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Andy Bethke, left, works on a bracelet while Jennifer Hofman shares a laugh during a Thursday class at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services in Twin Falls. The non-profit received \$237,500 from Nora Andersen.

Great Depression

and knew how to

stretch every penny

she earned. But

even after sticking

to an extremely

strict budget, she

continually fretted

about running out

Surprised by a Hansen woman's \$2.3 million donation, 10 area nonprofits have different stories of what they've done with Nora Andersen's generosity.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI kkruesi@magicvalley.com

he first thing you should know about Nora Andersen is that you shouldn't know her. A longtime Hansen resident, the woman lived a seemingly unassuming life. She married young, worked at a frozen food factory, attended church and lived in a modest double-wide trailer home.

And like most people, she worried about finances. She was a child of the

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of money. But when she died Sept. 30, 2010, at age 87, Andersen managed to leave a couple dollars behind – along with a few million more.

Through constant saving and occasional investing, Andersen left behind a \$2.3 million estate. With little family left - she was survived by two sisters and a brother in Pennsylvania - she willed her money to 10 local nonprofits. Each organization received \$237,500.

Andersen's generosity came to light in July, when most donation recipients were surprised to learn of the gift from a quiet Hansen woman who some recipients had never met.

Please see ANDERSON, A2

More Inside

Find out how each nonprofit organization decided to spend Nora Anderson's generous donation. Read more on A2.

Reaction **Mixed to** Return of Horse Slaughter

With a backfired ban on U.S. horse slaughter lifted, the domestic slaughterhouse is again a controversial topic.

BY KIMBERLEE KRUESI

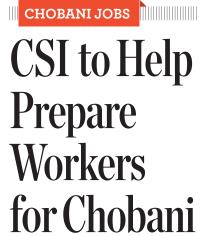
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Eating horses may not be popular in America, but the U.S. horse-slaughter industry is making a comeback.

A recently passed bill that lifts what amounted to a five-year ban domestic horse slaughter has readied the federal government to resume inspections of U.S. slaughterhouses, should they reopen.

The 2006 ban that cut funding to inspections meant that horse meat slaughtered in the U.S. couldn't be sold for consumption. With meat that once fed both people overseas and captive predators devalued, domestic slaughterhouses were forced to close. The ban also unintentionally increased the amount of horses shipped across U.S. borders for slaughter. According to a report released by the Governmental Accountability Office, horse exports for slaughter to Canada increased by 148 percent and by 660 percent to Mexico over the past five years.

The increased exports meant that more horses were subjected to neglect and abuse as they moved outside the gaze of U.S. law. Outcry by animal advocacy groups over horses' treatment across borders contributed Please see HORSES, A3





Cops, Kids and Christmas

Christmas in the Park:

Confused by Santa?

Celebrating the holidays with dementia patients isn't as easy as stopping by to say hello. Routine is paramount for people with dementia, and holidays can add to confusion and anxiety. Still, with a little planning and a lot of understanding, Christmas can be fun for care center residents.

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Sweet Sendoff: Broncos Thrash New Mexico on Senior Day Page S1.



5 p.m. Band shell in City Park. Hosted by T.F. Kiwanis Club.Advent message, music, coffee, hot $chocolate\,and$ cookies.Donations accepted for the Salvation Army.

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ED GLAZAR · FOR THE TIMES-NEWS Jenni Lopez, 7, loads merchandise into her shopping cart at Kmart, while Twin Falls Police Officer Jerry Hutchison keeps track of her finances Saturday in Twin Falls. Lopez was one of several children to take part in this year's Cops and Kids program. With sponsorship from local businesses and help from the TFPD, the kids were able to buy gifts for family.

After a meeting this week in New York, the Twin Falls college and state labor officials will help lead the push to fill 400 new Chobani jobs.

BY JULIE WOOTTON

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As a community college, the College of Southern Idaho's role extends beyond offering traditional degree programs.

When a new major employer comes to the Magic Valley – such as the looming Chobani Greek vogurt plant – CSI often contributes to the employee recruitment and training process.

Chobani announced last month that it plans to begin construction on its multimillion-dollar Twin Falls plant by the end of the year and start Please see CHOBANI, A4

How Do I Land a Chobani Job?

Recruitment efforts haven't started yet for the upcoming Chobani yogurt production plant in Twin Falls. An announcement will be made when the application process begins. The website to monitor for job postings is the Idaho Department of Labor, labor.idaho.gov.



Cheer up! Things are Always Worse in Yakutsk

s a retired guy with way too much time to spend on the Internet, I've developed a fascination with Siberia. Eastern Siberia, to be exact: a Boise-sized city

by the name of Yakutsk. It's chilly there.

The forecast high today is minus-17, but that's a lie. As I write this, it's 11 a.m. in Yakutsk - and still only minus-36.

Which means that all you self-professed hardy souls who live in Fairfield, Oakley and Carey have nothing to complain about.

Sure, Yakutsk is far north - but not exactly on the North Pole. It's the same latitude as Anchorage, which has an average December temperature of 16 degrees. In Yakutsk, the average is minus-41.

It's so cold in Yakutsk this time of year that folks don't wear eyeglasses outdoors, according to the BBC. That's because the frames freeze to your face and pull the skin off when you remove them.

It's so cold in Yakutsk this time of year that motorists never switch off their vehicles' engines. They leave them running constantly, and if they stop, it's sometimes necessary to build a bonfire underneath the fuel tank to get them going again.

It's so cold in Yakutsk this time of year that dead people don't get buried because the ground is frozen so solidly. Undertakers simply park the coffins outdoors until June.

Why do people stay in such a godforsaken place?

Because it's a living. Most of Russia's diamonds are mined in the region, and there are large oil and natural gas reserves nearby.

Now Russians are famously good sports about crummy living conditions, but jeepers: How many times can you open the door of your car and have it fall off?

The point is that those of us who live at 42 de-



grees north latitude we're actually closer to the Equator than to the North Pole – are a bunch of sissies, climate-wise.

Did you have to scrape ice off your truck's windshield before you went to church this morning? In Yakutsk, it's not uncommon for tires – the rubber rendered brittle by the cold - to explode when they start rolling.

Are the days growing too short for your taste? In Yakutsk, sunrise is in March.

Does the winter weather leave you a little congested? In Yakutsk, folks with asthma die if they venture outside between October to April.

Still, I wonder how my Uncle Einar would have fared in Yakutsk. He was a Soda Springs farmer known for traipsing around in short sleeves when it was below zero. One especially bitter morning, he went out doors to break the ice off the cattle trough.

The ice was so thick that neither an ax nor a sledgehammer did the job. So Einar climbed onto the surface of the ice and tried to bust it up with his boots.

No dice.

Nearby in the farmyard, there sat an abandoned anvil. Einar, who was pretty steamed by this point, picked it up and heaved it into the trough.

But it being 30 below, the anvil shattered into a thousand pieces - without breaking the ice.

Years later, shortly before Einar died, he told me that he not only believed in global warming - he was rooting for it.

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Ola Cannon, right, and Carmen Hart joke with each other while eating lunch Nov. 4 at the Ageless Senior Center in Kimberly. The building will be remodeled over the coming weeks, funded by a \$237,500 donation from the will of Hansen resident Nora Andersen.

Anderson

"The woman is probably turning in her grave," said Rick Bloxham, Andersen's personal accountant who managed her finances for more than 30 years.

this much attention on her," he said. "But it's all out now."

Now that several months have passed, the nonprofits are trying to determine where Andersen's money should be placed. The money has saved some organizations from shutting down. For others, it's given the ability to expand programs and purchase new buildings.

roads United Methodist Church in Kimberly, knew that Andersen planned to will a small sum to the church. He had no idea that 10 percent of Andersen's multimilliondollar will would help save his financially troubled church.

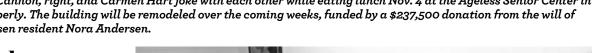
In April, Crossroads was in the middle of foreclosure, unable to pay a \$3.1 million debt. Farmers National Bank had reprocessed Crossroads' newly built Syringa Avenue church and purchased it in a February auction.

Later, the bank offered Crossroads an opportunity to purchase its new building for \$1.1 million. Crossroads secured two loans - a 30-year from Farmers and loan \$100,000 from the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church that needed to be paid off by January. Andersen's donation has helped Crossroads on its path to paying off its debt. "All of her money went straight to taking back our building," Ross said. "We were planning on moving into our old building and this definitely helped keep us from doing that." Phyllis Berg didn't know Andersen, but she prayed for help for her Twin Falls nonprofit that helps the homeless. As president of Safe Harbor, she had been trying to raise enough money to buy a homeless shelter. Every week she met with the Methodist church's prayer group and submitted requests for the organization. Her prayers eventually found their way to Andersen from other congregation members.

"I met her once or twice, but we didn't really know each other," she said. "I never thought this would come of it."

Before the money came in, Safe Harbor only had enough funds to offer weekly meals to the homeless. Now Berg spends her free time scouring Twin Falls in search of a new building.

"We finally have the funds to carry out a major part of our mission, which is to help house people when they need it," Berg said. "We haven't been able to do that. But with this money, we will." For the rest of the organizations, many didn't know Andersen directly. But the wide range of nonprofits Andersen selected shows she knew the value of supporting a variety of service organizations, said Lynn Hoffmann, executive director of Idaho Nonprofits Center. While it's not unusual for a donor to give generously to one organization, it's rare to see a donor give generously to several organizations that vary in scope to this degree, she said. "This donor understood you need a strong infrastructure for a community and divided her money among these nonprofits with that in mind," Hoffman said. "These nonprofits are all working under smaller budgets and





"She would never wanted

Some are still trying to decide what to do with the unexpected windfall.

Gary Ross, pastor of Cross-

Where the Money Went

Hansen resident Nora Anderson willed \$237,500 each to 10 Magic Valley nonprofits after her September death. Here's what each organization is doing with the surprise gift.

Valley House: None of the donation amount has been spent. The Twin Falls transitional housing organization's board of directors will vote on where the money should go in January. Safe House: The board of directors hasn't decided where the money should go, nor do board members have a deadline when they will make a decision.

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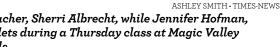
Crossroads United

Methodist Church: All of the money went to buying back the Kimberly church's foreclosed building.

Hansen Community Li-

brary: The money has been placed into a building and maintenance account. It will be spent on replacing windows, expanding the building and buying new computers. Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services: The organization decided to place \$100,000 in an endowment fund. The rest will go toward repairs and funding programs. Safe Harbor: The entire sum has been set aside to purchase a homeless shelter in early 2012. Idaho Youth Ranch: Did not return calls.

Andy Bethke, left, works with his teacher, Sherri Albrecht, while Jennifer Hofman, center, looks on as they make bracelets during a Thursday class at Magic Valley Rehabilitation Services in Twin Falls.



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Twin Falls Salvation

Army: Did not return calls.

harsher cutbacks. Something like this is truly remarkable."

Yet some of the organizations are still deciding what to do with the money. Valley House, an organization that offers transitional housing in Twin Falls, hasn't spent the money yet. The nonprofit's board of directors won't vote on what to do with the money until January. Safe House, which provides housing for child protective cases in Twin Falls, also doesn't know where the money will be spent.

"This is a nice situation to be in," said Val Stotts, Safe House's program director. "We have time to see where we should best use this money. We've never received a gift to this amount and in this economy. I don't know when we ever will again."

CORRECTION

Corpsman's Parents Misidentified

Dane and Jeanne Bourquin of Boise are the parents of Twin Falls graduate and Petty Officer Christopher Royalty, a fact incorrectly reported Thursday in a report of an award given to Royalty. The Times-News regrets the error.





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Horses

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to the lifting of the ban.

Responses are varied. In Idaho, many horse trainers and owners are hopeful the ban's removal will raise the value of horses. At the same time, some horse rescue shelters are worried that the return of the U.S. slaughterhouse as a viable option to get rid of unwanted horses will only increase the amount of unnecessary breeding and irresponsible horse ownership.

Steve Hutchings, a local horse owner and trainer, began collecting unwanted horses from south-central Idaho shortly after the ban was set in place.

Once he picks up a horse, he then tries to improve its health so it can be sold. Hutchings declined to comment if the horses he's collected have been sold to slaughter buyers.

"I don't call what I do a rescue shelter. I fatten them up to a point where someone will want them," he said. "I was tired of driving around and seeing horses starving or abandoned. People are not taking care of their horses and I'm trying to help them out."

While people don't want to see horses killed, Twin Falls licensed equine veterinarian Dr. Melinda Roche said sometimes it is the best option for an older or injured animal.

It's become a monthly routine for the county sheriff's office to call her to inspect a suspected abused or starving horse, she said.

"I think this bill will improve horse welfare," she said. "It didn't stop horse slaughter. It took away the value of the horse. Once people weren't getting any money from them, the abuse and abandonment went up?"

While more U.S. horses have been in need of rescue from neglect or abuse, that doesn't justify slaughtering a horse, said Doro Lohmann, founder of Silent Voices Equine Rescue in Ketchum

"Just because the horse doesn't do what the owner wants it to do isn't grounds for a slaughterhouse," she said. "We need to be more responsible. People are used to slaughtering horses as an outlet for when they're done with

Study Maps Changes in Wood River Population, **Housing Needs**

BY KAREN BOSSICK For the Times-News

HAILEY • A new study is challenging long-held beliefs about jobs and housing in the Wood River Valley.

The Affordable Housing Needs Assessment, which looks at the economic state of the county and how it affects the need for affordable housing, was commissioned by the Blaine County Housing Authority and ARCH **Community Housing Trust** and unveiled Thursday.

The last assessment prepared in 2006 became irrelevant after the economic downturn, said Nancy Smith, programming director for the Blaine County Housing Authority.

"The last study was done in 2006 when the world was different. Since, the world has changed and all the city planners and Realtors are very interested in the new results," she said.

The new study purports that 1,552 jobs were lost in the valley during 2008 and 2009. Today there are 3,883 jobs in Sun Valley and Ketchum and 4,818 in Hailey and Bellevue.

That means the focus on affordable housing may shift from Sun Valley and Ketchum to Hailey and Bellevue.

"I thought, as many people, that all the jobs were in the north and that everyone was commuting to the North Valley. Not anymore. So, where the affordable housing units are located is likely to change," said Michelle Griffith, executive director of ARCH, which develops affordable housing.

The study also shows that 41 percent of the valley's

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homeowners are either on the brink of losing their homes or are "cost burdened" - that is, paying more than 35 percent of their income for housing. Only 25 percent of all Idahoans and 27 percent of U.S. residents pay that much for their homes.

"That tells me we need permanent, sustainable recovery in the job market. And we can't expect it to be in construction and real estate. We have to create new types of jobs and train people for those," Griffith said. "If we don't we'll see a rise in the foreclosure rate, which will impact the need for larger rental units."

Some of the other findings:

• There are 480 units of affordable housing needed countywide.

• A full 20 percent of Blaine County's 21,376 residents are Latino, up from 11 percent in 2000. That means those dealing with housing will have to determine the needs in that community, said David Patrie, executive administrator of BCHA.

 Just 12 percent of workers are commuting from outside the valley, compared with 17 percent in 2006. John Flattery, who works with Habitat for Humanity in the Wood River Valley, said he hopes some way can be found to provide affordable housing for many of those commuters so their wages stay and recirculate in the valley.

• Adjusted for inflation, the medium household income has decreased from \$62,900 in 2000 to \$56,600 in 2009. Thirty-seven percent of renters are cost-burdened, compared with 32 percent in 2006.

• Blaine County has an older population than the rest of Idaho, suggesting that there could be a demand for as many as 500 senior living units over the next decade.

Given the many properties on the market, ARCH will focus on acquiring and upgrading rehab property rather than building new housing, Griffith said.

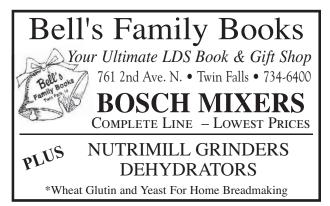
Griffith said it is unlikely that many of those who are cost-distressed can sell their own property to buy more affordable property. In addition, much of the distressed property is uninhabitable without remodeling, and those with limited finances cannot afford several thousand dollars for remodeling.

Patrie said the study is the first phase in developing a new countywide strategy concerning affordable housing. BCHA and affordable housing experts will hold a public planning meeting at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum to chart a road map for the future.

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them?

At this point, there are no open horse slaughterhouses in the U.S. However, interest has already been gathering in western states that have high amounts of abandoned horses, said Sue Wallis, vice president of United Horsemen.

Idaho is considered an ideal spot for a slaughterhouse because it is agriculturally based and contains high amounts of unwanted horses, Wallis said.

"There's a whole network of folks scouting the nation for plants that can process large animals," she said. "Idaho was being considered, but the locations fell through - but it's a logical place for one."

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Chobani

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producing yogurt there in mid-2012. It's estimated the company will hire 400 people in Twin Falls.

A group of employees from CSI and the Idaho Department of Labor will visit the New-York based company's headquarters Tuesday and Wednesday to talk about work force training needs.

"It will give us a better sense of what worker requirements will be," CSI Instructional Dean Todd Schwarz said.

The college will bring several instructors along to the New York meetings from programs such as trade and industry, manufacturing technology, and air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technology.

Schwarz said he's heard from Chobani that the Twin Falls plant will have technologically advanced equipment and machinery that's advanced beyond what Chobani's parent company, Agro-Farma, has at its upstate New York plant.

Kelly LaCorte, communications coordinator for Chobani, didn't return a phone call Friday seeking comment.

CSI and the Idaho Department of Labor have been working together for weeks to prepare for Chobani's arrival since the announcement took place.

"We're taking the lead on recruitment and (CSI) will take the lead on training," said Brent Tolman, regional business specialist for the Idaho Department of Labor.

Schwarz said the opening of the Chobani plant in Twin Falls will have "huge implications for new programs" at CSI, as well as possible changes to existing programs.

CSI would most likely provide training to "high volume areas" of Chobani's Twin Falls operations - those with at least 30 or 40 employees.

Funding for training will likely come from the Idaho Department of Labor's work force development training fund.

"It's really up to them how to use the money," Schwarz said.

As far as recruitment,

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

FELONY SENTENCINGS Albert Pete Veenstra IV, 18, Hansen; burglary, 5 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 2

years probation, 60 hours community service, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Mason Rule Tanner, 18, Twin Falls; burglary, 6 years penitentiary, 3 determinate, 3 indeterminate, 2 years probation, \$225.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee.

Robert Larry Horn, 71,

Buhl; driving under the influence (aggravated), 8 years penitentiary, 4 determinate, 4 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 60 days county jail, \$270.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee. Virgil James Heck, 37, Twin Falls; possession of methamphetamine, 6 years penitentiary, 2 determinate, 4 indeterminate, 3 years probation, 100 hours community service, \$265.50 costs, \$500 public defender fee. Sheila Rae Howard, 59,

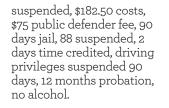
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DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS Rosendo Vazquez-Lopez,

31, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$500 suspended, 90 days jail, 75 suspended, 4 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation. Judith Ann Berreth, 54, Kimberly; driving under the influence, \$1,000 fine, \$800 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 88 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 120 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Andrew Karl Kramer, 28, Castleford; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 365 days jail, 361 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 120 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Don Wesley Snyder, 58, Buhl; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300



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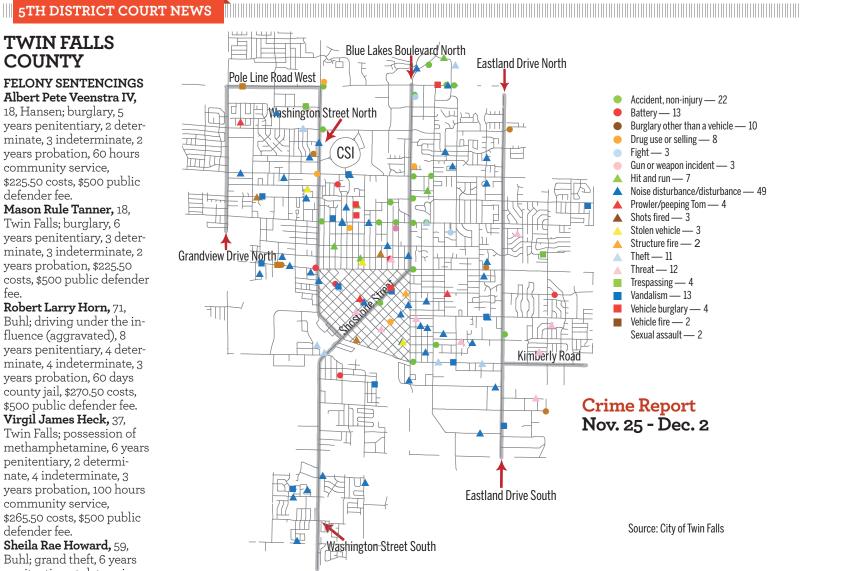
THE INFLUENCE SENTENCINGS Donald Lloyd King, 50, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$800 fine, \$500 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 87 suspended, 2 days time credited, driving privileges suspended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.

Kelly James Riley, 52, Twin Falls; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300 suspended, \$182.50 costs, 90 days jail, 89 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges suspended 90 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol. Jacob Ivan Goodrich, 35, Filer; driving under the influence, \$500 fine, \$300

suspended, \$182.50 costs, 180 days jail, 177 suspended, 1 day time credited, driving privileges sus-

pended 180 days, 12 months probation, no alcohol.





the Twin Falls Department of Labor office will write the job listings and help schedule interviews with candidates.

"We'll have more information once we return (from New York) and will have that timeline in place," Tolman said.

The goal is to hire Twin Falls residents first, Schwarz says, and things will "move very quickly" after the meeting in New York.

He encouraged prospective job seekers to keep checking the Department of Labor's website, but recruitment isn't happening yet.

"Be ready, but be patient," he said. "We're not quite at that point yet."



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HEBER CITY, Utah • The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources has discovered a potentially deadly parasite to fish in one of the state's most popular trout fisheries

Whirling disease spores were found in two of 60 kokanee salmon that were collected from Strawberry Reservoir near Heber City this fall, the Deseret News and Salt Lake Tribune reported.

While the disease can be fatal to small trout and salmon, DWR officials said they're encouraged because it primarily affects fish much smaller than most found in the reservoir. They also said that many of the rainbow trout and Bear Lake cutthroat trout in the reservoir are more resistant to whirling disease than others.

"The disease is not a fatal blow to the trout fishery at Strawberry," said Roger



Santa's been working overtime...

"The disease is not a fatal blow to the trout fishery at Strawberry. There is life after whirling disease." Roger Wilson, chief of the division's aquatic section

Wilson, chief of the division's aquatic section. "There is life after whirling disease."

The disease can be moved by anglers, boats, flowing water or birds, and does not harm humans. Its name came from the whirling motion that fish often swim in before they die from the disease.

Wilson said the DWR had expected the disease to make its way to Strawberry, and had been taking steps to address it.

"Rest assured that we'll continue to take the appropriate steps to ensure the continued quality of Utah's most important cold water fishery," he said, adding much has been learned about how to counteract the disease's effects on a fishery since the mid1990s. DWR also will look at how the disease might affect cutthroat and kokanee salmon that spawn naturally in Strawberry's tributaries. Kokanee salmon are particularly susceptible to whirling disease.

Veteran angler Byron Gunderson was not surprised by the discovery of the parasite.

"It was just a matter of time," he said. "I don't think it will have that big of an effect on Strawberry?



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IDAHO RED MEAT PRODUCTION DECLINING

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BOISE • The amount of red meat produced in Idaho has declined during the last decade, the Idaho Cattle Association says.

And the United State Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service said red meat production at Idaho packing plants in October was down 80 percent from the same time last year at 3.5 million pounds.

"There have been a lot of factors leading to the loss of production in Idaho," Bill Brockman, former president

of Magic Valley Cattlemen's Association, told the Idaho Business Review. "For one, we're losing our grazing lands, our irrigated land is being used to raise more profitable crops instead of cattle feed and that has led to substantially higher feed costs."

He also said the closure of meat packing plants has been a problem for Idaho producers. A plant in Boise closed in 2006, and then another closed, XL Four Star Beef in Nampa, in June.

"Now, instead of going to Boise, producers have to drive out of state," he said.

"And that cuts into your profit. It makes it difficult to stay in business."

Idaho Cattle Association Board Member John Ricketts of Jerome agreed.

"Much of the cattle raised in Idaho was already shipped to Utah and Washington for slaughter but XL's closure is forcing many to transport some cattle even longer distances and that is adding to already high fuel prices," he said. "It's just another challenge facing producers."

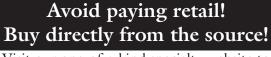
The closest plants for Idaho producers now, Brockman said, are plants in Pasco, Wash., Tolleson, Ariz., or

Fresno, Calif.

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Ricketts said producers are trying to forge trade agreements with Pacific Rim countries, such as South Korea.

"Cattlemen are much more aware and engaged in what's going on around them," he said. "We're making alliances and marketing smarter and we're seeing that pay off."



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Items Reflecting NV's Naughty Past Sold at Auction

BY MARTIN GRIFFITH Associated Press

RENO, Nev. • Rare items reflecting the shadier side of Nevada's past have been sold at an auction in Reno, with Mustang Ranch brothel memorabilia and a copy of the state's original "Black Book" fetching several thousand dollars.

The Mustang Ranch keepsakes included nude, autographed photos of the working women at the infamous bordello taken in the 1970s and 1980s and went for \$3,000 Wednesday to a buyer that auction organizers would only identify as an "institution of higher learning."

The Black Book, which features names, information and photos of the first dozen or so people barred from entering Nevada casinos, went for \$5,250 to an unknown buyer.

The naughty nostalgia was among roughly 1,400 collectibles sold at the online auction staged this week by Reno-based Ho-

Parents: Ore. Slaying Suspect Had Troubled Past

PENDLETON, Ore. • The parents of a man charged with killing a corrections officer in Umatilla County say they tried to help their son get his life on track but he had recently been on a downward spiral.

Jeni Neth of Pendleton tells the East Oregonian that her son used methamphetamine and she's sorry for the hurt that he's caused. Authorities say 22-year-old Joshua Weeks confessed to fatally stabbing Buddy Herron, a corrections officer and volunteer firefighter. Police say Herron stopped to help Weeks at a highway crash scene on Monday.

Neth says she lost contact with her son for 14 years and he was raised for some of that time in foster care.

Weeks' father, Charles Weeks of Nampa, Idaho, tells the newspaper that Weeks could be kindhearted, helpful and emotional.

labird-Kagin Americana. While the Mustang Ranch items and the Black Book sold for less than other pieces, they generated curiosity among those interested in Nevada history.

Lewiston Accountant Pleads **Guilty to Grand Theft**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEWISTON • A Lewiston certified public accountant has pleaded guilty to one count of grand theft in an agreement that calls him to repay \$134,000 he took from a client's account.

The Lewiston Tribune reports 60-year-old Michael J. Duncan entered his plea in 2nd District Court Thursday as part of an agreement that calls for him to spend no more than 30 days in jail. He said he had returned \$34,000. Sentencing is set for Feb. 2.

Both Duncan and his wife, Evelyn J. Duncan, a part-time employee in his office, were charged with the theft. However, a magistrate judge on Thursday declined to bind her over for trial.

Prosecutors say much of the money was taken through checks made out to Evelyn Duncan and deposited in her personal account.

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Workshop Raises Medicaid Awareness

BY MCKAYLA HAACK For the Times-News

Members of the community gathered at the Twin Falls Reformed Church on Saturday to become better educated about Medicaid.

The Disability Advocacy Day Workshop, presented by Medicaid Matters, a local coalition aimed to raise awareness about Medicaid financial cuts, presented the workshop to educate and empower people who use Medicaid.

Some of the things discuss included what Medicaid is, Idahoans who need and are affected by Medicaid, the legislative process and how to talk to your legislator.

"There are a lot of complicated words but it is good to become familiar with these words so that you can have a better understanding," said Corinna Stiles of Disability Rights Idaho, who led the seminar "Medicaid 101."

Medicaid is a medical insurance funded both by state and federal governments, she said. It is managed by the state so that each state's policies look different.

Stiles said she hopes people will take their concerns to the Legislature so they can make informed decisions when making changes. The opportunity presented itself when Sen.

Next Meeting

The Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities will meet at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at 1411 Falls Ave. E, Suite 703. Information: Bill at 734-4344 or Ruby at 737-9999.

Lee Heider took his turn at the podium and gave out his cell phone number and email address.

"I am an advocate, not an enemy," he said. "I want to be available to you. I will be happy to read your emails and to have lunch with you."

Heider explained his position: That Idaho does not overspend; that money is not used that is not there. However, "as a legislator, I don't know how a bill affects you unless you tell me."

Kris Fitzgerald, a employee at TJ Max, moved from California and bounced around to a number of different states looking for the right Medicaid care. He found it in Idaho, where he receives non-traditional care that "helps me accomplish what I want to do," he said.

With the cuts, he couldn't retain his job. "I would have to rely more on my folks and probably move back in with them," he said.

"It is amazing to see what they can accomplish with the right support and it is



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Bill Benkula listens to Partners in Crisis presenter Kathie Garrett as she talks about the legislative process during Disability Advocacy Day at the Twin Falls Reformed Church Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

sad to see what happens when it is taken away," said Ruby Hammond, a care provider. "Not everybody has the support of a family."

LaRee Hollibaugh, whose daughter now has to attend group development training rather than individual training, said she is going to be Attending the workshop was a positive experience for Bill Benkula, who now hopes "to create a group of individuals who will be active throughout the year," he said. He wants people to know, "their legislators will listen if we take the time to talk."

more involved.

Utah Man Wants to Pay Taxes with Silver

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • A Utah man who wants to pay his taxes with silver coins has been rebuffed by state and county officials who claim it's impractical to accept the precious metals despite a state law making them legal tender.

Earlier this year, Utah became the first state in

Is Nevada Recovering? Depends Who You Ask

BY CRISTINA SILVA Associated Press

LAS VEGAS • Donna West could once name the homeowners on her affluent Las Vegas street. Then came the recession, the vacant homes, and the parade of anonymous renters.

"To me, the recession hasn't ended," said West, a 55-year-old retired state worker. "We have more foreclosures happening in my neighborhood than a year ago."

Across this hardest-hit Western state, a battle of perceptions is being waged over whether Nevada is on the edge of recovery, or still falling four years after the collapse of its mighty housing, tourism and construction industries.

It's a story unfolding across the nation, only in Nevada, it is worse because the state depends heavily on money spent by people from elsewhere. Nevada continues to top the nation in unemployment, foreclosures and bankruptcies rates.

"We are like somebody who is wearing a lead weight. We have jumped off the dock and finally stopped sinking, but that just means we are at the bottom of the sea," said Elliot Parker, an economist with the University of Nevada, Reno.

The tepid return of the gamblers and revelers who drive Nevada's economy has drawn cheers from government and business leaders, including Gov. Brian Sandoval. They point to rebounding convention attendance numbers and hotels as cash-bearing rates tourists from healthier states return to the Las Vegas Strip. The jobless rate has dipped slightly and unemployment benefit claims are down.

But the housing market remains in a free fall and workers are either fleeing the state or dropping out of the work force altogether. Half of all homes are now purchased with cash. The average home price in Las Vegas fell to \$118,213 last month, down from \$329,720 just four years ago.

Nationwide, the recession ended in 2009. But the recovery has been weak. Consumers are more reluctant to spend, banks are not lending as readily as before and developers have shied away from risky construction projects. All have combined Nevada's to depress tourism-dependent economy. "Nevada is about a year behind the rest of the country or even more because we had much deeper, much bigger problems," Parker said. "We had a steep decline and we have a long way to go to get out of this?" Even so, some signs suggest the turnaround has begun.

Passenger counts at Mc-Carran International Airport, one barometer of the city's success in attracting visitors, reached 3.7 million people in October, a 4.5 percent jump from the year before.

New unemployment claims more than doubled to 30,190 from January 2007 to January 2010. In all, more than 300,000 Nevadans received jobless benefits last year. The claims have since fallen to nearly 17,000 new applicants in September and 143,500 overall.

"Nevada is on the move again," Sandoval told business leaders recently. "We are seeing signs, some large, some small, of economic improvement."

Nevada's unemployment rate has improved from above 14 percent to just above 13 percent in the past year and new jobs have sprouted in the hospitality sector.

But the declining jobless rate can also partly be explained by the state's shrinking work force. Nevada had nearly 200,000 fewer workers in 2010 than it did in 2007, and that's despite a soaring population during those years.

