8-4), which was picked to finish last in the ACC Atlantic division following a difficult offseason.

## Pitt-UNC features coaching friends

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Moments after finishing their last full college practice, Pittsburgh quarterback Bill Stull and defensive tackle Mick Williams emphasized the importance of their senior class' legacy.



North Carolina vs. Pitt  
2:30 p.m., ESPN

Because of a blown 21-point lead and a botched extra point three weeks earlier, the 17th-ranked Panthers went from a seemingly certain Sugar Bowl berth into a much less prestigious trip here for the Meineke Bowl, where they'll face North Carolina today in a virtual road game. It has all the traps that lead to a flat performance: a team that wants to be elsewhere dealing with a hostile crowd.

Stull and Williams vow that won't happen. "We want to end this season with a win to possibly maybe finish in the Top 10, get this program back on the map, so to speak," Stull said.

If Pitt (9-3) can overcome the disappointment of being so close to a BCS bowl, its matchup with the Tar Heels (8-4) could be one of the top mid-tier bowl games.

Among the subplots: Pitt coach Dave Wannstedt facing old buddy Butch Davis, UNC's coach. They worked together on Jimmy Johnson's staffs at Oklahoma State, Miami and the Dallas Cowboys.

## Marshall and Ohio renew rivalry

DETROIT (AP) — Marshall and Ohio spent nearly a century fighting over a riverboat bell.

Today, the teams will meet with something new at stake — the championship of the Pizza Bowl.



Ohio vs. Marshall  
11 a.m., ESPN

The schools, located 82 miles apart, played 52 times — the most Marshall has faced any other school — between 1905 and 2004. When Marshall played in the Mid-American Conference from 1997-2004, the schools' annual game was called "The Battle for the Bell," with the trophy symbolizing the Ohio River separating Ohio and West Virginia.

While the teams haven't played since the Thundering Herd bolted to Conference USA in 2005, the bowl matchup comes as they were already scheduled to resume their rivalry with a six-year deal that starts in 2010.

Ohio coach Frank Solich knows that his program had some catching up to do. The Bobcats lost seven of the last eight meetings, including the final four, after dominating the first 75 years.

Mark Snyder coached the Thundering Herd to losing seasons in each of their first four years in Conference USA, then resigned after going 6-6 this season. Defensive coordinator Rick Minter was promoted to interim head coach for the surprise bowl invite.

## BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	5	.821	—
Toronto	14	17	.452	10½
New York	11	18	.379	12½
Philadelphia	7	21	.250	16
New Jersey	2	27	.069	21½
SOUTHEAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	8	.733	—
Atlanta	20	8	.714	1
Miami	15	12	.556	5½
Charlotte	11	16	.407	9½
Washington	10	17	.370	10½
CENTRAL	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	23	8	.742	—
Milwaukee	12	15	.444	9
Detroit	11	18	.379	11
Chicago	10	17	.370	11
Indiana	9	18	.333	12
SOUTHWEST	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	20	9	.690	—
Houston	17	12	.586	3
San Antonio	15	11	.577	3½
New Orleans	13	14	.481	6
Memphis	13	15	.464	6½

Barnes 0-1, Redick 0-3, Nelson 0-4. Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 56 (Rondo 13), Orlando 50 (Howard 20). Assists—Boston 19 (Rondo 8), Orlando 7 (Nelson 3). Total Fouls—Boston 25, Orlando 22. Technicals—Garnett, Howard, Orlando Coach Van Gundy, Orlando defensive three second 2. A—17461 (17461).

HEAT 93, KNICKS 87				
MIAMI (93)				
Richardson 3-10 1-8, Beasley 7-16 5-6 19, O'Neal 5-7 1-11, Arroyo 1-4 0-0 2, Wade 11-21 7-30, Haslem 4-9 4-4 12, Anthony 0-1 0-0, Chalmers 1-4 9-12 11, Wright 0-1 0-0 0, Cook 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-75 27-32 93.				
NEW YORK (87)				
Gallinari 8-18 7-7 26, Chandler 6-11 2-2 15, Lee 9-14 1-2 19, Duhon 2-6 2-7 2, Jeffries 1-2 1-3 3, Harrington 5-20 2-3 12, Hughes 0-3 3-4 3, Bender 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 32-78 18-23 87.				
MIAMI				
3-Point Goals—Miami 2-12 (Wade 1-2, Richardson 1-7, Cook 0-1, Beasley 0-1, Chalmers 0-1), New York 5-28 (Gallinari 3-11, Duhon 1-2, Chandler 1-4, Bender 0-1, Jeffries 0-1, Hughes 0-2, Harrington 0-7). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 46 (Wade 9), New York 53 (Lee 16). Assists—Miami 13 (Wade 5), New York 11 (Gallinari, Duhon 3). Total Fouls—Miami 22, New York 24. Technicals—Harrington, New York defensive three second. A—19763 (19763).				
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L.A. CLIPPERS (93)				
Butler 9-16 2-2 22, Camby 0-2 0-0 0, Kaman 7-13 6-19, B.Davis 5-9 0-0 11, Gordon 4-15 2-2 11, Telfair 2-8 0-0 4, Thornton 3-9 2-2 8, Skinner 0-2 2-2 2, Smith 3-6 2-3 8, R.Davis 3-6 0-0 6, M.Collins 0-2 0-0 0, Novak 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 37-92 15-73.				
PHOENIX (124)				
Hill 4-5 3-12, Stoudemire 10-15 6-7 26, Frye 2-5 2-2 6, Nash 6-10 1-4 14, Richardson 7-15 1-18, Dudley 6-9 2-18, Dragic 4-9 2-2 13, Barbosa 4-8 4-4 12, Amundson 1-2 3-4 5, Lopez 0-3 0-0 0, Clark 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-82 24-27 124.				
L.A. CLIPPERS				
3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 4-19 (Butler 2-7, B.Davis 1-2, Gordon 1-4, Telfair 0-1, M.Collins 0-1, R.Davis 0-2, Novak 0-2), Phoenix 12-24 (Dudley 4-5, Dragic 3-5, Richardson 3-7, Hill 1-1, Nash 1-3, Frye 0-1, Barbosa 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 50 (Kaman 10), Phoenix 48 (Amundson 10). Assists—L.A. Clippers 18 (B.Davis 8), Phoenix 27 (Nash 8). Total Fouls—L.A. Clippers 22, Phoenix 16. A—16,709 (18,422).				

WESTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	20	9	.690	—
Portland	19	12	.613	2
Utah	16	13	.552	4
Oklahoma City	14	15	.481	5½
Minnesota	6	24	.200	14½
PACIFIC	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	23	5	.821	—
Phoenix	19	11	.633	5
Sacramento	13	15	.464	10
L.A. Clippers	12	17	.414	11½
Golden State	7	21	.250	16

No games scheduled

**Thursday's Games**  
Friday's Games  
Miami 93, New York 87  
Boston 86, Orlando 77  
Houston at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.  
Washington at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.  
New Orleans at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Utah, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Golden State, 8:20 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Detroit at Orlando, 11 a.m.  
San Antonio at New York, 4 p.m.  
Indiana at Miami, 4 p.m.  
Houston at Cleveland, 4 p.m.  
Dallas at Denver, 6 p.m.  
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Memphis at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
Atlanta at Indiana, 5 p.m.  
Houston at New Jersey, 5:30 p.m.  
Washington at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.  
New Orleans at Chicago, 6 p.m.  
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Utah, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 8 p.m.  
Phoenix at Golden State, 8:20 p.m.

## Men's College Scores

**Diamond**  
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Classic  
Third Place  
Saint Mary's, Calif. 84, Hawaii 75  
Fifth Place  
W. Michigan 66, Coll. of Charleston 63  
Seventh Place  
Northeastern 73, SMU 62

## BETTING

Glantz-Culver Line College Football				
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
Pittsburgh	4½	(45)	North Carolina	
Ohio	4½	(44)	Boston College	
Southern Cal	7½	(52)	Marshall	
Clemson	7½	(52)	Kentucky	
Georgia	6	(66)	Texas A&M	
UCLA	4½	(45½)	Temple	
Miami	1½	(3 58)	Wisconsin	
Bowling Green	1	(68)	Idaho	
FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG	
at Green Bay	13½	14	(41½)	Seattle
at Cleveland	3	3½	(38)	Oakland
at Cincinnati	13½	13½	(40½)	Kansas City
at Atlanta	7	9	(41)	Buffalo
at Miami	3	3	(45)	Houston
at N.Y. Giants	7	7	(42½)	Carolina
at New Orleans	16	14	(49½)	Tampa Bay
at New England	8	8	(43½)	Jacksonville
at Pittsburgh	2	2½	(42)	Baltimore
at Philadelphia	8	7	(41½)	Denver
at Arizona	14	14	(43½)	St. Louis
at San Francisco	11½	13	(41½)	Detroit
at Indianapolis	7	5½	(40½)	N.Y. Jets
Dallas	6	7	(42)	at Washington

## GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE		Francisco MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL	
COLLEGE FOOTBALL		1:30 p.m.	
11 a.m.		CBS — National coverage, West Virginia at Seton Hall	
ESPN — Little Caesars Pizza Bowl, Marshall vs. Ohio, at Detroit		NBA BASKETBALL	
2:30 p.m.		6 p.m.	
ESPN — Meineke Car Care Bowl, Pittsburgh vs. North Carolina, at Charlotte, N.C.		WGN — New Orleans at Chicago	
6 p.m.		SOCCER	
ESPN — Emerald Bowl, Boston College vs. Southern Cal, at San Francisco		5:30 a.m.	
		ESPN2 — Premier League, Birmingham City vs. Chelsea, at Birmingham, England	

## SKI REPORT

**Idaho**  
Bogus Basin — Fri 6:31 am clear 25 degrees hard packed machine groomed 29-37 base 52 of 52 trails, 27 miles, 2600 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 10a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-10p; Brundage — Fri 6:41 am clear 14 degrees packed powder 40-46 base 43 of 46 trails, 1500 acres, 5 of 5 lifts, 99% open, Mon-Fri: 9:30a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:30a-4:30p; Kelly Canyon — Plan to Open 12/26  
Lookout Pass — Fri 5:17 am clear 19 degrees packed powder 35-60 base 32 of 34 trails, 18 miles, 480 acres, 4 of 4 lifts, 90% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p; Open Daily; Dec 24-Jan 04: 9a-4p; Magic Mountain — Operating No Details  
Pemberton Creek — Plan to Open 12/26  
Petiteville — Fri 7:40 am clear 10 degrees packed powder machine groomed 42-63 base 24 of 24 trails, 250 acres, 3 of 3 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Schweitzer Mountain — Fri 4:38 am clear 14 degrees packed powder 40-63 base 91 of 92 trails, 2900 acres, 8 of 10 lifts, 100% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:45p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:45p; Silver Mountain — Fri 1:09 pm —PP machine groomed 15-43 base 45 of 73 trails 10 miles, 5 of 7 lifts, 65% open, Mon, Thu/Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p open Thu-Sun; Dec 25-Jan 03: 9a-4p; Soldier Mountain — Plan to open 01/01  
Sun Valley — Fri 5:08 am clear 3 degrees packed powder 28-43 base 33 of 75 trails, 200 acres, 9 of 19 lifts, 65% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Tamarack — Not Open 2009-2010 Season  
Sun Valley XC — Opening Snow for Snow Sports 35 miles.

## Monday

Minnesota 7½ 7 (41) at Chicago

## FOOTBALL

NFL All Times MST AMERICAN									
EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New England	9	5	0	.643	365	244			
Miami	7	7	0	.500	316	333			
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	.500	282	221			
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	225	288			
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
x-Indianapolis	14	0	0	1.000	394	248			
Jacksonville	7	7	0	.500	266	322			
Houston	7	7	0	.500	327	286			
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	337	389			
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Cincinnati	9	5	0	.643	288	244			
Baltimore	8	6	0	.571	350	225			
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	315	280			
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	199	349			
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
x-San Diego	12	3	0	.800	431	300			
Denver	8	6	0	.571	275	250			
Oakland	5	9	0	.357	175	335			
Kansas City	3	11	0	.214	240	383			

## NATIONAL

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	10	4	0	.714	399	286
Dallas	9	5	0	.643	320	250
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	386	342
Washington	4	10	0	.286	246	296
SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	13	1	0	.929	483	298
Atlanta	7	7	0	.500	312	312
Carolina	6	8	0	.429	251	289
Tampa Bay	2	12	0	.143	214	363
NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Minnesota	11	3	0	.786	396	269
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	380	280
Chicago	5	9	0	.357	254	322
Detroit	2	12	0	.143	233	437
WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	9	5	0	.643	337	282
San Francisco	6	8	0	.429	282	269
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	257	325
St. Louis	1	13	0	.071	159	377

**Friday's Games**  
San Diego 42, Tennessee 17  
**Sunday's Games**  
Buffalo at Atlanta, 11 a.m.  
Houston at Miami, 11 a.m.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Tolbert 11-60, Tomlinson 16-59, Sproules 5-38, Hester 3-10, Jackson 1-3, Rivers 1-1, Volek 3-3, Tennessee, Johnson 21-142, Young 6-40, PASSING—San Diego, Rivers 21-27-0-264, Tomlinson 0-1-0-0, Tennessee, Young 8-21-2-89, RECEIVING—San Diego, Jackson 5-70, Gates 3-74, Floyd 3-55, Naanee 2-25, Sproules 2-23, Hester 2-8, Tomlinson 2-4, Tolbert 1-11, Manumaleuna 1-1-0, Tennessee, Washington 4-39, Johnson 3-37, Britt 1-13, MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

## College Bowl Schedule

**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
New Mexico Bowl  
At Albuquerque  
Wyoming 35, Fresno State 28, 20T  
Rutgers 45, UCF 24  
**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
New Orleans Bowl  
Middle Tennessee 42, Southern Miss 32  
**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
Las Vegas Bowl  
BYU 44, Oregon State 20  
**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
Poinsettia Bowl  
At San Diego  
Utah 37, California 27  
**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
Hawaii Bowl  
At Honolulu  
SMU (7-5) vs. Nevada (8-4), 6 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
Little Caesars Bowl  
At Detroit  
Ohio (9-4) vs. Marshall (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)  
**Meineke Bowl**  
At Charlotte, N.C.  
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Ermaclaw Bowl**  
At San Francisco  
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Boston College (8-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
Music City Bowl  
At Nashville, Tenn.  
Clemson (8-5) vs. Pittsburg (9-3), 10 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Monday, Dec. 28**  
Independence Bowl  
At Shreveport, La.  
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Georgia (7-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
EagleBank Bowl  
At Washington  
Temple (9-3) vs. UCLA (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Champs Sports Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3), 6 p.m. (ESPN)  
**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
Equestrian Bowl  
At Boise, Idaho  
Bowling Green (7-5) vs.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

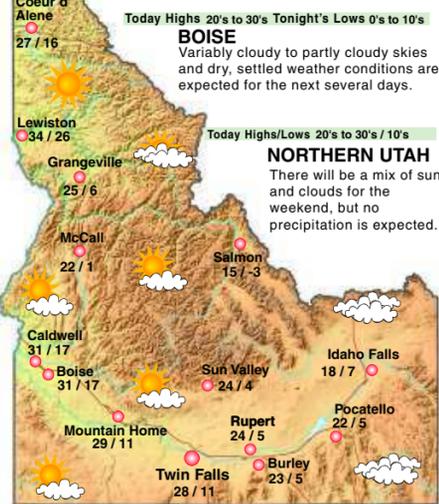
**Today:** Mostly cloudy. Highs, 20s.  
**Tonight:** Variably cloudy. Lows, single digits.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy. Highs, 20s.

