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A FLASH OF DISSENT



Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Students participate in an education reform flash mob Friday at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. About 40 students held signs and walked around the Eagle's Nest at the school while music from 'Requiem for a Dream' played.

Diners momentarily mobbed by education reform protesters

By Laura Lundquist
Times-News writer

Students in the college cafeteria had no idea that a public protest would force them to pause their repast.

With next week's finals looming, most students in the College of Southern Idaho's Eagle's Nest were either buried in their books or tucking into lunch Friday while holiday music blared through the sound system. Their attention focused, few appeared to notice when the "Carol of the Bells" was cut off in mid-ding. A flash mob organized by CSI education students was about to begin.

After a minute of silence, the first low cello notes of music from the movie "Requiem for a Dream" filled the room.

Suddenly, as violins began puls-



College of Southern Idaho student Mckenzie Boggs participated in the flash mob on Friday.

ing on a high note, a student at one of the tables stood on his chair and held up a sign saying, "How can

we?" Green tape covered his mouth.

Three other students at the table mounted their chairs holding more signs: "Be the voice," "Of reform," "In education?"

As bystanders began looking around in confusion, white-shirted students emerged from all directions, carrying signs dealing with education.

"No Child Left Behind Act."
"Teachers as role models."
"National curriculum standards."

They circled around the room, their mouths taped shut. Only their signs spoke. Some bore no signs but had their hands taped together as if they were imprisoned.

The music built, choral voices adding wordless notes, as the final protesters entered. Tympanis pounded to the final stanza and banged to a climactic stop.

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THE FINALISTS

Here are the six finalists seeking to fill out departing Councilman Lee Heider's term:

Joan Brawley
Kevin Cope
Christine Hernandez
Mike Mathews
Rebecca Mills Sojka
Jim O'Donnell

Council finalists chosen

By Nick Coltrain
Times-News writer

The three members of the Twin Falls City Council's search committee settled on a diverse mix of experience, age and gender for the finalists to replace state Sen. Lee Heider when he leaves the council to focus on the Legislature.

The three-member committee — Heider, Councilman Lance Clow and Mayor Don Hall, who has final say on selecting a candidate for full council approval — is expected to begin in-depth interviews next week.

Notably, the finalists for the seat include none with prior council experience. The candidates are:

- Rebecca Mills Sojka, secretary for the Twin Falls Republican Women and campaign manager for her father's, Leon Mills, successful run for Twin Fall County Commission.

- Mike Mathews, regional director for U.S. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho.

- Jim O'Donnell, a minister, former school board member tasked with shuttering a school and member of the Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board.

- Kevin Cope, vice chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Joan Brawley, a former property manager and instructor at the College of Southern Idaho. She originally sent her letter of candidacy to Heider's house, and not to the mayor as directed.

- Christine Hernandez, who

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Area lawyers, prosecutors to interview for T.F. Co. judgeship

Times-News

Seven candidates remain for the vacant magistrate judge's seat in Twin Falls County.

The 5th Judicial District Magistrates Commission released on Friday the names of the seven candidates who will interview for the seat, left open by Howard Smyser's November retirement.

Among the contenders are Gooding County Prosecutor Calvin Campbell, former Minidoka County Prosecutor Nicole Cannon, Canyon County Deputy Prosecutor Ted Fleming, former Jerome County Prosecutor Jon Nicholson and Twin Falls-based attorneys Ted Booth, Brian Harper and Lisa Rodriguez.

These seven, selected from a

candidate pool of 13, will interview in front of the 17-member committee starting at 9 a.m. Jan. 6, in the commissioners' meeting room of the Twin Falls County Courthouse. The interviews are open to the public.

The commissioners will deliberate in private immediately following the conclusion of the interviews.

The new magistrate judge will assume the bench in March. Retired Judge Barry Wood is filling in as a magistrate until that time.

While the position is appointed, magistrates must pass an 18-month probationary period and face retention elections every four years. Magistrate judges are paid \$103,680 annually and receive state employee bonuses.

Johnson, state finish relief hearing

Judge's ruling may come in March

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

The final day of convicted murderer Sarah Johnson's post-conviction relief hearing came and went without immediate resolution.

While in-court proceedings finished Friday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court, attorneys are left with the task of filing written closing arguments for Judge G. Richard Bevan to consider as part of the case file.

Bevan again noted that a ruling on whether Johnson should be re-tried for the 2003 murder of her parents won't be issued

for months. He must first comb through more than 6,000 pages of documents from her initial trial, the relief hearing and other briefs and exhibits. The result of this hearing may not come until March.

Johnson, 23, petitioned for a new trial, claiming that her counsel botched her 2005 defense. She was convicted of the 2003 slaying of her parents, Alan and Diane Johnson, at their Bellevue home.

The petition filed by Johnson's state-appointed appellate lawyer, Christopher Simms, stated that Johnson's trial attorneys should have requested a continuance to gather more evidence from the crime scene, should have established the scientific basis for a



Johnson

blood-spatter experiment, didn't present expert testimony about bed linens that Diane Johnson was found in, didn't adequately cross-examine 15 witnesses, and didn't inquire about the freshness of fingerprints not belonging to Johnson found on the murder weapon, scope, ammunition and doorknobs.

Simms also presented new evidence that, according to court documents, the alleged owner of those fingerprints is Christopher Kevin Hill, who is without an alibi for the murder night.

"She's not asking for an acquittal," Simms said, "but for the fair trial she should have had in 2005."

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Filer School Board swears in new member

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Longtime Filer resident Fred Jaynes was sworn in Wednesday to serve as the Filer School Board Zone Four trustee.

Board members selected him last month to complete the remaining few months of Eric Williams' term. Williams resigned the position for personal reasons in October.

Jaynes, who has lived in the Hollister and Filer area for 30 years, submitted his name for board consideration as a way to give back to a district that has provided his children with a quality education.

"I think the board has done a fine job over the years, especially with the new school," Jaynes said. "All five of my children graduated from Filer High School and now my grandsons attend school in the district."

Jaynes has been manager of the Farmers National Bank Shoshone Street branch office in Twin Falls for 18 years. He said he hopes his financial expertise can be a district asset in the midst of state budget cuts to education.

"School districts are going

to face some tough economic conditions and the financial part is going to be a challenge," he said "We, as citizens, have to find out ways to educate in these conditions."

His involvement with the district dates to the 1990s, when he served on the long-range planning committee that helped build the current Filer High School. He was also part of the volunteer committee that raised money to construct a high school track, has sat on several extracurricular hiring committees and is currently the announcer for Wildcat football, basketball and track and field sports events.

He already plans to run for a full three-year term in the spring. "There's a learning curve and it takes time to understand how everything works or what's needed," Jaynes said "So, yes, I'm planning on running."

In other business, the school board approved using some of approximately



Jaynes

\$900,000 in remaining school construction bond funds to upgrade educational and safety technology in the district. The money will bring technology like classroom surround sound audio systems, smart boards and document projectors used at Filer Intermediate School to the district's other schools.

"We've just seen a tremendous decrease in discipline problems with this audio technology," said Intermediate School Principal Matt Mahannah. "Students don't have trouble hearing, and parents aren't coming in concerned that teachers might be yelling at their kids."

About \$19,847 will also be earmarked for installing 32 security cameras in the high school and around campus.

"We're looking to make sure that the schools all have equal technology," Filer District Superintendent John Graham said. "The kids we are getting right now come expecting to use technology and we don't want to have a total drop-off at the other schools."

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Jerome man convicted in Utah

By Kevin Jenkins
The Spectrum (St. George, Utah)

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Jurors in the child sexual abuse trial of Jerome resident Michael David Larrabee, 53, returned guilty verdicts after a brief deliberation Friday in a Utah courtroom.

Larrabee, formerly of St. George, Utah, was found guilty on two counts of sexual abuse of a child pertaining to a now-13-year-old victim and one count of dealing in materials harmful to a minor. Jurors found Larrabee not guilty on one count of sexual abuse of a child that pertained to an alleged second victim who is 4.

The counts carry an aggravating factor because Larrabee was in a position of responsibility or special influence over the victim at the time.

Jurors announced they had a verdict at about 1 p.m. after 2 1/2 hours of deliberation.

Family members who testified for the defense broke down in tears as Judge James Shumate's clerk read the verdict about 45 minutes later. The trial pitted relatives from Larrabee's former marriages against each other, and those for the prosecution and for the defense sat on opposite sides of the courtroom aisle from each other.

Deputy County Attorney Ryan Shaum said it was a challenge to convince the jury of some elements of the

crime, such as the older child's claim she was told to affect different poses while naked as Larrabee took photos, when no such photos have been found.

"They (jurors) believed (the older child) to be credible. I'm just grateful they saw what I saw and Mr. Larrabee is being held accountable for his actions," Shaum said.

"There were things her (the victim's) brother said that were consistent with her statement," Shaum said, referring to incidents alleged to have taken place at St. George hotels during Larrabee's visits to relatives. "I think what was significant was her statement itself and her description of her experience. If someone is going to be dishonest they're going to have to be very creative or have gleaned details that a ... 13-year-old couldn't have got anywhere. She had to have experienced that."

During closing statements to the jury, defense attorney Kenneth Brown of Salt Lake City drew a contrast between modern court cases and the Salem witch trials, when women who couldn't prove they weren't guilty were burned.

"In America, we do not require people to prove their innocence. We require the state to prove they're guilty," he said, noting inconsistencies in the victim's claims of how many times the abuse had occurred.

The not-guilty count referred to a then-3-year-old child who made a single claim Larrabee had touched her genitals.

Jurors apparently agreed with Brown's assessment that "that could be as innocuous as changing a diaper."

Members of the jury declined to comment on their decision. Brown also declined comment about the verdict.

Larrabee was taken into custody by bailiffs following the verdict.

Shumate set his bail at \$50,000 and scheduled sentencing for Jan. 26.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY THURSDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Jonathan A. Lopez, 21, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, \$100 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 19.
Jonathan A. Lopez, 21, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec 17.
Jason A. Heil, 22, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, recognizance release, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 19.

Carlo Hernandez, 28, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 17.
Carlo Hernandez, 28, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, \$5,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 19.

Jeremy R. Gutierrez, 20, Twin Falls; provide false information, \$500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 19.

Sheldon James Stultz, 30, West Valley, Utah; forgery, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 17.
Charles DeWayne Sears, 48, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, \$25,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 17.

Richard Harold Adams III, 36, Fort Collins, Colo.; kidnapping-custodial interference, \$10,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 17.
Jonathan Dillard Guidi, 26, Twin Falls; attempted strangulation, \$30,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary Dec. 17.

Jonathan Dillard Guidi, 26, Twin Falls; malicious injury to property, \$1,000 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial Jan. 19.

Thomas Ed Anderson, 23; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$282.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 60 days jail, 58 suspended, two credited; failure to secure registration, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Richard Kirk Woodland, 56; driving under the influence, withheld disposition.

Ricardo Zavala Salinas, 34; attempted strangulation, dismissed by amended complaint on motion of prosecutor; domestic battery in the presence of a child (felony) amended to battery (misdemeanor), \$400 fine, \$137.50 costs, 18 months probation, 180 days jail, 179 suspended, one credited.

Nicholas Trujillo, 26; driving under the influence, \$94.50 fine, \$94.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, six months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, two credited, treatment program; failure to purchase/invalid driver's license, \$53.50 costs; contempt of court, 17 days jail

Jose L. Rodriguez-Juarez, 45; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$175.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, one credited, 20 days community service, 18 suspended; probation violation, six months probation, one day jail credited.
Gilberto Rangel Leon, 33; driving under the influence (felony) amended to driving under the influence, \$2,000 fine, \$500 suspended, \$940.50 costs, driver's license suspended 365 days, 30 months probation, 180 days jail, 170 suspended, three credited; probation violation, one day jail credited.

Jose M. Zamudio, 19; driving under the influence amended to driving under the influence (under age 21), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; driver's license violation, \$300 fine, \$137.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail suspended.

Christopher Casey Solakiewicz, Mt. Prospect, Ill. vs. Beckee Ann Solakiewicz, Rupert.

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Chinese dissident honored at Nobel ceremony

OSLO, Norway (AP) — With a large portrait of a smiling Liu Xiaobo hanging front and center, the chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee crossed the dais and gently placed the peace prize diploma and medal on an empty chair. Ambassadors, royalty and other dignitaries rose in a standing ovation.

The man they honored wasn't there Friday — he is serving an 11-year sentence at Jinzhou Prison in north-eastern China for urging sweeping changes to Beijing's one-party communist political system.

