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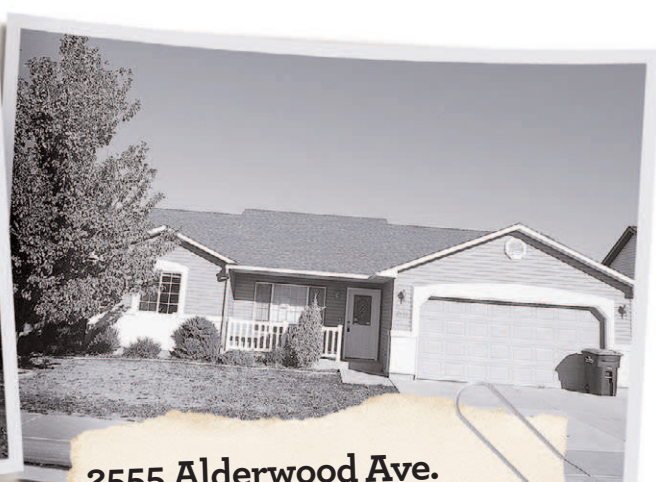
## 552 Second Ave. E.

**Property owner:** Don Patterson  
**Lab seized:** January 2008  
**Associated case:** Dale Patterson, Don's adult son, was convicted for delivery of a controlled substance for selling meth from a backyard trailer in 2007  
**Judgment:** 2 convictions, each 5 to 15 years prison **Property status:** Occupied by Don Patterson



## 528 Fourth Ave. W.

**Property owner:** Mitch Campbell  
**Lab seized:** March 2008  
**Associated case:** Renters Gene Bliss and Theresa Newberry were arrested for making meth in a backyard shed on the property. Charges against Newberry were dropped, while Bliss was convicted of trafficking in methamphetamine by manufacturing.  
**Judgment:** 2 to 8 years prison  
**Property status:** Unoccupied, available for rent



## 2555 Alderwood Ave.

**Property owner:** Formerly owned by Nathaniel Thomas, now repossessed  
**Lab seized:** February 2010  
**Associated case:** During a check by his probation officer, Thomas was discovered attempting to make meth in the garage. He was convicted of trafficking in meth by manufacturing.  
**Judgment:** 2 to 10 years prison  
**Property status:** Unoccupied, failed to be auctioned in January 2011

# Which of These Homes are Former Meth Labs?

## (Hint: All of them.)

Twin Falls is home to three properties that Idaho health officials say should be vacated until they're cleaned of chemicals related to meth manufacturing. One property is empty, another is for rent and a third is occupied.

BY BRADLEY GUIRE  
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Monica Shaff didn't realize she had moved her family into the site of a former methamphetamine lab until after she signed the lease.

In 2009, Shaff, her now ex-husband and her three children found room to grow in a modest two-story home near downtown Twin Falls.

But after the paperwork was finished, Shaff said landlord

Mitch Campbell had a somewhat ominous warning: Keep the kids away from playing in backyard shed.

Only months earlier, in March 2008, Twin Falls police swarmed upon 528 Fourth Ave. W., lining the property with yellow tape as men in white hazardous materials suits scoured the shed for tell-tale signs of meth production.

Later, with his tenants jailed and the shed's contents removed, Campbell thought it

would be safe to rent out the property again. But today that property remains on an Idaho Department of Health and Welfare list of places considered as former meth labs that haven't been properly cleaned of potentially hazardous chemicals.

"He also told us it had been cleaned properly. I'm floored right now," Shaff said after learning that the rental home remains on Health and Welfare's list.

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Monica Shaff and her son Josh McLaughlin, 12, sit at their apartment Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls. Shaff and her family formerly lived in a Twin Falls rental property that was the site of a methamphetamine lab that has not been cleaned, according to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

**Inside, Page A2:** Meth labs move from homes and basements as police focus on traffickers.

## As American Troops Leave Iraq, What Is Legacy of 8 Years of War?

The war has touched every part of America, from sprawling cities to remote prairie towns, where a single death can reverberate like the rumble of distant thunder.

BY DAVID GOLDSTEIN  
 McClatchy Newspapers

**WASHINGTON** • Think for a moment about the emotional seesaw of someone who has lost a loved one in Iraq and hears that the war is about to end.

At first, there is relief: Americans will finally stop dying in a distant desert. Then an indescribable sadness, because it comes too late.

Ami Neiberger-Miller was on a plane to Colorado filled with soldiers on the day before President Barack Obama's October announcement that all remaining troops would leave Iraq by the end of the year.

They were familiar company. She works for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, known as TAPS, which aids the families of fallen

members of the military.

The troops were on their way back from the war. They were dusty and tired. A homecoming with family and friends awaited them at the gate.

As they exited the plane, the other passengers and crew applauded. Quietly, Neiberger-Miller began to weep.

"Do you know someone in the military?" the passenger in the adjacent seat said gently.

She nodded. Her younger brother, Army Spec. Christopher Neiberger, was killed in 2007 by a roadside bomb, three days before his 22nd birthday.

"Our homecoming was a casket," she said.

The war began on the night of March 19, 2003. It was just past 9:30 in Washington, near dawn in Baghdad.

Millions watched it unfold. It was supposed to be quick, surgical and decisive.

"This will not be a campaign of half measures and we will accept no outcome but victory," President George W. Bush told the nation that night as the bombs began to fall.

But it became a slog; messier than anticipated, more costly in lives and treasure.

"It's not the defeat we got in Vietnam," said Larry Diamond, a Stanford University professor and former senior adviser to the Coalition Provisional Authority, which the allies created to rule the country after the invasion. "There were real achievements in Iraq, but at considerable costs and considerable skepticism on the part of the American public as to whether it was worth it."

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## Tracking U.S. Deaths in Iraq

Cindi Staats, a 54-year-old disabled former aerospace worker from Walnut, Calif., made it her mission to catalogue the war's toll. Her website, fallen-coalition-heroes.com, is a roll call of every U.S. fatality in Iraq — nearly 4,500 deaths.

## Environmental Programs Fall Victim to Budget Cuts

Environmentalists and some state regulators are worried that budget cuts imperil programs designed to protect public health and safety.

BY JOHN MILLER  
 Associated Press

**BOISE** • When lightning ignited a wildfire near Idaho's Sun Valley in 2007, environmental regulators used monitoring gear to gauge the health effects for those breathing in the Sawtooth Mountains' smoky, mile-high air.

That equipment sits idle today after the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality was hit by \$4 million in spending cuts, a quarter of its budget, since the recession began. Water testing on selenium-laced streams in Idaho's phosphate mining country also has been cut back, as have mercury monitoring and hazardous waste inspections.

The cuts to environmental programs in Idaho provide a snapshot of a national trend. Conservation

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# METH MOVES FROM HOMES TO ROADS

Police who once staked out late-night activity at suspected U.S. meth labs are increasingly turning their focus to the highways and drug runners from Mexico.

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If local methamphetamine production has taken a sharp decline, where's the drug coming from?

As far as local and federal authorities can tell, meth is still plentiful in Idaho thanks to the Mexican superlabs and the clandestine ways traffickers move their product into the U.S. along major highways and interstates.

A 2010 report from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency noted that domestic meth lab seizures across the county dropped 24 percent from 2005 to 2009, and that meth production in Mexico "is the primary source of methamphetamine consumed in the United States."

In Twin Falls County, criminal charges for trafficking in meth by manufacturing it have dropped from 13 in 2000 to zero in five of the last seven years, including 2011.

The DEA estimates that a single superlab in Mexico and make 10 pounds or more in as little as a day, considerably more than new home labs that produce just enough for personal use. Mainly gone are the elaborate labs that had become a cliché for rural America — dirty containers over gas burners, cans of highly flammable liquids and hundreds of cold pills.

"It's a combination of things" said Dep. Blas Martinez of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office. "The labs we grew up seeing and hearing about on TV, you don't see anymore."

Lt. Gary Kaufman of Idaho State Police Region 4, said the drop in production in this country also correlates with the restrictions government placed on the sale of medicine containing pseudoephedrine.

"The superlabs in Mexico have taken over because of the lack of control" in that country, he added.

"Mom and Pop" or "Beavis and Butt-head" operations still crop up from time to time, due to the discovery of an alternate method of meth production that cropped up a few years ago, called shake-n-bake. The method is simpler than the complex labs of old, but just as dangerous because of its reliance on volatile chemicals.

With attention turning from domestic labs to highway traffickers, agencies are using "drug interdiction" patrols as part of their crime-fighting arsenal, as well as investigators' use of informants to make buys as a way to build cases against suspected dealers.

ISP Trooper Aaron Bingham said meth concealed in vehicles is more difficult to detect than marijuana.

Because Idaho police aren't allowed to set up checkpoints for drug searches or impaired driving prevention, patrol officers must rely on traffic stops to catch suspected traffickers. Bingham said a person carrying drugs is aware of this and observes traffic laws as closely as possible. Next time you're pulled over for rolling through a four-way stop or going just a few miles over the speed limit, don't be surprised if the officer takes a little more time to gauge your behavior.

"That's a big indicator," he added. "Nervousness, stories with too much detail, a person sweating heavily in freezing weather."

Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 are regular routes for drug smugglers carrying Mexican dope, as these main roads connect the southwest portion of the country, like Phoenix, to the northwest cities of Salt Lake City, Portland and Seattle. Drugs move north, while cash goes south.

This fall, ISP and the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office worked together on a traffic stop, which resulted in the discovery of \$184,000 in cash, suspected to be drug money. The cash was hidden in the rear axle of a four-wheel drive pickup truck, ISP said. The truck was driven in four-wheel drive mode so the front wheels powered the pickup, while the rear axle spun freely.

"He was stopped for no front license plate, and his story made no sense," Bingham said of the driver. "When the K-9 alerted to the vehicle, we pulled a drain plug and saw a \$100 bill."

No drugs were found, so the driver was not arrested or charged with a crime, as traveling with a load of cash isn't illegal. However, the driver did not claim the money, so it was seized by the state. ISP recently awarded the sheriff's office with \$20,000 of the find, which will be put back into the narcotics division's budget.

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## Idaho's Meth Lab Seizures

Source: Idaho State Police

According to Jim Faust of the Department of Health and Welfare, the agency doesn't monitor if people live in listed properties, nor does any other government or law enforcement agency.

## Idaho's Meth Lab List

When police seize an illegal drug lab, particularly one producing methamphetamine, the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will list the property as the site of hazardous chemicals. Currently, 43 properties across Idaho are listed as unclean sites.

### Who's responsible for cleaning the property?

No government agency claims responsibility for making sure the site is clean. The financial responsibility to clean the property and vacate any residence — whether the owner lives there or rents it out — is on the owner.

### What does cleaning cost?

Health and Welfare provides a list of private companies who specialize in hazardous waste cleanup. The agency provides contact information for these companies, and their cost ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000, depending on the size of the allegedly contaminated site. According to Health and Welfare, homeowner insurance does not typically cover the expense.

### How is a property removed from the list?

No deadline is enforced for when a property should be cleaned, but Health and Welfare must receive written notice from one of the certified cleaning companies that the work was performed before it de-lists a property.

### Must an owner disclose that the property was listed?

Yes. According to the Clandestine Drug Laboratory Cleanup Rules, "The new owner should be notified that the property was a former clandestine drug lab, even if the property has been cleaned and removed from the list."

### What is the liability of the owner?

The rules state that an owner who has not cleaned the site could face civil liabilities for health claims by future owners or renters. However, if the owner was responsible for the lab, this does not apply.

Source: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

On the cover: Photos by Drew Nash, Times-News

## Meth

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Campbell's Fourth Avenue home is again up for rent and is one of three Twin Falls properties on Health and Welfare's list. Another listed downtown property is home to an elderly couple, while a foreclosed-upon home less than 10 years old also remains on the list.

Each stands as a reminder of a dying illegal trade, as the U.S. meth lab has largely been replaced by traffickers who ship the drug in from Mexico. Seizures of Idaho meth labs plummeted from 169 in 1999 to only four in 2009.

But each lab leaves behind potentially hazardous cocktail of gasoline additives, solvents, rubbing alcohol and potassium iodine — not the kind of things folks want to be around, much less have their children play near.

Lacking federal guidance on how to clean the labs, the Idaho Legislature in 2005 passed the Clandestine Drug Laboratory Cleanup Act, tasking Health and Welfare with devising a program to list former meth labs and advise owners on how to clean them.

Health and Welfare's rules went into effect in 2006 and were revised in 2009. But a lack of enforcement has led to confusion for property owners like Campbell, who until earlier this week, said he didn't know his property was listed as unclean.

According to Jim Faust of the Department of Health and Welfare, the agency doesn't monitor if people live in listed properties, nor does any other government or law enforcement agency.

And while property owners are supposed to tell potential buyers that a property was once home to a meth lab, they're not tasked with cleaning the site in any timely fashion.

"There's no timetable," Faust said.

Each Twin Falls property that remains on the unclean lab list has its own story to tell. The commonality is that for each, the taint of being home to a former meth lab is one that won't wash off without action that its owner is either unwilling to undertake, or unaware is necessary.

## 552 Second Ave. E.

Don Patterson and his wife, well into their 80s, are not the biggest fans of local authority.

Nearly four years ago, their son, Dale, was arrested and later convicted of making and selling meth from a trailer in the backyard of their property, which is directly across the street from Bickel Elementary School. Don Patterson said he disposed of the trailer years ago and claims to have no knowledge of his property being listed on Health and Welfare's list of clandestine labs.

He's not particularly interested in revisiting the subject, and spoke only briefly with the Times-News last week.

"It's been hard on us as it is," Patterson said while standing on his front porch. As far as he cares, Health and Welfare can call the police, he added, if they want him to clean his property.

Dale Patterson remains in prison for the felony conviction.

## 2555 Alderwood Ave.

There's little curb appeal to one house on Alderwood Ave., located in southwest Twin Falls.

Motorists passing through the barely decade-old subdivision would notice that, yes, the unoccupied home's exterior is rather plain when compared to the house next door, which is already trimmed with colorful lights and other festive Christmas decorations. But they certainly wouldn't guess that the home's attached garage was the place where methamphetamine was cooked in a small shake-n-bake operation.

In February 2010, Nathaniel Thomas' probation officer stopped by for a check and found that Thomas was attempting to make meth because, as he told police, he was tired of having to buy the drug and wanted to make his own.

Before the end of the year, his wife filed for divorce and his toddler, found in the home where he failed to make a successful batch of meth, was taken from him in a custody case. Thomas is serving a minimum two-year prison term.

Neighbors Brian and Lisa Moore were happy to see Thomas go.

"They were mean from day one," Brian said.

Lisa added, "I'm glad they're gone, and I don't have to worry about it anymore."

The Moores were disturbed by the scene of police removing chemicals such as potassium iodine, rubbing alcohol, gasoline additive and denatured alcohol from the house next door. They are further concerned that the house is on Health and Welfare's list of unclean properties.

The house has been vacant since August 2010, when it was foreclosed upon. The Thomas' couldn't keep up with the mortgage payments on the \$123,000 home, and in January it was up for auction.

The house failed to find a buyer. In a legal notice for the auction that ran in the Times-News, there was no disclosure that the property was the former site of a drug lab.

There may still be hope for 2555 Alderwood Ave., as Brian Moore said he would entertain the notion of buying the home cheap and paying to have it properly cleaned. He would then offer it as a rental property.

Still, the site's past lingers. "It was upsetting," he said. "This is a good neighborhood."

## 528 Fourth Ave. W.

Shaff, her former husband and three children all under age 12, moved into 528 Fourth Ave. W. less than a year after authorities seized the illegal lab in the rickety wooden backyard shack.

Gene Bliss and Theresa Newberry had apparently been cooking meth there frequently, and left empty boxes of cold tablets, gasoline additive, an electric crock pot, glass tubes and rubber hoses in their wake, according to the police report of the lab's seizure.

Bliss was convicted of trafficking in meth by manufacturing in 2008 and is serving his minimum two-year prison stint. Charges against Newberry were dropped.

Although Campbell noted a hazardous materials crew cleared the shack of meth-related materials, he told the Times-News he thought its cleaning was a done matter and was unaware his rental property remained on the list.

"Nobody said anything after that," he said.

Shaff and her family stayed there less than two years, leaving for other reasons, and now reside on Martin Street near the old hospital. Campbell said he's considering tearing the shed down.

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Help might be on the way for Idaho's 43 unclean former meth labs, as President Obama recently signed an appropriations bill to pledge \$12.5 million for meth lab cleanups, the Associated Press reported. It's expected that much of the money could go to southern states, as Tennessee led the nation in the number of meth labs busted last year.

It remains unclear if Idaho will see any money for cleanup efforts, or how it would be handled by Health and Welfare, leaving the burden of eliminating the residue of an illegal industry squarely on the shoulders of property owners.

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# Killing Ourselves Softly With Holiday Spirit

Just as at your house, Thanksgiving Day at my place was a 12-hour, five-trips-to-the-grocery store sprint to feed eight people, one of whom is a 3-week-old baby.

Then, promptly at 10 p.m., the younger members of my family dashed off to the mall for some full-contact Black Friday shopping. And Christmas is 29 days away.

Who's kidding whom? The holiday season is the closest thing to Marine boot camp that most Americans experience.

"Holiday" is an Old English word that meant "day of recreation." Or at least it did until the 16th century.

Then it began its slow slide into madness.

Americans spent \$228 billion on all holidays in 2010 — \$30.5 billion of it on Thanksgiving and \$135.2 billion on Christmas. Collectively, that Thanksgiving-through-Yule spending is a number greater than all the goods and services produced in Hungary, Peru, Iraq or 140 other countries worldwide.

And for our money, we Americans get the highest heart attack rates of the year, entrapping indebtedness and lots and lots of free-form misery.

That's not right. My grandmother told me.

Nellie, a widow with eight kids, ran a trackside diner in Pocatello during the 1940s. It was just a half-portion of



**Steve Crump**  
You Don't Say?

the place, with five stools and a few tables.

Most nights between Thanksgiving and Christmas, a few gentlemen of the road would wander in to bum a meal — leftover meatloaf, usually. Then they tipped their battered fedoras and shuffled away in the snow.

But one Christmas Eve there was rain — torrential rain, unusual in eastern Idaho for that time of year. Grandma was about to go home and decorate the Christmas tree.

But a fellow with a face covered in coal tar staggered through the door, ringing the bell as he closed it. Saying nothing, he took a seat and slapped a nickel on the counter. Coffee was a dime back then.

Grandma gave him the coffee — lots of it — and a meal. Soon the man fell

asleep, and she was loath to wake him and send him back out into the night. So my grandmother turned off the lights, locked the door and went home to her kids.

When she went back to work early on the morning of Dec. 26, Grandma found a pocketwatch lying on the stool where the stranger had nodded off.

The inscription was from what was obviously a long-lost love: "For today and all the days of our lives, I am thankful for you."

Grandma kept the watch and told her family that it had stopped dead. But when my mom, aunts and uncles went through her house after she died, they found it.

The timepiece was ticking again.

The time as it measures, my friends, is more precious than we think — too scarce to be squandered on what doesn't matter.

Especially in this season.

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### FELONY SENTENCINGS

**Tyler Jermane Owens**, 19, Twin Falls; burglary, 7 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 4 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$225.50 costs.

**Koty D. Cooley**, 20, Twin Falls; kidnapping, attempted strangulation, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$500 public defender fee.

**Jesse Lee Rovig**, 26, Murtaugh; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, 2 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$500 public defender fee.

**Will Roger Lynn**, 35, Nampa; felony injury to a child, 10 years penitentiary, 7 years probation, \$1,780 fine, \$1,500 suspended, \$500 public defender fee.

**Staci A. Carter**, 27, Twin Falls; grand theft, withheld judgment granted for 2 years, 2 years probation, \$750 fine, \$250 costs.

**Terry James Kingston**, 47, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (two or more offenses), 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 4 years probation, 75 days county jail, 1 day credited, \$1,500 fine, \$750 suspended, \$500 public defender fee.

**Daniel Edward Johnson**, 41, Buhl; sexual abuse of a minor, 10 years penitentiary, 4 determinate, 6 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,500 fine, \$500 public defender fee.

**Rafael Ayala Jr.**, 34, Ukiah, Calif.; possession of marijuana, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 50 days county jail, 4 days time credited, \$2,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$265.50 costs.

**Roberto Fernandez Jr.**, 24, Twin Falls; battery on a police officer, 5 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 2 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$1,000 fine, \$225.50 costs.

**Lorrie Ann Shelton**, 53, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 4 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 2 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$1,000 fine, \$1,000 suspended, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS**

**Andrew Douglas Bemis**, 22, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (third or subsequent offense), 10 years penitentiary, 4 determinate, 6 indeterminate, judge granted retained jurisdiction, sentenced to 365 days to be served at the Idaho State Board of Correction, \$2,500 fine, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**Anzur I. Salvarov**, 27, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (third or subsequent offense), 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 4 years probation, 90 days county jail, 12 days time credited, \$1,000 fine, \$700 suspended, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

**CIVIL FILINGS**

**CHILD SUPPORT CASES**

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services has filed claims against the following:

**Jorge Armando Sosa**, seeking establishment of child support: \$255 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 58 percent of any work-re-

lated day care expenses.

**Chad Russel Yturbe**, seeking establishment of paternity and child support: \$594 monthly support plus 66 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and 66 percent of any work-related day care expenses.

**Katrina Lynn Bowman**, seeking establishment of support of child in third-party care: \$174 monthly support plus 45 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Nicholas Ray Barnes**, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$539 monthly support plus 70 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and \$5,851.50 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**Charles Andrew Beer**, seeking establishment of child support and Medicaid reimbursement: \$272 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance and \$11,069.08 in Medicaid reimbursement for birth costs.

**Jedidiah Joseph Nielsen**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$179 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**Andrea Chantelle Elwin**, seeking establishment of support of child in foster care: \$176 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance.

**DIVORCES FILED**

Shawna Barnett vs. Jeremy Barnett

Tammy Renee Phillips vs. Dick Calvin Phillips

Darin Alan Park vs. Wilma Rebecca Park

Rebecca J. Johnson vs. David L. Johnson

Gary Gene Golay vs. Rebecca K. Golay

Margaret R. Fisher vs. Ronald L. Fisher

Jeremy James Kuhn vs. Cheyenne Kuhn

Vicky Laymon vs. Lon Ora Laymon

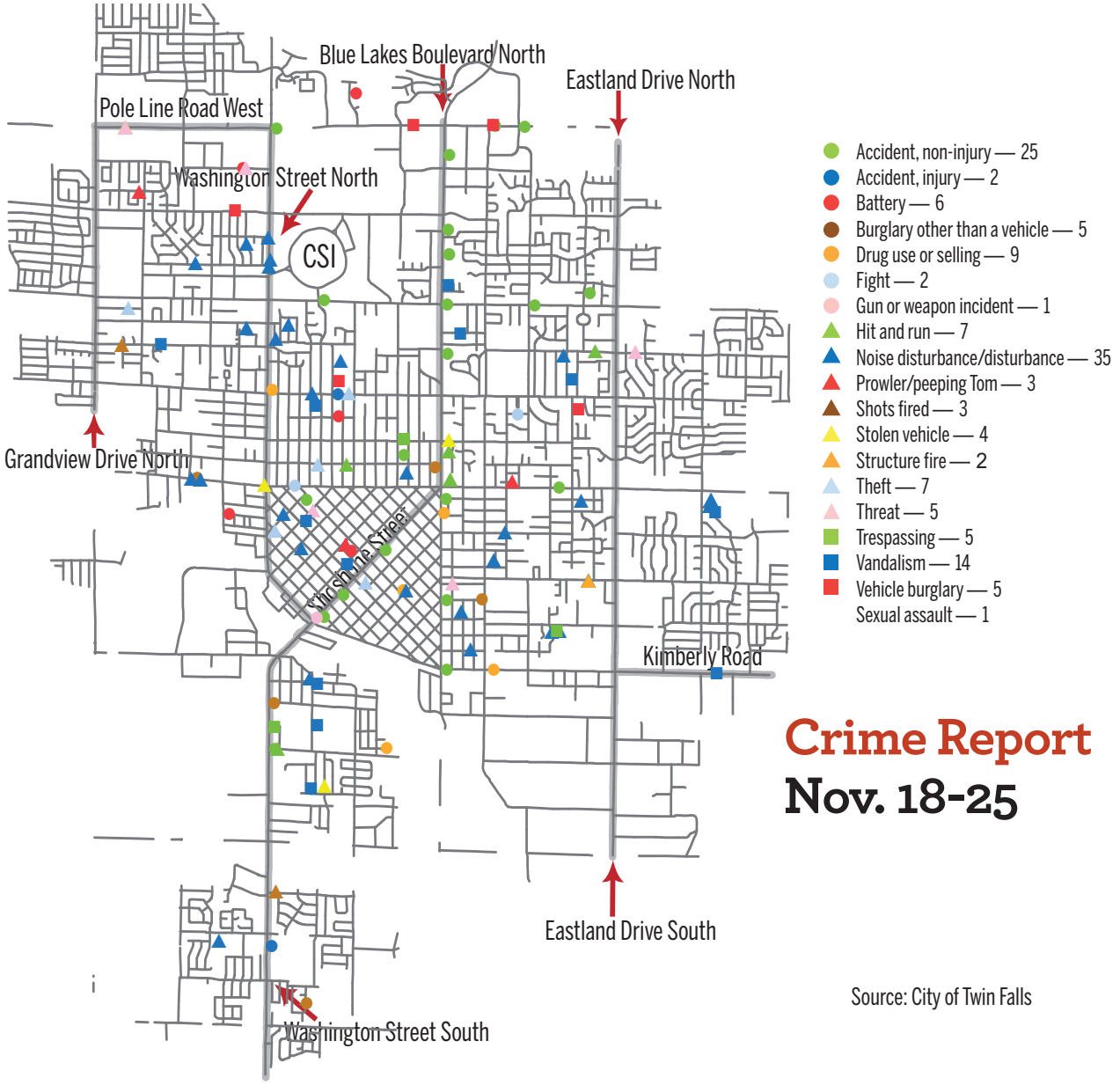
Nychole Renae Vera vs. Carlos Scott Vera

Linda Jo Bannister vs. Justin Tomas Bannister

Kari Michell Anderson vs. Kevin Michael Anderson

Candyce Moss Craner vs. Kyle Donald Craner

Theresa Lynn Howsden vs. John Dustin Howsden



## Crime Report Nov. 18-25

Source: City of Twin Falls

Maxine Drown vs. Gaylord R. Drown

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**Donald Lloyd King**, 50, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50

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# Fish-friendly Bridge Almost Finished Near Lowman

**BOISE (AP)** • Workers are close to replacing a 300-foot-long culvert with a bridge on State Highway 21 near Lowman that Idaho transportation officials say will improve passage for bull trout and other aquatic species in Five Mile Creek.

"It particularly benefits bull trout, a threatened and protected species that has lost habitat and the elements that contribute to its health due to past land use, management and natural disasters," said Greg Vitley, of the Idaho Transportation Department.

The Idaho Statesman reports that the \$1.2 million project 11 miles east of Lowman is being financed by the U.S. Forest Service and is scheduled to be finished in December. Officials say it will also allow wildlife to cross under the popular highway and avoid collisions with motorists.

"The bridge completely spans the Five Mile Creek channel and allows unrestricted water flow, thereby permitting the passage of fish, aquatic resources, and the transfer of riverbed material, sediment, and debris through an open-bottomed, free-flowing stream that did not exist before," said Scott Rudel, ITD southwest Idaho environmental planner.

Officials said getting rid of the culvert and replacing it with a free-flowing stream is a more natural way to connect Five Mile Creek with the South Fork of the Payette River.

When winter ends crews plan to return to finish seeding, paving and other minor work.

# Robberies May be Linked

POST REGISTER

**IDAHO FALLS** • Police are investigating a Friday armed robbery that they believe is related to a similar robbery that occurred two nights earlier.

Idaho Falls Police Department Lt. Royce Clements said officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at 7:40 p.m. Friday at a convenience store at the corner of 17th Street and Rollandet Avenue.

The suspect, whose description matched that of the suspect in Wednesday's robbery, fled the scene in a white sedan, which matched the description of the vehicle in the previous robbery.

The suspect abandoned the car and fled on foot. Police recovered the vehicle and have identified a suspect but are not releasing his name pending further investigation.



## Tiny Dancers

Leah Beeles, 5, of Nampa, practices her 'angry face' for her dancing instructor before taking the stage with other dancers from Xpressions Dance Academy during a performance Friday at the Canyon County Festival of Trees in Nampa.

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## Iraq Legacy

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That question could haunt us for some time. Iraq has a fledgling democracy, but it's still torn by religious and tribal strife. It's taken nearly nine years and the price has been high: almost 4,500 Americans dead and a nearly \$1 trillion unpaid bill.

The Bush administration's original projection was \$60 billion, tops.

Meanwhile, the fighting in Afghanistan continues. But Iraq, because it inexplicably shifted our purpose — and the world's support — away from avenging the 9/11 terrorist attacks, helped to usher in a period of political unease and mistrust.

And as the economy soured, anxiety grew. Being declared a hero by a patriotic public and smiling political leaders could provide little comfort.

"I come to the food pantry because I don't receive food stamps and my husband just got back from a tour overseas and is having trouble finding work," a woman in line at a Kansas City mobile food pantry said in a note to the organizers. "And, the pantry helps so much in feeding our children."

She wrote it on the back of  
a paper plate.

The war has touched every part of America, from sprawling cities to remote prairie towns, where a single death can reverberate like the rumble of distant thunder.

But unlike the Vietnam War, which played in America's living rooms every night, Iraq was a bewildering, far-away drama. For a lot of Americans without a personal investment, it was simply background noise.

"You won't find anybody who says they aren't supportive of the soldiers, unlike with Vietnam," said Cindi Staats, whose website, fallen-coalition-heroes.com, is a roll call of every American fatality. "But when this war was just raging we'd have several dying a week, and no one seemed to really know unless it was a local soldier and it was local news. For people to really care, you have to get them involved."

We didn't have any of that."

Staats is a 54-year-old disabled former aerospace worker from Walnut, Calif., who early on made it her mission to catalogue the war's toll. She built a website, got official casualty reports and searched for photographs. She scoured the Internet and hometown newspapers, and reached out to families.

Her tally is so exhaustive that The New York Times and PBS rely on her for their own periodic chronicles of the fatalities.

The weight of personal sacrifice that she – without fanfare – enumerates, the permanent emptiness that each of those nearly 4,500 deaths has left, can take your breath away.

Another 32,000 men and women were wounded in Iraq. Many face a lifetime of struggle.

Of the 28 Marines that retired, Marine Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, the Pentagon's top operations officer during the planning for the war, spoke to McClatchy during a recent visit to Bethesda Naval Hospital: "26 had traumatic amputations, all but two had more than one amputation," he said. "Arms, legs, eyes. That's pretty tough."

Newbold, who left the service, in part, over his opposition to the invasion, regularly visits the wounded at the hospital.

Other vets bear less visible scars. Traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder became signature injuries of the war. Suicides among veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan spiked.

At least 200 try to kill themselves every month, according to estimates from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Less than 10 are successful. But those are just the ones the VA knows about.

Since 2009, the agency's crisis line – (800) 273-8255 – has received more than half a million calls.

"I think it's hard to say when a war is good thing," said Peter Richert, who was 22 and a member of the Kansas National Guard in 2007 when his leg got blown apart by a roadside bomb.



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# Cursive Writing Becoming a Font Memory in Idaho

Idaho and 43 other states have started adopting standards that eliminate cursive writing as a required skill but mandate keyboarding.

**REXBURG (AP)** • Cursive writing among students is becoming increasingly rare as new technologies take over and schools reduce how long they expect cursive fluency, eastern Idaho educators say.

“I teach (cursive) with the expectation that (students) are going to be using manuscript when they are released from us,” said Wayne Davis, who teaches third grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Rexburg. “When (students) write, about 90 percent of the time they are printing.”

The *Post Register* reports that Idaho formerly tested students for cursive writing skills until about seventh grade, but now only through about fourth grade.

Cursive is likely to see further declines as Idaho and 43 other states have started adopting national standards beginning in 2013-2014 that eliminate cursive writing as a required skill but mandate keyboarding.

Melissa McGrath, spokeswoman for the Idaho Department of Education, said future requirements for cursive fluency will be made at the district level. Some districts might want to continue teaching cursive.

“If a child cannot write cursive letters, then they cannot read cursive script,” said Traci Cloward, a third-grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary School.

Teachers said that some historical documents are

written in script that would be unreadable to children who didn’t learn cursive.

Brigham Young University-Idaho education professors said cursive still plays an important role, and elementary education students are required to complete a course on handwriting.

“It was like relearning it all over again,” said BYU-Idaho senior Breanne Davis. “I’m glad I did it though, because it’s greatly improved my handwriting now.”

The cursive class is taught by Barbara Baiamonte.

“Twenty-five years ago when I was at Brigham Young University, I was told the same thing people say now — that eventually we probably won’t be teaching (cursive),” Baiamonte said. “But it hasn’t died yet, and we are still teaching it.”

## Reception Will Honor Lawyer on Anniversary of Decision


IDAHO STATESMAN

**BOISE** • The University of Idaho College of Law hosts a reception for Boise attorney Allen Derr, ‘59, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the University of Idaho Boise, Water Center, 322 E. Front St., Ste. 590 in Boise.

The reception honors Derr and the 40th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Reed v. Reed*, a landmark court ruling for gender equity.

Derr (who worked on the case alongside future Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg) argued successfully that an Idaho law favoring the appointment of a man over a woman to be administrator of a deceased person’s estate violated the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.

*Reed v. Reed* was the first ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that concluded laws arbitrarily requiring gender discrimination were violations of the amendment. The decision was a basis to strike down many laws discriminating against women.



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11:00 - 11:30 AM	Extreme Dance
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Deidre Edmunds, Lauren Smith, Abby Bitzenburg, Magic Valley Royalty
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Mauldin's Dance Academy
1:00 - 2:00 PM	Fiddlers, Inc.
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Stargazer Dance Company: Nielsen School of Dance
3:00 - 3:30 PM	Harmonious

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5:00 - 6:00 PM	Front Porch Swing
6:00 - 7:00 PM	Kimberly Elementary Choir

**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

12:00 - 12:30 PM	ISA Martial Arts
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Ron Wilcox
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Miss Magic Valley--Deidre Edmunds, Miss Magic Valley's Outstanding Teen--Lauren Smith
1:30 - 2:30 PM	Magic Valley Jubilee
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Marla and Friends


Taping of the First Federal “A Magical Valley Christmas” program takes place from the First Federal Main Stage from 5:00 – 9:00 PM.

5:00 - 5:30 PM	Deseados Musical
6:00 - 7:00 PM	CSI Madrigals
7:00 - 8:00 PM	Brent Jensen Jazz Band
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Lauren Smith

**Monday, December 5, 2011**

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9:30 - 10:30 AM	St. Edwards Catholic School
11:00 - 11:30 AM	Oregon Trail Elementary Honor Choir
11:30 - 12:00 PM	Xavier Charter School
1:00 - 1:30 PM	Popplewell Elementary Honor Choir
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Hagerman 5th & 6th Grade Band
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2:30 - 3:00 PM	Immanuel Lutheran School
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Ron Wilcox
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## Budget Cuts

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programs and environmental regulations have been pared back significantly in many states that have grappled with budget deficits in recent years.

Because environmental programs are just a sliver of most state budgets, the cuts often go without much public notice. More attention is focused on larger reductions in Medicaid, public education or prisons.

A 24-state survey by the Environmental Council of States, the national association of state environmental agency leaders, showed agency budgets decreasing by an average of \$12 million in 2011. The Washington, D.C.-based group also says federal grants to help states administer new federal Environmental Protection Agency rules regarding air and water quality also have waned, falling by 5.1 percent since 2004.

Regulators in many states say they are trying to maintain fundamental environmental protections required by the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and other federal laws.

“Hopefully, even with all the cuts in place, we’re still doing a good job of protecting that,” said Martin Bauer, Idaho’s air quality administrator.

Yet environmentalists and some state regulators are concerned that the budget cuts imperil programs designed to safeguard public health and safety.

In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican presidential candidate, signed a budget that cut funding for the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality more than 30 percent, from \$833 million to \$565 million. That included reducing air quality inspections and assessments.

Colin Meehan, of the Environmental Defense Fund in Austin, worries that Texas will struggle to meet Clean Air Act obligations.