**ALMANAC - BURLEY**

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	23°	Yesterday's	0.00"
Yesterday's Low	10°	Month to Date	0.45"
Normal High / Low	35° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	0.82"
Record High	54° in 1955	Water Year to Date	1.59"
Record Low	-12° in 1951	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.48"

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
 There will be more clouds than anything this weekend. Fresh snow, however, is not anticipated for the next several days.



**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Scattered clouds	A few clouds	Partly cloudy and dry	Still dry	Chance of light snow
High 28°	Low 11°	25° / 15°	32° / 16°	29° / 14°	30° / 17°

**Yesterday's Weather**

City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Boise	28	18	0.00"
Challis	24	1	0.00"
Coeur d'Alene	26	19	0.00"
Idaho Falls	18	15	0.00"
Jerome	21	14	0.00"
Lewiston	30	21	0.00"
Lowell	41	23	0.00"
Malad City	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Malta	n/a	n/a	n/a"
Pocatello	21	10	Trace"
Rexburg	18	15	Trace"
Salmon	26	6	0.00"
Stanley	21	-6	0.00"
Sun Valley	30	4	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity	
Yesterday's High	27°	Yesterday's	0.00"	Yesterday's High	86%
Yesterday's Low	12°	Month to Date	0.88"	Yesterday's Low	74%
Normal High / Low	36° / 19°	Avg. Month to Date	0.93"	Today's Forecast Avg.	81%
Record High	51° in 1964	Water Year to Date	2.28"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	
Record Low	-7° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.85"	Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday	

**Barometric Pressure**

5 pm Yesterday 30.21 in.

**Sunrise and Sunset**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset
Today	8:07 AM	5:11 PM
Sunday	8:07 AM	5:11 PM
Monday	8:07 AM	5:12 PM
Tuesday	8:07 AM	5:13 PM
Wednesday	8:07 AM	5:14 PM

**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

**MOON PHASES**



**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	31 17	29 17	32 17
Bonnors Ferry	25 15	26 18	28 18
Burley	23 5	24 12	24 12
Challis	21 -1	24 2	23 2
Coeur d'Alene	27 16	27 21	27 21
Elko, NV	25 2	24 4	25 4
Eugene, OR	43 33	43 35	46 35
Gooding	27 14	26 17	31 17
Grace	22 4	28 8	28 8
Hagerman	31 14	30 18	34 18
Halley	24 8	25 9	25 9
Idaho Falls	18 7	26 6	24 6
Kalispell, MT	24 11	23 12	24 12
Jerome	26 12	25 16	31 16
Lewiston	34 26	32 26	34 26
Malad City	22 1	18 7	23 7
Malta	22 5	22 10	25 10
McCall	22 1	18 7	23 7
Missoula, MT	23 5	22 10	21 10
Pocatello	22 5	27 8	26 8
Portland, OR	40 33	41 35	44 35
Rupert	24 5	25 10	24 10
Rexburg	16 3	24 4	24 4
Richland, WA	31 21	30 23	29 23
Rogerson	29 9	28 13	30 13
Salmon	15 -3	19 4	18 4
Salt Lake City, UT	26 14	31 18	31 18
Spokane, WA	31 16	28 19	29 19
Stanley	25 -8	28 -1	25 -1
Sun Valley	24 4	25 6	26 6
Yellowstone, MT	21 -5	24 -3	23 -3

**MOONRISE and MOONSET**

Day	Moonrise	Moonset
Today	12:58 PM	2:32 AM
Sunday	1:30 PM	3:42 AM
Monday	2:11 PM	4:54 AM

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	52 32	49 28
Baltimore	48 31	43 31
Birmingham	50 34	48 28
Boston	41 37	40 29
Charlotte, NC	44 27	39 27
Chicago	29 25	27 25
Cleveland	33 28	32 22
Denver	33 6	34 13
Des Moines	24 14	21 15
Detroit	32 24	31 23
El Paso	50 28	51 30
Fairbanks	11 5	11 5
Fargo	24 16	17 5
Honolulu	86 66	80 66
Houston	53 36	56 34
Indianapolis	34 25	31 20
Jacksonville	59 42	59 40
Kansas City	26 17	24 14
Las Vegas	51 36	52 36
Little Rock	40 28	43 24
Los Angeles	65 47	61 48
Memphis	41 28	41 28
Miami	76 62	76 64
Milwaukee	27 23	27 21
Nashville	44 28	40 26
New Orleans	54 42	53 38
New York	45 42	48 32
Oklahoma City	31 19	37 19
Omaha	24 11	19 9

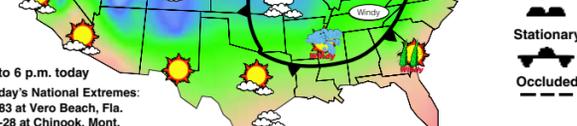
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**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	84 71	85 68
Athens	67 62	67 53
Auckland	71 59	76 57
Bangkok	93 75	93 75
Beijing	24 8	27 13
Berlin	39 31	37 31
Buenos Aires	83 68	86 58
Calcutta	79 48	80 56
Dhahran	73 62	73 62
Geneva	35 23	32 21
Hong Kong	69 53	60 60
Jerusalem	70 50	71 54
Johannesburg	79 59	78 61
Kuwait City	70 54	71 54
London	47 34	43 31
Mexico City	65 44	66 41
Moscow	33 29	33 22
Nairobi	72 55	71 55
Oslo	31 2	28 0
Paris	41 32	44 34
Prague	37 28	34 28
Rio de Janeiro	88 70	87 72
Rome	58 49	59 45
Santiago	81 52	80 56
Seoul	20 14	22 14
Sydney	66 63	75 61
Tel Aviv	67 66	68 67
Tokyo	47 38	52 33
Vienna	41 32	34 29
Warsaw	42 32	37 31
Winnipeg	22 13	22 -7
Zurich	30 14	30 20

**TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP**



Valid to 6 p.m. today  
 Yesterday's National Extremes:  
 High: 83 at Vero Beach, Fla.  
 Low: -28 at Chinook, Mont.

**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	26 12	25 2
Edmonton	26 4	22 3
Kelowna	26 5	23 2
Lethbridge	25 11	26 10
Regina	8 3	18 1
Saskatoon	13 7	22 5
Toronto	36 25	31 21
Vancouver	42 31	39 33
Victoria	43 33	41 33
Winnipeg	22 13	22 -7

**GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
**A people that values its privileges above its principles soon loses both.**  
 Dwight D. Eisenhower, former President

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 Get up-to-date highway information at the Idaho Transportation Department's Web site at [511.idaho.gov](http://511.idaho.gov) or call 888-432-7623.

**NBC-Comcast will be big power in sports**

NEW YORK (AP) — Except for the Olympics, the NBC peacock has largely faded from the forefront of the broadcast sports scene lately. Now with the pending merger of NBC and Comcast, that figures to change — slowly. A combined NBC-Comcast could compete for more NFL coverage, regain Major League Baseball and the NBA, and fight to maintain its exclusive deal for U.S. rights to the Olympics.

"I think this is a watershed deal in the history of the broadcast industry," said former CBS Sports president Neal Pilson, now a television consultant. "It's the biggest thing that's happened in my 40 years in broadcasting. No question." When Comcast Corp. gains majority control in NBC Universal, it will meld NBC into a company that already owns 11 regional sports networks, The Golf Channel and Versus, and also has minority

interests in the MLB Network and iNDemand. NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol will transform from cash-starved executive back to a sports tycoon, backed with the monthly cash from Comcast's 24 million cable television subscribers. "You're going to see a lot of money come into sports that's not been put in there by GE over the last few years," said former YES Network head Leo Hindery.

"In recent years they have let everything pretty much drift away." Ebersol will have the ability to compete for any sports rights that become available, making the new venture a likely competitor with ESPN, which is owned by The Walt Disney Co. Given the complexity of mergers and the timetable for rights to come back on the market, however, it will take years for the new entity to take shape.

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Community



# Treetops glisten, but storm snarls Midwest holiday

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2009

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## Blaine County honors first-response personnel



Courtesy photo

Blaine County commissioners pose with first responders as part of Emergency Service Provider Day in Blaine County on Tuesday. Many members of local government and other agencies stood to laud the responders' efforts, not only to provide services to citizens, but to coordinate between the many agencies that serve the Wood River Valley. Commissioner Larry Schoen praised the first responders saying cooperation is unusually strong in Blaine County.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Kelly of Burley marks 90th birthday

Longtime Burley resident Doris Kelly will celebrate her 90th birthday on Jan. 2. with a family celebration.



Kelly

Kelly is the wife of the late Alvin (Pat) Kelly. Birthday wishes and memories may be sent to: Dorris Kelly, c/o Mrs. Dennis Walker, 437 Mountain View Lane, Burley, ID 83318.

#### Filer Public Library has new materials

New items at the Filer Public Library include:

Adult fiction: "Ice" by Linda Howard, "The Wrecker" by Clive Cussler, "Betsy: Bride of the

Vampire" by Mary Davidson, "Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber, "Hollywood Moon" by Joseph Wambaugh, "Fairytale Weddings" by Debbie Macomber, "U is for Undertow" by Sue Grafton, "Take Two" by Karen Kingsbury, "Black" by Ted Dekker, "Sabre's Edge" by Allan Mallison, "On the Run" by Iris Johansen, "Goose Girl" by Shannon Hale, "I, Alex Cross" by James Patterson

Adult nonfiction: "Stones into Schools" by Greg Mortenson, "Agent Bishop" by Mike McPheters, "Going Rogue" by Sarah Palin, "A Simple Christmas" by Mike Huckabee, "Big Burn" by Timothy Egan, "Stay Home, Stay Happy" by Rachel Campos-Duffy, "Guinness World Records 2010"

DVDs: "Benji," "The Little Princess," "The Godfather"

— Staff reports

### WE WANT YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

E-mail the information and a photo, if you have one, to front-door@magicvalley.com. Please put the word "community" in the subject line. If you are announcing an upcoming event please send the information at least two weeks in advance.

## Friends have options to stop drunken driving

**Q:** I have somebody close to me who insists on driving from the bar after drinking. I believe this person is almost always drunk when driving. Despite my warnings and pleadings, this person persists on driving home. I have told this person numerous times I would happily come and get them at any hour rather than driving home while drunk.

If this person came home at 2 a.m., obviously drunk, would officers respond to my call and cite this person for driving under the influence? I feel it is going to take something like a DUI conviction to bring sense to this person.

Do you have any other suggestions?

**A:** I have several suggestions here and it might involve tough love. The obvious resolve is to stop this person from driving home after drinking. You might suggest driving the person to the bar and picking them up when they need a ride.

If this person is a relative and you have access to the vehicle they were driving, you could get the vehicle and remove that ability to drive. You could go as far as to call the police (dispatch) and let them know that you

**POLICEMAN DAN**  
**Dan Bristol**



have the vehicle so that it can't be signed stolen and end up with you getting arrested.

Finally, if you feel that none of these avenues work, you could call the police and let them know what condition the driver might be in and where they would be coming from. The police could be on the lookout for the vehicle and any probable cause to stop the vehicle and check the condition of the driver.

If the driver made it home and you observed them driving, you could be the charging officer. Depending on the time the driver was observed to the time the police showed up, the driver could be checked for impairment and arrested per your observations. You would be the actual charging officer. I would add here that drunken drivers making it home does create a "Home base I'm free" situation.

While we are talking about drunken drivers, be aware that the DUI empha-

sis patrol will be out again this year starting from Dec. 18 to New Year's Day. The reason we are such sticklers about DUI emphasis is because 96 people died last year as a result of impaired drivers. It's simple: if you drink (even a little) don't drive.

Speaking of driving, please don't drive on slick roads as you normally would if the road was dry. It takes a lot longer to stop on ice when somebody pulls out in front of somebody. It also causes important things to be missed like games, plays, or even life. Give yourselves twice the normal time to pull out when the roads are slick.

#### Officer down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty, and his family, in your prayers. God bless him and all the other officers that didn't get to spend the holidays with their families.

• Officer Chris Marano, Arizona Department of Public Safety  
Be safe, I'll be back next week.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police. E-mail questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

### GETTING FIT DONATION



Courtesy photo

The Rupert Over 60 and Getting Fit class, pictured, collected food items during the month of December as a community project and donated the items to the Mini-Cassia Ministerial Association Food Bank of Rupert. They donated two turkeys to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Burley and a family of four sponsored by College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center students and faculty. The Rupert Over 60 and Getting Fit class meets Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Rupert Civic Gym. Classes will resume Jan. 20. Information: Jan Mittleider, 732-0245, or Alice Schenk, 438-5562.



### QUILT WINNER

Dayle Click of Twin Falls won the Magic Valley Quilts of Valor raffle held recently. The Magic Valley Quilts of Valor is looking for more people to make quilts that will be donated to soldiers. Information: Naomi, 423-5758, or Cathy, 735-4094.

Courtesy photo

## Is new book a knockoff of the No Flour, No Sugar Diet?

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** I live in a retirement community in California. Most of our 250 elderly residents discuss your column on a daily basis. For us to have our oatmeal without Gott would be tragic. I'm not trying to butter you up. It's just true that you are making an impression on our residents.