"The dramatic losses that we saw throughout 2007 to roughly 2010 are behind us," said Bill Anderson, chief of the state employment office's research bureau. "Now we are at a point where we have essentially stabilized."

At CityCenter, an upscale retail, hotel and casino resort on the Las Vegas Strip, sales are up 27 percent at Crystal's, the city's latest upscale retail center, with its Louis Vuitton, Miu Miu and Versace outposts. Roughly 14 percent of the property remains vacant, with two Dolce & Gabbana stores slated to open there next year. The mall flanks Aria and Vdara, both upscale resorts.

"Aria continues to emerge as a premier destination for convention business groups," Robert H. Baldwin, president of CityCenter, told investors last month.

Hotel rooms and bar tabs are also up compared with a





PHOTOS BY ED GLAZAR. FOR THE TIMES. NEWS (ABOVE)Buhl residents Larry and Wanda Bird walk amongst the decorated trees and holiday

quilts during the 27th annual St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation Festival of Trees on Saturday in Filer. (LEFT) Kim Baugher of Twin Falls helps children, Wyatt, 2, and Chloe, 5, create holiday keepsakes during the Festival of Trees at the Southern Idaho Landscape Center in Filer. the country to legalize gold and silver coins as currency. But because the law doesn't require businesses to accept the metals, most government agencies and private merchants have not embraced the alternative method.

Orem resident Carlton Bowen told *The Salt Lake Tribune* learned that the hard way when Utah County wouldn't let him cover his property tax with silver. The state has also told him they will not accept silver. year ago, but they are nowhere near the rollicking levels of 2007, before tourism dropped and hotels across the Las Vegas Strip closed or filed for bankruptcy.

The Nevada Gaming Control Board recently estimated that casinos statewide made \$53.8 million less from gamblers in September than they did a year ago, a 6 percent drop. In northern Nevada, which has struggled to fight off the rise of Indian casinos in California, some casinos saw revenues drop 14.3 percent.

Festival of Trees

The 27th annual St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation Festival of trees continues through Monday. Where: Southern Idaho Landscape Center, 21150 U.S. Highway 30, Filer When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both days

Tickets: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors (free Dec. 5), \$3 children 12 and younger. Families get in free today with *Times-News* coupon. Information: 814-0700

Calif. Residents Grapple with Windstorm Cleanup

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ Associated Press

TEMPLE CITY, Calif. • As the hurricane-force winds that pummeled the West eased Friday, Diane Johnson stood knee high in leaves and branches, surveying a fallen tree trunk at eye level and trying to decide just how to begin the big cleanup.

A near century-old eucalyptus tree toppled over in the middle of the night, crushing all three of the family's cars, landing at the doorstep of their Southern California home and blocking any view from their windows.

Trapped inside for hours, they were able to get out when the fire department cut them a small pathway.

"I have no idea what to do," she said. "I don't know. I don't know."

Like hundreds of thousands of people in Southern California on Friday, Johnson was without electricity. And just like Johnson, residents and crews struggled to clean up smashed trees, toppled power lines and debrisstrewn roadways.

Several cities in the region, the hardest hit from Wednesday night's windstorms, were still in a state of emergency.

Schools in Pasadena and more than a dozen others in the Los Angeles Unified School District remained closed Friday.

California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said in a statement Friday that schools closed because of wind damage would still receive state funding.

"I want to assure school districts that they will not lose funding if their facilities are closed or used as emergency shelters during this disaster," Torlakson said.

In Temple City, the Los Angeles suburb where Johnson lives, a row of toppled power poles with wires attached blocked a street. The city's main street remained a shuttered ghost town as cars inched past darkened stop lights and shop signs in Chinese.

Seventy-five percent of the city remained without power. As residents in some parts were being advised to boil water or use bottled water, others began tossing out the food in their increasingly pungent refrigerators. As many as 200 trees fell in the storms.

As the night loomed, police increased patrols and the city handed out free flashlights.

During the day, residents began cleaning up, filling trash bags with leaves and branches. Streets with older, larger trees suffered the worst damage as top-heavy trunks fell over. But many homes were spared, including that of Johnson's next-door neighbor, Margaret Mushinskie.



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Crews from Southern California Edison power company work to clean up and restore power on Live Oak Avenue, Friday, Dec. 2, in Temple City, Calif. With more than 100,000 people still without power Friday from one of the biggest windstorms to hit the Western United States in years, people began cutting up felled trees, hauling away trash and firing up power generators. Particularly hard hit was the Los Angeles suburb of Temple City, where winds toppled telephone poles like dominos, leaving threequarters of the city's 35,000 residents without power for several days.

Company Contests Citations Following Miner's Death

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COEUR D'ALENE • Hecla Mining Company is contesting four citations and \$1 million in fines issued by a federal agency following a cavein that killed a miner in April at the Lucky Friday Mine in northern Idaho.

Phil Baker, president and chief executive officer of the

Coeur d'Alene-based company, said in a release Friday that the findings from the Mine Safety and Health Administration's report did not support the four citations.

"In my opinion and upon examination, the report does not substantiate MSHA's previously issued citations," Baker said.

The federal agency has not

yet made the report public, though Hecla officials said they expect the report to be posted on the federal agency's website soon. A call to the agency from The Associated Press was not returned Saturday.

Federal investigators in September issued some of their findings and concluded that managers of the Lucky Friday Mine engaged in "aggravated conduct constituting more than ordinary negligence" by directing workers to remove ore from a pillar providing support. Investigators said that contributed to the collapse of a tunnel that killed 53-year-old Larry Marek of Kingston, Idaho.

In a different accident last

month at the mine, 26-yearold Brandon Lloyd Gray died from his injuries after loose material gave way beneath him and a fall-arrest device that activates a device similar to a seat belt in a car didn't prevent him from tumbling into a stream of rock.

Marek died in an April 15 cave-in at the mine, near the border with Washington state. His body was recovered on Easter Sunday, nine days after the ceiling collapse more than a mile underground. The 12-year company employee and his brother Mike Marek had just finished watering down blasted-out rock and ore in the mine in the Idaho Panhandle before the collapse. Mike Marek escaped unharmed. Mining at the Lucky Friday involves drilling holes in a rock face, blasting it to rubble, then carting the debris to the surface to be processed into silver, lead and zinc. Miners often work more than a mile underground.

Despite the harsh conditions, Marek's death was the mine's first fatality since 1986.

"Our company works hard each day to have our miners return home safely to their families at the end of their shift," Baker said in the statement. "This has been a gut-wrenching time for our company and for our communities."



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Mustard Tree Free Wellness Clinic Office Administrator Jonie Benson, left, receives a \$1,000 check from Terry Downs, financial representative of Modern Woodmen of America.

Modern Woodmen Raises Funds For Mustard Tree

Members of the Buhl Modern Woodmen of America Chapter helped raise money for The Mustard Tree Free Wellness Clinic by putting on a blood screening and free flu shot clinic.

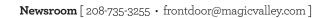
The event, held Oct. 1, raised \$1,000. This includes \$500 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office.

The money will be used to help serve underserved community members.



From left, Terry Downs, Modern Woodmen of America financial representative, hands a check for \$2,048.50 to Filer High School Business Manager Connie Gartner, and Athletic Director LaRell Patterson.

Modern Wooden Raise Funds For Filer Athletics





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Sitting in front of a bookcase of photo albums from company events, former Enron marketing services manager Lisa Feener reminisces about the company on Nov. 18 at her home in Spring, Texas. The energy company collapsed 10 years ago.

Ex-Enron Workers Look Back with a Mix of Feelings

BY JUAN A. LOZANO Associated Press

HOUSTON • Former Enron Corp. employee George Maddox, who lost his retirement savings when the energy giant collapsed, says he has been forced to spend his golden years making ends meet by mowing pastures and living in a run-down East Texas farmhouse.

Maddox, who served 30 years as a plant manager with the company, was long retired as Enron began spiraling out of control in the months leading up to its bankruptcy on Dec. 2, 2001. With all his retirement savings tied up in 14,000 shares of company stock, then worth more than \$1.3 million, Maddox says he never saw the crash coming.

"There was no way I thought it would go belly up," said Maddox, 78. Ten years after what was the biggest

Ten years after what was the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history at the time,

"Enron wasn't evil ... A few individuals were corrupt, but not the entire company."

Karen Hunter, an Enron employee who lost her job in Enron's international marketing section and eventually found new work in marketing

Maddox and other former workers of the Houston-based company remain angry about the scheming and deceit that led to its spectacular downfall. But most have tried to move on as best they can.

Eric Eden, who ran Enron's computer drafting department, started a company to manufacture his invention an underground lawn sprinkler he eventually sold nationwide.

Deborah DeFforge, who worked in Enron's energy retail arm for five years, started a new career as a real estate agent. She said she's enjoying it, though she acknowledges her former company's collapse stung for a while. "But it's not like something we just sit and cry over every day," DeFforge said. "It is what it is."

Once the nation's seventh-largest company, Enron plunged into bankruptcy proceedings after years of accounting tricks could no longer hide billions in debt or make failing ventures appear profitable. The collapse wiped out thousands of jobs, more than \$60 billion in market value and more than \$2 billion in pension plans.

Several top executives, including ex-CEO Jeffrey Skilling, landed in prison for their roles in a scheme to manipulate the company's earnings and stock *Please see* **ENRON, M4**

U of I Potato Conference Nears in Pocatello

Members of the Jerome Modern Woodmen of America Chapter helped raise money for the Filer High School Athletic Department by selling snacks at the snack booth during the homecoming football game.

The event, held Sept. 30, raised \$2,048.50. This includes \$1,000.00 matched by Modern Woodmen's home office.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, South Central Community Action Partnership Community Services Director Leanne Trappen, Con Paulos Inc. owner Con Paulos, Kent Lee with Mix 103 FM/KART; and Mix 103 radio personality Debbie Dunlap, kick off this year's 60 Hours to Fight Hunger event in Twin Falls.

60 Hours to Fight Hunger Celebrates 12th Year

60 Hours to Fight Hunger celebrated its 12th year at Con Paulos Mazda Volkswagen, at 1534 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls.

Over the past 11 years, the annual November event has distributed more than 12,500 turkeys to local families during the holiday season.

South Central Community Action Partnership, Con Paulos, Mix 103 FM/KART and KMVT television sponsored the event.

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BY BLAIR KOCH

For the Times-News

FILER • With 86 years in the bed business, the Everton Mattress factory knows a thing or two about building a mattress.

Last year, the 135,000 square-foot factory in Filer manufactured and shipped about 49,000 bedding pieces throughout the Pacific Northwest. Company official expect to see that output increase by about 8 percent this year.

Demand for Everton beds, said Please see EVERTON, M3

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University of Idaho Extension's 44th annual Potato Conference and 33rd Ag Expo will be held Jan. 17-19 in Pocatello.

Pre-registration for the event continues until Jan. 6, and the three-day event on the Idaho State University campus will include a variety of topics of importance to Idaho potato growers.

From noon to 5 p.m. Jan. 17, a crop improvement seed seminar will be held. The agriculture expo, with more than 125 exhibits, will be held at the ISU Pond Student Union Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 17-18, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 19.

Sign up

Pre-registration for the conference is open until Jan. 6 and costs \$20 for Idaho residents and \$75 for non-Idaho residents.

For more information, or to register, visit **http://bit.ly/ruTL17.**

The trade show, with more than 100 exhibits of equipment and innovations, will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 18 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 19.

More than 29 topics ranging from disease and weed management to pesticide recordkeeping and more will be covered in the three-day conference.

A Short Blip in Our Day Our sports guy were just getting ramping up to get

n most respects this past Friday was a normal day for us at the *Times-News*. Well, not really. After all, there was a Downtown Christmas Parade to look forward to and to execute; a parade that brought 30 floats and more than a thousand spectators downtown on a chilly pre-winter evening.

Earlier in the day, advertising sales reps trickled in and out of the office, making calls on customers try-



ing to help them maximize holiday sales that have already gotten off to a strong start over last week's Black Friday weekend (Just when did this stop being Thanksgiving weekend?). Graphic artists designed an ad, and then another, and another.

Our reporters and photographers also came and went, and came again to complete their stories for weekend and Monday editions. We fired up the press to print our Sunday People section, and then again in the afternoon to print Sunday's Opinion section. We needed those extra sections as "insert jackets" to pre-insert those 25+ advertising sections that go into your Sunday paper this time of vear.

Our sports guys' days were just getting started ramping up to get out to Buhl to see their boys' basketball team get shellacked by Burley and to Rupert to see the Minico girls basketball team earn a hardfought victory over the girl's team from Spring Creek, Nevada.

The folks from Festive Glow completed the task of putting up the bright green and red lights that now outline our building and our Marketing Manager Susan Nickell placed - and decorated - the barrels we use each Christmas for our *Please see* **PFEIFER, M2**



YOUR BUSINESS

TFSD Education Foundation receives \$3,000 from US Bank



COURTESY PHOTO

US Bank recently donated \$3,000 to the Twin Falls School District Education Foundation for the district's after-school refugee program. From left, Twin Falls US Bank Branch Manager Jeff Wade and US Bank Regional President John Stotts present the check to TFSD Education Foundation Executive Director Linda Watkins.



COURTESY PHOTO

Twin Falls School District's after-school refugee program participants and other are presented a \$3,000 check for the program from US Bank. From front left, students Damanti Darjee, Maria Tapia, Krishna Subedi and Mom Rai, teacher Derrick May and Twin Falls School District Education Foundation Executive Director Linda Watkins. From back left, TFSD Associate Superintendent Patti O'Dell, Krishna Dhugana, teacher Cathy Talkington, Amenah Al Juboori, teachers Kim Dahl and Sara Toledo, and Canyon Ridge High School Principal Brady Dickinson.

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interdepartmental food drive "competition". At five minutes to three, everyone was still scurrying about at warp speed trying to get everything done that needed doing. Until I called "Time Out" and asked all our employees to gather in the newsroom. I call very few of these sort of mid-day "stand up" meetings, which is good, because almost everyone considers them an ill-conceived management ploy designed to shortcircuit productivity. Those working in the newsroom generally try to stay at their terminals and continue to work, either hoping or not particularly caring if I notice. Friday's meeting was short and the news I had to deliver was good. Our parent company - Lee Enterprises had completed refinancing plans on relatively favorable terms that should have a positive effect on both the stock price and the ability to continue to successfully run our forty-some newspapers throughout the country. I explained that the refinancing deal included the filing of a prepackaged Chapter 11 Bankruptcy package and no one batted an eye. Simply stated, Lee's prepackaged Chapter 11 filing is a fairly commonly used legal mechanism to get minority creditors to agree to terms already acceptable to majority creditors. Every vendor gets paid; every employee's pay and benefits are protected, and every Times-News reader continues to get a newspaper - like the one you're reading now one that's full of local news and local adver

tising messages. The meeting ended quickly; I made a few calls to business leaders and advertising customers; and then walked around the office to see if the "news" had had any effect on anyone's productivity.



From left, Maxine Price, Randy Price, Pattie Henry, Bill

Henry, Angel Ellefson, owner Brent Ellefson and owner

Josh Henry cut the red ribbon at Desert Reef Aquarium.

COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Kellie Bloom and Mary Ann Graham have recently been certified for the Look Good ... Feel Better Program.

T.F. Cosmetologists Certified for Look Good ... Feel Better Program

Twin Falls cosmetologists Kellie Bloom and Mary Ann Graham are among six new facilitators trained for the American Cancer Society's Look Good ... Feel Better program.

Through Look Good ... Feel Better, cosmetologist volunteer their time and talent to teach women how to address the side effects of their cancer treatments, which can include dry skin, brittle nails and partial or total hair loss.

The program is made possible through the partnership of the American Cancer Society, the Personal Care Products Council and the National Cosmetology Association. Information: Peg Schultz, 208-422-0846.



Desert Reef Aquarium Announces Opening

Desert Reef Aquarium Supply, at 2118 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls, cut the red ribbon along with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors.

Desert Reef is a new business in the Magic Valley and a new chamber member.

Desert Reef offers saltwater aquarium supply and custom tank design. With 15 years of experience, it builds custom acrylic tanks, custom stands and complete systems.

Information: 219-1097.



It had not. They returned to their stories, and their photos, and their ads; to their presses and inserting machines; and finally, to the parade - the Times-News Festival of Lights Downtown Christmas Parade.

Our employees love being involved in the community; love being the connection between you and all that is going on around you. Friday afternoon's meeting was a short blip in our day, but the news itself was no blip at all in our commitment to being your pathway to all you need to know in south-central Idaho.

COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Carleen Clayville, Kent Krohn and Brooke Thornton with LKV Architects, Minidoka County School District Board Trustees Mark Sanderson and Tammy Stevenson, Assistant Superintendent John Fennell, Trustee Doyle Price, Superintendent Scott Rogers, Maintenance Supervisor Theo Schut and Ambassador Audrey Neiwerth cut the red ribbon at the new Minidoka County School District Service Center in Rupert.

Minidoka School Service Center Cuts the Red Ribbon

The Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting at the Minidoka County School District's new District Service Center at 310 10th St., Rupert.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Everton Mattress Factory Supervisor Homer Williamson adjusts machinery at the company's Filer factory. Williamson, who has been with the company for more than 38 years, has seen the company grow and modernize.

Everton

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Vice President of Sales and Marketing Chris Sanders, is tied largely to new housing. When people build a new house, they often furnish it with new items, too.

"People aren't building new houses like they were a few years ago and that hurts," Sanders said. "It's still slow in that segment, but we're holding on and things are starting to pick up slowly."

The downtime gave the business time to think about cutting costs. Although sales have yet to return to building-boom levels, Sanders said the company decided to make an investment of more than \$250,000 in new equipment now to prepare for the inevitable recovery in sales.

"We've acquired several new machines that will improve the quality of the product and improve plant

and operator inefficiencies," he said. One \$150,000 quilting

machine should increase production at the station by 50 percent. It'll also make life easier on its operators.

"It automatically cuts the thread of the piece coming out, so it'll be easier on us," said quilter Teresa Kissinger. "This machine it is replacing doesn't have that cut-off mechanism and now you have to trim by hand."

Sanders points out that other additional equipment will help bundle production waste – remnant fabric that's now hauled to a landfill – to be sold.

"Before, we didn't have any way to get rid of it, besides throwing it away," Sanders said. "Now we can sell it for a little and save money from the landfill expense."

In November, the company decided to try to handle its own freight as well, hiring three drivers and spending more than



COURTESY PHOTO

The Everton Mattress factory in Filer recently installed new machinery that's expected to increase efficiency and reduce production waste.

\$250,000 in long-haul trucking equipment. The company now employs 39 people.

"With health care expenses and the costs of everything, really, going up, we're doing everything we can not to raise the cost of our products by controlling our costs and being as efficient as possible," Sanders said. The changes should help the company remain viable well into the future.

"We're excited and our employees are excited," said owner Steve Everton.

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

Economists Don't Let Improving

Data Undermine Gloom

BY DAVID J. LYNCH Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON • After concern last summer of an imminent double-dip recession in the United States, the data got a bit brighter in the fall. The economy grew faster than expected in the third quarter and has created almost 2.8 million private - sector jobs since the labor market bottomed in early 2010.

"It looks like recovery to me," says Chris Rupkey, a New York-based economist for Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ. Even as he's encouraged by an uptick in consumer spending and

slow but steady gains in employment, Rupkey says he knows his optimism is a minority view.

Two and a half years after the official end of the recession, in June 2009, this recovery looks like none before it.

Daniel Tarullo, a member of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, describes the economy as "slogging through the mud." Arun Raha, chief economist for the state of Washington, chooses a different metaphor. "A return to normalcy seems like a mirage in the desert," he wrote in a report in October. "The closer we get to it, the further it moves away?"







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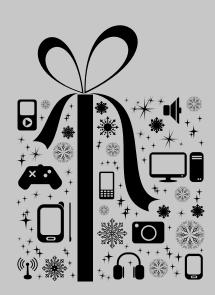
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price by lying to employees and investors about Enron's financial health. They were accused of using accounting tricks and complex financial structures to hide losses and create an illusion of success.

Some former employees say that beyond the loss of their jobs and retirement savings, they're upset that many people still think the vast majority of Enron workers were part of the greed and dishonesty that brought down the company. They lament that the innovation and generosity that once made it a great place to work are now long forgot -

clined to overturn his convictions. Lay's convictions were vacated after he died of heart disease following his 2006 trial.

Fastow is serving the remainder of a six-year prison term in home confinement in Houston and is set to be released Dec. 17. He is now working as a document review clerk for the Houston law firm that represented him in civil cases over the last decade.

"I can't hate them for sure. I believe in forgiveness, but I'm still mad at them," Maddox said.

After his Enron retirement became worthless. Maddox and his wife Phyllis had to lease their suburban Houston home and move to an old family farmhouse in the East Texas town of Van. They also went back to work. Phyllis Maddox, a retired teacher, became a substitute teacher while her husband mowed lawns and pastures. Phyllis Maddox later developed liver cancer and died in 2008. George Maddox used \$26,000 he received from a lawsuit he and other ex-workers were a part of to get back some of their retirement savings to pay his wife's medical bills. Now he raises his 14-yearold grandson by himself. Lisa Feener worked as a manager of marketing services from 1989 until being laid off just before the bankruptcy. She still has some fond memories of the com-

pany, which she said treated its employees fairly and gave back to the community. Feener has saved a collection of Enron memorabilia, including small plaques and awards marking the completion of projects and photo albums depicting happier

"Every single person, even the people who we don't think have paid enough have paid," said Feener, of suburban Houston, who returned to Enron from 2002 through 2007, helping to sell the company's assets. She has done freelance marketing work

While Hunter and Feener,





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"Enron wasn't evil ... A few individuals were corrupt, but not the entire company," said Karen Hunter, who lost her job in Enron's international marketing section and eventually found new work in marketing.

Maddox's anger is directed particularly at three of the 24 Enron executives who were convicted in the scandal: Skilling; founder Kenneth Lay; and Andrew Fastow, the ex-chief financial officer and architect behind financial schemes that doomed the company.

Skilling remains in prison awaiting resentencing after an appeals court overturned his 24-year sentence and the U.S. Supreme Court de-

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PHILIP SCOTT ANDREWS . THE NEW YORK TIMES

Herman Cain greets a supporter after speaking at a campaign event he held in Atlanta Saturday. Cain suspended his presidential campaign on Saturday, pledging that he "would not go away," even as he abandoned hope of winning the Republican nomination.

Herman Cain Suspends Presidential Campaign

BY SHANNON MCCAFFREY Associated Press

ATLANTA • The Cain train has come to a stop.

Herman Cain suspended his bid for the Republican presidential nomination on Saturday following a steady drumbeat of sexual misconduct allegations he said were harming his family

wife, Gloria.

"So as of today, with a lot of prayer and soul-searching, I am suspending my presidential campaign. I am suspending my presidential campaign because of the continued distractions and the continued hurt caused on me and my family," a tired-looking Cain told about a 400 supporters.

It was a remarkable turnabout for a

porters took to the podium to urge attendees to vote for Cain and travel to early voting states to rev up support for his bid.

"Join the Cain train," David Mc-Cleary, Cain's Georgia director, urged the audience.

Cain said he would offer an endorsement in the near future and he predicted a scramble among Republicans in the field to win the backing of his conservative, tea party base. Former GOP rivals quickly issued statements Saturday praising Cain's conservative credentials and appeal. His withdrawal could help those seeking to run as an alternative to former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, seen by some as too moderate. Cain's announcement came five days after an Atlanta-area woman claimed she and Cain had an affair for more than a decade, a claim that followed Please see CAIN, N2

Obama Pushes for Payroll Tax **Cut Extension**

BY ERICA WERNER Associated Press

WASHINGTON• President Barack Obama wants voters to get involved in the debate over extending the reduced payroll tax and he's asking them to tell members of Congress to keep the cut in place.

"Let your members of Congress know where you stand," Obama said Saturday in his weekly radio and Internet address. "Tell them not to vote to raise taxes on working Americans during the holidays. Tell them to put country before party. Put money back in the pockets of working Americans. Pass these tax cuts."

Obama's address directs listeners to the whitehouse.gov website, where an online calculator lets them determine how much money it's worth to them to continue the 2 percent reduction in the payroll tax that took effect this year. A family with income of \$50,000 a year would pay \$1,000 more in payroll taxes if Congress does not act by the end of this year to extend that reduction.

Democrats want to expand the reduction in addition to extending it. Republican leaders say they're committed to passing an extension, fearing political fallout if payroll taxes rise on Jan. 1 on 160 million wage-earners. The GOP rank-and-file appears divided, with many Republican senators voting against an extension supported by their leadership this week.

"Let your members of Congress know where you stand. Tell them not to vote to raise taxes on working Ameri-cans during the holidays."

President Barack Obama

on millionaires; Republicans prefer to cut federal spending.

"We're going to keep pushing Congress to make this happen. They shouldn't go home for the holidays until they get this done," Obama said in his address. "And if you agree with me, I could use your help?"

Obama also took note of a new monthly jobs report out Friday that showed the economy added 120,000 jobs in November, a positive number. "We need to keep this growth going and strengthen it," the president said.

Republicans devoted their weekly address to promoting a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which is headed for a vote in the Senate after failing in the House last month.

and drowning out his ability to deliver his message.

With just one month to go until the lead-off Iowa caucuses, Cain's announcement is tantamount to a concession. Still, he told supporters, he planned to continue his efforts to influence Washington and announced "Plan B'' – what he called a grassroots effort to return government to the people.

Cain denounced the accusations of impropriety against him as "false and unproven" but said that they had been hurtful to his family, particularly his man that just weeks ago vaulted out of nowhere to the top of the GOP field, fueled by a populist, outsider appeal and

his catchy 9-9-9 tax overhaul plan. Saturday's event was a bizarre piece of political theater even for a campaign that has seemed to thrive on defying convention.

Cain marked the end of his bid at what was supposed to be the grand opening of his new campaign headquarters in Atlanta. Minutes before he took the stage to pull the plug with his wife, Gloria, at his side, aides and sup-

There's also disagreement about how or whether to pay for any extension. Democrats favor a new tax

Democratic leaders worked aggressively to defeat the measure in the House, saying that such a requirement could force Congress to cut billions from social programs during times of economic downturn and that disputes over what to cut could result in Congress ceding its power of the purse to the courts. The result was that

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Iraq PM Confident in Post-U.S. Future

BY REBECCA SANTANA and QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA

Associated Press

BAGHDAD • Weeks before the U.S. pullout, Iraq's prime minister confidently predicted Saturday that his country will achieve stability and remain independent of its giant neighbor Iran even without an American troop presence.

Nouri al-Maliki also warned of civil war in Iran's ally Syria if Bashar Assad falls - a view that puts him closer to Tehran's position and at odds with Washington. The foreign policy pronouncement indicates that Iraq is emerging from the shadows of U.S. influence in a way unforeseen when U.S.led forces invaded eight years ago to topple Saddam Hussein.

"The situation in Syria is dangerous,"

Iraq by the numbers

CASUALTIES

• U.S. deaths as of Nov. 30, 2011: 4,485 · Confirmed U.S. mili-

tary wounded (hostile) as of Nov. 29, 2011: 31,921

• Confirmed U.S. military wounded (non-hostile, using medical air

al-Maliki told The Associated Press during an interview at his office in a former Saddam-era palace in Baghdad's Green Zone. "Things should be dealt with appropriately so that the spring in Syria does not turn into a winter."

The Obama administration has been

transport) as of Oct. 31, 2011: 40,350

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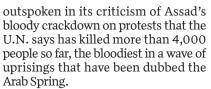
• More than \$805 billion as of Nov. 30, 2011, according to the National Priorities Project.

OIL PRODUCTION

• Prewar: 2.58 million barrels per day. • July 29, 2011: 2.37 million barrels per day.

INTERNAL REFUGEES

• Prewar: 1,021,962. • August 2011: Approximately 1.3 million people are currently displaced inside Iraq.



Please see IRAQ, N2



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday.



Unemployed, Liberal Groups to Hold Week of Protests in D.C.

BY TONY PUGH

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON • Roughly 3,000 unemployed workers from around the country are expected in the nation's capitol this week for four days of protests with labor, religious and social justice groups that say Congress cares more about America's wealthiest 1 percent than it does the masses of struggling middleclass families.

Piggybacking on the Occupy Wall Street movement, the three-day "Take Back the Capitol" protest will open Monday with construction of a "Peoples Camp" on the National Mall as a base of operations. On Tuesday, protesters will hit Capitol Hill to lobby members of Congress about extending federal unemployment benefits. The group walks to K Street on Wednesday to protest the political influence of corporate lobbyists.

And on Thursday, they'll host a national prayer vigil for the unemployed on Capitol Hill. At the same time, the AFL-CIO will coordinate simultaneous protests at congressional district offices across the country to call for extending unemployment benefits that are slated to expire Dec. 31 without congressional action.

"We're going to be here for a week, and we're going to be letting them all know that people are getting pretty tired of a Washington that works for the few and not for the many," said Robert Borosage, co-director of Campaign for America's Future, one of a coalition of organizations sponsoring the event.

A flier says the protest will "show Congress what democracy looks like, shine a light on corporate greed and the human suffering it has caused, and demand justice for the 99%?"

Protesters will call for passage of President Barack Obama's jobs bill and for continuing the 2 percentage point payroll tax cut for employees.

The protest is expected to draw the largest gathering of unemployed workers in the nation's capital since the economy tanked, said Andy McDonald, spokesman for the American Dream Movement, a national coalition of progressive self-styled groups.

"They're here to say, 'This economy has been broken by the 1 percent (of wealthy Americans), and people in Congress continue to side with them? We want to reclaim the economy and take back the Capitol and make it the people's house again," McDonald said.

Representatives from 15 Occupy protests from around the country will also take part, Borosage said, but the local Occupy DC isn't a sponsor, said Legba Carrefour, a spokesman for the group. U.S. Park Police said the protesters will not be allowed to

sleep overnight on the National Mall.

Supporters hope the growing activism of liberal groups will translate into Election Day victories in 2012.

Their political momentum has been building for months. In August, progressive groups held more than 400 protests in local congressional district offices to push for greater job creation. In September, the Occupy Wall Street movement began. In October, 2,000 liberal activists gathered in Washington for the "Take Back the American Dream" conference. And on Nov. 17, the American Dream Movement held a national day of action in which protesters gathered on structurally deficient bridges

across the country to call for greater infrastructure investment to create jobs.

"On a lot of those bridges, there were people from Occupy, there were unemployed workers, union members, MoveOn.org members, so they all started to blend together. I think that's what's exciting about what's happening in the country right now and that's what's exciting about next week," Mc-Donald said.

Sponsoring organizations for "Take Back the Capitol" include Rebuild the Dream, the Center for Community Change, USAction, Interfaith Worker Justice, Faith in Life, MoveOn.org, the Service Employees International Union and the AFL-CIO.

Iraq

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Iraq has been much more circumspect and abstained from key Arab League votes suspending Syria's membership and imposing sanctions on the country. That has raised concern that Baghdad is succumbing to Iranian pressure to protect Assad's regime. Tehran is Syria's main backer.

Al-Maliki insisted that Iraq will chart its own policies in the future according to national interests, not the dictates of Iran or any other country.

Some U.S. officials have suggested that Iranian influence in Iraq would inevitably grow once American troops depart.

Both countries have Shiite majorities and are dominated by Shiite political groups. Many Iraqi politicians spent time in exile in Iran under Saddam's repressive regime, and one of al-Maliki's main allies – anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr – is believed to

spend most of his time in Iran.

"Iraq is not a follower of any country," al-Maliki said. He pointed out several areas in which Iraq had acted against Iran's desires, including the signing of the security agreement in 2008 that required all U.S. forces to leave Iraq by the end of this year. Iran had been pushing for all American troops to be out of the country even sooner.

"Through our policies, Iraq was not and will not be a follower of another country's policies," he said.

But he also took pains to emphasize that Iraq did want to maintain good relations with Iran as the two countries share extensive cultural, economical and religious ties.

"Clearly, we are no enemy to Iran and we do not accept that some who have problems with Iran would use us as a battlefield. Some want to fight Iran with Iraqi resources as has happened in the past. We do not allow Iran to use us against others that Iran has problems with,

and we do not allow others to use us against Iran," he said.

The prime minister defended his country's stance when it comes to how to address the instability roiling neighboring Syria right now.

The U.N.'s top human rights official said this week that Syria is in a state of civil war and that more than 4,000 people have been killed since March.

Al-Maliki said Iraq believes the Syrian people's rights should be protected and that his government has told the Syrian regime that the age of one party and one sect running the country is over. Syria is ruled by a minority Alawite regime, an offshoot of Shiism, that rules over a Sunni Muslim majority.