“We see this as not just a problem from a regulatory standpoint,” he said. “It’s a public health issue.”

While the Texas agency reduced state incentive programs to cut pollutants, those were not required by federal law, agency spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said. The reductions “are only one part of the state’s overall approach” to paring emissions, she said.

In some states where conservatives control the Legislature and the governor’s office, environmentalists have been critical of deep cutbacks to the programs they had fought to implement. Some suggest the severity of the cuts is due as much to a political agenda to reduce government regulations as it is to cope with state budget deficits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott’s first budget included his veto of a \$500,000 water quality study on Lake Okeechobee and some \$20 million in cuts to Everglades’ restoration. Scott, a Republican, said the steps were necessary to balance a state budget hard hit by home foreclosures and real estate losses.

But the Republican-dominated Florida Legislature also cut \$210 million from property tax revenue intended for local water-management districts that protect Florida’s swamplands. Environmentalists blasted those cuts, complaining they were



**Charles Lee, director of advocacy with Audubon of Florida, poses in the wetland area of Kissimmee, Fla., which straddles the headwaters of the Everglades ecosystem on Nov. 18.**

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meant to help Scott fulfill pledge to cut taxes.

“It would have been appropriate for there to have been some level of budget reductions,” Audubon of Florida advocacy director Charles Lee said. “But it’s clear what happened in Tallahassee in 2011 was targeted, ideologically driven, and I would add, mean-spirited.”

Scott insists his administration uncovered overly generous pension payments and questionable purchases by the local water districts. He said water resources deserve protecting, but the agencies that oversee them also must be fiscally responsible.

Budget cuts have affected high-profile programs in several other states, as well.

In South Carolina, they mean health officials will not perform a statewide study of how mercury-tainted fish affect those who eat them. Contaminated fish have been found in some 1,700 miles of the state’s rivers. That state’s Department of Natural Resources’ budget was cut more than 50 percent, dropping to \$14 million from \$32 million.

The state Department of Environmental Protection in Pennsylvania has seen general fund support slip from \$217 million in 2009 to \$140 million, levels last seen in 1994.

“This is a silent train wreck that’s happening,” said David Hess, the former secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. “What these cuts do is cut the capacity and the ability of environmental agencies to do their jobs.”

At best, states will know less about how their air and water quality are faring. At worst, they could become dirtier and more dangerous places to live, Hess said.

Oregon, for example, re-

duced air pollution monitoring, as the Department of Environmental Quality faces budget cuts through 2013. In North Carolina, lawmakers eliminated a \$480,000 mapping program created after a landslide killed five people in 2004, jettisoning the jobs of six geologists who said more maps were needed to help protect Appalachian mountain residents by helping them decide where it is safe to build.

“It’s very shortsighted,” said DJ Gerken, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center in Ashville, N.C. “We’ve had 48 landslide deaths since 1916. What’s changed is the appetite for building in these areas where risks are most abundant.”

In some cases, it’s difficult to know what effect the spending cuts will have over the long term because environmental problems often evolve over time.

When Washington’s Legislature trimmed \$30 million, or 27 percent, from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife’s budget, three employees who had been diving in the Puget Sound to hunt down invasive sea squirts lost their jobs.

The gelatinous invaders, known as tunicates, form a goopy mat on the sea floor, raising fears that they will hurt the shellfish industry, as they have in eastern Canada.

“We are basically addressing tunicates on an emergency basis only,” said Allen Pleus, Washington state’s aquatic invasive species coordinator.

While the state’s oyster growers will not rule out the potential for future problems caused by the sea squirts, they say they do not see an immediate threat to their livelihoods.

“There isn’t any place I’m aware of that the tunicates are causing harm on the shellfish farms,” said Bill Dewey, of Taylor Shellfish Farms in Shelton, Wash.

Elsewhere, budget cuts to invasive species programs have caused more alarm.

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council, a main player in that state’s fight against non-native plants and animals, saw its budget cut by more than half to \$1.8 million.

Fearing “a collapse of our inspection capacity,” spokeswoman Deborah Ward said her agency redirected 40 percent of its remaining money to preserve inspections that help keep invasive pests such as brown tree snakes from hitchhiking their way into the islands from Guam. Hawaii has no native snakes, so experts fears their arrival could decimate native bird species.

As the money was shifted, however, the state cut back on field crews who targeted invasive species already on the islands. Those include pigs, wild goats and sheep that can decimate an ecosystem full of plants that evolved without natural protections, like thorns.

“They’re like bonbons for pigs,” Christy Martin, a spokeswoman for the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species in Honolulu, said of the state’s native plants. “If there’s nobody out there actually doing the work, you get astronomical reproduction. We have a year-round breeding season here, so everything goes crazy, and you lose ground.”

## Fremont County Seeks Risch’s Help to Keep Post Offices

BY JOYCE EDLEFSEN  
Standard-Journal

**ST. ANTHONY** • On behalf of Chester and Parker post office patrons, the Fremont County Commission will sign a letter to U.S. Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, seeking his help to keep the offices open.

Planning and Building Administrator and Economic Development official Stephen Loosli, a Chester resident, drafted the letter to Risch.

He said Postal Service officials may have not considered some of the required provisions in seeking to close the offices.

Neither Loosli nor any other county officials testified or asked questions at a public meeting on the issue in St. Anthony in October. At that meeting, some of the issues addressed in the letter to Risch were discussed.

Chester and Parker post offices are on the list of proposed cuts in the Postal Service operation.

The letter to Risch says physical delivery of mail to the postal patrons would end, and patrons would have to travel to Ashton or St. Anthony post offices for their mail, “the nearest of these being 10 miles away.” In addition, that trip in the winter is dangerous, the letter says.

The letter talks about a lease on the post office building in Chester and suggests there would be no savings in halting mail service there.

The letter also focuses on the post offices as a community gathering place that would be eliminated if the offices close.

“The Chester and Parker post offices are the last remaining gathering places in their communities,” the letter says. “Chester is a vibrant, growing residential area with more than 100 residences. ... The last vestige of the town of Chester is its post office it would be a shame to lose it.

“Other than the Parker Elementary School, the story in Parker is the same,” the letter says. “The post office is the default ‘public square’ where the community gathers for news and notices.”

The letter also talks about two proposed pieces of legislation that could impact the fate of the post offices, as they require the agency to take several key issues into consideration before changing service.

“Fremont County believes that the requirements ... are important and worthy of passage in the final USPS legislation,” the letter says. “However, the county is concerned that the USPS will take action on its closure list before the new rules are established, depriving the citizens of Idaho of reliable, critical postal services without remedy.

“Senator, it would be a shame to have the Chester and Parker post offices closed prior to the passage of these important considerations regarding rural service. We urge you to intervene on behalf of Idaho citizens who will seriously impacted by this sweeping closure plan,” says the letter, signed by Commissioners Skip Hurt, LeRoy Miller and Jordon Stoddard.

At the public meeting in October, here’s what Postal Service officials said about delivery at the Chester and Parker offices after the retail offices there are closed:

A rural carrier would put mail in the boxes in the Chester Post Office until a lease on the building is up. At that time residents could get mail on rural routes or in cluster boxes, where several boxes are grouped at one location.

In Parker, where the building is not leased and there are fewer post office boxes, cluster boxes would be the option for those who don’t want mail delivered on routes.

Under federal law the Postal Service is required to provide “benevolent” free mail service to all customers, though it may not be as convenient as some might wish. In this case, if these post offices close, patrons may get their mail on a route, in cluster boxes or at the St. Anthony Post Office.

All postal patrons have the right to mail service and the right to appeal decisions that might affect that service.

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# Bonner County Hit With Two Claims Over Arrest at Party

BY KEITH KINNAIRD  
Bonner County Daily Bee

**SANDPOINT** • A Priest River man is seeking nearly a half-million dollars in damages from Bonner County over his arrest at a party last spring.

Brandon Scott Fisher said in a tort claim that he was thrown to the ground, punched and repeatedly jolted by a sheriff deputy's stun gun. He suffered a broken nose and other permanent injuries, according to the claim.

Fisher, 21, seeks \$450,000 in damages. If the claim is rejected, Fisher would be free to pursue the matter in 1st District Court.

County officials, by policy, do not comment on tort claims, although the arrest report from the May 20 incident at a Priest River apartment complex alleges that deputies resorted to the

use of force because Fisher was combative and bit down on a deputy's finger and would not let go.

Fisher was initially charged with misdemeanor counts of resisting arrest and battery on a law officer. Those charges were subsequently abandoned in favor of a felony charge of battery on a law officer, according to court documents.

But the charge was dismissed without prejudice after a state's witness was unable to testify at hearing on a defense motion to dismiss. The manner of the dismissal enables the state to re-file the charge against Fisher.

Fisher filed the claim for damages on Nov. 14, about a week after this case against him was dismissed.

Deputies were summoned to the apartment to investigate a noise complaint. Fisher, who was wanted on

an unspecified warrant, was found hiding in a closet and allegedly refused deputies' commands to come out.

Deputy Aaron Walker grabbed Fisher's arm, but Fisher resisted and a struggle ensued, according to the arrest report. Fisher allegedly bit down on Walker's finger, prompting another deputy to strike him in the face and apply a Taser three times to Fisher.

The tenant of the apartment where the scuffle took place, Shelby Pierce, filed a \$50,000 claim the same day as Fisher. The claim alleges the deputies entered her apartment without her consent, although the police report challenges that assertion.

Pierce, 20, said in the claim that deputies advised her landlord that a pipe was found in the apartment, a revelation that she said caused her to be evicted.



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Tracy Hulse cuts the ribbon held by Hunter Hulse, left, and Ray Clark, at Evergreen Place Assisted Living in Buhl. Second row: Carol Christensen, Kadi Hurlock, Joan Hurlock, Holly Langdon, Janet Franklin, Patty Beltran, Frank and Glenda Zambic and Cindy Peterson with Matthew Peterson. Back: Shellie Koehn, Adell Moore, Cindy Harris, Marilyn Hulse and Dee Cunningham.

Evergreen Place Cuts the Red Ribbon

Tracy Hulse cut the ribbon for a Nov. 13 Buhl Chamber of Commerce-sponsored open house at her new Evergreen Place Assisted Living facility at 1043 Burley Ave. in Buhl.

The 16-resident facility, which opened last month, is full with the exception of one room for a couple.

Fun Shoot Raises \$2K for Mammography Screenings

A Twin Falls Gun Club trap shoot on Oct. 1 raised \$2,385 to benefit the 900 Women Program, which aims to increase the number of Magic Valley women who receive annual breast cancer screenings.

Proceeds from the shoot will provide free mammography screenings for about 20 area women who need financial assistance. Contributions to 900 Women can be made at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls or through stlukesonline.org/magic\_valley/ways\_to\_give.

Information: St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation, 814-0070.

Alexander is Armed Forces Medical Consultants President

Dr. Herb Alexander, a Ketchum orthopaedic surgeon affiliated with St. Luke's Health System, was recently elected as the 65th president of the Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces.

The organization consists mainly of retired military medical flag officers and consultants to the Surgeons General, and provides counsel and advice to branches of the armed forces upon request.

Alexander, a retired Navy captain who served more than 26 years, was the orthopaedic specialty leader and consultant to the Navy Surgeon General. Since relocating to Sun Valley in 1998, he has served as the St. Luke's chief of medical staff, chief of surgery, and currently is a member of the St. Luke's Wood River Board of Directors.

He and his wife, Dr. Charlotte Alexander, have offices located at Alexander Orthopaedics in the Physicians Office Annex adjacent to St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

Crane Named to Cactus Petes Hospitality Position

Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot, Nev., announced Nov. 18 that Steven Crane has been named vice president of hospitality.

In his capacity, he will oversee both the casino's food and beverage and hotel departments.

Crane's 10-year career in the food and beverage industry most recently included service as the senior director of food and beverage at Calder Casino and Race Course in Miami Gardens, Fla.

"I'm very pleased that Steven Crane is joining our team," Sherri Summers, Cactus Petes senior vice president and general manager said in a written release. "His extensive industry knowledge and strong leadership skills will help us maintain our ultimate goal of providing our guests with the excellent service they have come to know and expect from Cactus Petes and the Horseshu."

Spain Alters Plans for New 3-year Bond Sale

MADRID (AP) • Spain has dropped plans to hold a new three-year bond auction Dec. 1 and has instead decided to sell three bonds with longer maturities.

The announcement Friday came as the country's borrowing rates edged higher again, with the benchmark ten-year yield back up to 6.75 percent, while Italy's rate pushed past 7.3 percent.

A rate of 7 percent is considered unsustainable over the long term

The treasury gave no reason for the auction change.

Spain's conservative opposition Popular Party won a landslide victory in general elections Sunday. It is expected to form a new government mid-December and introduce widespread economic reforms.



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In this Jan. 26, 2010 file photo, the Chevy Volt appears on display at the Washington Auto Show, in Washington. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Friday it has opened a formal safety defect investigation of the lithium-ion batteries in General Motors Co.'s Chevrolet Volt to assess the risk of fire in the electric car after a serious crash.

BATTERY FIRES PROMPT GOVT PROBE OF CHEVY VOLT

BY JOAN LOWY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON • New fires involving the lithium-ion batteries in General Motors Co.'s Chevrolet Volt have prompted an investigation to assess the risk of fire in the electric car after a serious crash, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said Friday.

One Volt battery pack that was being closely monitored following a government crash test caught fire Thursday, the safety administration said in a statement. Another recently crash-

tested battery emitted smoke and sparks, the statement said.

GM, which was informed of the investigation on Friday, said in a statement that the Volt "is safe and does not present undue risk as part of normal operation or immediately after a severe crash."

The latest fires are in addition to a battery fire in a crash-tested Volt six months ago.

NHTSA learned of a possible fire risk involving damaged Volt batteries when a fire erupted in a Volt that was being stored in a parking lot of a test facility

in Burlington, Wis. The fire was severe enough to cause several other vehicles parked nearby to catch fire as well.

The car had been subjected to a side-impact crash test more than three weeks earlier, on May 12, during which the battery was punctured and its coolant line ruptured.

Last week's tests of three battery packs were designed to replicate the May test. In that test, the Volt was subjected to a simulated side-impact collision into a narrow object like a tree or pole followed by a rollover, the agency said.

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FDIC FINES 4 TIED TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN BANK & TRUST

DENVER (AP) • Three directors and a former director of Rocky Mountain Bank & Trust have agreed to fines totaling \$105,000 from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The bank, which operates from a headquarters in Colorado Springs, has been operating under a cease-and-desist order with the FDIC since April 2009. The order limits the bank's lending and dividend payments and requires the bank's owners to raise capital, strengthen its management, and reduce problem loans and large deposits.

The Gazette reports (http://bit.ly/udiPLK) the fines came after the FDIC alleged violations of its orders. Details weren't released.

Director and former CEO Douglas McClure was fined \$30,000. Directors Gerald Montney and Marty Burleson and former director Duane Hays each were fined \$25,000.

Bank officials declined to comment Friday.

BY PAMELA SAMPSON

Associated Press

BANGKOK • World stock markets were mostly lower Friday after Germany continued to oppose a bigger role for the European Central Bank in managing the continent's debt crisis and Portugal's credit rating was lowered to junk.

Benchmark crude clung just above \$96 a barrel while the dollar rose against the euro and was steady against the yen.

European shares were mixed in early trading. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.4 percent to 5,106.36 while Germany's DAX was 0.2 percent higher at 5,434.49/ France's CAC-40 rose 0.1 percent to 2,825.28.

Wall Street was headed for a lower opening, with Dow Jones industrial futures falling 0.2 percent to 11,209 while S&P 500 futures lost 0.2 percent to 1,157.30.

In Asia, trading was sluggish following a public holiday that closed markets in the U.S. Japan's Nikkei 225 in-

dex closed marginally down at 8,160.01 while South Korea's Kospi lost 1 percent at 1,776.40. Hong Kong's Hang Seng dropped 1.4 percent to 17,689.48 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 shed 1.5 percent at 3,984.30.

In mainland China, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.7 percent to 2,380.22, its lowest closing level in a month.

Investment sentiment waned after a meeting Thursday in Strasbourg, France of the leaders of the three biggest euro economies: Italian Premier Mario Monti, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The three leaders pledged to push for changes to European Union treaties to bring the fiscal policies of countries using the euro common currency more in line with each other.

But many investors were hoping Merkel might drop her steadfast opposition to a greater role for the European Central Bank or the creation of a eurobond that would pool the debts of all

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TABLOIDS ON TRIAL: CELEBS STRIKE BACK IN UK COURT

BY JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

LONDON • It was a bad week to be a tabloid journalist in Britain.

For four days, the famous, the infamous, the bereaved and the wronged sat in a London courtroom and told how snooping, smears and snatched photographs had made their lives a misery. They portrayed the press as cynical and brutal in its treatment of individuals, capitalizing on their tragedies with little decency or compassion.

A-list witnesses including J.K. Rowling, Hugh Grant, and Sienna Miller turned Britain's media ethics inquiry into the most compelling drama in town. But critics say it's a misleading and one-sided show.

"It has not been a pretty sight," said Bob Satchwell of media group the Society of Editors. "But there are 1,300 newspapers, national and regional, in Britain, and most journalists don't be-

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In this image made from television, "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling, who has campaigned to keep her children out of the media glare, gives evidence about media intrusion during a media ethics inquiry in London, Thursday. The inquiry, led by Judge Brian Leveson, plans to issue a report next year and could recommend major changes to media regulation in Britain.



## Debt

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countries in the currency union. Some experts believe the ECB is the only institution capable of getting Europe past its debt crisis.

Piled onto the disappointment from the Strasbourg summit was a debt demotion for Portugal.

Fitch Ratings, citing Portugal's large fiscal imbalances, its high indebtedness across all sectors and an adverse macroeconomic outlook, reduced the country's credit rating to BB+. That means Portugal is considered non-investment grade by Fitch, making it even more difficult for the struggling country to return to the bond markets.

Adding to the pain was Hungary, which was downgraded to junk by Moody's Investors Service late Thursday.

Analysts said many investors have concluded that Europe is likely headed for a slowdown or recession — or even a breakup of the currency union — given the inability so far to map out a plan for saving countries that are at risk of default because of unsustainable debt levels.

Such an event could engulf major banks and freeze credit markets in a similar fashion to the global finan-

cial paralysis after Lehman Brothers collapsed in 2008.

"Are we going to see a breakup of the euro or not? The comments and the downgrades overnight continue to worry investors," said Andrew Sullivan, principal sales trader at Piper Jaffray in Hong Kong.

"The inability to resolve the debt crisis and come out with a workable solution — people have the obvious worry of what that will do to bond yields," Sullivan said. "This is a debt problem, and this is going to cost money to resolve."

Chinese banking shares sank following a day of gains based on speculation — later denied by the government — that the central bank was aiming to ease its tight monetary policy. Hong Kong-listed Agricultural Bank of China fell 2.9 percent and Industrial & Commercial Bank of China, the world's largest bank by market value, lost 1.4 percent.

Building materials and oil shares, which are closely tied to economic growth, fell as worries brewed about a global slowdown. Hong Kong-listed China National Building Material Co. fell 5.8 percent and China Coal Energy lost 5.3 percent. Australia's Woodside Petroleum Ltd. plunged 5.8 percent.

Tokyo-based camera and

medical equipment company Olympus Corp. soared 8.6 percent. It earlier announced the resignations of three board members in an unfolding scandal involving a \$687 million payment to an obscure Wall Street firm for financial advice and expensive acquisitions that were used to cover up investment losses dating to the 1990s.

In the U.S., where markets were closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, traders were bracing for a crucial test of the world's No. 1 economy — so-called Black Friday, the day that kicks off the holiday shopping season. How well retailers do will have consequences for the still-fragile U.S. economic recovery.

The November-December period accounts for 25 percent to 40 percent of annual sales. About a quarter of jobs in the U.S. are directly or indirectly supported by the retail industry.

Benchmark crude for January delivery was down 2 cents at \$96.11 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract last settled on Wednesday in New York at \$96.17, down \$1.84.

In currency trading, the euro fell to \$1.3303 from \$1.3326 late Wednesday in New York. The dollar was unchanged at 77.35 yen.

## Battery

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The first battery tested last week didn't catch fire. But a battery test on Nov. 17 initially experienced a temporary temperature increase, and on Thursday caught fire while being monitored. Another battery tested on Nov. 18, which was rotated 180 degrees within hours after the test, began to smoke and emit sparks shortly after the rotation.

The tests were conducted by NHTSA and the Energy and Defense departments at a defense facility near Hampton Roads, Va.

So far, no fires have been reported in Volts involved in roadway crashes, NHTSA said. More than 5,000 of the vehicles have been sold.

It's too soon to tell whether the investigation will lead to a recall of any vehicles or parts, but the government will ensure consumers are informed promptly if that occurs, the agency said.

With its OnStar safety communications systems a part of the car, "GM knows real time about any crash significant enough to potentially compromise battery integrity," the automaker said. "Since July, GM has implemented a post-crash protocol that includes the depowering of the battery after a severe crash, returning the battery to a safe and low-powered state."

Electric vehicles are critical to President Barack Obama's plans to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil. He has called for putting 1 million of the vehicles on the road by 2015.

The Volt and Nissan's Leaf, with more than 8,000 cars on the road in the U.S., are among the first mass-marketed plug-in electric cars. They went on sale in the 2011 model year. Other automakers are also working on electric vehicles.

Safety testing hasn't raised concerns about electric vehicles other than the Volt, NHTSA said. But the agency is asking manufacturers who have electric cars on the market, or who plan to introduce electric vehicles in the near future, for more detailed information on their battery testing as well as what procedures they have established for discharging and handling batteries, including recommendations for reducing fire risks.

"NHTSA continues to believe that electric vehicles have incredible potential to save consumers money at the pump, help protect the environment, create jobs and strengthen national security by reducing our dependence on oil," the agency said.

After the first battery fire,

GM officials complained that NHTSA did not drain the battery of energy as called for under the automaker's crash procedures. NHTSA normally drains fuel from gasoline-powered cars after crash tests, they said.

Lithium-ion batteries, which are rechargeable, have been the subject of several recalls of consumer electronics. Millions of laptop batteries made by Sony Corp. for Apple Inc., Dell Inc., Lenovo Group Ltd. and other PC makers were recalled in 2006 and 2007 after it was discovered that they could overheat and ignite.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a warn-

ing to airlines about the potential for fires in cargo containing lithium-ion and non-rechargeable lithium metal batteries after a United Parcel Service plane crashed near Dubai last year, killing both pilots. The plane, which was on fire, was carrying thousands of lithium batteries.

Incorrectly packaged, damaged or overheated batteries can catch fire, the FAA said. Fires involving lithium-ion batteries can reach 1,100 degrees, close to the melting point of aluminum, a key material in airplane construction. Lithium-metal battery fires are far hotter, capable of reaching 4,000 degrees.

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## Retirement Distributions

For those who have successfully accumulated retirement assets and lived past their 70th birthday, there is a federal tax requirement that can affect their retirement withdrawal strategy. The Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) mandates that a minimum percentage of assets held in tax qualified accounts (Think IRA) must be withdrawn in each tax year after the account holder reaches the 6th month following their 70th birthday. The penalty for overlooking this requirement is steep. I have seen the tax penalty exceed 2% of all assets held in the affected IRA or 401(k) account. Unfortunately, this regulation goes into effect at a time when some retiree's are least able to deal with additional complexity in their finances.



Terry R. Downs\*

For successful savers that reach age 70 without needing to withdraw money from their tax qualified account, the RMD can be an unexpected obligation. In my experience, most financial institutions make an effort to help their clients avoid RMD penalties. I have personally donned a snow coat the last week of the year to visit a handful of clients and remind them that they have not taken their required distribution before the December 31st deadline. Yet, I have also seen what can happen when the institution holding the tax qualified account takes a passive role in this regard.

I recently assisted a 74 year old retiree that held his IRA with another financial institution. During my initial analysis of this client's retirement assets I was surprised to learn that he had not received a single RMD distribution. Even more distressing was the fact that he had not even received a notification from the institution that he was subject to the RMD. I can still hear the anguish in his voice when he asked me why didn't they tell me that I was required to liquidate a portion of this IRA?

This cautionary example is especially relevant for do-it-yourself savers that have shunned assistance from investment professionals. Getting a professional to review your portfolio can be particularly beneficial as you near retirement. It is also important to clarify if you are subject to an RMD, if you or a spouse have turned 70 in the last 18 months.

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Soldiers stand guard as an armored truck containing gold reserves arrives to the Central Bank in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday. President Hugo Chavez's government began repatriating Venezuela's gold reserves from European banks Friday as the first shipment arrived on a flight from Paris.

# Venezuela Receives First Gold Shipment from Europe

JORGE RUEDA  
Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela** • President Hugo Chavez's government began repatriating Venezuela's gold reserves from European banks Friday as the first shipment arrived on a flight from Paris. Troops guarded the shipment in a caravan of at least five armored trucks that carried the gold to the Central Bank in Caracas.

A group of government supporters cheered and waved flags as the caravan passed, with soldiers holding their rifles at the ready. Two light tanks escorted the shipment.

Chavez announced in August that his government would retrieve more than 211 tons of gold held in U.S. and European banks.

Chavez announced earlier Friday that the first of the gold was on its way.

"It's coming to the place it never should have left. ... The vaults of the Central Bank of Venezuela, not the bank of London or the bank of the United States," Chavez said. "It's our gold."

He said that previously the gold was held in Britain. He didn't specify the bank nor say how much was in the shipment.

The leftist president has said his decision to repatriate the gold reserves is aimed at helping to protect the oil-producing country from economic troubles in the United States and Europe.

Economist Pedro Palma, who is a professor at the Institute of Higher Studies of Administration, said he saw no economic justification for moving the gold.

"From the economic point view, it is the same to have it here as in England. The reserves will not change because of this," Palma said. He



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Soldiers escort trucks containing gold reserves to the Central Bank in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday.

said it seemed to be an attempt to show the public "heroic actions" on the part of the government.

Chavez's opponents have called the plan costly and ill-advised.

Central Bank president Nelson Merentes said the gold has been held abroad since the late 1980s as back-

ing for loans requested from the International Monetary Fund by prior governments.

With the gold in Venezuela, Merentes said, "it's a guarantee" for the country.

"If there's some problem in the international markets, here it's going to be safe," Merentes said.

## Hacked

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have in the way that's being portrayed."

The behavior of Britain's scandalmongering, scoop-hungry and millions-selling tabloids was summed up by "Harry Potter" creator Rowling as "cavalier." The best-selling author said newspapers took the attitude that "You're famous, you're asking for it."

Rowling recounted how journalists slipped a note into her 5-year-old daughter's school bag, took pictures of her children in their swimsuits and staked out her home until she felt "like a hostage."

Grant said that since "Four Weddings and a Funeral" made him a star, details of his hospital visits had been leaked, his garbage rifled, his ex-girlfriend and infant daughter harassed.

Miller, the star of "Alfie" and "Layer Cake," described being pursued down the street at midnight by 10 large men.

"And the fact that they had cameras in their hands meant that that was legal," said the 29-year-old actress. "But if you take away the cameras, what have you got? You've got a pack of men chasing a woman."

Witnesses' detailed descriptions of aggressive press intrusion, broadcast live on British television, have focused public attention on murky tabloid practices.

Media lawyer David Allen Green wrote in a blog for the New Statesman magazine that the inquiry was already helping freedom of expression.

"The merit of the Leveson inquiry — regardless of its formal findings in its reports — is that it is giving a plat-

form to those whose voices are deliberately smothered by the tabloid press," he wrote.

Not all the witnesses were famous. Some suffered because of proximity to fame. Mary Ellen Field, who worked for Elle Macpherson, recounted how the supermodel blamed her when personal stories started appearing in the press, and forced Field to go to a rehab facility in the U.S. for her — nonexistent — alcoholism.

Macpherson later learned her phone had been hacked — newspapers were getting information by illegal eavesdropping, not because of any indiscretion on Field's part. Field had already been fired.

The parents of missing and murdered children told of much worse ordeals, of

unbearable intrusion at times of grief.

Kate McCann, whose daughter Madeleine vanished during a family holiday in Portugal in 2007, said she felt "totally violated" when extracts from her private diary appeared in the News of the World tabloid in 2008.

"I just felt so worthless we'd been treated like that," she said.

Bob and Sally Dowler, whose 13-year-old daughter Milly was abducted and murdered in 2002, told how the same newspaper's phone hacking had given them false hope that she was alive. After days of being told her voice mailbox was full, they were finally able to get through.

"And it clicked through

onto her voicemail, so I heard her voice, and it was just like — I jumped — 'She's picked up her voicemails, Bob, she's alive,'" Sally Dowler said.

In fact, the voicemail had been interfered with by someone working for the News of the World, the Rupert Murdoch-owned tabloid whose illegal eavesdropping triggered the still-unfolding hacking scandal.

The revelation that the News of the World had targeted a teenage murder victim — as well as celebrities, politicians and public figures — shocked many Britons, led Murdoch to close the 168-year-old newspaper and set off a scandal that has shaken the country's media, police and political establishments.

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# If You Raise the Price, They'll Still Come

BY CHRISTINA REXRODE  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK •** The way Americans are chomping Big Macs, lacing up pricey sneakers and gulping peppermint mochas in this economy, you'd think they're taking advantage of big holiday discounts.

The truth is they're paying more.

McDonald's, Nike, Starbucks and other companies initially worried that customers would run the other way when they started raising prices to offset their higher costs for ingredients, fuel and packaging. But so far, cash-strapped Americans largely have swallowed the price spikes. And they're continuing to do so during this holiday shopping season.

On a recent weekday, five full floors of shoppers in a Nike store in New York didn't seem to mind paying more for their favorite kicks, including the almost \$200 sneakers named for NBA star LeBron James. At a McDonald's across town, people munched on Big Macs and fries that cost a dime or two more than last year. Customers also piled into a Starbucks down the street, where cappuccinos and many other specialty drinks now top \$5.

Timothy and Katrin Sullivan, a San Diego couple, estimate that together they spend about \$100 a month on skinny caramel macchiatos and pumpkin spice lattes at Starbucks, where prices on some drinks have risen in some regions this year. As parents of five children, they worry about the economy and have cut back on travel and ball games, but so far their morning cup of joe has survived the chopping block despite the rising price.

"It's cheaper than therapy," says Katrin Sullivan, 39.

The prices Americans pay for food, travel and other things have steadily risen this year, according to government data. Prices went up 3.5 percent in October compared with the same month a year ago. At the same time, every month for the past year except one, spending grew 2 percent or more compared with the same month a year ago. That's given retailers some cautious optimism as they try to gauge just how much more consumers are willing to pay.

Pete Bensen, McDonald's chief financial officer told analysts during the company's earnings call that the question boils down to this: "Is the consumer in a place that we're comfortable we can continue to add price increases?"

Companies of all stripes have been asking that question a lot. In the past year, they've been paying more for materials like beef, corn and fuel that they use to make, package and transport their goods. A combination of poor crop yields in some parts of the world, unrest in the Middle East and greater demand from countries like Brazil and China have sent those costs up.

Many costs have come down after spiking in the spring. A pound of coffee, for



Customers line up for hot drinks at Starbucks, in New York. The way Americans are chomping Big Macs, lacing up Air Jordans and gulping peppermint mochas in this abysmal economy, you'd think they're taking advantage of big holiday discounts.

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example, is trading at about \$2.30, down from \$3 in the spring. But that's up from \$2 a year ago.

As a result, Starbucks Corp. this year raised the price of the packaged coffee in its stores by 17 percent. The company declines to say whether prices on brewed drinks have risen or fallen overall in the past year, since those price decisions vary by region. But generally, the Seattle chain says the prices of specialty drinks like lattes and macchiatos are more likely to have risen this year than simpler drinks.

The price of a 16-ounce grande cappuccino at Starbucks costs about \$4.25, up about 23 percent from \$3.45 a year ago, research firm Technomic estimates. Meanwhile, a bagel went up from \$1 a year ago to \$1.25.

That hasn't stopped Starbucks customers from getting their coffee fix, though. Store traffic rose 6 percent in the most recent fiscal year, which ended in October. Revenue at stores open at least a year — an indicator of a retailer's health — rose 8 percent.

"We think we are in a very good spot right now," Jeff Hansberry, who runs Starbucks' consumer products division, said in a call with analysts this month.

At Nike Inc., sales rose almost 18 percent in the three-month period through August, even though it raised prices on certain styles this year. Nike hasn't detailed the price increases, but according to research firm SportsOneSource Group, the suggested price of a pair of this year's version of LeBron James' sneakers is about \$170, up from about \$160 last year. Nike said it expects to raise prices more broadly in the spring.

"We have not seen any price resistance at all," Charles Denson, president of the Nike Brand, said in a call with analysts.

Likewise, traffic and sales grew after McDonald's raised prices an average of 1 percent in March and another 1.4 percent in May. In the third quarter, guest count increased 2.6 percent. Revenue at stores open at least a year rose 5 percent. (The revenue figure is a snapshot of money spent on food at both com-

pany-owned and franchised restaurants. It does not reflect corporate revenue.)

McDonald's won't give details on which items it raised prices on, but Technomic estimates that a Big Mac costs an average of \$3.39, up from \$3.19 a year ago. A large order of fries is about \$1.89, up from \$1.79.

And the company signaled that there may be more increases to come. "We will continue to evaluate additional price increases," said Bensen, McDonald's CFO, during a call last month. "As we look into 2012, we expect commodity cost increases in the U.S. to be similar to this year's."

Even if the costs for some raw materials decline, companies are still expected to continue to raise prices during this holiday shopping season. That's because costs for materials are uncertain, so companies will try to raise prices whenever they think customers will tolerate them. Still, they have to tread lightly or risk losing customers.

To be sure, families have trimmed their budgets as the economy plummets. But Americans continue to spend for myriad reasons, even though prices have risen on everything from Coca-Cola

soda to Huggies diapers to Ben & Jerry's ice cream.

Some are stomachaching the higher prices only on products they need. Others who've cut back on bigger frills are willing to splurge on brands they trust or things they see as small indulgences. Still others are apathetic to the increases because "everybody's doing it."

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# Occupy L.A. Offers a Hands-on Civics Lesson for Students, Teachers

BY TERESA WATANABE  
*Los Angeles Times*

**LOS ANGELES** • Who says history has to be about dead men and a dreary assortment of dates and names?

For countless students and teachers, the Occupy L.A. encampment at City Hall has become a living classroom, a place to put a contemporary twist on topics such as the causes of the Great Depression and the limits of the First Amendment.

On a recent afternoon, students from at least three schools joined the colorful milieu of protesters — playing ball, posing with pet roosters and sounding off about corporate greed — to interview them about their aims.

Cleveland High School student Ryan Janowski, for instance, asked hard questions about whether the movement's leaderless structure would impede its progress.

Classmate Christopher Berry sniffed the aroma of marijuana and wondered whether a few "dignified leaders" might help protesters gain wider public acceptance.

The students are part of Cleveland's humanities magnet program, which is exploring class differences in America and comparing the Occupy movement with 19th century transcendentalism.

"It fits in with everything we're doing," said Rebecca Williams, an English literature teacher at the Reseda school. "It's a real-life movement — history in the making."

Educators across the nation have taken up the Occupy movement as a teaching opportunity for civics, history, government and even geography classes. Organizations such as C-SPAN, the Bill of Rights Institute and the Annenberg Classroom have developed lesson plans for mass consumption.

One such teaching tool put together by Ben Bohmfalk, a Colorado social studies teacher, features video clips and articles intended to help students evaluate the movement's aims.

The lesson plan on C-SPAN's Classroom Deliberations website offers material for three reading levels and a vocabulary list that includes such words as bailouts, deregulation and meritocracy.

Bohmfolk said the link to the Occupy lesson plan was sent out to more than 40,000 teachers nationwide. A handful of them, he said, protested that teaching about the movement implies supporting it. But Bohmfalk, who also has taught about the politically conservative "tea party" movement, disagrees.

"For a movement to gain so much public attention, teachers have a responsibility to teach about it," he said. "This cracks open all of the issues. It takes them out of dusty textbooks and makes them very current."

Bohmfolk has used the material in his classes to discuss issues such as the role of government in regulating the marketplace, the limits of free speech and assembly rights and even U.S. parallels to inequitable living conditions in Mexico City.

But, he said, a major challenge has been helping students understand the complex economic issues underlying the movement's simple slogans.