I have respected that the No Flour, No Sugar answer to losing weight has been your secret. In fact, in your "Live Longer, Live Better" book, written in 2004, you specifically stated that people are more able to lose weight by following a low-carb diet than by using a traditional low-fat plan, a

**ASK DR. GOTT**  
**Dr. Peter Gott**



finding that supports your No Flour, No Sugar diet. Then you followed up with a diet book that explains "the simplest way to lose weight." How, then, can Andrew Weil claim the same approach in the Oct. 24, 2009, issue of USA Weekend that talks about his best secret — skip sugar and flour? I realize he is attempting to sell his book, but I feel he is cheating when he steals ideas from other sources and makes

them his own.

**DEAR READER:** Andrew Weil, M.D., who practices holistic medicine, recently wrote a book titled "Why Our Health Matters," in which he states that sugar and processed carbohydrates are the primary culprits in the obesity epidemic. So what more can I say?

I began working more than 40 years ago on a simple yet effective weight-reduction plan. In 2006, I was approached by a publisher to write a "No Flour, No Sugar Diet" book. The concept was simple, effective, flexible, easy to follow and allowed patients to regain control of their lives.

It involved eliminating flour and sugar from foods consumed. While the revelation was markedly positive for weight control, surprisingly, it also helped diabetics reduce their medications, those with high cholesterol counts lower their readings, and brought people with high blood pressure within normal range. Readers wrote to me through my syndicated column with their success stories, and once I wrote my "No Flour, No Sugar Diet," I received thousands of letters from readers indicating they finally had a plan they could follow and stick with. They then went on to ask for additional

help — a cookbook to give them more flexibility with recipes. That was when I followed with my 2008 "No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook." And, I must say, the recipes are fantastic. Imagine Tuscan Duck with Blueberry Glaze, followed by Creme Brulee — all made without flour or sugar.

Anyway, back to the issue. There will always be authors, painters, musicians, designers, shoe manufacturers, builders and people from every walk of life that, to one degree or another, follow the lead begun by someone else. There's the expression that imitation is the greatest

form of flattery. So I guess I'm flattered. Thanks for writing.

For other readers who would like related information, I suggest requesting a copy of my Health Report "A Strategy for Losing Weight, an Introduction to the No Flour, No Sugar Diet." Simply send a self-addressed stamped No. 10 envelope and a \$2 check or money order to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to mention the title.

**DEAR DR. GOTT:** The backs of my legs pain me all the time. Could it be arthritis or muscle pain?

See **DR. GOTT**, Community 2

## 5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

**JEROME COUNTY DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**  
Neri Alberto Lopez-Santis, driving under the influence, guilty; 180 days jail, 145 suspended, 30 discretionary days, five to serve, eligible for sheriff work program, one year supervised probation, \$382.50 fine.

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
Eddie Gomez, driving without privileges, guilty; fail to maintain liability insurance, dismissed; 180 days jail, 100 suspended, 50 discretionary days, 30 to serve, one year supervised probation, \$202.50 fine.  
Bo Edward Hunter, failure to purchase driver's license, guilty, three months unsupervised probation, \$156 fine.  
Coleen Koehn, POE-exceed registered gross weight, POE-exceed allowable gross weight, guilty; operate a vehicle when unsafe or improperly equipped, dismissed; \$846 fine.

Ramon Osorio-Perez, failure to purchase driver's license, guilty, \$156 fine.

**LINCOLN COUNTY ARRAIGNMENTS**  
Rick Oneida, 47, Shoshone; criminal contempt of court; pretrial conference Jan. 13.  
Vincent J. Schofield, 36, Richfield; shooting from across a public highway; hunt or possess migratory birds, exceed limit or violate federal regulations; pretrial conference Dec. 30.  
William Shohoney, Shoshone, age not stated; fraud, insufficient funds check; failure to appear. Jesse Reid West, 39, Richfield; shooting from across a public highway; hunt or possess migratory birds, exceed limit or violate federal regulations; pretrial conference Dec. 30.

**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
Eliseo Aparicio Ceja, 27, Gooding; stop sign violation; \$62 fine.  
Doug A. Trosper, 45, Shoshone; fail

to purchase or invalid driver's license; guilty; \$156 fine.  
Rafael Linares Vargas, 66, Shoshone; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; guilty; \$118.50 fine.  
Jeremy Stueve, 27, Shoshone; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$75 fine.  
Linda M. Larsen, 59; Gooding; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$75 fine.  
Dallin C. Young, 36, Twin Falls; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$140 fine.  
Lee Otis Potter, 58, Prineville, Ore.; weight exceeding highway load limit; guilty; \$114.50 fine.  
Marisa E.Z. Elizarraras, 27, Hailey; fail to stop or yield from a stop sign; guilty; \$75 fine.  
Tyler A. Beck, 28, Twin Falls; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$75 fine.  
David Jenkins, 43, Wright, N.Y.; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$75 fine.  
Lawrence E. Barnes, 29, Twin Falls; exceeding maximum posted

speed limit; guilty; \$75 fine.  
**MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS**  
Tyler Andrew, 26, Filer; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$140 fine; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; guilty; \$116.50.  
Hubert Swafford, 76, Twin Falls; exceeding maximum posted speed; guilty; \$75 fine.  
Joey Lea Harral, 48, Wendell; vehicle over length violation; guilty; \$206 fine.  
David C. Mackert, 48, Vacaville, Calif.; motor carrier, Department of Law Enforcement rules violation; guilty; \$131 fine.  
Thomas R. Beason, 22, Darlington; driver's license, fail to purchase or invalid; guilty; \$156 fine.

**MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS**  
Julie Frandsen, 27, Shoshone; fraud, insufficient funds check; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.  
Fabian C. Colis, 22, Hailey; fraud, insufficient funds check; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Harriet Corrigan, Shoshone, age not stated; fraud, insufficient funds check; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.  
Jessica M. Goes, 18, Richfield; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.  
Ignacio A. Pina, 35, Hailey; fail to provide proof of vehicle insurance; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.  
Arnulfo Garcia, 36, Hailey; fail to register vehicle annually; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.  
Roger Wilkinson, Shoshone, age not stated; fail to obtain a building permit; dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

**CIVIL FILINGS**  
Sawtooth Dental vs. James Pruet; pending.  
Jeff Traugher vs. Larry Hathaway and Carline Hathaway; pending.  
Idaho Health and Welfare vs. Julio Garcia and Jordan Casey Pederson; child support case; pending.

Credit Bureau of Idaho vs. Jorge Leos; pending.  
Credit Bureau of Idaho vs. Jose Frias and Lorena Frias; pending.  
Capital One Bank vs. Charles Edwin Watson and Chucks Amsoil LLC; pending.  
Capital One Bank vs. Tiffany D. Johnson; pending.  
Estate of Carole Joan Berriochoa, subject, Jon W. Berriochoa, other party, Barbara J. Astle, other party; closed.  
Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Kim Bullock and Twlonie Bullock; pending.  
Magic Valley Collections & Recovery vs. Elden W. Christensen and Nila R. Christensen; pending.  
Credit Bureau of Idaho vs. Michelle L. Wilson and Michael E. Wilson; pending.  
Credit Bureau of Idaho vs. Amber Ward; pending.  
David Wirick vs. Dale Chatterton; pending.  
Wells Fargo Bank vs. Tracy J. Kenyon; pending.

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*Peter Gott is a retired physician.*

## Quiet Christmas Day for Obama family in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — President Obama began his Christmas Day with a trip to the gym and gifts for his family, starting a low-key holiday in his childhood home and a respite from the gridlock of Washington.

The vacation, the president's second since taking office, comes just a day after the Senate passed its version of his top domestic priority, a health care overhaul bill. With versions of legislation passed in both the House and the Senate, Obama departed Washington on Thursday for a trip that was designed to keep the president out of the public view and give him a hard-earned break.

The White House said the first family ate roast beef, potatoes and traditional side dishes at a rented, \$9 million estate on Oahu on Friday. The president and first lady Michelle Obama didn't exchange gifts with each other, although they did with their daughters, aides said.

The White House said

there would be no public events while the first family took a break from Washington and the political challenges that await the president's return in the new year.

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# Idaho's citizen soldiers, young and old, prepare for possible deployment

By **Jessie L. Bonner**  
Associated Press writer

NAMPA — At 43, Doug Prickett had long left his military career behind, settling in the southwestern Idaho farming and manufacturing town where he was born and establishing a small horseshoeing business.

He also had a job with the city of Nampa's water department in the sagebrush-ridden high desert. And yet, watching an Army National Guard recruiter sit across the kitchen table from his youngest son five years ago, Prickett had to ask.

How old was too old? "Within six months I was in Kirkuk, Iraq," said Prickett, whose son, Tony, soon joined him.

The husband and father of two celebrated his 45th birthday in a war zone.

And now, pushing 50, Prickett is among the 67 members of the Idaho Army National Guard's 2nd Squadron of the 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team who made up the single largest re-enlistment in the history of the squadron last month.

Prickett, now a Canyon County deputy sheriff stationed at the local jail, re-enlisted along with four other guardsmen he served with during his first tour in Iraq.

"I can honestly say that the reasons all four of those gentlemen re-enlisted were the same as mine," he said. "No. 1: It's just patriotism and it's the right thing to do. The other reason is, we have a responsibility to those younger guys that have just gotten into the Guard ... we have a responsibility to go with them and to continue to mentor them."



AP photo

Doug Prickett, a Canyon County sheriff's deputy, holds a photograph on Dec. 18 showing him and his son during deployment in Iraq five years ago. Now, pushing 50, Prickett is among 67 members of the Idaho Army National Guard's 2nd Squadron, 116th Cavalry Brigade Combat Team who made up the single largest re-enlistment in the history of the unit last month.

Citizen soldiers, in record numbers, are choosing to continue military service by re-enlisting, extending their stay in Iraq or transferring to active-duty status.

As the nation's economic woes drag on, several states reported the recession has been a boon to Guard recruitment. The Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps met goals for active duty and reserve recruiting during the budget year that ended Sept. 30 — the first time that's happened since the all-volunteer force was established, according to Defense Department head of personnel Bill Carr.

This was partly because of department spending on finding recruits, even as fewer civilian jobs were available due to the nation's economic problems, Carr told a Pentagon press conference in October.

The Army Guard finished the budget year with 358,391 citizen soldiers, recruiting 56,071 and retaining 36,672

— about 2,000 more than the agency's goal of 34,593. Last year, the agency reached just 93 percent of a 31,889 re-enlistment goal.

"More people are coming in, but more people are also staying," said Lt. Col. Robert Ditchey, a spokesman for the National Guard Bureau in Virginia.

The recession is playing a role, said Idaho Army Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, but it's not the predominant factor.

In Idaho, members of the 116th who were notified in September they could soon be called to serve in Iraq say their decision to re-enlist was less about job security, and more about answering the military's call in a time of need.

The Defense Department in September alerted more than 3,500 Army National Guard soldiers in Idaho, Montana and Oregon. About 2,200 members of the brigade are from Idaho.

## Guard: 16 soldiers deploying to Afghanistan

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Army National Guard says 16 soldiers are being deployed to Afghanistan as part of efforts to reduce the threat of improvised explosive devices.

In a statement Friday, Lt. Col. Tim Marsano said the guardsmen from Operational Support Airlift Command are being deployed as part of Task Force ODIN — short for Observe, Detect, Identify, Neutralize.

Marsano says eight of the 16 guardsmen are scheduled to leave Sunday for a week of training in Georgia, and then on to Ft. Hood in Texas for more training before serving in Afghanistan for about 10 months.

The other eight guardsmen are scheduled to leave in mid-January.

## Idaho Supreme Court agrees Nampa man should get new trial

BOISE (AP) — Idaho has lost its bid to avoid a new trial for a Nampa man convicted in 2004 of lewd conduct with a minor after the state Supreme Court ruled that testimony that helped put him behind bars was inadmissible hearsay.

In a decision published Thursday, justices ruled Vance A. Watkins' case must be returned to 3rd District Court.

Watkins was convicted of molesting a young girl by a Canyon County jury.

In his appeal, Watkins contended testimony about DNA evidence from the state's expert witness shouldn't have been allowed because she hadn't done the DNA tests herself. In May 2008, the Idaho Court of

Appeals overturned Watkins' conviction, but state attorneys asked the Supreme Court to review the case in hopes of reaching another conclusion.

In their unanimous decision, however, justices found the district court abused its judicial discretion by allowing the improper hearsay testimony and also raised doubts that a jury would have convicted Watkins without it.

"We are unable to conclude that the jury would have returned the same verdict without the inadmissible hearsay," wrote Justice Joel Horton.

"Accordingly, the judgment must be vacated and this matter remanded for a new trial."

## Utah tightens requirements for driver's licenses Jan. 1

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Starting Jan. 1, Utah drivers renewing their license will have to line up at a motor vehicle office to show proof of identity and U.S. citizenship or residency.

They won't be able to sit at home and order a new license online.

Sen. Curtis Bramble, a Provo Republican, said the changes are necessary to make sure only citizens can get regular driver licenses. Immigrants can get a driving-privilege card.

Bramble says a federal law called the Real ID Act is behind the changes.

Drivers will need a Social Security card, birth certificate, naturalization papers or passport, plus a utility bill in their name or a recent bank statement.

The new requirements will last for five years — enough time for everyone

with a current license to cycle through the process, said Nannette Rolfe, director of the Driver License Division. Utah licenses last five years.

Bramble, who sponsored the change in law, said he's fielding complaints about the inconvenience.

"But those same people don't want illegal aliens to get driver's licenses, either," he said Friday. "You can't have it both ways."

Another problem: Other states are starting to reject Utah's driver's license — not for driving, but for other forms of proof involving citizenship or residency, he said.



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# White Christmas turns into headache for some

By Dinesh Ramde  
Associated Press writer

MILWAUKEE — Residents across the Midwest and the Plains who made it home for Christmas were digging out on Friday after a fierce snowstorm while those who spent the night in airports and shelters tried to resume their journeys. Meteorologists warned that roads across the region remained dangerous.

The National Weather Service said blizzards would hit parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Wyoming, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin through Saturday. The storm had already dumped significant snow across the region, including a record 14 inches in Oklahoma City and 11 inches in Duluth, Minn., on Thursday.