The Iraqi prime minister even said that members of the Syrian opposition had recently asked to come to Iraq, and that his government would meet with them. But he distanced himself from calls for Assad's ouster, warning that could plunge the country into civil war.

"The killing or removal of President Bashar in any way will explode into an internal struggle between two groups and this will have an impact on the region," al-Maliki said.

"My opinion - I also lived in Syria for more than 16 years - is that it will end with civil war and this civil war will lead to alliances in the region. Because we are a country that suffered from the civil war of a sectarian background, we fear for the future of Syria and the whole region," he said.

Al-Maliki also insisted his forces were ready to take over security during a wideranging discussion on where his country stands ahead of the Dec. 31 departure of all American troops.

"Nothing has changed with the withdrawal of the American forces from Iraq on the security level because basically it has been in our hands," he said.

The U.S. withdrawal has occurred in stages, with the American military pulling out of the cities in 2008, leaving the soldiers largely confined to bases as Iraqi security forces took the lead. About 13,000 U.S. troops are still in the country, down from a one-time high of about 170,000.

Al-Maliki said he was grateful to the United States for overthrowing Saddam.

"We appreciate that, no doubt," the prime minister said, adding he was not worried about a resumption of the type of sectarian warfare that pushed his own country to the brink of civil war in the years following the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

On the contrary, he said violence would decline because the Americans' departure would remove one of the main reasons for attacks

"What was taking place during the presence of the American forces will decrease in the period after the withdrawal," he said. "Some people find a pretext in the presence of the American forces to justify their acts, but now what justification will they come up with?"

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the amendment got majority support but fell short of the two-thirds needed to advance a constitutional amendment.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, said "the impending vote to amend the Constitution represents a choice between changing business as usual in Washington or embracing the status quo that we can no longer afford?

"The real reason many lawmakers don't want a balanced budget amendment is the exact reason why it's so essential," Snowe said. "They don't want their hands tied; they want to continue to spend without restraint?"

Like Obama, she asked listeners to make their views known.

"Contact your senators and urge them to support our balanced budget amendment," Snowe said, "so that we finally seize the fiscal reins and reclaim our future for our children and our grandchildren."

Cain Continued from **N1**

several allegations of sexual harassment against the Georgia businessman.

office, rose just weeks ago to lead the volatile Republican race. But Cain fumbled policy questions, leaving some to wonder whether he was ready for the presidency. Then it was revealed at the

Polls suggest his popular ity has suffered. A Des Moines Register poll released Friday showed Cain's support plunging, with backing from 8 percent of Republican caucusgoers in

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"Now, I have made many mistakes in life. Everybody has. I've made mistakes professionally, personally, as a candidate, in terms of how I run my campaign. And I take responsibility for the mistakes I've made, and I have been the very first to own up to any mistakes I've made," he said.

But Cain intoned: "I am at peace with my God. I am at peace with my wife. And she is at peace with me?"

Cain, the former Godfather's Pizza chief executive who has never held elected end of October that the National Restaurant Association had paid settlements to two women who claimed Cain sexually harassed them while he was president of the organization.

A third woman told The Associated Press that Cain made inappropriate sexual advances but that she didn't file a complaint. A fourth woman also stepped forward to accuse Cain of groping her in a car in 1997.

Cain has denied wrongdoing in all cases, and continued to do so Saturday.

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Iowa, compared with 23 percent a month ago.

But Cain said Saturday he would not go away and would continue trying to influence Washington from the outside,

He announced the formation CainSolutions.com, which he said was a grassroots effort to bring government back to the people.

"I am not going to be silenced, and I am not going away. And therefore, as of today, Plan B. Plan B," he said.

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Water pumped from a quarry flows from Jack Creek into the Navasota River at the Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site in Groesbeck, Texas. The City of Groesbeck is on the verge of running out of water since there is not enough water flowing into the Navasota River due to a drought

Texas Towns Find Fast Solutions to Water Shortage Problems

GROESBECK, Texas (AP) • In a tranquil state park in Central Texas, workers are busily piecing together massive yellow pipes that spell salvation for this city. The pipes run along a park road, slither between trees, cross a street to avoid an ancient cemetery, hug a state-owned easement and then land at a treatment plant.

Without it, what everyone fears most would come true: The water will stop running.

This \$250,000 pipeline project will bring water from a rock quarry seven miles away to Groesbeck by Dec. 6 the date that state officials monitoring the drought said the town would run out of water, finally sucked dry by Texas' historic drought. But it is only a six-month supply. That's enough time, Mayor Jackie Livingston hopes, to find a permanent solution.

Texas are finding short-term

float a pipe over a water-filled hole that saved the town from hauling water, at least for now, said Pat Mulligan, president and manager of the Windermere Oaks Water Supply Company. But if the lake that supplies the area drops another six feet, they will have to haul in water by truck. Then, water bills will increase about 300 percent and residents in the 230home subdivision could pay 300 a month for water - upfrom about \$120.

Mulligan hopes the hole will supply water for a year.

"We're at the mercy of the gods," he said.

The state is treating the drought much as it would a hurricane, said Linda Brookins, director of the TCEQ water supply division. Officials contact towns every week. They hold urgent meetings. Experts walk rivers tions. Many are surprised to solutions, and so are forced to

"The last thing we want is to see people run out of water," Brookins said.

In Groesbeck, water troubles began this summer. Fort Parker Lake, once a grand reservoir, has been relegated to a series of mud banks and puddles.

It happened quickly: During a 90-day stretch of little rain and triple-degree heat, the town used 54 million gallons of water. Some 271 million gallons – an 18-month supply – evaporated.

"Sucked it out of the rivers and lakes," Livingston sighs.

The day the lake got to a crisis point, alarming officials that it could actually go dry, the pitter-patter of rain interrupted a City Council meeting - just as state officials granted permission to lay pipe through the park. The pipeline company needed four days, and the work will be done just before

from Livingston's shoulders.

vestigate the possibility of finding groundwater. Livingston is wary because the lower river is spring-fed and she fears tapping the aquifer will further harm the waterway and cause it to dry up, too.

paid another \$98,000 will in-

And so she prays.

As does Robert Lee's water superintendent Eddie Ray Roberts. The \$1.55 million pipeline he's building to get water from the nearby town doesn't include the cost of actually purchasing the water. So the town has to find a cheaper alternative. Roberts' solution?

"Prayer," he says laughing. He believes groundwater may be the town's best option. But drilling wells could cost another \$250,000, and it's not a sure bet.

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George McGovern in Stable Condition After Fall

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. • Former Democratic presidential candidate George Mc-Govern was alert, comfortable and in stable condition at a South Dakota hospital Saturday after hitting his head during a fall, hospital officials said.

The 89-year-old former U.S. senator was taken by helicopter to a Sioux Falls hospital late Friday after falling outside Dakota Wesleyan University's Mc-Govern Library in Mitchell. A school official said Mc-Govern hit his head on the pavement about two hours before he was scheduled to appear on a live C-SPAN interview at the library.

"Senator McGovern is alert and resting comfortably but, as with any head injury, it is important that we observe the situation closely," Dr. Michael Elliott, chief medical officer at Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, said in a written statement Saturday.

The statement said Mc-Govern was in stable condition, though no other details were released. The hospital said his family was asking for privacy.

The former South Dakota senator has lived in St. Augustine, Fla., since 2008 but also has a home in Mitchell.

Friends and faculty who had gathered at the library for the C-SPAN taping said McGovern fell at about 5:15 p.m. Friday. McGovern was "bleeding profusely" but was conscious and talking as he was taken from the university by ambulance, said Donald Simmons, dean of the College of Public Service.

McGovern's daughter, Ann, was with her father before he was taken to the Sioux Falls hospital. She said Friday that the injury was unrelated to her father's hospitalization in late October for exhaustion.

University President Robert Duffett said Mc-Govern had been excited to take part in the C-SPAN program "The Contenders," which focuses on failed presidential candidates who changed the landscape of American politics. McGovern lost his 1972 presidential bid against President Richard Nixon, who eventually resigned amid the Watergate scandal.

Duffett said he had coffee with McGovern just hours before the fall and that McGovern was returning to the campus to grab dinner with faculty before the interview.

McGovern was entering a side door when he "tripped and fell and hit his head hard," Duffett said. "It's just one of those things. He's made that walk many times before?'

McGovern has an office inside the library, which is named for him and his late wife, Eleanor.





85-year-old Says She was Strip Searched at New York Airport

BY COLLEEN LONG Associated Press

NEW YORK • An 85-yearold New York grandmother said Saturday she was injured and humiliated when she was strip searched at an airport after she asked to be patted down instead of going through a body scanner.

Lenore Zimmerman said she was taken to a private room and made to take off her pants and other clothes after she asked to forgo the screening because she worried it would interfere with her defibrillator. She missed her flight and had to take one 21/2 hours later, she said.

"I'm hunched over. I'm in a wheelchair. I weigh under 110 pounds," she said from her winter home at a seniors community in Coconut Creek, Fla. "Do I look like a terrorist?"

But the Transportation Security Administration said in a statement Saturday no strip search was conducted.

"While we regret that the passenger feels she had an unpleasant screening experience, TSA does not include strip searches as part of our security protocols and one was not conducted in this case," the statement read.

Zimmerman was dropped off by her son at Kennedy Airport for a 1 p.m. flight Tuesday to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on JetBlue, she said. She



ZIMMERMAN FAMILY PHOTO - ASSOCIATED PRESS Lenore Zimmerman is shown in this undated family photo. Zimmerman, 85, who arrived in a wheelchair for a flight at New York's Kennedy Airport on Tuesday said she was required to go through a strip search after she asked to be patted down instead. She was concerned passing through the airport's body scanner would interfere with her defibrillator.

arrived to the ticket counter around 12:20 p.m. and headed for security in a wheelchair, her small, metal walker in her lap.

She's been traveling to Florida for at least a decade

screening machines now in place at the airport.

As a result, she said, she was taken into the private screening room by one agent and made to strip.

A review of closed-circuit television at the airport showed proper procedures were followed, Jonathan Allen, a TSA spokesman, said in a statement.

"Private screening was requested by the passenger, it was granted and lasted approximately 11 minutes," the statement read. "TSA screening procedures are conducted in a manner designed to treat all passengers with dignity, respect and courtesy and that occurred in this instance."

The private screening was not recorded.

Zimmerman, who spends half the year in Long Beach, N.Y., said she banged her shin during the process and it bled "like a pig," partly because she is on blood-thinning medication. She said an emergency medical technician patched her up, but she was told to see a doctor when she arrived in Florida to make sure the wound didn't get infected. There are no records indicating medical attention was called on her behalf.

"I don't know what triggered this. I don't know why they singled me out," she said.

HOSPITAL: GRAHAM, 93, CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) • Hospital officials say the Rev. Billy Graham is continuing his "successful" treatment for pneumonia.

A statement from Asheville's Mission Hospital on Saturday afternoon said Graham's pulmonologist reports he is maintaining the improvement he showed on Friday.

The 93-year-old evangelist will continue physical therapy to help his strength and mobility. Doctors said Graham stood and walked Friday during a physical therapy session. No date is set for his discharge.

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Hospital spokesman Merrell Gregory said Graham is alert and outgoing and friendly with staff. He says Graham has shown his long-term memory is still strong with old stories about his life and ministry.

Graham was admitted Wednesday night after suffering from congestion, a cough and a slight fever that was later diagnosed as pneumonia.





BY MICHAEL TARM Associated Press

CHICAGO • As Rod Blagojevich steps before a sentencing judge, the impeached Illinois governor might do well to suppress the cocksure, perpetual campaigner in him and conjure up a lesser-known figure: The humble, contrite family man.

Whether he can pull that off at the hearing beginning Tuesday may play arole in determining the sentence imposed for his 18 convictions, including that Blagojevich sought to auction off the Senate seat Barack Obama was make the sentence one of the stiffest for corruption in Illinois' long history of crooked politics.

Blagojevich, 54, will likely go to a low-security prison. But his life will be strictly regimented and the father of two girls will be largely cut off from the outside world. He'll also have to work a menial job – possibly janitorial work – at a wage of just 12 cents an hour.

In requesting Blagojevich get between 15 and 20 years, prosecutors noted that he has shown no remorse and has even "belittled the seriousness of his offences?"

and has never had a problem

being patted down until

now, she said. "I worry about

my heart, so I don't want to

go through those things," she

said, referring to the ad-

vanced image technology

Blagojevich's lawyers countered that federal guidelines dictate Blagojevich get about 3 1/2 years to a little more than 4 years in prison, and argued for even less.

Defense lawyers say the twice-elected Democratic governor will address Zagel directly in court, but haven't indicated just what he'll say or who else could speak on his behalf in a hearing that the judge says will last into Wednesday.

There has been no hint the defense intends to strike a conciliatory tone. In challenging prosecutors' proposed sentence, Blagojevich attorney Carolyn Gurland said it is "disconnected to the facts of this case ... in which the initiative and action at issue were all perfectly legal."

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vacating to become president.

The former governor has never wavered in insisting on his innocence, from his celebrity turns on national television to his gabby days on the witness stand. But even a hint of obstinacy in court could anger Judge James Zagel and scuttle any hopes Blagojevich harbors of a lesser sentence, according to legal experts and a former politician who faced the same dilemma.

"You just can't walk into your sentencing and say you've been railroaded. Forget about it. That time's over," said former Chicago city clerk Jim Laski, who was sentenced to two years in prison for corruption in 2006. "You darn well better walk in with a heavy heart, saying you made mistakes and that you accept the decision of a jury of your peers."

Most experts say Zagel is likely to sentence Blagojevich to around 10 years in prison. Much less would be seen as lenient. More than 10 would





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Romney, Gingrich Proceed Carefully in GOP Showdown

BY CHARLES BABINGTON and BETH FOUHY Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. • The once-bursting 2012 Republican presidential field is narrowing to a two-man race, and GOP voters have one month before casting the first votes to winnow it to one. Barring a dramatic new turn, their chief options will be the steady but often bland demeanor of Mitt Romney and the ideaa-minute bombast of Newt Gingrich.

Herman Cain's suspension of his campaign Saturday and Texas Gov. Rick Perry's continued struggles to regain traction have focused the party's attention on Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, and Gingrich, the former House speaker. They offer striking contrasts in personality, government experience and campaign organization, with Gingrich having only a scant infrastructure in the early voting states.

At a town hall meeting in



Mitt Romney and Newt Gingrich.

New York sponsored by tea party supporters, Gingrich declined to characterize the race as a direct contest between himself and Romney. Any of the remaining GOP contenders could stage a comeback before the Iowa caucuses, Gingrich said, just as he had after his campaign nearly imploded last summer.

"I'm not going to say that any of my friends can't suddenly surprise us," Gingrich said, noting that Texas Rep. Ron Paul has a strong organization in Iowa and Minnesota Rep. Michele Bach-

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mann is an Iowa native.

"This thing could have 2 or 3 more cycles between here and figuring out who is actually in the final round," Gingrich said. "I don't want to preclude any of them from having an opportunity to rebound just as I was able to rebound after virtually all the national news media assumed I was dead."

Gingrich also praised Cain for bringing optimism and "big ideas" to the campaign.

"He had the courage to launch the 9-9-9 plan which, whether you liked it

Web Increasingly Becoming a Tool to Link Campaigns and Voters

BY BETH FOUHY Associated Press

NEW YORK • As potential voters in New Hampshire and Iowa scan the Internet, they probably are seeing ads for Republican Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama alongside deals for shoes and holiday gifts.

The campaign ads will then follow those voters around the Web, popping up on news sites, Google searches and on social networking sites like Facebook.

Online advertising, once used primarily as a way to reach young and heavily wired consumers, has emerged as an essential communications tool in the 2012 presidential contest. While few expect Web ads to supplant television commercials anytime soon, strategists say online ads take another action, like send money or attend an offline event. It's an oldschool organization principle that has been working its way online."

Campaigns were slow to adapt to online advertising even as the corporate world flocked to the Web with product ads years ago. Internet ad revenue climbed to nearly \$7.9 billion in the



third quarter of 2011, up 22 percent from the same time last year, according to the Internet Advertising Bureau, which tracks online ad spending.

Corporations now spend from 18 percent to 28 percent of their advertising budget online, while campaigns historically have spent no more than 5 percent.



Their political philosophies and differences between Gingrich and Romney are a bit harder to tease out. Both men have reversed some previous positions, and Gingrich in particular is known to veer into unusual territories, such as child labor practices.

If Romney, who was seen as the likeliest nominee from the start, feels Gingrich breathing down his neck, he didn't show it Saturday as he campaigned in New Hampshire. The state's Jan. 10 primary follows the Iowa caucus by one week.

Romney repeatedly turned aside reporters' invitations to light into Gingrich, offering only gentle critiques while aiming much sharper remarks at President Barack Obama. Whereas Gingrich, with typical swagger, recently declared himself the nominee, Romney said the contest is far from decided.

"I don't think people have really settled down, in a final way, to decide who they're going to support in the nomination process," he told reporters in Manchester, where he held a rally and knocked on a few doors. "I hope they give us a good, careful look?"

That was about as much emotion and daring as Romney showed all day. With the second-tier candidates ramping up their criticisms of Gingrich lately, he stuck to his steady-asshe-goes campaign style of criticizing Obama's economic record, and saying little else.



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may be the most nimble, efficient and cost-effective way to reach voters.

"Online advertising cuts through because of its ability to target. It's unparalleled in any other medium," said Romney's digital director, Zac Moffatt. "TV may be more effective for driving a big message, but per usage, the Internet is more powerful. We are probably one presidential cycle from everyone believing that."

Web ads can take many forms, from small display boxes to clickable videos to 15- or 30-second commercials known as "pre-rolls" a viewer sees before the start of a news clip or YouTube video.

While campaigns invest heavily in television ads to reach a mass audience, Web ads are geared specifically to people based on their ZIP code, demographics and, most importantly, their Internet browsing history.

That means someone who has visited the Obama campaign website probably will start seeing his ads on a number of different Web pages. Those who use Google to search for information on the Republican candidates might notice a Romney campaign pre-roll the next time they watch a TV show online.

Campaigns also buy ads on websites that cater to the different demographic groups the campaigns are hoping to reach.

"When someone expresses interest in politics online, it's an incredibly good time for the campaigns to talk to them," said Andrew Roos, a Google account leader who works with Democratic campaigns on Web ad strategy. "You want to grab people when they are paying attention and ask them to

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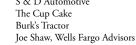
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25 Die in Syria, as Defectors **Battle Regime Forces**

BY BASSEM MROUE Associated Press

BEIRUT • Violence sweeping across Syria killed 25 people on Saturday, most of them in a battle between troops and a growing force of army defectors who have joined the movement to oust the autocratic president, activists said. The Arab League, meanwhile, agreed on the details of economic and diplomatic sanctions against the regime.

The revolt against Bashar Assad's rule began with peaceful protests in mid-March, triggering a brutal crackdown. The unrest has steadily become bloodier as defectors and some civilians take up arms, prompting the United Nations' human rights chief to refer to it this week as a civil war and urge the international community to protect Syrian civilians.

Sanctions by the United States, the European Union, Turkey and the 22-member Arab League have so far failed to blunt the turmoil, but are leaving Assad's regime increasingly isolated.

Arab League ministers meeting in the Gulf nation of Qatar on Saturday to finalize the bloc's penalties agreed on a list of 19 Syrian officials

subject to a travel ban. Among them are Cabinet ministers, intelligence chiefs and security officers, but the list does not include Assad.

Many of the Arab sanctions, which were first announced last Sunday, went into effect immediately, including cutting off transactions with the Syrian central bank, halting Arab government funding for projects in Syria and freezing government assets. Flights between Syria and its Arab neighbors will stop Dec. 15.

The Arab League also agreed to ban the supply of all weapons to Syria.

The worst violence on Saturday took place in the restive northwestern city of Idlib.

The pre-dawn clashes between regime forces and defectors killed seven soldiers and policemen, as well as five defectors and three civilians, according to a British-based group of Syrian activists called the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

Elsewhere, security forces killed one civilian in the southern province of Daraa, six in the central region of Homs and three others in areas near Idlib, the observatory said.

The U.N.'s top human

rights official said this week that Syria is in a state of civil war and that more than 4,000 people have been killed since March.

Until recently, most of the bloodshed in Syria was caused by security forces firing on mainly peaceful protesters, but there have been growing reports of army defectors and armed civilians fighting regime forces.

November was the deadliest month of the uprising, with at least 950 people killed in gunbattles, raids and other violence, according to activist groups.

In the west of the country, Syrian troops detained at least 27 people in the village of Talkalakh on the border with Lebanon and set fire to the homes of nine activists who were on the run, the observatory said.

Talkalakh is within walking distance from Lebanon, and at least two Lebanese civilians were struck by bullets on their side of the border on Friday. Witnesses said that they had heard hours of explosions and heavy machine-gun fire coming from the village.

The country's state-run SANA news agency confirmed the arrests in Talkalakh, saying that those detained were "terrorists" involved in smuggling weapons, drugs and bringing in fighters from Lebanon. The regime has consistently blamed armed gangs acting out a foreign conspiracy for Syria's unrest.

The opposition activists reject that and say they are pushing for Assad's ouster in hopes of breaking open the nation's closed political scene.

The reports of new violence could not be independently confirmed. The regime has sealed the country off from foreign journalists and prevented independent reporting.

Syria has refused to accept an Arab League proposal for ending the violence under which a team of Arab monitors would enter the country to ensure the government has halted its crackdown on protesters.

Arab League officials at Saturday's meeting in Qatar said Syria has asked for a meeting to discuss the proposed monitoring team with the league's secretary-general, Nabil Elaraby. But no date or venue for those talks was announced.

The league suspended Syria's membership in November.

Egypt Brotherhood Says it Won't Impose Islamic Values

BY AYA BATRAWY Associated Press

CAIRO • Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood, emerging as the biggest winner in the first round of parliamentary elections, sought Saturday to reassure Egyptians that it would not sacrifice personal freedoms in promoting Islamic law.

The deputy head of the Brotherhood's new political party, Essam el-Erian, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that the group is not interested in imposing Islamic values on Egypt, home to a sizable Christian minority and others who object to being subject to strict Islamic codes. "We represent a moderate and fair party," el-Erian said of his Freedom and Justice Party. "We want to apply the basics of Shariah law in a fair way that respects human rights and personal rights," he said, referring to Islamic law The comments were the clearest indication that the Brotherhood was distancing itself from the ultraconservative Islamist Nour Party, which appears to have won the second-largest share of votes in the election's first phase. The Nour Party espouses a strict interpretation of Islam similar to that of Saudi Arabia, where the sexes are segregated and women must be veiled and are barred from driving Egypt's election commission has released few official results from the voting on Monday and Tuesday. But preliminary counts have been leaked by judges and individual political groups showing both parties could together control a majority of seats in the lower house of parliament if they did form an alliance. The Brotherhood recently denied in a statement that it seeks to form an alliance with the Nour Party in parliament, calling it "premature and mere media speculation." On Saturday, el-Erian made it clear that the Brotherhood does not share Nour's more hard-line aspirations to strictly enforce Islamic codes in Egyptians' daily lives.

cil, accused by Egypt's protest movement of stalling a transition to civilian and democratic rule, is seeking to limit the powers of the next parliament and maintain close oversight over the drafting of a new constitution.

Egypt already uses Shariah law as the basis for legislation, however Egyptian laws remain largely secular as Shariah does not cover all aspects of modern life.

On its English-language Twitter account, the Brotherhood said that its priorities were to fix Egypt's economy and improve the lives of ordinary Egyptians, "not to change (the) face of Egypt into (an) Islamic state?'

over three stages, with 18 provinces in Egypt yet to vote.

Meanwhile, the swearingin of a new temporary Cabinet was delayed on Saturday due to disagreements over key posts, including over who will lead the ministry in charge of internal security.

An official in the Interior Ministry said several highranking security officials have been named as possible replacements but that some have turned down the offer.

Protesters have also strongly objected to the nominations put forward by newly appointed Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzouri, who served in the same position under ousted President Hosni Mubarak from 1996 to 1999. The country's ruling military general, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, appointed el-Ganzouri as a new interim prime minister last month after the previous premier's government resigned in the wake of a police crackdown on protesters

that killed over 40 people.

serve until after the parliamentary elections finish in March. A new government is to be formed after the legislature is seated.

Activist Hussein Hammouda, a retired police brigadier, is among those opposed to the names being considered for the Interior Minister post and says someone from outside the police force should be chosen instead.

Protesters in Tahrir Square, the epicenter of Egypt's protests, released a statement saying they would continue their sit-in while allowing traffic to resume normally in the area.



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The interim Cabinet will

"We respect all people in their choice of religion and life," he said.

Another major check on such an agenda is the council of generals who have run the country since President Hosni Mubarak's ouster in February. The military coun-

El-Erian urged the Brotherhood's political rivals to accept the election results.

"We all believe that our success as Egyptians toward democracy is a real success and we want everyone to accept this democratic system. This is the guarantee for stability," he said.

For decades, Mubarak's regime suppressed the Brotherhood, which was politically banned but managed to establish a vast network of activists and charities offering free food and medical services throughout the country's impoverished neighborhoods and villages.

It is the best organized of Egypt's post-Mubarak political forces.

The vote for parliament's lower house is taking place

There were tens of thousands of protesters in the square in the days leading up

to the elections, but num-

bers have dwindled to several hundred since then. Protesters demanding el-Ganzouri be replaced as prime minister said they will keep up another sit-in outside the Cabinet headquarters. BODY IO Women's Fitness & Wellness Center



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OBITUARIES

Evelyn LaVerne Hultz McCollum May 9, 1922-Nov. 18, 2011

BOISE • Evelyn LaVerne Hultz Mc-Collum, age 89, passed away Friday, Nov. 18, 2011, in Sun City West, Ariz.

Evelyn was born May 9, 1922, in Caldwell, Idaho, to Mabel (Reinemer) and Carl Yost.

She attended Notus schools and graduated in 1940. She attended Lewiston Normal School for one year and later graduated from the College of Idaho with a degree in elementary education. She married Fred Hultz Jr. on Feb. 9, 1944, and had three children. They resided on their farm near Parma, Idaho, and were divorced in 1976. She taught third grade in Parma and math and language arts at Wilson Middle School in Caldwell. She retired in 1984 after 25 years of teaching.

1985, she married In Bowman Vertrees and lived in Caldwell, spending winters in Arizona. Bo died in 1993. She married Joseph McCollum on Sept. 14, 1994, in Arizona and resided in Sun City West, Ariz., and Twin Falls, Idaho.

Evelyn loved good music, sports, playing bridge and any type of home improvement project. She was active in PEO and attended Methodist the

Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brothers, C. Robert Yost, Don Iverson and Hubert Iverson. She is survived by her husband, Joe McCollum; her three children, Joyce (David) Mordhorst of Seattle, Wash., Larry (Bev) Hultz of Cave Creek, Ariz., and Barb (Brian) Vance of Olympia, Wash.; her sister, Miriam Iverson of Phoenix, Ariz.; brother, Howard Iverson of Notus, Idaho; as well as eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A private inurnment will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Cloverdale Cemetery. A public reception will follow at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale Road in Boise. Memorials may be sent to the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation at www.alzinfo.org/ or to a favorite charity.

LaVaun Banner Gooch

Sept. 10, 1913-Nov. 20, 2011

BURLEY • LaVaun Banner Gooch, 98, of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly of Burley, died Sunday, Nov. 20, 2011, at the Silver Ridge Health Care in Las Vegas.

LaVaun was born Sept. 10, 1913, in Burley, Idaho, where she was raised on the family farm. Her parents were Samuel Banner Jr. and Harriet Annah Kidd Banner. She graduated from Burley High School during the Great Depression and desperately wanted to go to college. However, "there was no money." She married Warren F. Gooch on June 29, 1934, and they farmed in the View area prior to buying the Grandview Grocery Store in the early '50s. They then moved to a ranch in Salmon, where she worked for an attorney. She loved the ranch life. She enjoyed camping and was an avid fisherman with the area lending itself to lots of adventures. When Warren's health failed in the mid-'60s, they moved to Las Vegas, Nev., where she worked at the Nevada Test Site. She joined the YMCA and swam 50 miles in their program. When the above photo was taken, LaVaun was 73-years-old, and had been participating in ballroom dancing where she won many trophies. She



enjoyed summers spent with her family on her vacation place in Swan Valley. She was hit by a car in 1986, which ended her dancing, but she continued on with great ambition and boundless energy until a series of illnesses put her in a nursing home at the age of 94.

She is survived by her

Alan Sues, a Regular on 'Laugh-In,' Dies at 85

BY DENNIS MCLELLAN Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES • Alan Sues, the actor best known as a flamboyantly campy regular on "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" in the late 1960s and early '70s, has died. He was 85.

Sues died Thursday night while watching television at his home in West Hollywood, said Michael Gregg Michaud, a longtime friend.

"He had been in failing health the last couple of years, but it was nothing you could put your finger on; just old age," said Michaud. "Mentally, he was

funny and 'on' as usual. He was a delightfully funny man, with a wonderful career that spanned six decades."

As a cast member of "Laugh-In," the overnight sensation that debuted on NBC in 1968, Sues joined performers including Judy Carne, Goldie Hawn, Ruth Buzzi, Jo Anne Worley, Arte Johnson and Henry Gibson in the weekly hour of wildly wacky, fast-paced comedy.

During his time on the show from 1968 to 1972, Sues played the recurring characters Big Al, the effeminate sportscaster, who would ring a small bell on

trio and became a fixture at

Lucky's Lounge, where he

played Frank Sinatra tunes on

beloved musicians in the his-

tory of the city," Della Chiesa

and the vibraphone, and had

hundreds of recordings as a

Della Chiesa describes Ve-

ga as a legendary musician

and teacher who launched a

number of careers. He called

him a friend to generations of

Massachusetts politicians,

including senators, con-

gressmen, governors and

mayors, regardless of their

Vega, a World War II veter-

an, was also a longtime Little

League and Babe Ruth base-

ball coach in Everett, Mass.,

where a square was dedicated

service at 1 p.m. Monday at

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Albert E. Hansen of Em-

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Wednesday at St Nicholas

Catholic Church, 802 F St.

in Rupert; visitation from

6 to 8 p.m. with rosary at

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in his honor in October.

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pianist and a backup artist.

Vega played both the piano

"He was one of the most

Sunday nights.

told the AP.

Al Vega, Boston Jazz Pianist, Dies at 90

BOSTON (AP) • Al Vega, a longtime Boston musician who played with some of the finest jazz talents through a career that spanned 70 years, has died. He was 90.

Vega died Friday at Massachusetts General Hospital, hospital spokeswoman Kory Dodd said. No cause of death was given.

Vega, born Aram Vagramian in Worcester, Mass., was the house pianist at the Hi-Hat jazz club, and spent the late 1930s, 40s and 50s playing with some of the jazz greats, Boston radio personality Ron Della Chiesa told The Associated Press.

Della Chiesa said Vega teamed up with many jazz greats including Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis, Count Basie and Duke Ellington and played many of the city's legendary jazz clubs. He later led his own

DEATH NOTICES

Tyler Pilant

Tyler Pilant, 3-month-old infant son of Shane Pilant and Brittney D'Ambra of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 2, 2011, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

his desk and exclaim, "Oh ... my tinkle ... my tinkle ... I looove my tinkle"; and Uncle Al the Kiddies' Pal, the perpetually hung-over children's show host. ("Oh, Uncle Al had a lot of medicine last night, boys and girls.")

"Alan was a free spirit, an outrageous human being who was a love child," George Schlatter, the show's executive producer, told the Los Angeles Times on Friday. "He'd say things like 'a frown is just a smile upside down,' and he'd scold me if I ever got firm with the cast.

"He was a delight; he was an upper. He walked on the stage and everybody just felt happy."

One time, Schlatter recalled, Sues came out during a taping dressed as Worley - in full makeup, a wig,high heels and a feather boa.

"'Laugh-In' was a series of accidents," said Schlatter, "and Alan was one of my favorite accidents."

Buzzi said Sues was "the funniest person that I ever worked with?"

"He was hysterically funny," she told the *Times* on Friday. "One time, the both of us were laughing so hard at something that he said that I was literally on the floor laughing?"



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daughters, Jeanette Fillis of Seattle, Wash., and Bonnie Park of Las Vegas, Nev.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Warren; her son, Tommy Gooch; and 10 brothers and sisters.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at the View Cemetery.

Clarence Albert 'Clancy' Umbaugh

May 10, 1949-Dec. 1, 2011

SHOSHONE

Albert Clarence "Clancy" Umbaugh, 62, of West Magic, passed away Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, in Twin Falls.