Catchphrases such as "99 percent" require understanding of income distribution and tax systems. "Corporate personhood" involves looking at campaign financing systems and a related Supreme Court decision. Add to that references to bank bailouts, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and Cairo's Tahrir Square, and the issues get very complicated very quickly, he said.

"What a lot of adults forget is how little background

knowledge about current events 16-year-olds have," Bohmfalk said.

At Downtown Magnets High School, 11th-grade AP history teacher Daniel Jocz has videotaped the Los Angeles encampment for use later in the year when he will ask students to compare and contrast the Occupy movement with the economic forces that drove the Great Depression.

Jocz said he plans to ask students to take a position on whether more government or less would best alleviate the problems — similar questions faced by Presidents Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1920s and '30s.

But, Jocz said, it may be difficult for many teachers to fit the Occupy movement into an already crowded curriculum.

"At the end of the day, students won't be tested on any of this and I'll be evaluated on their content knowledge demonstrated through standardized tests," he said. "There is no value to doing this in the current climate. In this whole test-driven culture, teachers are terrified to step away from their regular schedule."

Students, however, said they see great value in the lessons.

For Jerry Liang, a California State, Long Beach student and immigrant from China, a sociology class assignment to interview an Occupy L.A. protester gave him the chance to witness a people's movement that he said would not be allowed in his homeland.

He considers himself part of the 99 percent — his family of garment workers earns a combined \$28,000 annually — and said he would join the protests were it not for his parents' admonition to stay out of trouble.

"Here in America we can express our ideas and participate in a movement to do something for ourselves," Liang said. "In China, it's impossible to do this. If you do it, you'll go to jail."

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## Eloise Poppie Carlson

Jan. 15, 1928 — Nov. 23, 2011

Our beloved Mother Eloise Poppie Carlson, 83, passed away Nov. 23, 2011. Our Heavenly Father and her husband, Paul, were waiting with loving arms.

Eloise was born on Jan. 15, 1928, in Glenns Ferry, Idaho, to Catherine Andersen and Frank Poppie. As a young child, her family moved around Idaho following her father as he worked construction jobs. She graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1946. While in high school, she met the love of her life at the skating rink. While he was serving in the Navy during WWII, Eloise would wish on her first star that he would come home safely. She married Paul R. Carlson on Nov. 9, 1946, and they enjoyed almost 60 years together.

Eloise lived to love and



serve her family and friends. You knew you would always be welcome in her home and there was always enough smiles and food for anyone who showed up. Her greatest joys came from spending time with her children and grandchildren attending their games, concerts, plays, and events. She served

many years as a Camp Fire Leader, PTA officer, baseball coach, and volunteer for the March of Dimes and Heart Fund. She was a life member of the Women of the Moose and made many friendships.

Eloise showed a genuine interest in others, seeing the best in them and positively touching the lives of everyone she knew. Her compassionate, listening ear made you feel warm and cared for. She left a legacy of love, kindness and optimism.

She delighted in the little things including identifying

birds, learning about the solar system, collecting thimbles, sunsets and autumn leaves. She enjoyed going to her cabin at Murphy Hot Springs and many memories were shared there. She even took a float trip down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River when her husband was a river guide.

As a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Eloise magnified her many callings including Sunday School teacher, primary counselor, Relief Society Visiting Teacher, Mia Maid teacher and sports director.

Eloise is survived by her four daughters: Paula (Bob) Ewers of Murrieta, Calif., Peggy Choate of Twin Falls, Nancy (Jim) Auclair of Jerome, and Sue (Bob) Hanchey of Twin Falls; sisters: Faye (Ivan) Stone and Phyllis (Art) Boeker of Jerome and Sally (Ed) Crelly of Oak Harbor, Wash; 12

grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that she loved. She was preceded in death by her parents, her step-father Lynn M. Parker, her husband, Paul, a brother and a great-grandson.

While we will deeply miss her, we have confidence that she is moving on to serve others in a better place. A special thanks to Ramona and Steve Farnsworth and staff at Desert Rose Assisted Living for their love and compassion shown to our mother.

A visitation for family and friends will be held on Monday, Nov. 28 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

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### SERVICES

**Leila Gott** of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

**Robert “Bob” Whittaker** of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

**Evelyn June Miller** of Kimberly, funeral service at 10 a.m. Monday at Kimberly Nazarene Church. Visitation one hour prior. Internment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (White Mortuary “Chapel by the Park”).

**Franklin Clayton “Bud” Rogers** of Heyburn, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at Morrison Funeral Home, 188 S.

Idaho Highway 24, Rupert. Burial to follow in the Paul Cemetery.

**Geneva Stelly** of Rupert, funeral service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward with Bishop Clint Crane, officiating. A viewing for family and friends 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to service at the church Thursday.

**Jose Antonio “Tony” Silonis** of Gooding, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. A memorial reception will follow at the Gooding Basque Center in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

## Filipino Police Arrest 4 Suspected AT&T Hackers

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Four people have been arrested in the Philippines for allegedly hacking into AT&T customers' phones as part of a plan to funnel money to a Saudi-based terror group, according to police.

The Philippine Criminal Investigation and Detection Group said it worked with the FBI to arrest the suspects last week. The hackers, according to investigators, worked for a group that helped finance a deadly 2008 terrorist attack in Mumbai, India.

AT&T's systems weren't compromised but some of its customers were targeted, spokeswoman Jan Rasmussen said Saturday. AT&T cooperated in the investigation with the FBI, she said.

AT&T wrote off some fraudulent charges on customers' bills, but Rasmussen wouldn't say how much. Philippine police put the alleged hacking cost AT&T \$2 million.

Last Tuesday, AT&T said that hackers unsuccessfully attempted to link mobile numbers with online customer account, but it wouldn't say on Saturday if that incident was linked to the arrests of the four people in the Philippines.

The hackers were working on commission for a terrorist group linked to Muhammad Zamir, according to the Philippine police. Zamir, a Pakistani, was arrested in Italy in 2007, where he was

running a call center that collected money from callers but then routed the calls through hacked phone lines. He also allegedly sold international access codes for long distance calls that were gathered by Filipino hackers.

Since then, police said, Zamir's group has been taken over by a Saudi national. Philippine police didn't name the group, but India has blamed Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based militant organization, for the Mumbai attacks. Three years ago Saturday, 10 Pakistan-based gunmen laid siege to India's financial hub, killing 166 people.

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OBITUARIES

# Elenor Winward Bair

May 2, 1923-Nov. 25, 2011

**BURLEY** • Elenor Lavon Winward Bair, 88, of Burley, passed away early Friday morning, Nov. 25, 2011, at the Warren House in Burley.

Elenor was born May 2, 1923, in Burley, Idaho, the daughter of Emma Rebecca Koyle and Emer Leroy Winward. She attended school in Burley and graduated from Burley High School in 1940. She received a lifetime teaching certificate from Albion Normal School, and taught two years in American Falls before returning to teach in Cassia County. She taught at Miller, Overland and Southwest elementary schools.

On Aug. 3, 1947, she married Gordon Allen Bair. The family was sealed in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Nov. 18, 1954. Gordon and Elenor lived in Heyburn, where she continued teaching as three children were born into the family. She took classes at Idaho State University to renew her teaching certificate and obtained a bachelor's degree.

She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and served in ward and stake callings for the Relief Society. She was also Young Women's president, a Sunday School teacher, and Cub Scout den mother. She enjoyed being a 4-H leader, and her hobbies were many and varied — genealogy, sewing, cooking, reading, oil painting, gardening and traveling. She spent her life looking for opportunities to help others, and to serve in the community and church.

After she and Gordon retired, they served a mission in the Lucedale, Miss., branch of the Baton Rouge, La., Mission. They served as temple workers at the Boise LDS Temple and as missionaries at the Burley Genealogical Library. When



her husband, Gordon, died in May 8, 2004, she moved to assisted living centers where she renewed friendships made earlier in life, and made many new friends. In addition to her husband, Elenor was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Venice; a daughter-in-law, Janet Bair; and a granddaughter, KaDawn Bair.

She is survived by her children, Curtis (Georgia) Bair of Acequia, Marcia Bair of Rexburg, and Russell (Bonnie) Bair of Declo; grandchildren, Nina (Sam) Zogg of Wichita, Kan., Michelle (Brady) Babcock of Moore, Janelle (Brandon) Parker of Murray, Utah, Jacob (Linsey) Bair of Idaho Falls, Ashley (Mark) Gibby of Midvale, Utah, and Liz and Sarah Alldredge of Rexburg; 13 great-grandchildren; and her siblings, Maxine (Ross) Larson of Boise, Florence (Orvis) Dilworth of Burley, and Emer (Karma) Winward of Kaysville, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30, at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave., in Burley, with Bishop Mark A. Dowdle officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

# Cindy Lee Chapman Torres

Dec. 28, 1953-Nov. 18, 2011

Cindy Lee Chapman Torres, 57, of Jerome, Idaho, died Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, at the University of Utah Hospital from complications related to a liver transplant.

The last year was very hard and difficult, but Cindy continued to wage battle against her disease to the very end and we will love her, miss her, and think of her every day.

Cindy was born on Dec. 28, 1953, in Gooding to Robert and Elva Chapman of Shoshone. Cindy graduated from Shoshone High School in 1972; she married Joe Torres on June 14, 1976. They have resided in Jerome since 1979, where they raised their three amazing children — Jamie Chapman, Kristy Torres and Kelly Coelho.

Cindy's family and friends were very important to her and she loved spending time with her grandchildren and spoiling them every chance she got. Cindy was blessed with eight grandchildren and loved them all dearly. Cindy loved camping with special friends, listening to Joe's band play, reading and shopping. She also worked in the medical field until the disease no longer allowed her to continue.

Cindy is survived by her husband, Joe Torres of Jerome; son, Jamie (Trisa) Chapman of San Antonio,



Texas; daughters, Kristy Torres of Boise and Kelly (Gilbert) Coelho of Jerome; mother, Elva Chapman of Boise; mother-in-law, Tommy Torres of Jerome; sisters, Sherry Atwell of Boise and Pam (Jack) Williams of Shoshone; brothers, Larry (Jessica) Chapman of Boise and Tim (Kelly) Chapman of Shoshone; and grandchildren — Adam, Matthew, Sammy, Kain, Kiyah, KayLee, Julian, and Jackson; brother-in-law, Julian (Sue) Torres of Washington, Johnny (Sandra) Torres of Louisiana; sister-in-law Hilaria (LaLa) (Dave) Fuhrman of Louisiana and many nephews and nieces.

Cindy was preceded in death by her father, Robert; step-daughter, Angie; father-in-law, Julian, brothers-in-law, Michael and Lupe, grandparents, uncles, aunts and a nephew.

A celebration of Cindy's life will take place at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Burial will follow at Jerome Cemetery. A viewing for family and friends will take place on Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

Services are under the direction of Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel, Jerome.

# Leonard "Pete" Peterson

June 26, 1925-Nov. 23, 2011

Our much loved Father and Grandfather, Leonard (Pete) Peterson, 86, of Twin Falls passed away at his home on Nov. 23, 2011, after a long fight with Alzheimer's and other health issues. (Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints, — Psalm 116:15).

He was born on June 26, 1925 in Tulare, Calif., to Louis L. Peterson and Isa Brown Peterson. He was raised south of Twin Falls helping his Dad on their farm and milking many cows. He served proudly in the United States Navy on the submarine, USS Sea Dog, during World War II. On Oct. 4, 1945 he married Maxine Gentry and they produced four children, Kelly, Steve, Mark and Doug. They were divorced in 1967. The Peterson kids spent many years building their character and physical strength on the farm south of Twin Falls working in the fields, raising 4-H cattle, and immensely enjoying life there in the 1950s and 60s.

He was instrumental in getting the Kimberly Baseball Little League Program started in the mid-1960s. He thoroughly enjoyed coaching the traveling team and regular league teams. Also, in the 1960s, Leonard became co-owner of Peterson & McHan Mobile Oil Company, which he operated for many years. He was employed at Gover's Pay 'N Pack at the time of his retirement. He married Betty Sandau in 1968. They were later divorced. In 1981 he married June Emerson White. June passed away in 1992. In 2005 he married Betty Newbry, with whom he shared his life until his passing. He was baptized in First Christian Church of Twin Falls as a young man and was a member of Valley Christian Church for many years until he was unable to attend due to bad health.

He liked to hunt and fish, but his special love was golf. He spent many retirement years enjoying and playing golf with his friends, including his brother-in-law, Ray Shumway. His other love was CSI Basketball! He held reserved booster seats for many years at CSI and trav-



eled to their out-of-state championships. He was a Hutch supporter. He especially enjoyed it when his grandson, Zach Dong, who shared his basketball passion, became a Basketball Coach at Filer High School.

Leonard is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Kelly (Jim) Black of Twin Falls, Steve (Carolyn) Peterson of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Mark (Esther) Peterson and Doug (Laura) Peterson, all of Twin Falls, and stepchildren, Steve (Leslie) Emerson of Boise, Vicki (Phil) Emerson Ruebel of Boise, Lana (Stephen) Emerson Olsen of Kimberly, Larry (Janey) Newbry of Kimberly, Christy (Elmer) Parker of Salado, Texas, Chuck Newbry of Canby, Ore., and Bill (Susan) of Genesee, Idaho. He is survived by 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and innumerable step grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Truman Peterson and sister, Gayle Shumway. He loved all of his children and grandchildren and was very proud of all of their accomplishments.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, one sister, Mary, and one grandson, Mick Peterson. He was a Great Dad and Grandpa. We Will Miss You, Dad!! We'll see you later!

A viewing for the family and friends will be held from 5-7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, with Pastor John Babb officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park.

A special Thank You to Esther Peterson, his daughter-in-law, for her great care of Dad in the last two years of his life. It was unequalled! Also, a Thank You to all the others who participated in his care.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Unit of CSI or Alliance Home Health and Hospice. To share memories and condolences online, visit [www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.magicvalleyfuneralhome.com).

## DEATH NOTICES

### Geneva Stelly

Geneva Stelly, 91, of Rupert, died Friday, Nov. 25, 2011 at Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

### Beulah Blades

**GOODING** • Beulah Blades, 78, of Gooding, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 at her home in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel.

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# William Michael 'Bill' Novosel

March 21, 1919-Nov. 24, 2011

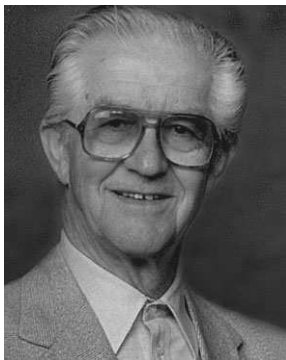
**BURLEY** • William Michael "Bill" Novosel, age 92, of Burley, passed away of natural causes on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011, at the Warren House in Burley.

He was born in Elkol, Wyo., (a small coal mining town near Kemmerer) on March 21, 1919. He was the son of Ludvick and Annie Zmaich Novosel, who immigrated to the United States from Croatia. The youngest of five children, he was preceded in death by his three brothers, Ludvick Jr., John and Mike; and a sister, Annie Novosel Mackie.

Bill was offered an opportunity to move to Declo during his high school years, where he lived with the Tom Snyder family and graduated in 1937. He then attended the University of Idaho, after which he joined the U.S. Army, serving in the Infantry Quartermaster division as a supply sergeant during World War II. His time in the service was spent in Normandy and Ireland, with two years in Northern France. He was decorated with an American Theater Operation Service Ribbon, the European African Middle Eastern Service Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal, and a Victory Medal.

Upon discharge from the service, he attended the Albion State Normal School for a short time. He then moved to San Francisco, Calif., where he was employed by Wilcox Food Corp. in the accounting division. Bill's love of horse racing occupied a good portion of his weekends at Bay Meadows — which he enjoyed immensely. He resided in the Bay Area until his retirement in 1991, when he returned to Burley.

Bill was a kindly, gentle man who had the respect of everyone who knew him. He had a great love for his family members who were his life, as he never married. Bill



had a passion for playing Bridge with his friends in Burley and was a member of the Rupert Duplicate Bridge Club. He loved music, had a beautiful voice, and was an avid bowler during his lifetime.

He is survived by his nieces, Mildred Mackie Wolf of Burley, and Phyllis Novosel Bingham of Fresno, Calif.; his nephews, Pat Novosel of Burley, Frank Novosel of Boise, and John Novosel of Pocatello; and several great-nephews and nieces who were a devoted part of his life.

In addition to his siblings, Bill was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at the St. Therese's Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave., in Burley, with the Rev. Father Justin Brady as celebrant. Burial will follow at the Declo Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Mini-Cassia Veterans Organization.

The family expresses their sincere appreciation to the staff at the Warren House and to Melissa Davids of Idaho Home Health and Hospice for the outstanding care and friendship given to Bill.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to the Warren House of Burley. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.



# OBITUARIES

## Edward John Daly

April 15, 1948-Nov. 16, 2011

Edward John Daly, Eddy, as we called him, was born in Twin Falls, Idaho, on April 15, 1948. From the beginning, life was full of joyous challenges. Expected in July, Eddy entered the world at 6½ months gestation full of determination, patience and an overwhelming desire to live. Not long to live was the message the attending doctor shared with his eager parents, John Haskell and Kathryn Cleveland Daly. So sure was the physician, he requested they sign his death certificate as well as the birth.

Eddy had other plans! His life was not the usual in any concept of normal. He was a dedicated worrier with a naive sense of the workings of the world, but no other faults persisted. His unconditional love of family and friends was unwavering. And really, who wasn't a friend to Eddy? His spirit was loving, kind and forever patient. Eddy was released from his earthly life Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011, at the age of 63.

John and Kathy doted on him, as we all did. Never a chance to walk, always in a wheelchair, unable to care for himself, go to public school, hold a job, create his name with a crayon, yet blessed with high intelligence. He showed patience for all who could do, be, experience what he couldn't. Interested in the lives of others, he was happy to see life through all ready to share.

Unwilling to let their son go without, John and Kathy were instrumental in forming a school for Eddy and others in the community unable to assimilate into a regular education classroom. Nettie Ratcliffe, head instructor, and Mary Yost, physical therapist, were his beloved friends and guides through the process of working his mind and body. It was here Eddy's family first met the Don Ramseyer family who would become very much a part of his later life. Also, initial group members working to provide an appropriate education for their son, Jimmy, were Don and Jo Ramseyer. Lincoln Field House was Eddy's school from 1952 until 1967.

Eddy was not shy, often requesting adventures. He rode in a helicopter, rolled through the mountains in his chair, picnicked along the Selway, had a 4-H project with the assistance of Lillian Shaff McIntyre and her son, Terry Shaff, who showed the steer at the Twin Falls County Fair. He ventured to the Oregon Coast, Moscow, Kooskia and far beyond in the Volkswagen van made safe for his chair. Living in a two-story house was difficult so his parents installed an elevator, hand-made trays, ramps and countless devices to improve his access and comfort.

In November 1968, Eddy's father, John, passed away suddenly. Although Kathy's parents had moved from Kooskia, Idaho, to a house across the street from the Daly home, the family soon



found they could no longer lift, maintain daily care or meet Eddy's increasing needs. He lived for a very short time in Nampa at the Idaho State School.

Don Ramseyer had lost his beloved Jo as well and when Kathy and Don reconnected, a new chapter began in our family's lives! Joy and laughter were back! Don couldn't have been better or loved Eddy and all our family more.

Don and Kathy brought Eddy to Twin Falls Care Center from Green Acres in Gooding, where he resided happily for many years. With a short stay in Boise at Capital Care, Eddy and his parents eventually found themselves at home in Twin Falls at BridgeView Estates, which would be the final home for all three.

The compassion and love with which his life was surrounded is amazing. The care our dear Eddy received at BridgeView, Twin Falls Care and Green Acres was not only commendable, but formed everlasting bonds with many. Throughout his years many have given, shared, loved and unselfishly directed his world. Thank you to his letter writers, readers, performers and especially to those he loved so much he proposed marriage. John and Marjory Coleman, David Coleman and Marcia Penney have dedicated their talents, love and time to enrich and care for Eddy over many years. Dr. Joseph Ippolito has been dedicated, kind, caring and compassionate in his care. Eddy and his family are so very grateful. No words are large enough to express our appreciation.

Eddy is survived by his sister, Judy Peavey-Derr and her husband, Allen Derr of Boise; nephew, Brian Peavey and wife, Elisa and their children, Taylor, Bella and Emi, all of Tulsa, Okla.; niece, Jennifer Joanis and husband, Lance and their children, Gabriel and Jacob, all of Kenai, Alaska; cousins, Kathy Anne Scofield and her husband, TJ of Boise, Tiffany Corbett of Boise, Jason Stuart of Eugene, Ore., and Betsy Sanger of Twin Falls. He now joins his mother, Kathryn; father, John Daly; father, Don Ramseyer; brother, Jimmy Ramseyer; aunts and uncles, Jean and Bob Stuart and Fred and Cynthia Sanger; cousins, Bill Stuart and Todd Corbett; maternal grandparents, Guy and Ethel Cleveland; and paternal grandparents, Edward John and Anna Daly.

Eddy's spirit and life provided so much for all who came to know him. He gave courage, grace, love and contentment new meaning. A service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park," with Pastor Deb Seles presiding. The family suggests donations in Eddy's name to CSI Foundation, College of Southern Idaho, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1238.

Friends and family may leave condolences and share memories at [www.White-Mortuary.com](http://www.White-Mortuary.com).

## Lillian Fillmore

Jan. 2, 1915-Nov. 23, 2011

After a long and fruitful life, Lillian Fillmore, 96, passed away on Nov. 23, 2011 at Cenoma House, Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lillian was born Jan. 2, 1915 in a log cabin in Mountain Home, Ark., to Archie Howard and Faye Stinnett Howard. When she was about a year old, the family left Arkansas and moved to Eden, Idaho. The family traveled by covered wagon, with her dad on a horse and her mom maneuvering the ruts in the road.

Within a few years they moved to Greenwood, Idaho, and remained there for several years. Three more children were born in Greenwood, including her brother, Neil, and two sisters, Ruby and Nadine. She often spoke of her childhood and the days of innocence and fun that she enjoyed with her siblings. Their pets were the horses needed for farming; their swimming pool and ice rink the canal that ran close to their home. Her Mom would pack a lunch and the children would spend the day exploring and playing in the fields and meadows nearby.

She attended grade school in Greenwood where she graduated from the eighth grade. She went to Hazelton High School. She would often speak of the cold winters when the roads would be closed and the fathers of the children in the area would take turns transporting them by horse and sled to a railroad siding where they caught the Galloping Goose (a small train) which took them down the track to the high school.

She also attended high school in Murtaugh where she met Red, her future husband, at a dance (open air dance hall) in Kimberly, Idaho, when she was 16 years old. Red worked with her dad at various odd jobs during the depression and soon romance was in the air. After high school, she began working for Swift and Company wrapping butter and testing cream, helping with some of the expenses of raising a family in that era.

Red and Lillian were married in Twin Falls when Lillian was 19 years old. Red worked for Olmstead Cattle Co. and they lived in a little house nearby with no indoor plumbing. She had to get their water out of a cistern and bathe in an aluminum washtub. They lived there for about seven years and during that time their sons, Harlan and Norman (Butch), were born. About that time Red went to work for Gem State Oil and they moved to a small house in town with indoor plumbing. What an exciting time for them. It wasn't long before Lillian began working for Gem State Oil too. The company changed hands several times and after many years of saving their pen-



nies, Red and Lillian were finally able to purchase the company for themselves. That was their life for several years ... working hard and raising their family.

They were later able to purchase a fishing cabin at Magic Reservoir and a beautiful little log home at Smiley Creek, which they built themselves.

They were both very active in the community during those years. Lillian was president of Twin Falls Soroptomist Club in 1962. She also worked at the Hospital as a Pink Lady and was active in the Hospital Guild.

After retirement Red and Lillian traveled extensively and finally settled down in a nice retirement community in Yuma, Ariz., where they spent their winters, returning to Idaho for the summer. After Red's death in 1991, Lillian settled into her life here in Twin so she could be near her sons and grandchildren.

Lillian had a full and happy life and enjoyed sharing her time and her love with her many friends and family.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents Faye and Archie Howard, her husband, Harold (Red), her brother Neil, her sister, Nadine Kline, sons, Harlan and Norman (Butch) Fillmore; grandsons Brent and Kent Fillmore.

She is survived by her sister, Ruby (Mike) Stastny, her daughter-in-law, Colleen (Harlan); her grandchildren, Shawna Fillmore of Twin Falls; Erin O'Halloran of Hailey, great granddaughters Katja and Sofia Peller; Meghan (Devin) Cecil of Boise, and great granddaughter Murphee; Jodi Fillmore of Ketchum, Kelli (Dan) Bell of Eugene, Ore., great grandsons Griffith and Sam; and great granddaughter Jessica (Matt) West of Rochester, Wash., and her children Kylie and Laramie.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at White Mortuary. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested donations to the Kimberly Crossroads Methodist Church.

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**Q.** Ed. Note: Holiday visits with older family members are an opportunity to identify behavioral changes that may mean a serious issue exists. Last week we discussed 5 warning signs. This week we talk about 5 more.

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OPINION

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'Frosty the Snowman' Arrested at Parade

CHESTERTOWN, Md. (AP) • A man in a "Frosty the Snowman" costume was arrested Saturday during the annual Christmas parade in Chestertown, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He's accused of scuffling with police and kicking at a police dog. Sgt. John A. Dolgos tells *The Star Democrat* of Easton that 52-year-old Kevin Michael Walsh became agitated when a dog-handling officer tried to escort him away from the crowd. Walsh told The Associated Press that he has dressed as Frosty in the parade for at least 10 years. He says he did nothing wrong. Walsh was released.

The New Domesticity: A Step Back or Forward?

BY EMILY MATCHAR  
Special to The Washington Post

I'm planning on canning homemade jam this holiday season, swept up in the same DIY zeitgeist that seems to have carried off half my female friends. I picked and froze the berries this summer, and I've been squirreling away flats of Ball jars under my kitchen sink for months. For recipes, I'm poring over my favorite food and homemaking blogs — the ones with pictures of young women in handmade vintage-style aprons and charmingly overexposed photos of steamy pies on windowsills.

"That's neat," says my mother, as I babble to her about pectin and jar sterilization. She's responding in the same tone of benign disinterest she would have used had I informed her that I was learning Catalan or taking up emu husbandry.

Please see DOMESTICITY, O2



Moving Beyond Freddie, Fannie

BY BOB CORKER  
Special to The Washington Post

The term "permanent conservatorship" is an oxymoron. By its very construct, the conservatorship of a corporation is meant to be temporary. And yet three years after the bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, we are no closer to transitioning them off government life support than we were the day in 2008 when they came under direct government control.

This is unacceptable.

A delay in dealing with Fannie and Freddie was partly inevitable, as policymakers worried that any misstep could negatively affect a fragile housing market. But we have come to a point where continued inaction impedes the ability of the private market to take over a function the government has completely mismanaged. We must move beyond Fannie and Freddie, immediately.

This task will not be politically easy. Many of the institutions that have come to rely on the corporate welfare Fannie and Freddie provide have argued that we cannot have a housing finance system without the support of government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs). This argument not only ignores the risks taxpayers are forced to bear but also fundamentally misrepresents the structure of the housing finance system.

Broadly speaking, the risks inherent in mortgage lending can be placed in two categories, interest rate risk and credit risk. Interest rate risk stems from the fact that homeowners can prepay their mortgages at any time, and they generally choose to do so when interest rates are low. This leaves the lender with the tricky job of managing an asset-liability mismatch. But the private sector has proved capable of the task. In fact, the development of the risk management infrastructure to deal with this challenge remains a great accomplishment of modern finance.

The second risk in mortgage lending is credit risk, or the risk that a borrower will default on his or her mortgage. Today, mortgage credit risk is almost completely priced and managed by the government. Having "crowded out" private investors by charging an insurance premium that was too cheap, the GSEs are saddled with \$5 trillion worth of bad credit. This is a tragedy of our own making. During the boom years, the GSEs' affordable housing goals were coupled with a Congress and an administration that saw only the bright side of rapidly increasing homeownership rates. That meant that as housing prices began to spike, it was impossible to make credit slightly more expensive. Without countercyclical market mechanisms able to operate naturally, as housing prices went higher, the GSEs simply raced each other to lower guarantee fees, out of fear that they might lose business from mortgage originators such as Countrywide and Washington Mutual. The result, we now know, was a government-induced bubble followed by a painful collapse.

This month I introduced legislation that can help bring private capital back into this market in an orderly fashion. The Residential Mortgage Market Privatization and Standardization Act would reduce the federal government's exposure to GSEs by 10 percent per year for 10 years. It will do this by gradually diminishing the percentage of an agency mortgage-backed security that is backstopped by the taxpayer.

Please see MOVING, O2

READER COMMENT

Learning From the Penn State Incident

It is critical that we take the opportunity presented by the Penn State University incident and allegations to face the unpleasant reality about child sexual abuse. Let's focus our attention on just how often children are sexually abused, and how infrequently adults are ready to intervene and willing to report this abuse. Statistics show over and over again that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually assaulted before their 18th birthday. Less than 10 percent of these children will ever tell anyone what happened to them. In the Penn State case, someone witnessed the abuse, and yet it was never reported to the police who could have investigated and taken whatever action was needed.

The Penn State incident is not a story about football, leadership, or celebrity. It is much more a story about the human desire to close our eyes and wait for someone else to do what is right. Child sexual abuse thrives in secrecy and continues when



adults see it as someone else's job or responsibility to report. We must ask ourselves why, as a society, are we quite willing to call law enforcement for a theft or automobile accident, but are hesitant or unwilling to immediately report child abuse? Would anyone seriously think they should check with their supervisor before reporting a murder or theft? Let this case remind us all that we have a moral, ethical, and legal responsibility to report suspected child abuse to the appropriate authorities.

The truth is, sex offenders are clever about finding opportunities to have access to children and groom adults to lower their boundaries about contact with their children in the same way they groom children for sexual

contact. All parents should sense a "red flag" if any adult (friend, family member, coach, teacher, minister) seeks to spend significant amounts of time alone with your child. We know there are offenders in our community. We know they don't always look scary. In fact, you may unknowingly be acquainted with someone who is getting close to a child and family right now for this purpose, someone who seems nice, interested in the child, and concerned.

As the coordinator of the CARES (Children At Risk Evaluation Services) program at St. Luke's Magic Valley, I'm frequently asked if we have more or less child sexual abuse incidents in the Magic Valley than the rest of the country. While I believe whole-heartedly the Magic Valley is a wonderful place to live and raise children, I'm sad to say our communities are not better or worse than the rest of the country in regard to incidents of child abuse. A situ-

ation like the Penn State incident could happen right here in south-central Idaho.

If we want to make the Magic Valley a safer place for children and prevent the tragedy of child sexual abuse, we need to take action. One way to take action is to participate in "Stewards of Children," an evidence-based child sexual abuse prevention program offered by CARES staff. CARES is willing to provide this training to all interested child-serving organizations, families, or concerned individuals in the Magic Valley. Participants in the training learn the facts about child sexual abuse, learn how to avoid one-adult one-child situations, and learn that prevention and reporting are adult responsibilities. I encourage you to contact CARES at 933-9350, if you would like further information.

Kerry Koontz, LMSW, is the coordinator of the Children At Risk Evaluation Services program.

OTHER VIEWS

Where's the Race to the Top for Higher Ed?

BY DANIEL PIANKO  
Special to The Washington Post

The Obama administration may one day be enshrined as one of the great stewards and innovators of K-12 education. Administration policies driven by the Race to the Top competition have inspired millions. Unfortunately, the same visionary leadership has been absent when it comes to higher education, where the need for innovation and reform may be even greater than in U.S. primary and secondary schools.

While postsecondary education costs have risen at more than twice the rate of inflation

over the past 30 years, the U.S. graduation rate from associate-degree programs is abysmal — less than 30 percent — and the national graduation rate from four-year schools hovers around 50 percent, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. That is significantly worse than U.S. high schools perform, with a graduation rate of approximately 70 percent. In effect, the K-12 students we have worked so hard to graduate are being sent to a new set of dropout factories.

Arne Duncan, who ran Chicago's public schools before becoming secretary of education, has a distinct vision for reforming K-12 schools.

His policy toward higher education, however, is less clear. Instead of racing to the top, the postsecondary discourse the past two years has been dominated by "negotiated rule-making" — a regulatory process to reinterpret the 2008 Higher Education Act — and the "credit-hour rule," which has institutions awarding course credit based on time spent in class rather than on actual material learned. President Obama talks about graduating an additional 10,000 engineers and doctors each year and regaining America's status as the world's most educated nation, but where is the coherent strategy to execute

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## Domesticity

Continued from O2

My baby boomer mother does not can jam. Or bake bread. Or knit. Or sew. Nor did my grandmother, a 1960s housewife of the cigarette-in-one-hand-cocktail-in-the-other variety, who saw convenience food as a liberation from her immigrant mother's domestic burdens. Her idea of a fancy holiday treat was imported lobster strudel from the gourmet market.

My, how things have changed.

My grandmother died nearly a decade ago, but I can imagine how puzzled she'd be to behold my generation's newfound mania for old-fashioned domestic work. Around the country, women my age (I'm 29), the daughters and granddaughters of the post-Betty Friedan feminists, are embracing the very homemaking activities our mothers and grandmothers so eagerly shucked off. We're heading back to jam-canning and knitting needles, both for fun and for a greater sense of control over what we eat and wear.

But in an era when women still do the majority of the housework and earn far less of the money, "reclaiming" domesticity is about more than homemade holiday treats. Could this "new domesticity" start to look like old-fashioned obligation?

Jam-canning is a tiny facet of our domesticity craze. Sales of home canning supplies have risen 35 percent in the past three years, and sales of the "Ball Blue Book Guide to Preserving" (the bible of home canning) have doubled over just the past year, according to the company. There's the knitting resurgence, the homemade cleaning supplies made using white vinegar, the home-maker blogs. Then there's all the "Little House on the Prairie" stuff, with its shades of '70s hippie back-to-the-landism — the beekeeping, the cheesemaking, the urban chickens. When the magazine Backyard Poultry came out with its first issue almost six years ago, it printed 15,000 copies. Today, it prints 113,000.

The shelves at Barnes and Noble are overflowing with how-to guides to sewing and yogurt-making and rooftop vegetable gardening, more philosophical books about "urban homesteading" and "radical home economics," and memoirs by women who quit their corporate careers to raise sheep or home-school

their kids (the number of home-schooled children went up from 850,000 in 1999 to 1.5 million in 2007, according to the most recent official estimate). The "career girl gone Green Acres" story is to the 2010s what chick lit was to the 1990s, a fantasy for a certain demographic of educated (though not necessarily wealthy) young women; today they're concerned with sustainability, good food and conscious living.

At one level, this stuff is just plain fun. "Sometimes a can of jam is just a can of jam," as Freud (never) said. Our tech-saturated generation craves creative hands-on activities, and nostalgic hobbies such as canning, knitting and baking fit the bill. We've realized that just because something was historically devalued as "women's work" doesn't mean we have to shun it to be taken seriously in the world. Plenty of young men are embracing their domestic sides, too.

But lately, many women (and a few men) are diving into domesticity with a sense of moral purpose. The homemade jar of jam becomes a symbol of resistance to industrial food and its environment-defiling ways. This view has been brewing for a while, a thick stew of Slow Food and locavorism and DIY brought to a boil by recession and anxiety. Suddenly, learning the old-fashioned skills of our great-grandmothers seems not just fun, but necessary and even virtuous.

"This was initially about being frugal and concerned with what I put in my body," says Kate Payne, 30, the Austin-based author of "The Hip Girl's Guide to Home-making" and something of a guru on the new-domesticity scene. "But it became about the politics... Am I going to buy cheap crap, or am I going to do this stuff myself?"

I recently had the chance to spend some time with Megan Paska, a 31-year-old Brooklynite whose pixie-cut hair and inked-up biceps make her look like she should be fronting an indie rock band. But Paska's daily life more closely resembles a 19th-century farm wife's: soaking beans for stews, feeding her backyard chickens and rabbits, drying herbs, baking bread, keeping bees on her apartment roof. Her frugal, home-based life allowed her to leave a desk job she disliked; she now lives on \$1,000 a month earned by teaching classes on DIY urban food production and writing about beekeeping and other pre-in-

dustrial skills.

A few years ago, her friends thought she was nuts. Now, with the economy stagnating and career disillusionment growing, they all want to imitate her.

Most of the urban homesteaders Paska knows are female. "Women find this lifestyle very empowering," she says. "Some people assume that this is a backlash against the feminist movement, but I see it as a continuation of it."