Slippery roads have been blamed for at least 21 deaths this week as the storm lumbered across the country from the Southwest. Ice storm warnings and winter weather advisories were issued for parts of the East Coast on Friday, but the



Deer stand together in snow covered woods, Thursday in Des Moines, Iowa. AP photo

region was largely spared. Paul Mews, who drove from Faribault, Minn., to a relative's home in Plum City, Wis., on Friday morning, said the first 15 minutes of the 80-mile trip were clear, but a surge of heavy snowfall produced a stretch of near-whiteout conditions.

"It was snow-pocalypse. It was wicked," said Mews, 25. "We thought about turning around and going back."

They decided to continue when the surge passed minutes later.

Others weren't as lucky.

Army Sgt. Mark Matthey was spending Friday night at the Flying J Travel Plaza in Sioux Falls, S.D., after Interstate 90 closed. Matthey, 26, left Fort Bragg, N.C., on Wednesday for his hometown of Spokane, Wash., in hopes of making it by late Friday or early Saturday.

Instead, he spent Friday afternoon drinking coffee, watching TV and making friends at the truck stop. He planned to find a spot to sleep on the floor or in the cab of his truck.

Matthey said he and the other travelers were in decent spirits.

"Everybody has the attitude that you have to play the cards you were dealt," he said. "No use in getting upset about something you can't control."

Interstates also were closed in North Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming. Meteorologists warned that massive snow drifts and blustery winds could cause whiteouts across the northern Plains.

Officials urged travelers to stay home and pack emergency kits if they had to set out.

In Texas, volunteer firefighters and sheriff's deputies rescued hundreds of people stranded along Interstate 44 and Texas State Highway 287 near Wichita

Falls. The area recorded up to 13 inches of snow, said Doug Speheger, a National Weather Service meteorologist.

"It's really been horrible," Wichita County Sheriff David Duke said. "Although we live in North Texas and get a lot of cold weather, we weren't prepared for the significant amount of snow that we've received."

"It was snow-pocalypse. It was wicked. We thought about turning around and going back."

— Paul Mews, who drove from Faribault, Minn., to a relative's home in Plum City, Wis., on Friday morning

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## AROUND THE NATION

### MARYLAND Body of missing girl found in woods

SALISBURY — The body of a Maryland girl who authorities say was abducted by a registered sex offender was found Friday in a wooded area near the Delaware state line after thousands of volunteers spent Christmas searching for her.

Wicomico County Sheriff Mike Lewis said the body of 11-year-old Sarah H. Foxwell was discovered about 4 p.m. He offered few other details. Thomas J. Leggs Jr., 30, was arrested Wednesday and charged in her kidnapping.

Wicomico County State's Attorney Davis R. Ruark said authorities remain focused on Leggs as they investigate the killing.

"There's no indication of involvement of any other individuals at this point," he told The Associated Press.

Leggs is a former boyfriend of the girl's aunt, who is her legal guardian. A public defender representing him has not returned a phone call.

Lewis said the body was found in the northern part of the county, in the area where authorities had been focusing their search.

"This is not the way we wanted to find our young lady on Christmas, but at the very least we've given closure to the family," Ruark said at the news conference.

Wise outside the community center about 4:15 p.m. Thursday. No arrests have been made.

The two men fled on foot into a nearby housing development, police Sgt. Terry Kuykendall said Friday. Police don't know whether Wise, who was active in the community, knew his attackers, he said.

Wise, 40, had gone to the community center with his children to pick up his wife — also a Salvation Army major — to drive to his mother's home in West Virginia, said Maj. Harvey Johnson, area commander of the Salvation Army. As Wise neared the side door, two men approached.

Both men were carrying hand guns, police said. One demanded money and shot Wise, Pulaski County Coroner Garland Camper told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. Wise's wife, Cindy, was inside the center and called 911.

Blood stained the sidewalk outside the center Friday.

The Wises had just adopted their children — ages 4, 6 and 8 — last year, Johnson said. The three were siblings who came from an abusive family. They were receiving counseling after their father's death, he said.

flops, Livingston's neighbors romped in the snow piled under palm trees. His 6-year-old grandson helped build a snowman and pitched snowballs.

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#### Salvation Army major shot in front of 3 children

LITTLE ROCK — A Salvation Army worker was shot and killed Christmas Eve in front of his three young children during an attempted robbery outside the charity's community center in North Little Rock, a Salvation Army official said Friday.

North Little Rock police said they were looking for the two men who accosted Salvation Army Maj. Philip

### FLORIDA Family wins white Christmas in contest

SUMMERLAND KEY — One Florida Keys family got a white Christmas, despite temperatures in the upper 70s.

Almost 20 tons of ice was crushed Friday and spread over the grounds of Howard Livingston's oceanfront home with a high-pressure hose.

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# Some struggles, a lot of hope, for tsunami orphans

By Ben Stocking  
Associated Press writer

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The 2004 tsunami obliterated Pipit's village, wiped out her family and swept her through churning waters, cascading debris and hurtling bodies.

On her first night as an orphan, at the age of 13, she slept next to a row of corpses.

Five years later, she still has moments of sadness, especially during holidays. But like many of Indonesia's more than 5,200 known tsunami orphans, she is making a life for herself. She has enrolled in university, plays the violin and plans to tackle German.

"Most of the time, I don't think about the tsunami," said Pipit, who lives in a comfortable orphanage in Banda Aceh, the capital of Aceh province and close to the epicenter of the earthquake that unleashed one of the worst natural disasters in history.

"I'm trying to be strong," said Pipit, who like many Indonesians uses one name.

The Dec. 26, 2004, quake registered at least 9.1 on the Richter scale and unleashed towering waves that leveled communities from Indonesia to Thailand, India and Sri Lanka. About 230,000 people died, more than half of them in Aceh on the island of Sumatra.

More than \$13 billion in donations poured in from



A young girl runs past umbrellas printed with portraits of smiling children made for a project to raise funds for children in Banda Aceh, Aceh province, Indonesia, Friday. The Indian Ocean tsunami on Dec. 26, 2004, killed 230,000 people, half of them in Aceh.

around the world, nearly half for Aceh. In some Indonesian communities, only the mosque was left standing. They have been rebuilt. Destroyed homes have been replaced by sturdier ones, new schools have gone up and freshly paved roads crisscross the region.

There are few visible reminders of the tsunami in Banda Aceh today, with one glaring exception: a 5,000-ton ship that was hurled into a residential neighborhood roughly one mile inland. It has become a tourist attraction.

The emotional recovery of the tsunami's orphans hasn't been as complete. Some continue to struggle with loneliness and anger,

and flounder in school. Eight-year-old Arif Munandar lives in a picturesque neighborhood, at the water's edge and ringed by mountains, that has been completely restored with help from international and Indonesian donors.

He lost his parents and two sisters in the tsunami and was later adopted by his mother's sister, Jamilah. They live in a family compound teeming with aunts, uncles and cousins who share three adjacent houses.

Arif has trouble concentrating at school and often gets into scuffles. Jamilah tries to teach him about the Quran, but he doesn't want to listen. "I don't know

almost forgotten it happened," said Nurhayati, the vice principal. "They look cheerful again."

Only a handful, she said, are still clearly haunted by it, including Arif.

"He's a loner," Nurhayati said. "He daydreams a lot."

The count of 5,200 orphans may seem low, considering more than 100,000 people died in Aceh. That's partly because so many children died, and partly because many were taken in by family and left out of the official statistics.

Most seem to be coping well, said Justin Curry, psycho-social technical adviser for the American Red Cross tsunami recovery program. "The great thing about kids is that they are resilient," he said. "They can handle a tremendous amount."

Many of Aceh's children had already suffered emotional scars from the province's 30-year war of independence, which orphaned many children before the two sides agreed to lay down their arms after the tsunami.

In some ways, coping with the fallout of war helped Aceh deal with the aftermath of the tsunami, said Peter La Raus, Save the

Children's chief in Banda Aceh. People had already developed extensive family and social networks to help them deal with hardship.

"The tsunami was devastating, but they didn't have to develop a new social network from scratch," La Raus said.

On the other hand, the tsunami was a new trauma layered over that of war, said Curry, of the Red Cross.

"You had a population that was living in a chronically stressful situation and then another major stressor occurred," he said.

## NUMBERS TELL THE TALE

On Dec. 26, 2004, a massive undersea earthquake off Indonesia triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in 14 Asian and African countries.

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• Houses rebuilt: More than 3,000.

Sources: United Nations; Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand governments.

what to do," she said.

In the immediate aftermath, Arif cried for his mother all the time. It took his aunt a month before she worked up the courage to tell him that his parents were dead.

At his school, rebuilt by Plan International, a British-based nonprofit, 80 percent of the children lost a family member in the tsunami and about a quarter lost a parent.

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# Vatican to review security after papal knock-down

By Nicole Winfield  
Associate Press writer

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican will review security procedures after a woman jumped a barrier and rushed at Pope Benedict XVI for the second time in two years, this time managing to knock him down before being pulled away by guards, the Vatican spokesman said Friday.



Maiolo

involved had jumped the barrier at the 2008 Midnight Mass in a failed bid to get to the pope. She even wore the same red-hooded sweat shirt.

Italian officials also remarked on the odd similarity of the breach to an assault two weeks ago on Premier Silvio Berlusconi by a man with a history of psychological problems. The attack in Milan broke the premier's nose and two teeth.

The Vatican identified the woman involved in Thursday night's incident as Susanna Maiolo, 25, a Swiss-Italian national with psychiatric problems who was immediately taken to a clinic for treatment. Interior Ministry officials said she lived in Switzerland and the ANSA news agency said she had traveled to Rome specifically for the Mass as

she did last year.

In the 2008 case, Maiolo never managed to reach the pope and was quietly tackled by security. During Thursday night's service, she launched herself over the barricade as Benedict walked down the aisle at the start of Christmas Eve service. As security guards wrestled her to the ground, she grabbed onto Benedict's vestments, bringing him down with her.

Virtually anyone can get into a papal Mass: tickets are required but are easy to get if requested in advance. Identification cards are not necessary to gain entrance, although visitors must pass through a metal detector.

The Rev. Federico Lombardi said it's not realistic to think the Vatican can ensure 100 percent security for the pope considering he is regularly surrounded by thousands of people for his audiences, Masses, papal greetings and other events.

# Six Iraqi Shiites killed during somber holiday observances

By Rebecca Santana  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed six Shiite Muslim pilgrims Friday during a procession, the latest violence targeting the group during observances of a religious holiday, officials said.

The deaths followed heightened tensions in a northern Iraqi town after troops were deployed following a scuffle between Christians and Shiites over holiday decorations.

Observances of the ten-day Shiite festival of Ashoura, which ends on Sunday, coincided Friday with Christian celebrations of Christmas.

The government has been trying to assure people it can protect both Shiites and Christians during the two holidays. During Ashoura, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims converge on the holy city of Karbala.

In the days leading up to



AP photo

Iraqi soldiers stand guard outside a church in Basra, Iraq, Thursday. The archbishop of the southern Shiite-dominated city, Imad al-Banna, called on Christians to respect the feelings of Muslims during Ashoura and not hold public celebrations during Christmas.

the event, large processions of men go through the streets of Shiite neighborhoods, beating their chests and using chains to flay their

backs in a show of grief over the 7th-century killing of the Prophet Muhammad's grandson, Imam Hussein.

The gatherings, practically banned under Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein, have often been targeted by insurgents as a way to sow sectarian divide.

The bomb in the capital killed six pilgrims and injured 17, including a local politician, said a policeman in Sadr city in eastern Baghdad.

A medic and another policeman confirmed the number of dead. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

In a northern Iraqi town, troops were deployed and a brief curfew was imposed after three guards at a Christian church were injured during a dispute between Shiites and Christians over competing religious decorations.

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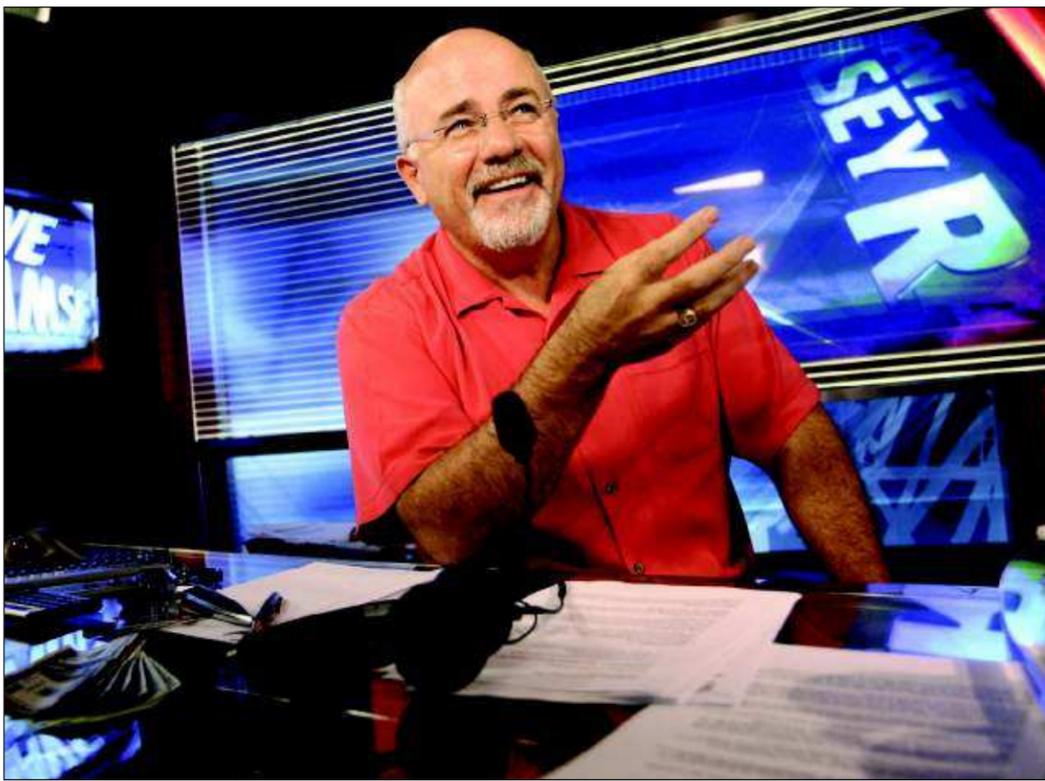
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This file photo shows financial guru Dave Ramsey in his broadcasting studio in Brentwood, Tenn. Ramsey doesn't deny mixing religion and business and he doesn't apologize for getting rich doing it, either.

