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'Royland' celebrates 20 years of lighting up South Hills

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

IF YOU GO

Visitors can walk or drive through the display, at 2534 Rock Creek Road south of Hansen. The lights go on at dusk and off at midnight. The last day to see the display is New Year's Eve.



DREW NASH/Times-News

HANSEN — The property is decked with so many colors and designs that it could easily be confused with an incredible Candy Land board game.

Many people call the place "Royland." Others refer to it as the lights in the South Hills.

Whatever it's called, it's big and bright and snappy. Approximately 225,000 lights decorate about an acre of land, and for anyone searching for Christmas spirit, it's

hard to leave Royland without at least a candy cane's worth of it.

Some choose to walk through the display, while others make the loop in their car. A sign with two arrows and the words "naughty"

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'Royland' is seen Wednesday night in the South Hills. Approximately 225,000 lights are used in the display.

Keeping the spirit alive



DREW NASH/Times-News

Jason Jones, 4, points out the present he anticipates opening the most while his mother, Kristi Jones, watches in the background Tuesday afternoon at their home in Twin Falls. The Salvation Army brought Christmas presents for the family.

A gift from the heart

Anonymous present sparks new tradition

By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

It all started with a little boy. He had wrapped his present of old-fashioned hard candy with care and placed a bow on top with a piece of notebook paper. In the handwriting of a child it read, "I know I don't know you but this gift is for you. I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please share this with all your friends."

The lesson: that Christmas is not just about waiting for presents to arrive.

The gift went to Laurene Trostel, 56, of Twin Falls, who said the boy first flashed her a smile when she entered Costco in her wheelchair on Dec. 16. Later, Trostel said, she felt a small tap on her shoulder.

"He laid the gift-wrapped package on my lap and said it was for me," Trostel said.

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Charities help more than 700 local families



By Amy Huddleston
Times-News writer

The Christmas tree in the Jones household is small and decorated with handmade ornaments, made carefully by little hands.

The presents underneath it are wrapped with bright paper. There aren't an abundance of them, but there are more than Kristi Jones expected.

Six of the presents are for her 4-year-old son, Jason. All of them were provided by the Salvation Army's Christmas Angel Program — the generosity of which Jones said she didn't realize would be so great.

It has been a season of great need for residents of south-central Idaho, and also a season of generous giving.

More than 700 families were helped this year by some of the local charities featured in the *Times-News*' series on "Holiday Helpers." Boxes of food, clothing



ASHLEY SMITH/Times-News

Brandy Hanson, 28, talks with her daughter, Brisa, 8, while her son, Bubba, 4, rests on the couch and her other son, Colson, 2, watches 'Sesame Street' on TV, Wednesday at their Twin Falls home. East End Providers donated presents and food to the family this Christmas.

and toys were delivered and picked up all across the Magic Valley just in time for Christmas. Many of the toys were provided by the Toys for Tots/KMVT

Christmas for Kids Program, which collected roughly 11,571 toys to help around 5,800 children this year.

family has donated to the Salvation Army for years but needed some extra assistance

In Jones' case, she said her

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F&G officers are subject of complaint

Gooding County man alleges agents tried to destroy hunting club

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

A Gooding County resident has sued three Idaho wildlife officers in federal court, alleging they conspired to destroy his business.

Milton Dean Cockerham, also known as Mickey Cockerham, claims Robert Sellers, Jeff Day and Brian Flatter, all Idaho Department of Fish and Game conservation officers, harassed and shot at him and his family at property he owned near Hammett, and otherwise worked to defame and destroy his former hunting club in order to maintain the area's status quo and benefit a neighbor of the club.

Among the laws he cites is the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the U.S. law originally intended to combat organized crime. Cockerham filed his original complaint in the U.S. District of Idaho on July 6, 2009. His allegations have been fleshed out through a series of recent filings triggered by an Oct. 29 motion made by the officers to end the suit.

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BRONCOS' SEASON WAS ONE TO REMEMBER
The Top 10 moments for BSU in 2010, **SPORTS 1**

ITD donates to 3 Magic Valley charities

By Laurie Welch
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Idaho Transportation Department employees in south-central Idaho raised more than \$5,100 this Christmas for three Magic Valley charities.

ITD Christmas Committee Chairman Dave Jensen said the money was split equally among the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, the Salvation Army and The Hunger Coalition in Blaine County this year.

This was the first year the Christmas Council was a recipient.

The ITD region encompasses 150 employees and stretches from Jackpot to Stanley, and from Glens Ferry to Raft River.

Jensen said this is the 20th year the agency has raised holiday donations from its Christmas party, raffle and auction.

Each year, the committee picks three or four charities as recipients, Jensen said.

"Every year the gifts get



LAURIE WELCH/Times-News

Idaho Transportation Department employees Jeff Freiburger, left, and Dave Jensen, right, present Linda Short of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council with a \$1,720 donation gathered from ITD employees.

bigger," he said.

Linda Short, representing the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, received her group's share on Tuesday. She said it will be put toward \$10,000 in meat certificates distributed to

underprivileged families each year in Christmas boxes.

The council was chosen as a recipient this year after council members spoke with the committee.

Jensen said the commit-

tee was impressed by the council's good deeds and the fact that all the members are unpaid volunteers.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS CASSIA COUNTY FELONY SENTENCINGS

Aaron Craig Simpson, 27; possession of controlled substance-persistent violator, \$165.50 costs, three to 10 years prison, 28 days credited, retained jurisdiction; possession of controlled substance with intent to manufacture or deliver, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; reckless driving, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; driving without privileges (second offense), dismissed on motion of prosecutor; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; possession of controlled substance, dismissed on motion of prosecutor.

Jessie Madrid Valero, 27; aggravated battery-persistent violator, \$875.50 costs, one to five years prison, 250 days credited.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS

Abel Perez, 29; driving under the influence, \$1,020.50 costs, driver's license suspended five years, seven years probation, 120 days jail, two to seven years prison, three days credited.

Andrew Perez, 21; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$125.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited, proba-

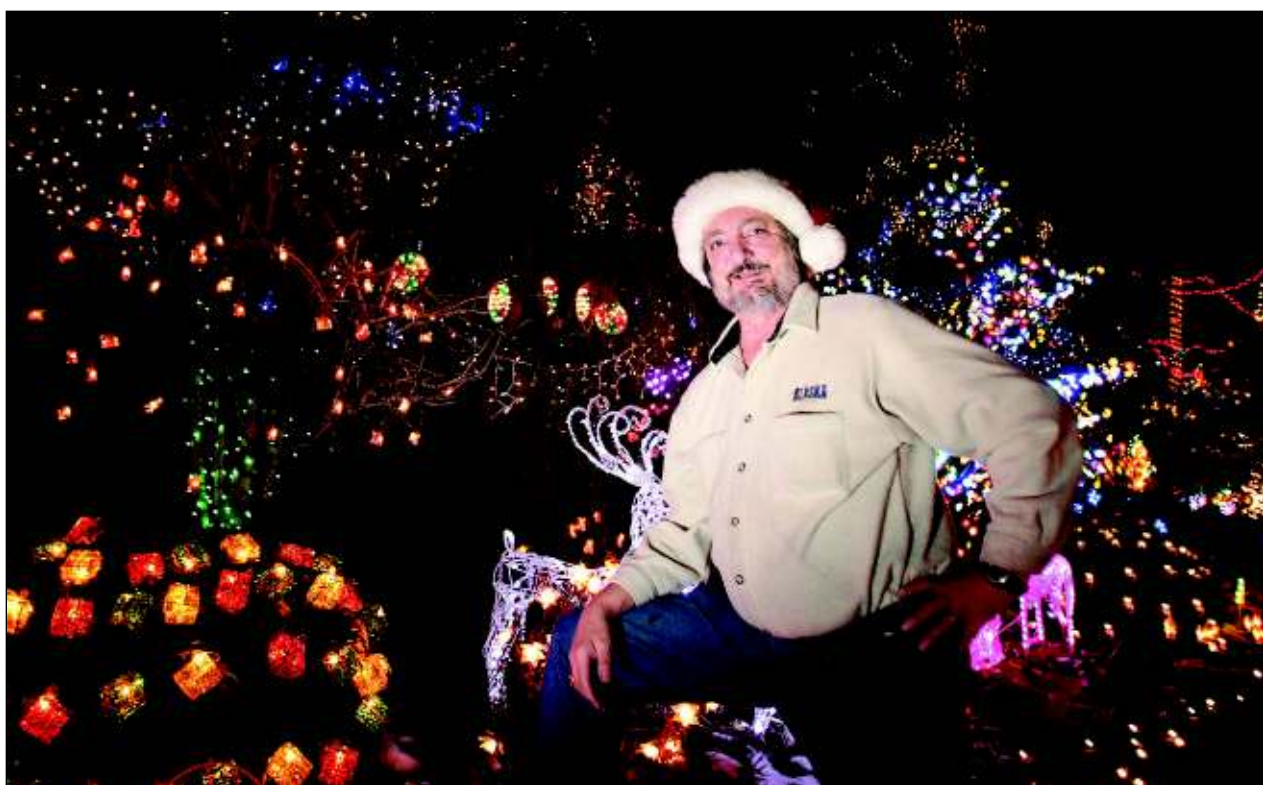
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tion revoked and reinstated; leaving the scene of an accident, \$200 fine, \$75.50 costs, 12 months probation, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, two credited; probation violation, dismissed on motion of prosecutor; probation violation, guilty. Tonya Jo Martinez, 37; driving under the influence, \$300 fine, \$132.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 30 days jail, 28 suspended, one credited; probation violation, three months probation, 30 days jail, one determinate, three credited.

Fidel Gonzales, 41; driving under the influence, \$200 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 178 suspended, two credited, 20 days discretionary jail time.

Jordan B. Searle, 27; driving under the influence (second offense) amended to driving under the influence, \$305 fine, \$182.50 costs, driver's license suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, 180 days jail, 179 suspended, one credited.



DREW NASH/Times-News

Roy Wojcik poses among the lights at 'Royland' Wednesday night in the South Hills. Wojcik's power bill goes up about \$2,000 for the season.

Royland

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and "nice" written in holiday red and green point the way. Those who go the "naughty" way don't have to wait as long to feed Bull, the large camel with two humps. Those who pick "nice" get the fast track to Santa Claus, who gives out 25,000 candy canes a year.

Roy and Sam Wojcik are the ones behind the Christmas magic. They've dedicated six months of the year for the past 20 years to giving the Magic Valley the most dazzling gift they can manage. The lights take three months to set up starting in September, and the switch gets flipped on Thanksgiving Day.

The Wojciks started the Christmas light tradition when their son was born on Christmas Day, 36 years ago. When they moved into their large home on five acres in the South Hills, additional lights were added to make it the spectacular display it is today.

"My wife's really the one who does all of the work," Roy said. "She's the spirit behind it."

The two mingled in their kitchen on Wednesday night with a few of their elf workers, who were dressed in red and green suits. Sam nodded toward them as she was cooking and dubbed them the best crew she's worked with so far. The couple employ 10 workers to help

set up the lights and keep the display a gleaming beacon of Christmas cheer for all to visit.

"It all becomes like a family thing," Roy said about the banter going on between the couple and the elves.

Outside their home, Santa Claus was ho-ho-ho-ing while thousands of lights twinkled merrily. Ladybugs, frogs and flamingos were propped up and martini glass, flower, tractor and angel lights made the trees glitter.

"We've been collecting them for 25 years and there are a lot of things you won't find again," Roy said. "It's so diversified, it's great."

The property had an extra power supply put in and the power bill is usually \$2,000 extra for the season. Roy said buses of people come up from Salt Lake and Nevada, and people from all over Idaho come to witness the lights.

He estimated that about 100,000 people walk through the display every year, although he wishes people would refrain from visiting when it's raining. This year has been the worst weather year so far, he said, and, while snow is welcome, rain closes the display due to the electrical hazard.

The lights are turned off for good after New Year's Eve and the Wojciks get their privacy back for awhile

before it's time to start decorating again.

Bull the camel goes back to his owner, Jeff Shriver of Buhl, and gets to resume normal eating habits. When stationed at Royland, the Mongolian camel eats 40 pounds of carrots a night along with his regular diet of hay. Wojcik said the animal gained 250 pounds the first season.

The couple behind the lights say they don't do it for fame or money. It's all about making people smile.

"This is their way of giving everyone in the Magic Valley a Christmas present," said family friend Gary Waldron.

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CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



AP photos

Dressed in a Santa Claus outfit, a diver swims with sardines at the Coex Aquarium in Seoul, South Korea, Friday. Christmas is one of the biggest holidays in South Korea, where over half of the population are Christians.



A Catholic pilgrim lights a candle outside the Church of Nativity, traditionally believed by Christians to be the birthplace of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Friday.

Pilgrims, clergy come to Bethlehem for Christmas

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — The traditional birthplace of Jesus is celebrating its merriest Christmas in years, as tens of thousands of tourists thronged Bethlehem on Friday for the annual holiday festivities in this biblical West Bank town.

Officials said the turnout was shaping up to be the largest since 2000. Unseasonably mild weather, a virtual halt in Israeli-Palestinian violence and a burgeoning economic revival in the West Bank all added to the holiday cheer.

By nightfall, a packed Manger Square was awash in red, blue, green and yellow Christmas lights. Merrymakers blasted horns, bands sang traditional Christmas carols in Arabic, boy scout marching bands performed and Palestinian policemen deployed around the town to keep the peace.

A group of 30 tourists from Papua New Guinea, all wearing red Santa hats, walked around the nearby Church of the Nativity, built on the site where tradition holds Jesus was born. Both church officials and the Palestinian president voiced hopes for peace.

Pat Olmsted, a 64-year-old teacher from Sugar Land, Texas, was celebrating her first Christmas in Bethlehem and broke into tears as she stood in Manger Square. "It just gives me a whole true meaning of the Bible. As I read the pages, it will mean so much more to me," she said.

Bethlehem used to attract tens of thousands of tourists

from around the world for Christmas celebrations, but attendance dropped sharply following the outbreak of the second Palestinian uprising in 2000.

As the fighting tapered off over the last five years, attendance steadily climbed. The town's 2,750 hotel rooms were booked solid for Christmas week, and town officials say more hotels are under construction.

Israeli officials have said they expect about 90,000 visitors in Bethlehem during the current two-week holiday season, up from 70,000 last year.

But the bloodshed has left its mark. Visitors entering the town must cross through a massive metal gate in the separation barrier Israel built between Jerusalem and Bethlehem during a wave of Palestinian attacks last decade.

The Roman Catholic Church's top clergyman in the Holy Land, Latin Patriarch Fouad Twal, crossed through the gate in a traditional midday procession from Jerusalem. Later, he was to celebrate Midnight Mass, the peak of the holiday's events in town.

Speaking to reporters, Twal expressed his traditional wishes for "peace, love and unity among us." But on the sunny, warm day, with temperatures approaching 70 degrees Fahrenheit, he added another wish to his list: "to ask God to send us rain and winter besides peace and justice and dignity for all."

The normally rainy autumn and winter season in the Holy Land has been

warm and dry — raising fears that the water shortage plaguing the parched region could worsen next year.

The crowds continued to swell throughout the day.

Activists press Obama to work for gay marriage

By Perry Bacon Jr. The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Having signed into law a repeal of the military's ban on openly gay service members, President Barack Obama now faces pressure from his allies to move on a much tougher and divisive issue: gay marriage.

Obama has long said that his preference is for states to create civil unions for same-sex couples that convey the legal protections and rights of marriage.

"I think that's the right thing to do," he said Wednesday during a news conference. "But I recognize that for same-sex couples it is not enough, and I think that is something that we're going to continue

to debate."

Gay rights activists are pressing that debate, urging Obama to publicly call for states to allow same-sex marriage. It is fundamentally unfair, they say, that a gay soldier could die while serving but not be allowed in most states to marry his or her partner.

Conservatives, meanwhile, are warning that the American public would not welcome such a move by the president. Polls show that voters are far more supportive of allowing gays to serve in the military than they are of gay marriage.

Indeed, public opinion is so divided on the issue that the president would probably need months to sway voters to his position — time and attention that

would potentially limit his ability to work on issues such as the economy.

Obama seems to recognize the political quandary.

At the news conference and during an interview this week with the gay and lesbian magazine the Advocate, he praised the same-sex couples he knows and noted the broad support of same-sex marriage by people who are in their 20s.

But rather than declare his support for gay marriage, Obama hedged, saying that his views on the subject are "evolving" and that "I struggle with this." He did not reverse his previous position that marriage should only be between a man and a woman.

Coin dropped in kettle worth \$1,400

BROOMFIELD, Colo. (AP) — A valuable gold coin dropped into a Salvation Army kettle outside a Colorado Walmart resembles similar rare coins donated across the nation.

Salvation Army bell ringer Clair Harger found the unusual coin in her kettle in Broomfield Wednesday. The charity investigated and found it was a 1983 South African Krugerrand coin worth \$1,400.

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"I had thought that we could safeguard peace if we had patience, but that wasn't the case."
 — South Korea President Lee Myung-bak, to troops manning a front-line army base

EDITORIAL

The story of Christmas

Luke 2: 1-20:

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed."

"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David).

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

"And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

TIMES-NEWS

John Pfeifer ... publisher Steve Crump ... Opinion editor

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are John Pfeifer, Steve Crump, Bill Bitzenburg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos.



The greatest story ever told

"Christmas is ... about the helper helping those who cannot help themselves no matter how hard they try."

Suppose what some call the "Christmas story" is true — all of it, from the angels, to the shepherds, to the virgin birth, to God taking on human flesh. By this, I don't mean to suggest it is true only for those who believe it to be true, but what if it is objectively true, no matter what the deniers say? What difference would it make? Should it make any difference?



Cal Thomas

The narrative and the quotations written by the physician named Luke and by John, the closest disciple of Jesus of Nazareth, are unique and exclusive. The genealogical line of Jesus compiled by Matthew the tax collector is impressive and compelling. The words spoken by Jesus and recorded by these men are phenomenal. They expose the inner darkness of Man, offering a roadmap out, while also revealing the light of God, offering directions into His presence.