He was born May

10, 1949, the son of Wendell Elias Umbaugh and Evelyn Marian Pulaski Umbaugh in Kellogg, Idaho, and was raised primarily in Fort Smith, Ark., where he attended school. Clancy married Vicki Haken and they raised two sons, Chris and Adam. Most of his working years, he was a self-employed contractor in construction and concrete. He and Vicki settled in West Magic, where he enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Clancy is survived by two sons, Chris (Jade Sparrow) Umbaugh and Adam Umbaugh, all of Twin Falls; one sister, Diane Umbaugh; two brothers, Bobby (Barbara) Umbaugh and Cleve (Donna) Umbaugh; 11 grandchildren; and many extended family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Vicki; and his sister, Vivian Umbaugh.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 6, at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the care of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Virgil Wheeler II

GLENNS FERRY • Virgil Kenneth Wheeler II, 68, died at his home in Glenns Ferry.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

SERVICES

Marilyn D. Jensen of Glenns Ferry, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Veterans memorial Hall in Glenns Ferry (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

Leslie "Les" Wayne Fulton of Gooding, celebration of life from noon to 6 p.m. today at the family home, 1895 E. 1300 S. in Gooding (Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel).

William Ross Stevens of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Kenna Rose Kunzler Tanner

of Grouse Creek, Utah, funeral at noon Monday at the Grouse Creek LDS Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rudd Funeral Home, 1234 S. Main in Garland, Utah, and 10:30 to 11:40 a.m. Monday at the church.

Tommy Dennis Wareham of Hagerman, memorial

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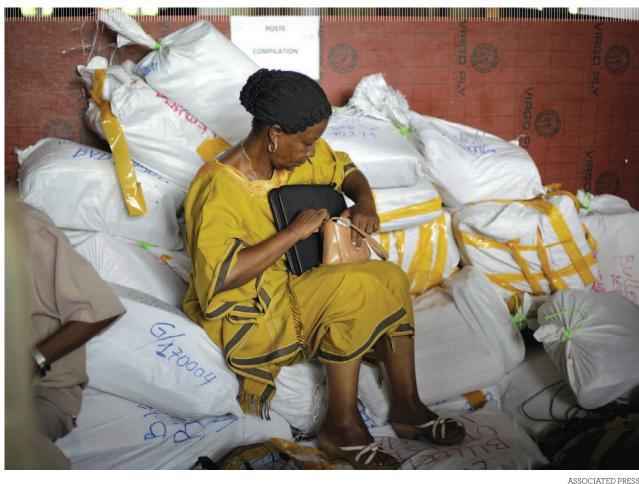
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An election official sits on bags containing ballots as she waits for tally sheets to be computed at the Fikin compilation center in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Thursday.

Congo's Joseph Kabila Leads Election in Early Results

BY RUKMINI CALLIMACHI Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo • Congo's president, seeking a second term in a nation reeling from poverty and pummeled by war, was leading Saturday in early results, but his opponents insisted he step aside and accused him of trying to engineer "carnage."

President Joseph Kabila had 50.3 percent of the vote in early results from an election marred by technical problems and accusations of favoritism. Analysts had predicted he would likely win because the opposition candidates are splitting the vote.

In a show of unity, the 10 opposition parties held a press conference and accused Kabila of attempting to engineer a situation like

Kenya, Zimbabwe or the Ivory Coast, all countries where rulers used the army to try to silence dissent and cling to power after losing at the polls.

"I think that Joseph Kabila could go down in history ... if he were to say, 'I'm a good sport and I lost,''' said oppocandidate sition Vital Kamerhe, a former speaker of Parliament. "He is preparing a carnage."

International observers noted irregularities including possible instances of fraud, but most said the shortcomings seemed to be due to technical glitches rather than a systematic attempt to rig the vote.

Due to bad weather, planes carrying ballots did not take off in time to reach the remote interior of the giant nation, which stretches over a territory as large as Western Europe.

Monday's vote had to be extended for three days in order to give porters carrying ballots on their heads, on bicycles, in canoes and in wheelbarrows to reach the distant corners of this gigantic nation at the heart of Africa.

Election commission chief Daniel Ngoy Mulunda released province by province tallies Saturday he said amounted to 33 percent of all voting bureaus, showing that Kabila was ahead with 3.27 million of the 6.48 million votes counted so far. **Opposition leader Etienne** Tshisekedi was trailing with 2.23 million votes, or 34.4 percent.

The gap between them is sure to close when results from Kinshasa are released, where poll workers in the four warehouses processing

votes were visibly overwhelmed.

Sacks of ballots were being brought in on the backs of poll workers; there were so many they were being piled in the parking lot outside. Some had split open, and ballots had fallen into the mud or the cement floor of the warehouse, where they were being trampled by election workers.

As of Friday, less than 5 percent of the ballots in one of the four warehouses had been processed, said a poll worker who asked not to be named because he was not authorized to speak to the press. The election official complained they were not being brought food or even water, and several of the poll workers were asleep, splayed out across tables with bags of ballots piled up around them.

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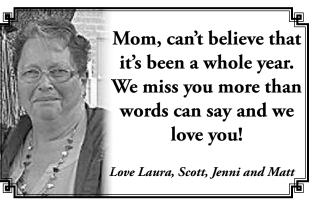
LONDON (AP) • Julian Assange is making what could be a last throw of the legal dice in his battle to avoid extradition to Sweden over sex crimes allegations.

On Monday the WikiLeaks founder will ask judges to let him take his case to Britain's Supreme Court. If they say no, he

could be on a plane to Stockholm within days.

TIMES-NEWS

The 40-year-old Australian behind the secretspilling website has spent almost a year on bail in Britain fighting extradition for questioning over claims of rape and molestation made by two Swedish women. So far, two courts have ruled against him.





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Serbia Hopes Kosovo Border Deal Will Help EU Bid

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC

Associated Press

BRUSSELS • A key new agreement on disputed border crossings between Serbia and Kosovo will help quiet objections to Serbia's candidacy for European Union membership, the country's chief negotiator said Saturday.

The accord struck on Fridav creates joint border crossing controls in northern Kosovo to be shared by Serb and Kosovo authorities. For months, Kosovo's minority Serbs have blocked roads and battled with authorities in the tense region to reject attempts by the Kosovo government to impose its authority.

The EU is divided on on whether to grant Serbia the status of candidate for membership, but German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said that recent clashes at the border between Serb nationalists and NATO peacekeepers in which 50 troops were injured showed that Serbia had not yet fulfilled the proper conditions.

The latest deal could significantly ease tensions by establishing joint border control posts comprising Serb, Kosovar and EU police and customs officials.

Serb negotiator Borko Stefanovic said the agreement was the thorniest issue in talks between Kosovo and Serbia, which has refused to accept its former province's 2008 declaration of independence.

"Serbia's position has been strengthened because it demonstrated its readiness to engage in dialogue and resolve the most difficult questions before us," he said.

Kosovo authorities welcomed the agreement as one that establishes "cooperation between two countries."

The country wants the deal to back its claim to statehood by setting up customs along its border with Serbia.

By "accepting the agreement Serbia has practically recognized an interstate border with Kosovo," the government said in a statement.

Government leaders are

scheduled to discuss the expansion of the 27-member EU at their forthcoming summit on Thursday and Friday.

EU officials say it is not necessary for Serbia to recognize Kosovo in order to advance its application for membership in the bloc, but

the EU insists that technical talks on practical issues will ease tensions between the two rival states.

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Southern Miss. Ruins No. 7 Houston's BCS Hopes • S2

'Honey Badger' Leads No. 1 LSU Past Georgia 42-10



ASSOCIATED PRES

LSU cornerback Tyrann Mathieu (7) reacts to a fumble recovery against Georgia during the second half of the Southeastern Conference championship game, Saturday in Atlanta.

BY PAUL NEWBERRY Associated Press

ATLANTA • LSU slogged its way through a brutal first half. The nation's top-ranked team had only 12 yards and not even a single first down.

The "Honey Badger" didn't care. He just took what he wanted - a trip to the national championship game.

Tyrann Mathieu turned in an MVP performance when the Tigers needed him most, running back a punt 62 yards for a touchdown, setting up another score with a fumble recovery and finally finishing off No. 12 Georgia with his best play yet, a whirling dervish of a return that led to the decisive TD of a 42-10 victory in the Southeastern Conference championship game Saturday.

Championship Saturday

ACC: Clemson 38, Virginia Tech 10 Big Ten: Wisconsin 42, Michigan State 39 SEC: LSU 42, Georgia 10 Conference USA: Southern Mississippi 49, Houston 28 Get more football news on Sports 2.

LSU (13-0) advanced to a spot in the BCS title game in New Orleans, just 75 miles from its Baton Rouge campus. The Tigers opponent will be announced tonight, but SEC West rival and No. 2 Alabama – already beaten Please see LSU, S2

BULLDOGS **GRIND OUT** ROAD WIN OVER DECLO

BY RYAN HOWE rhowe@magicvalley.com

DECLO • Kimberly took what was a one-point game heading into the fourth quarter and turned it into a smooth 49-38 nonconference road victory at Declo Saturday.

The Bulldogs (3-0) remained undefeated and handed Declo (2-1) its first loss by cranking up the defense in the final period.

"It was clutch time," said Kimberly senior Jade Wadsworth, who had 16 points, six rebounds and three steals. "You've got to make sure you're doing your job and helping each other out."

Kimberly forced 22 turnovers, held Declo without a field goal in the fourth quarter and just 24 percent shooting for the game.

"We've been talking all year about how good teams at the end of the game clamp down on defense," said Kimberly coach Marvin Mumm.

The Hornets' new coach, Val Christensen, said his team is still limited in what it can do while learning a new system.

"We've only got a fraction in of what we want to do," Christensen said. "We'll look different in a month or so. You take seven seniors in three weeks' time in a new system, it's pretty hard. We're trying to turn around some things that weren't successful in the past, trying to play some defense and play together. Every now and then we have the tendency to revert back." Kimberly blew a seven-point lead in the final two minutes of the second quarter as Declo got a pair of buckets from Kai Garner and a 3-pointer from Calum Webb to go into the locker room tied 24-24.



Boise State's Shea McClellin (92) celebrates after sacking New Mexico's B.R. Holbrook (12) during Saturday's game in Boise.

BRONCOS CRUISE ON SENIOR DAY

BY ALEX CALINSKY For the Times-News

BOISE • Boise State's efficient offense dismissed New Mexico's hopes of spoiling the BSU seniors' final game at Bronco Stadium Saturday, cruising to a 45-0 win.

keep the Lobos off the scoreboard, and executed their plan.

"It meant a lot to us," Boise State safety Cedric Febis said. "We were a very, very, very good senior class, so it meant a lot to us to go out with a bang." New Mexico's offensive attack

Broncos Let Play Do the Talking, Don't Lobby for BCS Berth

In the fourth quarter, Kimberly got back to what it does best, playing inside-out with Wadsworth in the post. Please see KIMBERLY, S3

The Broncos steadily and quietly built a 31-0 halftime lead without any huge plays, and their defense provided good field position.

"Our message was we need to finish this thing with the standards that they have set at this program, and really didn't need to say much after that," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "Those guys get it, and they know how they wanted to play their last game on the blue."

The Broncos desperately wanted to

proved similar to Wyoming's just one week ago in style and results. The Lobos tried to get the ball on the sidelines rather than working between the hashes and didn't produce much. New Mexico (1-11, 1-6 MW) gained only 197 total yards of offense.

Kellen Moore displayed the form that earned him so much national recognition throughout his career, completing 28-of-33 passes for 313 yards and three touchdowns without an interception.

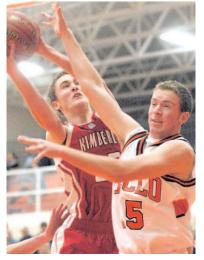
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OISE • The cheers came a little louder, a little longer, for Boise State quarterback Kellen Moore on Saturday.

It was an appropriate sendoff for unquestionably the greatest player in Boise State history, the leader of the Broncos' greatest run ever.



Whomever fills Moore's shoes – Joe Southwick? Grant Hedrick? The 2012 version of Russell Wilson? Please see SHELTRA, S2



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Kimberly's Stephen Clements, left, grabs a rebound away from Declo's Jaelen Matthews Saturday at Declo High School.

CSI Women Run Away from Lake Region

BY STEPHEN MEYERS smeyers@magicvalley.com

One great run and this one was over.

After a lackadaisical start and early deficit, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team ripped off a 21-0 run to put away Lake Region (N.D.) 72-64, capping off the 19th annual Coca Cola Classic.

Down 9-2 early, the Golden Eagles (5-5) quickly turned that deficit into a 23-9 lead on a run fueled by the play of freshman forward Jessy Saint-Felix and an aggressive, opportunistic defense leading to easy transition buckets.

The 6-foot-2 forward didn't start the game, but she replaced Liene Liepina and instantly produced, scoring four of her 13 points and grabbing five of her eight rebounds in a five-minute span that saw the Golden Eagles swell their lead.

"It's our teamwork. We

were able to get steals because of our defense. We helped each other and it worked," Saint-Felix said. "We stole the ball and got easy points. Motivation was a big thing tonight."

Gipson had two of her three steals and Barnes both of hers to fuel the 21-0 span. The Golden Eagles' defense was tough all night, forcing 23 Lake Region turnovers and just 41.5 percent shooting.

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CSI's Kylee Schierman shoots over Lake Region's Jessica Henningsgard Saturday night at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. Goto Magicvalley.com /gallery to see more photos of the game.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP Southern Miss. Ruins No. 7 Houston's BCS Hopes

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HOUSTON • Austin Davis threw four touchdown passes and No. 24 Southern Mississippi ruined Houston's perfect season and Bowl Championship Series hopes with a 49-28 victory over the seventh-ranked Cougars on Saturday.

It was star quarterback Case Keenum's last home game for Houston for sure, and could've also been the finale for coach Kevin Sumlin, who has been mentioned as a top candidate for virtually every higher-profile job opening.

Houston (12-1) was poised to impress a national-television audience and representatives from the Orange and Sugar Bowl, who attended Saturday's game. Keenum could've also made one last case for an invitation to next week's Heisman Trophy ceremony. Instead, the Golden Eagles (11-2) turned it into their big day, shackling Houston's high-powered offense and striking with several big plays of their own to win their first league title.

NO. 15 WISCONSIN 42, NO. 11 MICHIGAN STATE 39 **INDIANAPOLIS** • Montee

Ball ran for three touchdowns including the decisive 7-yard score with 3:45 to go in the inaugural Big Ten championship game.

Wisconsin (11-2) is now headed to its second straight Rose Bowl.

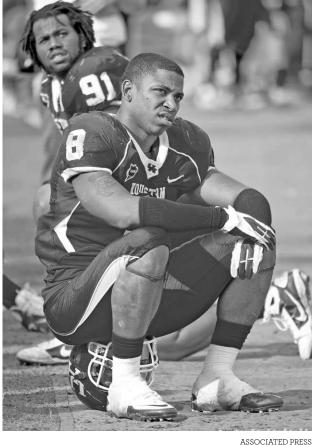
Ball ran 27 times for 137 yards and caught a TD pass, giving him 38 touchdowns this season. That's one short of Barry Sanders' single-season record.

Russell Wilson was 17 of 24 for 187 yards with three TDs and no interceptions. He set a new NCAA record with a TD pass in his 37th straight game. Texas Tech's Graham Harrell had the previous mark of 36.

NO. 21 CLEMSON 38, NO. 5 VIRGINIA TECH 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. • Tajh Boyd threw three touchdown passes and ran for another as No. 21 Clemson routed No. 5 Virginia Tech to win its first Atlantic Coast Conference championship in 20 years.

The Tigers (10-3) clinched their first Orange Bowl berth



Houston's Sammy Brown (8) and Radermon Scypion (91) watch a replay during the fourth quarter of the Conference USA championship against Southern Mississippi, Saturday in Houston.

since 1981, the year they won their only national championship. Clemson won't be playing for a national title this season, but the victory was still sweet considering they'd lost three of four games to close the regular season.

"We knocked down a lot of walls tonight," Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

Clemson became the only team to beat Virginia Tech (11-2) twice in the same season. The Tigers beat the Hokies 23-3 in Blacksburg, Va., on Oct.1.

Clemson scored three touchdowns on five plays in a span of 4:24 in the third quarter to break open a 10-10 tie at halftime.

NO. 18 TCU 56, UNLV 9 FORT WORTH, Texas . Greg McCoy returned a kick-

off 99 yards and Kris Gardner had a 16-yard interception return for a touchdown in a 12-second span, and the 18th-ranked TCU Horned Frogs could bust into the BCS again.

TCU (10-2, 7-0 MWC) wrapped up its third consecutive outright Mountain West title, winning its last 24 games in that league before moving to the Big 12 next season.

The consecutive TD returns by McCoy and Gardner just before halftime came about the same time Southern Miss was wrapping up a 49-28 victory at previously undefeated Houston in the Conference USA championship game.

If the Frogs move up two spots into the top 16 of the final Bowl Championship Series standings, they will be virtually guaranteed to go to their third consecutive BCS game.

UNLV (2-10, 1-6) finished with five consecutive losses.

NO. 16 KANSAS STATE 30, **IOWA STATE 23**

MANHATTAN, Kan. • John Hubert ran for 120 yards and the go-ahead touchdown, and No. 16 Kansas State edged Iowa State to keep its BCS hopes alive.

Collin Klein ran for a touchdown and threw for another, and Anthony Cantele was perfect on three fieldgoal attempts, allowing the

Wildcats (10-2, 7-2) to reach 10 wins for the first time since 2003, when they knocked off Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game.

Jeff Woody ran for 85 yards and two touchdowns for the Cyclones (6-6, 3-6), who became bowl eligible for the second time under Paul Rhoads when they knocked off the Cowboys a couple weeks ago.

NO. 19 BAYLOR 48, TEXAS 24 WACO, Texas • Robert Griffin III ran for two touchdowns and passed for two more, capping the Bear's best regular season in 25 years and perhaps doing enough to persuade Heisman Trophy voters he's the best player in college football.

Baylor's defense, ranked among the worst in nation, gave up a 14-0 lead but forced also forced six turnovers, three of them setting up Baylor touchdowns.

Baylor fans will now wonder if Griffin has played his last home game for the Bears (9-3, 6-3 Big 12). Griffin, a fourth-year junior who has already graduated, must decide if he will leave for the NFL. Case McCoy passed for 356 yards and three touchdowns for Texas (7-5, 4-5) but had five turnovers.

NEVADA 56, IDAHO 3

RENO, Nev. • Backup quarterback Tyler Lantrip passed for 340 yards and four touchdowns as Nevada routed Ida-

Aaron Bradley had seven catches for 136 yards three touchdowns for the Wolf Pack (7-5, 5-2 Western Athletic). Rishard Matthews had 12 catches for 114 yards and a touchdown.

BYU 41, HAWAII 20

HONOLULU • Riley Nelson threw for 363 yards and three scores to lead BYU. The Armed Forces Bowl-

bound Cougars (9-3), who trailed in the second quarter, rallied with 34 consecutive points to end postseason aspirations for the Warriors (6-7). Hawaii needed to beat the Cougars to secure a berth in the Hawaii Bowl.

UTAH STATE 24, **NEW MEXICO STATE 21**

LAS CRUCES, N.M. • Adam Kennedy threw three touchdown passes, the last to Matt Austin with 35 seconds left, as Utah State defeated New Mexico State.

The 8-yard pass capped a 13-play, 83-yard drive. Kennedy and Austin collaborated on another scoring pass, with 1:39 left in the first half, to give Utah State (7-6, 6-2 in WAC) a 14-7 lead.

MONTANA STATE 26, **NEW HAMPSHIRE 25**

BOZEMAN, Mont. • DeNarius McGhee ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third Saturday as Montana State overcame four turnovers and rode a missed extra point with 7 seconds remaining.

Montana State (10-2) seemed to have the game put away when Darius Jones intercepted a Mark Becker pass at the Bobcat 3-yard line with 1:16 to play and the Bobcats leading 26-19. But a shanked punt gave the Wildcats (8-4) the ball back with 17 seconds remaining, and Becker hit Justin Mello on a 29-yard scoring pass with 7 seconds to play.

MONTANA 41, CENTRAL **ARKANSAS** 14

MISSOULA, Mont. • Jabin Sambrano caught two touchdown passes from Jordan Johnson and Jordan Canada ran for two more scores, powering Montana past Central Arkansas.

The fifth-ranked Grizzlies (10-2), who led 31-0 at halftime, have won eight straight. The 15th-ranked Bears (9-4), in the playoffs in just their second year of eligibility, had their eight-game winning streak snapped.

Central Arkansas, which had been plus-13 in turnover margin, lost three of five fumbles and committed four turnovers.

Sambrano caught touchdown passes of 8 and 22 yards from Jordan, who completed 16 of 25 passes for 135 yards.

Canada had TD runs of 11 and 12 yards as the Grizzlies totaled 229 yards rushing.

Peter Nguyen also scored for Montana, on a 2-yard run. Central Arkansas' scored on a 44-yard pass from Nathan Dick to Jesse Grandy and an 8-yarder to Al Lasker.

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by the Tigers 9-6 in overtime a month ago had the inside track even though it didn't win its division.

The Bulldogs tried to really shake things up, racing to a 10-0 lead that could've been even bigger if they hadn't dropped a pair of potential touchdown passes in the first quarter. LSU looked downright awful on offense, going threeand-out on all seven of its possessions before halftime.

But, thanks to Mathieu, the deficit was only 10-7 when the teams went to the locker room. He took a punt at his own 38, found an opening and was gone - all the way to the end zone for his second punt return for a touchdown in as many weeks. Well, almost to the end zone. A replay showed Mathieu flipped the ball to an official just before he crossed the goal line, but no one on the field caught the blunder.

"Yeah, I kind of felt it," Mathieu said. "I looked at the referee. I'll have to remember not to do that next time."

That was long forgotten by the time the fear less sophomore was done.

"I just tried to make one guy miss and then get to the end zone," Mathieu said.

On Georgia's first possession of the second half, quarterback Aaron Murray tried to scramble for a first down but had the ball knocked loose just before he hit the turf. Who was there to fall on it at the Bulldogs 26?

Mathieu, of course, his fifth fumble recovery of the season.

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Moore has thrown at least two touchdowns in 25 straight games, one of many astounding statistics in his career at Boise State.

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Lampford Mark rushed for 104 yards and a touchdown for the Wolf Pack, which had 587 yards of total offense.

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Oklahoma State's Jeremy Smith (31) scores a touchdown as Oklahoma State's Parker Graham (71), and Oklahoma's Dejuan Miller (24) and Tom Wort (21) play during the first quarter of Saturday's game in Stillwater, Okla.

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) • A dominating performance made Oklahoma State a conference champion for the first time in decades. Now, the Cowboys want a shot at an even bigger title.

Joseph Randle ran for 151 yards and two touchdowns, Richetti Jones returned a fumble for a score and No. 3 Oklahoma State throttled No. 13 Oklahoma 44-10 Saturday night to win the Big 12 championship and make its case to play for the BCS national title.

The Cowboys (11-1, 8-1 Big 12) snapped an eight-game losing streak in the Bedlam rivalry and won their first out right conference title since 1948 in the three-team Missouri Valley.

Oklahoma State's defense, badmouthed much of the season while giving up big yardage but leading the nation in takeaways, forced the Sooners into five turnovers – four of them by quarterback Landry Jones.

Fans started chanting "L-S-U!" midway through the fourth quarter with the victory well in hand, then stormed the field and tore down the goal posts when it was over.

While the top-ranked Tigers won the SEC championship Saturday to lock up a spot in the BCS title game, No. 2 Alabama sat at home idle after finishing second in its division. Oklahoma State, meanwhile, proved itself the best team in its state and its conference. But it's up to the voters, who had the Cowboys fifth in the coaches' poll and Harris poll, to decide whether Oklahoma State will play for the highest stakes.

Coach Mike Gundy proclaimed earlier this week that he considered the Crimson Tide to be the second-best team in the nation "right now" maybe because that's what he thought his team needed to hear that to get fired up and prove him wrong.

"Last week, I said Alabama should be there," Gundy said on the field after the game. "There's no question Oklahoma State should be No. 2 right now. No question."

nabbed Moore's touchdown throws, and Shoemaker's 16-yard score in the first quarter, his 15th of the season, eclipsed Austin Pettis' previous school record of 14. Shoemaker finished the game with seven catches for 106 yards.

"That was big, I think it was obviously a very important thing for us to get done this week," Moore said.

Moore also broke his own school record for passing touchdowns in a season on that throw to Shoemaker, which turned into his 40th touchdown of the season. He finished the game with 41 on the year.

The Boise State (11-1, 6-1) defense stifled the Lobos' offense, which struggled all season.

Doug Martin rushed for two touchdowns and 110 yards, including a 40-yard score midway through the third quarter that he felt was a special end to his career in Bronco Stadium.

"I would say so, I'm glad I could run in a 40-yarder on senior day," Martin said. "I was looking for a halfback pass during practice but unfortunately I can't throw those as good as Kellen."

Martin and Moore may be the best backfield tandem in Boise State history, and are two of 21 seniors that suited up on Saturday that raised the Bronco football ceiling to staggering heights in their careers.

"When you look back -I think these guys have a chance to win 50 games those expectations are totally unrealistic. You don't expect anybody to do that, but that's what the standards are for this program," Petersen said.

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 has an unenviable, insur mountable task ahead of him. It's like expecting Katy Perry to take the stage after Lady Gaga.

That's not to say whomever is Boise State's quarterback next year isn't capable of keeping the Broncos firmly on the charts ... err ... polls.

Moore was the last of the 21 Bronco seniors introduced and honored before the final home game of their collegiate careers. And as you've probably heard, this Bronco senior class – signed shortly after Boise State's breakout Fiesta Bowl victory to culminate the 2006 season against Oklahoma - joined last year's seniors as the winningest class in school history.

"We gotta beat those guys," Moore deadpanned afterward

And his class can do that with a victory in their bowl game, but this isn't the time to reflect about what this graduating class has done, but rather, what it could have done.

Or what it couldn't get the chance to do.

Anyone who has followed college football the past decade is familiar with Boise State at its best. There's the aforementioned victory over OU. There's regular season conquests of Oregon (twice), Virginia Tech and Georgia. Another Fiesta Bowl victory, this one against TCU. All of those teams finished the year highly ranked.

And then you have dog matchups like Saturday's against New Mexico, where the stands should have been packed to send Moore and his teammates off (almost) and remained that way well into the second half, when Moore would exit for good (not

even close).

"It was cold," Boise State coach Chris Petersen said. "We get that."

What went unsaid was how anyone could blame the Boise faithful for not being excited over this matchup?

Even in the MWC, playing New Mexico offers as much suspense as turning on the stove, except at least the stove provides some warmth something that would have come in handy for those who braved wind-chill temperatures that were below freezing at kickoff and dipped as the game progressed.

The formula was the same: get a big lead early, watch the opposition give their best Bad News Bears impersonation and ponder whether the effort was good enough to keep from getting jumped in the polls.

The only time Boise ever had to truly worry about a seismic poll shift came when it lost. Two missed kicks have kept the Broncos from playing in more meaningful games, and this year quite possibly for a national championship. (And in an almost cruel, scripted moment, Boise missed another kick on Saturday).

Think for a second the coaches and Harris voters wouldn't give an undefeated Boise it's put-up or shut-up moment against LSU?

Obviously, the TCU loss removed BSU from that discussion, but even after Houston's surprising loss in the Conference USA title game opened the door a crack for the Broncos and a BCS game, no one within the Bronco locker room was willing to take the bait and hit the campaign trail. To hear Moore and Doug Martin wax so nonchalantly on the matter, one's left guessing that they'd do cartwheels for a return trip to Las Vegas.

"This team is as good as any of the teams we've had," Petersen said. "We lost a hard-fought, one-point game to TCU ... and I think (2011) is the most difficult schedule we've played.

"But that's as far as it goes for us. We don't have any thing else to say. Look at the record. It speaks for itself."

Maybe like those pre-game cheers from his fans for his star quarterback, Petersen's message needs to be told a little louder, a little longer.

More convincingly.

Because for a program that's made its mark with the attention-grabbing, unconventional stunt of blue turf, how could a little bit of pointed, direct campaigning hurt Boise State?

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Ski Report

Ioano Lookout Pass – Wed 5:21 am packed powder machine groomed 37 - 58 base 34 of 34 trails, 540 acres 4 of 4 lifts, 100% open, Mon. Thu-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun:

8:30a-4p. Open Thu-Mon, Pomerelle – Wed 7:02 am 7 new packed powder machine groomed 25 - 31 base 20 of 24 trails 3 of 3 lifts, 80% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p., Silver Mountain – Wed 5:46 am packed powder machine groomed 25 - 40 base 52 of 73 trails 6 of 6 lifts, 54% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:45p. Sat/Sun: 9a-345n

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Mon-Fri: 9a-5p. Sat/Sun: 9a-5p., **Utah** Alta - Wed 5:20 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 58 of 116 trails 50% open, 1000 acres, 5 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9:15a-4:30p Sat/Sun: 9:15a-4:30p. Brighton - Wed 5:12 am 3 new packed powder 29 -29 base 22 of 66 trails 34% open, 4 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Caryons - Wed 6:42 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 20 - 20 base 9 of 182 trails 5% open, 242 acres, 6 of 19 lifts, 5m Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p. Deer Valley - Wed 5:14 am 1 new packed powder 24 -24 base 16 of 100 trails 16% open, 11 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4J.5p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4:15p. Park City - Wed 5:12 am 3 new packed powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 10 of 114 trails 9% open, 40 to 16 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

Wyoming Grand Targhee – Wed 7:05 am 2 new powder machine groomed 39 - 39 base 10 of 74 trails, 14% open, 132 acres, 2 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun:

Jackson Hole – Wed 6:50 am 2 new powder machine groomed 22 - 28 base 55 of 116 trails, 55% open, 1375 acres, 8 of 15 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p. Sat/Sun: 9a-4p.

BASEBALL American League LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Acquired LHP Brad Mills from Toronto for C Jeff Mathis. Frontier League NORMAL CORNBELTERS—Signed RHP Mike Lebo. RIVER CITY RASCALS—Traded RHP Josh Lowey to Wichita (AA) for IB Gerardo Avila. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS—Signed INF Will Block, IB Matt Fields, and OF Sean Harrell to contract exten-sions.

SUCIFIER ILLINOS MIRES-Signed INF WIII BIOLK, IB Matt Fields, and OF Sean Harrell to contract exten-sions. **FOOTBALL National Football League** INDIANAPOLIS COLTS-Signed TE Mike McNeill from the practice squad. Waived OL Mike Tepper. JACKSONVILE JAGUARS-Placed CB Will Middleton on injured reserve. Signed CB David Jones. **HOCKEY National Hockey League** ANAHEIM DUCKS-Recalled LW Jean-Francois Jacques from Syracuse (AHL). DETROIT RED WINGS-Recalled F Fabian Brunnstrom to Grand Rapids (AHL). MASHVILE PREDATORS-Recalled F Chris Mueller from Milwaukee (AHL). ST. LOUIS BLUES-Assigned D Cade Fairchild and F Brett Sterling to Peoria (AHL). **American Hockey League** MILWAUKKE ADMIRALS-Recalled F Chris Cahill from Cincinnati (ECHL). NORFOLK ADMIRALS-Recalled F Chris Cahill from Cincinnati (ECHL). ECHL-ECHL-ECHL-ECHL-ECHL-COLLEGE IOWA-Annourced WR Marcus Grant and OL lineman Dan Heiar are leaving the football program.

PREP ROUNDUP

GOODING 61, DECLO 49

Kylie Becker had 29 points, seven rebounds and six steals as Gooding handed the Hornets their first loss of the season.

Tia Conrad added 14 points and nine boards for the Senators (3-2, 1-0 Canyon), who

Gooding 61, Declo 49 Declo Gooding 17 20 10 13 12 10 - 49 19 9 - 61 GOOGINE 20 13 19 9 - 61 DECLO (49) Webb 26, Knopp 11, Schroeder 2, Wilson 4, Pickup 6. Totals 20 5-9 49

Totals 20 5-9 49. **GOODING (G1)** Bullers 7, Becker 29, Conrad 14, Youren 4, Turner 2, Garza 5, Totals 22 11-25 61. 3-point goals: Declo 4 (Knopp 3, Webb); Gooding 6 (Becker 4, Bullers 2), Fouls: Declo 18, Gooding 12. Fouled out: Pickup, Knopp.

Johnson's shot from 163 yards landed near the cup and spun into the hole, giving him a 4-under 68 and a one-shot lead over Woods going into the final round at Sherwood Country Club.