# Mining the Bible for money wisdom

By Jay Lindsay  
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — A Hummer, a 1957 hot rod, a comfortable house in a gated community — if Bob Vigliotti wanted something, he bought it. Cash or credit didn't matter. As a successful commercial real estate developer from Naples, Fla., he could afford it. Until he couldn't.

In 2007, the budding economic downturn claimed one of his major projects. For two years, Vigliotti, 58, battled depression as he bled \$1 million cash. But Vigliotti said just when he thought there were no answers, he found them in the Bible: debt reduction, simpler living and, most of all, faith that God would provide what he needed. Vigliotti won't buy on credit now, is selling his pricey vehicles and is looking to downsize to a condo.

"The angst, anxiety and the depression is gone, and that's huge," Vigliotti said. "(The Bible's words) are alive today, and not just history book words."

Depending on your view, the Bible is divinely inspired or a collection of tall tales. But many see it as a source of financial wisdom that transcends individual faith and the centuries between

when it was written and today's tough times.

"All sound professional advice, I found, ... has its roots someplace in Scripture," said Ron Blue, author of "Surviving Financial Meltdown" and founder of the Kingdom Advisors, which trains Christian financial professionals. Blue uses the Bible for guidance on everything from budgeting to long-term investing and handling an inheritance.

But Robert Manning, author of "Credit Card Nation," said biblically based financial advice isn't sophisticated enough in a world of rising health care, housing and retirement costs, where people need to learn to take advantage of complicated credit and tax laws.

"If you're going to go pre-New Deal, 1924 America, that's basically what this advice is driven by," Manning said. "It sounds so good and plausible until you actually put it into reality, and it just doesn't work."

Purveyors of biblically based financial advice count up to 2,300 verses on money management. Frequently cited verses in the Old Testament book of Proverbs urge careful spending, including "The plans of the

diligent lead to profit, as surely as haste leads to poverty." Another warns debtors that "the borrower is servant to the lender."

Blue sees advice to diversify stock portfolios in a verse about a man's "bread" from Ecclesiastes: "Give portions to seven, yes to eight, for you do not know what disaster may come upon the land."

But the many verses can be interpreted in different ways.

For instance, in the gospel of John, Jesus says "I have come that they might have life, and have it to the full," which some "prosperity gospel" preachers see as a promise of material wealth to faithful givers. Others say it's an assurance of joy or contentment.

The Bible's core financial principles aren't pliable, as the varied interpretations might suggest, said Matt Bell, Christian author of "Money Strategies for Tough Times." But during an economic downturn, people can be pulled every which way by someone holding up a Bible and handing down their version of financial wisdom, he said.

"Any time someone is in a point of pain, they're especially vulnerable," Bell said.

"That's where they especially need wise counsel."

Plenty are willing to give it. Financial guru Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University course has enrolled more than 750,000 families. Crown Financial Ministries, based in Gainesville, Ga., says it will give 300 seminars and "coach" 10,000 people this year.

Regional events and workshops are offered by authors such as Bell and Kevin Cross, a Florida accountant whose book "Building Your Financial Fortress in 52 Days" changed Vigliotti's view of money.

Blue said reaching people with biblical financial principles is much more about affecting what's in people's hearts than what's in their pockets. Money and the pursuit of wealth are huge sources of stress, and God wants us to handle it properly so that we can be at peace, he said.

"The way you spend money is a function really of your character, your values and your priorities in life," Blue said. "So when the Bible speaks about money, it's not as interested in making you a millionaire as it is helping you shape the character of your life."

## Daily church services a draw for liberal arts college students

LANDER, Wyo. (AP) — Students filtered into the pews as church bells rang to mark the start of a Wyoming Catholic College noon mass, a service conducted in Latin on a recent fall day.

The prospect of daily church services may not appeal to many college students, but it's a draw for this tiny, fledgling liberal arts college in central Wyoming.

Now in its third year, Wyoming Catholic College is operating near capacity in Lander and developing plans for a new campus 15 miles south of town. Applicants interested in the college's mix of academic, outdoors and spiritual instruction have exceeded the college's limited space in each of its three years, directors said.

"I think the educational model has been demonstrated to be very workable by our students," said the Rev. Robert Cook, the college's president. "We know how to run it, we know how to operate it, and we're paying for it. So I'd say we're well-established for a beginning college, and it's working."

Cook said the college has enrolled about 33 students each fall since 2007 — for a total of 99 — and retained all



AP photo

Professor Nancy Llewellyn, left, leads a skit during Latin class at Wyoming Catholic College in Lander, Wyo., as student Allen Wood, of Midland, Mich., participates.

but one student. The student body represents 35 states, and applications for next school year have arrived from 45 states.

The college is laying the groundwork to raise money for its planned \$120 million campus, which will sit on a donated ranch, said Mark Randall, vice president of development. Randall spends two weeks per month traveling coast-to-coast drumming up financial support for the college.

The project will be built in phases and directors hope to break ground in three to four years.

## Study: Religion repressed in one third of all nations

By Dave Bryan  
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — In Indonesia, Muslim groups burn down a mosque belonging to the minority Ahmadiyya. In Singapore, the government refuses to recognize Jehovah's Witnesses. In Belgium, 68 religion-based hate crimes are reported in 2007 alone.

People living in a third of all countries are restricted from practicing religion freely, either because of government policies and laws or hostile acts by individuals or groups, according to a study released Wednesday by the Pew Research Center, "Global Restrictions on Religion."

That amounts to 70 percent of the globe's population, since some of the most restrictive countries are very populous.

Of the world's 25 most populous countries, citizens in Iran, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and India live with the most restrictions when both measures are taken into account, the study found.

"Where those two come together is where it's most intense," said Brian Grim, senior researcher at the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life.

Brazil, Japan, the United States, Italy, South Africa and the United Kingdom have the least amount of

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# Muslim students find similarities with Mormons

By Sara Israelsen-Hartley  
Deseret News

SALT LAKE CITY — He's been to LDS general conference and sacrament meeting, given a family home evening lesson and shared his beliefs during fast and testimony meeting.

But the one thing that still puzzles Talha Siddiqui, 19, a Muslim from Islamabad, Pakistan, is why Latter-day Saint students at Brigham Young University in Provo are so eager to get married.

"It's kind of funny how to an outsider everyone is talking about getting married," he said. "How can you all think about the same thing? That kind of felt a little weird for me. Other

than that, things have been great."

Siddiqui is one of 10 Pakistani students studying at BYU, where he says he's been warmly welcomed.

"If I tell (someone) I'm not a Mormon, I'm Muslim from Pakistan, they generally have some questions to ask," he said. "Initially, they're surprised to hear that I've come totally from the other side of the world. But I don't think anyone has been mean to me."

Both Siddiqui and Sameer Ahmad, 20, who is originally from Lahore, Pakistan, came to BYU on the advice of friends and family members who had attended or visited.

They were impressed with the Marriott School of

Management, the low tuition and the high moral standards.

But the unique Provo/Mormon culture has been a bit of an adjustment, even though Ahmad grew up in New York City.

"Back in New York City if you say 'hi' to someone, they assume you're selling them drugs," Ahmad said. "Over here, every other person (says hi). You have to get used to that. It's unusual in a nice way."

When Ahmad learned Siddiqui was coming to BYU, he contacted him, figuring "he might need some help."

"Two years ago I was in the same shoes," Ahmad said. "Utah is a really different place."

But since being here, they both said they're impressed with the similarities between the two cultures and religions.

As Muslims, Siddiqui and Ahmad shun alcohol, illicit drugs and pre-marital sex — the same values promoted in the BYU Honor Code.

The men also pray several times a day, focus on the family and stress the importance of religious study and repentance.

"Whenever I'm talking about the religions, I try to bring up similarities," Siddiqui said. "I think that's a good way of talking about religion."

And both men are happy to share their beliefs.

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Sameer Ahmad, a junior at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, is a Muslim from Pakistan. He has learned a lot about the similarities in the Latter-day Saints culture and his Islamic beliefs.

# Vatican defends move on World War II-era pope

By Nicole Winfield  
Associated Press writer

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican sought Wednesday to quell its latest public dispute with Jewish groups, saying the pope's decision to move Pope Pius XII closer to sainthood isn't an act of hostility against those who say he failed to sufficiently denounce the Holocaust.

In what has now become a routine effort at fence-mending, the Vatican issued a statement saying the German-born Benedict feels great respect for and friendship toward Jews — a sentiment he hopes to reinforce during his first visit to Rome's synagogue next month.

Benedict sparked renewed outrage among some Jewish groups on Saturday by signing a decree on Pius' heroic virtues, paving the way for him to be beatified once a miracle attributed to his intercession is confirmed.

Some Jews and historians have argued Pius, pope from 1939-1958, should have done more to prevent the deaths of 6 million Jews at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators during World War II.

The Vatican insists Pius used quiet diplomacy to try to save Jews and that speaking out more forcefully would have resulted in more deaths.

Jewish groups have denounced the decision, noting that they had previously asked Benedict to suspend his cause until the Vatican archives on Pius' pontificate are opened to outside scholars. The Vatican has said those



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In this file photo dated Sept. 1945, Pope Pius XII, wearing the ring of St. Peter, raises his right hand in a papal blessing at the Vatican.

archives won't be catalogued and ready until 2014 at the earliest.

In its statement Wednesday, the Vatican confirmed that timeframe and said Benedict's decision wasn't intended to limit discussion on Pius' decisions.

But it repeated that as far as it was concerned, Pius showed great "attention and preoccupation" over the fate of Jews, "which is widely established and recognized even by many Jews."

It added that the decree on his "heroic virtues" wasn't so much a historical assessment of his pontificate as a confirmation that he had led a deeply Christian life.

"It's clear that the recent signature of the decree

shouldn't in any way be seen as a hostile act against the Jewish people and one hopes that it isn't taken as an obstacle to the path of dialogue between Judaism and the Catholic Church," the statement said.

Yet the decision was the latest in a series of perceived affronts that have roiled Catholic-Jewish relations in recent years.

It followed on the heels of Benedict's rehabilitation of a Holocaust-denying bishop in January, what some say was a missed opportunity during his visit to Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in May and his 2007 decision to revive the old Latin Mass, which includes a prayer for the conversion of Jews.

In each of those cases, the Vatican responded to the ensuing criticism by issuing clarifications, explanations or apologies after the fact — including a remarkable papal admission that mistakes were made when Benedict lifted the excommunication of Bishop Richard Williamson, who had said no Jews were killed in Nazi gas chambers.

Elan Steinberg, the vice president of American Gathering of Holocaust Survivors and their Descendants, complained Wednesday about what he called a "pattern of harm" that seems to have emerged in Vatican-Jewish dialogue involving "missteps followed by less-than-convincing explanations and rationalizations."

"Representing those of us who experienced the horrors of the Holocaust, the pain of the silence of Pius XII during the Second World War cannot be eased by blithe indifference to the historical record. We suffered in his silence," said Steinberg.

But Rabbi Riccardo Di Segni, the chief rabbi of Rome who invited Benedict to visit the city's main synagogue Jan. 17, welcomed the Vatican statement, saying it was a welcome effort at calming tensions.

"Certainly, the historic evaluation remains open and controversial, but the Vatican's understanding of the request to open all the possibilities of research is relevant," he said in a statement.

In the case of Pius, Jewish leaders have acknowledged that beatification, the first

## Australian Catholics about to getting their first saint

SYDNEY (AP) — Australian Catholics celebrated last Sunday a Papal decision that will give the country its first saint — the feisty Mary MacKillop, who founded a network of schools for poor children and was briefly excommunicated before being set on the path to canonization.

The Vatican on Saturday said that Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree that MacKillop was responsible for a second miracle, one of the final steps in a complex and often yearslong process before sainthood can be bestowed. MacKillop founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, an order that built dozens of schools for impoverished children across the Australian Outback in the 1800s, as well as orphanages and clinics for the needy. With vows of abstinence from owning personal belongings and dedication to helping the poor, MacKillop is credited with spreading Roman Catholicism in Australia and New Zealand. But she is also remembered as a strong-willed advocate who sometimes got into trouble for challenging orthodox thinking within the male-dominated church. In 1869 she was



AP photo

This undated image provided by Mary MacKillop Place shows Mary MacKillop. The Vatican announced Dec. 19 that Pope Benedict XVI has approved a decree that MacKillop was responsible for a second miracle, one of the final steps in a long and complex process of investigation before sainthood can be bestowed.

excommunicated for inciting her followers to disobedience, though the bishop who punished her recanted three years later and she was exonerated by a church commission.

major step toward possible sainthood, is an internal church matter and that it's not for Jews or anyone else to tell the church who should or shouldn't be a saint.

But considering Benedict's own past — he was forced to

serve in the Hitler Youth and deserted the Nazi army — and his stated aim of continuing to improve relations with Jews, they have said more sensitivity is called for in dealing with the disputed figure of Pius.

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Christian singer killed in I-80 crash in Nebraska

COZAD, Neb. — One of the people killed on icy roads in Nebraska this week was a Christian singer from suburban Kansas City.

The Nebraska State Patrol says 37-year-old Derek Loux of Grandview, Mo., died early Wednesday after losing control of his SUV on Interstate 80 near Cozad.

Loux's sister-in-law, Tracie, posted a statement on the family's blog, www.louxfamilyblog.com, about the accident. Tracie Loux asked people to pray for her family as they deal with the loss of Derek Loux.

The statement says Loux had been on his way back from Colorado where he had attended a ministry training session.

Loux released a CD titled "Paper Religion" in 2007, and he helped lead the International House of Prayer ministry in Kansas City that promotes adoption.

### Barn to be used at Methodist home

GREENEVILLE, Tenn. — Volunteers have begun work on a new pole barn to provide temporary shelter for horses in the equine program at the Holston United Methodist Home for Children in Greeneville.

The horses formerly were housed in a 105-year-old on-campus barn that was destroyed by fire Dec. 13. No one was injured.

According to The Greeneville Sun, the horses are being housed temporarily in other structures on the Holston Home campus.

The pole barn will be used

until a new barn can be built to replace the one that burned.

The barn was used for horses in the therapy program for youths.

The home partners with state child welfare agencies and foster and adoptive families.

### Temporary home for Ten Commandments monument found

POTEAU, Okla. — A bank in Poteau is offering space to at least temporarily display a Ten Commandments monument.