The information provided by witnesses to these

events are either true, or not. The claims leave no room for middle ground, despite what some "theologians" claim. If they are not true, one must conclude "the greatest story ever told" was the result of the greatest conspiracy in history from which not a single "conspirator" later recanted. The One who spoke such heartwarming words, as C.S. Lewis has noted, was either a liar, a fool, or he told the truth. There are no other options. The "conspiracy" would have to have stretched over thousands of years, from the time of the Prophets to the modern era when millions continue to claim their lives have been transformed by this carpenter with no formal training, no college degree and no influence with the reigning religious and secular authorities of His day.

Among other things skeptics have to contend with is why would so many people claim the story is true, including what would

occur at the end of Jesus' life on Earth, when they had nothing to gain in this life by promoting a lie? In fact, they invited persecution from the religious authorities, along with imprisonment and death from the Roman rulers, who treated any perceived or actual challenge to Caesar as a capital offense.

Of course the story is fantastic. But who would want to follow a God that can be defined and understood by human logic? Such a God would not be worth knowing because He would be created in our image.

I suspect even those who don't believe the story secretly wish it were true. Who, or what else, offers the hope, cleansing and purpose for this life — as well as eternal life — like that presented by this child-man-God? In an age when love means lust and is too often conditional, this story offers a love that is personal, redemptive and unconditional.

Christmas is the great story of God becoming human in order that humans might dwell with him. It is about the helper helping those who cannot help themselves no matter how hard they try.

It is a gift better than anything the fictional Santa Claus could give. And it is a gift that keeps on giving into eternity, never losing its value, unlike stock portfolios.

Come on, what have you got to lose — only everything — by considering this greatest of all stories? Maybe you believed the story as a child, but with maturity came skepticism and later unbelief. Try reading it again as an adult. It truly is the ultimate gift and it has your (and my) name on it. It fits all who try it on and has the additional benefit of having been paid for by someone else. This gift never wears out. Once accepted, it so satisfies that people rarely return it. For what could it be exchanged?

Can anyone name a better gift that has produced more positive and welcome results around the world for more than 2,000 years?

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas can be reached at tmseditors@tribune.com.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Family appreciates donations, support

Cancer is a terrible disease which devastates far too many people and their families each and every day; however, on Nov. 13 with the help of many people and businesses, we were able to positively impact the life of one of these people. The family of Pam and Slade Ruffing would like to thank the following for their generous donations and support:

Simerly's, The Wendell Snack Bar, Shear Elegance, D&B Supply of Jerome, Valley Co-Op of Buhl, Mimi's Flowers and Gifts, Tammie Petersen of Mud Creek Printing, Moss Greenhouse, Dr. Paul Mensinger, The Press Box and La Fiesta Restaurant. They family would also

like to thank Jerome Bowl for the use of the facilities and all the people who showed up to bowl, eat and share good company.

Thank you all once again; words cannot convey how greatly it was all so appreciated.

HEATHER PILKINTON Wendell

Old Navy employees have Christmas spirit

Thanks to the employees at Old Navy.

Monday evening (Dec. 13), my friend and I went to Old Navy to buy some fleece tops and flannel bottoms for the older people at the nursing home. Some don't have family in Twin Falls and don't get presents for Christmas.

I asked an employee at Old Navy if the ever give

discounts to customers buying for the nursing home. The young man said no but he would buy a man's top and bottoms.

Then a girl said I will give you a \$20 gift card to use. I picked up a fleece top and flannel bottom and fuzzy socks for a woman.

These young kids didn't know me at all. They had no idea if I was going to donate or use them for my kids or friends. It is so nice to see young men and women do this kind of gesture. Thanks again.

I wrapped 10 items for the nursing home. Kudos to Old Navy.

LINDA HAMILTON Twin Falls

Swimmers thank numerous supporters

On behalf of the Twin

Falls, Canyon Ridge, Kimberly, Jerome, Filer and Xavier High School swim teams, I would like to thank the following individuals who made the 2010 High School Swim Team Season a success:

Our fabulous volunteer coaches: John Twiss, Jeff Geist, Tim Carroll and Kristen Keller, and water polo coach Dave Buddecke; YMCA CEO Gary Ettenger and aquatic director John Pauley; and high school athletic directors Mike Federico, TFHS; Bill Hicks, CRHS; Larell Patterson, FHS, and Ty Jones, JHS.

Also, thanks to all of our parents who volunteer countless hours making our program a success! We had 41 swimmers participate this year and sent nine

swimmers to the High School State Swimming Championships with three swimmers placing in the top eight!

LAURIE WIRTZ Treasurer High School Swim Team Twin Falls

Community helped brighten holidays

The board of directors, staff and residents of Syringa Plaza Apartments would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the many community members who helped to make our holidays bright.

Dr. Z, volunteers and Charlie's Café delivered delicious meals to our residents on Thanksgiving. The Christian Center provided food and clothing to us and hundreds of others

in our community in November, and the Burley Chapter of Soroptimists International hosted a wonderful Christmas party again this year complete with gifts for everyone.

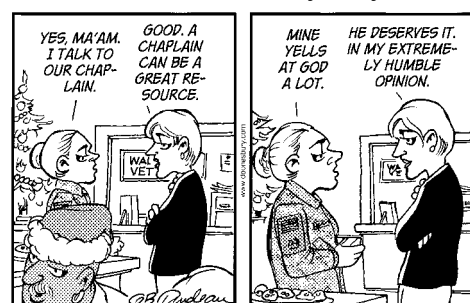
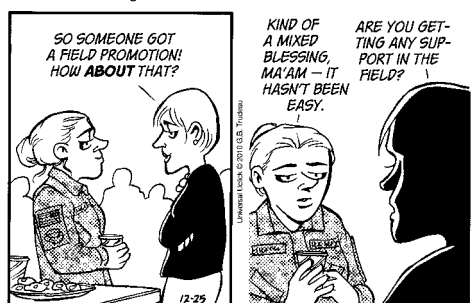
As a special surprise to the residents, South Central Community Action Partnership provided gift boxes to everyone during the residents' Christmas party, which was greatly appreciated.

We are truly thankful for the community in which we live and for the caring people and organizations that help us throughout the year.

HELEN GOCHNOUR Board president LORI HURLEY Manager DENA HARKNESS Assistant manager Burley

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF POLITICS

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Let's stop breaking the bank on NFL rookies

As the college football bowl season continues, many players will no doubt begin focusing on the possibility of playing in the National Football League. I was there once. Although not drafted out of Colgate in 1977, I was offered a rookie free agent contract with the Washington Redskins that year — for \$21,000 plus a \$2,000 signing bonus. I decided to put my whopping \$14,000 offer from General Electric on hold and give the NFL a shot.

I was lucky enough to make the team and still have vivid memories of my rookie year, as well as my full eight-year career with the Redskins. During those years, I spent a good deal of time working with the NFL Players Association on behalf of my fellow players. We felt we had to change a system that was not working for us. The rallying cry was "We are the Game." We sought a guaranteed percentage of revenue and went on strike twice in the 1980s to force changes. We didn't achieve all our



Mark
Murphy

objectives, but we did lay the foundation for a system that now provides players with approximately \$4.5 billion a year in compensation and benefits — almost 60 percent of total league revenue as defined in the collective bargaining agreement.

Today, as the president of an NFL franchise, the Green Bay Packers, I am on the other side of the bargaining table, but I understand the players' views and am committed to reaching a new labor agreement that is fair to players, teams and fans. The NFL teams are united around improving a system that is not working as well as it should be. A balanced agreement is essential so we can improve the experience for fans and ensure that all 32 teams remain competitive.

Rookies should be paid fairly, but they should not be among the highest-paid NFL players before playing a single down.

Nobody wants a lockout or work stoppage of any kind, but we must have an agreement that addresses the concerns of NFL ownership and management. The current labor agreement expires in March, and one of management's biggest concerns is the exorbitant and inefficient spending on rookies.

Rookies should be paid fairly, but they should not be among the highest-paid NFL players before playing a single down. Teams don't like it. Veterans and retired players don't like it. Fans don't like it. And the players' union shouldn't like it, either.

Earlier this year, *Sports Illustrated* published a list of the 50 highest-paid American athletes. Five 2009 NFL rookies were on the list, averaging nearly

\$21 million in total income for their rookie year. Every other athlete on the list was a proven veteran.

Our current system of paying rookies doesn't make sense. In 2009, 256 drafted rookies signed contracts calling for \$1.2 billion in compensation with \$585 million guaranteed. This year the numbers increased to \$1.27 billion, including \$660 million guaranteed, for 255 draft choices.

No other business operates this way, and no other union gives its entry-level hires such privileges. The system is so bad that some teams no longer want picks in the top part of the first round of the NFL draft. The cost is too high, especially if a player taken that early turns out to be a bust.

Our management negoti-

ating team has proposed to the NFLPA a common-sense wage scale for incoming players. It is similar in some respects to the fixed entry-level scale for players in the National Basketball Association and the National Hockey League, and is a critical component of a solution that would avoid a work stoppage.

We estimate that a rookie wage scale would free up more than a billion dollars during the term of a five-year agreement, and more if it is a longer deal. That money would be redistributed to veterans and retired players. The new entry-level system would end rookie holdouts that damage relations between the player and team, and would eliminate the complexities in the current rookie contracts.

Under our proposal, mandatory contract lengths would be five years for first-round players (six years for quarterbacks), four years for second-through seventh-round picks and three years for

undrafted rookies. Players and teams could renegotiate and extend the initial contracts of first-round rookies after year three, and after year two for all other rookies.

Under the proposal, the first pick in the draft would sign a five-year contract and receive a \$5.34 million signing bonus and \$1.5 million salary his rookie year, even if he does not play a single down. In years two and three, his salary would be set at \$1.7 million and \$1.9 million, respectively. His fourth- and fifth-year salaries would rise to \$2.3 million and \$2.9 million for a total package of \$15.6 million. (If he is a quarterback, he would be paid \$4.3 million in year six.) The first pick would still be paid well, but at a much more reasonable level than under the current system.

Mark Murphy is president and chief executive of the Green Bay Packers and a member of the NFL owners' bargaining committee. He wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Supporters help group continue work

Beta Sigma Phi, Preceptor Alpha Phi Chapter of Jerome, recently held its annual dinner and auction. We would like to thank all who attended and helped make this another successful fundraiser.

Special thanks go to Rosa and staff at El Sombbrero for preparing the meal and providing the location. Thanks also to Ben McCool and Oop Johnson for volunteering to run our auction. Ways and Means Committee members Lori Steadham, Dottie Roberts and Diane Poston are thanked for planning and organizing this year's event.

Each year, our chapter sponsors a scholarship awarded to a senior at Jerome High School. Charities we've supported in the past include Jerome High School Senior Night Lock-up, Women's Crisis Center, MISTI at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, Relay for Life, plus many more.

Without the support of our members and friends, we wouldn't be able to continue the work we try to do each year.

MARY GILBERT
Jerome

Many helped make festival a success

As the 12th annual Caring and Sharing Tree Festival comes to a close, I am reminded of the tremendous amount of generosity that this wonderful community has to offer. The talented people who take their time to prepare trees and Christmas items and then donate them to the festival are such an inspiration to me. The amazing people who continue to support our cause by purchasing the items donated, often times

sending the items purchased to total strangers, tells me that we live in a great place.

Of course, events like this can't happen without the many volunteers that take their time to help us set up and decorate the civic building for the community to enjoy. The task of delivering all the trees and Christmas items is not easy in itself. The Rupert Rotary Club and the Kiwanis Club of Rupert have made this task seem simple. The local business community that sponsors each of the events during our four-day celebration truly is appreciated for what they are always so willing to give. Even during times of financial burden, the businesses step up to the plate and help make events like this happen for all of us to enjoy.

The money raised at Caring and Sharing is used for health-related causes in Mini-Cassia. Your donations and participation in this event have helped in many different areas, all of which helped make a difference in someone's life. I admire each of you for what you do for others and I commend you for making health in Mini-Cassia a priority. I thank you so much for helping to make the Caring and Sharing Tree Festival a successful event for all to enjoy.

TAMMY HANKS
Executive Director
Minidoka Health Care
Foundation
Rupert

A thank you for 'Gifts of Love' supporters

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the supporters of the Gifts of Love for providing Christmas to our local care centers. It is through their generous donations of money, gifts or time we have been allowed to do as much as we have.

Magic Valley Medical Center medical staff, Magic Valley Surgery Clinic, Dr. Lisa Burgett, Dr. Darren Coleman, Dr. Kent Smith, Twin Falls High School health class, Safe House Kids, Linda Eastman, Jackie Frey, Lynn Hedberg, Cindy Jardine, Cheryl Ringenberg, Kathie Scott and Mary Jo Walker. A special thank you to the *Times-News*, KMVT and the various radio stations that helped deliver our information to the community.

TERESA KOSSMAN
Twin Falls

Foundation thanks festival supporters

The North Canyon Medical Center Foundation wishes to thank the many volunteers that came together, shared their talents and worked tirelessly in the true spirit of Christmas to make the 2010 Festival of Trees such a successful event.

Festival Chairmen Marsha Dains and Cindi Canine recently announced that approximately \$8,000 was raised with proceeds from the holiday gala to be used to enhance hospital services at the medical center.

We are so proud of our state of the art facility in Gooding and so very grateful to all of the people who worked on the event, to those who attended and those that gave so generously.

SUSAN FAULKNER
Publicity Chairman
North Canyon Medical
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Gooding

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Christmas cheer



JUSTIN JACKSON/For the Times-News

The Rev. Deborah Seles, pastor of Episcopal Church of the Ascension, poses for a portrait at the church Dec. 12 in Twin Falls. Seles and her congregation will forgo church services this Sunday and instead will visit people in the community to spread some Christmas cheer.

T.F. church forgoes Sunday service to visit elderly

By Andrew Weeks
Times-News writer

Most churches will hold regular services on Sunday, where they'll remember Jesus and talk about the spirit of Christmas. But at least one church in the valley has decided to remember Jesus in another way: by taking the church to the people.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension will not hold worship service on Sunday. Instead, the congregation will visit area nursing homes and other facilities to share a friendly word with people who, for one reason or another, may need some Christmas cheer.

The church has left the building concept is nothing new, said Pastor Deborah Seles. She decided to adopt it for her congregation because it puts into practice a basic Christian tenet — following the example of Jesus by serving others.

You can't always do that in a church building, she said.

"Some of the ways we can worship God is through service," Seles said. "And so by taking the good news out into the community and sharing it with people who maybe don't have visitors or are in a tough situ-

ation ... that's how we see this experience."

She could have planned the event on another day during the week, but decided doing it on a Sunday in place of regular services might have more impact on the people involved.

The congregation will meet at 11 a.m., and carpool to area care facilities. There's been no sign-up list for church members, Seles said, but she encourages members of all ages to participate.

Reaching out to others helps not only those served, she said, but those giving the service.

"For the church," Seles said, "the Christmas season lasts until Epiphany on Jan. 6, so this is also a way to remind ourselves that Christmas continues until the Feast of the Three Kings."

Seles wants the church to become more involved in community service, and she said this is the first of several opportunities.

"We carry out God's work in the community by helping those who are hurting, and making ourselves a little more public is not a bad thing," she said.

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Kwanzaa, Hanukkah Different, yet similar

By Akilah Bolden-Monifa
McClatchy Tribune

After a holiday celebration recently at school, my 7-year-old son came home confusing Hanukkah with Kwanzaa.

So for my son and anyone else who has ever mixed the two up, here are the top seven similarities and differences:

1 Although they both use candles, Kwanzaa lasts seven days while Hanukkah lasts eight. In Hanukkah the light from the candles is significant; in Kwanzaa so are the red, black and green colors of the candles.

2 Hanukkah is steeped in the Jewish religion, whereas Kwanzaa does not have a religious base and is spiritual in nature.

3 Kwanzaa is always from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1. Hanukkah starts on the 25th of the Jewish month of Kislev, which can occur from late November to late December on the secular calendar.

4 Kwanzaa has been celebrated for 44 years, Hanukkah for more than 2,000.

5 There are variant spellings of both: Kwanzaa or Kwanza; Chanukkah or Hanukah or Hanukkah.

6 Both are celebrated by folks not in the culture. Non-Jews celebrate Hanukkah and non-African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa. Not all Jews celebrate Hanukkah and not all African-Americans celebrate Kwanzaa.

7 In Hebrew, the word "Hanukkah" means "dedication." Kwanzaa is Swahili and means "first fruits." Hanukkah celebrates faith and resistance against oppression. Kwanzaa also celebrates faith, creativity, and working together to solve problems and improve society.

At this holiday time, let's not think of any of them as either/or.

My family celebrates Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.



Prayer: How do I learn how to connect with God?

McClatchy Newspapers

CONNECTING WITH GOD

The Rev. Duke Tufty, Unity Temple on the Plaza: Effective prayer is not begging a higher deity to give us something good, take away something bad or make something happen. Prayer is acknowledging the power you have to establish well-being in your life.

Jesus said, "When you pray, believe you already have what it is you desire and it will be yours."

I don't believe he meant this in a

Voices of
faith

material sense wherein we could pray for a new car, believe we have received it and see it show up in our driveway. Prayer is of a spiritual nature and provides in a spiritual way.

If you are going through difficult times, in your prayers affirm you have the strength to make it through, and that strength will be yours. If you are experiencing great fear in a relationship, affirm that you have the compassion to forgive, and forgiveness will be yours. If you are facing great fears, anxiety and stress about the future, in your prayers affirm that

you have the peace, confidence and faith to move beyond the fears, and peace, confidence and faith will be yours.

You have everything you need to live a comfortable and fulfilling life. When situations disrupt your well-being, prayer is simply sitting quietly, connecting with God's mind, affirming you have what you need and then giving gratitude for what you have affirmed.

AWARENESS FROM THE HEART

The Rev. Justin Hoye, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Nevada, Mo., and St. Bridget's, Rich Hill, Mo.: In the 1936 movie,

"San Francisco," a grateful survivor of the recent earthquake (Clark Gable) tells a young priest (Spencer Tracy), "I want to thank God. What do I say?" The response: "Just say what's in your heart." A good line, yet how many of us are out of touch with what is truly going on in our hearts?