And there was no news coverage of it in China, where foreign TV news channels went black as the ceremony began and authorities denounced the award as a "political farce."

It was the first time in 74 years the prestigious



Thorbjørn Jagland, chairman of the Norwegian Nobel Committee, poses next to the Nobel diploma and Nobel medal placed on the empty chair to honor in absentia this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, jailed Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo.

\$1.4 million Nobel Peace Prize was not handed over.

Committee chairman Thorbjørn Jagland drew the first of several standing ovations from the international gathering of 1,000 guests at Oslo City Hall when he

noted that neither Liu nor his closest relatives were able to attend.

"This fact alone shows that the award was necessary and appropriate," he said. He brought the crowd to its feet again when he

declared: "He has not done anything wrong. He must be released."

China was infuriated when the Nobel committee awarded the prize to the 54-year-old literary critic, describing it as an attack on its political and legal system. Authorities have placed Liu's supporters, including his wife, Liu Xia, under house arrest to prevent anyone from picking up his prize.

After Jagland drew another standing ovation by placing the medal and diploma on Liu's empty chair, Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann read the dissident's statement, "I Have No Enemies," which he delivered in a Chinese court in 2009 before he was sentenced.

In the speech, Liu portrays the surprisingly positive and gentle nature of his correc-

tional officer while awaiting trial, which gave him hope for the future.

That "personal experience" caused him to "firmly believe that China's political progress will not stop," Ullman read. "I, filled with optimism, look forward to the advent of a future free China," she quoted Liu as saying.

Lynn Chang, a Chinese-American violinist, then performed a haunting Chinese melody, "Colorful Clouds Chasing the Moon" and "Jasmine Flowers."

But ordinary viewers in China saw none of it. Both CNN and BBC TV channels went black at 8 p.m. local time for nearly an hour, exactly when the Oslo ceremony began. Security outside Liu's Beijing apartment was heavy and several dozen journalists were herded by police to a cordoned-off area.

Toddler rescued from toy crane machine in Pa.

MCKEES ROCKS, Pa. (AP) — Authorities say a 2-year-old girl spent 15 minutes stuck inside a toy crane vending machine in a Pittsburgh-area mall.

Moon Run Fire Chief Paul Kashmer tells WPXI-TV that the girl didn't seem upset by the ordeal Wednesday night in the food court at the Mall of Robinson, in Robinson Township. Kashmer says firefighters arrived to find "the cutest little girl in a pink outfit sucking her binky inside with the other toys."

The girl apparently climbed up the chute into which the coin-operated crane drops prizes.

Kashmer used a tool to pry open a door on the machine to reach the girl.

The vending company hasn't been identified.

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Add-ons turn bill into 'Christmas tree'

Democrats, other liberals still fighting over tax-cut proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the spirit of the holiday season, President Barack Obama's tax-cut deal with Republicans is becoming a Christmas tree tinsel with gifts for lobbyists and lawmakers. But that hardly stopped the squabbling on Friday, with Bill Clinton even back at the White House pleading the president's case.

While Republicans sat back quietly, mostly pleased, Democrats and other liberals were going at each other ever so publicly. As Clinton lectured on Obama's behalf, Vermont independent Bernie Sanders castigated the agreement for the TV cameras in the mostly empty Senate chamber.

The tax deal, reached behind the scenes and still informal, now includes ethanol subsidies for rural folks, commuter tax breaks for their cousins in the cities and suburbs and wind and solar grants for the environ-

mentalists — all aimed at winning votes, particularly from reluctant Democrats.

The holiday additions are being hung on the big bill that was Congress' main reason for spending December in Washington, long after the elections that will give Republicans new power in January. The measure will extend Bush-era tax cuts, averting big tax increases for nearly all Americans, and keep jobless benefits flowing.

Republicans generally liked that agreement, worked out by Obama and GOP leaders. Democrats generally didn't, hence the add-ons.

It's all expected to come to a decisive vote next week, total cost by the latest congressional estimate: \$857.8 billion.

On Friday, there were contrasting events for public consumption.

On Capitol Hill, Sanders spoke vigorously for hours

in a virtually empty chamber, urging defeat of a measure he said would give "tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires who don't need it."

At the White House, Obama turned over the briefing room microphone to former President Clinton who declared, "I don't believe there is a better deal out there." All sides, he said, "are going to have to eat some things they don't like."

The add-ons were being attached behind the scenes.

Almost \$5 billion in subsidies for corn-based ethanol and a continuing tariff to protect against ethanol imports were wrapped up and placed on the tree Thursday night for farm-state lawmakers and agribusiness lobbyists. Environmentalists won more grants for developers of renewable energy, like wind and solar.

For urban lawmakers, there's a continuation of

about-to-expire tax breaks that could save commuters who use mass transit about \$1,000 a year. Other popular tax provisions aimed at increasing production of hybrid automobiles, biodiesel fuel, coal and energy-efficient household appliances would be extended through the end of 2011 under the new add-ons.

The package also includes an extension of two Gulf Coast tax incentive programs enacted after Hurricane Katrina to spur economic development in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama.

The ethanol money was added despite a growing congressional opposition to subsidizing the fuel after decades of government support. Last month, 17 Republican and Democratic senators wrote to leaders calling the tax breaks "fiscally indefensible," since there's already a law in place that requires ethanol be blended into gasoline.

Poll: Obama's approval ratings fall to new low

By Steven Thomma
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's approval ratings have sunk to the lowest level of his presidency, so low that he'd lose the White House to Republican Mitt Romney if the election were held today, according to a new McClatchy Newspapers-Marist poll.

The biggest reason for Obama's fall: a sharp drop in approval among Democrats and liberals, apparently unhappy with his moves toward the center since he led the party to landslide losses in November's midterm elections. At the same time, he's gained nothing among independents.

"He's having the worst of both worlds right now," said Lee Miringoff, the director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion at Marist College in New York, which conducted

the national survey. "As he moves to the center, he's not picking up support among independents and he's having some fall-off among his base. If his strategy is to gain independents and keep the Democrats in tow, it isn't working so far."

The poll was taken from Dec. 2 through Wednesday, as the president proposed a two-year freeze on federal civilian workers' pay and cut a deal with congressional Republicans to extend expiring tax cuts — even those for the wealthy, which he'd opposed.

Overall, just 42 percent of registered voters approve of how he's doing his job, while 50 percent disapprove.

Obama's standing among Democrats dropped from a month ago, with his approval rating falling to 74 percent from 83 percent, and his disapproval rating rising from 11 percent to 21 percent.



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“It says we are going to continue the Bush policy of trickle down economics for at least two more years, and in my mind, that is absurd.”
— Sen. Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent, as legislation aimed at avoiding sweeping tax increases Jan. 1 appeared headed for approval in the Senate

New CSI board members cut to the chase

CHEERS: To new College of Southern Idaho board members Bob Keegan and Jerry Kleinkopf, for confronting the real issues that face the CSI trustees head on.

In their first meeting earlier this month, the new CSI board members asked plenty of probing questions in a four-hour meeting.

The session provided an initial look at how the new trustees will approach their jobs: with a desire to learn about the college and how it’s run, along with a willingness to change or build on areas that have room for improvement.

Here’s a look at what emerged from the meeting:

• **No bylaws:** The trustees expressed an interest in putting together bylaws for the board, which has operated without such a guiding document since its inception.

President Jerry Beck said officials were informed several years ago at an Association of Community College Trustees conference that they should look into getting bylaws in place.

“Nobody could find board bylaws anywhere in the history of this institution,” said Thad Scholes, chairman of the board.

Trustees previously had started looking into the issue, but the process wasn’t completed after questions emerged about conflict-of-interest policies, Beck said.

Kleinkopf said input on the bylaws from all trustees will be crucial. Forming board bylaws is expected to take several months and include looking at what other colleges have in place.

• **Nepotism:** The board also heard a presentation from Monty Arrossa, director of human resources, about the college’s nepotism policy. The most prominent hiring decision that brought questions about nepotism to the forefront happened last year, when Kristin Beck, the college president’s daughter, became director of the CSI Mini-Cassia Center.

The policy was followed in that instance, with the college president not involved in the hiring decision or directly supervising



her, Arrossa said.

Keegan said Beck’s daughter shouldn’t have been considered for the job given the family connection, stressing it’s not personal and that he knows she’s qualified.

“The perception is not good,” he said.

• **Travel policies:** Administrators also explained how travel expenses of employees on college business are approved. When told that Beck’s travel vouchers go to Vice President of Administration Mike Mason for approval, Keegan suggested one more step. Keegan said it would be good to have the board chairman also review the documentation, saying that it’s simply “good business practice.”

Beck said he’s fine with that.

“I’d love you to compare my travel to any president in the state,” he said.

It’s a new day at CSI, thanks to the election of Keegan and Kleinkopf. Policies that worked in the past won’t continue to get a pass.

• **JEERS:** To the Idaho State Board of Education, which will once again allow Idaho’s public universities to seek tuition and fee increases of more than 10 percent.

Trustees voted 7-1 on Thursday to temporarily waive the board policy that prohibits requests for tuition increases of more than 10 percent for full-time students.

Board members stressed that the one-year waiver does not mean they will automatically approve the higher tuition and fee requests in April. Well, yes it does.

Students at Idaho universities and colleges are now paying between 8.75 percent to 9.5 percent more in tuition and fees compared to last year.

At some point the Legislature

must grow up and stop using Idaho’s institutions of higher education as an ATM for funding kindergarten-through-12th grade education and embrace to their responsibilities as stewards of Idaho higher education.

• **JEERS:** To the Payette County Planning and Zoning Commission, for biting off far more than it can chew.

The commission Thursday approved rezoning 5,000 acres from agricultural to industrial so a nuclear power plant can be built.

The Payette County P&Z has no idea what a bargain it has just struck. Eagle-based Alternative Energy Holdings Inc., which has tried and failed for years to get a nuclear plant built in Elmore County, doesn’t have the resources or the expertise to carry out its promises.

If the Payette County Commission is wise, it will recognize that reality — and soon. Otherwise, it will be very expensive lesson in reality for the county of 24,000 — courtesy of AEH.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Well-timed advice helped in time of need

My daughter left Boise on Friday (Nov. 26) morning to return to Pocatello. Before she left, her girlfriend told her to put her cell phone in her bra, which she did. She was just a few miles from Twin Falls when she rolled her car. She was badly shaken up but no really bad injuries. She was able to call for help immediately because her cell phone was still in her bra. She called 911 and got help right away.

Thank God her friend told her where to put her cell phone or she might have frozen to death.

JEANNE GIBSON
Twin Falls

investigated because anything these businesses provide can be acquired with the click of a mouse in your own home (shop locally?!)

When you finish there, run over to the library and bookstores, I saw copies of *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* and *Catcher in the Rye* recently. You can take all the objectionable written material and wrap it in a copy of the Constitution and set it ablaze, I think paper ignites at Fahrenheit 451.

P.S. Blue Lakes Boulevard from Addison to the bridge was an eyesore long before the smoke shop arrived.

DENNIS BRAUER
Twin Falls

City’s attention misdirected

Well, once again, *Morals Are Us*, a subsidiary of Big Brother International (est. 1984) has directed its enforcement arm, i.e., the Twin Falls City Council, attorney and police department, to protect us from the scourge of adult entertainment and questionable paint schemes. This ties in perfectly with the Tea Party theme of “wise use of taxpayer dollars” and “less government intrusion on our rights.”

Apparently, the crime rate in our sleepy little town is so low we can dedicate all our resources to ferret out these evildoers. By all means, you should close these businesses down and put a few more people out of work. I would suggest an investigation into CableOne, DirecTV and Dish Network for the content available on my television. All Internet providers should also be

Thanks for support for zip line project

Many of you know that the Twin Falls City Council has approved the city code amendment that will allow a zip line in the open space, that is, our Snake River Canyon (Dec. 6). Thank you everyone for your continued support and encouragement throughout our last year and a half as we have worked toward making the zip line a reality for our community.

Monday’s unanimous approval to amend the code is a vote of confidence in you! Without your input, suggestions, feedback, comments, etc., as we evolved the project plan, we would not be this far along in the process. So a special thank-you to all who have helped us come this far.

JODY TATUM
Twin Falls
(Editor’s note: *Jody Tatum works with Magic Valley Flight Simulation Inc.*)

Stuck in the middle with you

Given where we are, this tax-cut deal with the Republicans is the best President Obama could do since raising taxes in a recession would not have been a good idea and the Republicans had the votes to prevent it. But given where we need to go, this deal is just another shot of morphine to a country that needs to do things that are big and hard and still only wants to do things that are easy and small. It still feels to me as though we’re splitting the difference between the two parties, not making a difference for the country as a whole.