In the past couple of years, a slew of home-ec books has arrived to fill us in on lost domestic skills, recasting housework as scrappy, anti-establishment self-fulfillment. In addition to Payne's "Hip Girl's Guide," there's Raleigh Briggs's "Make Your Place," Bust Magazine's "The Bust DIY Guide to Life," Kelly Coyne and Erik Knutzen's "Making It: Radical Home-Ec for a Post-Consumer World" and Shannon Hayes's "Radical Homemakers."

In one such book — "How to Sew a Button: And Other Nifty Things Your Grandmother Knew" — writer Erin Bried recalls serving her dinner party guests a homemade "rhubarb" pie accidentally made with look-alike Swiss chard. One might chalk this up as a simple goof but Bried sees her mistake as something much more serious:

"When did I lose my ability to take care of myself? ... What is simultaneously comforting and alarming about my domestic incompetence is that I am hardly alone. I'm joined by millions of women, Gen Xers and Gen Yers, who either have consciously rejected household endeavors in favor of career or, even more likely, were simply raised in the ultimate age of convenience and consumerism."

This vision of what it means for a woman to take care of herself is either radically new or incredibly retro. Bried is a senior editor at a major national magazine, yet she's framing her ability to take care of herself around her ability to bake a pie.

Clearly, knowing how to cook (or knit, or garden) is good and useful. Some of us — myself included — find it enjoyable. But is it a moral and environmental necessity? Is it not good enough that I earn the cash to buy the jam — or the pie, or the loaf of bread, or the scarf? Do I really need to be able to can the jam myself? And if we're raising the stakes on domestic expectations, we have to ask: Who's doing the extra labor, men or women?

Many champions of the DIY movement explicitly say that domestic work shouldn't be about gender. But I've also noticed a resurgence of old-fashioned gender essentialism from some surprising sources. I've lately been hearing things like "There's just something natural about women taking on the nurturing role in the home" coming out of the mouths of women's studies grads and Ivy League Ph.Ds.

What used to be a reactionary right-wing view now passes as almost progressive — stuff like "We're biologically hard-wired to do this" or "It makes evolutionary sense." When you get too focused on the word "natural" as it applies to food and clothing and shampoo, it seems to become awfully tempting to apply it to people.

Natural or not, women are still overwhelmingly viewed as the guardians of family health and safety. And a growing number of women think that "do it yourself" is the best way to ensure their families' well-being. This anxiety and the need to personally vet food and other household items has been well-noted by scholars: A large part of the return to domesticity among educated young women has to do with "a reaction against a broken food system in America," says historian Marcie Cohen Ferris.

As a young stay-at-home mom in Pennsylvania recently told me, "The only way to know what's in your food is to make it yourself." A stay-at-home mom in Iowa said she wants to try home-schooling her son because she's worried about the school environment: the cleaning supplies, the food in the cafeteria.

You could say these women are simply homemakers searching for a purpose beyond driving carpool. As work-life balance scholar Joan Williams tells me, extreme domesticity can be a refuge for educated women who've left the workforce: "You've been trained your

entire life in a high-pressure, high-achievement atmosphere, and you need somewhere to put that," she says. "So you turn your household into an arena for dazzling performance."

But these extreme DIY-ers are also voicing a fear and frustration that resonates with anyone who worries about salmonella-tainted eggs or BPA in their kid's sippy cup. Which is to say, most of us. Their domesticity can be seen as an effort to repair on an individual level what isn't being fixed at a governmental or societal one. Pro bono. Because, as important and fulfilling as housework may be, it's unpaid. And in a world where college-educated women still earn, over the course of their careers, about \$713,000 less than college-educated men, that's no

small thing.

Women like me are enjoying domestic projects again in large part because they're no longer a duty, but a choice. But how many moral and environmental claims can we assign to domestic work before it starts to feel, once more, like an obligation? If history is any lesson, my just-for-fun jar of jam could turn into my daughter's chore, and from there all the way to my granddaughter's "liberating" lobster strudel. And as... delicious as that sounds, it's not really what I want on my holiday table in 2050.

Emily Matchar is a freelance culture writer whose work has appeared in Salon, Gourmet, Outside and other publications. She is working on a book about "new domesticity."



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## Moving

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This methodical process will allow for clear market signals, so everyone can easily see where the market and the government each price credit risk. Additionally, the bill includes some basic infrastructure improvements, such as creating uniform servicing agreements, putting in place some minimum underwriting standards —

such as a 5 percent minimum down payment and requiring that loans be fully documented — and making available for public consumption the large amount of data sitting in the vaults at Fannie and Freddie. Such initiatives would put us on a path toward a sustainable housing finance system for the long run.

Ultimately, the market will price mortgage credit risk much more efficiently than does the govern-

ment. We should not be deterred by red-herring arguments to the contrary. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are costing taxpayers billions of dollars every year. We must begin the process of unwinding the GSEs. "Permanent conservatorship" is not a credible plan.

Bob Corker, a Republican from Tennessee, is a member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Veteran Enjoyed Free Meal and Car Wash

Many, many thanks to the places of business that offered their free service to the veterans on Veterans Day!

Personally, I enjoyed a free lunch at Chili's and a free car wash at Rocket Express. It was fabulous! In my (more than 22) years of service, I have never gone out for a free meal on this day unless I was with fellow military members, but this year I went ahead and it was so nice.

Thank you so very much. One more thing before I go — totally unrelated to what I just said. Is there any way folks can wait until after Thanksgiving to put up their Christmas decorations and quit ripping-off the Thanksgiving holiday? Pweeze?

**WHITNEY MILEY**  
Twin Falls

### Book Writer Seeks Rock Creek Photos

As a 1957 Twin Falls High School graduate living in Colorado, we are working on a history book for the Rock Creek Settlement and Stage Station in Twin Falls County. We are three-fourths complete now with 120 pages and are searching for photographs of original settlers, their homes, photographs of the settlement, pioneer activities, Oregon Trail on its north edge, Rock Creek Oregon Trail crossings, biographies for original settlers, interesting stories of life in Rock Creek, as examples. Credits will be given.

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Denver, Colo.

### School Districts Need More Nurses

I am writing today about a matter of public health that affects all school-age children — the absence of school nurses.

I was surprised to find out how few schools have nurses in southern Idaho. Out of 11 school districts around the city of Twin Falls, there are 3¼ nurses divided between 18,930 students. Five districts have no nurses, and three have part-time nurses. Even in Twin Falls, with one full-time and one half-time nurse, the ration of nurses to students is 1 to 5,185.

What do nurses do? Why do we need nurses? A lot of a school nurse's time is spent on paper work, keeping students' health records and medications organized. Nurses educate students about nutrition, safety and other health issues. They handle vision and hearing screenings. They assist our high-needs students with health issues such as diabetic children who need their blood sugar checked and insulin administered. And there is always the occasional Band-Aid or ice pack.

So what happens at schools with no nurses? Coaches are required to be first aid/CPR certified. This doesn't mean that they can use a nebulizer, change a feeding tube or administer insulin. Secretaries are generally the first contact. How much can they do besides being responsible for keeping track of students' prescription medicines? Two secretaries told me that, "If it requires more than a Band-Aid, I call 911."

Education and safety affect all aspects of our lives, and these take money. Where is it more important to spend our money? As one para-professional said, nothing will change until people are willing to speak up. Do some research and decide what is important to you. Write letters to the editor, speak to a neighbor, or write to your Legislature. Maybe together we can

change things.  
<http://legislature.idaho.gov/howtocontactlegislators.htm>.

Thank you.  
**CAROLINE BARGER**  
Buhl

### Many Helped With Wrestling Tournament

Last weekend was the annual Robert Stuart Invitational Wrestling Tournament. This tournament has become one of the best middle school tournaments in the state. It is one of the few middle school tournaments that allows sixth through eighth grade kids the opportunity to wrestle on full-size wrestling mats and experience a roughly 16-team tournament.

This tournament was a huge success this year. The Stuart Invitational is the annual fundraiser put on by Robert Stuart Middle School Wrestlers. The success of this year's tournament was more important than ever as we have to purchase a new mat as our old one has now been deemed unsafe for use, leaving us with very limited mat space to practice on. The wrestlers have worked hard over the last couple of years to try to raise enough money to purchase a new mat. With our hard work and hopefully securing a little help, we hope to reach our goal of a new mat this year.

The purpose of this letter is to thank everyone who makes this tournament the great success that it is each and every year. We could not put on such a great event without the help of everyone involved.

First, Brady and Holly Dickinson do a great job as tournament directors and make sure that our tournament runs better than any other tournament around. Secondly, Sarah Kostelecky for her help with organizing and keeping track of the multiple people who volunteer to help us work the tournament in several different ways. This tournament would not be possible

without the support and help of the Robert Stuart wrestlers and their parents as well as the wrestlers and student volunteers at Canyon Ridge High School. Not to be forgotten is Coach Mike Wilkinson for his constant ability to run and do all the behind the scenes jobs that make our tournament function as a top notch event. Finally, to all of the teams that attend the Robert Stuart Invitational.

Part of a good tournament experience is having a large number of quality participants showing off the talent and sportsmanship our area has. We have a large number of quality schools and wrestling programs and the area should be proud of the name these young kids leave for their schools.

**JUSTIN PEHRSON**  
Twin Falls  
*(Editor's note: is the head wrestling coach at Robert Stuart Middle School and assistant wrestling coach at Canyon Ridge High School.)*

### Amendment Work a Waste of Congress' Time

As he knows, and as we know, our congressman is pushing for a so-called "balanced budget" amendment to the Constitution.

As he knows, and as we

know, it is a phony political ploy to garner votes, primarily for Republicans.

As he knows, and as we know, it hasn't a snowball's chance in a hot place of passing.

As he knows, and as we know, if it were to pass, the framers would necessarily include an escape clause for so-called "national emergencies" and therefore render it next to useless.

As he knows, and as we know, it is yet another waste of Congress' time that otherwise could be devoted to meaningful legislation for solving the national disgrace of the huge gap between rich and poor.

As he knows, and as we know, that is why Occupy Wall Street is happening!

**JACK HARTLEY**  
Twin Falls

### Veterans Ceremony a Privilege to Attend

On Friday, Nov. 18, I had the privilege of attending a veteran's ceremony at Bridgeview Estates. I met a Pearl Harbor survivor, a Marine major who was a fighter pilot, a machine gun operator in a bomber, Navy nurses, soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen — all World War II and Korea veterans. These are members

of the greatest generation.

I also want to thank Mayor Hall. He attended and presented each veteran with a certificate and introduced each veteran with rank and branch of service.

As we approach the 70th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, remember these and all the veterans who have gone before.

**BOB RYNBRAND**  
Twin Falls  
*(Editor's note: Bob Rynbrand is retired from the Navy.)*

### Where are Our Property Taxes Going?

While the homeowners see their property taxes increased and renters see their rents increased, the people running Twin Falls are making sure their salaries, pensions and other benefits are secured.

Taxpayers are hung out to dry. Tax assessors are saying that a home is taxed on the assumption that it will sell (as an example) for \$225,000 when, in reality, the homeowner is lucky to see \$160,000.

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## Education

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this vision? Community colleges and state institutions that rely on state and local funding are experiencing severe budget cuts. To survive, institutions are responding by limiting access — in some cases even shutting medical schools or limiting enrollment in high-demand areas.

Duncan's K-12 successes are the result of a tough, 15-plus-year debate within the Democratic Party around charter schools, standards and choice. The education reform movement evolved from a groundswell of organizations such as the Knowledge Is Power Program, Achievement First, Teach for America and other innovative groups. These innovators proved it was possible to build better models and encouraged the development of standards to adequately compare traditional K-12 schools to them. Duncan combined these concepts into Race to the Top and related programs.

The equivalent evolution, however, has not occurred in higher education, despite increasing evidence that national economic competitiveness hangs in the balance. The 2010 study "Academically Adrift" showed that 45 percent of students learn nothing (or, at least, nothing that can be measured) in their first two years

of college. Meanwhile, graduation rates continue to stagnate, while tuition has nearly doubled over the past decade. State budget cuts are on track to grow, which will exacerbate these trends.

Part of the reason higher education policy has not evolved is that most policymakers attended elite schools — private research universities such as the Ivy League colleges or flagship state institutions whose sports teams are widely watched every Saturday.

America's research universities and flagship public schools — the top 5 percent of U.S. universities — represent a vibrant and critical segment of our economy and the nation's intellectual life. But these elite institutions are ill-suited to address the president's goal — and our nation's need — to educate tens of thousands of students as engineers, doctors, nurses, accountants and manufacturing managers. For example, Yale estimates that it would cost half a billion dollars to add just 800 students in two of its residential colleges.

Fewer than 5 percent of Americans attend the nation's elite schools. There are more than 6,000 accredited institutions in the United States. The mission for the "other 95 percent" differs from that of the elites. Americans overwhelmingly enroll in higher education to get jobs, and politicians overwhelmingly

fund higher education as a means to drive economic development.

Because of our national obsession with the elite schools, politicians and most higher education lobbying groups are focused on investing in things that elite schools measure — research, real estate and rankings. But none of those measures has a material impact on student learning or outcomes that will drive jobs. The result is an unacceptably high dropout rate, and those who do graduate frequently lack crucial skills.

It will be hard to create standards in higher education — perhaps harder than the generation-long process in K-12. But the creation of outcome-based measurements of success is critical for the almost 18 million students who attend non-elite schools each year — along with efficient allocation of the \$100 billion in annual direct and indirect government subsidies to higher education. These 18 million students need to get a strong general education, graduate in a timely manner and receive training in program areas that underpin the modern economy. Focusing on the other 95 percent of college students is our next national imperative in education.

*Daniel Pianko is a partner at University Ventures Fund, an education-focused investment firm.*

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# Tax Returns Make N.Y. Home of the 1 Percent

BY FRANK BASS  
Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON • New York is where the 1 percent live — and they have the tax returns to prove it. Nine of the 10 most heavily taxed neighborhoods in the United States are in the city’s metropolitan area, Internal Revenue Service data show.

The nine neighborhoods, which range from Manhattan to Fairfield County, Conn., accounted for 0.2 percent of all federal income-tax filers in 2008, the latest year for which data are available, according to IRS statistics compiled by Bloomberg. They paid 1.6 percent of all individual income taxes, eight times their proportionate share of the filing population.

The \$16.5 billion paid in the nine ZIP codes would be enough to buy a controlling interest in General Motors or match the combined economies of the Bahamas, Fiji and Tajikistan. The disproportionate amount also counters arguments by anti-Wall Street protesters who claim to represent “99 percent” of Americans and say the rich should be taxed more, said Mitchell Moss, an urban policy professor at New York University’s Wagner School.

“We’re subsidizing the slackers in the rest of the country,” Moss said. “This is the most productive part of the United States of America, in terms of taxes paid.”

The only ZIP code outside the New York area to make the top 10 was a west Houston suburb that accounted for \$1.5 billion in federal individual income taxes. The neighborhood includes the Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa, which George H.W. Bush listed as his primary residence during his presidency.

Nationally, the IRS showed, 137.7 million U.S. households paid \$987.4 billion in federal taxes in 2008. The nine New York-area ZIP codes reported \$70.1 billion, or 0.9 percent, of the nation’s total adjusted gross in-

## Other Favored Locales

Other high per-capita federal tax areas included the 33109 ZIP code in Fisher Island, Fla, where Oprah Winfrey, Julia Roberts and Andre Agassi have owned property. The IRS data showed 275 people there had an average tax bill of \$268,156. The Oklahoma City ZIP code of 73154 had 368 households filing an average \$246,758 tax bill, and the 90067 ZIP code in Century City, Calif., on the periphery of Beverly Hills, reported 3,606 households claiming an average \$187,188 in taxes due.

come of \$798 trillion.

Individual income taxes are the federal government’s largest source of tax revenue, accounting for 45 cents of every \$1 raised. Payroll taxes, which are more regressive, make up 36 cents; corporate taxes another 12 cents; and other taxes account for 7 cents of every tax dollar raised by the government.

There’s no doubt that income inequality is growing. The Congressional Budget Office reported last month that after-tax income for the richest 1 percent of U.S. households grew 275 percent between 1979 and 2007. For the lowest 20 percent, after-tax income grew 18 percent over the same period. And the Occupy Wall Street protesters in Manhattan and elsewhere are pressing for more taxes on the highest earners, or the “1 percent,” as one way to curb the growing income disparity.

The largest amount of individual tax collections came from the 10021 ZIP code on New York’s Upper East Side. The IRS data show 29,820 individual returns were filed from residents there, with total income taxes of \$2.85 billion, or an average tax bill of \$95,489. More than 93 percent of taxes in the ZIP code came from households with adjusted gross income greater than \$200,000, the IRS records show.

The ZIP code extends from the East River into Central Park, between 69th and 77th Streets. Property owners include Stephen Schwarzman, founder and chairman of Blackstone Group; David Koch, co-owner of Koch Industries

Inc., one of the largest privately held U.S. companies; and John Thain, chairman and chief executive officer of CIT Group.

The \$1.4 trillion economy of the New York metropolitan area is a “huge contributor” to the national treasury, said Kathryn Wylde, president and chief executive officer of the Partnership for New York City, a nonprofit coalition that includes more than 100 chief executives.

# 2nd Body Identified in Ohio Craigslist Ad Scheme

BY ANDY BROWNFIELD  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio • A body found in a shallow grave in northeast Ohio was that of a man missing more than a week who answered a deadly Craigslist ad that police say lured victims into a robbery, a medical examiner said Saturday.

Timothy Kern, 47, of Massillon, was last seen Nov. 13 after driving to Akron for a job he called a “good offer but strange.” His family has said it was out of character for him not to be in touch.

Kern died of gunshot wounds to the head, the Summit County Medical Examiner’s office said.

Kern answered the same ad

for a farmhand that authorities said led to the shooting death of Norfolk, Va., resident David Pauley, 51, in a rural area 90 miles south of Akron. A South Carolina man reported answering the ad but managed to escape after being shot Nov. 6.

The discovery of Kern’s body Friday near the Rolling Acres shopping mall in Akron came just a few hours before the sheriff in Noble County in southeastern Ohio announced that another body had been found in a shallow grave there.

Sheriff Steve Hannum is under a judge’s gag order and can’t comment on the case, but the title of his emailed announcement — “second body” — implied the discovery was connected with Pauley’s death.

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# Iran Threatens to Hit Turkey if U.S., Israel Attack

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
Associated Press

**TEHRAN, Iran** • Iran will target NA-TO's missile defense installations in Turkey if the U.S. or Israel attacks the Islamic Republic, a senior commander of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard said Saturday.

Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, the head of the Guards' aerospace division, said the warning is part of a new defense strategy to counter what he described as an increase in threats from the U.S. and Israel.

Tensions have been rising between

Iran and the West since the release of a report earlier this month by the International Atomic Energy Agency that said for the first time that Tehran was suspected of conducting secret experiments whose sole purpose was the development of nuclear arms.

The U.S. and its Western allies suspect Iran of trying to produce atomic weapons, and Israel, which views Tehran as an existential threat, has warned of a possible strike on Iran's nuclear program. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes.

"Should we be threatened, we will target NATO's missile defense shield in

Turkey and then hit the next targets," the semiofficial Mehr news agency quoted Hajizadeh as saying.

Tehran says NATO's early warning radar station in Turkey is meant to protect Israel against Iranian missile attacks if a war breaks out with the Jewish state. Ankara agreed to host the radar in September as part of NATO's missile defense system aimed at countering ballistic missile threats from neighboring Iran.

A military installation in the Turkish town of Kurecik, some 435 miles west of the Iranian border, has been designated

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# How Much Crazier Can Black Friday Get?

Experts attribute the increasing frenzy to cutthroat marketing and desperate retailers.

BY CHRIS HAWLEY  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** • Pepper-sprayed customers, smash-and-grab looters and bloody scenes in the shopping aisles. How did Black Friday devolve into this?

As reports of shopping-related violence rolled in this week from Los Angeles to New York, experts say a volatile mix of desperate retailers and cutthroat marketing has hyped the traditional post-Thanksgiving sales to increasingly frenzied levels. With stores opening earlier, bargain-obsessed shoppers often are sleep-deprived and short-tempered. Arriving in darkness, they also find themselves vulnerable to savvy parking-lot muggers.

Add in the online-coupon phenomenon, which feeds the psychological hunger for finding impossible bargains, and you've got a recipe for trouble, said Theresa Williams, a marketing professor at Indiana University.

"These are people who should know better and have enough stuff already," Williams said. "What's going to be next year, everybody getting Tasered?"

Across the country on Thursday and Friday, there were signs that tensions had ratcheted up a notch or two, with violence resulting in several instances.

A woman turned herself in to police after allegedly pepper-spraying 20 other customers at a Los Angeles-area Walmart on Thursday in what investigators said was an attempt to get at a crate of Xbox video game consoles. In Kinston, N.C. a security guard also pepper-sprayed customers seeking electronics before the start of a midnight sale.

In New York, crowds reportedly looted a clothing store in Soho. At a Walmart near Phoenix, a man was bloodied while being subdued by police officer on suspicion of shoplifting a video game. There was a shooting outside a store in San Leandro, Calif., shots fired at a mall in Fayetteville, N.C. and a stabbing outside a store in Sacramento, N.Y.

"The difference this year is that instead of a nice sweater you need a bullet proof vest and goggles," said Betty Thomas, 52, who was shopping Saturday with her sisters and a niece at Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, N.C.

The wave of violence revived memories of the 2008 Black Friday stampede

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A Black Friday shopper takes a rest with purchases at Northpark Mall in Ridgeland, Miss., on Friday.

## Black Friday Sales up 7 Percent

The holiday shopping season got off to a strong start on Black Friday, with retail sales up 7 percent over last year, according to one survey. Now stores just have to keep buyers coming back without the promise of door-buster savings.

Buyers spent \$11.4 billion at retail stores and malls, up nearly \$1 billion from last year, according to a report released Saturday by ShopperTrak. It was the largest amount ever spent on the day that marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season, and the biggest year-over-year increase since 2007. Chicago-based ShopperTrak gathers data from 25,000 outlets across the U.S., including individual stores and shopping centers.

# Missing SD Student Turns Up at NY Occupy Protest

BY KRISTI EATON  
Associated Press

**SIOUX FALLS, S.D.** • Aaron Schmidt seemed to have disappeared. The University of South Dakota freshman wasn't responding to emails or cellphone messages, and his family hadn't heard from him in days. It wasn't until police were called that a clue turned up: a credit card purchase for a bus ticket to New York City.

Turns out, the 18-year-old had boarded a bus in eastern Nebraska — a mere \$40 in his pocket — with plans to join Occupy Wall Street protesters in the city where the movement began. His father and uncle flew to New York from their homes in Wisconsin, and began handing out fliers with his photo to protesters.

Schmidt eventually responded to a relative's text

message, two days after his parents reported him missing to campus police, and he met up with his father and uncle in New York.

Schmidt said he didn't think he needed to let anyone know about his plan to take the more than 1,200-mile trip, and he didn't foresee it being such a big problem. He had taken part in small Occupy Wall Street protests in Omaha, Neb., and South Dakota, but he wanted to see what it was like in the heart of the movement.

"I wanted to learn more about it. It's hard to know exactly what's going on with something until you experience it yourself. It's hard to judge something from afar from reading things simply online," said Schmidt, who had never been to New York before the trip.

He slept on cardboard in

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# Blasts Kill 15 in Iraq as U.S. Troops Pull Out

BY REBECCA SANTANA  
Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** • A string of explosions hit a Baghdad market and the capital's western outskirts on Saturday, killing at least 15 people and exposing the challenges still facing Iraqi security forces just over a month before all American troops leave the country.

The bombings mark the second major attack against Iraqi civilians this week and come as American forces are packing up to leave and handing over their remaining security responsibilities to Iraqi forces. Many Iraqis are concerned that insurgents may use the transition period to launch more attacks in a bid to regain their former prominence and destabilize the country.

Iraqi security officials

maintain that they are fully prepared for the American withdrawal, which is required under a 2008 security pact between the U.S. and Iraq. About 15,000 U.S. troops remain in the country, down from a one-time high of about 170,000.

Earlier this week, the top U.S. general in Iraq, Lloyd Austin, said that there would likely be some "turbulence" after American troops leave. But he did not think there would be a wholesale descent into violence.

The first blasts Saturday struck an area where people looking for work were gathered in the mostly Sunni village of al-Zaidan, west of Baghdad. Seven people were killed and 11 others were wounded, police officials said.

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# Islamist Party Takes Most Seats in Morocco Poll

BY PAUL SCHEMM  
Associated Press

**RABAT, Morocco** • An Islamist Party is on track to become the largest party in Morocco's new parliament with a dominant showing after two-thirds of the seats were announced by the Interior Ministry Saturday.

The Justice and Development Party has taken 80 seats, almost twice as many as the next most successful party, with 282 seats announced out of the 395 up for grabs in the nationwide vote a day earlier.

Barring a massive upset, the PJD — known by its French initials — will be the

largest party in the new parliament and charged with forming a new government — making another Islamist victory in an election brought about by the Arab Spring.

Last month, Tunisia's Ennahda Party took 40 percent of the seats in elections in the country that started a

wave of pro-democracy uprisings across the Middle East after its people overthrew their long-serving president.

Egypt is set to hold elections of its own on Monday that are also expected to be dominated by Islamist parties, lending increasing

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The president of a polling station in Rabat, Morocco shows a ballot as officials and political party's representatives count the ballots Friday.

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## Crazy

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that killed an employee and put a pregnant woman in the hospital at a Walmart on New York's Long Island. Walmart spokesman Greg Rossiter said Black Friday 2011 was safe at most of its nearly 4,000 U.S. stores despite "a few unfortunate incidents."

Black Friday — named that because it puts retailers "in the black" — has be-

come more intense as companies compete for customers in a weak economy, said Jacob Jacoby, an expert on consumer behavior at New York University.

The idea of luring in customers with a few "doorbuster" deals has long been a staple of the post-Thanksgiving sales. But now stores are opening earlier, and those deals are getting more extreme, he said. "There's an awful lot of psychology going on here," Jacoby said. "There's the

notion of scarcity — when something's scarce it's more valued. And a resource that can be very scarce is time: If you don't get there in time, it's going to be gone."

There's also a new factor, Williams said: the rise of coupon websites like Groupon and LivingSocial, the online equivalents of doorbusters, which usually deliver a single, one-day offer with savings of up to 80 percent on museum tickets, photo portraits, yo-

ga classes and the like.

The services encourage impulse buying and an obsession with bargains, Williams said, while also getting businesses hooked on quick infusions of customers.

"The whole notion of getting a deal, that's all we've seen for the last two years," Williams said. "It's about stimulating consumers' quick reactions. How do we get their attention quickly? How do we create cash flow for today?"

To grab customers first, some stores are opening late on Thanksgiving Day, turning bargain-hunting from an early-morning activity into an all-night slog, said Ed Fox, a marketing professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Midnight shopping puts everyone on edge and also makes shoppers targets for muggers, he said.

In fact, robbery appeared to be the motive behind the shooting in San Leandro, about 15 miles east of San

Francisco. Police said robbers shot a victim as he was walking to a car with his purchases around 1:45 a.m. on Friday.

"There are so many hours now where people are shopping in the darkness that it provides cover for people who are going to try to steal or rob those who are out in numbers," Fox said.

The violence has prompted some analysts to wonder if the sales are worth it, and what solutions might work.

## Iraq

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Hours later, three bombs exploded near kiosks in a market in downtown Baghdad where vendors were selling CDs and military uniforms, killing eight people and wounding 19 others.

"I went outside my shop and saw people running in all directions trying to leave the market area. I saw several bodies and wounded people on the ground," said Mohammed Youssef, who owns a clothing shop in the area.

Iraqi military commanders later ordered all the vendors selling products in the area to close up their kiosks and move, in an attempt to clear out the area and make it harder for insurgents to hide bombs.

Health officials at Abu Ghraib's general hospital and at three hospitals in Baghdad confirmed the casualty figures. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

The market had until recently been protected by



ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Army soldiers gather at the scene of a bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. A series of blasts in central Iraq killed and wounded scores of people, police said.**

blast walls, but the military spokesman for Baghdad, Qassim al-Moussawi, said they were removed because the security situation in the city has been improving.

The bombers "try to prove their presence and hinder our efforts to remove all the concrete walls, but we will continue removing them

and keeping control," he said.

Baghdad is crisscrossed with concrete blast walls that both reassure and frustrate residents. The walls helped reduce violence and protect areas such as markets or major buildings. But they also create huge traffic jams and hurt the economy.

The Iraqi security forces have been slowly removing the blast walls, but some people in the market area Saturday said they wanted them back.

"We have been expecting something bad in the market after the security forces removed the blast barriers a few days ago," said Youssef.

## Occupy

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Zuccotti Park for two nights because he didn't have a sleeping bag, and he munched on food distributed by other protesters.

Family members had a hunch he might be at the Occupy camp in the park, where anti-Wall Street demonstrators have centered their activities, after his parents scoured his credit card bill and found the bus ticket purchase. His relatives have long known that he was a passionate advocate for what he saw as the world's injustices — but they certainly weren't prepared for his New York trip.

His uncle, Al Boelter, said he wasn't angry with his nephew but worried about his safety in a new city with so little money.

"I said Aaron, it's cool to go around the world, but you just can't take off and not tell a soul," Boelter recalls telling Schmidt when they reconnected. "It's kind of a weird deal. I'm just glad it's over."

Schmidt said his time in New York and at the encampment was "fun" and "interesting," though he said the park was smaller than he expected. The protesters had

many views, he said, although he doesn't think that hurts the cause.

"That's a problem for having a unifying voice, but I don't think it's really a problem for the movement be-

cause everyone is there for the same fundamental reasons. It's just everyone wants something different out of it," he said.

Schmidt, who is unsure if he'll return to school and has

returned to his hometown of Waunakee, Wis., said he will continue to take part in issues he finds important.

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# Explosions, Gunshots Heard in Northeast Nigeria City

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Associated Press

**MAIDUGURI, Nigeria** • Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed Saturday night through a city in northeast Nigeria that's home to a powerful politician, witnesses and officials said, the latest major attack in a region home to a radical Muslim sect.

It wasn't immediately clear if there were any casualties. The attacks began in the city of Geidam in Nigeria's Yobe state, which sits near the country's arid border with Niger, authorities said.

Witnesses told The Associated Press that many in the city hid inside their homes after the fighting immediately following evening prayers. "We started hearing a deafening blast — boom, boom," said witness Grema

Umaru, 39. It followed "with sporadic gunshots near the police station."

Umaru said she believed the attackers also targeted a nearby First Bank PLC branch, though she remained hidden inside of her house to avoid being wounded.

State police commissioner Sulaiman Lawal confirmed the city came under attack, but declined to offer any further details. The city is the hometown of Yobe state Gov. Ibrahim Geidam, who uses the city's name as his last name as is customary for many in Nigeria's Muslim north.

While authorities declined to say who they suspect in the attack, it mirrors other assaults recently carried out by a radical sect known as Boko Haram. The group has launched a series of attacks against Nigeria's weak central government over the last year in its campaign to im-

plement strict Shariah law across the nation of more than 160 million people.

Boko Haram claimed responsibility for a Nov. 4 attack on Damaturu, Yobe state's capital, that killed more than 100 people. The group also claimed the Aug. 24 suicide car bombing of the U.N. headquarters in Nigeria's capital that killed 24 people and wounded 116 others.

Little is known about the sources of Boko Haram's support, though its members recently began carrying out a wave of bank robberies in the north. Police stations have also been bombed and officers killed.

Boko Haram has splintered into three factions, with one wing increasingly willing to kill as it maintains contact with terror groups in North Africa and Somalia, diplomats and security sources say.



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as the radar site, according to Turkish government officials.

Hajizadeh said the United States also plans to install similar stations in Arab states, which has spurred Iran to alter its military defense strategy.

"Based on orders from the exalted commander in chief, we will respond to threats with threats," he was quoted as saying.

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the final say on all state matters, is also commander in chief of Iran's armed forces.

Another senior Guard commander, Yadollah Javani, threatened that Tehran will target Israel's nuclear facilities should the Jewish state attack Iran.

"If Israel fires a missile at our nuclear facilities or vital installations, it should know that Israel's nuclear centers will be the target of our missiles," the semiofficial ISNA news agency quoted him as saying.

Also Saturday, the chief of Iran's elite Quds Force said he doesn't fear assassination and is ready for "martyrdom."

The comments by Quds Force commander Brig. Gen. Ghassem Soleimani were published in several Iranian newspapers. The Quds Force is the special foreign operations unit of the country's powerful Revolutionary Guard, and Soleimani is a key figure in Iran's military establishment but rarely speaks in public.

## Morocco

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weight to the view that religious movements have been some of the biggest benefactors of the Arab Spring.

Like the rest of the region, Morocco was swept by pro-democracy protests decrying lack of freedoms and widespread corruption, which the king attempted to defuse over the summer by ordering the constitution modified to grant more powers to the Parliament and prime minister and then holding elections a year earlier.

Activists, however, have called the moves insincere and clamored for a boycott.

Complete results, including those of 90 seats reserved for women and youth and the 23 remaining regular seats were to be announced Saturday. PJD is expected to ultimately win up to 110 seats.

The Islamists' biggest ri-

vals in Morocco's elections is a coalition of eight liberal, pro-government parties led by Finance Minister Salaheddine Mezouar, which has amassed more than 111 seats, but under the new constitution the party with the most seats gets first crack at forming a new government.

The Islamists must now find coalition partners, with their natural allies being the "Democratic Bloc," an alliance of the right-of-center Istiqlal, or Independence Party, the left-of-center Union of Socialist Progressive Forces and the former communist party — venerable political parties that have been eclipsed by Mezouar's so-called Group of Eight.

"We are ready to work with the PJD on the condition that all the parties of the bloc participate in this government," affirmed Mohammed al-Khalifa, a member of the Istiqlal Party's political bureau.

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Tentative Deal Moves the NBA Lockout Closer to End

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**NEW YORK** • Now that there's a handshake deal on a new labor agreement, NBA Commissioner David Stern and union executives must persuade owners and players to approve it, guaranteeing a Christmas Day tripleheader. After a 149-day lockout, owners and players reached the tentative deal early Saturday. It comes at a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars for both sides, on top of the fans and jobs that were lost during the stalemate. And it leaves the NBA with its second shortened season, with the hope of getting in 66 games instead of a full 82-game schedule. The lockout isn't quite over, but it appears the NBA's nuclear winter will be avoided. After a marathon 15-hour negotiating session Friday into Saturday, Stern accepted some congratulations, headed for another short night of sleep, then

planned to brief his owners on a deal that could change the way they do business. Players, looking beat and beaten, face a tougher healing process in approving an agreement that significantly limits their earnings. First, players must drop a lawsuit against the league, reform their disbanded union and approve the handshake deal that was reached shortly after 3 a.m. Saturday. Players' association executives Derek Fisher and Maurice Evans hardly looked enthused about the agreement as they sat next to executive director Billy Hunter on the same side of a conference table as Stern, Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver and Spurs owner Peter Holt, the chairman of the league's labor relations committee. But at least they weren't sitting in a courtroom, where they appeared headless less than two weeks earlier.

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Surrounded by NBA basketball players, Billy Hunter, right, executive director of the National Basketball Players Association, speaks to the media as Players Association president Derek Fisher, left, listens during a Nov. 14 news conference in New York.

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Boise State wide receiver Matt Miller hauls in a touchdown pass from his back during the final second of the first half of an NCAA college football game against Wyoming on Saturday in Boise.

Broncos Blast Cowboys

BY ALEX CALINSKY  
For the Times-News

**BOISE** • Boise State's strong second half and miraculous Hail Mary to finish the first half spurred the Broncos to a 36-14 win over Wyoming, securing second place in the Mountain West. The Bronco defense withstood the Cowboys' numerous attempts to establish an offense on the perimeter of the field, constantly smothering screen plays and allowing only 191 yards of total offense. "I thought we played great. We had a great week of practice and we just simplified things," Boise State nickel back Hunter White said. After a sluggish start that included Kellen Moore throwing a pick-six on the Broncos' first possession, Boise State groggily awoke before halftime thanks to Tyrone Crawford's forced fumble on Cowboy quarterback Brett Smith. With Wyoming controlling the game, crowd, and momentum while they drove down

the field to the BSU 23, Smith popped out of the pocket unsure whether to throw or run. Tyrone Crawford hunted him down and stripped the ball, recovered by Boise State on its own 13-yard line. "Sometimes on defense, you just need to change the flow of the game," Boise State safety Travis Stanley said. Suddenly the Broncos' confidence primed like a car engine warming up in the cold, and the floodgates steadily opened. "It was huge, where we were in field goal range, but it's just a young guy trying to make a play," Wyoming coach Dave Christensen said. "Can't fault the kid for that." Boise State turned the fumble recovery into an 87-yard scoring drive that nearly bled the first half clock out. Doug Martin punched in a 2-yard toss to the right, his first of two touchdowns with 153 rushing yards, with 1:10 remaining in the second quarter.