Everyone is learning how to pray. We cannot describe it as we would automobile competency: "I know how to drive" versus "I am learning to drive." Every prayer is learning and never completely in the know. This is because prayer involves an openness to God's will in my life and a humble awareness that I can resist these movements of grace. Prayer offers a malleable

heart to God.

This means having an awareness that I am not alone and that my creator — God — is concerned for me. The revelation of Jesus Christ uniquely manifests God's love for us. When asked by his disciples how to pray, Jesus' response — the Lord's Prayer — reveals the qualities of prayer: acknowledgement that God is holy and his will should be sought, requests for life's necessities, forgiveness and salvation from evil. This is the cry of every human heart, and when we are open to conversion in how we live, trusting that God provides for this transformation, we are offering prayer.

Especially at Christmas

OK, so maybe I was a little edgy. After all, I was only 19, it was my first Christmas away from home, and I was feeling a little ... you know, empty. Besides, I think the weather in San Diego was starting to get to me. I mean, how much "balmy and beautiful" can you take? Especially at Christmas.

Then I got a letter from The Girl Back Home, which was usually great. Only this time she wrote about her Senior Prom. Sure, we said she should date others while I was gone. But couldn't she have just gone to the stupid dance and not told me?

And then to top it off, my roommate Dennis and I went to do a little shopping, and the Santa at the mall was wearing — are you ready for this? — a red T-shirt and Bermuda shorts.

Bermuda shorts, for Pete's sake! No wonder we were both so uptight.

We wandered around the mall, completely surrounded by the sights and sounds of the season, and totally oblivious to them. It was Christmas, but we weren't feeling Christmassy. At least, not until we noticed a little girl standing by one of Santa's elves, sobbing. For no particular reason I drifted over and asked if everything was OK.

"She's lost," the elf said, "but I can't leave Santa alone here." The elf looked me up and down. Evidently, I passed because he/she/it asked: "Could you help her find her Mom?"

How could we say no — especially at Christmas?

So Dennis and I each took a little hand in ours. We made a quick run through the shopping center — including a stop at the candy store. Outside the manager's office we connected with a frantic mother, who offered a monetary reward for our efforts.

"No thanks," said Dennis, who was smiling as happily as I had seen him smile all day. "You just have a Merry Christmas, OK?"

That simple act of service infused both of us with such joyful energy that we started looking

VALUE SPEAK

Joseph Walker



for others to help. We found shoppers who needed help carrying gifts to their cars. We stood in line to see Santa with two kids while their mom slipped into the toy store. I even tried on pants for a woman who insisted I was the exact same size as her son.

Dennis and I chatted excitedly as we drove away from the shopping center that evening. We had discovered what was missing from Christmas, and it didn't have anything to do with snow, senior proms or Bermuda shorts.

The quickest way to minimize our own burdens and concerns, we decided, was to lighten someone else's.

So we spent the rest of the holiday season looking for ways to help people. Usually it was just little stuff. Occasionally it required creativity, like the man who wanted his kids to receive a phone call from Santa — and me with a voice still emerging from puberty. But always it had more to do with giving of ourselves than of our means.

And you know what? It was the best Christmas I ever had — even though I can't for the life of me remember a single gift that I received that year.

Of course, what seemed like such a revelation to us is really something that others have understood for centuries. Christmas isn't about presents — it's about giving. And it doesn't come from the wallet or the purse — it comes from the heart.

The Christmas Spirit was first kindled hundreds of years ago in a lowly stable as a result of a divine gift of love. We honor and keep that Spirit best through our own commitment to caring, sharing and service to each other. And not just at Christmas.

But especially at Christmas.

Joseph Walker is a freelance writer from American Fork, Utah.

Handy nuns rehabilitate Katrina-damaged homes

By Mary Foster
Associated Press writer

NEW ORLEANS — Sister Paula Gonzalez — dressed in sweats and sneakers — was directing a fellow nun to the ceiling of a closet — the last area in need of insulation before the group begins hanging drywall in a house that has stood empty since Hurricane Katrina flooded it.

"We're all glad to be done with that nasty stuff," Gonzalez said. "Everyone has been itching for days."

Gonzalez, 78, of Cincinnati, is one of 86 nuns from various Roman Catholic orders around the United States and Canada who took part in the latest edition of Nuns Build. The program, begun in 2009, brings nuns to New Orleans twice a year to help rebuild houses flooded by Katrina in 2005, but are structurally sound and can be renovated.

There are still thousands of the houses in the metropolitan area. Many were owned by elderly or poor people without flood insurance and left with no means of reclaiming their homes.

The nuns worked with the St. Bernard Project, a nonprofit disaster recovery organization dedicated to rebuilding homes destroyed by Katrina.

The nuns have been part more than 23,000 volunteers have helped St. Bernard Project rebuild 319 families' homes. Money for the supplies is raised through donations.

In the latest effort, the nuns worked on 17 houses — swinging hammers, working saws, insulating, hanging drywall, painting, putting in flooring and installing doors and windows.

"We do it all," laughed Sister Winnie Brubach, 64, of Cincinnati, as she taped insulation into a closet ceiling. "We just showed up and started in on what they told us to do."

The sisters finished up their stay working at Patricia Gardner's home in the Gentry section of New Orleans. The house, which



AP photos

In this Nov. 19 photo, Sister Louise Smith, S.C.N., left, and Sister Anita Gagnon, S.C.H., cut a sheet of drywall while volunteering to rebuild a Hurricane Katrina-damaged house in New Orleans. A group of Catholic nuns and associates made their third trip to the New Orleans area since Katrina to spend a week rebuilding houses.



Sister Luke Boiarski, S.C.N., left, and Sister Ann Whalen, S.C.H., laugh while volunteering to rebuild a Hurricane Katrina-damaged house.

was flooded to the roof by the failure of the city's levees following Katrina, was gutted when they arrived. By the time they left at the end of the week, the house had been completely insulated and ceilings and walls covered with dry wall.

"It will be one of our 'Homes for the Holidays' houses," said Amanda Catalani of the St. Bernard Project, said. The agency is working to have 25 houses restored in time for families to return to them before Christmas. A group of volunteers will pick up where

the nuns left off at the end of their stay.

"It's doable, definitely doable," Catalani said. "We could use more volunteers, but we have 13 done so we believe we will get them all done."

The nuns working on Gardner's house ranged in age from 62 to 78. All acknowledged that when they entered their orders as young women they would never have imagined themselves involved in such a project.

Every nun working in the house wore full habits when

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they took orders.

"We were all in the pen-guin suits," said Sister Luke Boiarski, 62, of Nazareth, Ky., who was dressed in a T-shirt and jeans for the manual labor.

The voluminous habits with the starched wimples and veils were never questioned, said Sister Joyce Richter, 76, a teacher who now works in information technology and builds websites.

"We just thought 'This is our life,'" Richter said. "But over the years the changes have been drastic. It's been very freeing to put the habits away. I can't imagine us taking on something like this wearing them."

The nuns learned their construction skills on the job, they said.

"This is the first time I did this in my life," said Anita Gagnon, 75, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, as she helped put wall board on a bathroom ceiling. "Wait until I go home and tell my brothers."

Revolutionary war veteran, church founder honored

By Andrew Tobias
The Delaware Gazette

When Thomas Cellar arrived with his son-in-law in Liberty Township in 1802 by boat, he announced his arrival by sounding a conch shell. The tone, intended for his family who was staying in a cabin he'd built the year before, echoed from the Olenangy River throughout the tranquil valley for four miles.

"Today, one can only imagine such serenity," recounted Lana Palmer, of the Delaware chapter of the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as cars hummed through the nearby intersection of Ohio 315 and Home Road.

Palmer told the story to a crowd who gathered at the Liberty Presbyterian Church late Sunday morning. She spoke during a ceremony to honor Cellar, a church patriarch and volunteer in the Pennsylvania Militia who fought in the American Revolutionary War.

The hour-long ceremony outside the church was largely a somber and reserved recognition of Cellar. Still an occasional blast of cannon and flintlock musket fire, dissonant bagpipe choir and drummer playing Taps could be heard during the service.

Thomas Cellar, a gunsmith by trade, was born in

"Whatever is recorded is preserved. Nothing is really ended until it is forgotten."

— DAR regent Nancy Zadra

Maryland in 1741 to German immigrants. After serving in the war, in 1801 he bought 4,000 acres (at \$1.37 an acre) on the east side of the Olenangy River in what became Liberty Township after Ohio gained statehood. His family soon joined him.

Eight of the nine original members of Liberty Presbyterian were Cellar family members, and it is assumed many early services took place in the Cellar family home. Although Cellar died in 1816, four years before the church was built, his memory lives on with a prominent grey tombstone in the adjacent Liberty Cemetery. He is buried next to his second wife, Sarah.

Cellar's grave was marked Sunday with two bronze plaques; one recognizing his role in founding the church, while the other his role in carving out the United States as a military veteran. DAR members believe it is the only such monument in Delaware County.

"Whatever is recorded is preserved. Nothing is really ended until it is forgotten," remarked local DAR regent Nancy Zadra during the ceremony. Liberty Presbyterian Pastor John Hart, Liberty Township Administrator

Dave Anderson also spoke along with several representatives of the DAR. Prior to the ceremony's beginning, a processional made up of the Capital City Pipes and Drums of Columbus and color guard with the DAR and the Ohio State Society Sons of the American Revolution marched before standing at attention by the grave-site.

Roughly 25 decedents of Cellar attended the ceremony to lay flowers on his grave; there were four generations of Cellars represented in all.

Russell Cellar, 65, unveiled the plaques along-

side his 84 year-old brother, Bernard Cellar. The two men are the great-great-great-great-great grandsons of Thomas and Sarah Cellar.

"The man was a real pioneer," said Bernard Cellar, a life-long resident of Delaware County, afterwards. "I think it was nice of the DAR to do this."

The Cellar family has a long military tradition, with family members also serving during the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II and the Vietnam War. While some have left Delaware County at times, quite a few members of the family have stayed in the area over the years, said Russell Cellar.

"It was a great recognition of a veteran," he said of the ceremony.

RELIGION LETTER

Who's birthday are we celebrating?

When we look at man's history of worshipping gods, we find similarities with this upcoming celebration as one of sun worship, which has to do with worshipping hosts of heaven. Saturnalia was the observation of the winter solstice and Roman god, Mithra, who was born on Dec. 25, along with the smile faced sungod called Horus.

We are steeped in traditions that have crept in through the ages, not knowing their origin. At this time of the year, many celebrate the birth of Messiah/God in the flesh, born in a manger with shepherds out in the field at night with their flocks.

Q: Would shepherds be out in the fields at this time of year or would they be in the sheep folds and corrals for protection from the environment?

Remember, the sun was going down and fear was that it might not return, so cultures sacrificed their babies to the gods of their own choosing, Christ-mass, so the sun would return for worship. If we allow mixture in our worship of Yah (Psalm 68:4 KJV) through traditions, we are told he doesn't

accept it. The Almighty's set Feast Days are defined in Leviticus 23 and they are his days for his people to observe forever. What part of forever do we not understand? We are called to abide in Messiah and walk as he walked.

With a study of the account of John the Baptist/Immersioner and Jesus/Yahushua the Messiah's record of birth and priestly duties of Zachariah, we can calculate the birth of Messiah to be near the Feast of Trumpets or Feast of Tabernacles in the fall of the year.

Q: Who's birthday are we celebrating? It's certainly not the birth of Immanuel.

Reference: YouTube — Christmas Exposed, <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=diVXPTjqaE>
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Twin Falls

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Walk to Bethlehem is for the body and soul

By **Annette Fuller**
The Winston-Salem Journal

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Just like the wisemen and the shepherds who traveled to see the baby Jesus, more than 1,300 church members in the Winston-Salem area are walking to Bethlehem, planning to arrive on Christmas Day.

They are walking across the Atlantic Ocean and North Africa, virtually, in a program called Walk to Bethlehem, coordinated by the Shepherd's Center. The goal is to make exercise a regular habit and to enrich each walker's spiritual journey during the holidays.

"We are getting the most amazing feedback. I've never heard such enthusiasm about exercising," said Laura Rapp of the Shepherd's Center, coordinator of the walk. "I figured if we could get five churches to participate that would be great." Instead, 20 signed up.

Each walker logs miles, reporting them weekly to a coordinator with each church. Even children are getting in on the act, earning

miles by swimming, biking or eating vegetables and fruits. Virtually all exercise counts toward the miles.

The walk started Sept. 26. Each walker received a mileage log book. Each week they read a spiritual devotion, and they also learn a lesson about the place or city they are traveling through virtually. The walkers are learning cultural and geographic lessons about Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt and finally Bethlehem.

From Winston-Salem, it's a journey of 6,175 miles.

The enthusiasm has surprised everyone, including Rapp and the church coordinators, many of whom are nurses who volunteer to help with health initiatives at their churches.

"Some churches even got to Bethlehem ahead of time, and are now touring other countries nearby," Rapp said.

Two churches whose pastors know each other United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Highland Avenue are engaging in a friendly competition, said

Linda Dark, the coordinator at United Metropolitan.

About 50 people from her church are walking, and about 100 are walking from First Baptist Highland.

Dark, who is a nurse, did blood-pressure checks of all of her walkers before the program started.

"One lady in particular had elevated blood pressure," Dark said. "She went to the doctor, and he adjusted her medicine. And the walking is helping her, too."

Gwen Stewart, also a nurse and the coordinator for St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, told her congregation one Sunday morning in September about the program.

"I made the plea that your body is a temple and you should be preparing your body for the temple that it was ordained to be," Stewart said.

She expected maybe 50 would participate, but 190 adults, children and seniors signed up.

In meetings with her walkers, Stewart told them:

"Get up from in front of that TV and walk. But this

cannot be your normal walking; you must focus and commit that you are walking to Bethlehem. Take the stairs, not the elevator. Go outside and walk around your house 10 times. March in place for 20 minutes."

Children who eat five servings of healthy vegetables or fruits get a mile toward the goal, Stewart said.

Walkers from the church meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays either at 11 a.m. or 6 p.m. to walk around the church for 45 minutes.

"They come out and have a brief scripture, and then get healthy together," Stewart said. "I am in awe of my seniors who have jumped on this bandwagon."

Stewart is plotting their progress with pins on a world map.

During the time the group was walking through Liberia, Stewart invited Jacob Crawford, one of her co-workers from Liberia, to speak about his home country.

"It was absolutely a beautiful experience," she said.

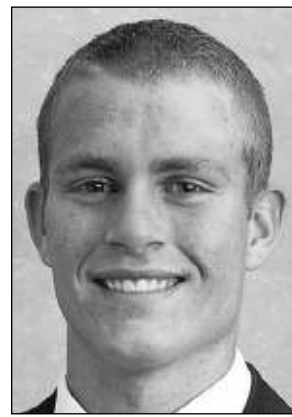
MISSIONARIES



Elder Tyrell Porter has returned from serving a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Arizona Mesa Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 11:20 a.m. Sunday at the Dietrich Ward Chapel. Porter graduated from Dietrich High School in 2008. He earned his Duty to God Award and is an Eagle Scout. He will continue his education at Brigham Young University-Idaho in the fall. His parents are Jarrett and Shauna Porter of Dietrich.



Elder Kris Copeland has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Heyburn 1st Ward Chapel, 530 Villa. Copeland graduated from Minico High School in 2010 and attended BYU-Idaho for one semester. He has received his Duty to God award and is an Eagle Scout. His parents are Greer and Kay Copeland of Rupert.



Elder Marcus Jeff Jardine has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Alabama Birmingham Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 13th Ward Chapel behind the Twin Falls Temple and will report to the Missionary Training Center on Wednesday. Jardine graduated from Twin Falls High School, where he was part of the 2010 State Basketball Champion team. He is the son of Jeff and Janelle Jardine of Twin Falls and an Eagle Scout.



Elder James David (J.D.) Webb has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Peru Trujillo Mission. He will speak in sacrament meeting at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls 1st Ward Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N. Webb graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2009 and attended the College of Southern Idaho for three semesters, pursuing a degree in psychology. He has been employed by the YMCA at the city pool. He is the son of Byron and Ruth Webb of Twin Falls.

CHURCH NEWS



Children from the Jerome First Baptist Church present their Christmas program, "The True Meaning of Christmas," on Dec. 16. *Courtesy photo*

Cantata presented by Baptist children

About 53 children ages 3 to 12 performed a Christmas Cantata, "The True Meaning of Christmas," on Dec. 16 at the Jerome First Baptist Church. Seven-year-old Joseph Stevenson portrayed Joseph, and Mary was played by Sara Stevenson, who was about 4 or 5. The children had memorized their songs, including "Gospel Bells," "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Dear Little Stranger."

The program was conducted by choir director Giselle Beers. Program director was Olga Levanskiy with Mary Sue Fattig at the piano. The sound and lights crew included Jason Bell, Ken Thomason, Walker Ostler, Eric Thomason, Yana Levanskiy, Dana Lage and Leonard Frings.

Nashville artist sings for final sermon

Jaimie Thietten will provide the special music for worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, 262 Fifth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, as part of the final worship service of Pastor Dale Metzger, who is retiring Friday. Metzger's message will be "It's Time to Step Down" from Luke 18:9-14.

Thietten is a Twin Falls native, former Miss Magic Valley and now a Nashville recording artist. She has recorded several award-winning songs, has several hit CDs of her music, has appeared on several shows and has been the opening performer for many top recording artists.

Coffee and fellowship will follow worship.

Ascension Episcopal carols to shut-ins

"The Church has Left the Building" will be observed Sunday with a Christmas caroling outreach to homes and care facilities.

Everyone will meet at 11 a.m. at the church, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, to caravan and return to the church for a chili feed and white elephant gift exchange in the early afternoon.

No services will be held. Information: www.ascension.episcopalidaho.org or 733-1248.

Methodist Church holds hymn sing worship

"Meditations on the Day After Christmas" will be the theme for a hymn sing Sunday at First United Methodist Church, 360 Shoshone S. E. in Twin Falls.