More than ever, America today reminds me of a working couple where the husband has just lost his job, they have two kids in junior high school, a mortgage and they’re maxed out on their credit cards. On top of it all, they recently agreed to take in their troubled cousin, Kabul, who just can’t get his act together and keeps bouncing from relative to relative. Meanwhile, their Indian nanny, who traded room and board for baby-sitting, just got accepted to MIT on a full scholarship and will be leaving them in a few months. What to do?

One strategy would be to hunker down, don’t spend a dime on anything other than food, the mortgage and paying off their credit card debts. They would get by, but there’s not much future in it. Another strategy would be to borrow against their life insurance policies to make up for the loss of income, keep living like they’re living, and hope that the husband’s job comes back before his unemployment checks run out.

A third strategy — the right one — would be to tell themselves: “You know, we’re in a totally new situation. Dad’s job isn’t coming back. If we want a better future, we need a plan to cut, save and invest all at the same time, and as wisely as we possibly can, because we’ve got no more cushion. Instead of Disney World this year, we’ll go camping in the state park and use those savings so that dad can go back and get a master’s degree. After all, unemployment among the college-educated



Thomas Friedman

is only around 5 percent. We’re also going to give up buying any new gadgets, cell phone apps or video games and use those savings to pay for extra tutoring in physics and violin for our boys. And, finally, we’re going to tell cousin Kabul that he needs to get a job, move into his own place and stand on his own two feet.”

Like our mythical family, we need a plan, not just more sugar treats. Surely the cynical quote of the week — courtesy of *The Daily Beast* — goes to Dan Bartlett, the former George W. Bush administration spokesman who was speaking about the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans that Bush “temporarily” put in place a decade ago: “We knew that, politically, once you get it into law, it becomes almost impossible to remove it. That’s not a bad legacy. The fact that we were able to lay the trap does feel pretty good, to tell you the truth.”

Bartlett offered no thoughts as to how these budget-busting tax cuts will address our country’s deficiencies today — just a high-five that in the politics of sports, the GOP just scored a goal on Obama.

We don’t seem to realize: We’re in a hole and still digging. Our educational

“Our educational attainment levels are stagnating; our infrastructure is fraying. We don’t have enough smart incentives to foster both innovation and manufacturing; we’re not importing enough talent in an age when we have to compete for jobs with low-wage but high-skilled Indians and Chinese — and we’re still piling up debt.”

attainment levels are stagnating; our infrastructure is fraying. We don’t have enough smart incentives to foster both innovation and manufacturing; we’re not importing enough talent in an age when we have to compete for jobs with low-wage but high-skilled Indians and Chinese — and we’re still piling up debt. Responding to all this will require a whole new hybrid politics for where to cut, where to save, where to invest, where to tax and where to untax. Shaping that new politics is a revolutionary role I still hope President Obama will play.

E.J. Dionne Jr., in his *Washington Post* column, quoted Rep. Tom Perriello, a Democrat of Virginia, as saying that voters are less interested in “bipartisanship” than “postpartisanship.” He explained: “What they’re looking for is someone who solves the problem, not for a solution that happens to be halfway between the two parties.”

Read Tuesday’s article in this paper about how international education experts

were stunned by the fact that students in Shanghai outscored their counterparts in dozens of other countries, in reading as well as in math and science, according to the results of the widely respected Program for International Student Assessment, which measure learning by 15-year-old students in 65 countries. Yes, Shanghai represents the best of China, but the best of China is now scoring better than anywhere else in the world. America’s 15-year-olds ranked 14th in reading skills, 17th in science and 25th in math, below the average.

Economics is not war. It can be win-win, so it’s good for the world if China is doing better. But it can’t be good for America if every time we come to a hard choice we borrow more money from a country that is not just out-saving and out-hustling us, but is also starting to out-educate us. We need a plan.

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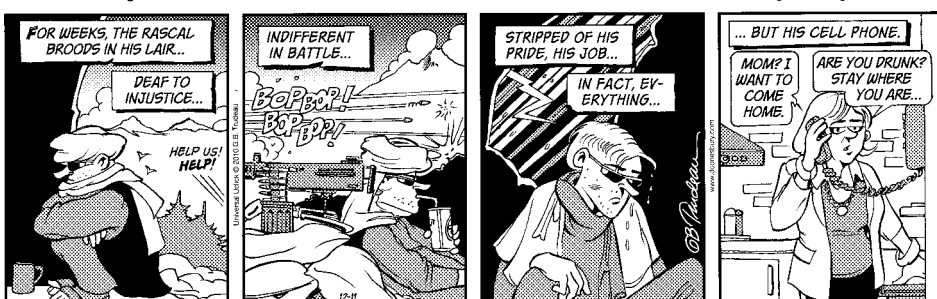
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The McVictim syndrome could kill us

Call it the McVictim syndrome. Too many pundits, public health experts and politicians are working overtime to find scapegoats for America's obesity epidemic.

In his latest book, former FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler argues that modern food is addictive. In it, he recounts how he was once helpless to stop himself from eating a cookie. In a paper in this month's *Journal of Health Economics*, University of Illinois researchers join a long list of analysts who blame urban sprawl for obesity. In November, former Carter administration adviser Amitai Etzioni argued that it's so hard for Americans to keep weight off that adults should simply give up and focus attention on the young instead.

The peak of the trend: A recently released Ohio study, using mice, suggests "fine-particulate air pollution" could be causing a rise in obesity rates.

How long before we're told that the devil made us eat it?

The McVictim syndrome spins a convenient — and unhealthy — narrative on America's emerging preventable disease crisis. McVictimization teaches Americans to think that obesity is someone else's fault — and therefore, someone else's problem to solve.

The truth: In the vast



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majority of cases, obesity is a preventable condition. So those of us in the medical community must be candid with overweight patients about the risks they face and the rewards of better health choices. But it's also time for American policymakers to show the same level of candor.

All things being equal, the simplest explanation is often the right one. And the simplest explanation for the dramatic rise in obesity rates — roughly doubling as a percentage of the total population in just a quarter-century — is the surge in our daily caloric intake. Excess food now, excess weight later. And Americans won't make better choices if the McVictim syndrome provides a convenient excuse to carry on as before.

Obesity is preventable, but its consequences seem difficult to avoid. Consider that the cost of treating resulting conditions such as diabetes is about 7 percent of all U.S. health care spending — and a significant drain on federal and state budgets. Obesity is a national security threat because it severely limits the pool of military recruits; in 2009, the Pentagon indicat-

ed that since 2005, 48,000 potential troops had flunked their basic physical exams because they weighed too much. Most important, obesity is a human threat, destroying otherwise healthy lives and increasing personal health costs, all for the sake of a few daily moments of instant gratification.

For these reasons, there is a role for government to play in attacking obesity. Public policy can help. School lunch programs shouldn't push our children toward obesity at taxpayers' expense. We should stop subsidizing agribusinesses; many are using taxpayer dollars to produce and market unhealthy foods. We should promote insurance reforms that support preventive medicine.

But we must also launch a direct attack on the philosophy behind the McVictim syndrome. Policymakers must accept the fact that a poor diet is almost always a poor personal choice.

Encouraging Americans to cut their dietary health risks is a responsible act of citizenship. And it's absurd to pretend that Americans are helpless to make that choice — or that it's too late for them to reap the benefits. Contrary to claims like Etzioni's, even a modest, voluntary improvement in the average American diet could pay huge dividends.

Just as a little more weight causes more damage over time, a little less weight

can produce dramatic health benefits. To take one example, a study cited in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* found that obese patients on a program of mild weight loss and modest exercise cut their odds of getting diabetes by as much as 60 percent. Imagine the benefits that would flow from keeping millions of future Medicare recipients from ever needing an insulin prescription.

The McVictim syndrome is far too prevalent, which promotes the notion that regulations and laws are the primary solution to the problem. But governments can't micromanage your waistline for you. Even if governments could magically walk you to work, ban food advertising, regulate sugar out of food and suck those fat particles out of the air, in a free society you would still have the power to drive to the nearest restaurant, shake your salt shaker and order a second piece of pie.

That's why understanding — and rejecting — the McVictim culture is crucial to obesity reduction policy. And the first step in that process is to reject the temptation to find an easy scapegoat.

David Gratzner is a physician and a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. He wrote this commentary for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Immigrants can pass this test; can you?

All right people, take out a pen and sheet of paper because today you will take a 10-question quiz about your country and its government.

After you have answered the questions, I'd like you to give this short test to some of your neighbors, friends or co-workers to see how well they do. Ready?

1. *The Federalist Papers* are often injected into public discourse these days. Who wrote the papers, and what pen name was used by the authors when they were published?
2. What year was the Constitution written?
3. How many amendments does the Constitution have, and how many of the amendments are about who can vote?
4. What were the 13 original states?
5. Who becomes president of the United States if both the president and vice president are unable to serve?
6. Who was president during World War I?
7. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
8. Why does the flag have 13 stripes?
9. Name the U.S. territories.
10. How many U.S. states border Mexico? How many border Canada?

Pretty simple, huh?

Especially for all you patriots who pride yourselves on your knowledge of the Constitution and American history.

But my guess is many of you did not make 100 percent on this quiz, not without looking up some answers.

What if I told you that thousands upon thousands of immigrants to this country can answer these questions and that many of them know more about U.S. history and government than a lot of native-born citizens?

These questions are from a study guide — complete with booklet, audio CD and large attractive flash cards — prepared by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

People from countries all over the world continue to



Bob Ray Sanders

work hard to gain U.S. citizenship despite the anti-immigration sentiment that seems to be sweeping the country.

Those seeking naturalization are asked up to 10 questions from the list of 100 in the study guide, and they must answer at least six to pass the civics tests. They also must pass an English speaking and reading test, unless they are exempted under age and permanent residency provisions.

Last year, more than 743,000 people became naturalized citizens, which was down 300,000 from the year before, according to a report by the Office of Immigration Statistics of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security. There had been a spike in applications beginning in 2007 in order to beat a significant fee increase and in response to a push to get eligible immigrants to become citizens.

"Asia has been the leading region of origin of new citizens in most years since 1976," the report said. Prior to the 1970s, Europe was the continent of origin for most naturalized Americans.

In terms of birth countries of new U.S. citizens last year, Mexico led with 111,630 (15 percent), followed by India with 52,889 (7.1 percent), the Philippines with 38,934 (5.2 percent), China with 37,130 (5 percent) and Vietnam with 31,168 (4.2 percent).

Many of the immigrants' stories are inspiring, but I was especially moved last month when the USCIS issued a statement noting that, in fiscal year 2010, citizenship was granted to 11,146 members of the U.S. armed forces at ceremonies in the United States and 22 foreign countries.

By the way, if you had problems answering the questions in the quiz, send me an e-mail. Or just ask an immigrant who is now a naturalized citizen.

Bob Ray Sanders is a columnist for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Ask, tell, just don't get married

Is Christmas coming early for America's gay community?

In an odd bit of scheduling, the nation's two biggest anti-gay-discrimination fights are in the spotlight at about the same time. Last week, the Pentagon issued the report of its "don't ask, don't tell" study commission, which supported a repeal of the 1993 statute that excludes openly gay people from military service. The Defense Department is now on record as saying that allowing gay people to serve openly would not undermine national security.

On Monday, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit heard an appeal in the California same-sex marriage case Perry v. Schwarzenegger, in which the trial judge ruled that excluding lesbian and gay couples from civil marriage laws is unconstitutional. If the appeals court agrees, the Supreme Court will grant a review; if the justices went along, same-sex marriage would be constitutionally required in all states.

The fight to end national discriminations against gay people features the ACLU and other stalwart progressive voices, but they are joined by a remarkable range of people. Ted Olson, solicitor general under President George W. Bush, will help argue the case for same-sex marriage in Perry, and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the secretary of defense are both calling for repeal of the "don't ask, don't tell" law.

Both debates have become less about righting wrongs or redressing inequality and more about the symbolism of how we define our great national institutions. And in the United States, contests over our cherished institutions are the most contentious. For that reason, we will see one of these discriminatory policies topple well before the other.

When the nation is intensely and evenly divided on a symbolic issue, neither Congress nor the president nor the Supreme Court will usually insist upon a decisive resolution — especially when it is clear that the People are still making up our collective mind.

This generation is witnessing the same process toward gay equality that the last generation saw for racial equality. Because shifts in symbolic politics are driven



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by changes in people's attitudes, they do not happen quickly, and they may come at different speeds for different issues.