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Boise's Bar Set to The Max

"When was the last time that happened ...?" Early on, it was a commonly asked question Saturday in the press box at Bronco Stadium for Boise State's game against Wyoming. Whether it was Kellen Moore's last pick-6 (2009 against Louisiana Tech), last scoreless first quarter for BSU (10 games ago, vs. Utah in the Las Vegas Bowl) or last time BSU had a hail-mary touchdown to take a halftime lead (beats me) the one question this corner wanted to know was this: When was the last time Boise State consistently looked like just another team? With the Kellen Moore era at Bronco Stadium drawing to a close — only six more shopping days 'til it's over — it's a fair question. Especially when one considers Boise State's last five outings, all of which featured large stretches of ordinary, average play. That Boise State lost only one of those games — albeit the only one in which they were seriously tested — shows

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Patrick Sheltra

Rough Patch Sends CSI Women To Defeat

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When it needed one most, the College of Southern Idaho couldn't buy a bucket. Or a free throw for that matter. A nearly three-minute long scoreless drought in the second half contributed to

the CSI women's basketball team's 72-63 loss to Miles City (Mont.) Community College Friday night. Mechela Barnes made a free throw with 9:45 remaining in the second half to cut the Pioneers' lead to 54-43. The Golden Eagles (2-5) didn't score again until the 6:48 mark on a layup by

Taylor Gipson to make the score 58-45. CSI made one final run to cut the lead to five with 3:30 remaining on a Kylee Schierman fast break layup, but couldn't make a bigger dent into the lead with its stagnant offense and 57 percent shooting from the free throw line. "When you take crap

shots, you're going to get crap coming out on the other end," Rogers said. "We've got to find a way to attack the rim." Gipson led all scorers with 24 points and Schierman pitched in 11, but forward Chakala Carthen struggled against the taller Miles City defenders, finishing just 1-

for-15 from the field. "I thought a lot of our shots from the paint were poor shots. We were fading away instead of going up strong," Rogers said. "We are asking Chakala to play bigger than she is though." Kassie Barta led four players in double figures for Miles City (8-1) with 18 points. Her 3-pointer in the final minute of the first half gave the Pioneers a 32-31

halftime lead, which they wouldn't give up the rest of the game. The Golden Eagles did do a good job defending dynamic guard Ivana Grbic, holding her to six points. The night before in a 79-74 win over Snow College, Grbic scored 19 points on 7-of-11 shooting, many of her shots coming on drives to the hoop.

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# Michigan Beats Ohio State For First Time Since 2003

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**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** • Denard Robinson accounted for five touchdowns, helping No. 17 Michigan beat Ohio State 40-34 on Saturday and snap a school-record, seven-game losing streak in the rivalry.

The Wolverines (10-2, 6-2 Big Ten) were forced to settle for a six-point lead with 1:59 left on Brendan Gibbons' career-long 43-yard field goal after two apparent TDs were negated by a video review and then penalties.

The Buckeyes (6-6, 3-5) had a chance to win the game on their final drive, but freshman Braxton Miller sailed a pass over Deviser Posey's head on what could've been a 76-yard TD and threw a loss-sealing interception to Courtney Avery.

Michigan finally beat its archrival because it had a better quarterback than Ohio State for a change.

**NO. 2 ALABAMA 42, AUBURN 14**  
**AUBURN, Ala.** • Trent Richardson rushed for a career-high 203 yards and AJ McCarron threw three first-half touchdown passes to lift Alabama over rival Auburn.

The Crimson Tide (11-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) now must wait and see if its resume is good enough to secure a shot at a second national title in three years. No. 3 Oklahoma State and No. 1 LSU have big games remaining.

Richardson ran 27 times and caught a 5-yard touchdown pass in his final chance to impress Heisman Trophy voters. He had runs of 35 and 57 yards to set up second-half scores. The Tide didn't put Auburn (7-5, 4-4) away until Dee Milliner's 35-yard interception return early in the fourth quarter. Alabama entered the quarter with a 309-44 advantage in total yards but also gave up touchdowns on a fumble recovery and a kick return.

**NO. 4 STANFORD, NO. 22 NOTRE DAME 14**  
**STANFORD, Calif.** • Andrew Luck set the school record for the most career touchdown passes and eclipsed his own single-season mark, throwing for 233 yards and four scores in his home finale.

Luck topped John Elway's record of 77 touchdown passes and helped the Car-



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Michigan running back Michael Shaw (20) holds up his helmet to salute fans on the field after beating rival Ohio State, Saturday in Ann Arbor.

dinal (11-1) build a 21-0 halftime lead. He has thrown for 80 touchdowns in three years and 35 this season. Tommy Rees threw an interception, lost a fumble and took a bruising blow to the ribs for Notre Dame (8-4) before getting benched. Andrew Hendrix threw for 192 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score in a second-half rally for the Fighting Irish that came up short.

**NO. 6 VIRGINIA TECH 38, NO. 24 VIRGINIA 0**  
**CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.** • Logan Thomas threw for two touchdowns and ran for one and David Wilson scored on two long runs in the second half as Virginia Tech shut out Virginia.

The Hokies (11-1, 7-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) earned the league's Coastal Division title and a rematch with No. 18 Clemson in next weekend's ACC championship game in Charlotte.

It was their eighth consecutive victory in the series, and 12th in 13 games. They will be playing for the ACC title for the fifth time and seeking their fourth title in five years. The Cavaliers (8-4, 5-3) had won four straight and seemed ready to finally challenge their state rival, but quarterback Michael Rocco threw two interceptions and fumbled it away once.

**NO. 9 OREGON 49, OREGON STATE 21**  
**EUGENE, Ore.** • LaMichael James ran for 142 yards before leaving with what appeared to be a left elbow injury, and Oregon clinched the Pac-12 North and a spot in the conference's first championship game.

The Ducks (10-2, 8-1 Pac-12) will host UCLA on Friday night with a chance to win their third straight conference title and a spot in the Rose Bowl.

The Beavers (3-9, 3-6) aren't going to a bowl game for the second straight season. James, who went into the 115th Civil War as the nation's top rusher with an average of 142.78 yards per game, was hurt midway through the third when he was hit by Oregon State linebacker Tony Wilson.

**NO. 11 MICHIGAN STATE 31, NORTHWESTERN 17**  
**EVANSTON, Ill.** • Keshawn Martin returned a punt 57 yards for a touchdown just before halftime and Kirk Cousins threw two TD passes to B.J. Cunningham as No. 11 Michigan State warmed up for next week's Big Ten championship game by beating Northwestern 31-17 on Saturday.

The Spartans had already wrapped up the Legends Division title and a berth in the league championship game next week. Now they have

the best record in the division, as well, and 10 victories overall (10-2, 7-1).

Cousins threw a 33-yarder to Cunningham in the third quarter and hit him again on a juggling 29-yarder with 5:17 left to complete a 93-yard drive. It was the 62nd career TD pass for Cousins, breaking the school record held by Jeff Smoker (61).

Northwestern finished the regular season 6-6 and 3-5.

**NO. 12 OKLAHOMA 26, IOWA ST. 6**  
**NORMAN, Okla.** • Landry Jones threw for 256 yards, Blake Bell punched in two short touchdown runs and No. 12 Oklahoma set up a Bedlam showdown for the Big 12 championship by beating Iowa State

Trey Franks finished with 88 yards rushing on two long reverses to set up scores for the Sooners (9-2, 6-2 Big 12), and Michael Hunnicutt matched his career-high with four field goals.

Rebounding after allowing a school-record 616 yards allowed last week in a 45-38 loss at Baylor, Oklahoma held Iowa State (6-5, 3-5) to a season-low 245 yards and only let the Cyclones score after James Winchester's snap sailed over the head of punter Tress Way in the first quarter. Oklahoma will visit No. 4 Oklahoma State next week with the winner earning the Big 12 title.

**NO. 13 GEORGIA 31, NO. 25 GEORGIA TECH 17**  
**ATLANTA** • Aaron Murray threw four touchdown passes and No. 13 Georgia extended its domination over No. 25 Georgia Tech, pulling away for a 31-17 victory Saturday.

The Bulldogs (10-2) did not get caught looking past their state rival to next week's return trip to Atlanta, when they will take a 10-game winning streak into the Southeastern Conference championship game against top-ranked LSU.

Murray extended his school record for touchdown passes in a season to 32, hooking up with Michael Bennett and Chris Conley in the first half, and Tavarres King and Aron White in the third quarter as Georgia cruised to its 10th win over the Yellow Jackets in 11 years. Georgia Tech's rushed for 243 yards, but just 79 after halftime. Tevin Washington threw a pair of interceptions.

**NO. 14 S. CAROLINA 34, NO. 18 CLEMSON 13**  
**COLUMBIA, S.C.** • Connor Shaw threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to lead South Carolina to a 10-win season for the first time in 27 years and its third straight victory over Clemson.

The Gamecocks (10-2) choked off Clemson's once-

high scoring offense, holding the Tigers (9-3) to 153 yards and Atlantic Coast Conference passing leader Tajh Boyd to 83 yards through the air.

Clemson was part of the BCS title talk a month ago when it opened 8-0 and rose to No. 6 in the country. But it heads to the ACC championship game against Virginia Tech next week a shaky team after losing three of its past four. South Carolina's only other 10-victory season in 118 years of football came in 1984.

**NO. 15 WISCONSIN 45, NO. 20 PENN STATE 7**  
**MADISON, Wis.** • Montee Ball scored four more touchdowns in his pursuit of an NCAA record, powering Wisconsin to a spot in next week's Big Ten championship game.

Ball has scored 34 touchdowns this season for the Badgers (10-2, 6-2 Big Ten), the second-most in a single season in NCAA history. Barry Sanders holds the record, scoring 39 for Oklahoma State in 11 games in the 1988 season.

With the win, Wisconsin will play Big Ten Legends division winner Michigan State in Indianapolis next Saturday. The Nittany Lions (9-3, 6-2) came into the game hoping to salvage something from a season dwarfed by scandal. They took an early 7-0 lead but quickly unraveled, falling behind 28-7 by halftime.

**NO. 21 BAYLOR 66, TEXAS TECH 42**  
**ARLINGTON, Texas** • Nick Florence threw two long touchdown passes after Robert Griffin was knocked out of the game and No. 21 Baylor extended its winning streak to four games.

The Bears (8-3, 5-3 Big 12) went on to a record victory without Griffin, whose Heisman Trophy chances were dealt a blow.

Baylor set school mark for most points in a conference game, and was already ahead to stay when Griffin scored on a 3-yard keeper just before halftime. That score came after he was on the sideline for one play after taking an elbow to the helmet while sliding at the end of a run.

Terrance Ganaway rushed 42 times for 246 yards and two touchdowns, giving him a school-record 14.

Texas Tech (5-7, 2-7) finished with its first losing record since 1992.

## REGIONAL ROUNDUP

# Utah State Slips Past Nevada 21-17

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**LOGAN, Utah** • Utah State scored on two pass plays in the third quarter and recovered a fourth-quarter fumble to top Nevada 21-17 on Saturday.

Adam Kennedy threw for 140 yards and a touchdown for the Aggies (6-5, 4-2 Western Athletic Conference) and ran for a critical first down in the final minute preserve the win.

Utah State scored what proved to be the decisive touchdown on the final play of the third quarter. On a double-pass play, wide receiver Stanley Morrison hit Robert Turbin with a 34-yard strike for the score.

Nevada (6-5, 4-2 WAC) was led by Lampford Mark, who carried the ball 22 times for 111 yards and a touchdown.

Nevada was threatening to score with 5:40 remaining in the game when Wolf-pack backup quarterback Tyler Lantrip fumbled on a fourth-down attempt for a first down. The ball was recovered by Bobby Wagner on the Aggie 11-yard line.

**WASHINGTON 38, WASHINGTON STATE 21**  
**SEATTLE** • Keith Price

threw three touchdown passes to become Washington's all-time single-season leader in that category, the final one a 22-yard toss to Chris Polk, and Washington held off rival Washington State 38-21 on Saturday night to win the 104th Apple Cup.

Price threw his 29th touchdown pass of the season midway through the third quarter, finding Polk to give the Huskies a 28-14 lead. Washington State pulled within 28-21, but Erik Folk's 46-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter pushed the lead to 10 and Polk capped the Huskies third straight Apple Cup title on Polk's 1-yard TD run with 5:23 left.

Price, who sat out last week's loss at Oregon State due to injury, finished 21 of 29 for 291 yards. The Huskies (7-5, 5-4 Pac-12) snapped a three-game losing streak and sent the Cougars (4-8, 2-7) into an off-season filled with questions.

**ARIZONA 45, LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 37**  
**TUCSON, Ariz.** • Nick Foles threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns in his final game for Arizona, and the Wildcats held off



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Utah State head coach Gary Anderson, bottom left, and tight end Keegan Anderson (22) celebrate with the rest of their team after beating Nevada 21-17, Saturday in Logan, Utah.

Louisiana-Lafayette.

Foles, whose status for the game had been uncertain because of bruised ribs, tied the school record for career (64) and single-season (31) touchdown passes. He already held virtually all other passing records at the school. Foles also topped 4,000 yards passing for the season and 10,000 for his career.

Juron Criner caught nine passes for 129 yards and two touchdowns for the Wild-

cats (4-8), breaking the school career record for TD receptions at 32. Blaine Gautier threw for 315 yards and a touchdown and ran for a score for the Ragin' Cajuns (8-4), who cut the Arizona lead to eight points three times in the fourth quarter.

**AIR FORCE 45, COLORADO STATE 21**  
**FORT COLLINS, Colo.** • Tim Jefferson threw three touchdown passes to Zack

Kauth in the second quarter and Air Force reached bowl eligibility for the fifth straight season.

The Falcons (7-5, 3-4 Mountain West) were expected to have their best season under fifth-year coach Troy Calhoun but a spate of injuries left them battling for a bowl on their season finale instead. Their resounding win marked the first time in the program's history that Air Force has won seven or more games in

five straight seasons.

The Rams (3-8, 1-5) lost their seventh straight game overall and their sixth straight to the Falcons despite sophomore Chris Nwoke's career-best 269-yard rushing performance that included TD runs of 62 and 2 yards.

Kauth came into the game with just one TD catch this season. All three of his grabs Saturday were TDs, covering 33, 40 and 50 yards.



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*Dashing Through The Snow*  
Germany's Viktoria Rebensburg skis on her way to a win in the Women's World Cup giant slalom ski competition in Aspen, Colo., on Saturday.

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## Odds

NFL Today			FAVORITE			UNDERDOG		
at St. Louis	3	2½ (39%)				at Arizona	19	13 5 1 27 58 43
at N.Y. Jets	8½	9½ (42)				at Buffalo	22	12 7 3 27 61 56
at Cincinnati	7½	7½ (37%)				Cleveland	23	13 9 1 27 59 64
Houston	3½	6½ (37)				at Jacksonville	22	11 7 4 26 54 53
Carolina	4	3½ (46)				at Indianapolis	22	6 12 4 16 48 71
at Tennessee	3½	3½ (43)				Tampa Bay		
at Atlanta	9	9½ (44)				Minnesota		
at Oakland	+1½	3½ (41½)				Chicago		
at Seattle	4½	3½ (37%)				Washington		
New England	3	3½ (50%)				at Philadelphia		
at San Diego	7	5½ (41½)				Denver		
Pittsburgh	10½	10½ (40)				at Kansas City		
TOMORROW								
at New Orleans	6½	7 (51)				N.Y. Giants		
NCAA Basketball								
FAVORITE								
Michigan St.						at E. Michigan		
Temple						at Bowling Green		
at Mississippi St.						North Texas		
at Virginia Tech						St. Bonaventure		
at Indiana						Butler		
at Alabama						VCU		
Hofstra						Boston U.		
Cleveland St.						at Rhode Island		
at Bucknell						Morehead St.		
at Tulane						San Diego		
Portland St.-y						Mid.-E. Shore		
at Wyoming						Louisiana Tech		
Weber St.-z						Jacksonville St.		
at SMU						Georgia Southern		
at UAB						UT-Martin		
at E. Washington						UC Davis		
x-at Kingston, R.I.								
y-at Laramie, Wyo.								
z-at Moraga, Calif.								
Old Spice Classic								
At Orlando, Fla.								
Seventh Place								
Wake Forest						Texas Tech		
Fifth Place								
DePaul						Arizona St.		
Third Place								
Fairfield						Indiana St.		
Championship								
Minnesota						Dayton		
76 Classic								
At Anaheim, Calif.								
Seventh Place								
Washington St.						UC Riverside		
Fifth Place								
New Mexico						Boston College		
Third Place								
Villanova						Santa Clara		
Championship								
SaintLouis						Oklahoma		

## NFL

### STANDINGS

		AMERICAN					
		W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England		7	3	0	.700	293	203
N.Y. Jets		5	5	0	.500	228	217
Buffalo		5	5	0	.500	237	253
Miami		3	8	0	.273	212	206
SOUTH		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston		7	3	0	.700	273	166
Tennessee		5	5	0	.500	203	195
Jacksonville		3	7	0	.300	125	180
Indianapolis		0	10	0	.000	131	300
NORTH		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore		8	3	0	.727	272	182
Pittsburgh		7	3	0	.700	220	179
Cincinnati		6	4	0	.600	236	195
Cleveland		4	6	0	.400	145	193
WEST		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland		6	4	0	.600	235	254
Denver		5	5	0	.500	205	247
San Diego		4	6	0	.400	236	259
Kansas City		4	6	0	.400	144	252
NATIONAL		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
EAST		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas		7	4	0	.636	270	225
N.Y. Giants		6	4	0	.600	228	228
Philadelphia		4	6	0	.400	237	213
Washington		3	7	0	.300	160	205
SOUTH		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans		7	3	0	.700	313	228
Atlanta		6	4	0	.600	235	213
Tampa Bay		4	6	0	.400	182	268
Carolina		2	8	0	.200	225	286
NORTH		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay		11	0	0	1.000	382	227
Chicago		7	3	0	.700	268	207
Detroit		7	4	0	.636	316	246
Minnesota		2	8	0	.200	200	271
WEST		W <th>L</th> <th>T</th> <th>Pct</th> <th>PF</th> <th>PA</th>	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco		9	2	0	.818	262	161
Seattle		4	6	0	.400	168	209
Arizona		3	7	0	.300	190	236
St. Louis		2	8	0	.200	120	247

Sunday's Games	
Arizona at St. Louis, 11 a.m.	
Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 11 a.m.	
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.	
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 11 a.m.	
Houston at Jacksonville, 11 a.m.	
Carolina at Indianapolis, 11 a.m.	
Minnesota at Atlanta, 11 a.m.	
Chicago at Oakland, 2:05 p.m.	
Washington at Seattle, 2:05 p.m.	
Denver at San Diego, 2:15 p.m.	
New England at Philadelphia, 2:15 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 6:20 p.m.	
Monday's Game	
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.	
Thursday, Dec. 1	
Philadelphia at Seattle, 6:20 p.m.	
Sunday, Dec. 4	
Kansas City at Chicago, 11 a.m.	
Atlanta at Houston, 11 a.m.	
Denver at Minnesota, 11 a.m.	
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.	
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.	
N.Y. Jets at Washington, 11 a.m.	
Oakland at Miami, 11 a.m.	
Tennessee at Buffalo, 11 a.m.	
Indianapolis at New England, 11 a.m.	
Baltimore at Cleveland, 2:05 p.m.	
St. Louis at San Francisco, 2:15 p.m.	
Green Bay at N.Y. Giants, 2:15 p.m.	
Detroit at New Orleans, 6:20 p.m.	
Monday, Dec. 5	
San Diego at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.	

## NHL

### STANDINGS

		EASTERN															
		GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
ATLANTIC																	
Pittsburgh		24	14	6	4	32	77	59									
Philadelphia		23	13	7	3	29	80	68									
N.Y. Rangers		20	12	5	3	27	56	43									
New Jersey		22	12	9	1	25	57	58									
N.Y. Islanders		21	6	11	4	16	41	68									
NORTHEAST		GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>GP<th>W</th><th>L</th><th>OT</th><th>PTS</th><th>GF</th><th>GA</th></td>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston		22	14	7	1	29	75	47									
Toronto		23	13	8	2	28	74	73									
Buffalo		23	13	9	1	27	67	61									
Montreal		24	10	10	4	24	61	60									
Ottawa		22	10	10	2	22	65	76									
SOUTHEAST		GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>GP<th>W</th><th>L</th><th>OT</th><th>PTS</th><th>GF</th><th>GA</th></td>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida		23	12	7	4	28	64	59									
Washington		22	12	9	1	25	70	73									
Tampa Bay		22	11	9	2	24	62	69									
Winnipeg		23	9	10	4	22	66	74									
Carolina		24	8	12	4	20	57	79									
		WESTERN															
CENTRAL		GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>GP<th>W</th><th>L</th><th>OT</th><th>PTS</th><th>GF</th><th>GA</th></td>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Detroit		22	14	7	1	29	65	49									
Chicago		23	13	7	3	29	77	73									
St. Louis		22	12	8	2	26	55	48									
Nashville		22	10	8	4	24	58	61									
Columbus		22	6	13	3	15	53	73									
NORTHWEST		GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th> <td colspan="2"></td> <td>GP<th>W</th><th>L</th><th>OT</th><th>PTS</th><th>GF</th><th>GA</th></td>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			GP <th>W</th> <th>L</th> <th>OT</th> <th>PTS</th> <th>GF</th> <th>GA</th>	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Minnesota		22	13	6	3	29	52	47									
Edmonton		23	12	9	2	26	64	58									

Vancouver	22	12	9	1	25	66	57
Calgary	23	10	12	1	21	65	70
Pacific	21	8	12	1	17	45	58
<b>PACIFIC</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>PTS</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>
San Jose	19	13	5	1	27	58	43
Phoenix	23	7	7	3	27	61	56
Dallas	23	13	9	1	27	59	64
Los Angeles	22	11	7	4	26	54	53
Anaheim	26	6	12	4	16	48	71

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

**Friday's Games**

Detroit 3, Boston 2, SO  
Toronto 4, Dallas 3, SO

New Jersey 1, N.Y. Islanders 0  
Philadelphia 3, Montreal 1  
Edmonton 5, Minnesota 2  
N.Y. Rangers 6, Washington 3  
Chicago 6, Anaheim 5  
Pittsburgh 6, Ottawa 3  
Winnipeg 3, Carolina 1  
Columbus 5, Buffalo 1  
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1, OT  
St. Louis 2, Calgary 0  
Vancouver 5, Phoenix 0

**Saturday's Games**

N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2  
N.Y. Rangers 2, Philadelphia 0  
Colorado 5, Edmonton 2  
Boston 4, Winnipeg 2  
Buffalo 5, Washington 1  
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 3, OT  
Tampa Bay 5, Florida 1  
Detroit 4, Nashville 1  
Phoenix 3, Dallas 0  
Vancouver 3 at San Jose, late  
Chicago 3 at Los Angeles, late

**Sunday's Games**

Carolina 4 at Ottawa, 3 p.m.  
St. Louis 4 at Columbus, 4 p.m.  
Calgary 4 at Minnesota, 4 p.m.  
Toronto 4 at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

**Monday's Games**

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 5:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Colorado, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.



## COLTRIN'S HOT NIGHT LIFTS BURLEY

TIMES-NEWS

Junior guard Kody Coltrin scored eight 3-pointers for 24 points to lead Burley to a 65-61 win over Preston in both teams' season opener Saturday at Burley High School.

Tied 61-61 with under a minute remaining, the difference down the stretch was Burley's Brandon Hosteen going 4-for-4 at the free throw line, while Preston missed three free throws and a wide open layup.

"I like our intensity," said Burley coach Jack Bagley. "The kids play hard. We're a little small, but we make up for a lot of it with quickness."

Hosteen, a sophomore post, finished with 19 points. Preston senior Baker Ward scored a team-high 19.

"For the first game of the season, to score over 60 points... and to see the potential and the abilities of what we can do is exciting," said Bagley.

Burley travels to Filer Wednesday.

Burley 65, Preston 61					
Preston	18	16	18	9	-61
Burley	16	20	13	16	-65
COLIN ROUNDS 13, Wyatt Christensen 10, Baker Ward 19, Karingtyn Hobbs 11, Kade Alder 8.					
BURLEY (65)					
Jason Boehmer 4, Garrett Robins 9, Kody Coltrin 24, Scott Pilling 3, Taylor Carson 2, Kyle Garrard 4, Brandon Hosteen 19. Totals 20 15-18 65.					
3-point goals: Preston 6 (Christensen 2, Ward, Hobbs 3), Burley 10 (Robins, Coltrin 8, Hosteen). Totals fouls: Preston 15, Burley 17. Fouled out: none.					
Technical fouls: Preston, Ward.					

### Hole in One

Russ Arnold, Gooding Country Club, 152-yard No. 5 hole. Witnessed by Ed Arnold and Jim Voloshen. The ace was the fifth all-time for Arnold, who turned 93 in September.

## Broncos

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Wyoming, content to head to the locker room tied, ran three times with minimal gains as Boise State burned their remaining two timeouts. Following a 23-yard punt, Boise State took over at the Wyoming 46 with eight seconds left. After an incompletion, one second hung on the clock. Moore fled the pocket left, then threw deep. Cowboy Tashaun Gipson tipped the football as he tried to knock it down, but it fell in to Matt Miller's hands as he lay on the goal line for a Bronco touchdown. Wyoming blocked Michael Frisina's extra point to make

it 13-7 at the break. "That was probably a once-in-a-lifetime catch," Miller said. "Really, it's nothing you can explain." "It was big," Moore said. "We stole some points there and that was huge." The answered prayer deflated Wyoming, proving to be a staggering blow they could not recover from. "It's stuff you see on TV, never think you'll be part of something like that but unfortunately I was," Gipson said. Boise State received the opening kickoff of the second half and, with a short field after a Wyoming personal foul tacked on to the return, finished the drive with a 23-yard Frisina field goal to lead 16-7. Gipson be-

lieved that possession thwarted Wyoming's ambitions of an upset. "I think the drive they put on us directly after that took a lot of momentum out of us," Gipson said. "They did their thing and kind of dashed our hopes." Behind Martin and Moore, who threw for 279 yards and three touchdowns, Boise State wore down Wyoming (7-4, 4-2 MW) in the second half with defense, giving the offense mashed better field position than they had to open the game. Tight ends Kyle Efaw and Gabe Linehan both caught touchdown passes in the third quarter, and Martin's second touchdown iced the game for Boise State (10-1, 5-1).

## Max

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how wide the gap is between the Broncos and most of the Mountain West Conference. That this is even a topic of discussion shows how high Boise State has set the bar in recent years. Even after the Broncos blew open Saturday's game with four consecutive second-half scoring drives — three of which ended in touchdowns — another question lingered: What took you guys so long? There were attempts at explanations — from the insistence of some in the media that possibly the early starts aren't particularly appealing to the Broncos, to Wyoming's defen-

sive philosophy, which gives up plenty of small gains in lieu of big plays, and waits for opposing offenses to trip up. Wyoming entered the game ranked second nationally in turnover margin, and Moore was the biggest culprit in that regard with his aforementioned pick-6. Even Las Vegas has taken Bronco excellence for granted. The Broncos were favored by 34 points entering Saturday's game, and that followed lines of 30, 42, 16.5 and 18.5 over the previous four weeks. Internet IPOs and whole life insurance are better investments than the Broncos, if you catch my drift. The pollsters won't quibble over such details, and won't punish Boise State for not being as dominant as expected. The Broncos

have earned at least that much, so as to not split hairs over a 22-point win vs. a 42-point one. But what will this team look like next season after Moore leaves? Doug Martin and his back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons? The other five senior starters on offense, or the eight on defense? The bar has indeed been set high at Boise State, but Bronco fans can rest a little easy knowing this: Even a moderate lowering of said bar will still likely leave it too high for the rest of the MWC to scale. Patrick Sheltra is the sports editor of the Times-News. He can be reached at psheltra@magicvalley.com, or you can follow him on Twitter @TimesNewsSE.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### Father-Son Wrestling Duel

The Gooding wrestling program is hosting a father-son wrestling duel 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Gooding High School gym. Entry fee is \$5. The Gooding wrestlers will take on their fathers in an evening of fun and entertainment. Concessions will be available and there will be an auction.

#### Rapids Recruiting U13 Boys Players

Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is recruiting players for its U13 boys team for the spring season. Information: Sasha at 731-2386 or Garrett at 280-0054.

#### Tri-City Sports Signups

Signups for Rupert Recreation District's boys basketball are open through Dec. 14. Cost is \$16 for grades 1-6 and \$40 for grades 9-12. Registration forms can be picked up at the city halls of Rupert, Paul and Heyburn, as well as at Donnelley Sports. Information: 434-2400.

#### 8-Ball Pool Tournament

The Jerome Senior Center is sponsoring an 8-ball double elimination tournament on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 and includes dinner. Prizes will be given out to winning teams. Information: Kris Shelton, 324-5642.

#### TFHS Fruit Fundraiser

The Twin Falls High School baseball and softball teams are taking pre-orders for oranges and grapefruits now through Wednesday. Oranges in 36-count boxes and grapefruits in 24-count boxes are \$17, and will be delivered on or shortly after Dec. 10. Place your order through a prospective baseball or softball player. Information: Tim Stadelmeir, 404-1321, or Leslie Phillips, 435-764-7445.

#### Southern Idaho Baseball Camp

CSI is hosting the Southern Idaho Baseball Camp on Dec. 27-29. Collegiate and professional players and coaches will instruct campers in hitting, fielding, catching and pitching. Information: Jim Walker, 308-4024, Boomer Walker, 308-4025, or on the web at athletics.csi.edu/baseball/camp.asp.

#### Magic Valley Bulldogs Tryouts

Due to scheduling conflicts, the Magic Valley Bulldogs semi-pro football team has moved its tryout date to Dec. 19 with a location still to be determined. Cost is \$25 to register and can be done online at mvbulldawg.myshopify.com. Information: Ben Landrian, 358-1469 or at mvbulldawg@yahoo.com.

#### Burley Golf Course Specials

Until further notice, Burley Golf Club is offering all-you-can-play greens fees at rates of \$12 per nine holes and \$17 for 18 holes. Cart fees are extra.

#### Jerome Country Club Specials

For \$30, players get 18 holes of golf with a cart and a small bucket of range balls throughout November at Jerome Country Club.

#### Twin Falls Golf Club Specials

Greens fees from Nov. 1-Jan. 31 are \$10 for everyone. Punch cards are on sale Dec. 1-Feb. 14. Cost is \$150 for 10 rounds. All store credit must be spent by Dec. 15. Special orders were done as of Oct. 30.

#### CSI Santa Run

The CSI Running Club is hosting a 5K run/walk race on Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. on the CSI campus. Entry fee is one unwrapped toy and partici-

pants will receive a long-sleeved T-shirt. Registration forms can be picked up from the CSI gymnasium. Information: Jaime Tigue, 732-6479 or jtigue@csi.edu, or Jonathan Lord, 732-6484 or jlord@csi.edu.

#### Twin Falls Adult Basketball Leagues

Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is having registration for basketball for men and women through Dec. 9. Men's team cost is \$620 for a 12-game season, with women's team cost at \$535 for a 10-game season. Games will be played weekday evenings starting Jan. 10. Information: 736-2265, in person at 136 Maxwell Ave., or email at bmason@tfid.org.

#### Jerome Youth Basketball

The Jerome Recreation District is holding youth basketball registration for boys and girls grades 1-6 through Dec. 5. Cost is \$17 for those living in the district, \$27 for those outside of the district. Registration can be done over the phone at 324-3389, in person at 2032 S. Lincoln St. or online at www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com. Information: 324-3389.

#### Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot

The 26th annual Wayne Kinney Memorial Turkey Shoot is Wednesday at the Twin Falls Gun Club at 11 a.m. Raffle tickets are \$5 for two Henry Repeating Arms Golden Boy 22 Long Rifle with brasslite receiver, 20" octagon barrel with a walnut stock. Red's Trading Post is donating the guns for the drawing. Information: Dennis, 733-1013.

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**Oklahoma State interim head coach Jim Littell, right, and his players point to the ceiling following a victory against Coppin State, it's first game since a plane crash killed coach Kurt Budke, assistant coach Miranda Serna and two others.**

# OSU Winners In 1st Post-Tragedy Game

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**STILLWATER, Okla. •** An emotionally exhausting nine days for the Oklahoma State Cowgirls ended Saturday with hugs, tears and a few smiles.

In their first game since a plane crash killed coach Kurt Budke, assistant coach Miranda Serna and two others, the Cowgirls beat Coppin State 59-35 behind 17 points from Tiffany Bias.

The Cowgirls celebrated the victory by standing arm in arm on the floor and singing university's alma mater with the crowd of 3,557. Interim coach Jim Littell and many of the players then pointed their index fingers toward the sky and went in to the stands to hug Budke's wife, Shelley, and other Budke family members, who attended the game

and sat behind the home bench.

Their presence didn't surprise Bias, a sophomore guard who wrote "Serna" on one of her orange shoes and "Budke" on the other.

"It just shows how much OSU is a family," Bias said. "That's what the Budke family is. They're a family, and we're their extended family. No matter what the tragedy is . they are going to come out and support us."

In the immediate wake of the Nov. 17 crash in Arkansas, Oklahoma State postponed home games last weekend against Grambling State and Texas-Arlington, but university officials decided to resume the Cowgirls' schedule Saturday, five days after a memorial service for the victims inside Gallagher-Iba Arena.

## MEN'S TOP 25 ROUNDUP

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**HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. •** Ben Brust scored 21 points on seven 3-pointers and No. 11 Wisconsin beat BYU 73-56 on Saturday night to win the Chicago Invitational Challenge championship.

Brust was 7 of 10 beyond the arc as the Badgers improved to 6-0 for their best start since the 1996-97 season. The sophomore reserve had five 3s in the second half.

Tournament MVP Jordan Taylor added 18 points while Mike Bruesewitz and Jared Berggren had 13 points apiece for Wisconsin.

The teams were tied at 42 when Brust hit the first of his trio of 3-pointers during an 11-0 run that gave the Badgers a 53-42 lead with 8:47 to play.

Noah Hartsock paced the Cougars (4-2) with 18 points.

Saturday's game was the first meeting between Wisconsin and BYU in nearly 80 years. The Badgers beat the Cougars 32-16 on Dec. 11, 1931, in Madison, Wis.

Wisconsin made its first six shots — including five 3-pointers from four different players — on the way to an early 22-10 lead. Taylor had two 3s in the hot start.

But BYU took advantage of five missed Wisconsin shots and three turnovers to tie it at 24 on freshman Damarcus Harrison's 3-pointer at the 8:57 mark. The Cougars claimed their first lead at 28-26 on Stephen Rogers' fadeaway baseline jumper.

The Badgers shot 51 percent (27 for 53) from the field, including 13 for 24 from 3-point range. BYU shot 43 percent (22 for 51) and went 1 for 10 from long range.

**No. 2 KENTUCKY 87, PORTLAND 63 LEXINGTON, Ky. •** Terrence Jones and Darius Miller scored 19 points apiece, Anthony Davis had 13 points and 12 rebounds, and No. 2 Kentucky routed Portland 87-63 in the Wildcats' final tuneup before playing St. John's and No. 1 North Carolina next week.

Kentucky (6-0) has won every game



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**Wisconsin's Josh Gasser, left, pokes the ball away from BYU's Stephen Rogers (21) during the first half of their game Saturday.**

by double digits, but Portland gave the Wildcats plenty to work on in the coming days after the Pilots (2-4) challenged them with sharp outside shooting and won the rebounding battle, 39-38.

**NO. 4 CONNECTICUT 76, NO. 22 FLORIDA STATE 76 PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas —** Shabazz Napier hit a big 3-pointer with a minute left in overtime and finished with 26 points, leading Connecticut in the consolation game of the Battle 4 Atlantis.