CSI

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Offensively, CSI got balanced scoring with five players in double figures, including Saint-Felix. Gipson and Barnes each had 14, Chakala Carthen scored 13 and Kylee Schierman hit two 3-pointers for 12.

Gipson was a statsheet stuffer, dishing out a team-high eight assists, while grabbing six rebounds with one block. Schierman just missed a double-double, finishing with nine boards, while Carthen added six.

At times, Lake Region's two big forwards, Jenna Gillet and Chelsea Kurtz gave the smaller CSI defenders trouble, particularly in the second half where Lake Region outscored CSI 45-33. Gillet finished with a game high 29 points, while pulling down 15 boards.

"I think we're better than this. I'm a little frustrated about it. We won by 10 or 11 or whatever, but I think we could have been better," Saint-Felix said.

The Golden Eagles, now winners of three in a row, play Eastern Idaho Select next Saturday, Dec. 10.

CSI 72, Lake Region CC 64 LAKE REGION (64) Henningsgard 0-2 6-6 6, Erickson 1-4 2-2 5, Gillet 10-2 3: 8-8 29, Krueger 3-6 0-1 6, Luond 8-16 2-3 18, Mertens 0-2 0-0 0, Kurtz 0-0 0-0 0, Olson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-53 18-22 64. CSI (72) Olson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-53 18-22 64. **CSI (72)** Gipson 7-12 0-0 14, Schierman 5-10 0-0 12, Barnes 5-14 3-4 14, Carthen 4-12 5-7 13, Liepena 0-0 0-0, Prestwich 0-0 0-0, Tanner 0-3 1-2 1, Borges 2-4 1-1 5, Saint-Felix 6-9 1-2 13. Totals 29-68 11-16.

Kimberly Continued from **S1**

bounds. Garrett Leavitt added 13 points, sinking three from beyond the arc to give the Tigers a good inside-outside offense. Jerome (2-0) hosts Kimberly on Tuesday.

Harr Buzzer-beater Sinks Alta



3-point goals: Carey 9 (J. Cenarrusa 4, Hansen 2, Chavez 2, Barg); Challis 1 (Olsen). Total fouls: Carey 23, Challis 12.

VALLEY 72, **RAFT RIVER 33**

Austin Shawver scored 16 and John Cauhorn added 14 as Valley cruised past Raft River.

John Guadarrama had nine to pace the Trojans (0-2), who host Rockland on Thursday.

Idaho Falls completed a nonconference season sweep of the Bruins.

Mikayla Harris led Twin Falls (3-2) with 12 points, but the Bruins only shot 24 percent from the floor.

Twin Falls visits Minico on Wednesday.

Idaho Falls 40, Twin Falls 29 Twin Falls 8 5 9 7 - 29 Idaho Falls 5 12 10 13 - 40 TWIN FALLS (29) Harrie 12, Barthet 3, Jordan 5, Marritt 3, Urrutia 4 3, Jordan 5, Merritt 3, Urrutia 4, 7-16 29. larris 12, Bartlett kahill 2 Total 10 Skahil 2. Total 10 7:16 29. **IDAHO FALLS (40)** Johnson 5, Farrer 22, Storms 6, Jerome 5, Marboe 2. Totals 13 12:25 40. 3-point goals: Twin Falls 2 (Jordan, Merritt); Idaho Falls 2 (Storms 2). Total fouls: Twin Falls 17, Idaho

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Zach Johnson Takes **1-shot Lead over Woods**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif.

(AP) • Zach Johnson need-

ed something special to

track down Tiger Woods in

the Chevron World Chal-

lenge. Holing a 7-iron from

the 18th fairway for eagle

did the trick Saturday.

Golden Eagles

With Win

TIMES-NEWS

urday night.

Escape Nebraska

Pat Swilling hit four free throws

down the stretch to seal the

College of Southern Idaho

men's basketball team's 72-67

win at Western Nebraska Sat-

Paul Egwuonwu hit a runner

inside the lane to make the score

67-61 with just over a minute

remaining. The Cougars (9-2)

answered with a bucket to pull

within four, but Pat Swilling

drew a foul and sank two free

throws to make the score 69-63

The Golden Eagles (10-1) led 32-27 at halftime, but Western

Nebraska started the second

half hot, tying the game at 45.

The Cougars built a 51-47 lead

before CSI answered with

back-to-back Fabyon Harris

threes to give the Golden Ea-

gles' the 53-51 lead, which it

would not relinquish the rest of

The win is the eighth in a row

for CSI, which hosts the

Farmer's Insurance Challenge

the game.

Dec. 9-10.

with 38 seconds left.

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Transactions

IOWA–Announced WR Marcus Grant and OL lineman Dan Heiar are leaving the football program.

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime

Twin Falls' Jared Allen fouled an Alta player on the way to the hoop, but he missed both free throws. The Bruins got the rebound with 6.2 seconds left and Casey Merritt ran the ball up the court, passing to Harr, who got off the clean shot as the buzzer sounded.

"We didn't play very well last night and I think our guys were a little embarrassed," said Twin Falls assistant coach Shaun Walker. "We told the kids we hadn't lost two games in a row since December of 2008 and they rose to the occasion today."

It was a team effort, Walker said as Allen grabbed 10 rebounds, Thomas Corr didn't miss a shot to score 10 points and Robert Sanchez held Alta's best player, Zack Zdunich, to just four points. Harr finished with a game-high 22 points.

The Bruins (1-1) host Highland on Thursday.

 Twin Falls 53, Alta, Utah 51

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 Wei Falls
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 2, A. Meyerhoeffer 2, Sanchez 5, Harr 22. Totals 16
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 8 12 - 53 13 12 - 51 14-18 53. AtTA (53) Hill 2, Jones 17, Anderson 8, Zdunich 4, Price 12, Albrecht 8. Totals 18 12-15 51. 3 Point goals: Alta 3 (Price 2, Jones). Twin Falls 7 (Corr 2, Harr 2, Merrit, Jones, Sanche2). Total fouls: Twin Falls 16, Alta 15. Technical fouls: Alta bench.

JEROME 53, FRUITLAND 41

Jerome knocked off Fruitland, the Class 3A state champions from last season behind a solid defensive effort and a monster doubledouble from senior forward Jake Hollifield.

"We just did a great job defensively. Fruitland is an excellent club and a win like this should give our team a lot of confidence," said Jerome coach Joe Messick.

Hollifield scored 23, including 17 in the first half as the Tigers built a 28-24 halftime lead, and grabbed 15 refouls: Fruitland 12, Jerome 6. Fouled out: Grazes

ELKO, NEV. 45, MINICO 35

Brandon Jenkins scored 16 to pace Elko past the Spartans, who fell to 0-2 on their Nevada road trip.

Wyatt Osterhout led Minico with 12 points.

The Spartans visit Idaho Falls on Tuesday.

Elko, Nev. 45, Minico 35 Minico 7 10 10 8 - 35 5 16 12 - 45 Minico Elko 12 MiNICO (35) Harper 6, Wy. Osterhout 12, Belnap 7, Wa. Osterhout 2, Foreman 8. Totals 16 2-4 35. 2, Foreman 8, Totals 16 2-4 35. **ELKO (45)** Wallock 3, Jenkins 16, Natty 5, Driscoll 3, Klekas 4, Honeyestowa 6, Dumas 2, Rasch 2, Meo 2, Pearson 2. Totals 18 2-6 45. 3-point goals: Minico 1 (Foreman); Elko 7 (Jenkins 5, Wallock, Driscoll). Total fouls: Minico 10, Elko 10.

FILER 81, GOODING 28

Austin Tews had 14 points, leading four Filer players in double figures as the Wildcats ripped Gooding.

Jed Oyler scored 13, Austin Beard added 11 and Marc Ramseyer netted 10 as the team scored 33 field goals, 23 coming with assists attached.

Filer (2-1) hosts Declo on Thursday.

FILER 81, GOODING 28 Gooding Filer GOODING (28) 8 11 6 3-28 26 26 23 6-81 Arkoosh 3, Capeano 6, Kast 2, Parke 2, Flora 6, Evans 6, Becker 2, Hansen 1. Totals 11 4-12 28. 6, Becker 2, FILER (81) FILER (81) L. Beard 5, A. Beard 11, Karel 9, Tews 14, Kreft 5, Ramseyer 10, Foukal 2, Peterson 8, Ackerman 4, Oyler 13, Totals 33 6-10 81. 3-point goals: Gooding 2 (Capeano); Filer 9 (Tews 4, A. Beard 3, L. Beard, Peterson). Total fouls: Gooding 14, Filer 16. Fouled out: Parke.

CAREY 58, CHALLIS 31

Jack Cenarrusa scored 16 and Carey drained nine 3pointers and nabbed 15 steals to gain its first win of the season.

Baley Barg scored 11 and Dillon Cenarrusa added 10 for the Panthers (1-2), who host Valley on Thursday.

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Cenarrusa 10, Ba	rg 11, Baird I	2. Totals	21 7-10	58.
CHALLIS (31)	0			
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Valley 72, Raft River 33 Valley 24 Raft River 10 VALLEY (72) 18 13 21 9-72 4 6-33

VALLEY (*/2)* Johnson 12, Keel 1, Juarez 2, Orozco 12, Shawver 16, Mora 11, Arteaga 2, Cauhorn 14, Rife 2. Totals 31 7-13

/2. RAFT RIVER (33) Higley 4, Guadarrama 9, Maldonado 8, Fenn 5, Gomez 2, Steed 5. Totals 14 5-10 33. 3-point goals: Valley 3 (Cauhorn 2, Mora). Total fouls: Valley 10, Raft River 13.

BUTTE COUNTY 62, DIETRICH 31

Butte County rode a big second quarter to an easy win in the championship game of the Dietrich Holiday Tournament.

Andru Howard led Dietrich (1-1) with eight points, but the Blue Devils were outscored 25-1 in the second period.

Dietrich hosts Castleford on Thursday.

Butte County 62, Dietrich 31 Butte County 17 25 13 7 - 62 Dietrich 12 1 10 8 - 31 BUTTE COUNTY (62) BUTTE COUNTY (62) Gamett 6, Andreason 5, Coon 2, D. Isham 9, Carey 11, H. Isham 16, K. Isham 13. Totals 25 57 62. DIETRICH (31) Kent 3, Porter 3, J. Howard 6, Aguilar 4, Perron 2, A. Howard 8, Power 4, Alvarado 1. Totals 11 7-15 31. Butte County 7 (K. Isham 3, Carey 3, Andreason); Dietrich 2 (A. Howard, Kent). Total fouls: Butte County 15, Dietrich 10.

Girls Basketball SPRING CREEK 54, CANYON RIDGE 51, OT

Breyana Burk had 19 points and 17 rebounds but it wasn't enough to keep the Riverhawks from falling to 2-4 on the season.

Canyon Ridge rallied from down six at the break to force overtime but only managed one point in the extra session.

The Riverhawks host Buhl on Tuesday.

 Spring Creek 54, Canyon Ridge 51, OT

 Spring Creek 10
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 Canyon Ridge 5
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 151 - 51

 SPRING CREEK (54)
 Firi II, Estes 13, Anderson 3, Cook 4, Grinsell 14,
 Edwards 6, Thompson 1, Floge 2. Totals 18 16-29 54.

 CANYON RIDGE (51)
 Rogers 8, Hudelson 8, Bell 1, Miller 8, Burk 19, Co.
 Joslin 3, Sager 4, Totals 19 10-21 51.

 Point gads: Spring Creek 2 (Frii, Cook); Canyon
 Ridge 3 (Hudelson 2, Rogers). Total fouls: Spring Creek 23, Canyon Ridge 23, Fouled out: Edwards, Hudelson.

IDAHO FALLS 40, TWIN FALLS 29 Hailey Farrer scored 22 as

ELKO, NEV. 50, MINICO 39

Minico struggled against the tall, physical Elko, Nev. team despite getting 18 points from Marlee Chandler.

Elko pounded the paint and shot better than 50 percent for the game, while Minico finished near 30 percent. The Spartans (4-2, 0-1 GBC) host Great Basin Conference foe Twin Falls on Wednesday.

Elko, Nev. 50, Minico 39 Elko 10 12 8 20 - 50 Minico 11 6 9 13 - 39 MINICO (39) Merrill 4, Hawkes 2, Chandler 18, Bailey 5, Munns 4, Bradford 6, Totals 14 9-14 39 5 ELKO (SO) Dumos 12, Elquist 22, Sprout 4, Nielsen 10, Foreceld 6, Dubois 12. Totals 22 6-7 Merrill, Chandler. Total fouls: Elko 13, Minico 15.

POCATELLO 49, **BURLEY 39**

Kelsey Christensen scored 13 to lead Pocatello over Burley on Saturday.

Chelsee Baker had a game-high 16 for the Bobcats, who led after three quarters but were outscored 16-5 in the final period.

Pocatello 49, Burley 39 Burley 13 Pocatello 10 7 14 5 - 39 14 9 16 - 49 Burley 13 7 14 5 – 3 Pocatello 10 14 9 16 – 4 BURLEY (39) Carpenter 6, Vale 3, Stanger 4, Baker 16, McGill 6, Ballard 4.

POCATELLO (49) J. Casper 9, Hewitt 2, K. Casper 10, C. Parker 7, Christensen 13, A. Parker 8.

WOOD RIVER 47, BUHL 26

Haylee Thompson scored 22 and Cheyenne Swanson had 16 as the tough inside duo downed Buhl.

Kendyl Hamilton hit four 3-pointers for 12 points to lead the Indians (0-5)

Buhl (0-5) travels to Canyon Ridge Tuesday.

Wood River 47, Buhl 26 Wood River 12 Buhl 11 10 9 18 7-47 4 2-26 WOOD RIVER (47) Peavy 2, Dion 1, Taylor 2, Thompson 22, Swanson 16, ole 4. Totals 20 7-8 47. Cole 4, Iotals 20 7-8 47. BWHL (26) Archibald 5, Kippes 5, Pearson 2, Hamilton 12, N. Morse 2, Totals 8 6-9 26. 3-point goals: Buhl 4 (Hamilton 4). Total fouls: Wood River 6, Buhl 8. Technical fouls: Wood River bench.

CAREY 52, CHALLIS 48

Jaide Parke scored 25 to help Carey surprise Challis. The Panthers (2-1) host Oakley next Friday.

Carey 52, Challis 48

Carey	14	16	15	7 - 52
Challis	4	13	10	21 -
48				
CAREY (52)				

Durtschi 2, J. Parke 25, Zarate 2, Gomez 2, Adamson 14, M. Parke 7. Totals 17 15-25 52. 14, M. Parke 7. Totals 17 15-25 52. CHALLIS (48) Moss 7, Brown 4, Cotant 2, Rosales 2, Miller 6, Garlie 16, Anderson 12. 3-point goals: Carey 3 (J. Parke 3); Challis 1 (Garlie). Total fouls: Carey 23, Challis 19, Fouled out: Northcott, Adamson, Moss, Garlie.

SHOSHONE 36, **RAFT RIVER 26**

Kelcie Hutchins scored 15 and Moriah Schoolcraft added 10 to lead Shoshone over Raft River.

The Indians made a home at the free throw line, shooting 17-for-23, including a 10-for-10 performance from Hutchins. Schoolcraft also went 4-for-4 as Shoshone moved to 5-1. Echo Hansen led the Trojans with 12.

Shoshone 36, Raft River 26 Raft River 4 2 4 16 - 26 Shoshone 5 11 9 11 - 36

RAFT RIVER (26) Hansen 12, Holtman 6, Hitt 4, Adams 2, Whitaker 2. Totals 10 6-8 26.

Totals 10 6-8 26. SHOSHONE (**36)** Hutchins 15, Hadden 3, Schoolcraft 10, Simonson 5, Race 3, Totals 7 17-23 36. 3-pont goals – Shoshone 5 (Hutchins 2, Schoolcraft 2, Hadden). Total fouls: Raft River 17, Shoshone 11.

CASTLEFORD 59, OAKLEY 41 Jessica Welch and Kendra Flores both had double doubles as Castleford controlled the paint.

Welch had 25 points and 15 rebounds, while Flores added 18 and 11 as Castleford moved to 3-1. The Wolves are at Hagerman on Wednesday. Lacey Kelly led Oakley with 20 points.

Castleford 59, Oakley 41 Oakley 13 2 16 10 - 41 Castleford 15 17 13 14 - 59 Castleford 59, Oakley 41 Image: Castleford 59, Oakley 41 Image: Castleford 13 Image: Castleford 15 Image: Castleford 15 Image: Castleford 15 Image: Castleford 15 Image: Castleford 16 Image: Castleford 16

"We talked about it at halftime and every timeout," said Mumm. "If he gets the ball, then the defense has to close down and everybody's open for a 3-pointer."

Wadsworth scored half his points in the fourth, and for the game five different Bulldogs buried 3pointers. Zack Funk and Stephen Clements each scored nine for Kimberly. Garner scored 11 and Seth Baker added 10 for

the Hornets. Kimberly trips to Jerome on Tuesday and

Declo goes to Filer on Friday.

Kimberly 49, Declo 38 Kimberly 12 12 10 15 - 49 Declo 10 14 9 5 - 38 KIMBERLY (49) Molyneux 3, Funk 9, Charters 7, S. Clements 9, M. Clements 3, Wadsworth 16, Chapa 2, Totals 19 5-9 49. 9 5-9 49.

19 5-9 49. **DECLO (38)** Smyer 6, Wrigley 4, Baker 10, Hanson 1, Harper 1, Garner 11, Webb 5. Totals 13 11-13 38. 3-point goals: Kimberly 6 (Molyneux, Funk, Charters, S. Clements 2, M. Clements), Declo 1 (Webb). Total fouls: Kimberly 13, Declo 12. Fouled out: Kimberly, Funk.

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DAVIS' BLOCK LIFTS NO. 1 **KENTUCKY OVER NO. 5 UNC**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. • Freshman Anthony Davis blocked John Henson's shot in the final seconds and Doron Lamb scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half as No. 1 Kentucky held on to beat No. 5 North Carolina 73-72 on Saturday to extend the Wildcats' home winning streak to 39 games.

Freshman Michael Kidd-Gilchrist had 17 points and 11 rebounds as a spark Kentucky (8-0) needed early before Lamb took control in the second half with more than two dozen NBA scouts and front office personnel watching one of the most heavily hyped matchups of the season.

This one came down to the final possession.

Reggie Bullock hit a 3pointer for North Carolina (6-2) to cut the Wildcats' lead to 73-72 with 48 seconds left. After Marquis Teague missed the front end of a one-and-one, Davis blocked Henson's shot, grabbed the rebound and the Wildcats ran out the clock.

NO. 2 OHIO STATE 64, UTPA 35

COLUMBUS, Ohio • Evan Ravenel scored a career-high 11 points in place of Jared Sullinger and No. 2 Ohio State beat Texas Pan-American to give coach Thad Matta his 300th career win.

Sullinger had back spasms during the Buckeyes' win over third-ranked Duke on Tuesday night and will be reevaluated before Ohio State (8-0) faces No. 15 Kansas in Lawrence.

Deshaun Thomas also had 11 points for the Buckeyes to give coach Thad Matta his 300th win. He is 300-88 over 12 seasons, the last eight at Ohio State where he is 198-57

Jared Maree scored 13 points for the Broncs (2-7).

NO. 8 UCONN 75, ARKANSAS 62.

HARTFORD, Conn. • Freshman Ryan Boatright scored 23 points and had six assists in his home debut, and No. 8 Connecticut beat Arkansas in the Big East-SEC challenge.

Boatright hit eight of his 12 shots and also had five rebounds for Connecticut, which didn't score a field goal for the first five minutes of the game.

suspended for Saturday's game for a violation of team rules. Marquette announced shortly before the game that Cadougan would not be in uniform and would miss only Saturday's game for the unspecified violation.

NO. 11 XAVIER 66, PURDUE 63

CINCINNATI • Tu Holloway scored 21 points, including three consecutive 3-pointers in the last two minutes, and No. 11 Xavier roared back from a 19-point second-half deficit.

Holloway personally capped the Musketeers' comeback with six straight points that gave Xavier a 61-60 lead with 1:06 left. It was Xavier's first lead since 2-0 in the first two minutes.

NO. 14 MICHIGAN 76, **IOWA STATE 66**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. • Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 19 points and Jordan Morgan added 16 to help No. 14 Michigan beat Iowa State.

It was the first time the schools had met since Johnnv Orr left Iowa State in 1994. Orr remains the winningest coach in Michigan history, with 209 wins between 1969-80, and at Iowa State, with 218 victories starting in 1981.

NO. 15 KANSAS 70, **SOUTH FLORIDA 42** LAWRENCE, Kan.

Tyshawn Taylor had 24 points and Travis Releford's 3-pointer seemed to awaken a sluggish Kansas and send the No. 15 Jayhawks rolling past South Florida.

Thomas Robinson had 14 points and eight rebounds for Kansas (5-2), ending his stretch of six straight double-doubles.

Kansas had more points (46) in the second half than South Florida had in the game.

NO. 17 PITTSBURGH 61, **TENNESSEE 56**

Johnson converted a threepoint play with 2 seconds left to seal No. 17 Pittsburgh's win over Tennessee in the Big East/SEC Challenge.

The Panthers (7-1) led by 8 with 1:46 to go. Pittsburgh's Ashton Gibbs

was called for a flagrant foul after elbowing Trae Golden, who was trying to foul him. Golden sank one of two foul shots, and Cameron Tatum hit a layup to cut the Panthers' lead to 5.

ILLINOIS 82, NO. 19 **GONZAGA** 75

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. • Meyers Leonard scored 21 points and helped Illinois hold No. 19 Gonzaga's Robert Sacre to two second-half points.

D.J. Richardson added 19 points for undefeated Illinois (8-0). He hit two free throws and a three-pointer that with 5:35 to play put Illinois up 67-60.

NO. 21 MISSISSIPPI STATE 75, WEST VIRGINIA 62

STARKVILLE, Miss. • Arnett Moultrie had 21 points and 13 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the season and No. 21 Mississippi State pulled away from West Virginia.

Dee Bost scored 17 points and Jalen Steele added 10, including a 3-pointer late in the second half that gave the Bulldogs a 67-57 lead.

Mississippi State (8-1) led throughout the first half, but a free throw by Deniz Kilicli gave the Mountaineers a 35-34 advantage right after halftime. The game remained close until Bost's steal and ensuing slam put Mississippi State ahead 60-54 with 5:31 remaining. Kevin Jones and Kilicli led West Virginia (4-2) with 14 points each.

NO. 22 MEMPHIS 91, **AUSTIN PEAY 60** MEMPHIS, Tenn. • Will Barton had 22 points, 13 rebounds and six assists to lead No. 22 Memphis.

Adonis Thomas added 17 KNOXVILLE, Tenn. • John points for Memphis (4-2),

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Kentucky's Terrence Jones, left, dunks next to North Carolina's Tyler Zeller during the first half of Saturday's game in Lexington, Ky.

which made 15 3-pointers. Jackson had 11 points, and Tarik Black finished with 10.

Melvin Baker scored 15 points for Governors (0-9). Leading scorer Tyshwan Edmondson was held to three

points on 1-of-6 shooting.

NO. 23 SAINT LOUIS 73, PORTLAND 53

ST. LOUIS • Brian Conklin made all seven shots with a strong inside game and scored 19 points, helping No. 23 Saint Louis beat Portland in its first home game as a ranked team since 1994.

Cody Ellis had 16 points off the bench and Kyle Cassity and Mike McCall had 10 apiece for the Billikens (7-1), who had a 25-3 run in the first half and led by 26 early in the second. Those three combined for Saint Louis' seven 3-pointers, with Cassity going 3 for 5.

NO. 25 TEXAS A&M 55, **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 42 COLLEGE STATION, Texas** • Elston Turner scored 17

points and Ray Turner added 12 to lead No. 25 Texas A&M.

David Loubeau scored 11 for the Aggies (6-1), who have not topped 60 points in five straight games. A&M overcame a slow start to win its fourth straight overall and its 65th straight nonconference home game.

Hartsock Lifts BYU over Oregon

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SALT LAKE CITY • Noah Hartsock had 21 points and 12 rebounds to lead Brigham Young to a 79-65 victory Saturday over Oregon, halting the Ducks' four-game winning streak.

Reserve Stephen Rogers added 16 points on 4-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc, and Nate Austin added nine points off the bench for BYU (6-2).

Oregon (4-2) trailed by seven at halftime and cut the gap to 38-33 on a jam by Tony Woods. But the Cougars went on a 13-0 run to take command of the game at EnergySolutions Arena in Salt Lake City. Brock Zylstra fueled the run with a three-point play and 3-point bucket, while Austin added a key block. Garrett Sim led Oregon with 16 points, hitting 6 of 8 shots, while Woods added 13 points.

BOISE STATE 74, **INDIANA STATE 65**

BOISE • Anthony Drmic and Kenny Buckner scored 14 points apiece to lead Boise State over Indiana State in a Missouri Valley/Mountain West Conference Challenge game.

Drew Wiley added 12 points on four 3-pointers as the Broncos (6-1) won their third straight.

Dwayne Lathan scored 17 points for Indiana State (6-2), which lost for the second time in three games. Carl Richard added 11 and Myles Walker had 10.

DAVIS, Calif. • Stephen Madison scored 19 points and Deremy Geiger added 18 to lift Idaho. The Vandals (4-3) never trailed. They took their

IDAHO 94, UC DAVIS 74

biggest lead of 22 points early in the second half and finished shooting 56 percent from the field.

Madison pulled down a game-high eight rebounds, helping Idaho beat the Aggies (1-7) on the boards 31-25.

UC Davis' Eddie Miller scored a game-high 22 points, shooting 4 for 4 from 3-point range and 6 for 6 from the free-throw line. Tyler Les added 12 points and Josh Ritchart 10 for the Aggies, who shot 49 percent from the field in their fourth straight loss.

IDAHO STATE 76, NORTH DAKOTA 63

POCATELLO • Kenny Mc-Gowen scored 18 points and Melvin Morgan added 17 as Idaho State avenged an earlier loss to North Dakota.

Garrett Swanson added 15 points for the Bengals (2-5), who lost to North Dakota 63-47 on Nov. 14 in Grand Fork, N.D. Swanson had six of his points during an 8-2 run midway through the first half as Idaho State took control of the game.

FRESNO STATE 82, UTAH 52

FRESNO, Calif. • Kevin Foster scored a career-high 16 points and Kevin Olekaibe had 15 as Fresno State blasted Utah.





NO. 16 MARQUETTE 61, NO. 9 WISCONSIN 54 MADISON, Wis. • Darius Johnson-Odom scored 17 points and No. 16 Marquette knocked off in-state rival No. 9 Wisconsin.

Todd Mayo added 14 points for Marquette (7-0), which snapped the Badgers' 23-game home winning streak. Mayo had a critical late layup and an emphatic game-clinching dunk.

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- Written comments in excess of one page should be forwarded to the City of Carey Planning Office at least 7 days prior to the public hearing by either mail at PO Box 9, Carey, Idaho 83320 or by email at (careyplanning@frontier.com). For further information or clarification, the Planning and Zoning Administrator may be reached at (208) 420-3280 or information may be emailed to the above email address. PUBLISH: December 4, 2011

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The City of Twin Falls is in the process of applying for an Idaho Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) in an amount not to exceed \$550,000. These funds are being sought to partially finance industrial infrastructure improvements.

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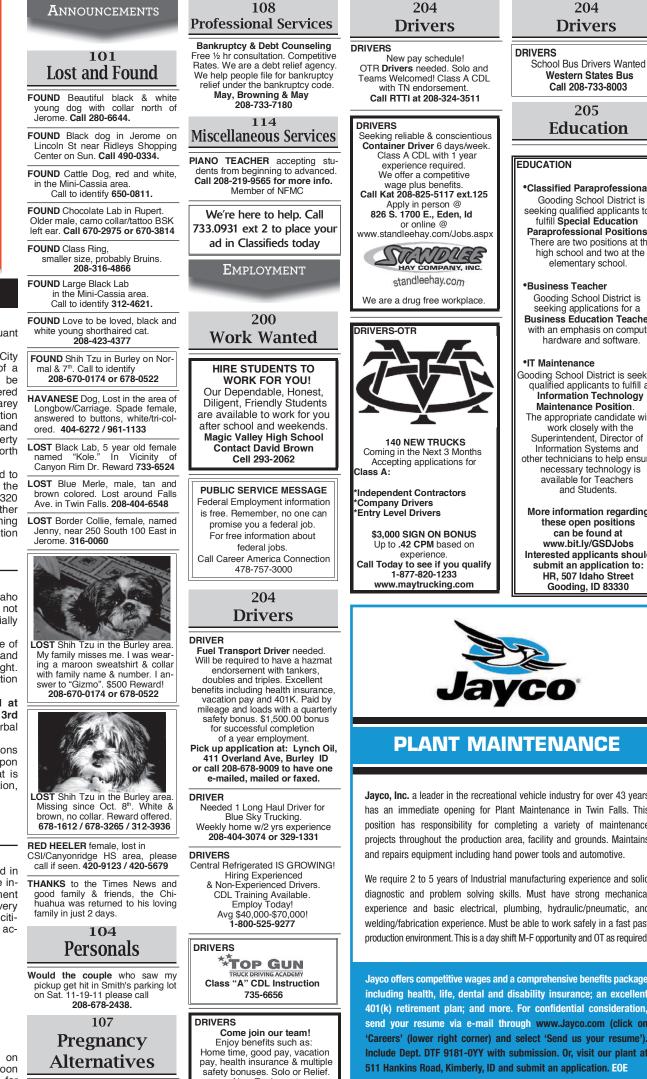
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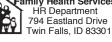
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Dear Mr. Wolff:

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Cashing In, Naples, Fla.

ANSWER: You do NOT have to announce honors till the end of the hand or when you play the last one. Otherwise, the opponents may draw positive or negative inferences. Once you play the last honor, you are safe in not giving anything away. In fact, you technically have till the end of the rubber, I believe, but I would not wait till then if I were you. (I might have forgotten my name by then.)

Dear Mr. Wolff:

I held ♠ A-4, ♥ 7-6-5-2, ♦ Q-5-3, ♣ Q-9-3-2. When my partner opened one diamond, I acted on the advice of a well-known and highly respected bridge guru (who will remain nameless) and responded one notrump instead of bidding my pathetic four-card major. Result: misery, when we missed our 4-4 heart fit. Any comments?

Guruesome Result, Spartanburg, Ill.

ANSWER: The logic of concealing a really bad four-card major (both Eddie Kantar and I do suggest this from time to time, especially after RHO doubles) applies a little more to responding to one club — which is perhaps more typically balanced than a one-diamond opener. Ideally you do it with 8-10 rather than 6-7 points, and 4-3-3-3 pattern, but your action did make sense and was just unlucky. It is even more attractive to conceal a weak major if you are a passed hand. (Partner may pass rather than rebid one no-trump when he has three-card support and a minimum balanced hand.)

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ANSWER: Whenever you have enough points to force to game, bid your long suit first, unless you have a four-card major that looks like five and a minor that looks like a fourcarder. By contrast, when you have less than an invitation, bid your major first, or you may never get it in conveniently. With invitational values be guided by the degree of fit for partner and suit-quality issues.

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Say your partner opens one club and the next hand overcalls two hearts, weak. If you have ★ K-7-4-3, ♥ Q-J-9-7, ♦ 5-3, ★ K-3-2, should you bid no-trump, make a negative double, or pass, planning to pass for penalties if your partner reopens with a double?

Triple Threat, Madison, Wis.

ANSWER: I do not have a good answer, but I'd guess that my club length makes the penalty-pass option less attractive. (I might feel different if my partner had opened one diamond.) Since I'm short of the values for a two-no-trump call, that leaves the negative double — but I'm not thrilled about it.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

My partner and I disagree about a strategy for opening leads against three no-trump. How do you rate leading fourth best from longest and strongest in an auction where there is no indication of a weak suit? Would vou rather lead from a sequence in a three-card holding than from length?

Get the Lead Out, Monterey, Calif.

ANSWER: At pairs, when the opponents have an unrevealing auction and end up in no-trump, I lead from five-card suits unless it is obviously a bad idea, but would rather lead from a safe three-card holding than a broken four-card holding. Any honor sequence always gives the illusion of a safer lead. And at pairs it is especially desirable not to give up a trick on a blind auction.

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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Today is Sunday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 2011. There are 27 days left in the year. Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his Continental Army officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York, telling them, "With a heart full of love and gratitude I now take leave of you."



On this date:

In 1619, settlers from Bristol, England, arrived at Berkeley Hundred in present-day Charles City County, Va.