Gays will serve openly in the military before there will be universal recognition of same-sex marriage — just as the armed forces were racially integrated well before there was universal recognition of mixed-race marriage. One reason for the disparity is that marriage laws are set state by state, so nationwide recognition of gay marriage is unlikely until the Supreme Court imposes it as a constitutional matter.

A deeper reason is that cultural attitudes toward the military and marriage have changed in ways that make the former more open to lesbians, gay men and bisexuals. Long a proving ground for manhood and masculinity, the modern military has been increasingly professionalized and gender-integrated. For the most part, Americans expect results from our armed forces. A growing number of people realize that including gay troops doesn't disrupt military

operations, as the Pentagon's recent survey shows, and large majorities now favor gays serving openly.

So, although political polarization may doom the repeal of "don't ask, don't tell" this year, equal treatment for gay troops is likely in the next several years.

It will take longer for the entire country to endorse marriage equality. Marriage has dramatically liberalized in the past generation. It no longer has a monopoly on sexual relations and child-rearing, as unmarried couples increasingly live together and raise children together. Additionally, unilateral no-fault divorce has made marriage much easier to exit. Many Americans want no more changes to this cherished but declining institution.

Moreover, a number of parents still romanticize marriage as a powerful symbol of commitment to family. They fear that marriage equality might dilute that symbol as an inspiration for the next generation of Americans, as well as for their own children. Though lesbian and gay couples conceive and raise children in increasing numbers, for now this is a strong concern for many tolerant Americans.

Same-sex marriage has been a harder sell partly for those reasons. I do not

believe that the Supreme Court would resolve the Perry case by recognizing a constitutional entitlement to same-sex marriage. The plaintiffs may prevail on narrow grounds, but national recognition of same-sex marriage is probably not within reach during this decade.

Americans are much closer to a consensus for full equality in military service, and that issue will be resolved first. And within 15 years, there will probably be full legal equality for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals in the United States. Just not today.

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Permit approved for Buhl anaerobic digester

By Blair Koch
Times-News writer

They planned for a party and nobody came.

On Thursday, the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing for Swager Farms Dairy's special use permit application to construct an anaerobic digester and electrical generation system on its Buhl dairy facility.

The commission assumed more people would show

than could be accommodated in its Third Avenue East location, so it moved the hearing across the street to the Twin Falls City Council Chambers.

Other than those associated with the project, and the commission itself, just a couple of residents attended the hearing, none voicing an opinion on the project.

After hearing the presentation by project officials, the commission unanimously voted in favor of the permit.

Dairy owner Dean Swager said he was "ecstatic" with

the commission's approval.

"It's great. I want to be proactive. As far as regulations go, I want to be ahead of things," Swager said. "Above all, I want to be a good neighbor."

The permit will allow the modification of the dairy's existing waste-handling facility and allow construction of the digester.

Although the project's plan indicated the system could be built to accommodate waste from additional dairies and other energy-producing

waste products, the commission only permitted the use of manure supplied by the dairy.

It also mandated the dairy keep its existing manure management system in place.

Swager operates with a permitted 5,040 animal units; milking nearly 3,200 cows, maintaining about 380 dry cows and housing more than 300 calves onsite.

As the dairies have grown, so have their odor, said Guy Sulsmeier with Wisconsin-based Northern BioGas,

which is designing the digester system based on European technology.

Sulsmeier said Europe has about 3,000 similar systems, compared with Idaho's three.

The expected kilowatts to be produced onsite wasn't released but Sulsmeier said it would be enough to supply power to 3,000 homes.

The electricity generated will be sold to Idaho Power Co., as the digester is a qualifying facility under the provisions of the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies

Act of 1978.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission approved Idaho Power's request to enter into a power sales agreement with Swager partner Middleton-based New Energy Two developer in July.

The expected electrical output from the Swager digester is 648 megawatt hours per month, with a sales rate in the first year of \$75.65 per MW hour. The rate gradually increases over the 15 years of the contract to \$128.31 per MW hour.

U of I bookstore joins trend renting textbooks

MOSCOW (AP) — The University of Idaho Bookstore has joined a growing number of campus retailers offering textbook rentals as a way to help students cut costs.

"I suspect it would be a fast-growing part of our business," bookstore manager John Bales told the *Moscow-Pullman Daily News*.

Associate manager Larry Martin said the store offered more than 300 different textbook titles for rent this semester, and about 1,300 total copies were rented out.

If a book costs \$100 new and \$75 used, it could cost about \$45 to rent the used copy for the semester.

Martin said if the rental program is a success, it's possible the number of books available through it will expand.

"If we get the word out, maybe more students would take advantage of it," Martin said.

Jacob Grinestaff, a sophomore electrical engineering student, said a physics textbook he needs costs about \$220, but he plans to rent the book for about \$60.

Bales said the school uses wholesale providers to get the books.

"The publishers still hold the key to pricing," he said. "It's driven by the owners of the content."

Faculty members control what content they teach and books they assign. One of the store's wholesale suppliers selects which books to offer as rentals based on demand.

Diners enjoy nighttime ambiance at Roundhouse

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — There's a new light emanating from Bald Mountain, along with the snow groomers that till its slopes all night long.

The historic Roundhouse Restaurant opened for dinner Friday evening, offering a dining experience 7,700 feet high.

"The food is fabulous. The nighttime views are fantastic," said Greenhorn Gulch resident Martine Drackett as she savored a braided puff pastry salmon fillet with sauce beurre rouge. "And where else can you go to dinner on a gondola?"

The opportunity to open the Roundhouse for dinner was one of the factors that led Sun Valley to build its multi-million dollar gondola last year even as a severe recession squelched such projects at other North American resorts.

But after spending millions of dollars to refurbish the Roundhouse and build the gondola, the resort's hopes of opening the restaurant for evening dining were dashed, in part because there was no restroom that complied with the Americans with Disabilities Act on the restaurant level.

"We were looking at a scenario where we would have to cut 20 feet off the hill that the restaurant sat on, tear down the Roundhouse and build a new restaurant. And that would have been a horrible mistake," said Wally Huffman, who was Sun Valley's general manager when the project started.

But Forest Service officials decided to allow the Roundhouse to open for dinner this winter as an



Photos by KAREN BOSSICK/For the Times-News
JoAnn Levy, left, and Lauren Huffman, who decorated the formerly dark ceiling at the Roundhouse with snowflake and willow panels and other elk chandeliers, enjoy a glass of wine by a fireplace in the newly opened restaurant.



Diners enjoy a meal at the Roundhouse, which opened in 1940. It was built as an afterthought after Union Pacific workers erected the first lift on Bald Mountain for \$20,000 less than budgeted.

But Forest Service officials decided to allow the Roundhouse to open for dinner this winter as an

extension of Sun Valley's existing permit. And Sun Valley obliged by building an ADA-compliant restroom—complete with the marble trimmings of so many of its other restrooms—for those who didn't want to go downstairs to the 1970s and 1940s-circa restrooms built outside the restaurant.

Sun Valley also upgraded its electrical system to boost the kitchen power, to allow elk chandeliers to light up the timber-beamed ceiling and to light the outer ring of the restaurant, which has relied on sunlight for its lighting

See **DINERS**, Business 2

Ex-cowboy chases his dream to make fine wine

By Jan Falstad
Billings Gazette

For his third career, Clint Peck is making the ultimate jump from a cowboy and writer to winemaker.

At least now he can consume his creations.

Peck, a fourth-generation rancher whose great-grandfather moved to Montana in 1881 and started the town of Roy, north of Grass Range, has opened the first winery in Billings.

On the advice of several local businessmen who told him to start with enough money and to stay focused, he "threw his shoulder into" creating his boutique Yellowstone Cellars & Winery.

"I sold my house. I sold my cows," Peck said. "I even sold my Harley!"

With those from-the-heart funds and a U.S. Small Business Administration loan from Yellowstone Bank, Peck bought a half-acre on the old nightly rodeo grounds off Muldowney Lane, drew up rough building plans and started corralling the required federal, state and local licenses. He hired an architect to finalize his plans and then commissioned S Bar S Building Center to build his winery.

Yellowstone Cellars & Winery, offering "Serious wines from Big Sky Country," opened in early December.

This wasn't just a lark.

After making hobby wines for years, Peck took professional courses in wine making and tasting and studied

See **WINE**, Business 2

Wyoming officials say yes to Teton land sale to feds

By Mead Gruver
Associated Press writer

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — The state land board on Thursday approved selling 2 square miles of property within Grand Teton National Park to the federal government for \$107 million in a deal that would be completed in four phases over three years.

The proposal next goes to the Wyoming Legislature for approval, although Gov. Dave Freudenthal doubted lawmakers would vote against the plan and undo

months — and in a sense, years — of negotiations with the Interior Department.

"Negotiating is always slow, but I'm glad that we got it done," the governor said. "This is a reasonable deal."

The state Board of Land Commissioners, made up of the top five statewide elected officials, voted 4-0 for the plan. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jim McBride was not present.

Less certain is whether

See **LAND**, Business 2

Businesses can get a holiday gift — tax deductions

NEW YORK — Business owners get a gift from the government when they celebrate the holidays with employees and customers: tax deductions!

Parties, dinners and gifts are all deductible expenses. There is a bit of Uncle Scrooge, though, in Uncle Sam. There are limits on how much you can deduct.

ENTERTAINING CLIENTS, CUSTOMERS

The government has a 50 percent limit on the amount you can deduct for taking clients or customers

SMALL TALK
Joyce M. Rosenberg



out to dinner or to events like a Lakers game or Broadway show. It has another rule that says the main purpose of the dinner or event must be "the active conduct of business." And that as a result of the event, "you had more than a general expectation of getting income or some other specific benefit at some future time."

So, technically, if you got together with a client or customer just to foster a good relationship but you didn't discuss a specific project or contract, the occasion isn't deductible.

Of course, if you're at the theater, it's pretty hard to seal that deal. But the government does allow deductions for events that are directly before or after what the IRS calls a substantial business discussion. So if you talk about that contract at dinner and then see a show, the entire evening is deductible.

Be aware though, the government isn't going to

allow you to deduct the cost of a meal or event that's considered lavish. What is lavish? The IRS says the cost of a meal or event must be "reasonable based on the facts and circumstances." A \$200 dinner bill in Manhattan may not be lavish, but it might be in a small town in the Midwest.

Very often a business owner and client will bring spouses along for a dinner. The IRS won't allow their meals to be deducted unless you can show there was a clear business purpose for including them.