The Sunday school teachers will

have a break, but activities will be provided for all children at 9 a.m. in the Elementary Room. Sunday is a birthday party for Jesus, and an epiphany party is scheduled for Jan. 2. Teachers will return to class Jan. 9.

Information: 733-5872 or www.tffumc.com.

Burley church plans New Year's Eve event

The Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., will hold a social activity and service Thursday.

The event features fellowship, games, finger foods and live music in a casual atmosphere from 8 to 11 p.m. Participants will then go to the sanctuary and ring in the new year with a Covenant Renewal Service in keeping with the church's Wesleyan heritage. Anyone seeking to enter the New Year prayerfully and with new or renewed commitment to God will be able to appreciate this time of worship. Feel free to bring a favorite board game, a finger food to share or a musical instrument to play along.

All are welcome. *The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send information to Ellen Thomason at ellen@magicvalley.com. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.*

RELIGION BRIEFS

Monks who sell jam settle lawsuit over new building

EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP, Mich. — A township in the Upper Peninsula has settled a lawsuit with monks over construction of a building next to where their local fruit preserves are sold. Eagle Harbor Township in Keweenaw County has agreed to allow the building for fruit storage under Michigan's right-to-farm law. The Society of St. John sued in federal court in 2009, claiming the township had violated its rights as a religious group. The township says the monks have operated the Jampot under an exception to the local zoning ordinance. Officials in 2008 had turned down an expansion and questioned whether the property was only for religious purposes.

The agreement filed last week also clarifies what rights the monks have on their property. The monks are affiliated with the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Church leaders ask parishioners to sign petitions

OGDEN, Utah — Utah churchgoers are being asked to sign petitions opposing increases in the state's sales tax on food.

Members of the Utah Coalition of Religious Communities are pushing for signatures when attendance at many churches is particularly high because of the holidays.

The coalition is a multi-faith response to poverty. State Sen. Stuart Adams, R-Layton, presented a bill to increase the sales tax during an interim session of the Legislature. The coalition

fears Adams or other lawmakers will present similar bills in 2011.

Sales tax on food in Utah is 3 percent. Adams' rationale for an increase was stabilization of the tax base, especially when sales of high-priced items such as cars and furniture fluctuate dramatically.

County fines Bothell church \$1,500 over flagpole permit

BOTHELL, Wash. — Snohomish County code enforcement officers have a problem with a 90-foot flagpole at a Bothell church. The county is threatening the Park Ridge Community Church with a \$1,500 fine if it doesn't get a permit. The 90-foot tall wooden pole was erected about 10

years ago as a temporary cell phone tower. The pastor, Brad Sebranke, says when the phone company no longer needed the pole the church asked that it be left as a flag pole. The church put a cross on top and has a lighted star on top in the Christmas season. The church is appealing the fine. A county hearing examiner is scheduled to consider the case Jan. 4.

— Wire reports

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Dorothy Joan 'Dot' Swarner

Dorothy Joan "Dot" Swarner, 83, of Twin Falls, went to join her Heavenly Father after an extended illness Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010.

Dot was born in Rigby, Idaho, on July 24, 1927. Her parents were Alonzo "Lon" Bronson Dayley and Laura Erma Call. Dot spent her early years in Oakley, Idaho; after that, the family made several moves around Idaho and Oregon. During the years of World War II, she lived with Bill and Lorraine Sims (her sister) in California. While there to help with the war effort, she worked in a "Rosie the Riveter" position in an airplane factory. Later in life, she worked in retail, home health care and manufacturing work.

After the war, she married Darrell Knauss; they resided in Coldwater, Mich., for a while. She made frequent trips home to Idaho during that time to see her parents. Later on, her parents and sister, Lorraine, moved to Cottage Grove, Ore. She joined them there in 1950. Later on, the family moved to southern Idaho. She was divorced from her first husband and married Frank Herman. They were later divorced after many years, and she was later married to George Swarner. They resided in Twin Falls until her death. Dot and George were longtime members of St. Edwards Catholic Church in Twin Falls.

They enjoyed their pets, loved traveling and their home. They honeymooned in Hawaii when they were married and especially enjoyed the many trips they made to the Lake Tahoe area. Dot raised five children, Connie (Larry) McCauley, Jerry (Karen) Knauss, Lori (Rick) Paxton, Frankie (Shirlene) Herman and Debbie (Bob) Horton. A daughter (Francine Herman) died at birth. Her extended family includes David Lee (Penny) Swarner, George



Wesley (Sharon) Swarner, Myra Sue (Bob) Anderson and Lisa Lynn (Steve) Gamble. The couple has, altogether, 24 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Dot was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings (three sisters and one brother).

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Father Mariusz Majewski celebrating. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. A rosary prayer service will be recited at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Deacon Jim Herrett reciting. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 5 p.m. until the time of the rosary Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Dot's name to the St. Edwards Catholic Church Building Fund. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and sincere appreciation for the special care and love given to Dot and all her family and extended family during the time of her illness.

We would like to extend a special "thank you" to the entire staff of St. Luke's Hospice and River Ridge Care and Rehabilitation facilities.

Dot was loved by all that had the privilege of knowing her, and will be missed by all.

DEATH NOTICES

Irma Baxter-Patterson

FILER — Irma M. Baxter-Patterson, 93, of Filer, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2010, at Stoney Creek Living Center. Arrangements will be announced by Rosenau Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Willard D. Allen

BURLEY — Willard Dale Allen, 78, of Burley, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2010, in Shoshone. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

SERVICES

Betty Aileen Carpenter of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Monday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Arland J. Olson of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 26 S. 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S. Highway 24 in Rupert, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Carol Adrian Tadlock Biggers of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Leland "J" Muir of South Jordan, Utah, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the River LDS 10th Ward, 1570 W. 11400 S. in South Jordan, Utah (Goff Mortuary in

South Jordan, Utah).

Marilyn Carole Sheppard of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; visitation from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m., Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Janet Scott Hunt of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Emerson LDS Church, 127 S. 950 W. of Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and noon to 12:45 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Kim Duane Maddox of Shoshone, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln St. in Jerome.

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Man who shot self during traffic stop dies

SPRINGFIELD, Ore. (AP) — A man who shot himself Sunday during a traffic stop on Interstate 5 at Springfield has died. Oregon State Police say 31-year-old Igor V. Niaki

of Post Falls, died at a Springfield hospital. The *Register-Guard* reported a trooper had pulled him over for suspected drunken driving.

Idaho mining activity increases

State poised to match or beat record

BOISE (AP) — Mining activity in Idaho increased this year after a slight dip in 2009, with the state poised to match or beat a record set for mineral production two years ago.

Idaho produced a record \$1 billion worth of minerals in 2008, before production suffered a small decrease in 2009. Production this year appears on track to match or surpass the \$1 billion mark, said Virginia Gillerman, an associate research geologist for the Idaho Geological Survey. "Idaho companies that

have existing mines are doing better, and this year saw an increase in exploration activity and large projects," said Gillerman, who released a report on the state's mining economy in December.

Mining for precious metals expanded this year after prices rose in late 2009 and remained steady, Gillerman said, while mining for industrial metals, such as gravel and limestone for construction, did not fair as well.

"Those markets have not come back yet and won't

for a couple of years," Gillerman said.

The Idaho Conservation League, which monitors Idaho mining projects to make sure they comply with water quality and other environmental regulations, has found it difficult to keep tabs on all the exploration projects for minerals amid the increase, program director Justin Hayes said.

"There's so much exploration going on that it's hard to track them all and figure out which ones are real projects and which ones are just people trumping up their stock," Hayes told the *Idaho*

Business Review.

Idaho boasts one of the world's largest silver mines. Copper and gold are dug up in smaller areas around the state and phosphate rock is mined for use in fertilizers, chemicals, and consumer products. The state also produces sand, gravel and crushed stone for construction, along with industrial garnets.

Mining has an element of stability that some other industries lack, Gillerman said.

"It's one of the few that is specifically tied to Idaho," Gillerman said. "You can't pick up a phosphate mine and move it to China."

SECRETS FOR SANTA



AP photo

Sebastian Padilla, 5, right, whispers into Santa Claus' ear Thursday at the Mesilla Valley Mall in Las Cruces, N.M. He said he's been a good boy this year. His brother, 3-year-old Cameron Padilla, waits to tell Jolly of St. Nick what he wants.

Mont. governor calls state lawmakers 'biggest boozers'

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Citing alcohol sales data, Gov. Brian Schweitzer has called state lawmakers some of "the biggest boozers;" just as the legislature is preparing to arrive in Helena to start what already promised to be a tough session.

Schweitzer's comments, predictably, are not sitting well with legislators. The governor, who for years has lampooned the lawmakers for eating "thick steaks and old whiskey" bought by lobbyists, upped the ante recently at a press conference discussing tax revenue.

He pointed out Department of Revenue data showed wholesale liquor sales go up in Helena when the Legislature is in session. The governor also noted that alcohol sales

tracked by the agency dropped off slightly everywhere else in the state while the Legislature is in session.

"These are the ones that are the biggest boozers," said Schweitzer, a Democrat.

Of course, a lot more people than just lawmakers are in Helena when the Legislature meets every other year from January through April. Hundreds of lobbyists and interest groups come and go. And thousands of citizens testify at the Capitol on bills.

All of those people are conceivable staying in town for dinner and drinks.

The Department of Revenue said wholesale sales, which reflect what stores expect to sell to bars and retail customers, increased a whopping 24 percent from January

through March in 2009 when the Legislature was last in session.

"The January through March wholesale sales coincide with the primary time period that liquor consumption in Helena is affected by the session," Department of Revenue spokeswoman Cynthia Pearson wrote in an e-mail.

But lawmakers were not entertained by the way Schweitzer connected the increase to the legislators.

"I am quite sure that 150 lawmakers don't account for a 24 percent increase in liquor sales. Stop and think about the thousands of people that come in during those four months," said Republican Rep. Walt McNutt of Sidney. "He is taking a pretty cheap shot there."

Water source no longer pristine

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — A major source of Butte drinking water is no longer pristine and can't be used without treatment, prompting city officials to start looking for other options.

The watershed that feeds Basin Creek Reservoir has deteriorated due to the ongoing pine beetle infestation that kills trees — and state officials that once described the water source as "pristine" have revoked an exemption to filtering the water.

The *Montana Standard* reports that Butte-Silver Bow last month stopped using Basin Creek water because it will be too costly to filter. Butte is instead using water from the Big Hole River and Moulton Reservoir.

"We have all sorts of options we're looking at," said Rick Larson, operations manager for the utility division.

The city said more pine needles and other natural debris are in the reservoir due to dying trees.

A filtration plant could cost up to \$30 million. Another option would be to upgrade the Big Hole pump station for \$3.5 million, which the city hoped Gov. Brian Schweitzer will approve through the state's Natural Resource Damage Program.

"If we get the pump house on the Big Hole, we should be fine," Larson said.

The Big Hole River combined with Moulton Reservoir provide reliable sources of drinking water for Butte, said Dick Talley, an engineer with DOWL HKM, a Butte firm working with the city-county to improve the city's water system.

More water will be pulled from the river, but officials said it is still a relatively small amount compared to what is pulled out for other uses.

States settle EPA lawsuits

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont, 10 other states, the District of Columbia and New York City have settled lawsuits against the Environmental Protection Agency after the agency announced a new plan to establish greenhouse gas pollution standards under provisions of the Clean Air Act.

The agreement followed a decision by the Obama administration to move through regulatory channels to clamp down on greenhouse gas emissions after Congress failed to act on new legislation. The groups that sued the EPA had sought to compel it to issue new standards for greenhouse gas emissions.

The new regulations will focus on coal plants and oil refineries, two of the largest sources of greenhouse gases.

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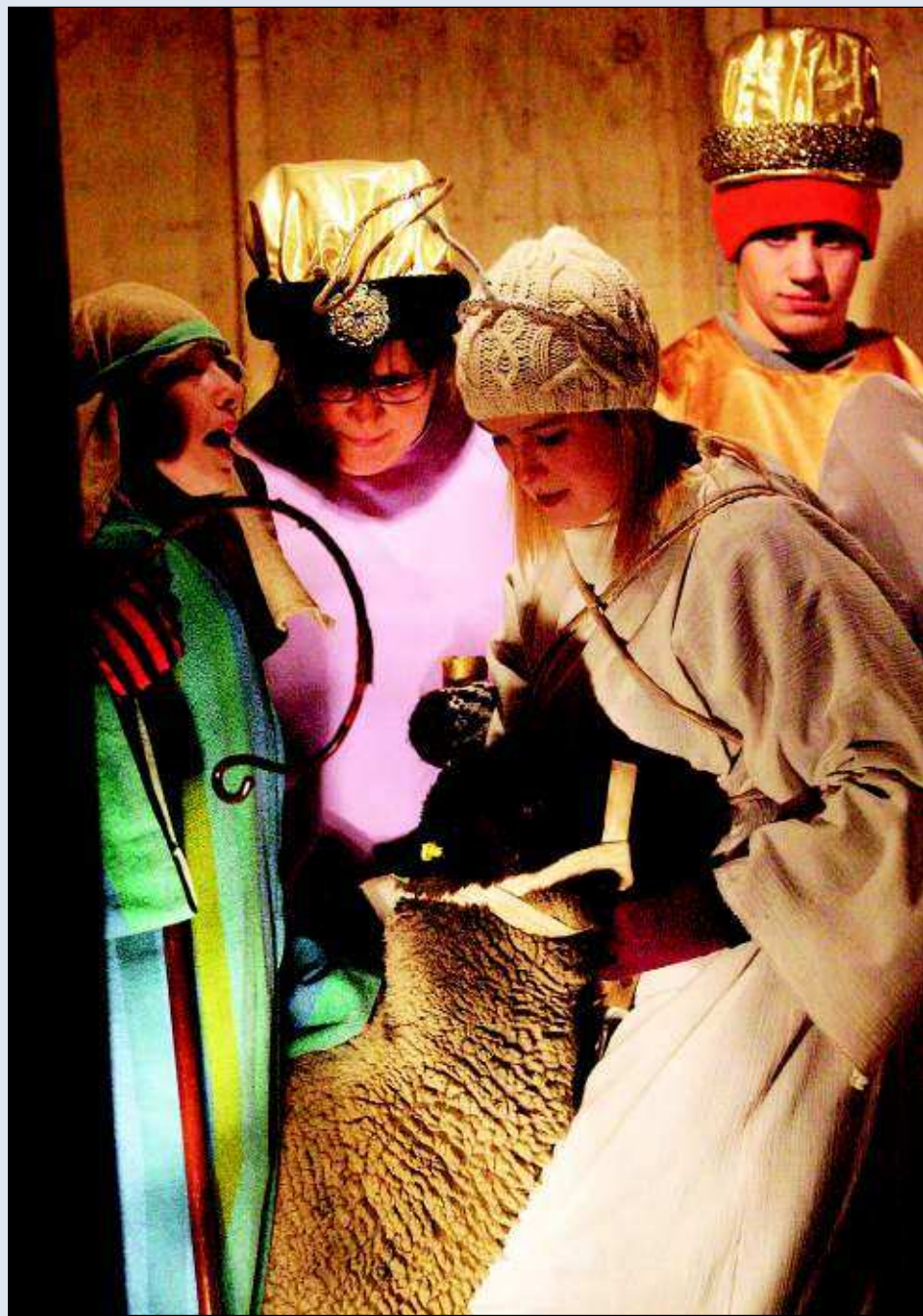
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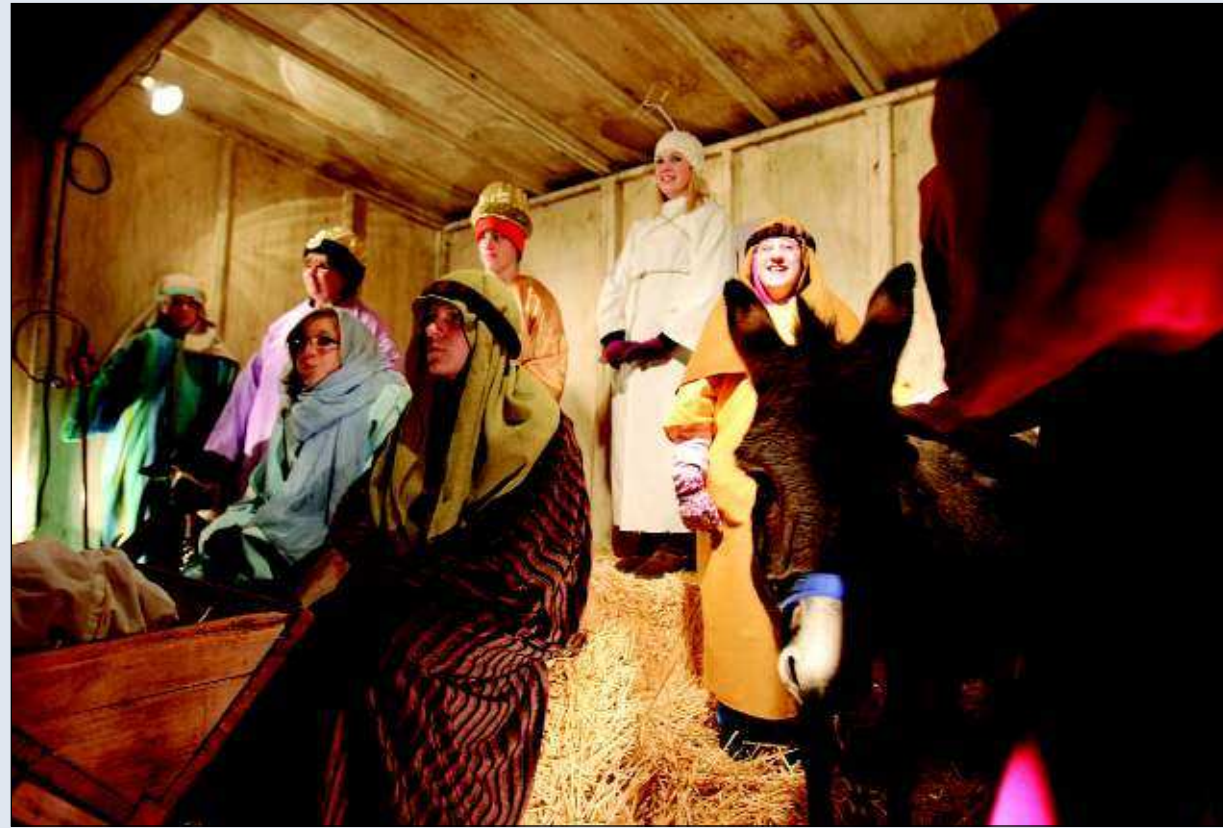
Runaway at the Nativity



Photos by DREW NASH/Times-News

LEFT: A group from the First Christian Church put on a two-hour live Nativity scene Thursday evening in Twin Falls. From left, Breeana Ulrich, 11, plays a shepherd; Dianna Cullinan, a wise man; Rylie Baker, 16, an angel; and Brett Mitchell, a wise man. The four tended to a lamb named Abby who was getting loose during the presentation.