Supporters want to place on the lawn of the LeFlore County Courthouse but county commissioners want to wait until a lawsuit is challenging a similar monument in Haskell County is resolved. A federal appeals court has said the Haskell

County monument unconstitutional and the county is appealing.

Officials with Community State Bank in Poteau say the LeFlore County monument can be placed near the bank's parking lot along a busy downtown street.

Bank President Larry Spradley says the bank is committed to displaying the monument for however long it takes.

### Georgia arson unit investigating fire that destroyed church

CARNESVILLE, Ga. — An arson unit is investigating an early morning fire that destroyed a northeast Georgia church last weekend.

The office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John

Oxendine said in a statement that a fire around 4:30 a.m. Saturday destroyed the 600-seat church at the Refuge Baptist Camp in Carnesville.

It was reported to authorities by a deer hunter. The fire has not been ruled arson.

### Neo-Nazis rally on Hanukkah at SoCal synagogue

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Congregants at a Southern California synagogue were met by a group of neo-Nazis waving swastika flags on the last night of Hanukkah.

Rabbi Suzanne Singer says Friday's demonstration at Temple Beth El in Riverside was the third at

the temple in recent months.

There were fewer than a dozen protesters at the site. Police were called but there were no incidents or arrests and the services went on as planned.

In October in Riverside, a scuffle broke out and punches were exchanged between about 20 Neo-Nazis rallying against illegal immigration and about two dozen counter-protestors near a Home Depot store where day laborers often gather. One man was arrested. A similar rally was held a month earlier.

Singer says members of her congregation have been among the counter-protestors at those rallies.

— Wire reports

## MISSIONARIES

### Andrew Gilbert returned

Andrew Gilbert has returned from serving in the California, San Jose Mission.

He will report his mission at 10:45 a.m., Dec. 27, at Malta 2nd Ward.

He is the son of Peter and Audra Gilbert of Malta.

### Brogan Darrington returned



Elder Brogan Darrington recently returned home from serving in the Chile Autofagasta Mission.

He will be speaking in the Declo First Ward Sacramento meeting at 10:50 a.m., on Dec. 27, 2009.

He is the son of Mark and Verla Darrington of Declo.

### Richard Clements returned



Richard Kyle Clements, son of Val and Joy Clements, has recently returned home from the Florida Fort Lauderdale Spanish speaking Mission.

Kyle 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, Dec. 27 at 10:00 am at the LDS Church on Main Street in Buhl.

## Repressed

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restrictions on religious practices when measured by both government infringement and religion-based violence or harassment, according to the study.

The study found that religious minorities suffer the brunt of the intolerance.

Timothy Shah, a senior research scholar at Boston University who is familiar with the study, said he was struck by the fact that more than 30 countries have high levels of both government and social restrictions on religion.

Shah pointed to Nigeria, where 12 majority-Muslim states adopted the Islamic Sharia criminal code after returning to civilian rule in 1999, resulting in hostilities against religious minorities.

"Where the state throws its weight around, that naturally creates a response of social hostility," he said.

The Pew Center sought answers to 20 questions it created related to government restrictions on religious practices, such as policies or laws, and on 13 questions on social restrictions, such as individual

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acts of violence.

The group then examined published public information sources, including reports by the U.S. State Department, the United Nations and various non-governmental organizations, to answer the questions on a country-by-country basis. Researchers analyzed information from July 1, 2006, to June 30, 2008.

The report found that the percentage of the world's countries with high or very high government restrictions is at about 20 percent, which amounts to 57 percent of the world's population. These countries include Saudi Arabia, Iran and former communist countries such as Russia, Belarus and Bulgaria, where state atheism has been replaced by favored religions that are accorded special protections or privileges.

Grim pointed out that

many countries have language in their constitutions or basic laws that ban infringements on religion. But the reality is that governments often place restrictions on religions in practice.

For example, 90 percent of countries require religious groups to register for reasons including obtaining tax-exempt status or import privileges. But in almost three in five countries, the registration requirements result in problems or discrimination against certain groups.

The Singapore's Societies Act, for example, requires all religious groups to register with the government but it doesn't recognize Jehovah's Witnesses or the Unification Church.

In practice, only about a quarter of the world's countries implement constitutional language protecting religious freedom.

## Muslim

Continued from Religion 1

This semester, Siddiqui taught his friends and roommates about Islam during family home evening.

Last November, Ahmad won the BYU Religious Education Student Symposium with a paper he'd written during his Book of Mormon class comparing Mormonism and Islam.

"We emphasize the same teachings, the same set of beliefs, even though the way of participating (is different)," Ahmad said. "We're essentially asking for the same thing, asking God for guidance and for repentance. As long as we keep respecting those (common values) it builds mutual trust and is helpful in the long run."

Andrew Moulton, 19, Siddiqui's friend and roommate from Oregon, said this semester has been enlightening for him.

"I didn't know that our cultures were so similar," Moulton said. "As Americans we are taught to believe that Islam is a violent culture and stuff like that, but it's not. I think that was my initial surprise, (to learn) what wonderful people Muslims are."

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## RELIGION LETTERS

## The spirit of Christmas inspires charitable acts

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year when people give freely to others and to those in need, a time when the spirit of Christmas is upon us all. It is no accident that the spirit of Christmas inspires us to charitable acts of service — the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of Christ. Let us not forget the true reason for this season: to celebrate the humble birth of our Redeemer, the Everlasting Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

News of His birth truly is good tidings of great joy, for He is the perfect divine son of an eternal Heavenly Father, who is the same yesterday, today and forever. Christ went about doing good, for God was with him. He healed the sick, caused the deaf to hear and the blind to see. The humble saw him for who he is, the proud would not. He willing laid down his life and atoned for our sins, an act that would allow us to return to live with our Heavenly Father as eternal families on conditions of repentance and obedience to all his commandments.

For he hath said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Why should we keep his commandments? We should keep them out of love for our Redeemer for all he has done for us and because they will lead to eternal life, exaltation and eternal joy.

Let us remember Christ not only during this holiday season, but throughout our lives, for there is no other way or name given under heaven whereby man can be saved in the kingdom of God. Also, let us remember that He lives and as we strive to become like him, we will find true happiness in this life and a fullness of joy in the life to come.

BLAINE GIBBY  
Kimberly

## 'Religion' is the reason for Christmas season

Merry Christmas! Religion is "a system of beliefs." The Christian, Jew and Muslim are monotheistic in their belief. Other denominations are polytheistic. The atheist believes there is no God. So you see, we all have "religion."

Because of the fear of not being politically correct, there are still a few that make attempts to avoid the greeting, "Merry Christmas." Recently on the news I listened to a woman correct herself and change her phrase from "Christmas" to "Holiday" as she was attempting to be "politically correct."

A school in Gooding this year changed their "Christmas Party" to "Winter Festival." Twin Falls has the "Festival of Lights" rather than a "Christmas Parade." In these attempts, these individuals or groups have honored religions.

Winter Festivals have their history that can be traced back to paganism and the worship of "Odin" and even further back to Mesopotamian religious practices in the worship of "Murdok." Various other religions throughout the world have had and still maintain the worship of their gods during "Winter Festival." The "Festival of Lights" honors the Jewish faith and practice of the lighting of the Mennorah. This has been and continues to be a very important part of this belief.

"Happy Holiday" has been the phrase of choice to try to eliminate religious phrases for the season. The word "holiday" means "Holy Day" and in the Judeo-Christian tradition is "a day of rest" just as God rested on the seventh day following creation. So, try as they may, it is unavoidable to have religion in this season.

Merry Christmas!  
LARRY KELLEY  
Twin Falls

# Pastor leaves church to counsel military

By Charlotte A. Graham  
Laurel Leader-Call

ELLISVILLE, Miss. — Pastor David Allen has preached his final sermon as pastor of West Ellisville Baptist Church.

Allen, who had served as pastor of the 600-member congregation for more than 10 years, is leaving the position to become chaplain for the Veteran's Administration in Jackson. A Major with the Mississippi Air National Guard, Allen serves as chaplain with the 186th Air Refueling Wing.

"I've been in the Guard for 20 years," said Allen. "I've been deployed twice since signing up."

He served at Diego Garcia Air Base in the Afghanistan Theater. He also served at Balad Air Base in Iraq.

"I was chaplain in both places," said Allen. "In Iraq, I served as senior Protestant chaplain and was over all of the other Protestant chaplains. I was a chaplain for the operations group, which

included pilots and all those flying."

In Iraq, Allen served at the hospital at Balad where trauma patients included Iraqi insurgents. He noted that enemy combatants were treated just as good as American soldiers when they were brought into the hospital.

"Working at the hospital was the challenging thing for me," said Allen. "Seeing people when they were brought in off the battlefield was quite an experience."

"You make a lot of good friends, but it's no picnic over there. Anytime, anywhere, anyone can get killed or wounded."

As the senior Protestant chaplain, Allen was in charge of various duties, including worship services, Bible studies and hospital visitations.

"They have been asking me to consider coming on board as a VA chaplain for about two years now," said Allen. "I told them that I would pray about it."

"They approached me again about two months back. I told them I would consider it."

After discussing the offer with his wife, Debbie, and much prayer, Allen decided to place his name in the hat for the position. Although he was recruited heavily for the position, he had to go through the application process just like any other candidate.

Chaplains are trained to help service members of all religious faiths as well as those who have none. As military chaplains, their mission is to support soldiers and their families.

For Allen, one of the most difficult parts of the job is losing a soldier.

"But one of the most important things we can ever do is to help someone face what we all will have to face one day," he said. "Each of us has to face death."

While he said he has enjoyed his tenure as pastor of the Ellisville church, Allen said he wanted to pro-

vide full-time spiritual support to the young men and women in the military. The images of young men and women with broken bodies at the trauma center stay with him and motivate him to do more.

"It's a pretty difficult decision for me to end my tenure as pastor here," said Allen. "This is a major change for me. This church has been wonderful to me and my family. It's a loving and caring group of folks, some I have known for a decade."

"We have gone through the good, the bad and the ugly. We will miss them dearly."

Longtime church member Sylvia Murphy said she will miss Allen and his family, too. "He's a wonderful person," she said. "While I hate to see him go, I understand why he is doing it."

"He is going to counsel those going to and coming from Iraq," she said. "He's doing it for his country and those who serve."

## HANUKKAH



Sebastian Scheiner/Associated Press

An Ultra-Orthodox Jewish man stands in front of a menorah on the third eve of Hanukkah, Dec. 13 at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site in Jerusalem's old city. The Jewish festival of light is an eight-day commemoration of the Jewish uprising in the second century B.C. against the Greek-Syrian kingdom, which had tried to put statues of Greek gods in the Jewish Temple.

## Religious letters welcome

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.

## Gold, Frankincense and nuts

"The wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus: gold, frankincense and myrrh."

That was my line in the annual church Christmas pageant. That's all I had to say. One simple, declarative sentence about the gifts of the magi.

Never mind that it is historically inaccurate (the magi probably didn't arrive on the scene until some time after Jesus was born, when He was more of a "young child" than a "baby"). It was my line, my moment in the spotlight, and I was prepared to milk it for all it was worth.

I became especially excited about my line after our first rehearsal. I mistakenly pronounced the gifts as "gold, Frankenstein and mirth," and had the whole cast in hysterics. It was an honest mistake — I really DID think it was Frankenstein and mirth, along with the gold. To a 10-year-old boy they seemed like pretty cool gifts. But everyone thought I was just being funny, and I became something of a folk hero on the set — the goofy kid who said "Frankenstein" instead of "frankincense." Every time I came out on stage people paused to listen. They wanted to hear it if I messed it up again.

And I did — just to be funny. Several times.

But I knew better than to say "Frankenstein" during the actual performance of the pageant. For one thing,

## VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



Paul, the teenager playing Joseph, threatened to beat me up if I did. And for another, Gayle, my fourth-grade girlfriend, was going to be there. And nobody likes to look like a goofball in front of his girlfriend. You know what I mean?

So I walked around backstage repeating the word "frankincense" over and over again. Not only was I going to say it correctly, but I was also going to say it with style. "Frankincense" was going to roll off my tongue like I actually knew what it was ... which I didn't. But that wasn't the issue. The issue was saving myself from a beating and making myself look good in front of Gayle. And all that would be required was a well-spoken, multi-syllable word that sounded an awful lot like "Frankenstein."

But wasn't. As my big moment on stage approached, I was behind the curtain repeating the word: "Frankincense. Frankincense. Frankincense."

It was still swirling in my mind as I approached the microphone. I could feel the warmth of the spotlight on my face and the whirling of butterflies in my stomach as I cleared my throat and spoke: "The wise men brought gifts to the baby

Jesus: gold, frankincense and ..."

Suddenly my mind went blank. I had spoken frankincense clearly.

Frankincense was resonating all over the hall. But I couldn't for the life of me remember what came next. If I could have seen my mother, she would have mouthed the word to me. But with the spotlight glaring in my eyes I couldn't see her in the darkness.

So I started over: "The wise men brought gifts to the baby Jesus: gold, frankincense and ..." Still nothing. Total blank. It was a short word. I knew that. One syllable. So I said the first short word that popped into my mind. "Nuts."

To this day I can't say that word — "nuts" — without feeling my ears burning with embarrassment. I can still hear the roar of the audience's laughter. I can still see Paul's icy glare from the Nativity scene. And I can still feel the pre-adolescent heartbreak of Gayle's post-production cold shoulder. I learned the hard way that it's easy to become so focused on one thing that you lose track of other, equally important things. Especially at Christmas.

With or without the nuts.

This week's column is excerpted from Joseph Walker's novella, 'Christmas on Mill Street,' which is available online through [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or [www.deseretbook.com](http://www.deseretbook.com).

## CHURCH NEWS

## Readings, singing highlight worship

Ascension Episcopal Church will feature services of Lessons and Carols, with singing of Christmas carols and readings about the coming of Christ, for worship at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. Child care will be available for the 10 a.m. service. No Christian education will be held this week.

Bible study is canceled this week; it will resume Jan. 6 with study in the book of Daniel.

Ascension offers several worship, study and fellowship activities. Information: [www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org](http://www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org) or 733-1248.

## Halsells to perform duet on Sunday

George and Melanie Halsell will perform a brass duet during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls. The Rev. Phil Price will speak on "It Takes a Temple," based on 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 and Luke 2:41-52. Fellowship will follow worship.

Information: 733-7023 or [www.twinfallspc.org](http://www.twinfallspc.org).