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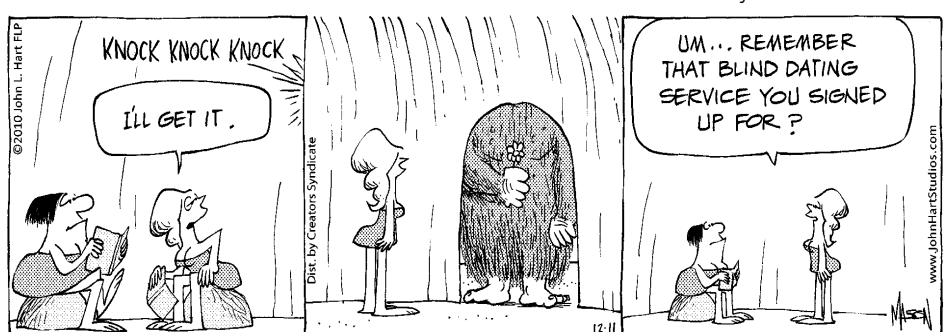
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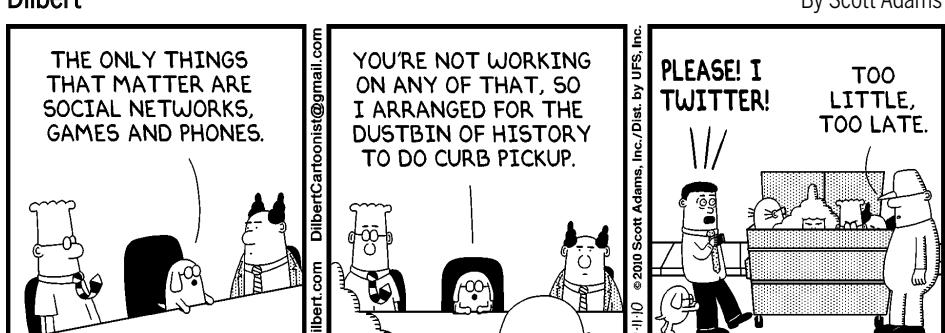
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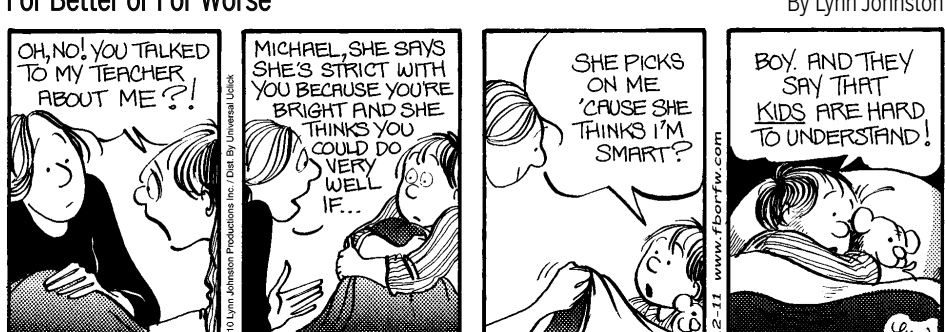
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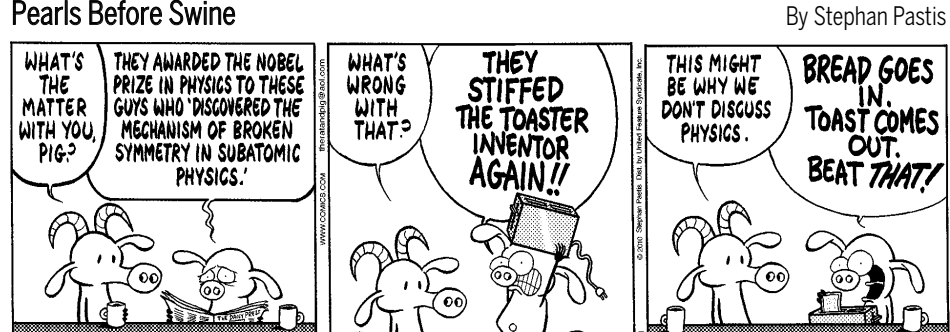
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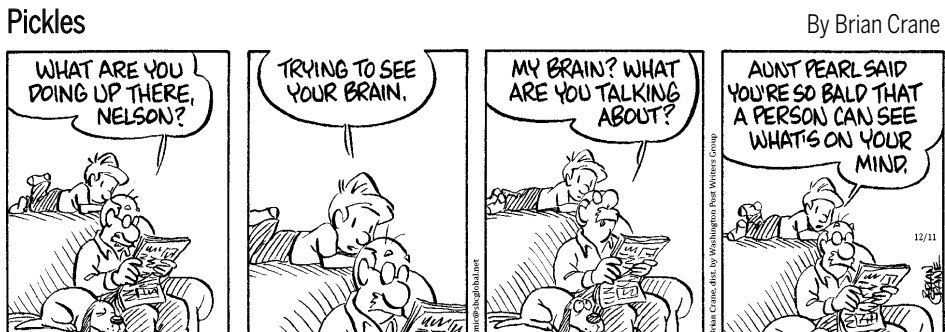
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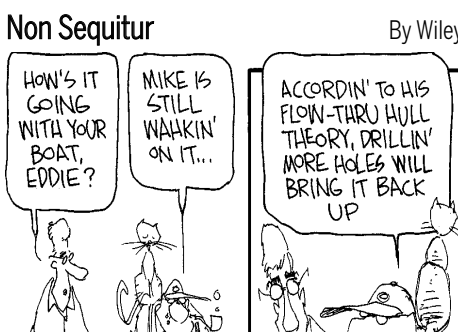
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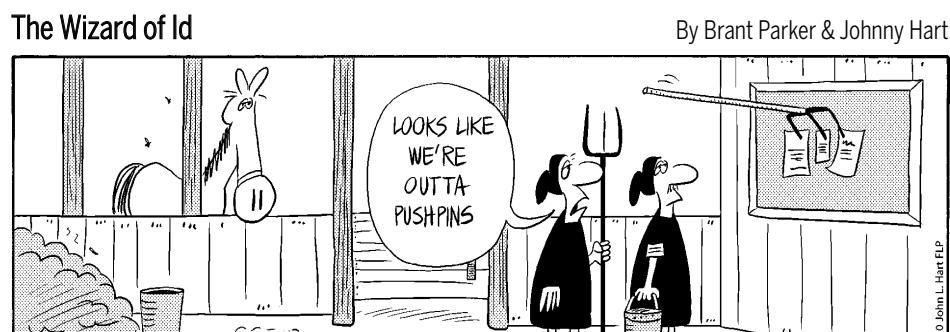
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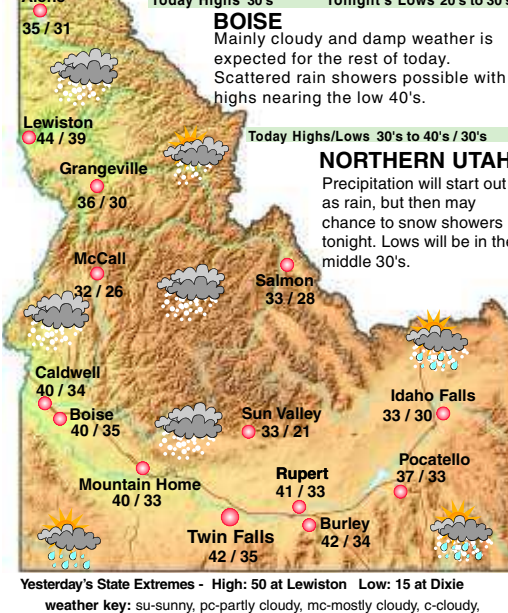
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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Light snow is likely with some accumulation by tonight. Temperatures will be chilly and in the lower 30's this afternoon.



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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table showing 5-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, including temperature ranges and weather descriptions.

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset. Includes data for Yesterday's High/Low, Normal High/Low, Record High/Low, and daily sunrise/sunset times.

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Table showing regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Bonners Ferry, Burley, Challis, Coeur d'Alene, Elko, Eugene, Gooding, Grace, Hagerman, Halley, Idaho Falls, Kalispell, Jerome, Lewiston, Malad City, Malta, McCall, Missoula, Pocatello, Portland, Rupert, Rexburg, Richland, Rogerson, Salmon, Salt Lake City, Spokane, Stanley, Sun Valley, and Yellowstone.

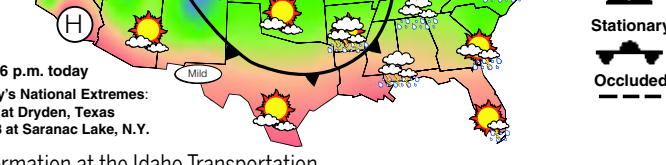
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 6 p.m. today. Yesterday's National Extremes: High: 83 at Dryden, Texas. Low: -18 at Saranac Lake, N.Y.

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Table showing Canadian forecasts for various cities including Calgary, Cranbrook, Edmonton, Kelowna, Lethbridge, Regina, Saskatoon, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg.

NAACP plans protest of Charleston 'Secession Gala'

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The NAACP on Friday announced plans to protest an event marking the 150th anniversary of South Carolina's secession from the Union, decrying it as a celebration of slavery. Lonnie Randolph, the president of the state's chapter of the civil rights organization, said the signing of the Ordinance of Secession should not be celebrated, so it will lead a

Dec. 20 protest and march outside the planned Secession Gala in Charleston. The gala is separate from activities planned by the National Park Service and other groups to mark the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People doesn't mind events observing Civil War anniversaries, but a gala is disrespectful, Randolph said. He noted that Tuesday marked the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor: "We don't observe that as a celebration." He also likened it to a gala celebrating Hitler's anti-Semitic edicts, the Nazis' rounding up of Jews bound for death camps, or the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. Sons of Confederate Veterans commander Mark Simpson said the NAACP

has a right to protest. He contends that the event commemorates a push for states' rights that brought the country to war. "We have no animosity toward that group or toward anyone," Simpson said. The gala is staged by the Confederate Heritage Trust, which includes Sons of Confederate Veterans chapters. "The secession of South Carolina was really the central focal point that started the secession of the states," he said. "In the minds of certain groups or certain people in America, it's politically incorrect. To us it's part of our nature and our culture and our heritage. I don't really get upset about it or pay attention to the naysayers." The NAACP's Randolph agreed the Civil War was about states' rights. "The states wanted the right to buy and sell human cargo, and that human cargo happened to be people that looked primarily like we do, and even some of us here have ancestors who fell into the ugly, ugly claws of that system," he said. The planned protest is set to start on the afternoon of Dec. 20 with picketing at hotels in downtown Charleston where gala attendees are staying.

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Bruins blow past Burley, prepare for Middleton

By Ryan Howe
Times-News writer

It would have been easy for Twin Falls to look past Burley on Friday night.

After all, reigning state champ Middleton is coming to town tonight for a clash of Class 4A heavyweights.

But the No. 1-ranked Bruins made sure to take care of their Great Basin Conference business first, thrashing the Bobcats 44-12.

"We took this game seriously, being a conference game," said Twin Falls senior Alexin Clark. "We did so well that (today) I think we're going to be ready to come out."

Despite today's big game with the third-ranked Vikings, the Bruins were able to maintain enough focus to down Burley despite a cold-shooting first half.

"We couldn't throw it in the ocean in the first half, but the girls did a good job of continuing to take shots that were created out of our offense," said Twin Falls coach Nancy Jones.

Twin Falls (8-0, 2-0 GBC) led 43-8 in the third quarter and was able to rest its starters in the fourth.

Meanwhile, slow starts continue to be a concern for Burley (2-7, 1-2) as it



Twin Falls guard Allie Kelsey drives past Burley's Chelsea Baker Friday night at Twin Falls High School.

has scored just seven first-quarter points in its last two games combined.

Twin Falls senior Allie Kelsey outscored Burley by herself, pouring in

12 of her game-high 19 points as she took over the third quarter.

See **BRUINS**, Sports 2

Brooks scores 27 to lead CSI men past Salt Lake

Times-News

In October, Jerrold Brooks told College of Southern Idaho men's basketball coach Steve Gosar he loved shooting in the Salt Lake Community College gymnasium.

Friday, when the games started to count, he showed the Bruins how much he loved it.

Brooks sank seven 3-pointers and scored a game-high 27 points as No. 12 CSI built a big lead and held on to top Salt Lake 81-78 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference opener for both teams.

He hit five treys in the first half, including two in the first 50 seconds of the game. But there was none bigger than the one he buried from the corner with 1:27 left after Salt Lake (10-2, 0-1 Scenic West) had whittled CSI's 15-

point lead down to one.

"J.B. loves big games. I can see it in his eyes. He wants to be challenged. He wants to play against the best, and he came out tonight and had a sense of purpose," Gosar told 1450 AM KEZJ. "The focus he had tonight ... nothing bigger than that 3-ball in the corner when they were cutting into the lead. It just took the wind out of their sails."

Patrick McCollum had a chance to tie the game with 4 seconds left for the Bruins, but his 3-point bid rattled off the iron. CSI guard Darius Smith rebounded the ball and flung it into the Golden Eagle frontcourt to run the game. But there was remaining time off the clock.

The Golden Eagles (13-1, 1-0) led 60-45 with a little more

See **CSI MEN**, Sports 4



Turnovers and defense plague CSI women in loss

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team is used to forcing turnovers. On Friday the Golden Eagles were in a giving mood.

No. 12 CSI committed 23 turnovers and shot just 32.8 percent from the floor as No. 25 Salt Lake Community College handled the Golden Eagles 66-52 in the Scenic West Athletic Conference opener for both teams in Salt Lake City.

When CSI forced turnovers (29 times) it made it an easier game. But Salt Lake picked the Eagles apart in the half-court, shooting 45.8 percent from the floor and crashing the glass for a 42-30 advantage - 27-14 in the first half.

"That was a big key," CSI coach Randy Rogers told 1450 AM KEZJ. "We were forcing a bunch of turnovers but they were

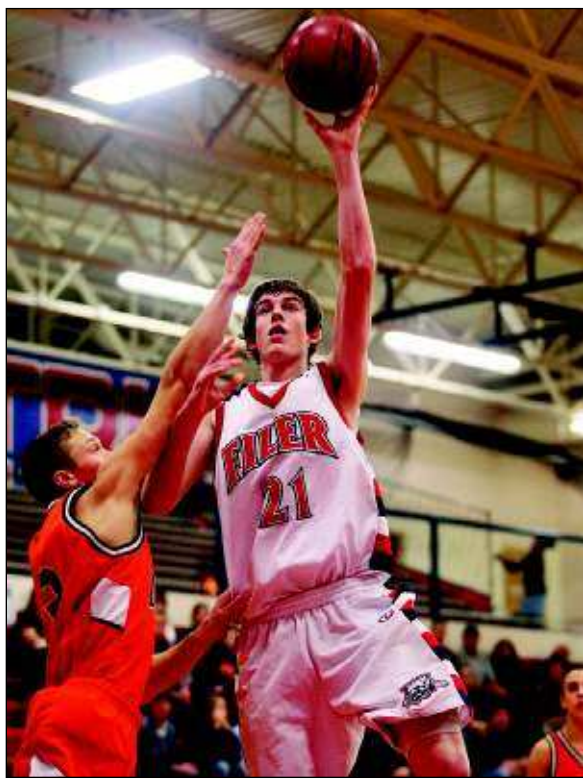
getting so many more possessions. When you give up those offensive rebounds it just devastates you."