BELOW: Besides the human cast, the Nativity scene included a live mule and the lamb



A policeman's Christmas tale

This week I'd thought I give a shot at Christmas storytelling. Merry Christmas, and I hope you enjoy the story.

ASK POLICEMAN DAN
Dan Bristol



Officer Sam Trinity was a good cop; no, strike that, a great cop. He had been on the job for almost 16 years, the last 10 as a widower.

You see, Trinity had lost his wife, Chrissie, and son, Bobby, on that fatal Christmas Day 10 years before to a drunken driver. They were killed instantly in the crash, but somehow the drunken driver came away with only a scratch and a prison sentence. Chrissie did live on in a way, though — she had donated her precious organs so that others might live, but that was Chrissie's way.

Trinity decided to work every Christmas after that, in his family's memory and so that the other officers could enjoy their families. He also vowed that no other lives would be lost on Christmas to a drunken driver. He kept his promise many of those Christmases and always went to visit the graves of little Bobby and Chrissie before heading out.

That Christmas Day seemed no different than usual. Officer Trinity got ready for work in the usual way — dressing in his black uniform, but always waiting to put his tie and gun belt on so he could eat his breakfast in comfort. He made his way to the kitchen only to pause at the living room, where the dried-up Christmas tree with presents sat. He had left it that way seemingly as a shrine to Chrissie and Bobby ever since that fateful day. If only Chrissie had not forgotten to get Bobby's diapers on her trip to the store, she would be sharing the day with him.

Trinity ate his breakfast in the hurried manner he always had and finished dressing. He went to his patrol car and made sure that everything was prepared to fight the crime that had stolen his family. The patrol car came to life as does a faithful dog, ready to see the deed done it had seen so many Christmases in the past. Trinity eased into the car and headed out

looking to make another safe Christmas Day.

Once again, he visited the graves of his departed wife and son. Maybe Trinity noticed, but ignored or was too entranced to see the figure off in the distance. The figure grew bigger as it got nearer and he realized that a woman was also standing there with him, looking at the frozen headstones.

Curiosity got the better of Trinity and he asked the woman if he could help her.

She turned to Trinity and softly spoke to him. "This woman here saved my life. I was on death's bed because my heart was failing, but 10 years ago today a miracle happened. I was moments away from leaving this earth and in a coma when an angel visited me. The angel told me that I was to take care of her family.

"When I came out of coma I had a new heart and a valued life," the woman said. "I was able to find out who the donor was and have visited her grave ever since. I always felt the urge to especially see the boy's tombstone."

Trinity could not believe his eyes. Was it a Christmas miracle, or just coincidence? Whatever the verdict, it's now been five years since that visit, and he and his wife, Noel, have been happily married ever since.

Officer down

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

- Officer James Lister, Arizona State University Police Department.

- Officer Andrew J. Rameas, Harker Heights Police, Texas.

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..

Colonoscopy complications can occur

DEAR DR. GOTT: I believe you did your readers a disservice in your Nov. 13 article on colonoscopy. You should have indicated that it's not as safe as you may have your readers believe. I personally know of two men who underwent this operation and had their colons cut. This caused one to undergo massive surgery at a local hospital, and he ended up with a colostomy. The other spent many months in rehab over this "simple" surgical procedure.

I am 71 and will not undergo a colonoscopy for any reason! It's nowhere as safe as one is led to believe. You should have mentioned this to your readers. I'll take my chances with cancer versus walking around for the rest of my life with a bag attached to my body.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In 2007, my 77-year-old sister had a colonoscopy. I dropped her off at the hospital in the morning, and

ASK DR. GOTT
Dr. Peter Gott



she never came home. Her colon was perforated, she developed an infection, her colon was removed, her kidneys shut down, and she ended up with a colostomy bag. She was in ICU for 30 days on dialysis and a respirator. Because she didn't want any "heroic measures," she was taken off the respirator and died two days later.

In the next week, two friends called to say they each had a relative die after a botched colonoscopy. Up to that point, I never knew this could happen. I think you owe it to your readers to tell them that there is risk in this procedure. I will never have one done.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I don't know why you, with any kind of good conscience,

can refer to colonoscopy so casually. It ruins three days of a person's life, costs a lot of money even with insurance, and the quality and safety of the procedure depends wholly on someone who doesn't care about you and will never see you again. You need to tell any person who is being coerced into it to tell the truth.

You will spend at least two days fasting and drinking a gallon of sweat-flavored liquid or a phosphate that can cause severe cramps and heart irregularities. You will be charged a minimum of \$400 and a maximum of more than \$1,000 up front because once the trauma is over and you survive, they worry you won't pay. You will be humiliated and degraded. Research the laxatives used, get someone middle-aged whose hand doesn't shake, have a consult beforehand, make them promise to stop if you ask them to, and if anyone tells you not to

worry, run as fast as you can.

DEAR DR. GOTT: You omitted two things in your recent response on colonoscopy. I went for my first and had the IV placed. My doctor said she would be back in a couple of minutes to get me. She came back indicating there would be a delay. I asked about the risks. She said that about one in every 500 procedures could result in perforation. When I asked if it could just be sutured back together, she said no, it must heal on its own. When I asked what happens if it doesn't heal, I was told the colon must be removed. I said I like my colon and want to keep it.

She went on to say the benefits outweigh the risks. She ultimately removed three polyps that tested pre-cancerous, and I'm glad I had it done. I will go back as recommended. The thing is — everyone I talk to now who has had one was never told of the risks

involved. There should be informed consent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Catching cancer early is good, so I am not suggesting a colonoscopy be skipped or put off. My own experience has been that the "twilight" sedative has a known memory-loss component that is said to wear off. In people over 60, I am not sure its effects completely disappear.

My anal muscles don't seem to function as well, even years after having the tube inserted and removed. I don't know if this relates to the colonoscopy or my age. Consequently, panty liners and wash up following bowel movements is necessary.

Having a good doctor and good hospital now may be a ticket to a longer life, despite some risks and side effects.

DEAR READERS: Overall, colonoscopy is generally safe; however, as with any invasive procedure,

complications can and do occur. It is estimated that problems occur in 0.35 percent of colonoscopy cases. When a polyp is discovered and removed, the risk increases to about 2 percent. Each year, more than 50,000 people die from colorectal cancer, a condition that is preventable. Colonoscopy does save lives, but I apologize for not stressing the possible downside. I can only recommend that patients be under the care of a qualified gastroenterologist who can answer all questions prior to any procedure being scheduled.

Peter H. Gott is a retired physician and the author of several books, including "Live Longer, Live Better," "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Diet" and "Dr. Gott's No Flour, No Sugar Cookbook," which are available at most bookstores or online. His website is www.AskDrGottMD.com.



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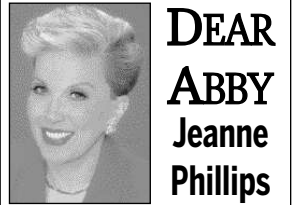
Merry Christmas!

DEAR ABBY: I really need some help. One of my friends and her boyfriend, "Jake," have been having problems and he wants to break up with her.

Jake has been flirting with me for a while now, and I feel uncomfortable because I flirted back.

- STUCK IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR STUCK: Be warned. Jake appears to be someone with a roving eye and a short attention span.



DEAR ABBY Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband started smoking two years ago, and it's driving me crazy - especially the wasted time and money.

Because most restaurants are now non-smoking, when we go out to dinner, instead of smoking right before he goes in, then after we leave, he'll get up a few minutes after we order to go outside and smoke.

It makes me really uncomfortable. I feel like people are staring at me. I have asked him repeatedly not to leave me sitting there, but he won't stop.

- SMOKING MAD IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SMOKING MAD: Your husband isn't being willfully disrespectful. He is so addicted to nicotine that he cannot sit through an entire meal with you because he must have another "fix"!

It's very sad. Because you can't convince him to recognize he has a problem, ask his doctor to help him quit.

DEAR ABBY: I am an intellectual giant. I have nothing in common with my peers. I am smarter than all of them.

- HEADS ABOVE THE REST IN IDAHO

DEAR HEADS ABOVE THE REST: Being intellectually gifted is an asset - unless it isolates you because you can't relate to others.

If you cannot manage what I am suggesting on your own, you may need some pointers from a psychologist to gain the tools you need.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: A very Merry Christmas to you all!

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Saturday, Dec. 25, 2010

THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"Grace is given of God, but knowledge is bought in the market."

- Arthur Hugh Clough

Against six spades West leads the trump queen, and when you win and play a second round of trumps, East discards a club.

The best approach is to try to remove West's hearts and clubs, then follow that up by throwing him in with a trump to lead diamonds or concede a ruff and discard.

One of the declarers in a team game played three rounds of clubs immediately, but West ruffed the third club and exited safely with a heart.

The second declarer showed the correct way to play the hand, which relies only on West's having at least one heart and one club. He cashed the heart king and led a low heart toward dummy.

West was now fixed. If he ruffed either of these, he would have to play a diamond away from the king. When he declined to ruff, declarer threw him in with a trump for the same outcome - 12 tricks to declarer.

NORTH 12-25-A
8 7 4 2
A Q 7 5
6 2
Q 8 6

WEST EAST
Q J 10 3
8 J 10 9 3 2
K 10 8 7 5 4 3 J 9
10 3 J 9 7 5 4

SOUTH
A K 9 6 5
K 6 4
A Q
A K 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: East

The bidding:
Table with 4 columns: South, West, North, East. Shows card plays for 2 clubs, 3 hearts, 4 NT, 6 hearts.

BID WITH THE ACES 12-25-B

South holds:
3
J 10 9 3 2
J 9
J 9 7 5 4

South West North East
? 1 diamond 1 heart 1 spade

ANSWER: It is possible to be too intellectual about problems of this sort. The simple approach facing an overcall is that when the opponents appear to own the deal and your side has a fit, you are obligated to pre-empt to the limit, even at unfavorable vulnerability.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's not about the gift, it's about the giving. Opening gifts will only take a few moments, but the memories of hours spent with family and friends will last forever. Give the gift of your time and affection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is time to do unto others. Everyone deserves a chance to feel loved and appreciated. Compliment the cook, praise your parents or flatter a friend. Scatter happiness along your holiday trail.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can be the life of the party. Your joy beams brighter than the star on top of a Christmas tree. You will find a captive audience wherever you go. Be demonstrative and affectionate with a lover.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your stocking might contain a surprising and romantic gift. It's possible that you and a significant other grow closer in intimacy in the early hours of the morning as you create and share holiday memories.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put commercial concerns on the back burner. It is a holiday and you shouldn't be thinking about business, your job or achieving your ambitions. Spend quality time with your family and loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is far better to give than to receive. Holiday gift exchanges are not a business matter. They might not end up being equitable or you might worry that you have given someone else less than expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You start out being influenced by your family background and circumstances, but you are responsible for the person you become. Fond memories of childhood fun can be relived with an added bonus feature.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder. Treasures, treats and toys might give great pleasure. What is most beautiful is the warm smile and happy face of a loved one who is happy to be with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Wave a white flag and call a truce. The true message of the holiday infuses the atmosphere with gaiety, giving everyone a chance to put disputes aside. Gift exchanges bring loved ones closer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Passion might be in fashion. A new grown-up toy might give you hours of pleasure. You may be so intent on learning a new skill or mastering a new game that you forget to come up for air.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Follow your bliss. This is one day of the year when you can indulge in childish pleasures or just have fun. Those who gather at the holiday table with you are certain to admire and adore your every move.

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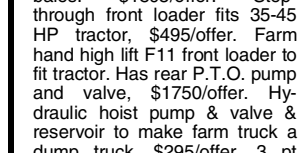
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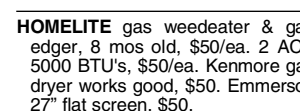
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By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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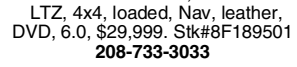
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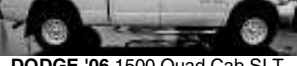
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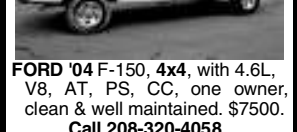
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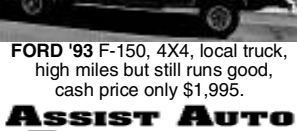
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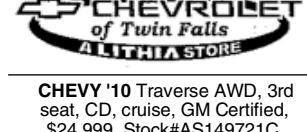
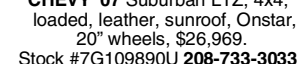


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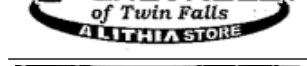
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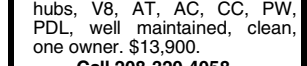
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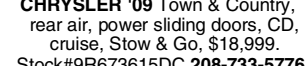
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- 6 Close tightly
- 10 Reach across
- 14 Hertz rival
- 15 Rim
- 16 Factual
- 17 Radar screen images
- 18 Personalities
- 19 Great anger
- 20 Healthy; beneficial
- 22 Glided across the ice
- 24 Massages
- 25 Bumpers
- 26 Film industry
- 29 Was mistaken
- 30 Take advantage of
- 31 Piano student's practice piece
- 33 Vote into office
- 37 Be a tattletale
- 39 Firstborn of two
- 41 Canyon sound
- 42 Leaflike part of a flower
- 44 Apple drink
- 46 Mai tai ingredient
- 47 India's dollar
- 49 Desensitize
- 51 Worker
- 54 Christmas
- 55 Does penance
- 56 Yellow turnip
- 60 Lion's hair
- 61 Heroic tale
- 63 Knitting stitches
- 64 Pub orders
- 65 Tie __; piece of men's jewelry
- 66 Smooth and glossy
- 67 __ up; arranges
- 68 Pale
- 69 Lets up

DOWN

- 1 Keep __ on; watch closely
- 2 Widemouthed, earthenware jar
- 3 Hammered-in fastener
- 4 Tainted
- 5 Getup
- 6 Fortune-tellers
- 7 Nervous
- 8 Long __; in days of yore
- 9 Inferior
- 10 Sit astride
- 11 Chatter
- 12 Boring tool
- 13 Requires
- 21 Diminish
- 23 Leg joint
- 25 Liberated
- 26 Baby bears
- 27 Dot in the sea on a map
- 28 Tide type
- 29 Albert or Murphy
- 32 Stomach ailment
- 34 Beige shade
- 35 Pal
- 36 Grave
- 38 Noblewoman
- 40 Present an argument against

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- 43 Draw; attract
- 45 Backslide
- 48 Spain's dollar before the Euro
- 50 Cloud of dust or gas
- 51 Tibetan monks
- 52 "___ of Two Cities"
- 53 Actress Lisa ___
- 54 Unpleasant ___ tasting
- 56 Well-to-do
- 57 Greek god of war
- 58 Delight
- 59 Requests
- 62 Daddies