Napier also had five assists, four rebounds and two steals, bouncing back from a terrible performance in the Huskies' 68-63 loss to Central Florida on Friday. The point guard committed seven turnovers and went 1 for 7 from the field against the Knights.

**NO. 19 GONZAGA 78, WESTERN MICHIGAN 58 SPOKANE, Wash. •** Robert Sacre scored 15 points to lead Gonzaga to the victory.

## TOP 25 BOX SCORES

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**NO. 7 BOISE ST. 36, WYOMING 14**

**Wyoming** 7 0 0 7 - 14  
**Boise St.** 0 13 16 7 - 36  
**First Quarter**  
Wyo-Anderson 29 interception return (D.Sullivan kick), 9:53.  
**Second Quarter**  
Boi-D.Martin 2 run (Frisina kick), 1:10.  
Boi-Miller 46 pass from Ke.Moore (kick blocked), :00.  
**Third Quarter**  
Boi-FG Frisina 23, 12:16.  
Boi-Elaw 10 pass from Ke.Moore (run failed), 6:16.  
Boi-Linehan 17 pass from Ke.Moore (Frisina kick), 2:20.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Boi-D.Martin 1 run (Frisina kick), 13:13.  
Wyo-Doctson 8 pass from B.Smith (D.Sullivan kick), 5:26.  
A-33,773.

	Wyo	Boi
First downs	11	26
Rushes-yards	30-113	41-200
Passing	78	279
Comp-Att-Int	17-25-1	24-36-1
Return Yards	29	15
Punts-Avg.	6-43.7	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	4-46
Time of Possession	28:12	31:48

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Wyoming, Stratton 14-54, B.Smith 6-37, Sutton 4-13, Alexander 6-9, Boise ST., D.Martin 26-153, Harper 9-35, M.Burroughs 4-19, Ke.Moore 2-7.  
PASSING-Wyoming, B.Smith 17-25-178, Boise ST., Ke.Moore 24-36-1279.  
RECEIVING-Wyoming, Miller 7-18, Rufan 5-24, Doctson 3-39, Ogbonnia 1-8, B.Smith 1-11, Boise ST., Harper 5-31, Miller 4-66, Shoemaker 4-53, M.Burroughs 3-12, Koch 2-31, Elaw 2-31, Ki.Moore 2-16, Linehan 1-17, D.Martin 1-10.

**No. 2 ALABAMA 42, AUBURN 14**

**Alabama** 14 10 0 7 15 - 42  
**Auburn** 7 0 3 0 0 - 14  
**First Quarter**  
Ala-Bell 41 pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 6:33.  
Ala-Smelley 35 pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 4:25.  
Aub-Carter recovered fumble in end zone (Parkey kick), 3:4.  
Ala-Richardson 5 pass from McCarron (Shelley kick), 9:11.  
Ala-FG Shelley 30, 1:44.  
**Third Quarter**  
Aub-McCaleb 83 kickoff return (Parkey kick), 14:49.  
Ala-FG Shelley 28, 8:47.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Ala-Mulliner 35 interception return (M.Williams pass from McCarron), 14:38.  
Ala-Fowler 15 run (Shelley kick), 6:40.  
A-87,451.

	Ala	Aub
First downs	19	9
Rushes-yards	35-213	35-78
Passing	184	62
Comp-Att-Int	18-23-0	11-20-1
Return Yards	56	0
Punts-Avg.	3-40.3	6-41.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	3-20	4-40
Time of Possession	31:38	28:22

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Alabama, Richardson 27-203, Fowler 1-15, Lacy 4-6, Maze 1-1, Team 1-2, McCarron 1-10.  
Auburn, Dyer 13-48, Frazier 8-28, Mason 3-10, McCaleb 5-6, Bray 1-3, Reed 1-3, Moseley 4-8.  
PASSING-Alabama, McCarron 18-23-0184, Auburn, Moseley 11-18-162, Frazier 2-9-0.  
RECEIVING-Alabama, Smelley 6-86, Maze 4-18, Bell 2-46, Gibson 2-13, M.Williams 2-12, Richardson 1-5, Lacy 1-4, Auburn, Bray 5-22, Lutzenkirchen 2-20, McCaleb 2-17, Reed 2-3.

**NO. 4 STANFORD 28, NO. 22 NOTRE DAME 14**

**Notre Dame** 0 0 7 7 - 14  
**Stanford** 7 14 0 7 - 28  
**First Quarter**  
Stan-Tololo 3 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), 9:16.  
**Second Quarter**  
Stan-Fleener 28 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), 4:45.  
Stan-Montgomery 11 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), :10.  
**Third Quarter**  
NU-Floyd 6 pass from Hendrix (Ruffer kick), 6:21.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Stan-Fleener 55 pass from Luck (Williamson kick), 5:40.  
NU-Hendrix 2 run (Ruffer kick), 2:3.  
A-50,360.

	ND	Stan
First downs	20	23
Rushes-yards	31-57	42-196
Passing	252	233
Comp-Att-Int	17-37-2	20-31-1
Return Yards	34	49
Punts-Avg.	7-36.7	6-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	11-13
Penalties-Yards	10-68	6-44
Time of Possession	27:28	32:32

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Notre Dame, C.Wood 12-41, Hendrix 12-20, Riddick 4-6, Rees 3-10, Stanford, Taylor 20-118, Gaffney 6-30, Luck 4-20, Stewart 8-19, Wilkerson 3-8, Team 1-1.  
PASSING-Notre Dame, Hendrix 11-24-192, Rees 6-13-160, Stanford, Luck 20-30-1233, Team 0-1-0-0.  
RECEIVING-Notre Dame, Floyd 8-92, Eifert 4-79, Riddick 2-67, Goodman 1-6, C.Wood 1-6, Jones 1-2, Stanford, Montgomery 6-77, Fleener 4-97, Hewitt 3-11,

Tololo 2-19, Gaffney 2-17, Whalen 2-12, Ertz 1-0.

**No. 6 VIRGINIA TECH 38, NO. 24 VIRGINIA 0**

**Virginia Tech** 7 7 7 17 - 38  
**Virginia** 0 0 0 0 - 0  
**First Quarter**  
VT-Thomas 14 run (Journell kick), 8:46.  
**Second Quarter**  
VT-Boykyn 16 pass from Thomas (Journell kick), 11:36.  
**Third Quarter**  
VT-D.Wilson 27 run (Journell kick), 10:45.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
VT-D.Wilson 38 run (Journell kick), 13:54.  
VT-M.Davis 7 pass from Thomas (Journell kick), 11:28.  
VT-FG Journell 40, 6:45.  
A-61,124.

	VT	UVA
First downs	21	14
Rushes-yards	45-183	26-30
Passing	227	211
Comp-Att-Int	16-25-0	16-30-2
Return Yards	55	9
Punts-Avg.	4-47.5	6-39.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	5-60	6-54
Time of Possession	34:57	25:03

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Virginia Tech, D.Wilson 24-153, Thomas 7-27, Oglesby 6-6, Gregory 5-1, Coale 1-2, Team 2-21.  
Virginia, Parks 7-17, P.Jones 6-13, Jennings 1-12, Richardson 3-5, Milien 1-4, Shepherd 1-2, Watford 1-1, Rocco 6-6(24).  
PASSING-Virginia Tech, Thomas 13-21-0-187, Lask 3-4-0-40, Virginia, Rocco 16-27-2-11, Watford 0-2-0-0.  
RECEIVING-Virginia Tech, M.Davis 1-19, Boykin 4-44, Coale 2-15, Byrn 1-15, Drager 1-15, C.Fuller 1-12, Wilson 1-5, Coles 1-2, Virginia, Burd 7-100, T.LSmith 2-42, Milien 2-33, Keys 1-24, Mathis 1-6, Freedman 1-4, Parks 1-2, D.Terrell 1-0.

**No. 9 OREGON 49, OREGON ST. 21**

**Oregon** 0 7 0 14 - 21  
**Oregon St.** 7 21 7 14 - 49  
**First Quarter**  
Or-James 1 run (Maldonado kick), 12:36.  
**Second Quarter**  
OrSt-Stevensen 58 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick), 11:08.  
Or-Paulson 16 pass from Da.Thomas (Maldonado kick), 8:05.  
Or-Pa-DeThomas 8 pass from Da.Thomas (Maldonado kick), 3:59.  
Or-Pa-DeThomas 16 pass from Da.Thomas (Maldonado kick), 2:26.  
**Third Quarter**  
Or-Bärner 1 run (Maldonado kick), 12:54.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Or-Pa-DeThomas 39 pass from Da.Thomas (Maldonado kick), 13:43.  
OrSt-C.Cummings 19 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick), 6:55.  
Or-Pa-DeThomas 8 run (Maldonado kick), 4:43.  
OrSt-Cooks 23 pass from Mannion (Romaine kick), 2:46.  
A-59,802.

	OrSt	Or
First downs	15	38
Rushes-yards	21-16	62-365
Passing	299	305
Comp-Att-Int	27-44-2	27-40-0
Return Yards	16	11
Punts-Avg.	8-45.1	3-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-60	6-60
Time of Possession	26:53	33:07

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Oregon ST., Ward 6-31, Wheaton 3-11, Stevensen 5-8, Cooks 1-7, Mannion 6-4-1, Oregon, James 24-142, DeThomas 4-71, Barner 16-64, Forde 10-56, Carlson 3-13, Bennett 2-10, Da.Thomas 3-9, PASSING-Oregon ST., Mannion 27-44-2-299, Oregon, Da.Thomas 27-40-0-305.  
RECEIVING-Oregon ST., Cooks 5-56, Halaunui 5-39, K.Cummings 4-63, Stevensen 4-58, Wheaton 2-39, Jenkins 2-14, Prince 2-14, Gwacham 2-12, Ward 1-4, Oregon, DeThomas 10-86, Paulson 8-105, Barner 3-33, Lyerla 2-52, Tuinei 2-15, Huff 1-8, James 1-6.

**No. 11 MICHIGAN ST. 31, NORTHWESTERN 17**

**Michigan St.** 3 14 7 7 - 31  
**Northwestern** 0 3 7 7 - 17  
**First Quarter**  
MSU-FG Conroy 25, 4:00.  
**Second Quarter**  
NU-FG Budzien 34, 14:03.  
MSU-Bell 7 run (Conroy kick), 1:40.  
NU-Martin 57 punt return (Conroy kick), 3:4.  
**Third Quarter**  
NU-Ebert 2 pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 13:02.  
MSU-Cunningham 33 pass from Cousins (Conroy kick), 7:35.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
NU-FG Budzien 12 pass from Persa (Budzien kick), 13:57.  
MSU-Cunningham 29 pass from Cousins (Conroy kick), 5:17.  
A-32,172.

	MSU	NU
First downs	20	21
Rushes-yards	36-166	41-117
Passing	214	253
Comp-Att-Int	14-20-1	24-34-0
Return Yards	57	0
Punts-Avg.	4-39.0	4-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-66	6-70
Time of Possession	29:10	30:18

**No. 12 OKLAHOMA 26, IOWA ST. 6**

**Iowa St.** 6 0 0 0 - 6  
**Oklahoma** 3 20 0 3 - 26  
**First Quarter**  
OK-FG Hunnicutt 20, 11:15.  
ISU-Gary 10 pass from Barnett (kick failed), 5:48.  
**Second Quarter**  
OK-B.Bell 1 run (Hunnicutt kick), 8:12.  
OK-B.Bell 1 run (Hunnicutt kick), 3:22.  
OK-FG Hunnicutt 28, 2:5.  
OK-FG Hunnicutt 37, 3:20.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
OK-FG Hunnicutt 21, 6:48.  
A-84,326.

	ISU	Ok
First downs	13	25
Rushes-yards	36-123	45-253
Passing	125	256
Comp-Att-Int	13-28-1	22-45-3
Return Yards	26	27
Punts-Avg.	7-36.1	3-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-34	4-35
Time of Possession	26:12	33:48

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Iowa ST., Woody 13-60, Hollis 8-46, Barnett 13-21, West 1-4, White 1-1(1), Oklahoma, Franks 2-88, R.Finch 15-83, B.Williams 11-80, Clay 2-15, B.Bell 8-14, L.Jones 3-7, Millard 3-1, Team 1-3(5).  
PASSING-Iowa ST., Barnett 13-28-1-25, Oklahoma, L.Jones 2-42-2-56, B.Bell 0-1-0-0, Team 0-1-0-0.  
RECEIVING-Iowa ST., Gary 4-52, Reynolds 4-31, West 3-11, Hammerschmidt 1-30, Hollis 1-1, Oklahoma, D.Miller 7-86, Sills 5-70, Hanna 3-33, R.Finch 3-20, Jackson 2-36, Ratterree 1-10, Clay 1-1.

**No. 13 GEORGIA 31, NO. 25 GEORGIA TECH 17**

**Georgia** 7 10 14 0 - 31  
**Georgia Tech** 0 10 0 0 - 17  
**First Quarter**  
Geo-Bennett 16 pass from Murray (Walsh kick), 2:23.  
**Second Quarter**  
GaT-FG Ju.Moore 22, 12:16.  
Geo-Conley 14 pass from Murray (Walsh kick), 8:20.  
GaT-Sims 5 run (D.Robinson kick), 1:13.  
Geo-FG Walsh 41, :03.  
**Third Quarter**  
Geo-T.King 3 pass from Murray (Walsh kick), 13:24.  
Geo-White 3 pass from Murray (Walsh kick), 2:57.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
GaT-O.Smith 16 run (Ju.Moore kick), 6:32.  
A-54,925.

	Geo	GaT
First downs	18	20
Rushes-yards	28-128	53-243
Passing	252	112
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-1	6-17-2
Return Yards	4	0
Punts-Avg.	3-43.3	3-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-45	5-36
Time of Possession	29:21	30:39

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Georgia, Malcolm 12-39, Murray 4-22, Alex.Ogletree 1-21, Mitchell 1-20, B.Smith 5-20, Thomas 5-6, Georgia Tech, Sims 11-72, O.Smith 7-46, Washington 13-41, Sims 12-36, Peoples 2-28, Days 6-17, Lyons 1-4, Team 1-4(1).  
PASSING-Georgia, Murray 19-29-1-252, Georgia Tech, Washington 3-10-2-34, Days 3-5-0-78, Melton 0-1-0-0, Team 0-1-0-0.  
RECEIVING-Georgia, Charles 5-95, T.King 3-26, Mitchell 2-33, Conley 2-29, Bennett 2-20, B.Smith 2-13, Boykin 1-28, Thomas 1-5, White 1-3, Georgia Tech, S.Hill 3-78, O.Smith 1-20, Sims 1-8, Jones 1-6.

**No. 14 SOUTH CAROLINA 34, NO. 18 CLEMSON 10**

**South Carolina** 0 10 0 3 - 13  
**Clemson** 10 7 7 10 - 34  
**First Quarter**  
SC-FG Wooten 47, 10:23.  
SC-Ellington 49 pass from C.Shaw (Wooten kick), 6:36.  
**Second Quarter**  
Clem-Allen 9 pass from Boyd (Catanzaro kick), 11:32.  
Wooten 2-9, Howard 1-3, Boyd 1-2(3), South Carolina, C.Shaw 15 run (Wooten kick), 1:55.  
**Third Quarter**  
SC-Anderson 2 pass from C.Shaw (Wooten kick), 9:52.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Clem-FG Wooten 40, 13:48.  
SC-FG Wooten 37, 6:26.  
SC-A.Jeffery 18 pass from C.Shaw (Wooten kick), 5:20.  
A-83,422.

	Clem	SC
First downs	12	19
Rushes-yards	30-70	53-210
Passing	83	210
Comp-Att-Int	11-30-1	14-20-0
Return Yards	30	26
Punts-Avg.	6-37.8	3-34.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-25	3-40
Time of Possession	22:43	37:17

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING-Clemson, Elington 13-66, Bellamy 3-19, Watkins 2-9, Howard 1-3, Boyd 1-2(3), South Carolina, C.Shaw 19-107, Miles 2-17, Wilds 7-24, Byrd 3-19, Team 3-1(1).  
PASSING-Clemson, Boyd 19-29-1-83, Hopkins 0-1-0-0, South Carolina, C.Shaw 14-20-0-210.  
RECEIVING-Clemson, Watkins 4-39, Hopkins 3-24, Elington 2-5, Allen 1-2, Brown 1-6, South Carolina, Elington 3-7, Miles 3-26, Anderson 2-57, A.Jeffery 2-29, Cunningham 1-16, A.Sanders 1-7, D.Moore 1-4, Wilds 1-0.

**No. 15 WISCONSIN 45, NO. 20 PENN ST. 7**

**Penn St. Wisconsin** 7 0 0 0 - 7

**First Quarter**  
PSU-Wake 44 pass from McGloin (Fera kick), 8:44.  
Wis-Abbrederis 21 pass from Wilson (Welch kick), 3:32.  
**Second Quarter**  
Wis-M.Ball 1 run (Welch kick), 14:57.  
Wis-M.Ball 2 run (Welch kick), 2:09.  
Wis-Toon 4 pass from Wilson (Welch kick), :37.  
**Third Quarter**  
Wis-M.Ball 9 run (Welch kick), 12:52.  
Wis-M.Ball 18 run (Welch kick), 4:09.  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Wis-FG Welch 44, 10:47.  
A-79,708.

	PSU	Wis
First downs	12	27
Rushes-yards	27-114	49-264
Passing	119	186
Comp-Att-Int	11-25-1	19-29-0
Return Yards	34	24
Punts-Avg.	5-46.2	5-40.6
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	1-



# Eagles Must Keep Season Alive vs. Patriots

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The final six weeks of the season could be a real treat for the New England Patriots.

Tied with three other teams for the AFC's best record, the Patriots face their toughest foe on the remainder of the schedule when they visit Philadelphia on Sunday. And the Eagles are 4-6, the most disappointing team in the league this year, on the verge of falling out of contention in the NFC.

So the prospect of the Patriots once again having the conference's best record is very real. No, they won't be the dominating 14-2 they were in 2010, but a sweep of the last half-dozen games will land them at 13-3, even if it isn't quite as impressive a performance.

After the Eagles, New England plays the Colts, Redskins, Broncos, Dolphins and Bills. Not a winning mark among them.

As is their wont, the Patriots are looking at every opponent as if they were, well, the 2007 Patriots — the undefeated Pats.

"I think that we need to play really well, certainly better than we've played the last few weeks," Tom Brady said. "There're a lot of people on our team and our offense that have really taken the challenge that our coaches have given us and are going to go out there and try to play our best. I think we need to do that. This is the time of year when it's most important. There aren't a lot of games left. When you play a tough team on the road, that came off one of the biggest wins of their season, we have everything we could ask for. We're going to go out there and try to play our best."

Philly beat the Giants 17-10 on the road last Sunday night behind one of the best drives in the league for any team: 18 plays, 80 yards to a winning touchdown pass. Vince Young led it, and he might be at quarterback again with Michael Vick's ribs still tender.

"Anytime you go into a game with a guy who hasn't really played yet, and you come out with a win like that, especially late in the game when you persevere through it, that breeds confidence in his abilities," center Jason Kelce said. "I don't want to say that I was ever not confident that Vince could do it, but I'm definitely more confident now, having been through the (Giants) game."

The holiday weekend began on Thursday with the traditional Thanksgiving Day games at Detroit, where unbeaten Green Bay beat the Lions 27-15, and at Dallas, with the Cowboys edging the Dolphins 20-19. The night game was the first between head-coaching brothers in NFL history, with John Harbaugh's Baltimore Ravens beating Jim Harbaugh's San Francisco 49ers 16-6.

On Sunday, it's Denver at San Diego, Chicago at Oakland, Pittsburgh at Kansas City, Houston at Jacksonville, Minnesota at Atlanta, Carolina at Indianapolis, Buffalo at the New York Jets, Cleveland at Cincinnati, Tampa Bay at Tennessee, Washington at Seattle, and Arizona at St. Louis.

The Monday night game features the New York Giants at New Orleans.

## RAVENS 16, 49ERS 6

The Baltimore Ravens sacked Alex Smith nine times and beat the San Francisco 49ers 16-6 on Thursday night, giving John Harbaugh an emotional charge in the first NFL game featuring brothers as opposing head coaches.

The Ravens (8-3) chased, hindered and battered Smith for much of the night despite playing without middle linebacker Ray Lewis, the team's leading tackler and spiritual leader. Lewis was inactive for a second straight game because of a foot injury. The nine sacks tied a franchise record, accomplished twice previously.

## PACKERS 27, LIONS 15

Aaron Rodgers threw two touchdown passes and the Packers built a big lead in the



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*Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Vince Young (9) throws a pass against the New York Giants during the second quarter of the Eagles' 17-10 win last Sunday in East Rutherford, N.J. The Eagles host New England tonight.*

third quarter, taking advantage of Ndamukong Suh's ejection.

The defending champion Packers are 11-0 for the first time in franchise history and have won a team-record 17 straight, including the playoffs.

The Lions fell to 7-4 — losing a franchise-record eighth straight Thanksgiving game — and added to their misery in ugly fashion.

## COWBOYS 20, DOLPHINS 19

Tony Romo threw two touchdown passes to Laurent Robinson, and Dan Bailey made a 28-yard field goal as time expired to lift Dallas past Miami.

Dallas (7-4) won its fourth straight and grabbed sole possession of first place in the NFC East, a half-game ahead of the New York Giants.

Miami (3-8) had won three straight. The Dolphins hadn't allowed a touchdown for 13 quarters before Robinson's first TD with 55 seconds left in the first half.

Matt Moore led Miami to scores on four straight possessions. He had three straight drives of at least 70 yards in the second half, putting the Dolphins up 19-17 with 7:14 left. He didn't score on his final drive, and that wound up being the difference.

## NEW YORK GIANTS (6-4) AT NEW ORLEANS (7-3), MONDAY NIGHT

Two straight defeats erased the Giants' lead in the NFC East, and they have swooned a few times late in past seasons under Tom Coughlin. With Green Bay on deck after this prime-time visit to New Orleans, New York needs a quick remedy. "We know the Saints are a very good home team," said Eli Manning, who grew up in New Orleans, where his father, Archie, was the Saints quarterback. "It's a loud stadium. ... We can try to start fast and move the ball and don't give up big plays to their defense, (that) should always help the occasion. It's just about being consistent."

The Saints haven't been all that consistent this year, either, but their deep corps of receivers, particularly tight end Jimmy Graham, will test the Giants' defense, which must find a pass rush that was absent last week.

## DENVER (5-5) AT SAN DIEGO (4-6)

Tebowmania heads to Mission Bay, where the Chargers are drowning. They have lost five in a row, with their last victory coming at Denver, where Tim Tebow nearly rallied the Broncos to victory.

Tebow is 4-1 since supplanting Kyle Orton as Denver's starter, with three fourth-quarter comebacks.

"I obviously feel pretty comfortable with them. I played against them one and a half times (including last season), so that's the most I've played against any team," Tebow said. "I feel like I'll be able to know them pretty well."

## CHICAGO (7-3) AT OAKLAND (6-4)

A marquee matchup even though Bears QB Jay Cutler is out with a broken right thumb that could sideline him the rest of the way. So Caleb Hanie, who acquitted

himself well in a relief stint in the NFC title game loss to Green Bay in January, takes over.

Hanie has a strong running game thanks to Matt Forte and an improving offensive line to support him. Chicago also has dynamic special teams and a defense as stingy as any in the NFL — outside of the Bay Area (meaning the 49ers, not the Raiders).

## PITTSBURGH (7-3) AT KANSAS CITY (4-6)

Don't look for Kyle Orton, claimed on waivers by the Chiefs, to get much action this week. Tyler Palko, who played college ball in Pittsburgh and once was with the Steelers, gets the call at quarterback again. He didn't do much in a lopsided loss at New England on Monday night and needs Jackie Battle to get the running game off to a quick start.

That's hardly easy against this version of the Steel Curtain, which ranks second in overall defense and comes off a bye.

## HOUSTON (7-3) AT JACKSONVILLE (3-7)

Another quarterbacking change takes place in Houston, which also comes off a bye and must replace Matt Schaub, sidelined for the rest of the season with a right foot problem. Matt Leinart gets the call in what could be his final chance to prove he has the goods for the NFL.

Like Hanie, Leinart has plenty of help around him in RBs Arian Foster and Ben Tate, plus a solid defense. Star receiver Andre Johnson looks set to return after a six-week absence with a hamstring issue.

The Jags are good defensively, but other than Maurice Jones-Drew, they don't threaten offensively.

## MINNESOTA (2-8) AT ATLANTA (6-4)

With Adrian Peterson likely to miss the game with a high left ankle sprain, the Vikings will be severely undermanned against a Falcons squad in the thick of the NFC wild-card chase. Minnesota has won four of its last five visits to the Georgia Dome, where the Falcons need to prosper the rest of the way to make the postseason.

Atlanta has its own injury issues and hopes rookie WR Julio Jones recovers from a right hamstring problem. But the Falcons won without him last week against the Titans, a more difficult foe than the Vikings.

## CAROLINA (2-8) AT INDIANAPOLIS (0-10)

OK, this might be it. With New England, Baltimore, Tennessee, Houston and Jacksonville — which just won at Indianapolis — on their radar, the Colts' best shot to avoid 0-16 ignominy could be in this one.

To get that win, though, the Colts must slow the No. 5 overall offense, led by dynamic rookie QB Cam Newton and revitalized wideout Steve Smith.

"We're not really in a position to judge anybody's record," Panthers tight end Greg Olsen said. "When you're 2-8, at that point we're all just kind of in the same boat. We're just looking to win. I'm sure they're looking at us the same way, saying this is great opportunity for us to right the ship."

## BUFFALO (5-5) AT NEW YORK JETS (5-5)

The Jets do everything in bunches: two wins, three losses, three wins, two losses. Their offense has struggled as quarterback Mark Sanchez has regressed behind a suddenly ineffective offensive line. Rex Ryan, who was fined \$75,000 this week for cursing out a fan during a loss to New England, was stunned by his defense's collapse against Tebow and the Broncos on Nov. 17.

Buffalo is in even worse shape, dropping three in a row, including 21-11 to the Jets, a game in which the Bills were manhandled. They won't have their best offensive player, RB Fred Jackson, who is sidelined the rest of the way by a right leg injury.

## CLEVELAND (4-6) AT CINCINNATI (6-4)

Cincinnati's chore is easy: beat the dregs of the league and likely make the playoffs. After the Browns, the Bengals do have Houston, Pittsburgh and Baltimore, but also St. Louis and Arizona. A 9-7 mark might be good enough, and a win over one of those better teams would get Cincinnati to 10 wins and almost certainly a wild-card berth.

The Bengals won at Cleveland to open what has been an uplifting season even though they have lost to their toughest opponents, the Ravens, Steelers and 49ers. Rookie Andy Dalton has progressed nicely at quarterback, and the defense is strong.

## TAMPA BAY (4-6) AT TENNESSEE (5-5)

Tampa gave Green Bay all it could handle last week but, like so many times this season, the disappointing Bucs fell short.

They bring an old, uh, friend back to Tennessee in DT Albert Haynesworth, a former All-Pro in his Titans days and now a situational player for the Bucs. Whether he gets a chance to sack Matt Hasselbeck is problematic: Hasselbeck injured his right arm in a loss to Atlanta, but vows he will start Sunday with Tennessee still in the thick of the wild-card race.

## WASHINGTON (3-7) AT SEATTLE (4-6)

Seattle seems to have found some spark with consecutive victories over Baltimore and St. Louis. It's too late for the Seahawks to repeat their NFC West crown — they're on the verge of elimination — but three more future opponents have losing records, so a .500 season isn't impossible.

The Redskins almost certainly won't get to the break-even mark. On a six-game skid, they have a pitiful run game and their minus-10 turnover differential is tied for last in the league.

## ARIZONA (3-7) AT ST. LOUIS (2-8)

Among the league's most lopsided rivalries, this game also has become the least inviting on the holiday schedule. The Cardinals have won nine of the last 10 in the series, six straight in St. Louis, and outscored the Rams 278-161 in those 10 games. This is the third straight road game for Arizona, which won at Philadelphia and lost at San Francisco.

# Tebow Knows Elway is Right: He Has to Get Better

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**ENGLEWOOD, Colo.** • John Elway took plenty of heat for affirming the conventional wisdom across the league: Tim Tebow must improve his passing and his third-down conversions if he is to succeed in the NFL.

While his legion of supporters took to Twitter and the airwaves to assail Elway for not sticking up for Denver's young quarterback, Tebow ever so graciously agreed with his boss, saying he most certainly has to complete more passes and find ways for his team to stay on the field.

Less than half of Tebow's throws, 44.8 percent, are finding their targets and less than a quarter of the Broncos' third-down plays, 23.6 percent, are working out since he took over from Kyle Orton at halftime against the Chargers on Oct. 9.

Boosting his passing prowess is a meticulous and mostly individual process, but upgrading the third-down success rate is a team effort, offensive coordinator Mike McCoy said.

"I think we've got to, as a whole, all 11 guys, do a better job of executing it whether we're running the ball or throwing it. ... We've got to do a better job planning, possibly, and making some adjustments here and there as the game goes along. It's all of us, we've got to all do a better job."

Tebow's completion rate ranks dead last among the four dozen NFL players who have attempted at least 20 throws this season, and since he took over as the starter, the Broncos have converted just 17 of 72 third downs.

That's not going to cut it in this league, Elway said in sparking a firestorm earlier this week. Some agreed with Elway's premise but pointed to Tebow's 4-1 record as a starter, which has allowed the Broncos (5-5) to climb back into the playoff race in the tight AFC West, trailing division leader Oakland by one game.

On Elway's weekly radio show on 102.3 FM The Ticket in Denver on Monday morning, host Gary Miller asked the Broncos chief of football operations if he were "any closer to feeling if you have your quarterback on this team?"

Elway paused and answered, "No."

He pointed out that Tebow has to do better on third downs and improve as a passer.

Elway also was scrutinized after NFL Network cameras caught him shortly after Tebow's go-ahead touchdown run that beat the New York Jets last week. At first, Elway was shown clapping and smiling, but moments later he had a serious look on his face as the Broncos prepared to kick off with 58 seconds left. That sparked another debate about whether Elway was actually happy to see Tebow winning games or saddened by moving down the draft order with each and every new triumph.

"I'm never thrilled or really happy until that clock says 0:00," Elway explained on his show.

After taking plenty of flak, Elway went on Denver radio station KOA-AM on Wednesday and said he's pulling for the former Florida star to become the long-term answer in Denver.



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*Detroit Lions defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh (90) talks with head coach Jim Schwartz during the third quarter of Detroit's 27-15 loss to Green Bay Thursday. Suh was ejected from the game after he stepped on an opposing offensive lineman.*

# Suh Says Actions Were 'Unacceptable'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DETROIT** • For the first season-and-a-half of his young career, Ndamukong Suh could almost brush off talk about his penalties and fines, saying he would keep doing what was needed to help his Detroit Lions.

After hurting the team with a penalty and ejection on Thanksgiving, Suh now says he has learned his lesson.

"My reaction on Thursday was unacceptable," the star defensive tackle said in a statement on his Facebook page Friday night. "I made a mistake, and have learned from it. I hope to direct the focus back to the task at hand — by winning."

The statement appeared on Suh's page around the same time he was publicly chastised by the Lions, one night after being ejected Thursday in a loss to Green Bay for stomping at an opposing player.

"The on-field conduct exhibited by Ndamukong Suh that led to his ejection from yesterday's game was unacceptable and failed to meet the high level of sportsmanship we expect from our players," the team said. "Ndamukong has

made many positive contributions to the Lions on and off the field. We expect his behavior going forward to consistently reflect that high standard of professionalism."

It could be several days before Suh finds out the true cost of his third-quarter stomp in Detroit's 27-15 loss to the Packers on Thursday. An NFL spokesman said Friday that plays from Week 12 looked at for potential discipline won't be reviewed until all games are completed.

Detroit coach Jim Schwartz was curt after Thursday's defeat when asked if he was worried about a possible suspension.

"I'm worried about losing this game," Schwartz said.

Suh was dismissed after tangling with Packers offensive lineman Evan Dietrich-Smith. After being pushed off Dietrich-Smith, Suh stepped down hard with his right foot, appearing to make contact with Dietrich-Smith's right arm.

Immediately after the game, Suh defended himself, saying he was trying to keep his balance while freeing himself from the brief scuffle.



# Surprise, Joy In NBA As Sides Close In On Deal

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**MIAMI •** Surprise, relief, joy and even some caution.

Such was the reaction of many NBA players and fans Saturday, amid news that the labor dispute which led to the cancellation of hundreds of games and threatened the entire season was nearing an end.

No schedules are out, the collective bargaining agreement has not been drafted and formal votes on the deal remain unscheduled. Still, for the first time in months, optimism seemed to take the lead over pessimism on the NBA's emotional scoreboard.

“The journey now begins!!” soon-to-be Cleveland guard Kyrie Irving, the league’s No. 1 draft pick, wrote on Twitter.

Well, soon enough, anyway.

Barring either side rejecting the deal, training camps will open Dec. 9, with the league's first three games set to be played on Christmas Day. The Utah Jazz invited fans to start calling again to discuss ticket options, the reigning NBA champion Dallas Mavericks wrote “Go Mavs” on Twitter shortly after the middle-of-the-night news conference to announce the breakthrough, and Shaquille O’Neal recorded a brief video to show his excitement.

“Haven’t crossed the finish line yet,” wrote Orlando guard J.J. Redick, “but there’s definitely a reason to be optimistic.”

The league and the union announced around 3 a.m. that they had struck a tentative deal calling for a 66-game season, meaning many owners — and play-

ers — were asleep, unaware of the news until they awoke. Miami guard Dwyane Wade was text-messaging with an associate shortly after 4 a.m. Eastern, and his reaction was subdued given the lateness of the hour.

“All I feel right now is ‘Finally,’ ” Wade said to The Associated Press.

Free agent Shane Battier said he was getting “mad love” from fans in Memphis, Miami, Oklahoma City and Houston — teams that all figure to be in the mix for his services.

“I am happy it looks like we’ll get to start winning our fans back,” Battier wrote. “Thanks for the patience. Need to read new details before I pop the bubbly.”

Later, Battier poked fun at himself, saying that tweet made him sound like “a conservative old man,” adding that he was happy to just talk basketball again.

So was just about everyone else.

Even former players were relieved, including Basketball Hall of Fame player Isiah Thomas, a former union president during his time with the Detroit Pistons.

“I’m extremely pleased and relieved,” said Thomas, now the Florida International coach. “Basketball in society is extremely important for social reasons, for economic reasons and the game has always been used to bring people together — not tear them apart. That being said, I think the owners and the players realized that they are not bigger than the game. By them coming together and continuing to work together, I’m pleased with that. That’s the way it should be.”

Thomas added that he

got very concerned when lawsuits started getting filed. Had the sides actually starting waging battles in courtrooms, Thomas feared the worst.

“Once the owners and players are going to court, relationships are severely damaged and severed forever,” he said. “Now that they’re back working together to better the game, those relationships have a chance to continue to exist.”

It should come as no surprise that the Heat — who will be among the favorites for the NBA title when the season gets rolling — were overjoyed by the news. LeBron James, Mario Chalmers and even team owner Micky Arison told their Twitter followers that they couldn’t wait to get started.

“I feel like my kids on X-mas day! So juiced!!,” James wrote.

But not everyone was celebrating.

“With high school and college basketball now playing, who really needed the NBA?” asked Ed White of Allentown, Pa. who was at Saturday’s NJIT-St. Francis (NY) men’s basketball game in Newark. “I think they’re going to lose some fans because of this. The NBA treats its fans like they really don’t care. I’m personally offended by both the owners and the players’ attitudes through all of this. They play for the fans. ... I think people will go back eventually, but not right away. It’s always about the money. The owners always want more. The players always want more. But when was the last time someone spent money to see an owner score a basket? The owners should realize that.”

## NBA

Continued from S1

Just 12 days after talks broke down and Stern declared the NBA could be headed to a “nuclear winter,” he sat next to Hunter to announce the 10-year deal, with either side able to opt out after the sixth year.

Owners relented slightly on their previous insistence that players receive no more than 50 percent of basketball-related income after they were guaranteed 57 percent in the old collective bargaining agreement. The target is still a 50-50 split, but with a band from 49 percent to 51 percent that gives the players a better chance of reaching the highest limit than previously proposed.

Owners were warned on a conference call Friday night that a deal did not seem imminent, a person briefed on the details told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

Then, shortly past 3 a.m., many league officials received an e-mail from Silver saying they had a deal — news that apparently caught many off guard.