CSI (10-2, 0-1 Scenic West) trailed by six at half-time and by just five midway through the second half. But back-to-back turnovers keyed an 8-0 Salt Lake run that pushed the gap to 48-35 and the game was effectively over.

Haley Holmstead and Jami Mokofisi each had 18 points for the Bruins. Mokofisi scored 14 of hers in the first half, while Holmstead scored 13 after the break. Sofia Hepworth added 13 points and six assists for Salt Lake (8-2, 1-0), while Alli Blake had eight to go with 14 rebounds.

For CSI, Laurel Kearsley had 13 points while Fanny Cavallo added 11 to go with six rebounds. But the flat effort disappointed Rogers.

See **CSI WOMEN**, Sports 4



Filer's Jared Allen shoots the ball over Declo's Seth Baker Friday night at Filer High School.

Hornets out-defensed by Filer Wildcats, 48-34

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

FILER — A combination of good defense by Filer and an off shooting night by Declo resulted in a 48-34 win by the Wildcats.

The Hornets struggled at a 28 percent mark for field goals and 23 percent beyond the arc for the game.

"Neither team shot the ball very well in the first half," said Filer coach Allen Kelsey. "Declo is a good team and we know that they are usually capable of scoring. We came out after the break with a spurt and took control of the second half."

The Wildcats wanted to be sure they bounced back after losing a tough game to Twin

Falls Thursday night, and not suffer a second straight loss.

"We came out and played hard," said Andrew Peterson, who had a team-high 10 rebounds. "We wanted to throw the first punch because we sure didn't like losing last night. We had a good defensive effort by everybody tonight. Defense is the most important part of the game."

Jared Allen led all players with a game-high 13 points for the Wildcats (3-2).

"We lacked the intensity on defense, especially in the third and fourth quarter," said Declo coach Dee Lewis. "And we sure didn't shoot the ball very well."

The Hornets came into the game wanting to do more

See **HORNETS**, Sports 2

BSU's Moore goes from small town to Heisman finalist

By Tim Booth
Associated Press writer

Kellen Moore's childhood coaches remember him spending his free time scouring the Internet for any information about offensive game plans.

He played video games, not only trying to make the sweetest spin moves but also with an eye toward how the plays were designed, different formations and what options might be open against a certain defense.

"He always loved watching film and studying football," his father Tom Moore said in 2008.

By the time he was a freshman in high school, Moore was already calling his own plays.

Even coming from the little Prosser, Wash., the record-setting Boise State quarterback seemed destined to be great.

But a finalist for the Heisman Trophy?

"Yeah, I don't know if anybody knew he was going to be this special," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said.

IF YOU WATCH

2010 Heisman Trophy Presentation
6 p.m., ESPN

When Moore arrives in New York for today's Heisman Trophy presentation, he'll enter a rarified fraternity of finalists from non-Bowl Championship Series schools. Since BYU's Ty Detmer won the honor in 1990 only seven players from outside the big six conferences in college football have even finished in the top five in Heisman voting, the last being Hawaii's Colt Brennan, who was third in 2007.

Last season Moore finished seventh and became the second Boise State player to finish in the top 10 of the voting, joining Ian Johnson in 2006.

"It's amazing, you go from little old Prosser and before you know it you're having the opportunity to go to New York for really the greatest possible award in college football," Moore said this week. "It's amazing how a few years can provide so

"Every time I put the tape on, even when I watch him play, I go 'Wow, I forgot about that.' There's obviously some smart football people that are watching and voting on these things. If everyone got our game film and was watching him with a fine-toothed comb they'd be even more impressed."

— Boise State coach Chris Petersen

many opportunities."

While most of the focus this year has centered on Heisman favorite Cam Newton, Moore has efficiently put together another remarkable year that by the end will likely surpass his nearly flawless sophomore season in almost every category.

In 12 games, Moore has thrown for 3,506 yards, 33 touchdowns and only five interceptions. While he doesn't lead the country in any one category, Moore ranks in the top 10 in six different categories — ahead of Newton and Stanford's Andrew Luck in five of the six.

The only passing stat where Moore trails Newton:

pass efficiency rating. Newton is at 188.16. Moore is at 185.0.

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With a year to go, Moore already owns most of the Boise State record books. He's the school's all-time leader in yards passing (10,528), completions (803), touchdown passes (97) and



Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore passes during a Nov. 26 game against Nevada in Reno, Nev.

AP photo

See **MOORE**, Sports 5

Resurgent Army looks to end Navy dominance

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rich Ellerson is sponsoring a cadet from Slovenia at West Point, and Thanksgiving only validated what Army's second-year coach has long known.

"His family came to visit. It was only their second time in the country," Ellerson said. "Only the dad speaks a little bit of English. They don't know football from third base. They'd never been to West Point before, and they drive through the Thayer Gate. By the time they get to our house, they don't know anything about football, but they know we better beat Navy."

Easier said than done, of course.

"All they had to do was drive down the street and look at the front of everybody's house," Ellerson continued. "They're not sure what the heck that means, but they know we better beat Navy. Our guys have clearly grown up with that."

Have they ever. And it's been a little too painful for far too long at West Point.

The programs meet on

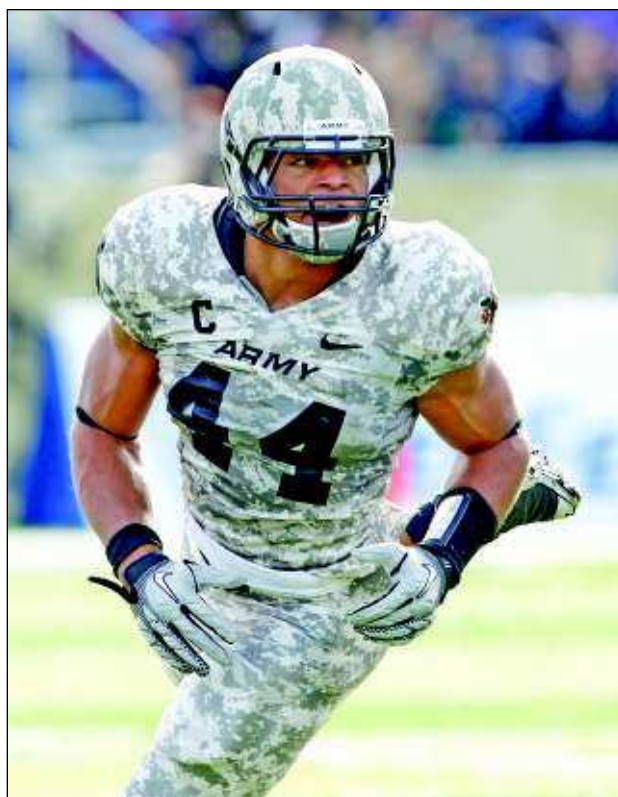
Saturday at Lincoln Financial Field in yet another installment of this proud rivalry, and none of these Black Knights has experienced the exhilaration of beating Navy. The Midshipmen, in fact, have defeated Army eight straight times and hold a 54-49-7 advantage in the series. Last year, Navy won, 17-3.

But you wouldn't know it by listening to Army. The Black Knights (6-5), after all, are bowl bound for the first time in 14 years, and as a result, they are brimming with confidence.

"We're a better team (than last year)," senior defensive end Josh McNary said. "We will redeem ourselves. We will win. There is no next time for us. It's the last game."

Give credit to McNary, who has 27½ sacks and 48½ tackles for loss in his career, both program bests at West Point, for having the right mindset. But it's going to take more than words to right this ship.

Navy's streak is the longest in the series by either



AP photo

Army defensive end Josh McNary, pictured during an Oct. 30 game against Virginia Military Institute, will lead the Black Knights as they try to end an eight-game losing streak to Navy today in Philadelphia.

academy, and began with a 58-12 rout in 2002. The scores that followed aren't pretty, either: 34-6, 42-13,

42-23, 26-14, 38-3, 34-0 and the aforementioned 17-3.

"Clearly, this (beating Navy) is something that's been missing in their time here, something that they can't wait for another opportunity to right the balance sheet, if you will," Ellerson said. "Eight is enough."

Take a closer look, and it's even more impressive. The Middies (8-3) have surrendered just six points over the last three games and have not allowed a touchdown since the fourth quarter of the 2006 game.

Ouch! "We talk about it all the time," Navy senior cornerback Kevin Edwards said. "That's what we live for, not giving up points. If we can go this week and not give up a touchdown again, I think that would make the win even sweeter."

It looms as a more difficult task this time, though.

In less than two years, Ellerson has transformed Army into a winner again. For the first time in 14 years, the Navy game won't end

the season for the Black Knights, who will play SMU in the Armed Forces Bowl in Dallas on Dec. 30. Navy also will play in the postseason, against San Diego State in the Poinsettia Bowl on Dec. 23.

A year ago, Army led Navy 3-0 at halftime and the Black Knights forced three fumbles and limited the Midshipmen to 191 yards of total offense. This year, as they try to build off that, sophomore quarterback Trent Steelman has the experience of playing two full years as the Army starter. Also, the Black Knights are healthy after a long layoff.

And maybe, just maybe, Navy is susceptible this year. Despite the heroics of quarterback Ricky Dobbs — he has rushed for 40 touchdowns over the last two years, an NCAA quarterback record over consecutive seasons — Navy's service-academy supremacy ended this year. Air Force beat both Navy and Army to claim the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy that the Middies had held for seven straight years.

Newton says he's not disappointed in Cecil

NEW YORK (AP) — Cam Newton and the other finalists for the Heisman Trophy strolled into the room together, posed for a couple of photos with the big bronze statue, then spread out to separate tables to speak with reporters.

Andrew Luck, LaMichael James and Kellen Moore looked a little lonely.

The Auburn quarterback certainly draws a crowd these days.

Newton sat back in a leather desk chair, frequently flashed a big grin and casually answered questions from about a dozen reporters for 14 minutes Friday, the day before he's expected to win the Heisman.

Newton said he was not disappointed in his father, even though the NCAA believes Cecil Newton tried to get Mississippi State to pay him in exchange for his son playing there. The star QB was disappointed that his dad decided not to attend the Heisman ceremony on Saturday night.

"It hurts, but that's a decision that he made," Cam Newton said.

Newton has stayed an overwhelming favorite to win the Heisman, even though he played much of the season's final month with a scandal developing around him.

The week before the Southeastern Conference championship the NCAA announced that Cecil Newton tried to pull off a play-for-pay scheme with Mississippi State, but there was no evidence that his son or Auburn knew about it. The NCAA decided Cam Newton would be allowed to play, but his father's access to Auburn athletics would be limited. The sports governing body has left open the possibility that Cam Newton's status could change if new evidence came to light.

Cecil Newton, in a statement released Thursday by his attorney, said he would not attend the ceremony.

"He's doing it (for) the betterment of me. Whatever his decision is, I'm all for it. And I'll stick to that," Cam said.



AP photo

Auburn quarterback Cameron Newton (2) leaps over the tackle of South Carolina's Akeem Auguste (3) during last Saturday's SEC Championship game in Atlanta. Newton is the favorite to win the Heisman Trophy, which will be awarded tonight.

Cam Newton said his mother, Jackie, and two brothers will be at the ceremony and he plans to speak with his father by phone soon after it is over.

"I said on numerous occasions how I feel about my father," Newton said. "I love him with all my heart."

On the field, the 6-foot-6, 250-pound junior has been the most dominant player in college football of 2010. He leads the Southeastern Conference in rushing, leads the nation in passer rating and has accounted for 50 touchdowns while guiding the top-ranked Tigers (13-0) to a spot in the BCS national title game. Auburn will play No. 2 Oregon and James in

Glendale, Ariz., on Jan. 10.

James has said he'd vote for Newton to win the award and Moore, the Boise State quarterback, said the same on Friday.

"I don't expect to win, no," he said. "Certainly Cam is deserving of this."