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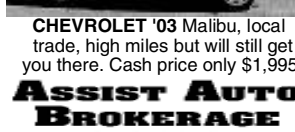
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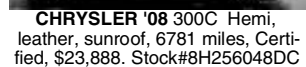
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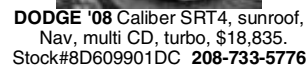
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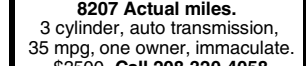
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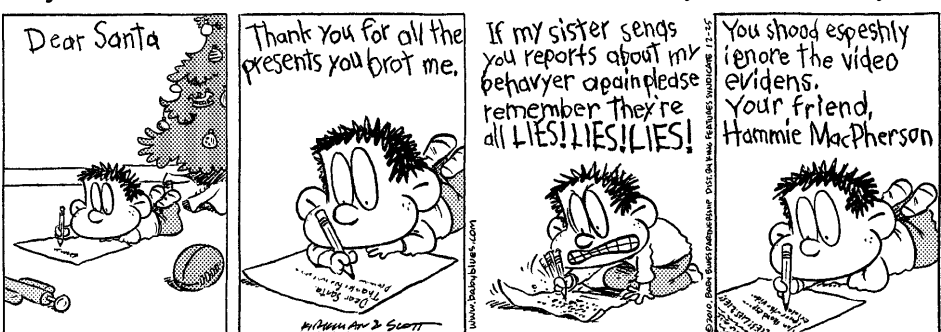
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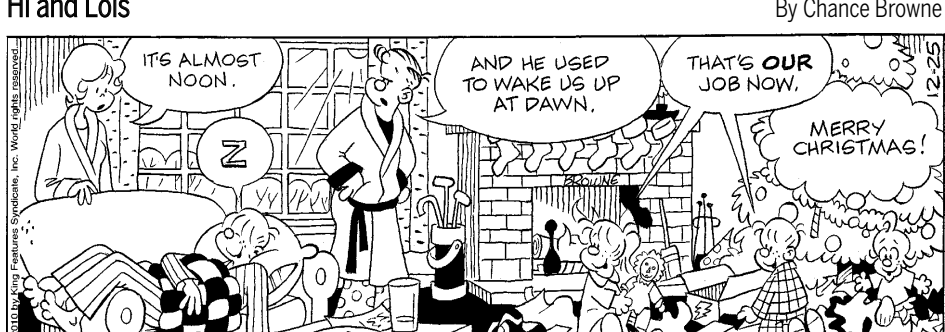
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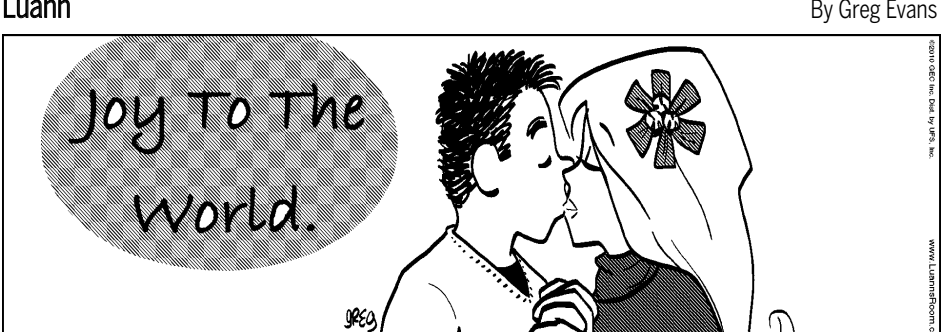
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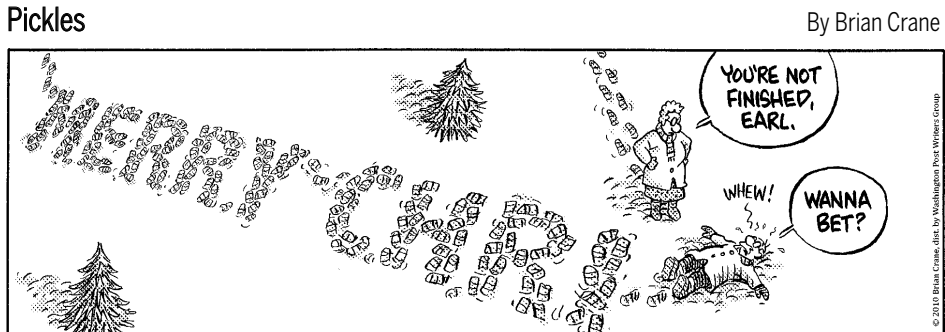
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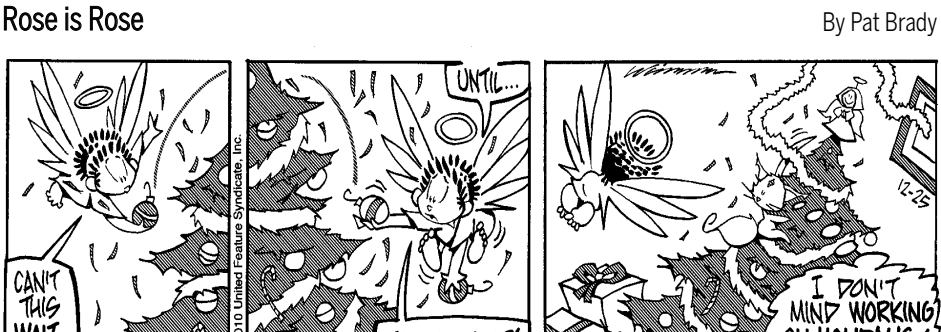
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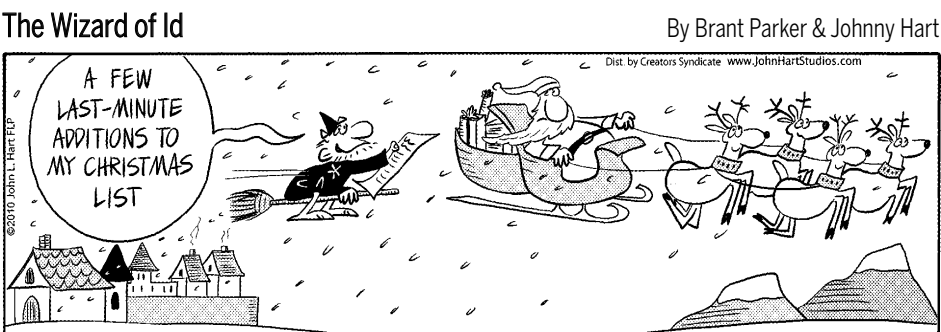
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Jerome's Green enjoying new lease on basketball life

By Mark Liptak
Times-News correspondent

It's a wonderful life right now for Kari Green.

Twenty-six months ago, the former Jerome all-conference point guard walked on to the Idaho State women's basketball team at a time when the program badly needed players. Now the fifth-year senior finds herself on scholarship and contributing to a team that has shocked the Big Sky Conference by getting off to an 8-4 start, despite a difficult schedule and with eight

of the 12 players being underclassmen.

Green didn't know what to expect when she tried out that day expect for one thing.

"I still had a passion to play basketball and wanted to try it again," she said.

Green spent her first two years at BYU but never came close to seeing the court or playing when she transferred to Idaho State. The desire to play was still there, as stated, but she didn't know if she'd get the chance. That's when fate stepped in.

Former head coach Jon Newlee left for Idaho, taking some players with him, and when new coach Seton Sobolewski came in he found other issues with some of the players who remained. Those players also left, which resulted in a team short on players — it was so bad that open tryouts for walk-ons were held.

Green showed up, impressed everyone with her ability and was asked to stay. A month later she was



Green

on a plane to New Mexico with ISU and a college career was born.

It's hard though on players — the travel, the constant preparation, conditioning drills and the educational requirements mean long, late nights, missed sleep and little social life.

"No regrets, none," she said. "Now there have been times I've asked myself, 'why am I doing this?' But it's been such a great experience. I'm met great people,

I've had a coaching staff that cared about me, I've played against teams I'd never thought I'd play against and I've traveled the country."

The payoff for that dedication came when Sobolewski awarded Green a scholarship for this season.

"My parents and I were really excited when we heard the news. It felt great to have all the hard work I did recognized by Coach," she said.

And Green isn't just a token member of the club. Tuesday night in the win over the Great Falls Argonauts, she played 16

minutes with four points, an assist and a rebound. She's also played significant minutes against teams as talented as Texas Tech and Texas earlier this season.

The holiday break comes at a time when Idaho State has won five in a row and 14 of 19 dating back to last season, so how will Green personally spend her break?

"I'm going to spend time with my family and get a lot of sleep," she said.

It'll be a quick rest for Green, who's living the dream and enjoying it while it lasts.

Miami Heat forward LeBron James and his teammates will take to Los Angeles today to play the Lakers, but neither side is particularly happy about playing a game on Christmas Day.



AP photo

Christmas games can be tough on those involved

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — Phil Jackson and LeBron James agree: Christmas Day games are not the ideal holiday gift.

A day after the Lakers' coach reiterated his long-time stance against NBA games on Dec. 25, James and other members of the Miami Heat said they also wish they could be with their families on Christmas.

Instead, the Lakers and Heat will spend the holiday together, playing in Los Angeles this afternoon.

"If you ask any player in the league, we'd rather be home with our families," James said. "I think the people that even set the games up would rather be home with their family during this day. It's not just a regular holiday. It's definitely one of those days that you wish you could wake up in the morning with the kids and open up presents."

James' two children will do their gift-unwrapping on Christmas Eve this year.

Jackson is the son of two Christian ministers, and he famously wrote a book on his spiritual growth related to basketball. The Lakers have been picked for a Christmas game annually since 1999.

"I don't think anybody should play on Christmas Day," Jackson said Tuesday night before the Lakers lost at home to Milwaukee. "I don't understand it."

"If you ask any player in the league, we'd rather be home with our families. ... It's definitely one of those days that you wish you could wake up in the morning with the kids and open up presents."

— LeBron James

Keeping with the theme from recent years, the NBA went with five games again on Christmas. Chicago is at New York to open the quintupleheader, Boston plays next at Orlando, then after the Lakers host the Heat it'll be Denver at Oklahoma City and Portland at Golden State in the night-cap.

Christmas games are a tradition nearly as old as the league itself.

So, too, is complaining about them.

"I actually feel sorry for people who have nothing to do on Christmas Day other than watch an NBA game," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said last year.

And those words drew the Magic what Van Gundy said Wednesday was a "hefty" fine a year ago. He even wondered if Jackson would be fined for what he

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A SEASON TO REMEMBER



AP photo

Boise State running back Doug Martin is brought down by Utah's Chaz Walker (32) and Matt Martinez (52) during the the first half of the Maaco Bowl NCAA college football game on Wednesday in Las Vegas.

BSU's 2010 season filled with memorable moments

By Jason Chatraw
Times-News correspondent

BOISE — The Boise State football team didn't wind up with a lump of coal in its stocking this year, but it sure wasn't the keys to dad's Ferrari like it was hoping for when the season began.

By opening with sixth-ranked Virginia Tech on the road and a home date a few weeks later with last year's Pac-10 runner-up Oregon State, the No. 5 Broncos were playing with a stacked deck to make it to the BCS title game.

But Boise State's house of cards crumbled on a chilly night in Reno when Kyle Brotzman missed on two point-blank kicks in a heart-breaking loss to Nevada.

In hindsight, it wouldn't have mattered anyway as Oregon and Auburn had

both won over the hearts and hard drives of voters and computers, respectively. A perfect season for Boise State would've just been another perfect season with another imperfect ending.

While it wasn't the greatest season in the Chris Petersen era, it was filled with plenty of memorable moments. Here are the top 10 moments from Boise State's 2010 season:

10. No shirt, no problem.

In an effort to hide the fact that the Broncos would be wearing all orange uniforms, Boise State's defense took the field to warm up against Fresno State without any shirts. On a freezing night. In November.

It also put to rest the idea that Boise State's real secret on its home blue turf was the fact that its all blue uniforms

served as camouflage. Senior defensive end Ryan Winterswyk quipped after the game, "They can complain that we were hiding in the end zone."

While the numbers were difficult to read far away at the stadium, they popped on television and helped provide plenty of contrast with the blue turf. It didn't help Fresno State, which suffered an epic beat down, 51-0. (More on that game later.)

9. Doug's dynamite performance against Utah.

When Boise State's offense was held scoreless for the first time all season against Utah in the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas, what do you do if you're Petersen? You get Doug Martin the football.

Martin's 84-yard touchdown run, the longest of his career, sparked Boise State's

lethargic offense and started a run of 26 unanswered points to give the Broncos a 26-3 win over the Utes.

It wasn't the best performance of the season for Martin, but it was certainly one of his most impressive. He finished with 147 yards rushing on 17 carries and added one reception for 15 yards. He wrapped up his junior campaign with 1,260 yards rushing and 338 yards receiving. Even more impressive is that in three years as a running back he has yet to fumble.

8. Records, records, and more records.

It was a record-breaking year for many of the Boise State players. Junior quarterback Kellen Moore set the school career passing yard record

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Another Cowboys Christmas, against sinking Arizona

By Bob Baum
Associated Press writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — There will be another Cowboys Christmas. Dallas will be playing on Dec. 25 for the fifth time, more than any NFL team.

Since they are the Cowboys, there is bound to be a big audience, even if Saturday night's game pits a 5-9 Dallas team against the 4-10 Arizona Cardinals, whose season has been circling the drain for two months.

The Cowboys have won four of six since Wade Phillips was fired and offensive coordinator Jason Garrett

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— Dallas quarterback Jon Kitna

became interim coach. Arizona, meanwhile, has lost eight of nine, most recently an embarrassing 19-12 defeat against what was then a one-win Carolina team.

More than the coaching change, Dallas quarterback Jon Kitna said it was a locker room visit by Cowboys owner Jerry Jones that was responsible for the turnaround.

"Jerry Jones came in on the day of

the change and put everybody on notice," Kitna said, "which was 'It's your guys' performance that cost the man his job and if you don't think other changes aren't coming if this doesn't stop, you're fooling yourselves.'"

Dallas went on the road and beat the New York Giants and since have

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Jon Kitna breaks a tackle by Washington Redskins' Lorenzo Alexander during the first half of an NFL football game on Dec. 19 in Arlington, Texas. AP Photo

Labor strife looms for NFL and NBA in 2011

NEW YORK (AP) — Labor strife looms in the New Year for the NFL, NBA and NHL. By this time next year, two of the three leagues could be dark.

The National Football League's labor contract expires March 4, followed by the National Basketball Association's on June 30, Major League Baseball's on Dec. 11 and the National Hockey League's on Sept. 15, 2012.

Only baseball, interrupted by eight work stoppages from 1972-95, shows signs of peacefully reaching a new agreement.

NFL players, meanwhile, are bracing for a stoppage, going so far as to post a "Lockout Watch" countdown clock on the home page of the union's website.

"The players believe this lockout is going to occur," NFL Players Association head DeMaurice Smith said.

Coming out of the Great Recession, management wants to reduce the percentage of revenue that goes to players. The goal has been voiced by NFL and NBA owners, and could spill over to the NHL.

"All we can say now is those seem to be the proposals from football and basketball," former baseball players' union head and new NHL players' boss Donald Fehr said during an interview with The Associated Press. "While a lot of the words and phrases are the same and while all three industries have caps of various types, all three industries are different and the nature of the internal economics is not the same."

The NFL was interrupted by strikes in 1982 and 1987. The NBA was stopped by pre-season lockouts in 1995, 1996 and 1998, followed by a regular-season lockout in 1998-99 that extended to Jan. 6 and wiped out the first 464 games.

Hockey has had an even more tumultuous time. After a brief strike in April 1992 led to the postponement of 30 games, a 103-day lockout in 1994-95 caused the cancellation 468 games. That was nothing compared to the lockout that obliterated the entire 2004-05 season.

Given its predominant



AP file photo

NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith, right, and NFL commissioner Roger Goodell, sit at the witness table on Capitol Hill in Washington during a House Judiciary Committee hearing on legal issues relating to football head injuries in October 2009. Coming out of the Great Recession, pro sports league managers wants to reduce the percentage of revenue that goes to players. The goal has been voiced by NFL and NBA owners and could spill over to the NHL.

place in the American sports scene, the NFL's labor talks are of interest to most. Running the most successful of the U.S. leagues, NFL management is worried that any gains achieved would be wiped out by fan backlash, similar to the one baseball experienced after the 7½-month strike of 1994-95 eliminated the World Series for the first time in nine decades. Baseball's average attendance didn't rebound to its pre-strike level until 2007.

"That's why we would all like to get it done. And that's why we're completely focused and making it the highest priority to get a collective bargaining agreement. The fans want football," Commissioner Roger Goodell said. "I think that we have been very clear about the fact that when there is uncertainty, that's not a good thing. It's not a good thing for the fans. It's not a good thing for your business partners. It's not a good thing for the potential for revenue, going at it that way. It can be damaging to the game and that's something we're trying to avoid."

The NFL's deal was struck in March 2006 and was to have run through February 2013. But owners voted in May 2008 to exercise an opt-out clause that ends the agreement after the 2010 season. At the time of that opt-out vote, management said it was paying players \$4.5 billion, or just under 60 percent of revenues as specified in the

2006 agreement.

Twelve days after the latest labor deal was struck, Paul Tagliabue announced his intention to retire as NFL commissioner. Goodell took over that September and has a chance to put his stamp on negotiations for the first time. Smith also is new, taking over as union head after Gene Upshaw died two years ago.

Switching to an 18-game regular season, up from the 16-game format that has been in place from 1978, is a chief management goal along with halving the four preseason games that have comparatively low appeal. Players want more roster spots and a decrease in offseason workouts from the current level of 14 weeks.

NFL players struck in 1982, resulting in the cancellation of 98 games, and again in 1987, when 14 were called off before owners used replacement players for three weeks. After the union decertified, a federal jury in Minneapolis ruled in 1992 that NFL owners violated antitrust laws when they put a limited "Plan B" free-agent system in place after the strike. The sides finally agreed to a labor contract in January 1993, and they reached new deals long before expiration and without stoppages in 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2006.

Players already have voted, team-by-team, to authorize decertifying their union. This would allow them to file an antitrust suit without the six-

month wait specified after the current contract expires. Smith has advised members to save their last three game checks in case of a lockout and to prepare for the discontinuation of medical coverage, forcing them to pay out-of-pocket under the federal COBRA law. The players' association estimated about \$160 million in local spending and 3,000 jobs would be lost in each league city if the 2011 season isn't played, figures the NFL disputed.

Rhetoric also is running high in the NBA, where commissioner David Stern says the league's goal is to reduce labor costs by nearly 40 percent, or \$700 million to \$800 million annually. Players currently are guaranteed 57 percent of basketball revenues, and the union has offered to decrease its percentage share, albeit with salary-cap loopholes.

"At the bottom, it would probably be more expensive than our current way we do things," Stern said. "It's a continuation of the current economic system, but with additional exceptions that would probably allow us to spend more than we currently do."

NBA union head Billy Hunter is "99 percent sure" there will be a lockout, saying owners want to slash salaries, contract lengths and guarantees, raises, and the rookie salary scale.

"I don't really see that the argument's all that compelling for the changes that they're asking for," Hunter said.

After running baseball's players' union from 1983 until his retirement in December 2009, Fehr was voted in as the NHL union head this month. Players, meanwhile, decided in June to exercise their one-year option to extend the sport's labor contract, which was due to expire next Sept. 15.

"Obviously, in the baseball situation, you had continuity of an effective organization for decades, and the last five years around here they've had some very difficult circumstances," Fehr said from his new office in Toronto. "So there's an element of rebuilding and regaining the trust and confidence of the membership."

Christmas

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said in Los Angeles the previous night.

So this year, he took caution when asked about playing on the holiday.

"I think you just have to accept it," Van Gundy said. "It's gone from the one game to the two games to the five games last year. It's part of the league. I had my say last year, I'm not going to have my say again. My owner paid for my comments last year, and he's not going to do that again."

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra says understands the arguments for and against playing on Christmas.

It's not a new notion for Miami, which beat the Lakers on Christmas in three successive years after Shaquille O'Neal left Los Angeles for the Heat from 2004 through 2006. Miami also lost to Chicago in 1997 and Cleveland in 2007, while beating the Knicks in 2009.