Silver’s e-mail, the person said, did not contain any specifics about the terms of the tentative agreement.

Those details were expected to be provided on a late-afternoon conference call of the labor relations committee Saturday. The agenda was expected to include when franchises may begin contacting their players again and when team facilities could re-open in advance of training camps.

Stern said he expects the labor committee to endorse the deal and recommend it to the full board.

The players’ side has revealed little of its feelings about the deal, noting the pending antitrust litigation in its desire for keeping details quiet. But players always preferred to be on the

court, rather than in it, and now they finally have the chance.

“I think it was the ability of the parties to decide it was necessary to compromise and to kind of put this thing back together in some kind of way, to put an end to the litigation and everything that that entails,” Hunter said.

Players filed an amended antitrust lawsuit in Minnesota on Monday that could have earned the players billions but surely would have come at the cost of at

least the entire 2011-12 season.

Both sides said all along the only way to a deal was through negotiating. They got back together Tuesday, setting the way for the pivotal meeting that began Friday.

“I think we saw a willingness of both sides to compromise yet a little more and to reach this agreement,” Silver said. “We look forward to opening on Christmas Day and we are excited to bring NBA basketball back and that’s most important.”



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**Roger Federer lines up a forehand against David Ferrer in his semifinal match at the ATP Finals in London. Federer won in straight sets, 7-5, 6-3, and will play Jo-Wilfried Tsongas in today’s final**

## Federer, Tsongas Make ATP Final

ASSOCIATED PRESS

**LONDON •** Every time Roger Federer steps onto the court, another milestone seems to be within grasp.

He seized another one Saturday, reaching his 100th career final by beating David Ferrer 7-5, 6-3 in the semifinals of the ATP World Tour Finals. Federer could add a few more Sunday. He’s in position to win his 70th title overall and a record sixth at the season-ending tournament for the world’s top eight players.

“It’s obviously a special occasion for me,” said Federer, who will play Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the final.

Tsonga beat Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-3, 7-5 in the late match, putting the sixth-seeded Frenchman into the final of this event for the first time, in only his second appearance.

The victory over Ferrer sent Federer past Andy Murray to No. 3 in the year-end rankings, trailing No. 1 Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal.

Djokovic and Nadal were eliminated after losing two of their round-robin matches this week, both saying

their minds and bodies weren’t up for top-level tennis following another grueling season. Murray pulled out injured following his opening loss to Ferrer on Monday.

Federer — who holds a record 16 Grand Slam titles — is tied with Ivan Lendl and Pete Sampras with five victories at the ATP Finals, formerly known as the Masters Cup. A win Sunday would also tie Lendl’s record of 39 match victories in the event.

Federer became the fifth player to reach 100 finals in the open era, joining Jimmy Connors (163), Lendl (146), John McEnroe (108) and Guillermo Vilas (104).

“I’m shocked every time that I’ve reached so many finals or won against so many players or whatever record it is,” Federer said. “It strikes me and makes me obviously very happy and very proud that I’ve been able to do it for so many years at the highest of levels.”

And with his 806th victory Saturday, Federer moved into a share of sixth place on the career list with Stefan Edberg.

“Stefan was my idol,” Federer said. “So to achieve something that he achieved is

obviously very nice. I don’t think it matters much, but it’s still very nice to get reminded that you equaled your idol’s or hero’s achievements.”

In a tournament where his biggest rivals complained of fatigue after failing to make it out of the group stage, Federer showed no signs of slowing down. The 30-year-old Swiss star extended his unbeaten streak to 16 matches after winning titles in Basel and Paris before coming to London.

Federer has played some of his best tennis of the year in London, and while he did not look as sharp against Ferrer as he did in his three group-stage victories, he never faced a break point. He broke the fifth-seeded Spaniard twice in the second set and converted his second match point with a forehand winner.

Ferrer came within two points of the first set six times in Federer’s service game when the Spaniard led 5-4. But he never earned a break point in a game that went to deuce five times, and Federer finally held when Ferrer sent a backhand passing shot wide. That marked a turning point, with Federer winning the next four games as well to take control.

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Tonight: A few overnight clouds. Low 31.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy. High 50.

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Temperature

Yesterday's High

44°

Yesterday's Low

17°

Normal High / Low

41° / 23°

Record High

64° in 1950

Record Low

-12° in 1952

Precipitation

Yesterday's

0.00"

Month to Date

0.55"

Avg. Month to Date

0.87"

Water Year to Date

1.93"

Avg. Water Year to Date

1.51"

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Mostly sunny skies today. Rain and snow showers become possible late tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Today Highs 40's

Tonight's Lows 20's to 30's

BOISE

Skies will be mostly sunny once again for today. Tomorrow clouds will be more common and there will be a small chance for rain.

Today Highs/Lows 50's / 30's

NORTHERN UTAH

Skies to be mostly sunny today. For the overnight hours, clouds will increase to mostly cloudy. Staying cloudy through Monday.

Yesterdays State Extremes - High: 51 at Lewiston Low: -9 at Stanley

weather key: su-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, mc-mostly cloudy, c-cloudy, th-thunderstorms, sh-showers,r-rain, sn-snow, fl-flurries, w-wind, m-missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

Tonight

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

High 51°

Low 32°

51° / 29°

51° / 33°

50° / 30°

46° / 31°

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature

Yesterday's High

44°

Yesterday's Low

18°

Normal High / Low

41° / 24°

Record High

66° in 1990

Record Low

-2° in 1985

Precipitation

Yesterday's

0.00"

Month to Date

0.56"

Avg. Month to Date

1"

Water Year to Date

1.81"

Avg. Water Year to Date

1.74"

Humidity

Yesterday's High

77%

Yesterday's Low

33%

Today's Forecast Avg.

60%

Barometric Pressure

5 pm Yesterday

30.60 in.

Sunrise and Sunset

Today

Monday

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Thursday

Sunrise: 7:43 AM

Sunrise: 7:45 AM

Sunrise: 7:46 AM

Sunrise: 7:47 AM

Sunrise: 7:47 AM

Sunset: 5:07 PM

Sunset: 5:07 PM

Sunset: 5:06 PM

Sunset: 5:06 PM

Sunset: 5:06 PM

Moonrise and Moonset

Today

Monday

Tuesday

Moonrise: 10:12 AM

Moonrise: 10:56 AM

Moonrise: 11:32 AM

Moonset: 7:50 PM

Moonset: 8:59 PM

Moonset: 10:07 PM

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NATIONAL FORECAST

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# Vettel Wins Record 15th F1 Pole

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**SAO PAULO •** Two-time Formula One champion Sebastian Vettel made history again on Saturday, breaking Nigel Mansell's 19-year record for the most pole positions in a season.

One year after becoming the youngest driver to win the F1 championship, the German captured his 15th pole at the Brazilian Grand Prix on Saturday to surpass the mark Mansell set in 1992. "Obviously it took the master in that discipline a

couple of races less, but very special to me and just happy to be here," said the 24-year-old Vettel, who was 23 when he won the 2010 title for Red Bull. Mansell set the record with Williams in a 16-race season in which he also won

nine races to capture his only F1 drivers' title. He only failed to start from the pole at the Canadian and Hungarian GPs that year. He had six consecutive poles to start the season and five straight to finish. Vettel broke the record in 19 races. He only failed to win the pole in Spain, England, Germany and South Korea. His worst starting

position was third, in Germany. "An awesome achievement by Sebastian," Red Bull team principal Christian Horner said. "It's a new record in Formula One, which is a small piece of history for Sebastian and is thoroughly deserved. He shared the record with Nigel for two weeks and he now has some fairly illustrious

names behind him." Vettel drew even with Mansell after winning his 14th pole at the Abu Dhabi GP two weeks ago, and broke the record on Saturday in 1 minute, 11.918 seconds on the 2.6-mile Interlagos track. Vettel parked his car and extended his finger to show who was No. 1 again, his trademark celebration.

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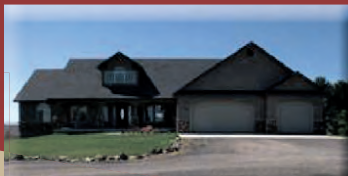
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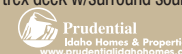
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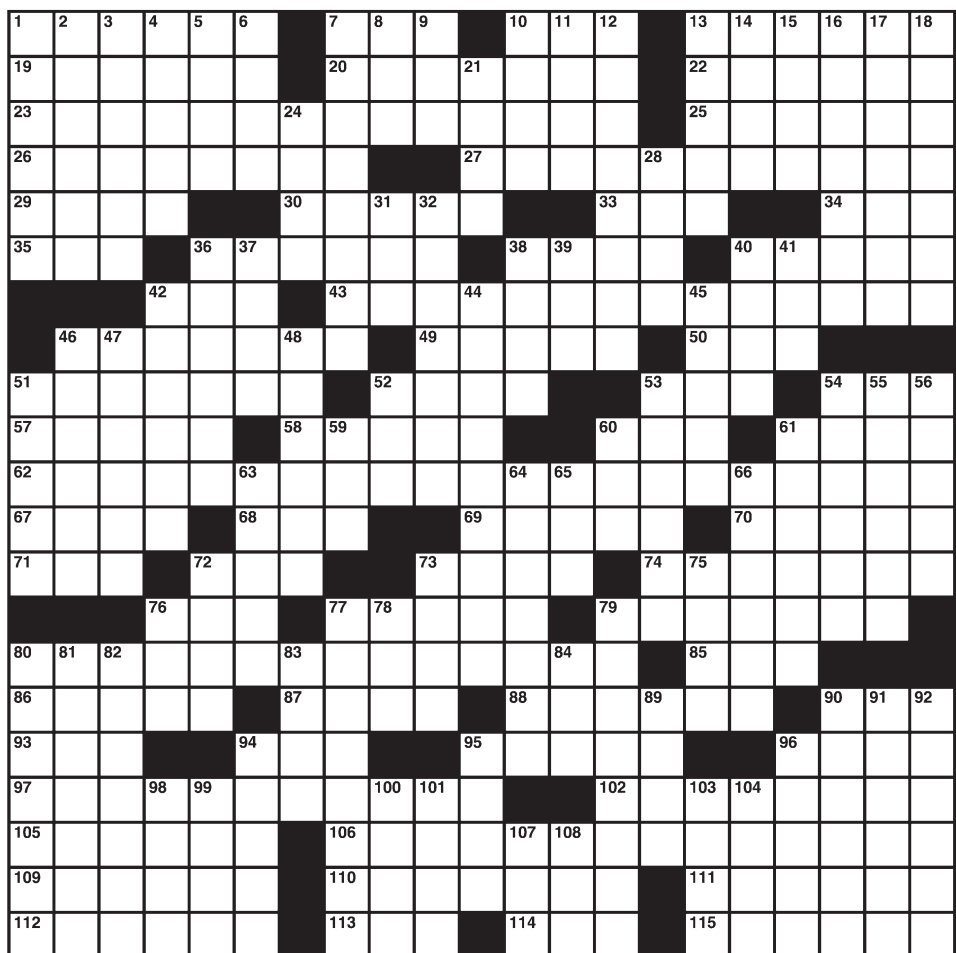
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**DEAR ABBY:** I am married to the most wonderful husband and father a woman could ask for. He has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and may not have long to live. Ever since I met "John" he has searched for his daughter who was given up for adoption years ago. We recently found her. It took him some time to find the courage to send her a message, and when he did she rejected him.

"Patty" met her birth mother a few years ago and decided to have contact only with her. This has caused John so much pain that I sometimes cry myself to sleep at night. Our daughters were raised knowing they have an older sister. They also know we found Patty and she doesn't want to get to know us. I don't know how to explain what's happening without them thinking they're not good enough.

My husband was raised in foster homes. He had no family, so family is the most important thing in the world to us and he could die at any moment. I don't know what I can do to ease the sadness or make his daughter see that she may not have another chance. Abby, please help.

— BLINDSIDED  
IN BEND, ORE.



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR BLINDSIDED:** I'll try. Write Patty a letter and tell her that her father loves her and searched for her for many years before he was able to locate her. Tell her that he is now terminally ill and would like to see her before he dies — and that it could be healing for both of them. Of course, it is her right to refuse.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My identical twin sister "Gwen" and I were close our whole lives. She married and had two children, while I stayed single. Because our lives took different directions, we have not been as close over the past couple of years because Gwen was busy raising her family.

She has recently gone through a divorce and is the primary caregiver of her children. She doesn't have a job. I feel like I'm walking on eggshells around her. She has threatened several times to kill herself, and she starts horrible arguments with our parents and me.

I have tried to help out and watch her kids when I could, but I have a full schedule and need to make time for my other relationships. After being threatened a couple of times, I finally stopped talking to her because I was tired of turning the other cheek to her outrageous, violent behavior.

I love my twin and miss our close relationship. I understand the stress of being an unemployed, single mother of two, but I can't continue putting up with the weekly arguments. Is there any hope we can be close again? Gwen was in counseling for a while. What can I do to help resolve things without turning into a doormat again?

— MIRROR IMAGE  
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Mend your fences, don't tear them down. During the week ahead, a natural desire to do your best may be perceived by others as aggressiveness. Let others guide your hand when purchasing tasteful items.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Feel the love. Stand out-in-a-crowd, as leadership abilities will come to the forefront this week. Approach others with an all-encompassing visage of goodwill and it will bounce back to enrich your life.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Ambition could be your middle name in the week to come. Although your heart is in the right place where business success is concerned you should be cautious about wearing that heart on your sleeve.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Enjoy the inside track. You know the people in the know, so will have a heads-up right when it is needed to protect yourself from potential problems. In the week to come, remain supportive of mates.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You fight the good fight. Sometimes, however, in the week to come, you might fight when it isn't necessary. Try not to grow defensive or irritable when your authority is challenged — or others voice a mere opinion.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Contrary people might knock on your door. You may suffer from antagonism when engaged in competitions. In the upcoming week, you might see every disagreement as a challenge to your authority.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Throw it against a wall. Keep it if it sticks. You have the ability to turn your inspirations into reality, so concentrate on creative ideas in the week to come. Partners could be demanding for a few days.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Inside information helps you succeed in the outer world. You do better by reviewing past decisions then by making new ones in the upcoming week. Don't spend more to feed a passion for success.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Conspicuous consumption is a compelling concept. You might have an urge to overdo in the week to come. Send your common sense off to guard your wallet; don't try to compete with the Joneses.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You should know what will happen if you hold your breath. You cannot stop the natural functions of life or you will suffer the consequences. In the week ahead, pursue your passions with aplomb.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Pick and choose. Even when someone or something floats your boat, you might prefer to stay in dry dock. Acting out a romantic fantasy might be inappropriate for the real world in the week to come.

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Heavy-Handed, Manhattan, N.Y.

**ANSWER:** You pays your money and you takes your choice! If they pass over two clubs, you may still find it hard to describe your hand. If they compete, you may well not get your hand across easily. If your clubs were the doubleton king or queen instead, opening one diamond might be right. As it is, though, I'd vote strongly for two clubs, planning to bid diamonds before spades. I don't want partner responding to my one-level openings with flat three-counts in case I have a hand like this.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**

How hard is the Seniors' game compared to the open? I notice you have been playing in the Seniors' events recently and I wonder if there is a measurable difference.

Young at Heart, West Palm Beach, Fla.

**ANSWER:** I have qualified for the senior world championships on a couple of occasions recently, including the current year. In doing so, we had to beat plenty of former world champions within the U.S.A. to make the team. Equally, in the world events most players had previously represented their countries at the open level, so I feel quite comfortable saying that there is no appreciable decline in standards in these events.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**

When you have a hand such as ♠ J-7-4, ♥ K-6, ♦ Q-10-9-7-3-2, ♣ A-9 and your RHO opens in a suit, would you make a jump overcall, or a two-level overcall? Would the vulnerability matter?

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**ANSWER:** Yes. When I am vulnerable, my jump overcalls are closer to intermediate than weak (which means on the sample hand I'd need the diamond king instead of the two). Nonvulnerable I'd also rate the hand as holding too much defense for a pre-emptive jump, so I would settle for a simple overcall at any vulnerability.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**

My LHO opened one club and my partner doubled. My RHO responded two clubs. I passed, as did my LHO. My partner doubled again. The question is, was this second double a takeout double? The top players in our duplicate bridge club say yes. Do you agree?

Advise and Consent, Vancouver, British Columbia

**ANSWER:** The top players have it right. Once you start by showing one sort of hand, you really can't change at will. Such second-round actions are simply "more of the same." All low-level doubles facing a partner who can't act rate to be takeout. The point is that if you have a balanced 15-17, you'd have bid no-trump already; with 18-20, you know you are facing weakness, so your choice is to bid two no-trump or to pass and try to beat them. Hence, double is takeout plus extras.

**Dear Mr. Wolff:**

My partner held ♠ Q-9-3-2, ♥ 9-4, ♦ Q-J-3, ♣ A-Q-7-4. After I bid three spades over a three-heart pre-empt, how would you judge his hand? What else can he do but bid four spades?

Multiple Choice, Riverside, Calif.

**ANSWER:** You ask a very sensible question and one to which the answer would appear to be what you suggest — namely, all he can do is bid four spades because any other action would take you past your safety-level. But in the expert community many would say that a four-heart bid here is NOT a cue-bid, but simply a slam-try in support of spades. Don't try this at home without agreement.

For details of Bobby Wolff's autobiography, "The Lone Wolff," contact kay19072@aol.com. If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@mindspring.com.

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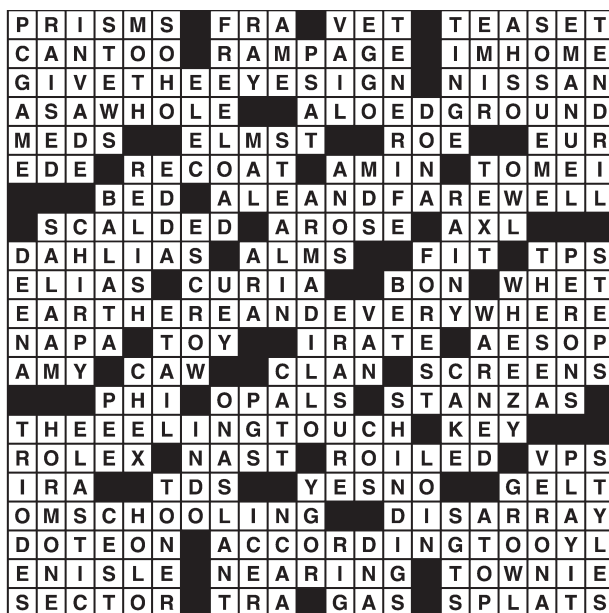
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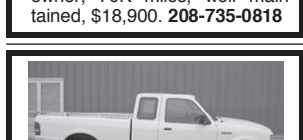
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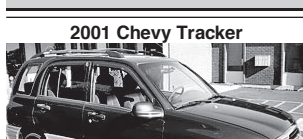
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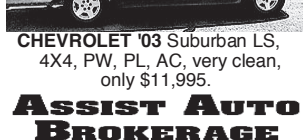
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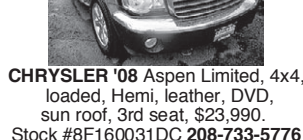
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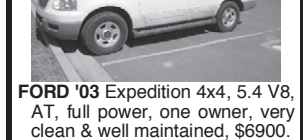
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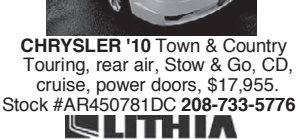
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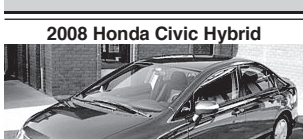
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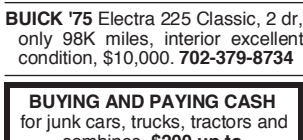
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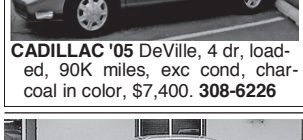
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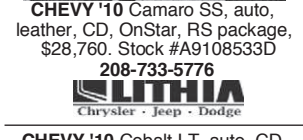
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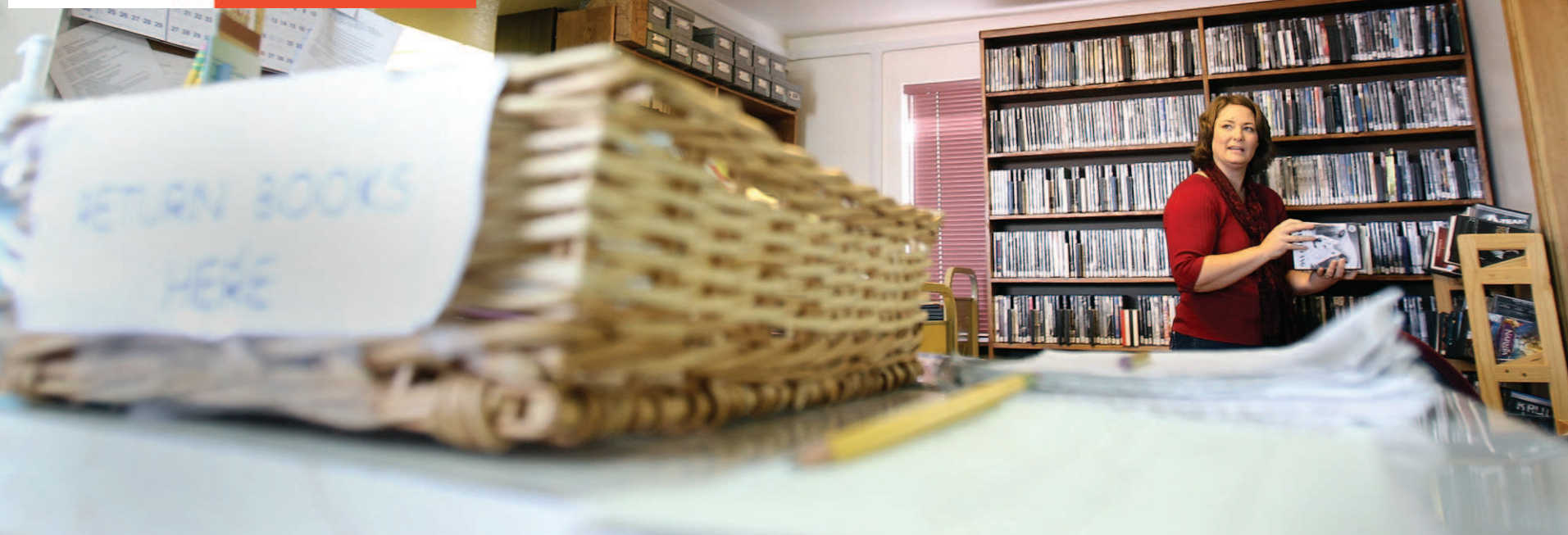


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Librarian Lauren Peters works behind the Hansen Public Library counter on Nov. 18. Rural Idaho libraries are used to hardships, so many are faring well through the poor economy.

# Little Libraries on the Desert

With small budgets and smaller populations, rural libraries have unique challenges to overcome. But they’re used to it.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN  
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Bibliophiles who live in small towns like Carey and Fairfield deserve access to libraries, too.

But what does it take to keep those buildings open?

Rural Idaho libraries face unique challenges, like serving limited patronages that are spread over large areas and operating on tiny budgets. But because they’re used to hardships, many are weathering the poor economy well.

It helps that most aren’t dependent on cities for their budgets. Many rural public libraries, like those in Hansen and Fairfield, are funded by property taxing districts.

It’s a nice system, said Kevin Tomlinson of the Idaho Library Association. Though the budgets are small, libraries funded by taxing districts don’t have to worry about cities cutting library budgets to fund other needs when times are tough.

There are downsides, of course. Those small budgets and a limited number of patrons often force rural libraries to keep limited hours. Oakley’s public library is open afternoons on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and the Hansen library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

“We try to be open more hours and it doesn’t work,” said Oakley librarian Pamela Jenks. It’s expensive to keep the building open and the lights on, even if no one shows up.

And though they’re used to small budgets, things are getting more costly. Electricity bills are rising, and books are spendy. Oakley’s library recently had to replace its furnace, and though it had enough money, the expenditure hurt.

Public libraries find other revenue sources, such as grants for computers and donations for books. Still, finding the time to go after that funding can be difficult, said Mary Bowman, director of the Little Wood River library district. While big libraries have employees

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New books line the shelves at Hansen Public Library. Rising prices for book purchases are among the pressures on small libraries.

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## WHERE THE COOL KIDS GO

With four-day school weeks in some Magic Valley school districts, students flock to the public library to kill time.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN  
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Early in the afternoon of Nov. 18, every computer at the Hansen Public Library was full. And except for one adult, every user was younger than 16.

They weren’t skipping school. When Hansen School District went to a four-day week this school year, the public library became one of the hangout hot spots on Friday afternoons. For students, it’s one of the only free places to go in the small town.

In a community like Hansen, the library offers a free place for kids who are too old for baby sitters but still need something to do. Sarha Berry, librarian at Hansen, said the library sees as many as 40 kids at the end of the week. Some teens bring their younger siblings, while others do their homework and hang with friends.

While Berry shelved books Nov. 18, eighth-graders Edgar Arebalo and Dalton Colson watched “Beavis and Butt-Head” on YouTube. They come to the library when they’re not at basketball practice at the elementary school, Colson said.

There are other things to do in Hansen — girls have cheerleading practice, and every student can get homework help on Fridays, said seventh-grader Liliana Limon — but the library gives them a chance to get away from school and home while staying out of trouble.

The Hansen library isn’t alone. When the Gooding School District moved to a four-day week in 2009, Gooding’s public library saw an increase in young patrons on Fri-

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The Robertson kids of New Brighton, Minn., celebrate the power of red hair as they trigger their photograph in a studio: Katie, 11, back, Erin, 8, left, Tommy, 7, right, and Bridget, 5.

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# Redheads Seeing Red Because of Bias

BY KRISTIN TILLOTSON  
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

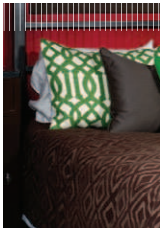
Patti Stanger, host of “The Millionaire Matchmaker,” is making carrot-tops

seered. Stanger, who has often criticized redheads on the Bravo reality show that sets up rich men with comely women, is the target of a new Facebook protest campaign cheekily called “We’re the 2 percent.” “Redhead dis-

crimination is overlooked, laughed at, and swept under the rug,” writes campaign instigator Erin Roche. It’s an “accepted form of racism.”

That’s not the only example of dising those blessed with strawberry blond, auburn or flaming orange tresses: In September, the world’s largest sperm bank (Cryos of Denmark) began rejecting redheaded donors, claiming a lack of demand. Television shows

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# Book Looks Back at ‘100 Unforgettable Dresses’

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL  
Associated Press

Some dresses you remember: Michelle Obama’s inaugural gown, Coco Chanel’s little black dress, Cher’s Oscar getups. They make an impression on the collective culture beyond a fleeting fashion trend.

InStyle fashion director Hal Rubenstein counts down his favorites in a new book called “100 Unforgettable Dresses.”

“Dresses are important for different reasons, but how they are unified is that they are not all simply about fashion. They hit us emotionally, psychologically or affect how we perceive beauty,” he says.

A great dress also can jump-start a career, he says, and that’s not just limited to fashion. Mrs. Obama’s white, one-shouldered gown for the inaugural balls literally made Jason Wu a household name overnight, but stars as diverse as Phyllis Diller and Elizabeth Hurley parlayed a splash of style into celebrity.

Hurley in Gianni Versace’s safety-pin gown in 1994 for the premiere of “Four Weddings and a Funeral” is the first dress featured in the book — which is “not quite” random order, Rubenstein says.

“The Versace safety-pin dress is the

greatest example of the power of clothing. It made a woman famous overnight. Elizabeth Hurley was a pretty girl on Hugh Grant’s arm who no one knew. The next day it was, ‘Who’s that girl?’”

Modern A-listers Sarah Jessica Parker and Cate Blanchett join the late style icons Audrey Hepburn, Jacqueline Kennedy and Grace Kelly as women who successfully made fashion part of their identity, he says. They show a deep understanding of fashion without ever seeming burdened by it, he describes.

Not all their outfits were showstoppers, but there rarely have been missteps — at least not missteps for the signature look they carved for themselves.

Blanchett is one of the few people who could have pulled off Alexander McQueen’s “Where Eagles Fly” gown,

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To achieve a classic red-and-green color scheme for a holiday party buffet, use scattered rose petals, evergreen boughs, red ribbon and red candles.

# Party Management 101: It's All about the Guests

BY BETH J. HARPAZ  
Associated Press

It would be so easy to give holiday parties if it weren't for the guests.

Guests who fail to RSVP, then show up with friends. Guests who arrive late and stay past your bedtime. Guests who clean out your shrimp cocktail but won't touch your pasta salad. Guests who knock over drinks and nearly set their sleeves on fire reaching over your candles.

And the worst guest of all: the one who's busy the night of your holiday party and can't make it.

But you can outsmart them all and host a party as carefree for you as it is fun for them. Here are some tips for Party Management 101, from the invite to the "Goodnight!"

**TIMING:** Send the invitation for a holiday party too early and people forget. Wait too long and everyone's booked.

Kaity Eagle, a marketing specialist with Invitation-Consultants.com, recommends sending invitations "no later than one month before the party. November and December are busy months."

Sunday evenings are a good alternative to busy Friday and Saturday nights. Yes, everyone has to go to work or school the next day, but if you schedule your party for late Sunday afternoon or early evening, you could end up with a crowd. Friends might welcome a way to relax after a busy weekend of shopping and chores, especially if you offer a dinner buffet and save them the trouble of preparing a meal.

**INVITES AND RSVP:** Paper, electronic or phone invitations? So many options, and yet so few result in RSVPs.

The paper invite makes an impression, but it's more work for you. It also may suggest an unintended formality or level of fuss for your party.

On the other end of the

spectrum is the phone or text invite. That may be a little too casual and easy to lose track of, especially if you're sending them several weeks out.

Electronic invitations — Evite, email, Paperless Post, Facebook and other sites — have become the default for many people, and may yield the most responses in our no-RSVP culture simply because responding requires just one click.

But there are always a few who never RSVP. Some have no intention of coming; others may show up unannounced with uninvited friends. And a few will pledge their attendance, then never show, or cancel last-minute. How's a hostess to cope?

Jennifer Gullins of the Boston-based Sapphire Event Group suggests pinning down commitments from a few BFFs. "It's OK to take a pulse on your core group of invitees well in advance. ... This will ensure that you already know a good handful will be attending even before sending out the official invite."

Should you make follow-up calls to those who don't respond? Debi Lilly, entertaining expert for the supermarket chain Safeway, says a gracious call or email to sincerely say, "I wanted to make sure you got my invitation," is always appropriate.

Another way to go is to send out a single email reminder a week before the event to everyone you haven't heard from. If that too is ignored, they're probably not coming.

I've had luck over the years getting RSVPs to my annual Hanukkah party by including a special plea on the grounds that I want to have enough homemade latkes for everyone. Threatening that a tantalizing treat might disappear if you don't have a reliable head count might be enough to shake the RSVPs out.

Patricia Mendez, who offers tips at ezentertain-

ing.net and wrote a book called "Easy Entertaining for Beginners," says it's prudent to assume that a few surprise guests will show up. "If you have 12 that RSVP, then plan for a few more just in case — 16," she said.

She also suggests inviting a third more people than your space fits: "If your space will fit 12 to 16 people, send invitations to 20 to 24."

**FOOD AND DECOR:** Food that's good at room temperature is easiest on the host, though it limits the menu.

See what prepared foods your supermarket is offering before you splurge at specialty stores; you might be surprised by the selection and quality of cold party platters and easy-to-bake frozen hors d'oeuvres. Safeway's Lilly says it's easy to dress up frozen puffs with fresh herbs, fruit slivers, a drizzle of balsamic cream or shaved parmesan. "The trick," she said, "is to elevate them."

And remember that variety is a virtue. I used to offer pasta salad as a side dish for potato pancakes until someone pointed out that it was just too many carbs. Fruit platters with berries, toothpicked pineapple chunks and melon balls, on the other hand, proved much more popular, as did chicken wings.

Many people have dietary issues these days, so consider offering something for the vegetarian and for the low-salt, low-fat crowd, along with holiday treats that may be high-calorie or high-sugar.

Lilly also advocates a self-serve drink area with a couple of fun choices in labeled pitchers so you're not stuck making cocktails all night. Keep a few dishtowels or rolls of paper towels in easy reach for the inevitable spills.

Lilly's suggestions for easy, inexpensive decor include covering the table with wrapping paper instead of a tablecloth. Or

decorate the table in classic holiday colors by layering evergreen boughs across the edge and scattering red rose petals over the rest.

She also fills large glass vases with layers of dried beans and nuts for a chic, organic look, then plops a candle inside. Both the vases and the candles are available at Safeway stores through the debi lilly design collection.

**ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES:** Some folks will come early; some will stay late. Minimize stress by having everything ready a half-hour before your start time, and deputize someone else to answer the door and take coats.

Set the tone by listing a clear start and end time on the invitation. Open house is nice and informal, but it also means some folks will drop by just when you were hoping everyone would leave. If you're planning on serving real food and not just chips and cookies, a window of a couple of hours also makes it easy to keep food fresh.

Exact times also are "helpful for guests that might be double booked that day and may want to try to make both parties," said Gullins, of the Sapphire Event Group.

To manage lingerers, Gullins recommends planting someone among the guests to help. "This friend could make casual comments to the crowd such as, 'Wow, I can't believe how late it is already,' or 'I really should get going soon, I know you have an early day at work tomorrow' or 'Let me help you get this place cleaned up a bit.' These type of comments make others take notice and follow suit without you looking like a lame party host."

Eagle, of InvitationConsultants.com, suggests preparing take-home favors — perhaps small bags of cookies or candy — at the end of the night is a subtle and sweet way to say goodnight," she said.

## CAN'T DECIDE HOW TO REDECORATE?

BY KIM COOK  
For The Associated Press

Full disclosure: I don't suffer from the indecisive decorator affliction.

Take after my mother, who can nail the perfect paint shade from a hundred yards. We know what we like, and we know it when we see it.

But for many folks, who are more self-critical than self-confident, the journey to the ideal wall color or room style is fraught with angst. What if you choose wrong and visitors to your home snicker? What if you spend all that money and don't get it right?

It doesn't help that decorating options are so extensive today. Anyone who has stared down a 6-foot-long wall of paint chips knows the feeling. There's an encyclopedic sample book of sofa fabric. Wood flooring, tile, linoleum and carpet present hundreds more options. And what about window treatments, with a dozen versions of blinds alone?

We don't know what we like, or we like everything.

That, experts say, leads to "decision paralysis," whose sufferers just leave things as they are because choosing something different is overwhelming.

Here are five expert tips to make decor decisions a bit easier:

### 1. Look at yourself.

Seattle-based author and interior designer Nikki Willhite advises paying attention to what you're drawn to in shelter magazines, other people's homes, TV programs. Think about the colors in your wardrobe, too — chances are those colors and styles will translate into rooms you'll love. If your closet is full of simple tones and clean lines, then neutral hues and tailored furnishings will appeal. If the drawers brim with pattern, let your home echo that exuberance.

### 2. Test-drive it.

Debra Kling, a color consultant in Larchmont, N.Y., recommends testing a large paint swath on all four walls.

"Observe the room over several days. You should especially like the color at the time of day, with the customary lighting, when you most often use the room," she says.

The quality of light, the room's orientation and the surrounding colors all have an effect on a paint shade.

"I also advise approaching color holistically — one room should work with the next in some way," says Kling. "You can accomplish this by using related hues, or colors of similar value."

As for furniture, some retailers will let you try a piece at home before committing.

Bring home samples of window treatments, wall and floor finishes, even cabinet doors. Live with them for a few days, moving them around to different vantage points.

### 3. Size it up.

Take a tape measure to the

store, make sure the piece will fit your space, and sit or sprawl on it as you would at home.

A tightly-upholstered leather sectional might always look tidy, but nobody's going to enjoy sitting on it if it isn't comfy.

Willhite also recommends versatile pieces of furniture. "The more flexible the piece, the easier it is to place, and relocate," she says.

### 4. Get a second opinion.

Always admired your neighbor's decorating style? For the price of coffee and dessert, design-savvy friends are usually happy to offer ideas.

But don't go overboard. "Too much advice leads to just as much confusion as too little," says Alina Tugend, author of "Better by Mistake" (Riverhead, 2011).