Chris Huston, who polls a sampling of Heisman voters throughout the season and post the results at www.heismanpundit.com, predicts a landslide victory for Newton, though the scandal probably will keep him from breaking any records.

O.J. Simpson of Southern California has the record for largest margin of victory in the Heisman voting. He beat

Purdue's Leroy Keyes by 1,750 points in 1968.

Huston predicted a result more like 1998, when Ricky Williams of Texas beat Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop by 1,563 points, the fifth-largest margin in Heisman history.

If Luck, the Stanford quarterback, finishes second, it'll mark the first time two different players from the same team were runners-up in consecutive seasons since Keyes and Mike Phipps did it for Purdue in '68 and '69. Former Cardinal running back Toby Gerhart finished second to Alabama's Mark Ingram last year.

than 300 yards four different times, including a career-high 507 yards against Hawaii when he didn't play in the fourth quarter. He threw for at least two touchdowns in every game.

Yet, much like his team, Moore seems to be forced into legitimizing his performance. He's use to it by now, whether it was proving himself coming out of high school or now with the Broncos and contending with the critics who have railed on their weak conference schedule.

Hawaii latest to bolt WAC

HONOLULU (AP) — The University of Hawaii is joining the Mountain West Conference for football and the Big West in other sports, abandoning the Western Athletic Conference after 32 years.

School President M.R.C. Greenwood said Friday that Hawaii will make the move in 2012, following Boise State, Nevada and Fresno State to the MWC.

The four schools represent the top football programs in the WAC, which is adding Texas-San Antonio, Texas State and the University of Denver on July 1, 2012. Denver doesn't have a football team.

School leaders at the MWC and Big West voted unanimously in favor of inviting Hawaii, which has been in the WAC since 1979.

"We're headed in a new direction and this is a really a historic and great day for the University of Hawaii," athletics director Jim Donovan said. "This is what our coaches and our fans want and we delivered."

Hawaii will become the 10th member of the MWC and will renew rivalries with former WAC schools. MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson welcomed the Warriors.

"Hawaii's outstanding football program and television value fit perfectly with the MWC's strategic initiatives for the future direction of the conference," Thompson said in a statement.

The Warriors are the WAC's longest-running member and shared the conference football title with Boise State and Nevada this year. The remaining WAC members are San Jose State, Idaho, New Mexico State, Louisiana Tech and Utah State.

WAC Commissioner Karl Benson had no response to the announcement.

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— MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson

Donovan expressed concern that the WAC was moving toward the Central Time Zone with the addition of the Texas schools, which would've increased travel costs for Hawaii along with student-athletes spending more time away from school.

He said the TV agreements still need to be worked out. Other financial details weren't disclosed, but Donovan said, "We couldn't afford not to do it."

As for the Big West, Hawaii Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw said the conference fits so well, "academically, competitively, philosophically and geographically."

Hawaii women's teams were members of the Big West from 1984 to 1996.

"The thing we bring is aloha," Greenwood said. "We're also going to bring one heck of a set of teams and they should not expect the aloha to go to far while we are playing their teams."

The president also would not go into the financial details.

"I don't think we can make projections about winning or losing financially right now," she said. "Consider though, this is a critical investment for the state and the citizens and the university to move forward and get the recognition that we deserve."

Moore

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200-yard passing games (33). It would take a dramatic final year for Moore to approach Timmy Chang's NCAA record of 17,072 yards passing, but there is a more impressive record that Moore could own by the end of his senior season: Colt McCoy's NCAA record of 45 victories as a starter.

Heading into Boise State's bowl matchup with Utah, Moore owns an astounding 37-2 record as the Broncos' starter, his

only two losses coming to TCU in 2008 and Nevada just a few weeks ago in an overtime setback that likely knocked Boise State out of the Rose Bowl.

"I think these awards are all about Boise State and where this program has gone," Moore said. "People are recognizing that we play such a good quality game up here, we play good football and we've played it this way for a long time. This isn't a program that just came out of nowhere and had a couple of good seasons."

Moore announced he was going to stick in the minds of Heisman voters when he led the Broncos to a stirring 33-30 victory over Virginia Tech in he season opener on Labor Day night. Given the national stage, he threw for three touchdowns and led the final drive that culminated with his strike to Austin Pettis for the winning score.

"For us to come out with the victory the way we did was amazing," Moore said.

From there, Moore proceeded to throw for more

in a spread offense they believed was catered to his skills by the head coach — his dad Tom.

The only Football Bowl Subdivision schools to offer Moore a scholarship: Boise State and Idaho.

And now he's a Heisman finalist.

"As a little kid probably anytime you scored in the backyard you dropped the Heisman pose cause that's what you're told to do growing up," Moore said. "That's college football. That is the award."

COMMUNITY



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Pictured from left are: Renee Clark, Sylvia Huber, Betty Stepp, Charles Clark, Louise McCarty, Carolyn Ballance, Marie Russell, Carol Taylor, Shirley Hess, Ann Lloyd, Roy Dalsoglio, Larry Lloyd and Gary Ennis. Kneeling in front is Dolly Freiberger (with the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council) and directly behind her is Donna Ennis.

Rupert fitness class collects donations for Christmas Council

Students in the "Over 60 & Getting Fit" class in Rupert collected food items, various toys, clothing and books to donate to the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

The Rupert CSI fitness class meets from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Rupert Civic Gym. The Burley CSI class meets from 11 to

11:45 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the CSI Burley Gym. Students who are more than 60 years old attend for free.

Lights for Life honors those passed away

Intermountain Homecare's 14th-annual Hospice Lights for Life ceremony, held at Cassia Regional Medical Center, was filled with members from the community in attendance to honor and remember a family member, friend or patient who passed away.

A window at CRMC is adorned with a garland filled with all of the names of patients who passed away in Intermountain Homecare Hospice this year, and by request of those who have died in hospice in past years. After the program, the audience gathered around this window to find the names of loved ones, and to watch the tree near the hospital entrance light up in remembrance of those lives.

Intermountain Hospice is grateful to Mike Sandmann of Evergreen Nursery for professionally



Courtesy photo

trimming the tree 14 years after he donated it for the original event, and to Paul Stanger of Festive Glow for the professional installa-

tion and donation of the lights.

Hospice is a compassionate, team-based approach to caring for those

who are facing life-limiting illnesses or injuries.

Information or to volunteer: Cindy Kerbs, 677-6281 or 678-8844.

Robbery-resistant residences

Q: I live in a condominium complex. I am often the only resident in my building. There aren't many residents in the buildings around me so it can feel quite lonely and scared. Should I turn on the front porch light when I retire or leave it off? It might make me feel more secure if it's on but I wonder if it sends a message that someone is alone there. What are your thoughts?

—Patty

A: My thoughts are often hideous and bizarre but I'm sure that's not what you wanted to hear. I would say that if you are soon to retire then leave the light on, but if we were talking about years down the road then saving money on electricity would be a good way to save money for retirement.

OK, I'm on a roll for bad jokes, so let's answer your real question.

What advice I would give you is that your dilemma provides a great way to get to know your neighbors.

The light-on-or-off issue really only comes into play if somebody knew what having the light on or off meant. If nobody around knew what it meant if your porch light was on or off, it really would not matter. I would tell you that this is where retired couples become great friends because they are usually around at almost all times of the day.

As far as leaving your light on. I have to say yes — leaving it on all the time is a much better idea than just turning it on when you're home. Even better, I would suggest you get a sensor light you can leave on at all times. This would allow the good neighbors who might

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be watching any warning that something might be wrong. If you get the floodlight-type sensor light, make sure that it shines down more than out because somebody can hide in the shadow directly under the lights.

Also, leave blinds or curtains open so that everybody can see the inside of your residence. You might think that I'm crazy to have you do this for fear that burglars might see what you have to steal, but the true fact is that if your neighbors know you leave your windows that way, they might be more apt to call the police when they see them closed (burglars don't like to be seen) and you're not there. This again only works if your neighbors get to know you, even just a little.

Officer down

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

- Trooper David J. DeLaitre, Montana Highway Patrol.

- Deputy Dewayne Crenshaw, Tippah County Sheriff, Miss.

They fought the good fight, may they rest in peace.

Be safe, I'll talk to you next week.

E-mail your questions to policemandan@yahoo.com.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police.

We want your community news

Do you have community news you would like to have published in the *Times-News'* Community section?

E-mail the information and a photo, if you have one, to frontdoor@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.

Surgery may be best solution for teen with Crohn's

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 19-year-old grandson was diagnosed with Crohn's disease two years ago. At that time, he was a 234-pound linebacker entering his senior year of high school. Now he is a 174-pound 19-year-old struggling with life in general and would easily pass for 40. He has practically missed two years of his life due to extreme pain, which resulted in hospital trips and everything else associated with this condition.

He has taken every medication I can imagine, including Humira injections into his stomach. At present, he is taking hyoscyamine and Apriso plus pain medication when it gets too severe. He has a colonoscopy every year. When he has one of these "attacks" the pain is so severe that he gets in a fetal position and can barely walk. He has been to the hospital at least 15 times in the past two years. He recently went twice in one week and before that, in just

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a three-month span, he went seven times.

He is unable to work because he is sick or too weak to function at least five days a week. He has never used drugs, alcohol or tobacco. Surgery has been suggested, but we are trying to avoid that if possible. He has seen at least six different doctors, and we are now hoping that you can help us. Please.

DEAR READER: Crohn's disease is a type of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). It can be debilitating and may lead to life-threatening complications, so it should be taken seriously by the sufferer and the treating physician(s). While there is no cure, there is good news. Today's treatments can greatly reduce symptoms and may even lead to long-term remission.

The most common symptoms include diarrhea, abdominal pain and cramping, reduced appetite, weight loss, ulcers and blood in the stool. Others, especially those with severe Crohn's, may also experience inflammation of the liver or bile ducts, arthritis, fever, fatigue, skin disorders and eye inflammation. Children may experience delayed growth or sexual development.

Complications include bowel obstruction, malnutrition, anal fissures, ulcers, fistulas (an abnormal connection between different parts of the intestine) and more. There is also an increased risk of colon cancer; however, the vast majority (more than 90 percent) of sufferers never develop it.

There are several types of treatment available. The first type is anti-inflammatory drugs, such as the Apriso (mesalamine) that your grandson is on, as well as azulfidine and corticosteroids. Immune-system

suppressors are also used. Your grandson was placed on at least one of these, Humira (adalimumab). There are several others in this category. Antibiotics, which may be helpful in treating some of the complications, such as ulcers, abscesses and fistulas, may also be beneficial for those without complications, as many researchers believe that antibiotics will reduce levels of harmful bacteria within the intestine, as well as suppress its immune system.

Commonly used medications include pain relievers, antidiarrheals, iron supplements, laxatives, vitamin B12 injections, calcium and vitamin D, and/or special diets, such as nutrients introduced directly into the veins, which can bypass the stomach and intestine, thus reversing malnutrition.

Finally, surgery. If diet, lifestyle changes, medication and other treatment fail to relieve symptoms, surgery to remove a damaged portion, close fistulas or

remove scar tissue may be recommended.

Unfortunately, at best, surgery can provide years of remission, but it will be temporary. Nearly three-quarters of patients who undergo surgery will experience recurrence, with approximately half of them requiring a second procedure or more. Even if signs and symptoms improve, medication is often prescribed following surgery in an attempt to reduce the risk of recurrence.

I suggest your grandson try some of the following lifestyle and home remedies and at least meet with a surgeon to discuss his situation. He is clearly suffering, and if medications have not worked for him thus far, surgery may be his best option.

There is no evidence that diet can cause IBD, but certain foods and drinks may aggravate symptoms. He should limit his dairy intake; eat smaller meals; drink plenty of fluids; eat foods lower in fat, especial-

ly if the Crohn's is affecting his small intestine; consider taking multivitamins to supplement lost nutrients; avoid foods that worsen symptoms; experiment with fiber to find the foods that cause the least upset but help reduce diarrhea; and finally, consider consulting a dietician familiar with the disorder to get further suggestions. He should also try to keep his stress levels down by exercising within his limits, practicing relaxation and breathing techniques and, perhaps, even learning biofeedback. He may also wish to see a Crohn's specialist at a nearby teaching hospital.

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For the LOVE of a child



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

Taren Rucker, 22, shows pictures of Jaxson Collard at her Twin Falls apartment on Nov. 11. Rucker placed Jaxson with an adoptive couple through LDS Family Services and said that placing her baby into a loving and financially secure home with two parents was in his best interests.



Rucker shows pictures of Jaxson Collard, now 2, at her apartment in Twin Falls. Though Jaxson looks like a member of his adoptive family, Rucker said he bugs his eyes just as she did when she was his age.