"If you play with a team that doesn't matter, you never play on a holiday," Spoelstra said. "When your team is viewed as a contending team, you normally play on the holidays and we view that as a good thing — because we've seen it on both sides. Certainly the times we haven't played on

Christmas we've had good family time, but it also meant we probably didn't have a great team."

Jackson and James don't always have their opinions in concert.

Jackson, the 11-time NBA champion, said this summer after Miami signed James and Chris Bosh to play alongside Dwyane Wade that the "players obviously wanted to col-lude together and do this" — and use of the word "col-lude" raised some eyebrows in South Florida.

On this issue, though, the league's two-time reigning MVP and most decorated championship coach are in perfect harmony.

"The fans, we always say it's good for the fans," James said. "But the fans get an opportunity to see us all year. We've got TV games all year. We've got a TV game on Thursday (in Phoenix). I don't care for it too much."

Nor does Jackson, when he spoke out against the league's long-standing decision.

"It's like Christian holidays don't mean to them anything any more," Jackson said. "Just go out and play and entertain the TV. It's really weird, but it is what it is. We have to go to work and make the best of it."

Cowboys

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victories over Indianapolis, Detroit and, last Sunday, Washington. The Cowboys blew a 20-point lead against the Redskins before winning on David Buehler's 39-yard field goal with 50 seconds to play.

The Cowboys' only losses since the coaching change were against New Orleans and Philadelphia, each by three points.

"It's hard to pinpoint one thing our another," Kitna said when asked to explain the turnaround, "but I think the biggest thing is we've been more consistent running the football, which keeps defenses honest. If I had to say one thing, that would be it."

The Cowboys' offense has fired on all cylinders despite the loss of quarterback Tony Romo with a broken collarbone. This week, the team abandoned any plans for Romo returning this season, placing him on injured reserve.

The 38-year-old Kitna, who didn't take a snap last season, has completed 66 percent of his passes with 15 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"We feel really good about Jon," Garrett said. "We were fortunate to get him a couple of years ago as our backup. He's a very experienced guy, a guy who we believe goes about it the right way. He's very competitive. He works very hard at it."

Big receivers have given the Cardinals big problems this season, so it could be a big night for Dallas tight end Jason Witten, who caught 10 passes for 140 yards against Washington.

"They've got a lot of good football players, explosive players on both sides of the ball," Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "In the last few games they've been playing well. They haven't been making the mistakes that have cost them and they've made some plays, too. Hopefully from watching that we can do a little bit of the same thing, play a little better, make fewer mistakes and make some of those plays."

Arizona's quarterback is 16 years younger than Kitna. Rookie John Skelton, just 22, gets his third straight start, returning to the scene of his successful debut in a 43-13 win over Denver two weeks ago, the Cardinals' only victory

since Oct. 10.

Skelton grew up in Texas but was no Cowboys fan.

"Nope, I hated the Cowboys," he said. "Everyone around me was a Cowboys fan growing up. My friends, my mother was a big Cowboys fan," Skelton said, "but my dad was from Oklahoma. He couldn't stand the Cowboys and he installed that on me."

Derek Anderson, who started nine games at quarterback for Arizona, missed the last two because of a concussion but probably will be cleared to play. He may wind up the team's third quarterback, with newcomer Rich Bartel the backup to Skelton.

For Arizona, the holiday game is an opportunity to shed some of the awful baggage of a lost season.

"As rocky as this season has been," running back Tim Hightower said, "you don't get any better opportunity than this. We're not going to make the playoffs, but to get a chance to play in that playoff atmosphere-type game, a lot of excitement. A lot of people who don't even watch football are just going to be sitting in front of the fireplace finding something to watch and they'll end up flipping to the game."

There's plenty of history in this series, mostly in favor of the Cowboys. The teams have met 85 times because both were, despite the geography involved, members of the NFC East for many years. Dallas is 22-8 in the last 30 meetings and had a 13-game winning streak from 1990 to 1996, the longest against a single opponent in Cowboys' history.

Arizona's last game against Dallas, also in Glendale, was in 2008. The Cardinals won 30-24 in overtime when Sean Morey blocked a punt and Monty Beisel returned it 3 yards for a touchdown. Cowboys punter Mat McBriar broke his leg on the play — and the Cardinals went on to the Super Bowl.

Arizona's lone Christmas appearance came in its 1995 season finale at home against Dallas. The Cowboys won 37-13. Cardinals coach Buddy Ryan, who a year earlier came to the desert and said "You've got a winner in town" made a hasty exit to the tunnel before the game's final play. He was fired the next day.

Paralympian's recovery: Legs regained, dreams lost

AMSTELVEEN, Netherlands (AP) — Monique van der Vorst's competitive spirit thrived even after she lost the use of her legs as a teenager. She won two silver medals at the Beijing Paralympics and hoped to win gold in London in 2012.

Those dreams are gone now, because another was fulfilled: She began regaining feeling in her legs over the summer, and now she can walk again.

Van der Vorst savors every step through the snow. Every climb up the stairs. The ability to look somebody in the eye standing up.

The Dutch 26-year-old says she doesn't need Christmas this year: "Every day was special."

But her gift also means that more than a decade after reinventing her life, she has to reinvent it again. At the London Paralympic Games, she had hoped to win gold in both hand cycling and wheelchair racing. Now that she can walk, she's ineligible.

Competing "was such a passion," she told The Associated Press from her apartment, filled with Paralympic medals and mementos, weight machines and her idle handbike and wheelchair. "It's difficult because I need to find a new purpose in life."

Those who knew her as a competitor understand her mixed feelings.

"It is not easy for her because she must say farewell to the Paralympics," said Andre Cats, head of the Dutch Paralympic Mission. "But in this we support her so she can make the transition."

Van der Vorst was a 13-year-old field hockey stand-out but kept on twisting her ankle. She says an operation to correct the problem went wrong and afterward, "my leg swelled up, went purple

and cold, filled with liquid that stayed there." She said she couldn't move her leg, even after the liquid subsided.

She said doctors still aren't fully sure what caused the leg to go limp. The following year, she lost most movement in her right leg, too.

"It affected my muscles and nerves and everything in the leg. When I got it, people didn't really understand it."

"With my family we tried everything possible, but my leg was paralyzed. So at one point, there is no longer any use" to look for medical explanations. So she never got the exact medical details. She declined the AP's request to talk to her doctors from the late 1990s, citing privacy concerns.

The handcycle, a three-wheeler powered by the arms, helped her rediscover the joy of competition. Van der Vorst competed in her first handcycle race in 2000, at age 15.

"It gave me self-esteem. I learned how to think in possibilities, not limitations," she said.

She turned out to be so good, there almost were no limits. "I really missed running, but there were so many things that made up for that. I was independent. I could drive, I could fly. I had a good life," she said.

Paralympic and international sporting federations certified her paralysis and allowed her to compete in the HC C class for athletes with complete or partial lower limb function loss.

Boards of two or three people, including at least one person with a medical background, conduct such certifications, and athletes may be examined several times in the course of their careers, said Robert Balk, head of the Athletes' Council for the Paralympic Movement.

Van der Vorst can still feel the thrill of the 2008 Paralympic Games, when she missed gold in the 40-kilometer handcycling road race by just 0.13 seconds and won a second silver in the time trial.

She medaled in a neck brace. Months earlier while training on her handcycle in Florida, she was hit by a car and suffered spinal cord damage.

"I don't know how I did it, but I had focus and a goal," she said. "Willpower did it."

Van der Vorst thinks another accident in March played a role in her recovery.

On the Spanish resort island of Mallorca, a cyclist rammed into her from behind as she raced down a road on her handcycle. The impact sent her crashing to the ground. Her legs seized up with spasms.

Her first thought was about how the injury would affect her competition schedule. She resumed training but soon back pains were making her workouts agonizing. She was hospitalized, then went into a long rehab.

In June, she says, she started to feel a tingling sensation in her left foot. Her legs were still thin from years of inaction, but before long she could feel them both. At first she told only her doctor, not even her parents.

"There is no way you can realize this. To feel something in your legs, where you felt nothing before," she said.

Standing up was the next step. She used her powerful arms to hoist herself between tables and dangled her feet to the ground, gradually increasing the pressure, forcing herself to build strength and balance.

"Every time, I crashed to the ground and fortunately, I didn't feel any pain yet. I tried it hundreds of times,"

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA All Times MST EASTERN				
ATLANTIC	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	23	4	.852	-
New York	17	12	.586	7
Philadelphia	11	18	.379	13
Toronto	10	19	.345	14
New Jersey	9	21	.300	15½

SOUTHEAST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	9	.710	-
Atlanta	19	12	.613	3
Orlando	17	12	.586	4
Charlotte	9	19	.321	11½
Washington	7	20	.259	13

CENTRAL				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	18	9	.667	-
Indiana	13	14	.481	5
Milwaukee	12	16	.429	6½
Detroit	10	19	.345	9
Cleveland	8	21	.276	11

WESTERN				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	4	.862	-
Dallas	23	5	.821	1½
New Orleans	17	12	.586	8
Houston	14	15	.483	11
Memphis	12	17	.414	13

NORTHWEST				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	21	9	.700	-
Oklahoma City	20	10	.667	1
Denver	16	11	.593	3½
Portland	15	14	.517	5½
Minnesota	6	24	.200	15

PACIFIC				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	21	8	.724	-
Phoenix	13	15	.464	7½
Golden State	10	18	.357	10½
L.A. Clippers	8	22	.267	13½
Sacramento	5	22	.185	15

Wednesday's Games
 Atlanta 98, Cleveland 84
 Detroit 115, Toronto 93
 Chicago 87, Washington 80
 Boston 84, Philadelphia 80
 New York 112, Oklahoma City 98
 Utah 112, Minnesota 107
 New Orleans 105, New Jersey 91
 San Antonio 109, Denver 103
 Houston 97, L.A. Clippers 92

Thursday's Games
 Orlando 123, San Antonio 101
 Milwaukee 84, Sacramento 79
 Miami 95, Phoenix 83

Friday's Games
 No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
 Chicago at New York, 10 a.m.
 Boston at Orlando, 12:30 p.m.
 Miami at L.A. Lakers, 3 p.m.
 Denver at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
 Portland at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday's Late NBA Boxes

BUICKS 84, KINGS 79

MILWAUKEE (84)
 Douglas-Roberts 2-8 1-15, Ilyasova 1-4 1-2 3, Bogut 7-14 1-4 15, Dooling 5-12 3-4 14, Salmos 4-14 4-4 12, Boykins 9-17 0-19, Brockman 1-2 0-2, Mbah a Moute 2-3 2-6, Saunders 4-7 0-8, Totals 35-81 12-18 84.

SACRAMENTO (79)
 Greene 4-13 0-4, Landry 4-10 1-2 9, Daalembart 5-9 3-3 13, Udrih 6-11 3-17, Evans 2-13 0-4, Cousins 1-4 0-0 2, Jackson 1-3 3-5, Jeter 3-7 0-0 6, Caspi 2-10 0-0 5, Garcia 3-5 0-9, Totals 31-85 10-15 79.

MILWAUKEE (84)
 24 19 22 84
SACRAMENTO
 25 14 25 15 79
 3-Point Goals—Milwaukee 2-9 (Boyskins 1-2, Dooling 1-6, Ilyasova 0-1), Sacramento 7-21 (Garcia 3-3, Udrih 2-5, Caspi 1-4, Greene 1-6, Jackson 0-1, Evans 0-2). Fouled Out—Daalembart, Rebounds—Milwaukee 45 (Bogut 13), Sacramento 66 (Daalembart, Landry 12), Assists—Milwaukee 13 (Salmos 6), Sacramento 18 (Udrih 5), Total Fouls—Milwaukee 20, Sacramento 18.—A-12,360 (17,317).

HEAT 95, SUNS 88
 James 13-22 8-8 36, Bosh 9-17 5-5 23, Ilgaskaus 12-0-0 2, Arroyo 5-12 0-0 11, Jones 3-9 0-7, Anthony 0-0-0 2, Chalmers 5-11 0-0 11, Miller 0-3 1-2 1, Howard 0-1-0 2, Dampier 1-5 0-0 2, Totals 37-82 16-17 95.

PHOENIX (83)
 Hill 4-12 0-0 8, Frye 5-13 1-14, Lopez 4-7 4-5 12, Nash 1-4 2-2 4, Dudley 13-16 4-6 33, Gortat 2-5 0-0 4, Pietrus 1-6 0-2 4, Dragic 0-4 1-1 1, Childers 13-0-0 2, Warrick 1-5 1-2 3, Totals 30-75 13-19 83.

Miami 19 26 27 23 - 95
 Phoenix 22 17 20 24 - 83
 3-Point Goals—Miami 5-18 (James 2-5, Arroyo 1-3, Chalmers 1-4, Jones 1-5, Hill 0-1), Phoenix 10-26 (Dudley 7-10, Frye 3-7, Bosh 0-1, Dragic 0-2, Nash 0-2, Pietrus 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 50 (Bosh 11), Phoenix 47 (Dudley 12), Assists—Miami 12 (James 4), Phoenix 25 (Nash 18), Total Fouls—Miami 22, Phoenix 21.—A-18,422 (18,422).

Men's College Scores

Tournament
Cancun Governor's Cup Consolation
 East Tennessee State 79, Appalachian State 51
 Northeastern 86, Texas State 78

High School Standings

Records as of Dec. 24

Class AA Great Basin Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Minico	1-0	6-1		
Twin Falls	1-0	5-1		
Jerome	1-0	5-2		
Canyon Ridge	0-1	3-5		
Burley	0-1	1-6		
Wood River	0-1	0-6		

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Kimberly	0-0	5-0		
Buhl	0-0	3-3		
Filer	0-0	3-3		

Class 2A Canyon Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Wendell	2-0	3-1		
Declo	1-1	4-3		
Valley	0-0	3-2		
Gooding	0-2	2-4		

Class 1A Div. I Snake River Conference North Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Shoshone	2-0	7-0		
Hagerman	2-0	4-3		
Challis	0-2	2-5		
Glenns Ferry	0-2	3-4		

Class 1A Div. I Snake River Conference North Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Grace	1-0	4-3		
Oakley	1-1	2-5		
Raft River	1-1	1-6		
Hansen	0-1	0-6		

Class 1A Div. II Northside Conference North Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Carey	1-0	7-2		
Dietrich	0-0	3-3		
Richfield	0-0	2-5		
Camas County	0-0	2-7		
Community School	0-1	1-4		

Class 1A Div. II Northside Conference South Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Castleford	0-0	5-0		
Murtaugh	0-0	7-3		
Lighthouse Christian	0-0	5-4		
Magic Valley Christian	0-0	1-4		

Class 1A Independent				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Twin Falls Christian	1-4			

Class 4A Great Basin Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Twin Falls	4-0	9-2		
Wood River	3-1	8-1		
Jerome	2-2	7-3		
Canyon Ridge	1-3	5-8		
Minico	1-3	5-8		
Burley	1-3	2-10		

Class 3A Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Kimberly	2-0	6-3		
Buhl	1-1	3-7		
Filer	0-2	2-7		

Class 2A Canyon Conference				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Declo	4-0	9-0		
Gooding	2-2	5-6		
Valley	1-1	3-7		
Wendell	0-4	0-10		

Class 1A Div. I Snake River Conference North Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Challis	2-0	8-1		
Shoshone	2-1	6-2		
Glenns Ferry	1-1	9-1		
Hagerman	0-2	2-7		

Class 1A Div. I Northside Conference North Division				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Dietrich	2-0	8-1		
Carey	0-0	4-3		
Camas County	0-0	5-3		
Richfield	0-1	7-3		
Community School	0-1	2-3		

Class 1A Independent				
Team	Conf.	Overall		
Castleford	0-0	3-5		
Lighthouse Christian	0-0	2-7		
Murtaugh	0-0	0-9		

Twin Falls Christian
 All records reflect game scores reported to the Times-News. Coaches must call with their result by 10 p.m., nightly in order for it to appear in the next day's edition.

BETTING

Glantz-Culver Line

For Dec. 25
Ncaa Football
Sunday
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
FAVORITE OPEN TODAY **O/U** **UNDERDOG**

Toledo	2 ½	(56½)		Fla. Intl.
Air Force	2 ½	(56)		Georgia Tech
West Virginia	2 ½	(48½)		N.C. State
Missouri	2 ½	(47)		Iowa
Maryland	9 ¾	(68½)		East Carolina
Baylor	2 ½	(62½)		Illinois
Oklahoma St.	6 ½	(56)		Arizona
at SMU	8 7	(52)		Army
Syracuse	+2 ½	(77½)		Kansas St.
North Carolina	1 2	(50½)		Tennessee
Nebraska	13 ½	(53)		Washington

Saturday's Games
 Pittsburgh 27, Carolina 27
 Dallas at Arizona, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Tennessee at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 11 a.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Chicago, 11 a.m.
 Baltimore at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 New England at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
 Detroit at Miami, 11 a.m.
 Washington at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.
 Indianapolis at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 2:05 p.m.
 San Diego at Cincinnati, 2:05 p.m.
 NY Giants at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Seattle at Tampa Bay, 2:15 p.m.
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:20 p.m.
Monday's Game
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 2
 Chicago at Green Bay, 11 a.m.
 Oakland at Kansas City, 11 a.m.
 Jacksonville at Houston, 11 a.m.
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
 Miami at New England, 11 a.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 11 a.m.
 Carolina at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Washington, 11 a.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 11 a.m.
 Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.
 Dallas at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
 Cincinnati at Baltimore, 11 a.m.
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.
 Arizona at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.
 St. Louis at Seattle, 2:15 p.m.
 San Diego at Denver, 2:15 p.m.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football league injury report, as provided by the league on Thursday (OUT - Definitely will not play; DNP - Did not practice; LIMITED - Limited participation in practice; FULL - Full participation in practice):

SATURDAY
 DALLAS COWBOYS at ARIZONA CARDINALS — COWBOYS: LIMITED: LB Keith Brooking (foot), RB Felix Jones (shin), WR Roy Williams (groin). FULL: RB Marion Barber (calf), WR Jesse Holley (knee), LB Bradie James (knee), LB Sean Lee (shoulder, concussion), S Gerald Sensabaugh (concussion). CARDINALS: LB Joey Porter (triceps), TE Stephen Spach (finger), RB LaRoad Stephens-Howling (hamstring). LIMITED: DE Calais Campbell (ankle), LB Clark Haggans (groin).