## Turner to speak at Jerome church

Pastor Revis Turner will bring the message for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in

Jerome. Suggested scripture study is Isaiah 42:5-9 and 1 Peter 2:1-3.

Turner is an ordained American Baptist minister and has served churches in Ohio and Idaho. He holds a master's degree and is a certified counselor at the Center of New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho.

Pastor David Carlson will provide the sermon Jan. 3.

## Worship features festival of carols

A Festival of Carols will be featured for worship Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

The congregation will participate in the singing under the direction of Ora Lee Wiseman with Sarah Benton at the organ.

The chancel choir will not rehearse this week. Rehearsals and performances will resume at 9:30 a.m. Jan. 3.

## Youth group offers child care

Crossroads United Methodist youth are offering baby-sitting services from

8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday at the church, 131 Syringa Ave. in Kimberly, for those who wish to attend any New Year's Eve activities.

Cost is \$20 per child. Proceeds will go to youth activities. Information: 731-7254.

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## Callahan Jay May

PAUL — Callahan Jay May, the infant son of Callin and Kristen May of Paul, Idaho, passed away Dec. 23, 2009, at home.

Callahan was born Oct. 21, 2009, in Burley, Idaho. Callahan's family includes his mother and father, Callin and Kristen, sisters Darby and Jakoby, grandparents Dave and Debbie May, and Randy and Sandy Jones all of Paul; great grandmother Donna Draper of Burley;



great-grandfather Jim Baker of Rupert; and numerous uncles, aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at the Emerson LDS 2nd Ward and burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert and one hour prior to the service at the church.

## Shirley May Braun

BURLEY — Shirley May Braun, an 84-year-old Burley resident, passed away December 24, 2009, at Cassia Regional Medical Center.



Shirley was born May 20, 1925, in Portage, Utah, the daughter of Edwin and Rosina Ruby Halford. She attended school in Burley and graduated from Burley High School. Shirley married Ruben Braun Aug. 24, 1944, in Burley, Idaho. They lived in Burley until 1960 moving to American Falls, Idaho, and returned to Burley in 1965 and have since lived.

She worked at Harms Hospital in American Falls, Idaho. She was member of the Syringa Club, a Pink Lady at Cassia Memorial Hospital, a past president of the Overland PTA, and a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served in the Primary, Young Women's President and Visiting Teacher.

Shirley enjoyed bowling, crafts, ceramics, shopping, traveling and camping with her family.

Shirley is survived by her husband Ruben J. Braun of Burley; her children Janice

Harper (Dale) of Burley; Richard Braun (Teri Lyn) of Winnemucca, NV Carol Ann Braun of Henderson, NV; and David Braun (Lonnie) of Pocatello; eight grandchildren

Jodi Nye, James Harper, Brian Harper, Lydia Braun, Jacob Braun, Jessica Braun, Tyler Braun, and Malia Braun; five great-grandchildren Bailee Nye, Seth Nye, Marysaa Harper, Mason Harper and Morgan Harper; She was preceded in death her parents, her brothers Lourice Dennett, Joseph Halford, Alford Halford and Arthur Halford.

Funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, at the Burley LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 515 East 16th Street in Burley. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call Sunday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hansen Payne Mortuary in Burley and one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family would like to thank the emergency and hospital staff at Cassia Regional Medical Center and all the loving friends and neighbors that offered their support.



Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Robert Howard, second from right, talks with fellow medal recipients before the start of a memorial service at the Old North Church in Boston in October 2001. With Howard are Melvin Biddle, right, of Anderson, Ind., and Arthur Jackson and his wife, Kathlyn Doell-Jackson, both of Boise.

AP file photo

# Highly decorated Army colonel dies in Texas

WACO, Texas (AP) — Retired Col. Robert Lewis Howard, a man considered to be the country's most decorated soldier, died Wednesday. He was 70.

Howard was battling pancreatic cancer and died about noon at a hospice, his friend Benito Guerrero, a Vietnam veteran and retired sergeant major, told the San Antonio Express-News.

The Army veteran died in Waco, according to Oak Crest Funeral Home. At the time of his death he was the most decorated American soldier, the funeral home obituary said. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. No date has been set, the funeral home said.

Howard grew up in Opelika, Ala., and served in the Army from 1956 to 1992. He was part of the U.S. Army Special Forces, known as the Green Berets, and ran cross-border operations in Laos, Cambodia

and North Vietnam. He was wounded 14 times in Vietnam and was awarded eight Purple Hearts.

He was nominated three times for the Medal of Honor, the nation's most prestigious award for combat veterans. President Richard M. Nixon presented him with the honor at the White House in 1971 for his bravery in Vietnam during a mission to rescue a missing soldier in enemy territory.

During that mission, the platoon was attacked. Howard tended to his wounded platoon leader while under fire and rallied platoon members into and organized defense force until rescue helicopters could land.

"With complete disregard for his safety, 1st Lt. Howard crawled from position to position, administering first aid to the wounded, giving encouragement to the defenders and directing their fire on the encircling enemy. For 3

1/2 hours 1st Lt. Howard's small force and supporting aircraft successfully repulsed enemy attacks and finally were in sufficient control to permit the landing of rescue helicopters. 1st Lt. Howard personally supervised the loading of his men and did not leave the bullet-swept landing zone until all were aboard safely," according to his Medal of Honor citation.

His other two nominations were downgraded, one to the Distinguished Service Cross and the other to the Silver Star.

At a gathering earlier this year for Medal of Honor recipients, Howard said he and others given the medal don't wear their awards for themselves.

"It is for all those who have and do wear the uniform of this great country of ours," Howard told the crowd. "For those who stood beside us and for those who did not come home."

## Company pledges \$400,000 to keep Washington crossing the Delaware

WASHINGTON CROSSING, N.J. (AP) — George Washington brought along a tourist for his Christmas Day ride across the Delaware River this year, and technology manufacturer Lockheed Martin brought its checkbook.

After months of financial uncertainty, the 57th annual re-enactment of Washington's daring Christmas 1776 crossing of the river — the trek that turned the tide of the Revolutionary War — took place without problems Friday.

Thousands of spectators came out to hear Washington's stand-in deliver stirring words to the troops and watch three boats make the crossing from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. The role of Washington was played by John Godzieba, a Pennsylvanian who has been a re-enactor for 17 years.

It was the first time in three years that re-enactors were able to cross in boats. The past two years, the re-enactment was thwarted by bad weather and high water levels, which forced re-enactors to walk across a bridge.

During the crossing 233 years ago, boats ferried some 2,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons across the river, and the troops marched 8 miles downriver and fell on Hessian mercenaries in the streets of Trenton. Thirty Hessians were killed, and two Continental soldiers froze to death on the march, but none died in the battle.

The victory electrified the struggling nation and led to further military successes in Trenton and Princeton.

Officials, businesses and residents had been scrambling to pay for this year's re-enactment since they found out that state budget cuts imperiled it.

Money problems likely will be less of an issue in years to come. At the

event, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Co., of Newtown, Pa., pledged to donate \$400,000 to the Washington Crossing Historical Park.

The park is visited by more than 100,000 tourists each year, but state budget cuts have closed the visitor center on the Pennsylvania side of the river.

## SERVICES

**Betty Jane Whitaker Eames** of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

**Jean Josephine Gilmore Sommer** of twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Saturday at Parke's Magic Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Lloyd C. Merrill** of Paul, funeral at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Paul LDS Stake Center, 424 W. Ellis St.; visitation from noon to 1:45 p.m.

**Bruce Bates** of Yucaipa, Calif., and formerly of Murtaugh, funeral Saturday in Yucaipa, Calif.

**Wilma Irene Baillergeon** of Twin Falls, celebration of life memorial service at 10 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Callahan Jay May** of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Emerson LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the church.

**Carl John Williams** of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Parke Ave.; visitation from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at the Church

(Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

**Shirley May Braun** of Burley, funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at the Burley LDS 4th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St. in Burley; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 321 E. Main in Burley, and 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at the church.

**Gary P. Frisby** of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 3:30 p.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Lenora Blakeslee Richards** of Jerome and formerly of Filer, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

**David Palmer** of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the River 4th Ward Chapel in South Jordan, Utah; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Morrison Funeral Home and Crematory).

**Lisa Louise Spencer-Culver** of Twin Falls, service of remembrance at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

**Lloyd William Smith** of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Betty Jane Helms

Betty Jane Helms, 81, of Twin Falls passed away on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 23, 2009, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

A celebration of Betty's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E., Twin Falls. Burial will follow at 2 p.m. at Gem Memorial Garden Cemetery in Burley. A viewing for family and friends will take place on Tuesday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. A full obituary will follow in the *Times-News*. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

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## Mom threatens lawsuit over suspension of student

Newsday

MELVILLE, N.Y. — The mother of a 10-year-old girl suspended for bringing peppermint oil to her Commack, N.Y., school Monday says she is considering legal action if school officials don't apologize and revoke her daughter's suspension.

Sara Greiner, 10, a fifth-grade student at John Mandracchia-Sawmill Intermediate School, was suspended for one day after bringing organic peppermint oil to school and putting several drops in her water bottle and several classmates' water, said her mother, Corrine Morton-Greiner, 46.

The Commack School District posted a news release on its Web site saying a student was suspended for "bringing, and then distributing bottled peppermint oil to other students."

"Peppermint oil is an unregulated over-the-counter drug," the release reads.

Morton-Greiner said the oil — which she and her daughter use at home as a soothing remedy to flavor their water — is organic and contains no alcohol.

"The insinuation that she was bringing some illicit substance to school is infuriating," Morton-Greiner said. "She's just a little girl who brought peppermint oil to school!"

"We are astounded at the way that this situation was handled," she added. "It's completely unacceptable to us. ... We're not going to have our reputation and our daughter's reputation tainted in this way."



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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR CASSIA COUNTY, STATE OF IDAHO**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CASSIA COUNTY CODE'S ZONING REGULATIONS CONCERNING AN ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR OVERLAY ZONE AND A NEW SECTION REGULATION ENCLOSED POULTRY CAFOS.**

**BE IT KNOWN** that on Monday, the 11th day of January, 2010, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners for Cassia County, Idaho shall hold public hearing on the proposals and recommendations to amend and add provisions to the current Cassia County Zoning Regulations. This hearing will be held at the Burley City Council Chambers, Burley City Hall, 1401 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho.

The matter of proposed changes and amendments and repeals to the zoning ordinance were heard before the Cassia County Planning and Zoning Commission on Thursday, December 17, 2009. At conclusion of that hearing the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended adoption of all proposed changes and amendments presented to them, with two modifications to the Enclosed Poultry CAFO regulations.

A summary of proposed changes are as follows:  
**Zoning Ordinance, Title 9:**  
Chapter 7: Add provisions recognizing an Electrical Transmission Corridor Overlay Zone and setting the location and providing for performance criteria to be developed for siting transmission lines therein.

Chapter 10: Add a new chapter of regulation governing Enclosed and Totally Confined Poultry Confined Animal Feeding Operations in Cassia County, Idaho.

All interested persons and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on this matter. At the public hearing, those signing up to testify concerning the proposed amendments will be allotted time to do so, with the total hearing time being divided in equal measures amongst those signing up. The Commission reserves the right to limit repetitive testimony and to halt irrelevant testimony. Spokespersons for those groups sharing the same or similar testimony are encouraged.

Written testimony concerning the proposed amendments may also be submitted. Written submissions exceeding one (1) typewritten page, single spaced in no less than 12 point font, must be filed at the County Administrative Office, Courthouse Room #4, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, Cassia County, Idaho by Wednesday, the 6th day of January, 2010 at 3:00 P.M. Written submissions may be made from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday on normal business days, at the County Administrative Office, Courthouse Room #4, 1459 Overland Avenue, Burley, Idaho. Any written submission of one (1) typewritten page or less, single-spaced in no less than 12 point font, may be submitted to the Board of Commissioners up to the time that the hearing is closed, after which time no additional written or oral testimony will be received, unless specifically requested and invited by the Board hereafter.

The full text of the Proposed amendments to Title 9, Cassia County Zoning Ordinance is available at the Cassia County Courthouse, at the County Administrative Office, Room #4, and will be provided to any citizen without charge upon personal request during normal office hours, or the full text of the proposal may be found on the Cassia County Website at www.cassiacounty.org, under the heading: "Public Notices".

DATED this 22nd day of December, 2009,  
/s/ Kerry D. McMurray  
Cassia County Administrator

PUBLISH: December 26, 2009

**101 Lost and Found**

**FOUND** Australian Shepherd puppy, found on Wednesday in the downtown area near 8<sup>th</sup> Ave in Twin Falls. To identify at 404-4676.

**FOUND** Husky at 300 N of Rupert. Call to identify 208-436-3075 or 208-431-2028.

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**LOST** Purple IPOD with name on back. Lost at South Hills lights or ID Joe's on 12/21/09. 308-3207

**LOST** Womens diamond wedding ring, possibly at Shopko or in parking lot, white gold. 308-6252

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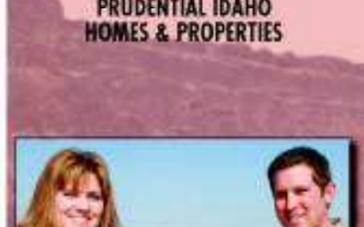
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## Concepts Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

### Answer to previous puzzle

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

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In 1909, illustrator Frederic Remington died in Ridgefield, Conn., at age 48.

In 1917, during World War I, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation authorizing the government to take over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division.

In 1947, heavy snow blanketed the Northeast, burying New York City under 26.4 inches of snow in 16 hours; the severe weather was blamed for some 80 deaths.

In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo., at age 88.

In 1996, 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved, despite a widely publicized "confession" by John Mark Karr.)  
In 2006, former President Gerald R. Ford died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 93.

**Ten years ago:** The crew of space shuttle Discovery packed up its tools and prepared to return home after an eight-day mission of repairs to the Hubble Space Telescope that NASA declared a success. Alfonso Portillo, a populist lawyer, scored a resounding victory in Guatemala's first peacetime presidential elections in nearly 40 years. Soul singer and songwriter Curtis Mayfield died in Roswell, Ga., at age 57.

**Five years ago:** More than 200,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a tsunami triggered by a powerful earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean. An unmanned cargo ship docked at the international space station, ending a shortage that forced astronauts to ration supplies. Peyton Manning of the Indianapolis Colts broke Dan Marino's single-season touchdown pass record when he threw his 48th and 49th of the season against San Diego. (The Colts defeated San Diego in overtime, 34-31.) Reggie White, one of the greatest defensive players in NFL history, died in North Carolina at age 43.