If you're more comfortable putting yourself in the hands of a pro, ask around for recommendations. On Facebook, Benjamin Moore has an "Experts Exchange," where you can talk to a designer or color pro before you choose your paint.

Benjamin Moore, Behr, Pittsburgh and Sherwin-Williams among others offer online programs where you can overlay paint shades on different room styles. Shelter magazines such as House Beautiful and Better Homes and Gardens offer similar options. Valspar's website lets you download your own interior and exterior photos before trying out colors.

### 5. Show your personality, and relax.

After all, it's your home, no one else's. There are no design police. As many of TV's home design shows point out, modern home decor doesn't follow a playbook anymore.

However you arrive at your decorating decisions, trust your instincts, advises Mark Tyrrell, therapist and co-founder of the Oban, Scotland-based self-help program Uncommon Knowledge. "Don't always insist on logical reasons for everything. Learn to say 'because it feels right,'" he says.

He also urges people to use their imaginations. "Really sit down and envisage living with the decision. How does that feel?"

Tugend notes, "The only way to know something is to do it. And don't worry about making a mistake — you might fall in love with it."

She mentions a blond wood dining table purchased years ago that she'd never been able to find matching chairs for.

"I kept thinking our dark chairs looked wrong, but now I really like the combination," she says.

In a neighborhood filled with neutral-hued homes, Willhite painted her house yellow. "I was surprised and embarrassed at how bright it came out," she says. But time has toned it down, and she says, "It's actually very pretty!"

## Food for Thought

BY AARON LEITKO  
The Washington Post

Prevailing logic and countless antacid commercials suggest that high stress and a bad mood will lead to an upset stomach. But it might be the other way around. In the November issue of Whole Living, the magazine writes that your gut and what you put in it have a bigger effect on your brain than you may think.

According to Michael Gershon, a professor of pathology and cell biology at Columbia University, who was consulted for the article, the two systems are linked in intricate ways: "Given all of the neuro-

transmitters in your gut, it's equally likely that it's happening from the bottom up," he explains. Whole Living suggests some easy, hippie-dippy ways to keep the works — and, by proxy, your mind — running smoothly.

To start, make sure you're keeping a healthy amount of microbes and other bacteria in your digestive system. So avoid processed foods and go easy on the antibiotics if possible. Also, consume leafy greens to get sufficient fiber, and try to eat a couple of tablespoons of ground flaxseed each day, to keep things, you know, moving along.

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### Pucker Up



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**Rich Cartney, administrator of Bennett Hills Care and Rehabilitation Center in Gooding, kisses a pig following a fundraiser at the center. Residents and staff all raised \$551 over three weeks for the Employee Morale Committee. The money will help pay for the center's Christmas party. After a vote, Cartney got the honor of kissing the pig.**

## BRIDGE NEWS

### Bridge Winners in Rupert

The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club in Rupert has announced the results of play for Nov.15.

**North-South:** 1. Peggy Hackley and Riley Burton, 2. Wilma Shockey and Gary Shockey, 3. Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai, 4. Bub and Marie Price.

**East-West:** 1. Sheila Hubsmith and Mildred Wolf, 2. Dot Creason and William Goodman, 3. Eunice Merrigan and Barbara Carney, 4. Donna Moore and Jane Keicher.

Games are held at 1 p.m. Tuesdays at the Rupert Elks. For partners and more information: Steve Sams, 878-7691, or Vera Mai, 436-4163.

### Gooding Shares Bridge Results

Gooding Duplicate Bridge has released its recent results.

**Nov. 11 Section A North-South:** 1. Dennis and Pat Hill, 2. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major.

**East-West:** 1. Max Thompson and Dennis Hanel, 2 Marg Pierson and Susan Faulkner.

**Section B** 1. Susan Faulkner and Marg Pierson, 2. Kathie Boian and Beverly Reed.

**Nov. 18** 1. Bobette Plankey and Beverly Burns, 2. Delores Robinson and Rosalee Eberhard, 3. Jodi Faulkner and Claire Major, 4. (tie) Kathy

Rooney and Judy Hall, Lucy Gustafson and Adelaide Gerard.

Duplicate bridge is played at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding Senior Center, 308 Senior Ave. For more information: Kathy Rooney, 934-9732.

### Twin Falls Bridge Results

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge has shared results of play for the first part of November.

**Nov. 8** (day changed due to scheduling conflict)

1. Judy Hall and Kathy Rooney, 2. Mary Kinlen and Beverly Burns, 3. Edna Pierson and Alta Hoobery, 4. (tie) Riley Burton and Jessie Lingnaw, Sue Skinner and Joye Astorquia.

**Nov. 13 Unit 400 game Flight A**

**Overall:** 1. Alta Hoobery and Renee Bulcher, 2. Peggy Hackley and Shirley Tschannen, 3. Susan Faulkner and Lorna Bard, 4. Don and Ruth Rahe, 5. Joyce Johnston and Doris Finney, 6. Sue Skinner and Edna Pierson.

**Flight B**

**Overall:** 1. Susan Faulkner and Lorna Bard, 2. Joyce Johnston and Doris Finney, 3. Patti Cooper and Beverly Reed, 4. (tie) Dar and Tom Wagner, Veeta Roberts and Pat Dearborn.

Twin Falls Duplicate Bridge is played at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center. Information: Edna Pierson, 324-5734.

## STUDENT AWARDS

# CASSIA HIGH SCHOOL NAMES STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Cassia High School's student of the month is Josh Knight.

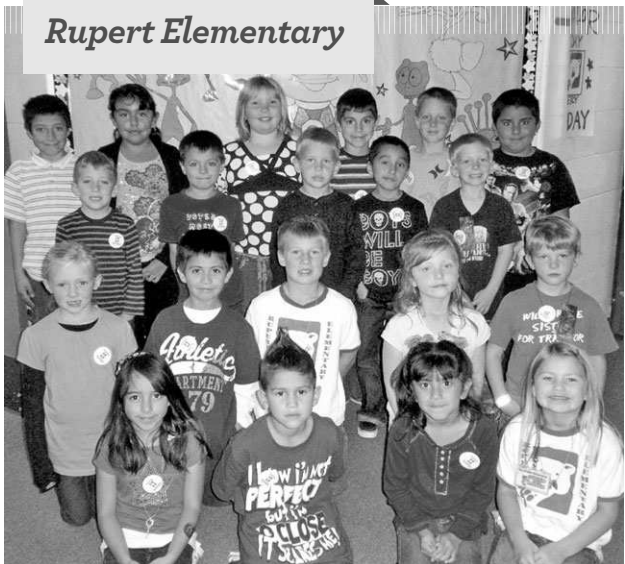
Knight, a senior, was nominated for being an outstanding, straight-A student

and remarkable young man, according to the school. Students commented on his ability to befriend everyone at school.



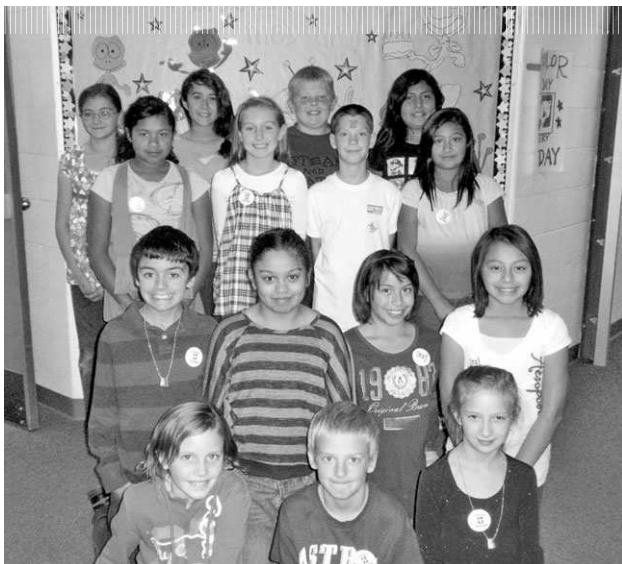
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### Rupert Elementary



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**The following first- through third-grade students were named Citizens of the Month at Rupert Elementary School for October:**  
**First row:** America, Damien, Gabriela and Ava.  
**Second row:** Shari, Manuel, Cannon, London and Dakoda.  
**Third row:** Brock, Luis, Riggan, Adan and Jackson.  
**Fourth row:** Michael, Samantha, Brianna, Landen, London and Robert.



COURTESY PHOTO

**The following fourth- and fifth-grade students were named Citizens of the Month at Rupert Elementary School for October:**  
**First row:** Mary, Rece and Koneisha.  
**Second row:** Cody, Ashley, Aliyah and Jacoby.  
**Third row:** Emily, Hannah, Ty and Isabel.  
**Fourth row:** Neena, Kassie, Tegan and Ana.

### Hollister Elementary



**These Hollister Elementary School students were chosen by their teachers as students of the month for September, for being proactive in their classrooms and on the playground.**  
**Front row:** Natallie, second grade; Dalli, kindergarten; and Hellen, first grade.  
**Back row:** Jackie, fifth grade, and Vanessa, third grade.  
**Not shown:** Nelli, fourth grade.

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# Why Not Police Parking?

**Why are parking laws not enforced? I see cars parked in handicapped spaces, or facing the wrong way on the street, or across sidewalks. I also see officers drive by these violations every day but never stop and write a citation.**

— John



Dan Bristol  
Policeman Dan

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- "Vacation" means you're driving spud truck.
- You measure distance in hours.
- You know all four seasons: almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.
- You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

### Quote of the Month

"Keep your eyes open to your mercies. The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

### Officer Down

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

- Officer James Capoot, Vallejo Police, Calif.
  - Agent Mariano Rodriguez-Maldonado, Puerto Rico Police Department.
- They fought the good fight, now may they rest in peace.

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Library News

**The Buhl Public Library celebrated Family Reading Week on Nov. 14, with a theme of ‘Let the Games Begin.’ Afterschool activities included Book Bingo, Apples to Apples, Wii Dance 2, Harry Potter Chess and other games, as well as snacks and prizes. More than 60 elementary school students attended.**

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### See Buhl Library’s New Computers on Tuesday

The Buhl Public Library will host an open house to show off its new computers from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

The library is one of 55 public libraries throughout Idaho participating in the state Commission on Libraries’ “online @ your library” project, funded through a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant, the federal stimulus and partnerships with several state agencies.

The end result for Buhl has been an improved broadband Internet speed and 12 new computers: nine HP Compaq PCs, one Apple iMac and two Apple MacBooks. The improved hardware and connection speed will benefit jobseekers, K-12 students and adult learners, the library announced.

Staff will be available Tuesday for questions, and light refreshments will be available along with “party favors” for attendees. Those who sign in and complete an online survey at the open house will have their names entered in a statewide drawing for 10 iPods at the end of November.

The library is at 215 Broadway Ave. N., or call 543-6500. For more information on the statewide project: <http://libraries.idaho.gov/online>.

### Burley Library Also Offers Fine Forgiveness

The Burley Public Library is also offering to forgive its patrons’ outstanding fines in exchange for donations of canned or boxed food this month.

One canned good will forgive \$1 in fines.

Food taken to either the Burley library or DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert will be distributed Dec. 1 to local food banks

and the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council.

### Pick Up a Classic at Jerome Library

The Classics Book Club at Jerome Public Library is looking for fans of classic literature to join its once-monthly discussions.

The group’s next meeting will start at 7 p.m. Dec. 7 at the library, 100 First Ave. E. in Jerome. Refreshments will be served. The book discussed will be “Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates” by Mary Mapes Dodge. This classic story of the poor but virtuous Dutch boy and his quest to win the silver skates was first published in 1865.

Information: 324-5427 or [pmetcalf@ci.jerome.id.us](mailto:pmetcalf@ci.jerome.id.us).

### New Books in Rupert

DeMary Memorial Library in Rupert now has the following items:

**Mystery:** “A Christmas Homecoming” by Anne Perry

Be hypnotized by a story in which the heartwarming power of goodness is challenged by the seductive power of inner darkness.

**Fantasy:** “Inheritance” by Christopher Paolini

It began with Eragon... It ends with Inheritance.

**Fiction:** “House of Secrets” by Tracie Peterson

They vowed, as children, to be silent....

**Fiction:** “In the Valley of the Mountains” by Anita Stansfield

Conclusion to the Shadow of Brierley series.

**Young adult fiction:** “Destined” by P.C. Cast

Find out what’s destined in the next thrilling chapter of the House of Night series.

**Nonfiction:** “Time of Our Lives” by Tom Brokaw,

“Steve Jobs” by Walter Isaacson, “Catherine the Great” by Robert K Massie, and “My iPhone” by Brad Miser.

# Popplewell Graduates from U of I

Joe Popplewell of Buhl graduated in May from the University of Idaho School of Law with his juris doctorate and a master’s of accountancy.

Popplewell has recently relocated to Albuquerque, N.M. After passing the New Mexico Bar, he is now affiliated with the law firm of Hurley, Toeves, Styles, Hamblin,

and Panter in Albuquerque, which conducts a statewide practice in New Mexico regarding transactional matters and estate planning.



Popplewell

### Alpha Kappas



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**The Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority recently elected new officers for 2011-12. Pictured from left are Debbie Lash, treasurer; Maggie Boston, recording secretary; Bertie Lee Marvel, corresponding secretary; Joy Mitchell, president; Doris Finney, vice president; and Carol Quaintance, city council representative. This group is involved in charitable contributions, social activities, and members learning and supporting each other. To join: 734-5591.**

## Model Railroaders Show Off Their Trains Saturday

The Magic Valley Model Railroader Club will hold its 22nd Annual Christmas Open House this weekend.

From noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, the public is invited to come see the growing club’s new layouts at its building at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer, nest to the new Ag Building.

Refreshments will be served, and the event is free.

The club will also hold a raffle for a Christmas train set. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

## CSI Dental Hygiene Students Place in Competition

Students in the College of Southern Idaho’s Dental Hygiene program placed first in a Table Clinic competition at the Idaho Dental Hygienists annual session in Boise.

Two-person teams of students from around the state presented their research to professional dental hygienists who are employed in clinical, community, and educational settings. Four Idaho dental hygiene schools were represented, comprising a total of 19 Table Clinics.

From CSI, Mollee Neilsen and Jill Searle presented current research supporting

their topic, “HPV and the Link to Oral Cancer.”

All of the students in the program have been invited to present their research to the Magic Valley Dental Hygiene Society, a local component of the American Dental Hygienists Association. Neilsen and Searle have also been invited to present their study to the annual session of the American Dental Hygienists Association in Phoenix next spring.

For more information about the CSI Dental Hygiene program: Andie Dayley, 732-6751 or the CSI Health Science Programs office, 732-6701.

## Jerome Seniors Sponsor Pool Tournament

The Jerome Senior Center will sponsor an 8-ball double elimination pool tournament starting at 6 p.m. Dec. 8.

Prizes will be awarded for the winning teams. The center will serve a meal of lasagna, Caesar salad, garlic bread and a dessert.

Cost is \$5. For more information, or to sign up: Kris Shelton, 324-5642.



## RISCH INTERNS INCLUDE STUDENT FROM FILER

Four Idaho students are interning at national and state offices of U.S. Sen. Jim Risch this fall, including one from Filer.

The interns will spend the next few months engaged in government on the national level while helping with constituent service and legislative research, according to a press release.

The interns include Mandi James, a sophomore at the College of Southern Idaho majoring in pre-law. She is working in Risch’s Washington, D.C., office. She plans to pursue a degree in international relations and law after graduation.

For more information on internships and how to apply: [risch.senate.gov](http://risch.senate.gov).

### Betty Pastoor Turns 90!



The family of **Betty Rae Pastoor** invite you to celebrate her **90th Birthday at an Open House on Sunday, December 4, 2011 • 2 to 4 pm** at Rosenau Community Room

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## Anniversaries

### The Talbotts

*Ted and Vernita (Smith) Talbott*

A 50th wedding anniversary party was held for Ted and Vernita (Smith) Talbott on August 13, 2011 at the Gooding Country Club in Gooding, ID. Guests attending the celebration were the couple's siblings, extended family, and members of their wedding party. A buffet luncheon was served and the beautiful cake was made by niece, Shauna Banning of Nampa, ID.

Ted and Vernita were married at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Nampa, ID on Nov. 18, 1961. At the time Ted was a senior in college and Vernita was teaching second grade at Eastside Elementary School in Nampa.

Ted grew up in the town of John Day, OR and Vernita at Hagerman, ID. They met and graduated from the College of Idaho in Caldwell where Ted played baseball and basketball. He played on the C of I's first

two National Tournament play-off teams while Vernita was one of the C of I's cheerleaders.

After that first year of marriage Ted and Vernita moved to Boardman, OR where they spent the next three years teaching school and coaching. From there they moved to Bend, OR where they continued teaching and raising their family.

Ted and Vernita have four children, Stan, Steve (Melissa), Cassie, and Tim (Brooke). They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandsons. After the couple retired, they moved to Hagerman, ID where they presently reside. They have been enjoying grandchildren, traveling, golfing, sporting events, and community activities. They are members of St. Catherine's Catholic Church and the Hagerman Historical Society.

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# GETTING CREATIVE WITH COLOR: HOW TO DO IT RIGHT

BY MELISSA RAYWORTH  
For The Associated Press

Striped staircases and lavender walls? They're not just for high-profile designers anymore.

Home-decorating TV shows and glossy shelter magazines have many homeowners embracing the bold, unexpected use of color that cutting-edge designers love. But creative color can be tricky. Three experts offer advice on doing it right:

## Unexpected places

Bursts of color are perfect for areas that normally get little attention, says Courtney Novogratz, co-host of the new HGTV series "Home by Novogratz." Stairs, alcoves and unused corners of rooms, she says, are spots "that people don't realize they can really dress up and have fun with to show a reflection of who they are as homeowners."

For her show's first episode, she painted a beach house staircase white with pink and blue stripes from top to bottom. This narrow approach to the second floor suddenly became bright and inviting.

## Skip the standard pairings

Black and white. Red and green. Brown and light blue. These common color palettes surface frequently in home decorating. Freshen up these typical pairings by bringing in a third color no one would expect, says Brian Patrick Flynn, HGTV blogger and founder of DecorDemon.com.

"If you really want chocolate brown with pale blue, which has been done to death, then add something like celery green," he says. "All of a sudden, it's fresh and you've made it your own."

If you love wild colors like

bright orange but aren't sure how to decorate with them, Flynn suggests using a bright hue alongside a very dark and a very light one. Orange might be a disaster mixed with green and yellow, but it can look sophisticated when used with silver and dark charcoal.

## Bold doesn't have to mean bright

Being adventurous with color doesn't always mean using loud hues. Betsy Burnham, founder of Los Angeles' Burnham Design, recently chose lavender for the entryway of a home in Beverly Hills.

Her client had expected the walls of this two-story space to be painted a classic neutral — maybe cream or taupe. Lavender was an unexpected choice, but the owner was thrilled: It gave the entryway subtle drama without looking outrageous.

## Paint isn't the only way

Paint is inexpensive and easy to apply, so it can be the perfect vehicle to bring in wilder colors. But Flynn finds that some homeowners are intimidated by choosing a bold or quirky color for their walls: "They feel like it's permanent, even though it isn't," he says.

If you prefer neutral walls, you can easily bring in edgier colors with furniture, window treatments and accessories. Novogratz suggests another option: Choose vibrant pieces of art, and then frame them in brightly colored frames. She and her husband, Robert, who is also her design partner, sometimes take basic wooden picture frames and repaint them in a vivid red lacquer.

## It's all in the shade

No color is off-limits, provided you choose the right



COURTESY HGTV

**A room designed by Courtney and Robert Novogratz, from HGTV's 'Home by Novogratz,' in Long Branch, N.J. Many homeowners are trying out the bold, unexpected use of color that high-profile designers have been preaching.**

shade. Even pink doesn't have to be saved for children's bedrooms, Novogratz says.

A tip from Burnham: If you want to use a color like teal or chartreuse but are worried it will be overpowering, look for what she calls a "dusty" version of these colors — one that's tempered by a bit of gray.

## Balance quirky colors with wood tones

The edgiest colors can be tamed nicely by pairing them with natural wood tones.

Burnham often adds furniture with black wood finishes to rooms where she has used intense colors.

Novogratz did the same in a master bedroom where she used a single shade of bright yellow for the walls and floor. A large wooden bed in the center of the room created a calming break from the energizing yellow that filled the space.

Overall, says Flynn, give yourself permission to experiment and indulge your



COURTESY SARAH DORIO

**Brian Patrick Flynn designed this bedroom using a palette of black-brown, ultra-white, kelly green and fire engine red.**

creativity. "Every time I do my own space," he says, "I think of it as a canvas where

I can experiment with completely unusual color combinations."

## Dresses

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worn to the Oscars just weeks after the designer's suicide in 2010, Rubenstein says. On her, the dramatic embellishment was a complement to her persona as someone who makes strong choices. On someone else, it might have overshadowed the person wearing it.

Kennedy figured out how to use clothing as a political tool. With her appearance in France at Versailles in 1961 in an ivory gown with floral beading all over the bodice by Hubert de Givenchy, she changed the world's perception of how a new generation of Americans might dress.

"She knew how to present a picture," Rubenstein says. Diller, the comedian — an

unconventional choice for the book, Rubenstein allows — used her clothes as a warm-up act. There wasn't one dress that was necessarily her calling card, but she had a wardrobe full of glitzy — sometimes garish — tent dresses that she'd often wear with go-go boots, gloves and a long cigarette holder.

Rubenstein describes her look in the book as, "a violent cross between a Puccini mini and a Hawaiian mumuu attacked by a rhinestone stun gun and a flock of peacocks."

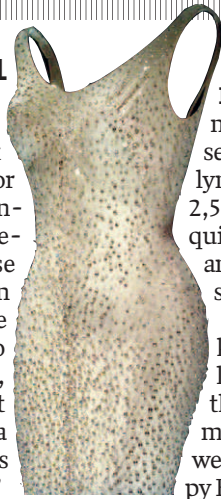
Kooky? Yes. Yet, it was a smart move, says Rubenstein, because the audience was smiling before she opened her mouth.

Every dress in the book tells a story, and that's why, at 35,000 words, it's more for reference than the coffee

table, Rubenstein says.

"It's not called the '100 Most Beautiful Dresses' or '100 Most Fashionable Dresses.' Three-quarters of these have been stuck in my head my whole life. I didn't need to find the 100 dresses, 75 of them just showed up in just a couple of minutes after I had the idea," he says. "It's the culmination of how fashion has impacted the culture in my world. I'm somebody who grew up in a culture of red carpet, fashion, comedy — and the dresses come at you from all angles, not just the runway."

Some of Rubenstein's favorite behind-the-seams stories:



• **Designer Jean Louis** knew he was making a sparkly sexy dress for Marilyn Monroe. He used 2,500 beads and sequins, a clear zipper and up to 20 layers of sheer frothy fabric.

What he didn't know when he delivered it after more than a month in the making is that she'd wear it to sing "Happy Birthday" to President Kennedy in 1962 and that he'd help create one of the most enduring images of her as a shining star.

• **Princess Diana's** "revenge" dress, worn in the summer of 1994, stole the thunder from a TV interview in which Prince Charles admitted marital infidelities. The next day,

Diana's picture was splashed on front pages wearing an off-the-shoulder, short black dress by London boutique owner Christina Stambolian that she had stashed in her closet for three years, waiting for the right occasion.

• **Linda Christian's** wedding dress in 1949 was considered a bridge between Hollywood and Italian fashion, Rubenstein says.

Linda who? She was a contract player for MGM who was marrying big star Tyrone Power. The studio costume designers didn't find her name a big enough draw, however, to make her a dress, so she went out on her own to the Rome atelier known as Sorelle Fontana. After the wedding, she introduced the designers to friends such as Ava Gardner,

## Study: Chewing Sugar-free Gum Has No Big Effect on Weight Loss

BY JEANNINE STEIN  
Los Angeles Times

Some people chew sugar-free gum as a weight loss strategy, but does it work? A recent online study in the journal Obesity finds that chewing gum daily may have no effect on losing weight.

The eight-week study included 201 overweight or obese adults, about half of whom were randomly put in an intervention group and told to chew gum daily for at least 90 minutes at specific times throughout the day. The others were part of a control group that did not chew gum. Both groups were given nutritional information and told to continue their regular activity programs.

By the end of the study there were no significant changes in weight or body mass index in either group. Waist circumference and blood pressure decreased slightly in both groups, but by about the same amount. In a questionnaire taken by those in the gum group, there was moderate agreement that chewing gum diminished snack cravings and helped them stay on their diets and cut back on eating after meals and late at night.

In the study, which was funded by a grant from the Wrigley Science Institute, the authors noted that longer studies may be needed to see if gum chewing has any "likely subtle effects" on body weight and other markers of weight loss and health.

### NEXT WEEK

## Fighting Loneliness

How Magic Valley's assisted living facilities help residents feel at home during the holiday season; Melissa Davlin reports. Next Sunday in People.

## Libraries

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designated to order books, shelf items, write grant proposals and organize programs, small libraries have one or two people to do all that — plus vacuum and dust.

"The smaller the library, the more tasks you have to do," Bowman said. For a while, Bowman was the only employee at the library, which serves 800 Blaine County residents. She just hired a second employee, which has been a huge relief, she said.

The economy doesn't help matters, but they're handling it, Bowman said.

"We just carry on like we always have," she said. "We're a small library and we're a poor library and we remain so."

## Students

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days. Librarian Pat Hamilton expected the rush.

"When I first heard there was going to be no school on Friday, I went to the mayor to talk to him about what we could do," she said. "I was very much aware of the fact that we are the only free program in town."

Like its Hansen counterpart, the Gooding library tried offering weekly programs aimed at children and teens to keep them occupied, Hamilton said. At first, those programs were a success, but attendance declined after the first year. Now, Gooding has cut back, offering them at the beginning and end of the month.

Children still show up at the library, and Hamilton is happy to report that not all



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**Hansen librarian Sarah Berry arranges books on a recent Friday afternoon.**

of them end up glued to the public computers. Board games are especially popular among the students.

There are occasionally noise disturbances and behavior problems, but overall Hamilton is glad the kids have a place to go. "It seems to be working pretty well."



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**Young patrons play games and surf the Internet at Hansen Public Library. When Hansen School District went to a four-day week this school year, the public library became a hot spot on Friday afternoons.**



# Fish-friendly Bridge Almost Finished Near Lowman

**BOISE (AP)** • Workers are close to replacing a 300-foot-long culvert with a bridge on State Highway 21 near Lowman that Idaho transportation officials say will improve passage for bull trout and other aquatic species in Five Mile Creek.

"It particularly benefits bull trout, a threatened and protected species that has lost habitat and the elements that contribute to its health due to past land use, management and natural disasters," said Greg Vitely, of the Idaho Transportation Department.

The Idaho Statesman reports that the \$1.2 million project 11 miles east of Lowman is being financed by the U.S. Forest Service and is scheduled to be finished in December. Officials say it will also allow wildlife to cross under the popular highway and avoid collisions with motorists.

"The bridge completely spans the Five Mile Creek channel and allows unrestricted water flow, thereby permitting the passage of fish, aquatic resources, and the transfer of river-bed material, sediment, and debris through an open-bottomed, free-flowing stream that did not exist before," said Scott Rudel, ITD southwest Idaho environmental planner.

Officials said getting rid of the culvert and replacing it with a free-flowing stream is a more natural way to connect Five Mile Creek with the South Fork of the Payette River.

When winter ends crews plan to return to finish seeding, paving and other minor work.

## Iraq Legacy

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That question could haunt us for some time. Iraq has a fledgling democracy, but it's still torn by religious and tribal strife. It's taken nearly nine years and the price has been high: almost 4,500 Americans dead and a nearly \$1 trillion unpaid bill.

The Bush administration's original projection was \$60 billion, tops.

Meanwhile, the fighting in Afghanistan continues.

But Iraq, because it inexplicably shifted our purpose — and the world's support — away from avenging the 9/11 terrorist attacks, helped to usher in a period of political unease and mistrust.

And as the economy soured, anxiety grew. Being declared a hero by a patriotic public and smiling political leaders could provide little comfort.

"I come to the food pantry because I don't receive food stamps and my husband just got back from a tour overseas and is having trouble finding work," a woman in line at a Kansas City mobile food pantry said in a note to the organizers. "And, the pantry helps so much in feeding our children."

She wrote it on the back of a paper plate.

The war has touched every part of America, from sprawling cities to remote prairie towns, where a single death can reverberate like the rumble of distant thunder.

But unlike the Vietnam War, which played in America's living rooms every night, Iraq was a bewildering, far-away drama. For a lot of Americans without a personal investment, it was simply background noise.

"You won't find anybody who says they aren't supportive of the soldiers, unlike with Vietnam," said Cindi Staats, whose website, fallen-coalition-heroes.com, is a roll call of every American fatality. "But when this war was just raging we'd have several dying a week, and no one seemed to really know

unless it was a local soldier and it was local news. For people to really care, you have to get them involved. We didn't have any of that."

Staats is a 54-year-old disabled former aerospace worker from Walnut, Calif., who early on made it her mission to catalogue the war's toll. She built a website, got official casualty reports and searched for photographs. She scoured the Internet and hometown newspapers, and reached out to families.

Her tally is so exhaustive that The New York Times and PBS rely on her for their own periodic chronicles of the fatalities.

The weight of personal sacrifice that she — without fanfare — enumerates, the permanent emptiness that each of those nearly 4,500 deaths has left, can take your breath away.

Another 32,000 men and women were wounded in Iraq. Many face a lifetime of struggle.

Of the 28 Marines that retired, Marine Lt. Gen. Gregory Newbold, the Pentagon's top operations officer during the planning for the war, spoke to McClatchy during a recent visit to Bethesda Naval Hospital: "26 had traumatic amputations, all but two had more than one amputation," he said. "Arms, legs, eyes. That's pretty tough."

Newbold, who left the service, in part, over his opposition to the invasion, regularly visits the wounded at the hospital.

Other vets bear less visible scars. Traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder became signature injuries of the war. Suicides among veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan spiked.

At least 200 try to kill themselves every month, according to estimates from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Less than 10 are successful. But those are just the ones the VA knows about.

Since 2009, the agency's crisis line — (800) 273-8255 — has received more than half a million calls.

"I think it's hard to say when a war is good thing," said Peter Richert, who was 22 and a member of the Kansas National Guard in 2007 when his leg got blown apart by a roadside bomb.

His unit was mostly from small-town Kansas. Richert was from Hillsboro, population 2,993. It was a close-knit group. In the attack, his sergeant was in the Humvee with him and was killed.

"I think (the war) was necessary," he said. "I truly

believe that, being around the local people and seeing how oppressed they were. They became a people who couldn't fight for themselves. I know there's more to it, but it was definitely worth it."

At the beginning, most Americans thought so, too. Nearly three-quarters of the public approved of the war in April 2003, according to a Pew Research Center survey; now, less than half do.

Iraq became "far more murky," said Brian Turner, a

sergeant with the 2nd Infantry's 3rd Stryker Brigade. "There are no front lines. You don't know who might want to kill you. Psychologically, it has an effect. There's a whole nation you're living inside of and part of the population would rather kill you. Another part just wants you out."

Now the war is in its final days. Staats prays that she won't have to add any last-minute names to her website. It already contains heartache enough.



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# Budget Cuts

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programs and environmental regulations have been pared back significantly in many states that have grappled with budget deficits in recent years.

Because environmental programs are just a sliver of most state budgets, the cuts often go without much public notice. More attention is focused on larger reductions in Medicaid, public education or prisons.

A 24-state survey by the Environmental Council of States, the national association of state environmental agency leaders, showed agency budgets decreasing by an average of \$12 million in 2011. The Washington, D.C.-based group also says federal grants to help states administer new federal Environmental Protection Agency rules regarding air and water quality also have waned, falling by 5.1 percent since 2004.

Regulators in many states say they are trying to maintain fundamental environmental protections required by the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and other federal laws.

"Hopefully, even with all the cuts in place, we're still doing a good job of protecting that," said Martin Bauer, Idaho's air quality administrator.

Yet environmentalists and some state regulators are concerned that the budget cuts imperil programs designed to safeguard public health and safety.

In Texas, Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican presidential candidate, signed a budget that cut funding for the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality more than 30 percent, from \$833 million to \$565 million. That included reducing air quality inspections and assessments.

Colin Meehan, of the Environmental Defense Fund in Austin, worries that Texas will struggle to meet Clean Air Act obligations.

"We see this as not just a problem from a regulatory standpoint," he said. "It's a public health issue."

While the Texas agency reduced state incentive programs to cut pollutants, those were not required by federal law, agency spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said. The reductions "are only one part of the state's overall approach" to paring emissions, she said.

In some states where conservatives control the Legislature and the governor's office, environmentalists have been critical of deep cutbacks to the programs they had

fought to implement. Some suggest the severity of the cuts is due as much to a political agenda to reduce government regulations as it is to cope with state budget deficits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott's first budget included his veto of a \$500,000 water quality study on Lake Okeechobee and some \$20 million in cuts to Everglades' restoration. Scott, a Republican, said the steps were necessary to balance a state budget hard hit by home foreclosures and real estate losses.

But the Republican-dominated Florida Legislature also cut \$210 million from property tax revenue intended for local water-management districts that protect Florida's swamplands. Environmentalists blasted those cuts, complaining they were meant to help Scott fulfill pledge to cut taxes.

"It would have been appropriate for there to have been some level of budget reductions," Audubon of Florida advocacy director Charles Lee said. "But it's clear what happened in Tallahassee in 2011 was targeted, ideologically driven, and I would add, mean-spirited."

Scott insists his administration uncovered overly generous pension payments and questionable purchases by the local water districts. He said water resources deserve protecting, but the agencies that oversee them also must be fiscally responsible.

Budget cuts have affected high-profile programs in several other states, as well.

In South Carolina, they mean health officials will not perform a statewide study of how mercury-tainted fish affect those who eat them. Contaminated fish have been found in some 1,700 miles of the state's rivers. That state's Department of Natural Resources' budget was cut more than 50 percent, dropping to \$14 million from \$32 million.

The state Department of Environmental Protection in Pennsylvania has seen general fund support slip from \$217 million in 2009 to \$140 million, levels last seen in 1994.

"This is a silent train wreck that's happening," said David Hess, the former secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. "What these cuts do is cut the capacity and the ability of environmental agencies to do their jobs."

At best, states will know less about how their air and water quality are faring. At worst, they could become dirtier and more dangerous places to live, Hess said.

Oregon, for example, reduced air pollution monitor-

ing, as the Department of Environmental Quality faces budget cuts through 2013. In North Carolina, lawmakers eliminated a \$480,000 mapping program created after a landslide killed five people in 2004, jettisoning the jobs of six geologists who said more maps were needed to help protect Appalachian mountain residents by helping them decide where it is safe to build.

"It's very shortsighted," said DJ Gerken, senior attorney at the Southern Environmental Law Center in Ashville, N.C. "We've had 48 landslide deaths since 1916. What's changed is the appetite for building in these areas where risks are most abundant."

In some cases, it's difficult to know what effect the spending cuts will have over the long term because environmental problems often evolve over time.

When Washington's Legislature trimmed \$30 million, or 27 percent, from the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's budget, three employees who had been diving in the Puget Sound to hunt down invasive sea squirts lost their jobs.

The gelatinous invaders, known as tunicates, form a goopy mat on the sea floor, raising fears that they will hurt the shellfish industry, as they have in eastern Canada.

"We are basically addressing tunicates on an emergency basis only," said Allen Pleus, Washington state's aquatic invasive species coordinator.

While the state's oyster growers will not rule out the potential for future problems caused by the sea squirts, they say they do not see an immediate threat to their livelihoods.

"There isn't any place I'm aware of that the tunicates are causing harm on the shellfish farms," said Bill Dewey, of Taylor Shellfish Farms in Shelton, Wash.

Elsewhere, budget cuts to invasive species programs have caused more alarm.

The Hawaii Invasive Species Council, a main player in that state's fight against non-native plants and animals, saw its budget cut by more than half to \$1.8 million.

Fearing "a collapse of our inspection capacity," spokeswoman Deborah Ward said her agency redirected 40 per-

cent of its remaining money to preserve inspections that help keep invasive pests such as brown tree snakes from hitchhiking their way into the islands from Guam. Hawaii has no native snakes, so experts fears their arrival could decimate native bird species.

As the money was shifted, however, the state cut back on field crews who targeted invasive species already on the islands. Those include pigs, wild goats and sheep that can decimate an ecosystem full of plants that evolved without natural protections, like thorns.

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