SUNDAY
 TENNESSEE TITANS at KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — TITANS: FULL: DE Jason Babin (shoulder), K Rob Bironas (right groin), QB Kerry Collins (right finger), DT Jason Jones (shoulder), DT Sen'Derrick Marks (ankle), LB David Thornton (hip). CHIEFS: DNP: LB Cory Greenwood (illness), S Donald Washington (ankle). SEATTLE SEAHAWKS at TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS — SEAHAWKS: DNP: LB Will Herring (hamstring), DT Junior Siavi (neck), CB Marcus Trufant (back). FULL: DE Chris Clemens (ankle), C Chris Spencer (shoulder), LB Lofa Tatupu (knee). BUCCANERS: DNP: T James Lee (ankle), WR Sammie Strouther (hamstring). FULL: CB Myron Lewis (hip), LB Bekonda Watson (ankle), TE Kellen Winslow (knee).

MINNESOTA VIKINGS at PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — VIKINGS: DNP: QB Brett Favre (concussion, neck, shoulder), S Tyrell Johnson (knee), DT Kevin Williams (not injury related), S Madiue Williams (concussion). LIMITED: RB Adrian Peterson (knee), CB Frank Walker (hamstring). FULL: S Jamarca Sanford (concussion). EAGLES: OUT: LB Stewart Bradlow (elbow). DNP: CB Jorrick Calvin (back), LB Keenan Clayton (hamstring). LIMITED: WR DeSean Jackson (foot), DT Mike Patterson (knee). FULL: WR Jason Avant (concussion), G Nick Cole (knee), LB Moise Fokou (wrist), TE Clay Winston Justice (knee).

BALTIMORE RAVENS at CLEVELAND BROWNS — RAVENS: DNP: LB Brendon Ayanbadejo (knee), S Haruki Nakamura (illness), WR David Reed (head), S Tom Zbikowski (back). LIMITED: TE Todd Heap (throat), WR Derrick Mason (ankle). FULL: C Matt Bark (knee), G Tony Moll (illness), LB Jason Phillips (illness), WR Marcus Smith (shoulder). BROWNS: DNP: LB Eric Alexander (groin), DE Kenyon Coleman (knee), TE Robert Royal (shoulder). LIMITED: LB Marcus Benard (shoulder), CB Sheldon Brown (shoulder), RB Peyton Hillis (knee), DT Shaun Rogers (ankle, hip), T John St. Clair (ankle), G Floyd Womack

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, third place game, at Honolulu

9:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, championship game, at Honolulu

NBA BASKETBALL

Noon
 ESPN — Chicago at New York

2:30 p.m.
 ABC — Boston at Orlando

5 p.m.
 ABC — Miami at L.A. Lakers

8 p.m.
 ESPN — Denver at Oklahoma City

10:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Portland at Golden State

NFL FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.
 NFL — Dallas at Arizona

FOOTBALL

NFL All Times MST AMERICAN

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New England	12	2	0	.857	446	303
N.Y. Jets	10	4	0	.714	295	259
Miami	7	7	0	.500	229	261
Buffalo	4	10	0	.286	273	353

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	8	6	0	.571	381	342
Jacksonville	8	6	0	.571	319	365
Cleveland	6	6	0	.429	322	282
Houston	5	9	0	.357	337	386

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	334	223
Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	324	253
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	252	271
Cincinnati	3	11	0	.214	281	362

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	322	281
Denver	8	6	0	.571	308	260
San Diego	3	11	0	.214	292	415

NATIONAL

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	10	4	0	.714	412	339
N.Y. Giants	9	5	0	.643	360	288
Washington	5	9	0	.357	268	343
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	354	396

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	369	261
New Orleans	10	4	0	.714	3	

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Partly cloudy. High 42.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low 29.

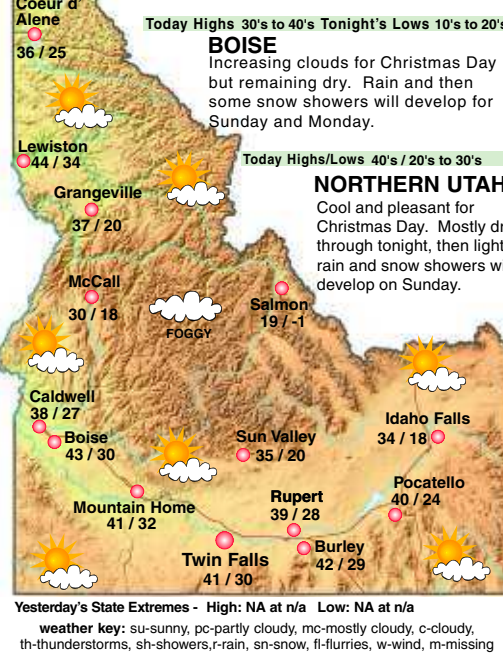
Tomorrow: Scattered rain and then snow showers. High 42.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature		Precipitation	
Yesterday's High	39°	Yesterday's	0.01"
Yesterday's Low	27°	Month to Date	1.70"
Normal High / Low	36° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	0.79"
Record High	53° in 1980	Water Year to Date	4.60"
Record Low	-16° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.45"

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Christmas Day will be rather nice but do look for a few snow showers by tonight. Snow is then likely by late Sunday.



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A cool and partly cloudy Christmas Day	Turning cloudy	Developing rain and then snow showers	Rain and snow showers	Mostly cloudy, snow showers	Light snow possible
High 41°	Low 30°	41° / 31°	39° / 27°	36° / 29°	35° / 27°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature		Precipitation		Humidity	
Yesterday's High	44°	Yesterday's	Trace	Yesterday's High	5 pm Yesterday
Yesterday's Low	30°	Month to Date	3.13"	Yesterday's Low	0.00 in.
Normal High / Low	33° / 18°	Avg. Month to Date	0.89"	Today's Forecast Avg.	82%
Record High	51° in 1972	Water Year to Date	5.87"		
Record Low	-20° in 1990	Avg. Water Year to Date	2.81"	A water year runs from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30	

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday 30.00 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today	Sunrise: 8:06 AM	Sunset: 5:10 PM
Sunday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:11 PM
Monday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:11 PM
Tuesday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:12 PM
Wednesday	Sunrise: 8:07 AM	Sunset: 5:13 PM

Moon Phases



REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	41 30 mc	40 30 mc	38 30 mx
Bonnors Ferry	31 20 pc	36 22 ls	31 22 ls
Burley	42 29 pc	42 29 r	39 29 pc
Challis	29 13 pc	34 18 mx	32 18 pc
Coeur d'Alene	38 25 pc	39 29 ls	34 29 ls
Elko, NV	41 25 pc	38 21 mx	35 21 pc
Eugene, OR	48 42 r	48 39 r	48 39 r
Gooding	36 29 pc	37 29 mx	35 29 pc
Graecia	35 20 mc	37 23 ls	32 23 pc
Jerome	37 29 pc	38 29 mx	36 29 mx
Lewiston	44 34 mc	48 38 r	44 38 ls
Malad City	35 21 pc	38 24 mx	35 24 pc
Malta	37 28 pc	41 28 mx	37 28 pc
McCall	30 18 pc	32 22 ls	28 22 ls
Missoula, MT	24 7 pc	37 26 ls	32 26 ls
Pocatello	40 24 pc	40 28 mx	38 28 pc
Portland, OR	46 41 r	45 39 r	44 39 r
Rupert	39 28 pc	40 28 mx	36 28 pc
Rexburg	35 18 pc	34 24 ls	30 24 pc
Richland, WA	34 31 mc	36 34 r	40 34 r
Rogerson	42 28 pc	37 23 ls	33 23 pc
Salmon	19 -1 fg	33 18 ls	28 18 ls
Salt Lake City, UT	50 33 fg	44 31 r	40 31 pc
Spokane, WA	39 29 mc	40 29 ls	35 29 ls
Stanley	31 19 pc	34 16 ls	29 16 ls
Sun Valley	35 20 pc	34 18 ls	28 16 ls
Yellowstone, MT	31 12 pc	31 18 ls	24 18 ls

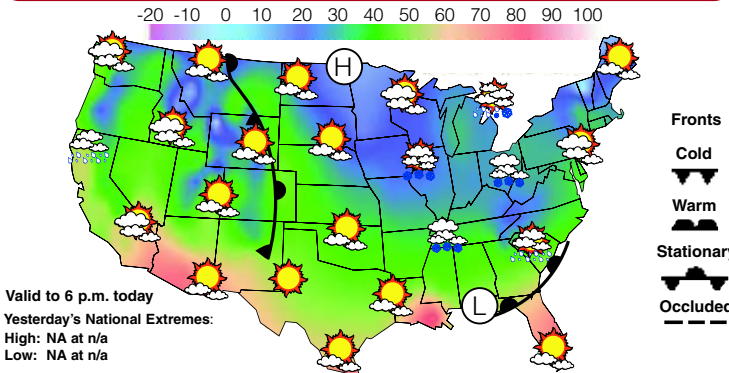
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Atlanta	39 28 ls	38 22 pc
Atlantic City	35 29 mc	35 27 ls
Baltimore	35 26 ls	33 21 ls
Billings	41 24 pc	42 25 pc
Birmingham	40 28 mx	38 22 ls
Boston	30 25 pc	33 26 ls
Charleston, SC	55 40 r	46 28 ls
Charleston, WV	30 23 ls	27 18 ls
Chicago	32 23 ls	29 17 ls
Cleveland	31 26 ls	29 19 ls
Denver	52 32 pc	52 31 su
Des Moines	23 6 ls	16 0 pc
Detroit	30 25 ls	31 18 ls
El Paso	59 31 su	61 34 pc
Fairbanks	-22 25 pc	-22 22 pc
Fargo	11 -6 mc	12 3 pc
Honolulu	75 73 sh	75 73 sh
Houston	51 32 sh	51 33 su
Indianapolis	27 14 ls	24 10 ls
Jacksonville	64 47 pc	52 33 pc
Kansas City	30 16 ls	25 14 pc
Las Vegas	61 46 pc	59 41 sh
Little Rock	40 23 mc	39 21 pc
Los Angeles	66 52 th	62 48 sh
Memphis	36 25 ls	34 23 ls
Miami	73 60 sh	74 42 th
Milwaukee	32 23 ls	29 13 ls
Nashville	35 27 ls	30 22 ls
New Orleans	56 34 sh	47 31 su
New York	35 26 mc	34 25 ls
Oklahoma City	38 19 pc	36 20 su
Omaha	24 5 mc	18 6 pc

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Acapulco	81 71 pc	82 68 pc
Athens	63 56 sh	61 55 pc
Auckland	67 51 sh	72 62 sh
Bangkok	89 69 pc	86 68 pc
Beijing	30 15 pc	35 16 pc
Berlin	31 7 ls	20 4 ls
Buenos Aires	97 66 pc	95 65 pc
Cairo	76 49 pc	77 50 pc
Osaka	75 65 pc	73 60 sh
Geneva	23 6 ls	18 5 pc
Hong Kong	62 54 pc	63 61 pc
Jerusalem	70 48 pc	73 50 pc
Johannesburg	81 58 th	77 59 th
Kuwait City	72 51 pc	68 48 pc
London	31 20 pc	32 32 pc
Mexico City	66 37 sh	65 36 sh
Moscow	33 31 mx	33 23 ls
Nairobi	75 51 sh	74 51 sh
Olelo	2 1 pc	14 2 pc
Paris	28 18 pc	32 21 pc
Prague	31 7 ls	19 7 pc
Rio de Janeiro	81 68 sh	84 70 th
Rome	52 45 sh	49 39 sh
Santiago	89 51 pc	83 47 pc
Seoul	27 17 ls	32 22 pc
Sydney	95 60 th	66 54 sh
Tel Aviv	68 66 pc	70 66 pc
Tokyo	46 34 pc	47 34 pc
Vancouver	43 24 pc	28 19 ls
Warsaw	34 23 r	31 19 ls
Winnipeg	9 3 pc	12 7 pc
Zurich	23 18 ls	14 12 ls

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP

Valid to 6 p.m. today
Yesterday's National Extremes:
High: NA at n/a
Low: NA at n/a

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
"There are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about them."

Clare Boothe 1903-1987, Author



CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	33 20 pc	34 9 pc
Cranbrook	28 4 pc	28 9 ls
Edmonton	28 5 pc	19 5 ls
Kelowna	28 22 pc	29 15 ls
Lethbridge	35 25 pc	36 23 pc
Regina	20 14 pc	25 19 pc
Saskatoon	23 17 pc	25 14 pc
Toronto	21 16 pc	20 11 pc
Vancouver	41 36 r	39 34 ls
Victoria	46 42 r	45 41 sh
Winnipeg	9 3 pc	12 7 pc

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Continued from Sports 1

and eclipsed the 10,000-yard mark. He also set the career record for total offense, completions, touchdowns and 200-yard passing games.

Moore also hooked up with a pair of senior who set a few school receiving records, too. Austin Pettis set school career records in receptions and touchdowns this season, surpassing Don Hutt's records in both categories that had stood since 1973. Titus Young set the school record and the single-season record in receiving yards this season.

7. Total WAC domination.

Boise State's last season in the WAC epitomized what the Broncos have been doing since joining the league in 2001. The Broncos won a share of the conference championship for the eighth time in 10 tries, sharing the crown this year with Nevada and Hawaii. The Broncos also finished an impressive 40-0 in WAC play at home.

6. A Fresno shellacking.

As mentioned earlier, it was an odd night when Boise State hosted Fresno State on Nov. 19. The Broncos wore all-orange uniforms, but it was code red for Fresno State.

In their first shutout in 12 years, the Bulldogs struggled in every facet of the game in the face of a physical Boise State defense and a near-flawless offense. The 51-0 victory was the first time Boise State had ever recorded three shutouts in conference play — and gave no one an inkling of an idea of what would happen a week later in Reno. (More on that later.)

5. End of a rivalry.

In a game that drew more national interest than usual because of Boise State president Bob Kustra's derisive comments this summer toward Idaho's fan base, the Broncos won the last scheduled game with its in-state rivals, 52-14.

And it was over before it hardly started. With the game not even a minute old and the Vandals forced to punt, Boise State's Chris Potter returned a punt 76 yards for a touchdown. By the end of the quarter, the Broncos led 28-0. By the end of the third quarter, Boise State emptied its bench.

Boise State's victory also broke a tie of sorts in the series as the Broncos' 12th straight win topped Idaho's previous superlative of 11 straight wins in the series.

4. Poised Moore rallies Broncos past Virginia Tech.

With Boise State falling behind 30-26 with 1:47 remaining in the game, its season was already on the



AP photo

Boise State wide receiver Austin Pettis catches the ball in the end zone while being tackled by Utah defensive back Brian Blechen (2) and defensive back Brandon Burton (27) during the second half of their Maaco Bowl NCAA college football game on Wednesday in Las Vegas. Boise State defeated Utah 26-3.

brink — before Moore saved the day.

Moore put himself into the Heisman Trophy race with a stellar game-winning drive, completing 4-of-5 passes for 43 yards, including a 13-yard scoring strike to Pettis with 1:09 remaining.

Moore's masterful drive that took all of 38 seconds was all the time it took to take Boise State from pretenders to contenders in the national title discussion.

3. The almost-game saving 53-yard pass from Moore to Young.

The best play of the season that deserves to be remembered is the game-saving throw and catch that in the end wasn't so game-saving.

After Nevada rallied to tie Boise State 31-31 with 13 seconds remaining, Moore's 53-yard bomb to Young set the Broncos up for the game-winning field goal on the Wolf Pack 9 with two seconds remaining. Then it was all up to Brozman to deliver with a 26-yard field goal and maintain the Broncos' perfect season. (More on that later.)

2. Moore is a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

With a record-setting season, Moore became the first Boise State player invited to the Heisman Trophy award ceremony in New York City on the second weekend of December.

Moore played himself into the Heisman Trophy talk

with one stunning performance after another. Petersen made this poignant comment about his star quarterback during the season: "We could give him the game ball every game if we wanted to. He never has a bad game, just a game with a few bad throws here and there."

However, Moore never had a chance to win it after about the eighth week of the season when Auburn quarterback Cam Newton emerged as the superstar of college football despite being plagued with controversy. Newton, whose father was implicated in a pay-for-play scheme by NCAA investigators, all but locked up the award when the NCAA found his father to be at fault but ruled Newton eligible and clear since they didn't find sufficient evidence that Newton knew of his

father's scheme.

Moore finished fourth in the voting behind Oregon running back LaMichael James and Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck.

1. Brozman blows it in Reno, makes history in Vegas.

Unfortunately for Brozman, he will long be remembered for his gaffe rather than his NCAA record-setting career as a kicker. But he was the focal point of fury — and eventually much love — as his inability to make two chip shot field goals resulted in the end of Boise State's perfect season run and dream of playing for the BCS title.

Against Nevada, all Brozman had to do was make a 26-yard field goal with two seconds remaining to preserve the victory for Boise

State. But he missed it wide right.

Then in overtime, Brozman missed wide left on a 29-yard attempt that would have given Boise State the lead. Prior to that game, he had missed only one other kick inside of 30 yards in his career.

His mental game seemed to be gone after he missed his first and only try against Utah State the following week.

But Brozman pulled it together for the MAACO Bowl Las Vegas, connecting on attempts of 29 and 21 yards. In the process, Brozman became the

NCAA's all-time scoring leader by a kicker.

It was a December night of redemption for Brozman and Boise State, but it was only a shadow of the stage that the Broncos hoped to play on in January in proving to the nation that it was a legitimate national title contender.

Those BCS title dreams will have to be shelved for now and dusted off in another nine months when the 2011 season kicks off and Boise State hopes to open the 2011 season back in the top 10, after another top 10 finish in 2010.

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