LDS church helps birth moms, couples through adoption process

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Taren Rucker isn't sad, although some people might claim she has reason to be.

Rucker placed her baby boy for adoption and, two years later, says she's never regretted the decision. It helps that she's able to see him on occasion. It also helps knowing he's being raised by parents who love him and are able to provide for his needs.

"I know I am a good mom and did the best thing for him," Rucker said.

The Twin Falls woman placed her baby, Jaxson, through an adoption program of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The program, LDS Family Services, helps birth parents who wish to place their baby and adoptive couples seeking a child.

Birth moms do not have to be members of the LDS church to seek help through the service, but adoptive couples do. The church aims to place babies into homes that are emotionally secure, financially stable and religiously active.

The decision

Rucker, 22, grew up as a member of the LDS church but was not actively involved when she became pregnant at age 18. She gave birth to a girl, Jordyn, whom she kept. When she found out at age 19 that she was pregnant a second time, she had every intention of keeping that baby as well. But, unmarried, she decided otherwise about seven months into the pregnancy.

She visited with her bishop, who, once he found out Rucker was a single mom on welfare, asked if she had ever considered adoption. She told him no.

Things began to change that night when she had a fitful sleep.

"I saw what my daughter was missing out on," she said, noting the birth father lived in Boise

and they didn't plan on marrying. "I knew I didn't want to put another child through the whole back-and-forth thing (between mom and dad), going from home to home."

She decided to visit LDS Family Services.

Finding a couple

One of the things the LDS church is known for is family values. The church doesn't tell single birth moms what to do, instead it offers counsel for those who wish to place their babies in a good, financially stable home with two parents.

"It's absolutely their decision on what they want to do," said Sheila Hunter, a caseworker at the Twin Falls office. "It's a decision they have to feel comfortable with for the rest of their lives."

Birth parents are encouraged to seek their own spiritual confirmation, through prayer, on what they should do — "whether to keep, place or marry," Hunter said.

Family Services also helps adoptive couples, providing them with a caseworker to guide them through the process of qualifying and waiting for a child. Ultimately, it is the birth mother who chooses into which family her baby will be placed.

To qualify, adoptive couples must receive a background check and submit financial statements, health assessments,

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ADOPTION HELP

There are more couples seeking to adopt a child than there are birth parents signed up with LDS Family Services, according to Sheila Hunter, a caseworker at the Twin Falls office. Birth parents who seek counseling, and those who wish to place their babies with a financially secure, emotionally stable adoptive couple, may visit Family Services, where they will be assigned a caseworker who will offer counsel and walk them through the process of placing their babies, if that's what they choose. Birth parents do not need to be LDS. Information: LDS Family Services, 735-2237, tsaboutlove.org, or 1418 Fillmore St., Twin Falls.

West End choir to celebrate Christmas with song

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness," Isaiah 40:3 reads. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

For more than two decades that cry, heralding the birth of Jesus and the Christmas season, has been put to song through the vocal talents of the West End Community Singers.

Once again, under the direction of retired high school music director Gary Heidel, the 70-member volunteer choir from the communities of Clover, Filer, Buhl and Twin Falls will present a message of hope with American composer Pepper Choplin's Christmas Cantata "Night of the Father's Love."

"I started in July looking at different pieces and came back to Choplin again this year, because

he's a gifted composer with a fresh and original work," Heidel said. "Maybe about 80 percent of our choir has returned this year and around 20 percent are new, so we have a mature group."

Two free West End Community Singer performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Buhl United Methodist Church, 908 Maple St., and 3 p.m. Dec. 19 at Clover Trinity Lutheran Church, southwest of Filer.

Twin Falls resident John Lutz has been singing as part of the choir's bass section for the past six years and enjoys every minute of his experience.

"Almost everybody comes back, because we all love to sing and look forward to this," Lutz said. "This year may be a little more difficult, where each voice is singing different words in-the-round, but it's a beautiful piece with a true message."

Chronicling the biblical nativity story from ancient prophecy, "Night of the Father's Love" consists of eight musical arrangements including "Angels are Making Their Rounds," "Shepherd's Song," "Seeking the King" and "Christ Is Born, Noel," intermittent with Scripture narration from the New Testament.

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Church: Wis. spot is first U.S. Virgin Mary apparition site

CHAMPION, Wis. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Church on Wednesday designated a Wisconsin spot where an apparition of the Virgin Mary allegedly appeared three times to a Belgian-born nun in 1859 as the only of its kind in the United States.

The Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help at Champion, just east of Green Bay near Lake Michigan, has long been a popular destination for the faithful. But it was only in the last two years that the Diocese of Green Bay undertook the official process to earn the distinction that now puts it in company with renowned holy apparition sites including Lourdes, France; Guadalupe, Mexico; and Fatima, Portugal.

Green Bay Bishop David Ricken approved the sightings as legitimate apparitions after a two-year study by a commission he appointed. Ricken announced the distinction at a special Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at the shrine, where he read from a decree that stated the apparitions witnessed by

Sister Adele Brise in 1859 "do exhibit the substance of supernatural character, and I do hereby approve these apparitions as worthy of belief (although not obligatory) by the Christian faithful."

Brise was 28 at the time of the visions, and had emigrated to Wisconsin from Belgium with her family about four years earlier. Brise would recount that a lady dressed in dazzling white appeared to her and claimed to be the "Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners," according to information provided by the Green Bay diocese. The apparition asked Brise to do the same, and to gather children and teach them what they should know for salvation.

After receiving the apparitions, Brise established a Catholic school and a community of Franciscan women.

Such sites of confirmed apparition earn that designation only by a Catholic bishop's decree.

A spokesman for the Green Bay Diocese said there are only 11 other such sites worldwide, none in the United States.



Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay Rev. David Ricken fields questions about the official pronouncement to officially approve the Marian apparitions of 1859, Wednesday at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wis.

Peace on Earth?

"Dad, what does that mean?" My then-7-year-old son Jonathan and I were driving and listening to the radio, and I wasn't exactly paying attention to either. It was 1998, and my mind was swimming with concerns of that particular holiday season: shopping, bills, holiday schedules, the impeachment of the president, the bombing of Iraq.

You know, the usual pre-Christmas stuff. "What does what mean?" I asked.

"That song on the radio — what does it mean?" Jon asked.

I listened more carefully. It was Bing Crosby singing "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day":

I thought how as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Pretty straight-forward Christmas stuff. Nothing too complicated there — except, perhaps, to someone just coming to terms with the world, and his place in it.

"What don't you understand?" I asked. "The part about the belfries?"

"Dad," he said, rolling his eyes, "we have 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame,' remember?"

Oh, yes. The University of Disney. Education by animation.

"It's the last part," Jon continued. "'Peace on earth, good will toward men.' Did that really happen when Jesus was born? Did everybody suddenly start liking everybody? And when did they stop liking each other? I mean, they killed Jesus, didn't they? That wasn't very peaceful."

Those are tough questions to discuss with a 7-year-old — tougher even than, you know, that other question of Christmas reality. You want your kids to believe in the possibility of peace, and you want to be able to tell them that you believe. But it's hard



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to believe in something that seems to be so completely foreign to contemporary living. Like Bing Crosby was singing:

And in despair I bowed by head: "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Still, there's something comforting and inspiring about the notion of peace. And so we cling to it — for the sake of our children, and for our own sakes. While permanent and lasting peace between nations may be too much to hope for right now, we can find peace within ourselves. And in our communities. And perhaps in that peace we can find "good will" — toward our loved ones, toward our neighbors, toward our political leaders, toward Osama Bin Laden.

OK — that last one may take a little work. The point is, we can work on it. We can find our own peace and good will, as opposed to waiting around for someone to provide it for us. That's the real message of Christmas: that "peace on earth" is possible one person at a time, and that "good will toward men" can be our reality — individually, if not collectively. At least, that's what Jon and I decided back in 1998 — and what we still believe 12 years later.

And that's what Bing seemed to be singing:

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth he sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men."

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RELIGION BRIEFS

Calif. man pleads not guilty in priest assault case

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A Northern California man pleaded not guilty Tuesday to assaulting a Jesuit priest he has said molested him more than three decades ago.

Will Lynch, 43, of San Francisco previously said he intends to take the case to trial so he can expose the alleged molestation and raise awareness about clergy abuse.

"He's very resolute, he's very determined and he's going forward," Lynch's attorney, Pat Harris, said after the brief hearing.

Lynch entered the plea in Santa Clara Superior Court to one count of assault for allegedly beating 65-year-old Jerold Lindner in May until he was bloody at a retirement home in front of shocked residents.

Lindner has denied molesting Lynch and his little brother in 1975 during a weekend camping trip in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

Professor to warn colleagues before 'screaming' Bible lesson

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A Texas A&M professor promised to notify colleagues in the future before he re-enacts a Bible story in class that involves screaming about killing people.

The Nov. 23 outburst by Richard

Stadelmann, a philosophy and religion professor, led a worried teacher in a nearby room to call police and led students in a neighboring classroom to take cover under their desks. Stadelmann was leading a religious studies class when he loudly slammed a door and began yelling about Jonah's rage at God for not smiting the Assyrians.

Stadelmann, who is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), says he was into character and "genuinely angry."

Police were called off when it became clear that nobody was in danger.

An Oct. 28 report of a gunman on campus had led to a lockdown. School officials later determined the person's replica weapon was a Halloween prop.

Dallas church offers website to bolster Christmas

DALLAS — A Texas church has taken its holiday religious message online with a website to report "naughty" businesses that halt the celebration of Christmas.

First Baptist Church of Dallas on Wednesday operated GrinchAlert.com. The site asks "Have you encountered a 'Grinch' this Christmas season?"

The site has a place to nominate groups that "shut-out expressions of Christmas in their interactions with the public via marketing, advertising

and public relations." The website says companies belong on the "Naughty List" when they use "misplaced political correctness to halt the celebration of Christmas."

First Baptist Church also seeks to know which companies that "keep Christ in Christmas" and those land on the "Nice List."

The Rev. Robert Jeffress says too many businesses have bowed to political correctness.

NY makes damaging church nativity scenes a felony

ALBANY, N.Y. — Nativity scenes, menorahs and other outdoor religious displays just got some more protection from vandals in New York.

A new law makes it a felony in New York to deface the displays and cemeteries outside of houses of worship.

State Sen. Jeffrey Klein of the Bronx and Westchester says the law is aimed at protecting the sacredness of property outside. Defacing scrolls, vestments and other religious items inside a house of worship is already a felony.

Klein, who is Jewish, says the law is aimed at vandals who previously faced only a misdemeanor for damaging outdoor items.

The new law is a Class E felony for damage over \$100. It would be punishable by more than a year in prison.

— Wire reports

Ex-pastor going to prison for duping investors

SULLIVAN, Ind. (AP) — A judge sentenced a southern Indiana church financier to 54 years in prison Tuesday for pocketing millions of dollars that investors believed would be used to build churches.

Former pastor Vaughn Reeves, 66, had little reaction as officers escorted him from the courthouse in Sullivan, about 80 miles southwest of Indianapolis, said his attorney, who promised to challenge the conviction and the sentence. Reeves was convicted on nine counts of securities fraud in October.

"There's going to be an appeal on a lot of grounds," attorney Dale Webster said after the hearing.

Investigators said Reeves and his three sons used their now-defunct company, Alanar, and sales pitches that included prayers and Bible passages to dupe about 11,000 investors into buying bonds worth \$120 million secured by mortgages on construction projects at about 150 churches.

Instead, Reeves and his sons diverted money from new investments to pay off previous investors, pocketing \$6 million and buying two airplanes, sports cars and vacations, investigators said.



Former pastor Vaughn Reeves is directed out of a sheriff's van as he and his three sons arrive July 8, 2009 at the Sullivan County courthouse in Sullivan, Ind. Reeves was sentenced Tuesday in Sullivan. AP photo

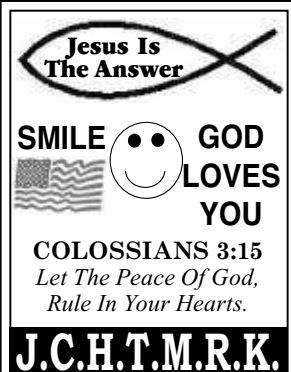
the case was a prime example of affinity fraud, in which scammers prey on people who share a common interest, such as religious affiliation, ethnicity or age.

"What they did in their company hurt a lot of people," said Jack Newman, 73, of Terre Haute, a retired vice president of marketing who said he invested about \$26,000 with Alanar and so far has recovered just 20 cents on

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Reeves' sons are scheduled to go on trial in March.

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