**One year ago:** Caroline Kennedy emerged from weeks of near-silence about her bid for a New York Senate seat; in an interview with The Associated Press and NY1 television, the daughter of President John F. Kennedy said she felt compelled to answer the call to service issued by her father a generation earlier. (Kennedy later dropped her bid; Kirsten Gillibrand was appointed by New York Gov. David Paterson.)

**DEAR ABBY:** I have only recently realized how unhappy my parents' marriage is. On the way home from a concert one night, my mom started crying and said how much she wanted to be with a man who could stay awake throughout a performance. Then she told me I should never get married. She said people "always grow apart." She has been saying it repeatedly over the last few weeks and has even had some of her friends tell me the same thing.

I began asking other people about it, and they all act like they're not happy in their marriages, either. I am now genuinely afraid to get married.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

I am 18 and have just started dating a man you would consider marriage material. But I'm holding back my feelings because I'm afraid one day he might propose. Is "happily ever after" achievable anymore in a marriage?

— UPSET  
IN GRAND RAPIDS

**DEAR UPSET:** Your parents' marriage appears to have hit a rough patch. When your mother started crying after the concert, I guarantee she wasn't crying because your father couldn't stay awake until the end. She was crying because she was disappointed in him for something else.

While the intensity of feelings can fluctuate over time in a marriage, couples do not "always" grow apart. The fact that your mother's friends are echoing those sentiments makes me wonder what kind of a crowd she's surrounding herself with, because unhappy people usually attract other negative people.

While I know from experience that a lasting, loving relationship/marriage is possible, allow me to point out that the qualities that attract someone at 18 may not be necessarily the same ones you'll find important when you're older. That is why it's important that before you start thinking about marriage, you first establish yourself as an independent, self-supporting young woman and take your time before committing yourself to anyone.

**DEAR ABBY:** A former professor of mine was a good friend and very supportive last year when I was experiencing some personal difficulties. Recently I have heard that he has not been acting like himself. I was told he has developed a bad attitude, curses in class, and uses his degree to demean his students' opinions on topics. One of his current students told me he's surprised the professor hasn't been thrown out of class for his behavior.

This is not the same professor who helped me last year. It seems like his evil twin. I suspect he may be having some personal problems. Because of our previous professor/student relationship, I don't think I can get involved. However, because of the help he gave me when I needed it, I care and would like to offer support. Is there anything I can do? I want my friend back.

— STUDENT  
WHO CARES

**DEAR STUDENT:** While it might not be appropriate for you to reach out to your former professor directly, it still may be possible to get him some help. Tell the student who spoke to you that he and some of the other members of the class should talk to the head of the department or the dean about what has been going on and the fact that the professor may be in need of help. If the man is, indeed, having personal problems, his supervisor would be in a better position to see he gets it than you are.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Nuisance
- 5 Chef's accessory
- 10 Cranny
- 14 Gather leaves
- 15 Prince William's mum
- 16 Name for an Irish lass
- 17 Kitchen necessity
- 18 Container
- 20 Establish
- 21 Immoral habit
- 22 Wipe away
- 23 Irritate by too much rubbing
- 25 "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
- 26 Shocked
- 28 Like soggy ground
- 31 Gallant
- 32 Dizzy and confused
- 34 Droop
- 36 Saw or adze
- 37 Faux pas
- 38 Commotion
- 39 Wedding words
- 40 Major vessel
- 41 Useful
- 42 Abilities
- 44 Butterfingered
- 45 Prefix for way or night
- 46 Black-and-white mammal
- 47 Form
- 50 Albacore
- 51 Street paver's substance
- 54 Small red fruit often used to make jam
- 57 Evergreen
- 58 The "Iliad" or the "Odyssey"
- 59 Tijuana friend
- 60 Charged atoms
- 61 Fender bender memento
- 62 Fluttering tree
- 63 Small fly

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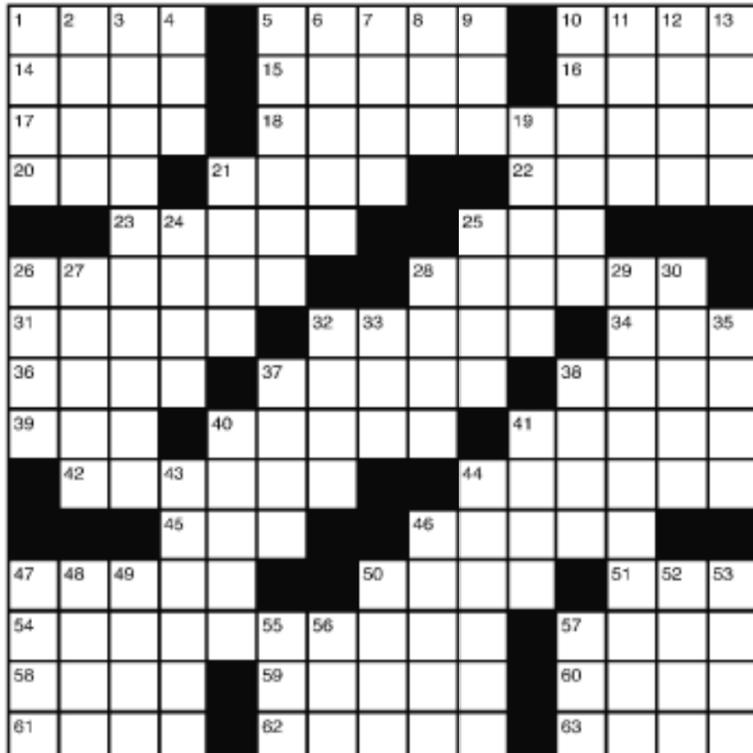
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- 3 Drawing pad
- 4 Bedtime, for many
- 5 Floating
- 6 Portion
- 7 Sporting event
- 8 Individual
- 9 Siesta
- 10 Approached
- 11 Killer whale
- 12 Thomas Kinkadee's paintings
- 13 Leg joint
- 19 \_\_\_ Roosevelt
- 21 Bouquet holder
- 24 Corridor
- 25 Seep
- 26 "Nay" voter
- 27 Merchandise
- 28 Davenport
- 29 Reasoned guess
- 30 Tacks
- 32 Major conflicts
- 33 Many a time, in poetry
- 35 Writer Zane \_\_\_
- 37 Valuable ore

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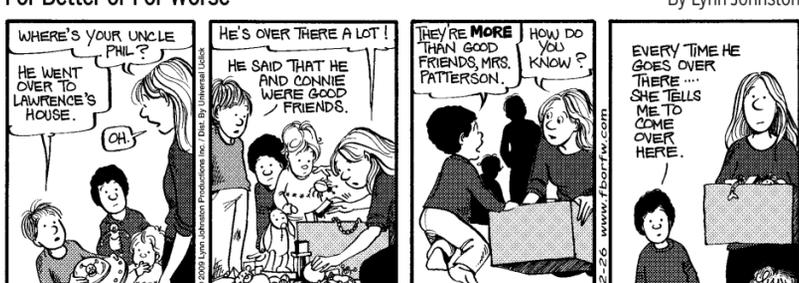
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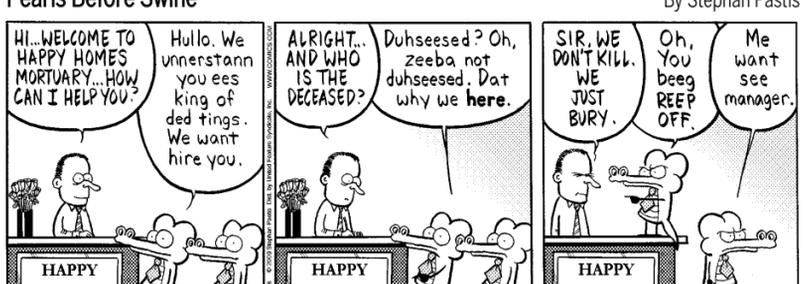
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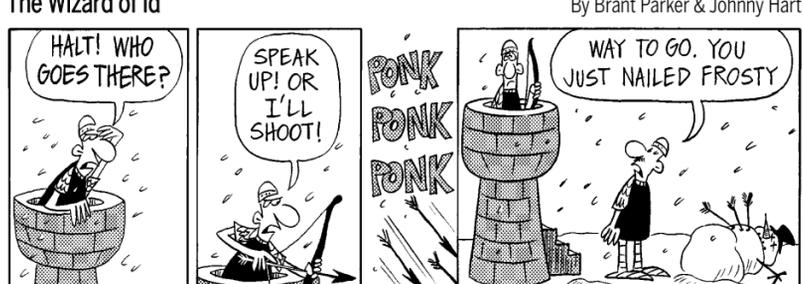
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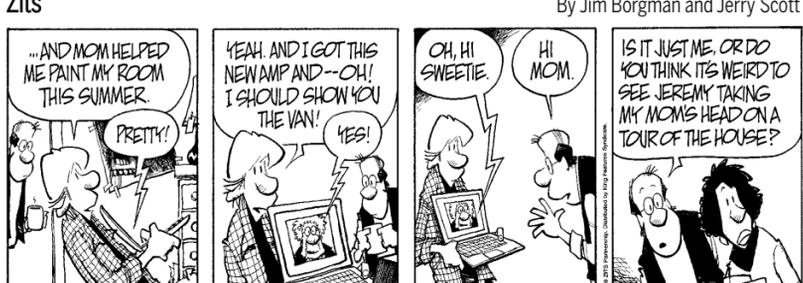
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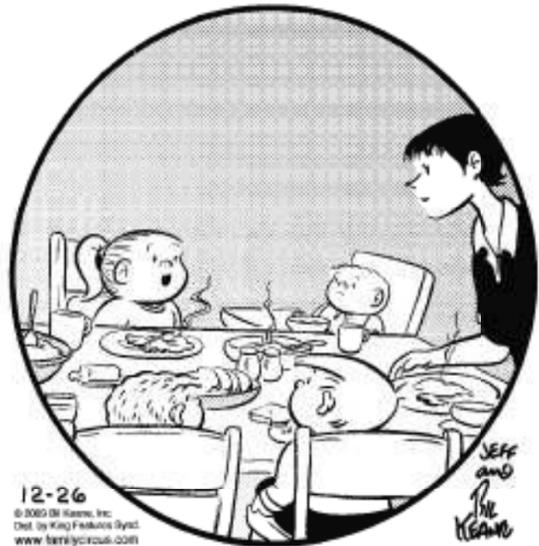


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**“When we say grace, is it okay to pray for what we want for dessert?”**

IF DECEMBER 26 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: While passionate Pluto passes through your part of the cosmic pie, you may shed old habits and expectations and get more in touch with your inner drive. This is a year when you may alter your purpose in life permanently. Problems from the past can pop up and cause you to slow down during July and September, so it is wise to remain faithful to past commitments and do your best to honor your obligations. During October you can spread your wings in the business world or take a romantic vacation without worrying that you will break the bank.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Keep firing on all cylinders. Your latest passion may have you filled with enthusiasm and excitement.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Things aren't as bad as they seem. You may tend to take criticism much too personally. Strive to be a better person.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't worry if the cart is before the horse. Maybe it isn't time to harness emotions. This isn't the time to make a decision.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Facts and figures always impress. Know the length of the Nile or the exact amount of interest you've earned on the bank account.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You could briefly feel that your car drove away on its own and left you in the driveway. This isn't a good day to strike a compromise.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Even when involved in heavy duty thinking, you can find ways to cheer up loved ones. Don't waste valuable financial resources.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You yearn to be in complete synch with others. However, your perception of what other people really think might be off base.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Refuse to make judgments. Sometimes you feel you must defend your beliefs, but the challenges faced today will blow over quickly.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone's judgment is possibly askew. Sit back and let time pass before accepting well meant advice.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be your own worst critic. Step away from negative self-conditioning by adopting a positive mantra.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It won't pay to get cross about others who are working at cross-purposes. Something that has appeared attractive might be a dud.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): No one can burst your bubble because it is like a Christmas tree ornament. A sense of well being will brighten the next few days.

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# THE ACES ON BRIDGE® Bobby Wolff

"When there is no peril in the fight, there is no glory in the triumph."

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Applying the Rule of 11 brought defensive success to Bruce Ferguson, East, in this deal from a long-ago North American Nationals in Chicago. But it also needed the cooperation of Brenda Keller, his partner, to defeat the no-trump game.

The Rule of 11 states: Subtract the value of the card led from 11 to give the number of higher cards not held by the opening leader. Seeing four hearts higher than the six, Ferguson calculated that South held just one card higher than the six. But he also knew that this rule could be applied by declarer. If Ferguson followed with his three, then, when he gained the lead to play the heart jack, South could cover that card with the king, which would result in the hearts being blocked. Accordingly, Ferguson unblocked the heart jack under dummy's queen.

South continued with the spade king, and now Keller did her part by getting rid of her queen. If South held the spade jack, she knew her queen would drop, but if partner held that card, she needed to clear her queen out of harm's way so that East would be able to win the third round of spades and play hearts through.

This precaution turned out to be necessary, as now declarer could not set up either spades or diamonds without letting East on lead to take his side's heart tricks and defeat the contract.

**NORTH** 12-26-A  
 ♠ A K 9 8 3  
 ♥ Q 8  
 ♦ 8 6 2  
 ♣ A K Q

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 4  
 ♥ A 9 7 6 2  
 ♦ J 10  
 ♣ 9 6 4 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ J 7 5  
 ♥ J 10 3  
 ♦ K Q 5  
 ♣ 10 8 5 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 10 6 2  
 ♥ K 5 4  
 ♦ A 9 7 4 3  
 ♣ J 7

Vulnerable: Neither  
 Dealer: North

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
2 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 NT	All pass	3 ♣	Pass

Opening lead: Heart six

## BID WITH THE ACES 12-26-B

South holds:

♠ 10 6 2  
 ♥ K 5 4  
 ♦ A 9 7 4 3  
 ♣ J 7

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
?		3 ♦	Pass

ANSWER: A coward would say, "I have only eight points" and bid three hearts. The average player correctly commits to game because of his fit for diamonds, knowing partner has length in that suit and needs help. The expert bids four diamonds — just in case partner was interested in slam and has four diamonds. That way he might get to the best slam — six diamonds — not six hearts.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolf," contact kay10972@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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