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1918, President Wilson left Woodrow Washington on a trip to France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II. President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1965, the United States launched Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr. James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1978, San Francisco got its first female mayor as City Supervisor Dianne Feinstein was named to replace the assassinated George Moscone.

In 1984, a five-day hijack drama began as four armed men seized a Kuwaiti airliner en route to Pakistan and forced it to land in Tehran, where the hijackers killed American passenger Charles Hegna.

In 1986, both houses of Congress moved to establish special committees to conduct their own investigations of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1991, Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson, the longest held of the Western hostages in Lebanon, was released after nearly seven years in captivity. Pan American World Airways ceased operations.

In 1996, the Mars Pathfinder lifted off from Cape Canaveral and began speeding toward Mars on a 310 million-mile odyssey. (It arrived on Mars in July 1997.)

Ten years ago: Stepping reprisals for





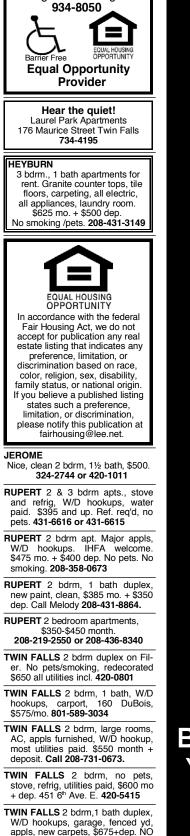
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bombings by Palestinian militants, Israel unleashed air strikes; three missiles hit near Yasser Arafat's office as the Palestinian leader worked inside. The United States froze the financial assets of organizations allegedly linked to Hamas, the group that claimed responsibility for recent deadly suicide attacks in Israel. The Olympic flame began a 46-state, twomonth journey from Atlanta, host city of the 1996 Summer Games, to the opening ceremony of the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games.

Five years ago: Lacking the Senate votes to keep his job. embattled U.N. Ambassador John Bolton offered his resignation to President George W. Bush, who accepted it. Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith was convicted in the Philippines of raping a Filipino woman and sentenced to 40 years in prison. (However, а Philippine appeals court overturned the conviction in April 2009; Smith, who was in U.S. custody, left the country.) Truck driver Tyrone Williams was convicted at his retrial in Houston of the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed into a sweltering tractortrailer. (Williams initially received multiple life sentences, but was later resentenced to nearly 34 years in prison.) NASA announced plans to build an international base camp on the Moon.

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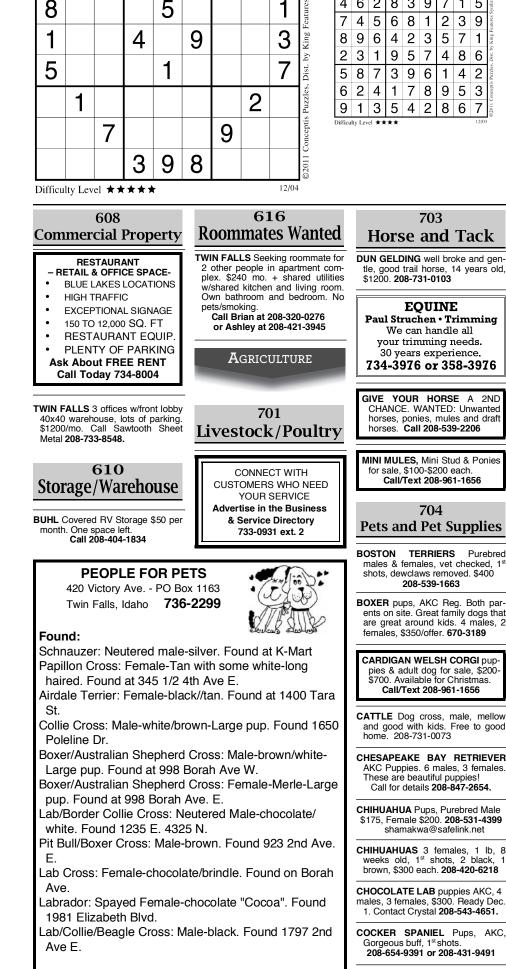
The Compassionate Friends invites your readers to attend a service Dec. 11, to honor the lives of these children, or to light a remembrance candle at 7 p.m., wherever they may be, whether alone or with friends and family. They are also invited to visit The Compassionate Friends national website on the day of the Worldwide Candle Lighting and post a remembrance message in our online memory book. We do this so that their light may always shine, Abby. Thank you for spreading the message.

- PATRICIA LODER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS/USA

DEAR PATRICIA: You're welcome. The holidays are an emotionally loaded time of year for many people. For families suffering from the loss of a child, it can be even more so. Thank you for the support you offer them.

Readers, on Dec. 11, services open to the public will be held throughout the day in hundreds of locations across the U.S., as well as in about two dozen countries around the world.

Services will be held by many of the Compassionate Friends' 630 U.S. chapters, as well as allied organizations, community groups, churches and houses of worship, funeral homes, children's memorial gardens, hospices, schools, cemeteries - even community centers. To locate the nearest service and find out more information, you should visit www.compassionatefriends.org or call 877-969-0010.



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DEAR ABBY: I moved out of my parents' house and have been working full time and supporting myself for three years. I love my life as a young adult.

This past year, my younger sister "Nicole" has been saying she wants to move in with me so she can get out of our parents' house and be closer to me. She earns twice as much as I do, and can easily afford her own place. I have not encouraged her because I enjoy living by myself.

Nicole and our parents are now accusing me of being a terrible sister and friend to her. She has been depressed, gone into therapy and has been cutting herself. I want to support my sister in any way I can, but I don't think her living with me will be the solution to her many problems. I don't want to cause a rift in the family, but I also don't want to be guilted into letting her move in. What should I do?

– ON MY OWN IN DENVER DEAR ON YOUR OWN:

Because your sister's depression is so severe that she's cutting herself, you are right in thinking her living with you won't be the solution to her problems. That she realizes she needs professional help and is getting it is a step in the right direction. You should not have your sister move in until and unless you have discussed it with her AND HER THERA-PIST and are satisfied it will be beneficial for both of you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Achieve alpha status. You can put a positive spin on your creative works and leadership abilities in the week ahead. Be confident where work is concerned and invite others to offer feedback.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Seize the day. You will find in the week to come that it is not the size of a gift or donation that counts, but whether you give that matters most. Your social life could speed up; flirtations are probable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Grin if you are gun shy. You may be a bit touchy and defensive early in the week; if people see weakness they push your buttons. A partner or trusted friend is your best guide through tricky situations.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There's more where that came from. When you take a second look at your bank account, you might feel like Indiana Jones discovering lost treasures. In the week ahead, partners might help you spend it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Wag your tail this week, even if you are the top dog. Manage your demeanor in such a way that kindness doesn't make you appear to be passive, submissive, soft, or unable to function in a leader's role.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Upgrade your attitude. You could fail in a highly competitive situation this week if you believe that altruism is a sign of moral weakness, while being selfish and aggressive shows leadership abilities. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Flip-flops belong on your feet, not on your opinions. In the week ahead, you might be somewhat hampered by polarizations. If challenged, you could make the mistake of spending your money on a mere sham. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't go to extremes to achieve vague dreams. You might know that the key people who wield power are looking for individuals who are results and action oriented. Don't dance outside your own circle this week. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put extra effort into getting important projects off the ground. This week might be a good time for you to obtain cooperation from your co-workers. Money has a tendency to slip through your fingers. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have to be tough and do what's right for you. Venus is in your sign during the week ahead, so you can easily combine toughness with thoughtfulness when you approach others for support. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Realize rewarding results. You can show empathy and compassion as you climb the ladder of success in the week ahead. You can demonstrate a friendly demeanor while at the same time get results. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The underdog can overcome inertia. Charisma and public appeal hit a high point in the early part of the upcoming week. If you feel you have been left at the bottom of the heap, you have a chance to climb out.

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Health Boosts You Never Saw Coming

BY WHITNEY FETTERHOFF The Washington Post

Everybody knows mistletoe and eggnog can help to make the season bright. But there are many other unexpected ways to cheer up the holidays and help your health in the process, according to Good Housekeeping's Good Health Nutritional News.

Consider those gift boxes of grapefruit: A recent Vanderbilt University study found that obese adults who drank grapefruit juice before each

meal felt fuller faster than water drinkers and showed an improvement in cholesterol. (Both groups experienced a drop in weight.)

Sipping half a cup before those caloric holiday feasts could save you from overindulging.

There's also good news for carolers who may be worried about their blood pressure. Harvard researchers recently documented the case of a "woman whose BP was so high that surgeons postponed a critical operation - that is, until she sang six favorite hymns. Her readings fell by more than 20 points, allowing for a successful surgery the next day." So remember that the next time you're asked to join in the musical festivities.

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Is Tech Friend or Foe to Santa?



Phil Martella arrives at a mall for seasonal photographs with children in Buffalo, N.Y.

BY LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

Kids can video chat with Santa, follow him on Twitter or enlist NORAD to track his every move online. And yet in many ways, technology may be making it harder for parents to keep their children believing in the jolly old elf. At nearly every turn, the Internet threatens to blow the

fat man's cover.



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Betty Hollifield enjoys a scalp massage from certified nursing assistant Bianca Salazar at Willowbrook Assisted Living in Twin Falls, as Norma Mergenthaler, center, and Rosie Arrossa finish lunch.

Confused by Santa?

With planning, people who have family members with dementia can reduce stress during the holidays — even when Grandma doesn't recognize the name on the gift tag.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN

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s she ate lunch Nov. 25, Betty Hollifield thought about the holidays she's spent at Willowbrook Assisted Living. There haven't been many.

"My kids always come get me," said Hollifield, 89.

ping by to say hello. Routine is paramount for people with dementia, and holidays can add to confusion and anxiety. Still, with a little planning and a lot of understanding, Christmas can be fun for care center residents.

What should well-meaning relatives do?

Shawna Wasko of the Office on Aging in Twin Falls said it's important to Cathy Lynch, administrator of Cedar Draw Living Center in Filer and Jim Lynch's wife. For the holidays, "we try to keep things on a routine as much as possible," she said. "Anyone with dementia cannot handle changes."

But Cedar Draw and Willowbrook also want to give residents a chance to enjoy Thanksgiving and Christmas. They decorate minimally and have a Christmas party with presents, but the staff stays tuned in to the patients. If they start to get nervous during celebrations, "we take them out of the room, we go for a walk, we get them into something else," Cathy said. There are other considerations, Jim said. At Willowbrook, employees ask Please see ASSISTED, P6

Practically any schoolchild can type "Is Santa real?" into Google. And just a few clicks can bring youngsters to websites that sell customized letters from the North Pole or offer advice on how Mom and Dad can fool the kids into believing in old St. Nick.

"I have a love-hate relationship with technology and Santa,' said Kristi Kovalak, a mom in St. Louis. "The beauty of Santa is the not knowing. Technology is all about knowing, and knowing this instant. I swear, Google is the nemesis of the North Pole."

She embraces digital life daily but stays far away from cyber-Santa for her two boys, ages 5 and 11.

"We don't do robo-calls. We don't submit lists to Santa online. I don't have tracking apps on my phone," she said. "Too much proof means you then have to explain away when the next crazy thing contradicts it?"

Kevin Grout and his wife had a close call recently while watching a Santa Claus parade on TV with their children, ages 6, 4 and 5 months. A commercial came on for a website that creates email greetings from Santa. They switched channels just in time.

"We're definitely in this boat, primarily with our oldest. She's a smart cookie," said Grout, of St. Catharines, Ontario. "It was clear to me a poor strategy to run it during a Santa Claus parade when many kids would be tuned in."

Santa sites can easily be found by any kid with an iPad.

Igco.com, for example, screams: "Discover our acclaimed letter from Santa, phone call from Santa, Santa evidence kits and official good list certificate. Make your children's eyes pop out of their heads this Christmas!" (Parents might have fun explaining away the Santa boot print kit, complete with a plastic template and a shaker full of snow crystals, for \$15.99.)

Over at Santa.com is a menu of prices for letters from Santa. There's a fancy one on a scroll for \$19.99 and a simple postcard for nearly \$3. (Mommy, why does Santa charge?)

Enter the search query "Is Santa real?" and up comes an entry on a psychology site about the dreaded question itself and how parents who are trying to keep the Santa secret live in fear this time of year.

Kyla Kelim of Fairhope, Ala., caught her oldest, a 9-yearold boy, on her iPad playing Santa sleuth a week or so ago.

"We're so close with him this year, not believing," she said. "He was Googling 'Santa,' and I saw him type the word 'myth' when I grabbed it and said no electronics. I'm constantly having to follow my phone and iPad and stuff around right now. We're trying not to debunk Santa for our 7-year-old."

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That's not always the case for her housemates at Willowbrook, many of whom have have Alzheimer's disease or dementia. But everyone at the home has family in the area, said administrator Jim Lynch, so no one is alone on Christmas.

But celebrating the holidays with dementia patients isn't as easy as stop-

remember to meet people with Alzheimer's and dementia on their level. Understand that they might not remember who you are, or comprehend what's going on, but they will appreciate the company.

Dementia patients can get stressed out by the unfamiliar - such as visits by carolers or unexpected parties, said

Pink Wristbands and a Puppy

Fighting cancer and commuting to Boise for treatment is trying for Magic Valley kids with cancer, but community support eases the emotional burden.

BY MELISSA DAVLIN

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On Tuesday, 11-year-old cancer patient Ellie Pruitt woke up feeling sick and with an awful headache.

So her mother, Joy Pruitt, pulled up video of Ellie's adopted turtle, Melba, who lives at a turtle hospital in Florida. Watching Melba swim helped keep Ellie's mind off the headache and the painful spinal tap that would come later that morning.

Melba's sponsorship was a gift from Geoffrey and Beth Neuhoff of Neuhoff Communications, Joy said. It's among many ways the community has helped get the Pruitts through an emotionally draining treatment process.

Mountain States Tumor Institute in Twin Falls doesn't do pediatric oncology, so Magic Valley families battling childhood cancer need to commute to Boise for treatments. Depending on where they are in their treatment, that might mean making the two-hour drive as often as twice a week.

Joy didn't realize how hard this had been on her family until they got a twoweek break from treatment recently.

"You don't realize how emotionally draining it is," she said.

Donations and gifts from the community make the Pruitts' emotional burden



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Ellie Pruitt of Twin Falls, who is battling cancer, reacts Wednesday after counting money she raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

easier to handle. Ellie recently received an electronic keyboard from Welch Music and Jewelers for Children, and Meg Wormsbaker of Twin Falls used her 17th birthday party as a fundraiser for Ellie. The family has also sold pink wrist bracelets to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. As of Wednesday, they had raised \$1,500.

Ellie's Facebook page also makes her smile. Her "Kickin' Cancer For Ellie" profile has more than 4,000 friends and is filled with cheerful posts from well-wishers

"It really is the best medicine," Joy said. Please see CANCER, P6

Where to Give

Interested in helping Magic Valley families whose kids have cancer? Consider donating to the following organizations:

 Camp Rainbow Gold, camprainbowgold.org

• Ronald McDonald House, rmhidaho.org

 The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, lls.org

• American Cancer Society, cancer.org

Cutting Salt Might Not Benefit Overall Health

BY ROB STEIN AND JENNIFER LARUE HUGET

The Washington Post

Many studies have shown that cutting sodium consumption lowers blood pressure. But it may not necessarily be good for overall health, according to a new analysis.

The research was conducted by Niels Graudal of Copenhagen University Hospital in Denmark for the Cochrane Collaboration, a highly respected international group that assesses scientific evidence about health issues. Graudal and his colleagues analyzed 167 studies conducted between 1950 and 2011 that compared people who consumed low-sodium vs. highsodium diets.

Low-sodium diets did cut blood pressure levels in people with high and normal blood pressure, the researchers found. But it also significantly increased other risk factors for heart disease, such as cholesterol levels, triglycerides, adrenaline and renin, the researchers reported in the American Journal of Hypertension.

COMING UP TIIIII

Winners, Revealed

Which homemade cookies came out on top in the Times-News' holiday contest? We'll share recipes so you can share their tasty success.

Wednesday in Food

At 83, Maya Angelou Is **Still Singing and Writing**

BY LAURA HAMBLETON Special to The Washington Post

WASHINGTON • Poet, writer, civil rights activist, filmmaker, professor, dramatist, singer, Grammy Award winner: Maya Angelou, 83, has also been called the nation's premier

memoirist. She was in Washington recently speaking about her long, rich life. Having come to prominence in 1970 with the publication of her acclaimed first memoir, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," Angelou still teaches, still writes, still travels, though she is physically more limited these days. In February she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her lifetime contributions.

Appearing at a conference organized by LeadingAge, an advocacy and education group, Angelou recounted stories of her childhood, broke into soft song, told jokes and read from her poems, including "The Health-Food Diner," an ode to her previous life as what the poem calls a "carnivore smoking":

No sprouted wheat and soya shoots

And Brussels in a cake, Carrot straw and spinach raw,

(Today, I need a steak). Her audience loved it,

applauding and laughing. Angelou, who speaks English, French, Spanish,

Italian, Arabic and the West African language of Fanti, spent a few minutes before her appearance talking about aging.

Q. When did you start feeling your age?

A. (She laughs.) This morning, getting in and out of that bus. Generally, I feel good.

Q. What is the best part about aging?

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Any regrets? Maya Angelou replied: 'I wish I had known more, but I didn't. I only knew as much as I did at that time.

A. Wisdom. Enough wisdom to thank your creator, if you believe there is one, or your luck, if you don't.

Q. What has been the hardest?

A. Finding I had muscles I didn't know I had, and joints that I didn't know could be so recalcitrant. The physical discomfort is probably the worst.

Q. Has aging changed your creative process?

A. Not at all. I am just finishing a new book. It will be my 32nd book. (My mind) is good. It's a good mind, and I keep it active. I play word games and do crossword puzzles, acrostics and word jumbles. And I speak a few languages. I take every advantage to use one of the languages. That keeps the brain active.

Q. What do you hold most dear?

A. Love. I don't mean indulgent love. I mean that condition of the human spirit that is so profound that it can allow us to look at people and not eat each other up, to accord each other some rights and to go further than that, to try to love them, whatever that mystery is. To love people who

don't look like us, who have different complexions and different hair, and to love them. To feel empathy for pets and wildlife. It's amazing.

Q. And what of friends? A. That is love. I don't

mean sexuality. I mean sensuality. Q. What is your greatest

accomplishment? A. My greatest blessing

is giving birth to my son. (Guy Johnson, born in 1945, is a writer.)

Q. Any regrets?

A. I wish I had known more, but I didn't. I only knew as much as I did at that time. The most wonderful thing, as soon as possible, is to forgive vourself. People do only what they know what to do, not what you think they should do. Not because they were experienced or were exposed to this and went to this school and have this degree. We think they know, but not necessarily. Intellectually they might memorize certain statements. But they don't know, in fact. When I have made mistakes, I forgive myself. I forgive anyone who comes in my earshot. I try to make sure I don't make that one (mistake) again.

STORK REPORT

St. Luke's Jerome

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Frankie Sophia Brown, daughter of Julia Reynolds and Joseph Brown of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Kiley Wood Stewart, son of Ashley Peddicord and Justin Stewart of Elko, Nev., was born Nov. 22, 2011.

Iorge Ervin Garcia, son of Hilary and Jorge Garcia of Jerome, was born Nov. 22, 2011.

St. Luke's Magic Valley

Damien Malachi Hurst, son of Brenda Lea Hettich of Jerome, was born Nov. 9, 2011.

Nevach Lynn Grivalva, daughter of Britney Dawn Dilworth of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 12, 2011.

Kyra Rose Sanchez, daughter of Caroline Rose Perez and Carlos Alberto Sanchez of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2011.

Zayden Blaze Palomo, son of Jennifer Maurine Cannon of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 18, 2011.

Aaron Jay Henson, son of Ashley Jaydean Singleton and Jesse Allen Henson of Kimberly, was born Nov. 19, 2011.

Marcey Olivia Lee, daughter of Angela Jayne and Daniel Evan Lee of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 20, 2011.

Grayce Marie Wilson, daughter of Alexis Michelle Norman and Ryan Douglas Wilson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 20, 2011.

Wyatt Scott Murray, son of Chantelle and Robert Scott Murray of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Ryker Jacob York, son of Bailey Michelle Fernandez and Garth Alan York of Filer, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Eli Jake Gomez, son of Sonia Milagros and Juan Gomez Jr. of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Gavin Lee Lipskoch, son of Christy Michelle and Robert Joseph Lipskoch of Hagerman, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Jayden Zander Avelar, son of Brianna Rae Bolton and Marco Alexandre Avelar of Buhl, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Francis Ida Harrell, daughter of Selina Marie Williams and Duane Colt Harrell of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Ivan Miguel Pelayo, son of Brenda Jessica Pacheo and Paul Jacob Pelayo of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 21, 2011.

Caralee Jean Cahall, daughter of Katey Brianne and Gunnar Matthew Cahall of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 22, 2011.

Isaiah Glenn Nebeker, son of Lisa Dora and Clayton Lee Nebeker of Murtaugh, was born Nov. 22, 2011.

Bryson David Talbot, son of Kimberly Michelle and Robert Michael Talbot of Burley, was born Nov. 22, 2011.

Parker Dawson Bench, son of Amber Drew and Daniel Arthur Bench of Jerome, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Kayla Lynn Cresswell, daughter of KayZin and Ronald Eliot Cresswell of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Rori Ann Dayley, daughter of Erin Jesse and Scott Dayley of Buhl, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Selina Lupita Lemus, daughter of Patricia Susanna and Francisco Lemus of Filer, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Amina Mandzic, daughter of Ermina and Dzevad Mandzic of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Nayely Rivera Gonzalez, daughter of Maria de Jesus Rivera and J. Refugio Rivera-Rosales of Buhl, was born Nov. 23,

Malayna Kay Williams, daughter of Jalea Laren Williams of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 23, 2011.

Oscar Omar Fitch-Larios, son of Theresa Jean Fitch-Larios and Rene Larios-Ortega of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 25, 2011.

Brayden Page Stimpson, daughter of Stephenie LaRay and Brandon Paul Stimpson of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 27, 2011.

Tyson Alexander Shoup, son of Tiffany Lee and Kyle Raymond Shoup of Twin Falls, was born Nov. 28, 2011.

Trowa Logan Banister, son of Camas Ranae Bieroth and Drew William Banister of Bliss, was born Nov. 28, 2011.

Abigail Lee Sutherland, daughter of Jessica Lynn and Roger Lee Sutherland of Filer, was born Nov. 29, 2011.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior

Citizen Center 530 Shoshone St. W., Twin Falls. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 12 and younger. Bargain Center open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For lunch take-out, 11 a.m. to noon daily: 734-5084.

Today: Last Resort band Monday: SilverSneakers exercise program, 10:30 a.m.

and 1 p.m. Hand and foot, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

sic by Melody Masters, 2 to 5 p.m. Monday: SilverSneakers exercise, 10:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m. Bridge, 12:30 p.m. Bunco, 12:45 p.m. Tuesday: Energy assistance, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Crafts and things, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Let's Dance, 4:30 p.m. Snack bar, 5 p.m. Bingo, 6:45 p.m. Wednesday: Breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m. Country Cowboys band SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Women's pool, 1 p.m. Stitch 'n time, 1 p.m. YogaStretch, 5:20 p.m. Pinochle, 7 p.m. Zumba, 7 p.m. Thursday: YogaStretch, 10:30 a.m. Crafts and things, 1 p.m. SilverSneakers, 5:20 p.m. Lasagna dinner and pool tournament, 6 p.m. Women's pool, 7 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Gem State Fiddlers Pinochle, 1 p.m. Saturday: Craft show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday: Chicken patty sandwich

Thursday: Movie, 1 p.m.; \$1 Friday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

Monday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 10:30 a.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. **Tuesday:** Ticket Tuesday at lunch Painting class, 6 p.m. Wednesday: Cinnamon rolls for sale, 8 a.m. Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 6 p.m. Thursday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Painting classes, 3 and 6 p.m. Magic Valley Women's AA, 6 p.m. Friday: Quilting, 9 a.m. to noon Fit and Fall Proof, 10:30 a.m. Bingo, 11:45 a.m.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5, nonseniors. Sunday buffet: \$5, seniors, 60 and older; \$6, non-seniors; \$4, children 12 and younger. Bus for lunch pickup: 543-4577 by 10:30 a.m. today, Tuesday and Thursday.

Today: Roast beef dinner, 1 p.m. Monday: Beef vegetable soup Tuesday: Tacos Wednesday: Spider sliders Thursday: Liver and onions or chicken fried steak

Tuesday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.; public welcome Thursday: Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bingo, 1 to 3 p.m. Friday: SilverSneakers, 10:30 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer. Lunch at noon Tuesday through Thursday. Suggested donation: \$4. 326-4608.

Monday: Bingo, 7 p.m.; public welcome Tuesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 12:45 p.m. Wednesday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Thursday: Puzzles, 11:30 a.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main St. N., Kimberly. Closed for remodeling.

Gooding County Senior Citizen Center

308 Senior Ave., Gooding. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50 for seniors. 934-5504.

Monday: Macaroni and cheese with ham Tuesday: Sauerkraut and sausage Wednesday: Stuffed bell peppers Thursday: Roast beef

Monday: Pool, 9:30 a.m. Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 12:30 p.m. Wild card, 6 p.m. Tuesday: Pool, 9:30 a.m.

Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m. Shuffleboard, 6 p.m. Thursday: Morning out, 9 a.m. Pool, 9:30 a.m. Foot clinic Pinochle, 7 p.m. Friday: Duplicate bridge, 1 p.m. Saturday: Pinochle, 7 p.m.

Wendell Senior Meal Site

105 W. Ave. A. Lunch served at noon Mondays.

Hagerman Valley Senior and Community Center

140 E. Lake, Hagerman. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5, non-seniors; \$2, 12 and younger. 837-6120.

Monday: Chicken fried steak Wednesday: Roast beef Friday: Chili with corn bread

Monday: Blood draws, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday: Bingo, early bird, 6:45 p.m.; cash prizes

Jerome Senior Center

520 N. Lincoln St., Jerome. 324- 5642. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$3.50, seniors; \$5, non-seniors. Trans IV bus: 736-2133.

Monday: Country fried steak Tuesday: Parmesan chicken Wednesday: Pork chops Thursday: Polish sausage

with sauerkraut Friday: Malibu chicken

Today: Potluck, dance; mu-

Silver and Gold Senior Center

210 E. Wilson, Eden. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.00, seniors; \$5, nonseniors. 825-5662.

Tuesday: Hamburger steaks Thursday: Spaghetti

Wednesday: Men's Bible study, breakfast, 7 a.m. Bingo, 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Pancake breakfast, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Richfield Senior Center

130 S. Main, Richfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$5.50, under 60.

Monday: Ham and beans

Golden Years Senior Citizens Inc.

218 N. Rail St. W., Shoshone. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$5.50, non-seniors. 886-2369.

Tuesday: Tuna casserole Wednesday: Turkey salad sandwich Friday: Meatloaf

Monday: Coffee, 9:30 a.m. Quilting, 10 a.m. Tuesday: Board meeting, 10:30 a.m. Bingo Pinochle at Gooding, 1:30 p.m. Wednesday: Black-out bingo, 12:30 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m.

Camas County Senior Center

Bingo

127 Willow Ave. W., Fairfield. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors 60 and older; \$4.50, non-seniors; \$2.50, children 10 and younger. 764-2226.

Tuesday: Sweet and sour meatballs

Wednesday: Kielbasa salad Friday: Chicken cordon bleu Saturday: Fundraiser breakfast, 8 to 10 a.m.

Blaine County **Senior Center**

721 Third Ave. S., Hailey. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4, seniors; \$6, non-seniors. 788-3468.

Monday: Fit and Fall Proof exercise, 11 a.m. Duplicate bridge, 7 p.m. Tuesday: Blood pressure checks, 12:30 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m. Wii bowling, 2 p.m. Wednesday: Fit and Fall Proof, 11 a.m.

Minidoka County **Senior Citizens** Center

702 11th St., Rupert. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$5, seniors; \$6, nonseniors; \$3, children 10 and younger; \$4.50, home delivery. 436-9107.

Monday: Hamburger goulash Tuesday: Potato bar Wednesday: Barbecue ribs Thursday: Sweet and sour chicken with rice Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Wednesday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Friday: Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 7 p.m.

Golden Heritage Senior Center

2421 Overland Ave., Burley. Lunch at noon. Suggested donation: \$4.50, seniors and children 12 and younger; \$6, non-seniors. 878-8646.

Monday: Pig in a blanket Tuesday: Ham and beans Wednesday: Roast beast Thursday: Chicken fried steak Friday: Spaghetti Saturday: Banquet

Monday: Pool

Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Tuesday: Wood carving, 8:30 a.m. Community bingo for age 18 or older; doors open 6 p.m. Wednesday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Thursday: Wood carving, 6 p.m. Community pinochle, 6 p.m. Friday: Pool Exercise, 11 a.m. Pinochle, 1 p.m. Bingo, 1 p.m.

Crafts: 3 Speedy, Simple, DIY Holiday Gifts



PHOTO COURTESY LEAH ADAMS

The first time Leah Adams gave out felt soap for the holidays, one of her relatives cut the felt away, taking it for elaborate packaging. It wasn't.

BY JENNIFER FORKER For The Associated Press

The holidays can pose a challenge for crafters: What to make for friends and relatives that is useful, attractive and fast to churn out? Speed and simplicity are key this time of year.

These three projects capture the imagination and offer ample opportunity for improvising; put your creative twist on any of them for memorable gifts.

Felt Soap

The first time Leah Adams of Seattle gave out felt soap for the holidays, one of her relatives cut the felt away, taking it for elaborate packaging. It wasn't. The colorful felting

is slightly abrasive and holds suds well.

Five years later, Adams sells hundreds of felt soaps, including at her Etsy online shop, kneek, or SpiderFelt. But she always includes a tag that warns against cutting away the felt.

The whole family, including children as young as 4, can join in felting soap, she says.

Adams recommends viewing her Felt Soap Tutorial on YouTube for complete instructions, but it's basically wrapping a 2-ounce bar of soap in wool roving, adding water, and then gently agitating the wool until it shrinks tightly around the soap. Presto.

Not all wool will work; some is too coarse. Adams recommends sheep's wool,



Beaded jewelry from the 2011 issue of Martha Stewart's Holiday Handbook. Craft delicate jewelry for holiday gifts with only a beading needle, select beads and thin ribbon or silk beading cord.

in particular Corriedale and Merino, which is finer but more costly.

Simple Beaded Jewelry

The 2011 "Martha Stewart Holiday Handbook'' shares instructions for how to make delicate, beaded necklaces with minimal parts. Its simplicity is the beauty of this project, says Marci Mc-Goldrick, editorial director of Holiday & Crafts for Martha Stewart Living.

A ribbon necklace is trendy.

"A lot of jewelry on the market now uses ribbon instead of chain, or there's fabric incorporated into it," says McGoldrick.

Using 20 inches of 5mmwide ribbon and a beading needle, string assorted beads, from large to seed beads. Attach a clasp and a connector to the ribbon at each end, knotting them into place.

Another necklace: For a continuous strand of beads, use 20 inches of silk beading cord. Attach a connector to the end of the cord and thread with beads. At the midpoint, thread two jingle bells, and then continue beading. Affix the clasp to the other end by knotting it.

Embellished T-shirts, Towels, **Totes**

Finally, there are many ways



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There are many ways to embellish and personalize Tshirts, towels and totes, such as these text-talk embellished hand towels.

to embellish and personalize a T-shirt; hand or kitchen towels; or a tote.

McGoldrick suggests taking a profile photo of a beloved pet, enlarging it and cutting it out of a fabric that won't fray, such as ultrasuede. Attach the silhouette and a twill-tape collar and leash to a tote with craft glue; sew them to a T-shirt or towel.

H. Camille Smith, senior decorating and handmade editor at HGTV.com, says a towel or T-shirt also can be embellished with iron-on decals and transfers. Or cut letters or designs out of fabric and sew them on. Add bling with adhesive crystals to items that won't get washed. Jodi Kahn of Larchmont, N.Y., scans and prints wrapping-paper patterns onto Tshirt transfer paper and irons it onto white hand towels for a favorite hostess gift. She recommends using a pattern with a white background.

"It looks incredibly professional. It really looks like you got it printed," she says.

The same can be done with nearly anything: wallpaper, fabric, photos, maps, even items scavenged from a hardware store, says Kahn, who includes this project in her book "Simply Sublime Gifts" (Potter Craft, 2010). Once the supplies are collected, it's a half hour to complete a batch of gifts.

"It is a really great gift for the holidays, just to whip up a few of them to have on hand," says Kahn.

Company Coming? Make Your House Look Good Fast

BY BETH J. HARPAZ Associated Press

A thorough housecleaning can take all day - maybe all weekend. And as satisfying as that can be, sometimes you just don't have the time or the motivation.

But during the holidays, we all want our homes to look good for parties, drop-in visitors and relatives. We want our guests to have that "Wow, this place looks nice!" feeling that comes with entering a house where the beds are made, sofa pillows are plumped, clutter is gone, and sinks and stovetop are shiny. Fortunately, most visitors don't check the broiler for grime or under the radiators for dust. But what should the game plan be when you want to make your home look presentable without going for a deep clean? Here's some advice on cleaning high-profile spaces in a hurry for maximum visual and psychological impact. PRIORITIZE: "Concentrate on the public areas: the living/family room, dining room and bathrooms. Prioritize what has to be done replenishing toilet paper in the bathroom - versus what would be nice to do - dusting the picture frames," said Deanne Marie, creator of "Smart Solutions for Busy People" books and blog. Marie suggests taking a timer with you from room to room (use the one on your cell phone if you don't have a kitchen timer) and setting it for 15 minutes in each room as a way of forcing yourself to "focus on the necessities." Even if you've only got one hour, you'll be amazed at how much you can get done in four rooms using that technique.

Another tip: Shut the doors to rooms and closets your guests need not see.

AROUND: LOOK Cheryl Najafi of CherylStyle.com, a home entertaining expert, recommends trying to see your house the way your guests will, to make sure you haven't overlooked anything.

break out a new bottle of liquid soap, stockpile the extra toilet paper in an obvious place and empty the trash. Clear away

icky towels (maybe put even the away throw rug) and put out clean No Heart Again

The Washington Post

When people think about who's at risk for having a heart attack, the stereotypical victim is a middleaged man. Well, some new research is offering a reminder that women and younger men are also at risk and often do not receive treatment that might reduce their risk. Michael Miedema of the University of Minnesota and colleagues studied data collected from 3,038 heart attack patients between 2003 and 2010. About 70 percent of the patients had not received diagnoses of heart disease prior to their attacks, and 60 percent of them were women or men younger than 55, the researchers reported at the American Heart Association's scientific meeting in Orlando. Moreover, despite having similar rates of high cholesterol as those generally considered at high risk for a heart attack, these subjects were about half as likely to be taking a statin drug to control their cholesterol levels and were significantly less likely to be taking aspirin, which can also reduce the risk, the researchers found. "For those patients with known coronary disease, the evidence and guidelines are fairly clear about the benefit of aggressive medical therapy, including an aspirin and statin, regardless of your age or gender," Miedema said in a summary of the findings. "However, for patients without known coronary disease, the optimal approach is much less clear. We currently only treat high-risk patients but our data show that women and young males, who rarely qualify as high risk, make up a substantial portion of the current heart attack population."

HOW TO PICK A WORKOUT BUDDY

BY ALISON JOHNSON Daily Press (Newport News, Va.)

Finding an exercise partner to share your sweat can be a huge motivator. "You need somebody consistent somebody you can trust to be there," says Kerri Krasnow, a certified athletic trainer in Newport News, Va. Her tips:

Look for someone on a similar exercise program. If you're both into weight training or riding stationary bikes, it shouldn't matter if vou can't lift as many pounds or pedal as quickly as your partner. You can still spot and motivate each other.

an exercise feels like too much. Type-A personalities also tend to do best together.

Pick someone you can look bad in front of. You're going to be sweaty, tired and likely stinky. An oppositesex partner is fine unless you're worrying about how your hair looks.

Match schedules. Some people do better exercising in the morning and some at night, while others can only

Attack **Risk?**

Think

BY ROB STEIN

HIDE CLUTTER: Marie calls it the "Hail Mary" pass of housecleaning: Cover up the mess when you can't get rid of it!

The Maids, a national cleaning franchise, advises simply piling your miscellaneous countertop clutter in a laundry basket and sticking it in the closet. No time to do the dishes before company arrives? The Maids' solution is to stack them on a cookie sheet for temporary storage in the oven (cold, of course).

Take the "sit test," Najafi says: "If you're hosting a party in the formal living room, make sure you sit down and survey the room. You'll see things from a different vantage point. Like those dust bunnies in the corner!"

She also advises taking a look as you walk in the door. What will your guests see as they stand there waiting for the door to open? Broken umbrella? Garden clogs? Spider webs? Junk mail? Deal with it.

Think about the big picture. What large pieces of furniture will people notice as they enter a room? Plumping sofa pillows and making beds will have a bigger impact on your home's appearance than wiping down the refrigerator shelves

BATHROOM: If there's one room where bad housekeeping can really gross your guests out, it's the bathroom. Fortunately, the must-dos are relatively easy to accomplish, and may even be best left to last-minute so nobody in your family can make a mess before guests arrive.

Giving the toilet bowl a scrub with a brush, as unpleasant as it is, must be tops on your list. You're also going to have to wipe down the seat and rim. (Disposable Clorox wipes are great for this purpose.)

And while you can always shut the shower door or curtains to hide tub scum, there really is something nice about a gleaming sink and countertop. Fortunately toothpaste and soap residue are easily sponged away.

As with other rooms, clearing bathroom clutter goes a long way to making the place look like something out of a hotel room instead of something out of a bus station. Other quick fixes with a big payoff: Wipe mirrors with a spray glass cleaner,

hand towels. Or if you're a germaphobe who won't feel guilty about adding to the landfill, invest in a stack of disposable paper guest towels and put the garbage can nearby so it's obvious where to throw them.

OUTERWEAR: Give a thought to where your guests will unload coats, boots, umbrellas and bags. Is your hallway closet big enough? Can you set up a foldable coat rack or do you have a set of hooks on the wall? Most people don't mind leaving jackets on a bed; just make sure the bed is made and the room is easy to find for folks who may not be familiar with your home.

FLOORS: Is there anything worse than having a dust bunny accompany your guest down the hall? Vacuuming is such a drag but it makes such a difference. Remember, though, you don't have to do every room and corner – just the areas your guests will see.

But what about that pesky kitchen floor? Personally, I don't feel like my house is ready for company unless I've at least tried to get the kitchen floor clean, even though I've yet to get it to pass the Swiffer test. The Swiffer, in my experience, never lies, and no matter how much floor-scrubbing I do, whether with rags on hands and knees, or with a brandnew mop, a final wipe with the Swiffer always seems to come up dirty.

There is another way to think about your floors, however, when preparing for the arrival of guests.

"No matter how bad your floors look before a party, they will look worse afterward, so don't sweat it," advised Marie. "You'll have to vacuum or spot clean and mop after the guests leave, so why stress yourself out?"

A friendly competitor is good. ... Make a bet that whoever goes to the gym less often has to pay for a lunch date.

... but an aggressive one isn't. An ultra-competitive partner who pushes - or shames – you into a workout you're not ready for will increase your injury risk. You should be able to speak up if

grab time on lunch breaks. Be honest upfront.

Go for a somewhat adventurous person. You don't want to jump on every exercise fad, but a buddy should be occasionally up for trying new routines.

Don't limit yourself to people you already know. Post a flyer at your gym, ask the front desk staff if they know of potential partners or approach someone you regularly see there. Friends, co-workers and neighbors also may have ideas.

Look beyond the gym. Walks with neighbors or coworkers are great exercise, too.





I wanted to get my carpets looking better before my holiday guests arrive. But, silly me, I've procrastinated too long now to have all my carpets shampooed in time. Is there a quick way to clean up just the worst areas to get me by?

"Got carpet grime, but got no time"

nswer:

You are not silly...just busy, busy, busy! And to ease your stress, I have the perfect tool for quick carpet cleaning. Carpet stains have met their match with CARPET DAISY, an awesome roller brush that loosens dirt and grime for a quick clean of spotted and high traffic areas. Combine this with Don Aslett's Oxy Action Carpet Stain Remover and your carpets will look fresh, clean and revived.

P.S. Get 10% OFF CHRISTMAS GIFT SETS for friends and family on your list!

Frustrated with a stubborn cleaning problem? Write or e-mail your questions to: lchandler@cleaningcenters.com



Lori Chandler

Cleaning Center owner

734-2404

483 Washington St. N. Twin Falls, ID (Corner of Washington St. N. and Filer Ave.) 027

TIMES-NEWS

COMMUNITY

How Do You File a Citizen Complaint?

I'm writing in response to last week's column about parking citations. You said that if I saw someone parked in a handicapped space, I could call it in and even cite these violators with a citizen complaint? Could you be more specific? As a handicapped person, it really irritates me to see someone parked in a handicapped space without proper plates or a placard. I came out of the store awhile back to find a car parked in the diagonallined space next to my car and had a very difficult time getting into my car because of it. I considered calling the police but didn't. If the car had left before the police had got there, could I have still made a complaint against them? – Robin

itizen's complaints work the same as an officer writing a ticket. The only difference is that when a citizen signs a complaint, the officer is only signing the ticket (along with a witness to the citing person). If the officer witnesses the criminal act, then a citation from the citizen might not be needed unless that citizen demands a citation and the officer was only going to give a warning (it's up to officer discretion).

What drivers need to know is that a handicapped parking space is not just the space where the vehicle is parked; it is also the area beside the vehicle, unless that space is parallel with the road. Handicapped parking spaces can be used by a non-handicapped person solely to let a handicapped person out of the car they cannot stay parked there. The final answer to your question is that if the person leave before the police get there, you can still sign a citation – and would need to as the police must witness the violation. Here is the kicker: the registered owner of the vehicle in violation is the one who gets ticketed. The



fine is an infraction with a cost of \$100.

I do know that for those who use handicapped parking, they would much rather not have to need it.

Why, when you call 911 to report an accident, does the person ask for your name?

— Tawnya

Most dispatchers ask your name because you might be that lucky caller who won the big prize. (No, just kidding, there usually are no winners when 911 is dialed.)

There are reasons why most dispatchers ask for a name. These can include witness information, or needing a name to ask for if there is a disconnection. I know you might think they would already know who is calling by enhanced 911 systems, but all that does is give the name and possible address of the registered caller. Sometimes, it is just an old habit from other types of 911 calls when the dispatcher must locate the caller to see if he or she is alright.

Hope this sheds some light, and maybe some of the dispatchers have a few more answers that I might have missed. If you do, send them my way but make sure to give me your name.

Officer Down

Please put this officer, killed in the line of duty,

Submitting is fast and easy

Use our community page to get your news and photos in front of thousands for Magicvalley.com readers every day. Submissions may be posted to our site and could end up here! Visit **Magicvalley.com/community** to send in stories and photos. To be considered by mail: The Times-News, attn Community, PO Box 548, Twin Falls ID 83303 Section Editor: Nate Poppino, 735-3237



Students participate in the 41st Annual Idaho State FFA and 4-H Land & Soil Evaluation Event at the Burley Butte in Cassia County.

FFA, 4-H Students Show Off Soils Knowledge Near Burley

Though their buses and other vehicles hit troublesome mud after an overnight rainstorm, students participating in the 41st Annual Idaho State FFA and 4-H Land & Soil Evaluation Event in October at the Burley Butte in Cassia County still managed to show off their knowledge.

The high-schoolers enjoyed the beautiful morning as they worked to verify soil textures and slope at each of five testing sites on Craig Larson's property west of Burley. They have learned to look deeper than the plow layer to make determinations about the soil, and to recognize soil factors and soil characteristics. This teaches the students to make wise decisions in managing and using the soil or the land.

This contest is hosted each year by the West Cassia and East Cassia soil and water conservation districts. This year, 16 FFA teams and two 4-H teams qualified at the regional level to attend, comprising 86 youth in all.

Locally, the highest-placing team was Gooding FFA, which secured fifth place. Preston FFA and Rigby FFA took first and second, respectively, and will receive scholarship money to help with the expense of attending the national version of the contest, held in Oklahoma City each spring.

An awards banquet followed the event at Burley High School.



BUY A GIFT FOR A CARE

Turkey Shoot Supports

Student Club

and his family in your prayers. God bless this hero.

• Correctional Officer Buddy Herron, Oregon Department of Corrections.

He fought the good fight, now may he rest in peace.

Email your questions to policemandan@yahoo. com or look for Ask Policemandan on Facebook.

Dan Bristol is the Heyburn Chief of Police.

Victory Home Sells Trees to Cover Winter Costs

As you buy your Christmas tree this year, consider turning your holiday cash into someone else's second chance.

The Victory Home is a no-charge, Bible-based rehabilitation program that seeks to rehabilitate gang members and drug addicts into productive members of society.

The program is selling Christmas trees, with free delivery within Twin Falls, to help it operate through the winter months. Its goal is to raise \$10,500 for the season, to cover electric, gas, water, food and other supplies.

The Victory Home asks a minimum \$35 donation per tree. You'll find them at three Twin Falls locations: at the Victory Home, 450 Third Ave. W.; West Addison Sports, 101 Addison Ave. W.; and the Apollo Motor Inn, 296 Addison Ave. W.

Information: 733-2002.

Santa Heads to Hagerman

Santa Claus is coming to Hagerman.

The jolly old elf will stop at City Hall, 191 State St. N., from 5-7 p.m. Friday. Free events offered will include photos with Santa and face painting.

Refreshments will be served.

CENTER RESIDENT

The following gift lists for residents of Desano Place care centers originally ran Nov. 24, but were mixed up due to an email error. The corrected lists are below.

Miss the Times-News' solicits in November for care center gift lists? Contact Ellen, 735-3266, or Nate, 735-3237, and we'll do our best to get your gift list in a future edition of the paper.

Room A, Male, size 2X

Room B. Female, size 12

Room C. Male, socks,

Room D1. Female,

socks, perfumed lotion Room D2. Female, scarf,

Room E. Male, T-shirts,

Room F. Male, socks,

Room G. Male, socks,

pajama bottoms, socks

jeans, socks

slipper socks

nuts, candies

Suites

4623

large sweatshirt

545 Nevada St.

slipper socks

Gooding, ID 83330

Contact: Wendy, 934-

1. Male, electric shaver,

Desano Place

size 2X underwear

lotion

Desano Place Village

1015 E. Ave. K Jerome, ID 83338 Contact: Gail, 595-1589

2. Male, hankies, medium slippers 3. Male, aftershave, chocolate candies, toothbrush

5. Male, socks, aftershave, hard candies 7. Female, lotion, han-

kies, slipper socks 8. Female, manicure set,

socks 10. Male, electric razor,

deodorant, stuffed animal

Desano Place Village

218 W. Ave. B Shoshone, ID 83352 Contact: Kay, 886-9807

CSI CLUB HOSTS HOLIDAY 5K

The College of Southern Idaho Running Club will hold its first Santa Run 5K run/walk on Saturday, gathering toy donations for kids at the same time.

The event starts at 10 a.m., with registration at 9 a.m. in the foyer of the CSI gym. The race route will be configured based on

weather. All participants will receive T-shirts.

The registration fee will be one nice, unwrapped toy for a boy or girl of any age.

For more information: Jaime Tigue, 732-6479 or jtigue@csi.edu, or Jonathan Lord, 732-6484 or jlord@csi.edu.

n Nov. 24, Students in the College of act Ellen, edition of Signers club will hold a

2. Female, scarf, slipper

3. Male, Gillette Mach 3

4. Female, lotion, lap

5. Female, scarf, lotion

6. Female, black ankle

7. Female, lotion, slipper

8. Female, large winter

9. Female, lotion, candy

11. Female, lotion, candy

10. Female, stationary

12. Female, unscented

sweater, chocolate candy

14-A. Female, some-

thing musical, costume

sweater, hard candies

14-B. Female, medium

body wash, wash mitt

13. Female, small

socks

blanket

socks

set, pens

jewelry

razor, shave gel

socks, lap blanket

pajamas, socks

Signers club will hold a fundraising turkey shoot at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Gun Club.

Registration for the shoot begins at 10 a.m. Cost is \$6 for one station and five shots, or \$30 for all five stations and 25 shots.

Participants must have their own guns and ammunition. Winners will receive food prizes, and raffle prizes and stocking stuffers will be available from local vendors.

All funds raised will go to the United Signers Club to pay for an entertainer for the local deaf and hearing communities next spring.

The gun club is located on the Snake River Canyon rim, just west of the northernmost part of Washington Street in Twin Falls.

Information: club adviser Dawnette Reis, 732-6881 or dries@csi.edu.



Foundation Distributes Grants Across South-central Idaho

Numerous nonprofits, educational organizations and government entities across south-central Idaho have been selected to receive grants from the Idaho Community Foundation, part of \$134,000 awarded by its Southwestern Regional Grants Panel.

This year, 205 applicants sought more than \$860,687 in the region, which includes south-central Idaho. Grants are awarded in the areas of arts and culture, education, emergency services, health, libraries, conservation and environment, public projects, recreation, and social services.

Money for the grants comes from ICF's Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwestern Idaho, which receives money from numerous ICF funds designated to benefit southwest and central Idaho. To donate, go to www.idcomfdn.org, click on "Donate Now," click on "Donate to a Fund of Your Choice," and select "Greatest Need Endowment Fund for Southwestern Idaho" from the dropdown menu. Beneficiaries include:

Blaine County Advocates for Survivors

of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Inc. • \$2,500 to support shelter services for abused

women and their children. **Blaine County Hunger Coalition Inc. •** \$2,500 to provide children direct access to wholesome food when outside the safety net of school meal programs.

Blaine County Recreation District • \$2,250 to continue free public access to BCRD's gymnasium for adults, children and families.

Blaine County School District Education Foundation • \$2,000 to fund after school elementary programs for limited English proficiency students College of Southern Idaho • \$1,500 to increase literacy and civic participation among adult Latinos through the Mexican Consulate's "Plazas Comunitaria" project and through citizenship preparation

classes. Company of Fools Inc. • \$1,264 to support Company of Fools' general operating expenses for its 16th season.

Environmental Resource Center • \$1,000 to continue the successful Science After School! program. Hailey Public Library • \$2,250 to purchase 10 new public computer workstations

Sun Valley Adaptive

Sports Program Inc. • \$1,000 to offset the costs of Peak Adventure Camp

for Kids. The Crisis Hot Line Inc. •

\$1,200 to pay for a portion of general operating expenses and for public media outreach materials. The Trailing of the Sheep Cultural Heritage Center Inc. • \$1,000 to help fund a film and educational materials featuring western women writers and ranching women, as part of the 15th Trailing of the Sheep Festival.

Camas County

Camas County Senior Citizens Association • \$2,500 to upgrade the facility for social events and provide expanded learning opportunities.

Cassia County

Burley Public Library • \$545 to buy early literacy activity materials for children ages 0 to 6. Friends of the Burley Public Library • \$1,000 to

replace old carpet in the Friends room in the Burley Public Library. Raft River Bookmobile •

\$2,000 to help pay the contract with the Box Elder County, Utah, Library District to provide bookmobile service to the outlying communities in Cassia County and the Juniper area of Oneida County.

Gooding County

Gooding County Histori**cal Society •** \$1,200 to landscape and preserve exterior artifacts. Gooding County Senior **Citizens** Organization Inc. • \$1,500 to buy a new convection oven to replace a 30-year-old one. Idaho State School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation • \$1,000 to expand the scope and quality of education for paraprofessionals working with blind and visually impaired children throughout Idaho.

Jerome County

Family Health Services Corp. • \$1,500 to purchase a portion of the equipment needed for two to three exam rooms in the FHS Jerome Medical Clinic.

Minidoka County

Community Oasis Outreach • \$2,500 to support general operation of the facility, and much-needed roof repair.

Twin Falls County

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Magic Valley Inc. • \$500 to buy calculators for attendees

TWIN FALLS SCOUT EARNS HIS EAGLE

Daniel Jackson Plant, the son of Mark and Lisa Plant of Twin Falls, has earned his Eagle Scout award. His achievements were recognized at a Court of Honor held Nov. 17 at the Harrison Stake Center.

Plant earned 21 merit badges. For his Eagle proj-



Falls Public Library.

Plant is a junior at Canyon Ridge High School, where he is an honor student.

who complete financial literacy classes. Hospice Visions Inc. •

\$1,200 to purchase a computer, upgrade editing equipment and provide technical support for the Life Review Project.

La Posada Inc. • \$2,500 to fund one-time emergency assistance to families in need of food, shelter, clothing, paid utility bills

and medical bills. Magic Valley Symphony Orchestra • \$1,500 to design and perform the "Snake River Canyon Suite," a choreographed collage of Idaho images illustrating the five movements of Ferde Grofe's famous "Grand Canyon

Suite." Murtaugh Joint School District • \$1,500 to increase school readiness for preschool-age students.

Rising Stars Therapeutic Riding Center Inc. •

\$1,000 to train and compensate therapeutic riding instructors.

Southern Idaho Learning Center Foundation • \$2,000 to provide scholarships to low-income students with learning dis-

abilities. Valley Housing Coalition • \$1,000 to help fund afterschool children's program and day care.

CSI Hosts Breakfast with Santa

The College of Southern Idaho Program Board will host its annual Breakfast With Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday in the CSI Student Union building.

Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend at no charge.



Residents of south-central Idaho may get to witness a total lunar eclipse early Saturday – assuming the December weather cooperates.

In Twin Falls, the Herrett Center for Arts and Science will do its part to assist. The museum, home to the Faulkner Planetarium and Centennial Observatory, has a whole night of events scheduled around the eclipse - designed with families and Scouts in mind.

The center's "Snore and Explore" night starts at 8:30 p.m. Friday with make-and-take astronomy sessions and a one-hour show in the planetarium. Then, participants can bed down in the museum until 4:30 a.m., when they'll be able to view a video feed of the eclipse projected inside the planetarium dome, or venture out to the observatory if they don't mind the cold. If skies are cloudy, the planetarium will show a video feed from another location.

The eclipse officially begins at 4:34 a.m. Mountain time Saturday, though it won't be noticeable until 5:46 a.m. The total eclipse will begin at 7:06 a.m. and peak at 7:32 a.m., about half an hour before sunrise in Twin Falls.

Those wishing to take part in the whole overnight event must pre-register. The cost is \$25 per child and \$12 for each adult who stays overnight. Children must be accompanied by an adult chaperone, and the event is not recommended for those of preschool age. Some of the activities will meet badge or pin requirements for Scouts. To register: Darcy Thornborrow, 732-6664, or visit herrett.csi.edu.

Anyone who just wants to visit the center during the actual eclipse is more than welcome to stop by free of charge.

SERVICE NEWS

Minico's Branaum Completes Navy Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Sarah K. Branaum recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, T11

During the eight-week program, Branaum's training included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness. The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor. Branaum, the daughter of Debbie and Michael Branaum of Rupert, is a 2007 graduate of Minico High School.

San Antonio, Texas. Todd completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Todd is the son of Dale and Sandi Todd of Twin Falls. He is a 2011 graduate

Todd Passes Basic Training

Air Force Airman Bodine R. Todd has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, of Wendell High School.

AmericInn Marks Veterans Day with Care Packages

AmericInn of Twin Falls shipped 15 care packages to soldiers serving overseas during an event to mark Veterans Day, part of a nationwide initiative by its company to support troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and other parts of the world.

Community members, hotel staff, friends and family, and a local mother from the Blue Star Mothers of America all helped with the Twin Falls event.

The hotel chain has sponsored several similar care package initiatives in the past, and also offers a national discount to active-duty and retired members of the military and their dependents. To receive the discount, ask for the AmericInn Military Rate when making a reservation or call 800-634-3444. A military ID is required at check-in.





The Times-News' high school sports blog: Magicvalley.com/blogs/magic-valley-overtime

Breakfast will be provided by Aramark, the food service at CSI. Kids will get balloon animals, coloring books, and pictures with Santa.

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The next total lunar eclipse that will be visible in southern Idaho will be in 2014.



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Celebrations offers an announcement package for every dream you want to share with friends and family, from a photo in Sunday's Family Life to an announcement on the internet. elebrations Celebrations are meant to be shared. Call 208-735-3253

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Engagements

Monek-Springer Thomas and Debbie Magaw are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter Tami Elizabeth Monek to Dale Leo Springer on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. She is also the daughter of the late Timothy Monek.

from University of Idaho,

She is a corporate

Boise, Idaho. Dale is the

State University.

Idaho.



Tami Elizabeth Monek and Dale Leo Springer Tami has a law degree Simi Valley, California, and

Suellen Beck of Corozol and a BA in English and Town, Belize. Dale is also Political Science from Boise the son of his step parents Harvey and Vickie Beck.

A small reception will be litigation attorney in Boise, held at the Encore Hotel with immediate family Dale has a biology and friends following degree from Humboldt the wedding. A second State University. He is a reception is planned for smokejumper for the Bureau May 2012 for the couple's of Land Management in extended family and friends. The couple will reside in son of Dale Springer of the Boise, Idaho.

at 208-735-3253 or email

announcements@magicvalley.com

For information on how to place

your announcement in the

Times-News, please call Janet

Deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday

to be published in the following

Sunday's Family Life page.



As Holidays Near, Teaching Teens To Be Charitable

speak to them, scare them, or

turn them off. For me, it's cats.

For others it might be, say,

homeless people. And, while

they might be embarrassed to

have that reaction, that's OK!"

in cooking, forget the food

kitchen as a way to wake up

your sleeping giver. If he's not

a people person, working

closely with the homeless or

the infirm might bring out the

shy and awkward in him in-

"Personally, I hate paper-

work, and I was stunned to

discover that some people ac-

tually enjoy it and are good at

He suggests projects that

have a clear beginning, middle

and an end, like cleaning up a

single block or repainting a

room at a shelter rather than

pitching in on long-term

problems with intangible so-

it," Levinson said.

stead.

If your teen has no interest

BY LEANNE ITALIE

Associated Press

As the daughter of a minister, Jennifer James traveled frequently while her family served the less fortunate, from the rural heartland to the inner city. A lot of the time, she went without as a kid.

"My earliest memories are of working among the homeless in downtown Los Angeles, dipping ice cream for drunks," she said. "I learned a lot and I was a better person for it, but there was a lot of pain along the way?"

In her zeal to spare her own three kids, the 44-year-old mom in Oklahoma City, Okla., has given them a world she didn't know - braces on their teeth and cushy furniture for their rooms, fancy computers and private schooling. But now, at 14, 6 and 4, she realizes something is missing.

"Pretty soon it's like the kids

just expect it and think you're giving so much because they're just that fantastic and not because you're making sacrifices," James said. "They have no paradigm for sacrifice. Now I'm trying to wind the skein of yarn back up and it's not easy."

Call it entitled child syndrome, the chronic gimmes or just plain spoiled. The lament is a familiar one for many wellmeaning parents year-round but intensifies at the holidays, especially among older kids who crank up gift demands but can't be coaxed off the couch to give back.

Can you force a teen to lose all the push back in favor of a little charity?

"Parents need to get into the WHY behind why teens are not wanting to give," said Tammy Gold, a parenting coach in Short Hills, N.J. Is it selfishness never out-

grown or volunteer fatigue af-

ter years of forced participation? Did you forget to "model" charity at home, or at least check in to figure out whether your own good deeds were rubbing off? Does your teen anticipate a material reward in return, or a bribe beforehand?

It may be one or all of the above, but Gold and other experts urge parents not to give up - or give in to foreboding that selfish teen equals grownup sociopath.

It could be your reluctant volunteer just hasn't found the right cause or has been mismatched in the past, said dad David Levinson, a Hollywood screenwriter who founded the Los Angeles community service organization Big Sunday (Bigsunday.org).

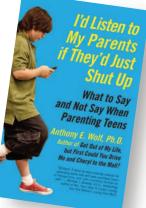
"Everyone, even the youngest kids, has something that speaks to them, whether it's homelessness, literacy, the environment, seniors, veterans, AIDS, animals, children," he said. "At the same time, lutions. everyone has things that don't

No matter how much nudging, a demand to participate isn't the way to go.

"If you persist there's a reasonable chance that they might actually do it, but there also is a chance that they won't," said Suffield, Conn., psychologist Anthony Wolf, who wrote a guide for parenting teens, "I'd Listen to My Parents if They'd Just Shut Up."

Wolf added: "Have in your head, 'Well, what happens if I don't get them to do it? Should I punish them?' That's a singularly terrible idea."

Encourage teens to look for volunteer opportunities on their own, said Donna Henderson, a professor of counseling at Wake Forest University. And remember, they're not babies anymore. "Because teens have more capacity for action, they can do more," she said.



Disaster fatigue touches adults and kids alike, but parents should recognize and build on natural moments of empathy, said Michel Tvedt, the teen engagement expert for the aid group World Vision.

"Begin to give them a voice in family giving," she said. "Let your teen know you would like to give a charitable gift as a family but that you'd love to let them be the final decision maker?"

NEXT WEEK

Special Story: Rock Creek

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Young cancer patient Ellie Pruitt raised \$1,503.15 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by selling wristbands for \$1 each. She sold 400 of the wristbands at Depot Grill in Twin Falls.

Cancer

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For other families whose children have cancer, there are ways to get support. Boise-based Camp Rainbow Gold offers free activities around southern Idaho for kids with a cancer diagnosis, and the Ronald McDonald House in Boise gives them a cheap place to stay. That makes a difference. Before insurance and Medicaid, Ellie's treatments cost about \$30,000 per month, Joy said. After insurance and Medicaid, the Pruitts pay between \$200 and \$300 per month for Ellie's treatments.

Medicaid also pays for gas from Twin Falls to Boise, plus three \$7 meals a day for Ellie and whomever accompanies her while they're getting out of-town treatments. That takes another burden off Joy.

It hasn't been easy for Ellie, but she stays focused on what the future has in store for her good health, a potential vacation to visit Melba, and a new friend. "We promised her a puppy," Joy said. "What was I thinking?"

'American Girl' Writer Heads to 'Boys Camp' BY MONICA HESSE The Washington Post In a suburban living room, in the kind of damp, chilly weather that really calls for a good book, three women are plotting. One is Valerie Tripp. "I really think we want to say that it's as OK

for boys to be into design or dance" as they are into bugs or bicycles, she says. "No interest or passion is the sole property of any one person or gender."

What they are plotting, Tripp says, is "a quiet revolution."

Tripp, as bookworms of a certain age already know, is one of the original authors of the "American Girl'' series, the sprawling phenomenon literary about pre-pubescent girls living through important eras, such as slavery, suffrage and World War II, of U.S. history. More than 135 million of these books have been sold, inspiring a passionate generation of bibliophiles.

Now Tripp wants to help do the same for boys.

The series "Boys Camp" will recount the adven-



SUSAN BIDDLE • WASHINGTON POST Valerie Tripp, one of the original authors of the 'American Girl' books, is teaming with two other mothers on a similar series for boys, called 'Boys Camp.'

school while he stays

home and eats Cheetos.

• "The Baseball Card Ad-

ventures" (series) by Dan

Gutman. A boy's time-

Page-Turners for the Boys in Your Life

History:

Got boys? Got books! Here's a selection of stories with something for whatever kind of reader you have in your house, recommended by assorted editors, agents and librarians (girls allowed, too).

fer the torment of middle what they need to do to get out.

"(series) by John Flanagan. Originally written for Flanagan's non-bookish son, the books are a fantastical version of medieval Europe.

"Ranger's Apprentice

tures of six fictional kids who meet at summer camp, overcome obstacles and share their stories in clean, middle-grade prose. Tripp and her partners in revolution hope the books will help unbookish boys discover a love of reading and help even the bookish ones broaden their concepts of masculinity.

The scaretistics are quoted a lot, and at first glance, they don't look good: Boys can't read. Boys can read but won't. Boys would read, if they thought there was anything out there that was worth reading. Boys find stuff they think is worth reading, but it's all about captains of underpants. And farts.

The National Center for Education Statistics releases an annual assessment that analyzes school performance in multiple subjects. In 2009, the most recent year for which data are available, girls scored higher than boys in reading in every state, at every tested grade. By high school, boys lagged by eight percentage points. In libraries, the young-reader section is filled with moody covers depicting teenage girls falling in love with werewolves, but considerably fewer of boys falling in love with banshees.

The conventional wisdom is that there are fewer books for boys because boys read less, because there are fewer books for boys, because boys read less, because because because. Having successfully revived Ophelia, people who care about reading are turning their attention to the nation's Hamlets.

"There's a disconnect with reality" when it comes to literature for

Humor:

• "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (series) by Jeff Kinney. Behold the power of the Cheese Touch, and other important playground lessons.

• "Origami Yoda" (series) by Tom Angleberger. The particular agony of creating a paper finger puppet and having it become more popular than you. • "The Secret Series" (series) by Pseudonymous Bosch. The adventures of the Terces Society are so super hush-hush that the books' author really shouldn't be telling you this story at all. • "Popular Clone" by M.E. Castle. A science whiz whips up a double to suf-

boys, Tripp says. "They're not being fairly represented."

She has been drafted to this cause by Ann Jenkins and Peggy Thomas, two moms who are the first to admit they know nothing about publishing. What they know is the bedtime book ritual.

The two raised their American daughters on American Girls. "There were all of these different types of girls to choose from, and all of these different ways to be," Thomas says. When her son reached a reading age, Thomas went looking for the equivalent male reading experience, something wholesome and entertaining and funny, but came up short. "We found the Hardy Boys." She makes a face. "But they're, like, 50 years old."

Similarly, while Jenkins' daughters had used books such as the American Girl series to catapult themselves into harder works, she couldn't find the right

transporting superpower lets him hang out with Jackie Robinson, the Babe and Shoeless Joe, and change the course of history.

• "My Name Is America" (series) by Various. History witnessed through the fictional journals of young men.

Adventure:

 "Percy Jackson and the Olympians" (series) by Rick Riordan. A logical answer to "What do I read after 'Harry Potter'?" The book also doubles as an intro to Greek mythology. • "The Maze Runner" (series) by James Dashner. A group of boys wake up in a maze with no memory of why they were put there or

launching pad for her son.

Thomas went to her local bookstore and asked if there was anything like the American Girl books for boys. The clerk told her, "If I had a nickel for every time someone wanted that ..."

So the two moms did a little research and learned that Valerie Tripp lived just a Metro stop away.

Will American boys be interested in Boys Camp"?

Tripp, Thomas and Jenkins think so. To the argument that boys want boogers, not bonding, they argue that they've got sons at home who are already on board, who would love to read books with gentler humor, where the male protagonists occasionally cried, books with all of the heart of the "American Girl" series. But, you know, for dudes.

Unlike "American Girl," "Boys Camp" isn't a historical series. The setting, Camp Wolf Trail, is based on a real summer camp in Maryland. Tripp's volume

 "Monster Blood Tattoo" (series) by David Cornish. After growing up in an orphanage, Rossamund is selected to be a Lamplighter in a far-off land.

Reliable Standbys:

 "Captain Underpants" "(series) by Dav Pilkey. What child wouldn't want to live in a world in which monsters can be vanquished by shooting underwear? • "The Fudge Books" (series) by Judy Blume. Two words: Uncle Feather.

 "Henry Huggins" (series) by Beverly Cleary. His pesky neighbor Ramona Quimby would eventually eclipse his fame, but Henry's adventures still hold up.

features an Indian American tennis phenom named Vik who feels pressured to succeed in a sport he's no longer sure he loves. His new friends teach him to play basketball, and Vik's story becomes about the balance between finding success at something and finding joy in it. Other planned books feature a city slicker who hopes his book learning will compensate for real-world inexperience and a cutup who's afraid that people won't like the shy kid inside.

Tripp has tapped a team of writers to write six individual books. So far, the women have stories but no publishing plan. The "American Girl" books are published by the Pleasant Co., an independent corporation with which Tripp is not officially affiliated. Team Boys Camp is exploring both traditional and self-publishing, making the rounds at book fairs and chatting up anyone who will listen.



ED GLAZAR · FOR THE TIMES-NEWS An activities board reflects the residents of Willowbrook Assisted Living during lunch in Twin Falls.

Assisted

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visiting families to wear masks and use liberal hand sanitizer if they have a cold. If one center resident catches it, it might spread to everyone.

People can take family members home for holidays – on Thanksgiving, all but three Willowbrook residents visited family - but that requires preparing medications.

Holiday meals can also present a problem. Many residents have dietary restrictions, such as diabetes, gluten intolerance and sodium limits. Accommodating those diets requires work under most circumstances, but the holidays – with their sugary treats and rich gravies - present a special challenge.

But Cathy makes it happen for her residents.

"If they have a specialized

diet and they want pumpkin pie, we will find the recipe that will work with them," she said.

For relatives visiting after a long absence, the progress of dementia can be jarring, Wasko said.

"Often they haven't seen them for a while, they get a little upset with how it looks," she said.

But it's so important to visit, Cathy said.

"One of my biggest pet peeves is when families think that holidays are no longer important so that they don't come and visit," Cathy said. Just because residents aren't totally aware of the approach of Christmas doesn't mean families should stay away.

As she talked about those whose relatives don't come, she teared up.

"I get emotional about my residents," she said. "Tell families not to forget them."

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Americans, Including the **Rich, Must Compromise** on Payroll Tax Cut • O2

PROS AND CONS



Do the Occupy Wall Street protesters represent 99 percent of Americans?

Protesters Are in Touch with the Everyday American

he Occupy Wall Street movement that has spread to scores of cities claims to represent "the 99 percent?' Does it?

Ninety-nine percent is perhaps too high a bar for public opinion. But the movement does represent the vast majority – who theoretically should be an important constituency in a democracy. And on many issues, they really do represent the interests of the 99 percent.

The distribution of income is an obvious starting point, given what has happened to America over the

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last three decades. Between 1979 and 2007, the richest 1 percent received three-fifths of all the income gains in the country. Most of this went to the richest tenth of that 1 percent, people with an average income of \$5.6 million - including capital gains. This is outrageous.

In a country that generates more than \$45,000 per person of income each vear - that's for every person, including children and babies - there is more than enough income for everyone in America to Please see PRO, O3 JUS ark IIt

rea residents said the parking system in downtown Twin Falls is ineffective, needs more spots and they are staunchly against being charged for parking their vehicles."

Sound familiar? It sounds as though it could have been said at last Monday night's council meeting. But it wasn't. It was a comment made in an online survey conduct ed by the Times-News in April 2008. The survey was itself in response to a city-sponsored \$3,000 study - conducted four years ago - that referred to the downtown parking "system" as ineffective and its rules unenforceable. A few months later, the city hired a retired Nevada Highway Patrol officer as its full-time parking attendant and agreed to pay him \$25,000 per year. The parking situation did not improve. A year later, the then-gaspingfor-air Business Improvement District created a subcommittee that made nine recommendations to the city. And again, the parking situation did not improve. Fast-forward to the June 7, 2010, City Council meeting and once again downtown parking was discussed - and discussed - and discussed. And not acted upon. Guess

what? Parking in downtown Twin Falls did not get better.

On May 26 of this year, the city held a forum at the Historic Ballroom to (again) solicit input on downtown parking issues. It was cheaper than conducting yet another \$3,000 study, yet the only outcome from the forum was the council's June 20 decision to create a

downtown parking task force. At last Monday's council mee the task force presented its recommendations, chief among them:

Hall said "I feel like we're back at square one again."

After that vote, the council agreed to put downtown parking back on the agenda for the Dec. 12 meeting - because after four years, the next two weeks are almost certain to provide an influx of pre-holiday inspiration where none existed before.

We don't think so. In the multimillion-dollar Twin Falls city budget, parking constitutes both a \$64,1 revenue and expense item. That's right: they net to zero. From a financial perspective, parking is very difficult to screw up. From a downtown marketing and public relations perspective, it is apparently all too easy to continue to screw up. We think it's time for that to stop. We challenge the council members to drop the amendments and adopt the recommendations of the task force they found it necessary to create. Those recommendations make sense, and confirm what other groups and downtown stakeholders have been saying for years get rid of parking meters, leased parking spaces and proactive enforcement of parking regulations. Twin Falls City Council, it's time to move on. Make a decision on parking and get on with the remaining business of running the city.

The Only Nerve They've Struck Is the Gag Reflex

he media have gone to great lengths to convince us that Occupy Wall Street protesters are just like the rest of us. One columnist, for example, tells us they've "struck ... a nerve" with the American people. But the only thing Occupy Wall Street has struck is America's gag reflex. The movement is decidedly outside the mainstream.

Challenge Occupy Wall Street protesters to some Jeff Foxworthy-style tests and see for yourself.

You might not be the 99 percent if, for example, you defecate in places other than toilets. One New York Occupy Wall Street protester was caught on camera using a police car as a Porta-John

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while police have repeatedly been forced to issue warnings against public urination and defecation to protesters in Los Angeles.

Or you might not be the 99 percent, if you take time off your job to protest that you have no job. One of the principal demands of Occupy Wall Street protesters has been for jobs. Yet, according to former Bill Clinton pollster Doug Shoen, 85 percent of the Occupy protesters in New York's Zuccotti Park are currently employed.

And you probably aren't among the 99 percent, if you blame Republicans alone for enriching Wall Street, banks and powerful corporations Please see CON, O3

 remove all parking meters; · abandon the leasing of individual parking spaces;

 regulate parking on downtown streets and in downtown lots but enforce those regulations on a response (to a complaint) basis rather than on a proactive basis, and;

 seek opportunities to develop more public parking.

Succinctly put, the task force recommended the very same things that surveys, studies and forums had already suggested - over and over again - during the past four years.

And yet this past Monday, perhaps due to last-minute amendments offered by Councilman Lance Clow, the full council voted 4-3 to reject the task force's amended recommendations. Mayor Don

READER COMMENT Rural Broadband: A Lifesaver for Rural Communities

ike most everyone these days, I rely heavily on mobile technology. As a husband, father, rancher and state legislator, I use high-speed broadband to communicate with constituents and legislators, track legislation and stay connected with friends and family.

The value of mobile technology became even more apparent to me this past March when I was injured while loading hay on our family ranch. I was by myself and, thankfully, I was able to reach my cell phone and get assistance within a



couple of minutes.

While the reach of mobile technology and service is slowly improving in the rural parts of Idaho, we still have some distance to go to realize the business, economic, health and safety benefits of this technology.

Unfortunately, there are still many places in our state where residents do not have access to reliable and affordable high-speed wire-

Unfortunately, there are still many places in our state where residents do not have access to reliable and affordable high-speed wireless service. According to the FCC, roughly 14 percent of Idaho residents – more than 230,000 people — live in places that lack access to broadband service.

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As my experience illustrates, wireless access can make a real difference in an emergency. That also holds true for emergencies on a larger scale, such as range

and forest fires, floods or other natural disasters. It is for this reason that the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security includes a cell phone on its list of items that families should include in their emergency supply kit.

Of course, high-speed networks also connect people to a wide array of other resources and benefits

Doctors and medical personnel, for example, use broadband connections to access patient health histories, consult with medical experts in distant cities and take advantage of diagnostic tools not readily available in local health care facilities. Likewise, teachers and parents utilize this technology to engage in distance learning, video con-ferencing and to access online books, lectures and learning materials.

High-speed networks also benefit our economy by leveling the playing field for rural businesses and ensuring they have the tools needed to stay competitive in our global economy. According to a study by Connected Nation, expanding broadband access by 7 percent would have a total economic impact of about \$566 million in our state, creating 11,000 jobs and \$378 million in income for Idaho residents.

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Americans, Including the Rich, Must Compromise on Payroll Tax Cut

The following editorial appeared in the Kansas City Star on Wednesday:

he looming congressional showdown over whether to extend Social Security payroll tax cuts has both political parties playing to their support bases, ignoring the compromises and shared sacrifices that Americans expect.

Democrats are pushing to extend tax cuts that keep about \$1,000 a year in the pockets of middle-class families earning \$50,000 a year. They're proposing to pay for it with a new tax on those earning more than \$1 million a year.

Republicans are saying the payroll tax reduction hasn't produced the benefits of others such as the Bush tax cuts. They note that while the cut should only be extended if paid for, taxing millionaires is a bad idea for a fragile economy. The debate, of course, dances around the fact that the payroll tax is intended to fund Social Security, and that payouts on Social Security have now exceeded revenue from the tax. If Social Security is to survive and thrive, it will require commitment and sacrifice from all.

It is disappointing that, once again, Americans aren't hearing about reasonable compromise in this matter.

Letting the payroll tax cut expire and returning the rate to 6.2 percent on most working Americans would represent a burden on middle-class workers. While not threatening to lifestyle, a tax hike on the wealthy may be a hardship, as well.

But it is time to think about the long-term health of the nation, and not the short-term attractiveness to voters. Instead of facing off in a world of either/or, why not both? The average family would have difficulty finding an extra \$1,000 a year in its budget. But there should be a compromise level to which the payroll tax could rise, creating a manageable sacrifice for the middle class.

At the same time, some level of tax increase on the wealthy certainly also is necessary, especially with corporate profits at record levels and capital gains tax rates low enough to mean some of the richest Americans now pay a lower percentage of their income in taxes than the middle class.

Any tax increase, even if only the rolling back of a tax cut, damages pocketbooks. But Washington, for reasons of political expediency, has been putting off dealing with some fundamental problems for far too long. Despite what politicians from both parties think of Americans, we are not afraid of sacrifice. We only insist that it be shared.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Only U.S. Taxpayers Seem to 'Tighten Their Belts'

My two cents worth: With rising property

taxes, water rates, power rates, sanitation, arsenic levels, recycling, golf rates and YMCA costs, the city, county, state and federal government budgets are in a downward spiral. However, they continue to treat the common taxpayer as a money tree.

When they overspend their budgets, it shakes that money tree (the taxpayer) and, low and behold, out comes more money. In the current economic conditions, these entities have no regard to the citizens of the community. People are losing their houses and jobs at an alarming rate. Sooner or later, that money tree will break.

The people conserve water and rates go up; conserve on all other household items, revenue goes cow into a pasture of common ground to graze the common pasture which can support 100 cows and regenerate itself. One individual decides to put in an extra cow, thinking one more won't hurt the commons; however, other owners have the same idea and put in an extra head. Soon, the commons cannot replenish itself so all the cows die.

Is this not the major problem in our country today? When self-interest rides over the collective interests of the country, we have the same problem. The politicians put their interests of being elected over the country's interest. The collective interest of our country is being ignored with massive debt which cannot be sustained without the economic death of our country. Older people who do not want their entitlements cut only look at their own special interests and do not want to share sacrifice for the good of the country as a whole. Some people only look out for themselves and do not care that the standard of living will lessen as our children and their grandchildren face the massive debt brought upon them. People think that is not their problem in that they will be dead and gone when this occurs. Greedy public sector unions think only of their own interests and do not want the austerity cutbacks offered by various government sectors with the result of municipalities and other branches of government facing bankruptcy. Many more examples of selfish interest over concern for our society as a whole can be presented. We must share common sacrifices or we will go down as a country. **DAVE DAVIS** Jerome

amounts in other cities, it must cost less than it is being retailed for.

Hey! We all like to make money, but doing it at the expense of hard-working people who have no choice but to buy fuel to maintain employment is not right in my book. Gouging is not right. Why isn't someone like our congressmen, senators, representatives or even our attorney general asking this same question?

I urge every person that fills their tank to email or write someone so we can try to figure why we are paying way too much in the Magic Valley. I for one am forwarding this to all the above mentioned. **ERNIE HALL**

Twin Falls

High School Key Clubs Accepting Donations

Twin Falls High and Canyon Ridge High School Key Club members are

Don't Blame Veterans for Economic Shock

hen President Barack Obama announced that 40,000 troops now in Iraq would come home by the end of the year, the initial excitement quickly turned to concern that our already struggling economy couldn't easily handle the shock of an additional 40,000 job seekers.

Although we should, of course, care deeply about returning Iraq war veterans, we ought not to think for a moment that adding 40,000 workers to the job-seeking pool will break the back of the economy. It's already broken. The nation is laboring under the weight of a reserve army of nearly 27 million women and men who don't have a fulltime job, but most surely want one.

The term "reserve army of labor" is vintage Karl Marx. But let's not hold that against it if it's on the mark. These workers are on reserve; they are standing ready to work. And their sheer numbers make them an army.

Who is in this reserve army? It has four quite distinct divisions. The first and best-known division, the unemployed, now includes about 13.9 million people, according to figures released in early November. About twofifths of this group count as long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or longer). As unemployment increasingly becomes a long-term status, many former workers will no longer view themselves as workers but rather as permanently outside the economy. This is an important and crucial step in the formation of a so-

David B. Grusky

For the Los Angeles Times

called underclass.

The second division, perhaps less well known but no less important, includes the 8.9 million men and women who are involuntarily working part time because their hours have been cut back or because they are unable to find full-time jobs. These underemployed workers, who are probably trolling for whatever additional work they can find, are too often ignored because of our fixation on simple unemployment numbers.

The third division? It's the 2.6 million "marginally attached" workers who have formally withdrawn from the labor force but nonetheless want a job and have searched for work sometime in the last 12 months. Of these, 1 million are discouraged workers who have given up hope of finding a job, while the remaining 1.6 million also want a job but have stopped searching for work because of family illnesses, care-giving or other commitments.

The fourth and final division is our massive prison population of about 1.5 million men and women. As states shorten prison terms and reduce sentences to try to cope with budget shortfalls and overcrowding, many newly released individuals will begin to pour into the labor force, largely without job training or preparation.

The total size of this reserve labor force, a stunning 26.9 million people, is equal to Canada's adult population. It is nearly 700 times as large as the current U.S. military contingent in Iraq. As large as this number is, it is still a conservative estimate because it does not count students who are holing up in colleges and waiting for the economic storm to pass, as well as people too discouraged to even for mally count as marginally attached workers anymore.

This estimate also fails to count returning soldiers, many of whom may not be able to find jobs. The unemployment rate for recent veterans is 21.9% for young men and 15.3% for young women. These rates, although shockingly high, are not far from the corresponding ones for young nonveteran men (19.7 percent) and women (14.6 percent). Even if it were assumed that none of the soldiers returning from Iraq secured a job, our reserve army would only shade up in size to 26.94 million.

This result underscores just how large the reserve army is. While we should do everything we can to assist the reentry of the 40,000 veterans, our simple accounting exercise suggests that those who fixate on this latest round of labor force entrants have no idea how deep our labor market problems really are.

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down and to counter act that, rates of course have to go up.

If I ran my personal finances as irresponsibly as these government entities, I would be living in a box in the street.

When the phrase, "tighten your belt," is used, it only applies to the taxpayer. The waste of our tax dollars are some of the following:

Changing the street names leaves the out-oftown people and now the Twin Falls residents lost.

Good plan with Shoshone in the center.

Downtown development revisions such as the new plan to rebuild a fountain. Look how well that worked the first time.

All the buildings that are vacant really doesn't surprise me.

One last note is the letter I received from the water department was concerning the arsenic levels stating that excess of the MCI could cause medical problems. Well, I have lived in Twin Falls for my whole life of 60 years and had cancer. These risks are not acceptable. I am paying for clean water, not water that is laced with arsenic.

Concerned taxpayer, GLENN WALLACE Twin Falls

Selfishness Seems to Be Dragging Down the Country

Dave, how are your classes going at CSI? Thanks for asking.

The most interesting class I have is dealing with a topic called "The Tragedy of the Commons" presented by Dr. Randy Simonson in his social psychology class. It involves the idea that 100 ranchers put one

Gas Prices Are Too High in the

Magic Valley Fuel price gouging: I usually don't complain about much; however, lately I have had to travel to both ends of our great state for the past two months or so and can't help but ask myself why our fuel is so high in the Magic Valley. Not just a little, but by 30 cents and to date (Nov. 27), more than 40 cents a gallon higher (Idaho Falls, \$3.11, Pocatello, \$3.07; Boise, \$3.19; Twin Falls, \$3.49).

Come on, people. I don't profess to be a rocket scientist or a calculus major, but I do know a little about where our refineries are and our pipelines and the cost of transporting those goods. I also know that if it can be retailed for those joining together this holiday season to brighten the lives of 45 identified homeless children residing in the Twin Falls community.

The Twin Falls Key Club currently is in the process of collecting funds to purchase food to make food baskets for families of 45 identified homeless children. The Canyon Ridge High School Key Club is coordinating its efforts to obtain cash donations to purchase age appropriate gifts for these 45 children. Their efforts are coordinated with the CSI AMACHI Mentoring Program affiliated with the CSI Retired and Senior Volunteer Program.

Should anyone feel inclined to donate money to assist these two Key Clubs, please mail your checks payable to: CSI AMACHI Mentoring, College of Southern Idaho, Office on Aging, P.O. Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1248. In the memo section on your check, please write: Canyon Ridge donation for fifts or Twin Falls Key Club donation for food baskets.

These homeless children currently are residing in various local motels and are considered homeless because they live in one room with only a microwave, small refrigerator (probably the size used in small campers) and a hotplate. Most, if not all, are living with a parent who is working but is struggling and cannot afford to live in a home or an apartment. Food collected for these families will be mostly canned goods or types of food that can be prepared in microwaves or cooked on a hotplate.

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have a comfortable life.

It is really the distribution of income, and employment, that matter. This is more true than ever before, as it is now clear that we cannot continue to generate so much greenhouse gas in order to keep the consumption, income and wealth of the 1 percent expanding in the manner to which they are accustomed.

Yet income distribution and employment are two economic issues that have gotten remarkably little attention as the rich have increasingly hijacked the economy, and through their soaring wealth, the political system.

The OWS movement is forcing the corporate media and the politicians to recognize these most vital issues, by getting in their face and not going away. That's why Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York last week evicted the protesters who spearheaded this historic social movement. It had nothing to do with safety or other pretexts. This is clear because he had his thugs deliberately trash many of the protesters' possessions, including laptops and many of the books from their library.

What a disgrace this man is to a city that prides itself on its sophistication and tolerance and democratic traditions! The 1 percent has used vio-

lence and excessive force against protesters in other cities such as Oakland, Calif., for the same reasons: they fear that democracy in the streets could lead to democracy in other arenas, such as government.

The 99 percent have no interest in our hundreds of military bases and wars across the

globe - another life-anddeath point of difference with the 1 percent that decides, and defends, our rotten and murderous foreign policy. No wonder U.S. veterans of

our wars have played a prominent role in these protests. The majority of Americans want our troops to get out of Afghanistan, which our government refuses to order. Two-thirds think the U.S. military should never have invaded Iraq, and even greater majorities have agreed that all troops should be withdrawn from that country this year. These are points of great controversy among the 1 percent, but not among the vast majority of Americans.

Meanwhile, the congressional "supercommittee" is considering cutting Social Security, an assault that has no public support, while resisting raising taxes on the 1 percent and cutting military spending - two of the most popular choices among the people for long-term deficit reduction.

It was a mass movement that elected President Obama, with record numbers of small contributors and volunteers. But we did not get the "change we can believe in."

The OWS groundswell is the movement of the disenfranchised, the more than 99 percent who do not give the maximum political contribution to our corrupt political system and therefore have little or no voice. They are America's conscience and indeed, its greatest hope at this time.

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at the expense of everyone else. Both parties have done so and most Americans understand that. Even so, Democrats appear to be more culpable in recent years than Republicans.

Fifty-four percent of House Republicans voted against final passage of the Trouble Asset Relief Program (TARP) legislation in 2008, while just 27 percent of Democrats voted against it. The

percent, if you can't tell the difference between exposing people to your views and exposing yourself. Occupy Seattle protester Jesse Drugge was charged with five counts of indecent exposure and three counts of second-degree child molestation after exposing himself to and engaging in lewd acts in front of children.

Occupy Wall Street in Madison, Wis., was reportedly denied renewal of its demonstration permit due to public ... um, let's call it "selfgratification." And reports of public sex at the New York protest have been rampant. And you undoubtedly are not in the 99 percent, if you blame minorities for the nation's problems. At the Occupy Wall Street protest in Zuccotti Park, one man carried a sign reading "Zionists Control Wall Street." At a similar rally in Los Angeles, Occupier Patricia McAllister told Reason TV, "The Zionist Jews who are running these big banks and our Federal Reserve need to be run out of this country." In fact, unless you're a sexmad, anti-social, anti-Semitic exhibitionist with an appreciation for law-breaking, Occupy Wall Street is unlikely to be your cup of tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sportsman Ashamed of How Public Idaho Land Is Treated

I am an avid sportsman and have been hunting and fishing this great state's public lands for all of my life. It has been a tradition passed on from father to son in my family since before our state was a state.

Over the past few years, a certain farmer/rancher, with the aid of the Department of Lands and the Fish and Game, has been keeping sportsmen out of a certain portion of Unit 69 - a portion of land that is owned by the state and is considered public lands.

This action has made me think that it will open doors all across the state to keep sportsmen out. On top of that, they graze state lands to the dirt, often keeping the cattle on them till the snow is a couple feet deep or more.

Because of these actions I am considering ending the tradition and not passing it along to my sons so they don't have to see what things are coming to. It's a

shame, but it is the truth. Concerned sportsman, **GAVIN SMITH Twin Falls**

Speak Up Against N. Idaho Public Lands Issue There is a monster public

lands issue lurking in North Idaho. It is the horrible proposed Upper Lochsa Land Exchange being relentlessly pushed by the Forest Service. They want to acquire 39,000 cutover acres in a checkerboard pattern in the Upper Lochsa drainage. Astoundingly enough, to do this they are willing to liquidate (privatize) by trade 20,000 or more acres of prime scattered old growth timber parcels with hugely valuable associated wildlife habitat, watershed and outdoor recreation values. The means absolutely do not justify the ends. The proposed exchange is unconscionable and would truly be an epic tragedy.

To make matters worse, the Forest Service has stooped to a record low in dealing with Tim Blixseth and his front company,

Western Pacific Timber. Mr. Blixseth is a proven notorious land scammer and robber baron. His bankrupt Yellowstone Club in Montana is the gold standard of shady dealing and corruption. Montana citizens can tell you horror stories. Now Blixseth wants to unleash corresponding toxicity on north Idaho. Google up Tim Blixseth and you will be shocked.

North Idaho is truly one of the last best places. The Forest Service erroneously figures it can get away with this travesty because it is rural and sparsely populated. Wrong. Informed citizens in Idaho County and around the state are increasingly furious.

I urge you to visit these two excellent websites: www.friendsoftheclearwater.org and www.lochsalandexchange.com.

If this were happening in our backyard in southern Idaho on the Boise or Sawtooth Forest, there would be an monumental public up roar. It is unfortunately happening on the Clearwater and Nez Perce national forests.

Please take action to stop this train wreck. Giving away giant chunks of our irreplaceable national public land heritage is unconscionable. The Clearwater forest and regional headquarters in Missoula and Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell have gone bonkers.

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The supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement is now out with comment deadline of Jan 17. Please speak up and demand that only the No Action alternative be selected. Public lands advocates in the Magic Valley should speak up in record numbers.

It is hard to capture public attention this time of year. Nonetheless I am trying do exactly that and implore you to get involved. Please help prevent a terrible liquidation of your precious north Idaho public lands. There is much at stake. Action on your part can make the difference.

The FOC website has everything you need but feel free to contact me personally for more specifics: ScottvPhi@cox.net.

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following January, all but two Republicans in the House and all but six in the Senate voted to block \$350 billion in TARP spending. That effort failed thanks to the nearly unified, pro-TARP opposition of Democrats.

Republicans also voted en masse against the \$787 billion stimulus package that's provided billions of dollars to such "start up" companies as General Electric. Not a single Republican House member and only three Republican senators voted for the legislation.

Nor might you be in the 99 percent, if you believe civil disobedience and violence are legitimate forms of political expression. According to pollster Shoen, 98 percent of those participating in the Occupy Wall Street protest in New York believe civil disobedience is an appropriate means of achieving their objectives and an astounding 31 percent support the use of violence.

You might not be the 99

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Broadband

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At the present time, there are at least 11 projects underway to expand the reach of high-speed broadband in Idaho. Since 2008, the state has been engaged in a longterm effort to enhance rural bandwidth by bringing high-speed connectivity to schools, libraries and state facilities.

As I've learned, it is equally important to ensure that residents of rural communities have access to high-speed networks in their homes and businesses. Existing public sector initiatives need to be complemented by private sector in-

vestments to accelerate the deployment of wireless infrastructure across the state, and country.

As citizens and businesses increasingly turn to digital technology, it is important that Idaho stay competitive. Leveraging both public and private sector initiatives to promote broadband adoption will improve our quality of life and bring economic opportunities and jobs to rural Idaho.

Scott Bedke, a rancher near Oakley, is assistant majority leader in the Idaho House of Representatives. He is in his 12th year serving the citizens of Legislative District 27 in the Idaho Legislature.

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Workshop Raises Medicaid Awareness

BY MCKAYLA HAACK For the Times-News

Members of the community gathered at the Twin Falls Reformed Church on Saturday to become better educated about Medicaid.

The Disability Advocacy Day Workshop, presented by Medicaid Matters, a local coalition aimed to raise awareness about Medicaid financial cuts, presented the workshop to educate and empower people who use Medicaid.

Some of the things discuss included what Medicaid is, Idahoans who need and are affected by Medicaid, the legislative process and how to talk to your legislator.

"There are a lot of complicated words but it is good to become familiar with these words so that you can have a better understanding," said Corinna Stiles of Disability Rights Idaho, who led the seminar "Medicaid 101."

Medicaid is a medical insurance funded both by state and federal governments, she said. It is managed by the state so that each state's policies look different.

Stiles said she hopes people will take their concerns to the Legislature so they can make informed decisions when making changes. The opportunity presented itself when Sen.

Next Meeting

The Consortium for Idahoans with Disabilities will meet at 3:30 p.m. Jan. 5 at 1411 Falls Ave. E, Suite 703. Information: Bill at 734-4344 or Ruby at 737-9999.

Lee Heider took his turn at the podium and gave out his cell phone number and email address.

"I am an advocate, not an enemy," he said. "I want to be available to you. I will be happy to read your emails and to have lunch with you."

Heider explained his position: That Idaho does not overspend; that money is not used that is not there. However, "as a legislator, I don't know how a bill affects you unless you tell me."

Kris Fitzgerald, a employee at TJ Max, moved from California and bounced around to a number of different states looking for the right Medicaid care. He found it in Idaho, where he receives non-traditional care that "helps me accomplish what I want to do," he said.

With the cuts, he couldn't retain his job. "I would have to rely more on my folks and probably move back in with them," he said.

"It is amazing to see what they can accomplish with the right support and it is



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Bill Benkula listens to Partners in Crisis presenter Kathie Garrett as she talks about the legislative process during Disability Advocacy Day at the Twin Falls Reformed Church Saturday afternoon in Twin Falls.

sad to see what happens when it is taken away," said Ruby Hammond, a care provider. "Not everybody has the support of a family."

LaRee Hollibaugh, whose daughter now has to attend group development training rather than individual training, said she is going to be Attending the workshop was a positive experience for Bill Benkula, who now hopes "to create a group of individuals who will be active throughout the year," he said. He wants people to know, "their legislators will listen if we take the time to talk."

more involved.



PHOTOS BY ED GLAZAR • FOR THE TIMES-NEWS (ABOVE)Buhl residents Larry and Wanda Bird walk amongst the decorated trees and holiday quilts during the 27th annual St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation Festival of Trees on Saturday in Filer. (BELOW) Kim Baugher of Twin Falls helps children, Wyatt, 2, and Chloe, 5, create holiday keepsakes during the Festival of Trees at the Southern Idaho Landscape Center in Filer.

Festival of Trees

The 27th annual St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation Festival of trees continues through Monday.

Where: Southern Idaho Landscape Center, 21150 U.S. Highway 30, Filer When: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both days

Tickets: \$5 adults, \$4 seniors (free Dec. 5), \$3 children 12 and younger. Families get in free today with *Times-News* coupon. Information: 814-0700

Calif. Residents Grapple with Windstorm Cleanup

BY NOAKI SCHWARTZ Associated Press

TEMPLE CITY, Calif. • As the hurricane-force winds that pummeled the West eased Friday, Diane Johnson stood knee high in leaves and branches, surveying a fallen tree trunk at eye level and trying to decide just how to begin the big cleanup.

A near century-old eucalyptus tree toppled over in the middle of the night, crushing all three of the family's cars, landing at the doorstep of their Southern California home and blocking any view from their windows.

Trapped inside for hours, they were able to get out when the fire department cut them a small pathway.

"I have no idea what to do," she said. "I don't know. I don't know."

Like hundreds of thousands of people in Southern California on Friday, Johnson was without electricity. And just like Johnson, residents and crews struggled to clean up smashed trees, toppled power lines and debrisstrewn roadways.

Several cities in the region, the hardest hit from Wednesday night's windstorms, were still in a state of emergency.

Schools in Pasadena and more than a dozen others in the Los Angeles Unified School District remained closed Friday.

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California Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson said in a statement Friday that schools closed because of wind damage would still receive state funding.

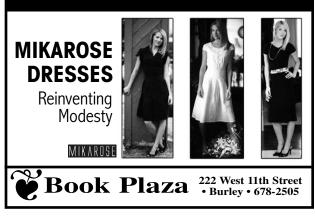
"I want to assure school districts that they will not lose funding if their facilities are closed or used as emergency shelters during this disaster;" Torlakson said.



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